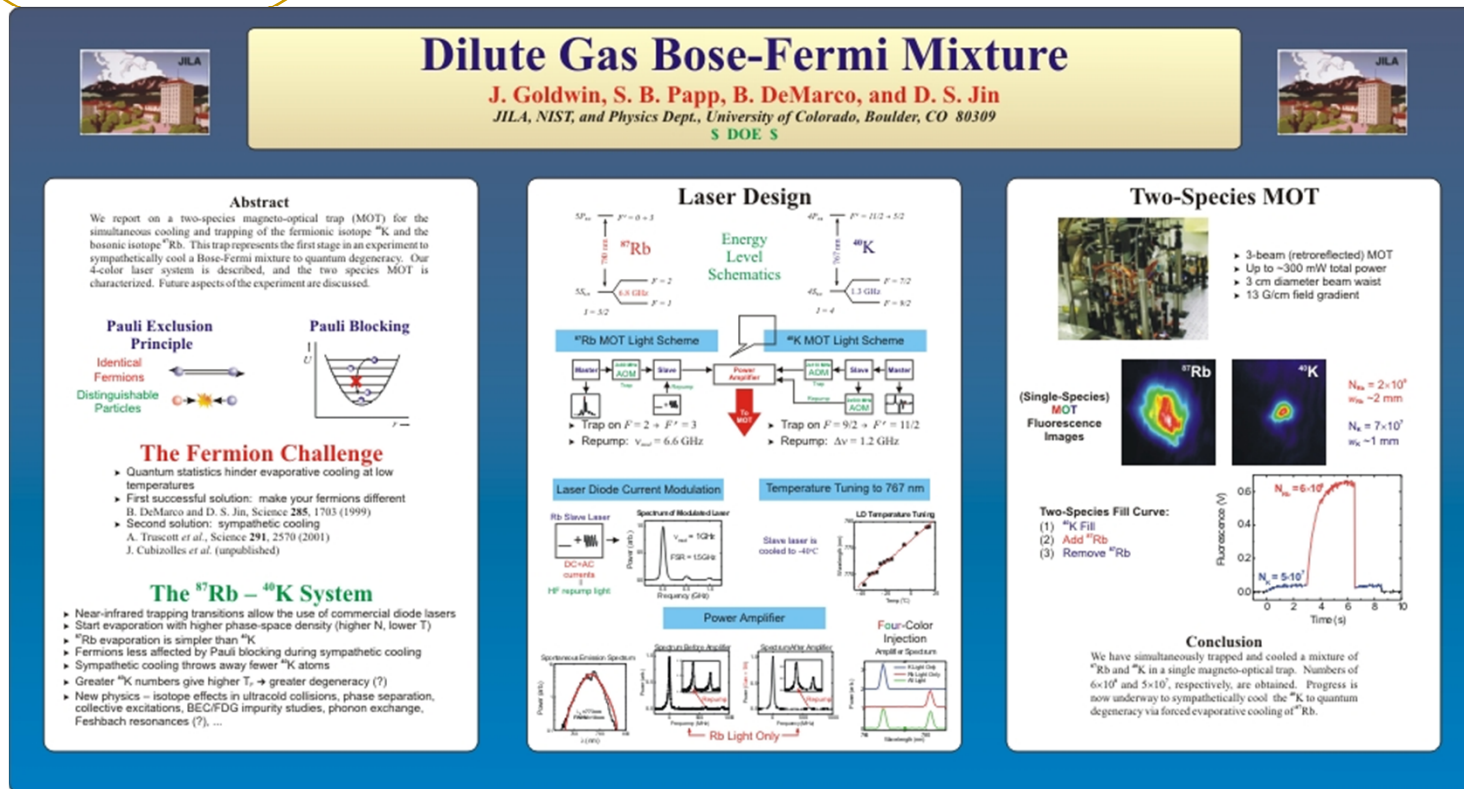


Tips for Making Scientific Posters



Courtesy B. DeMarco

Source: The Craft of Scientific Presentations, Michael Alley

See also <http://www.writing.eng.vt.edu/posters.html>

Why a scientific poster?

One of the most common methods of disseminating scientific information at conferences!



Allows one to convey more details than in a talk

Provides an opportunity for more Q&A exchange between author and reader than a talk or paper

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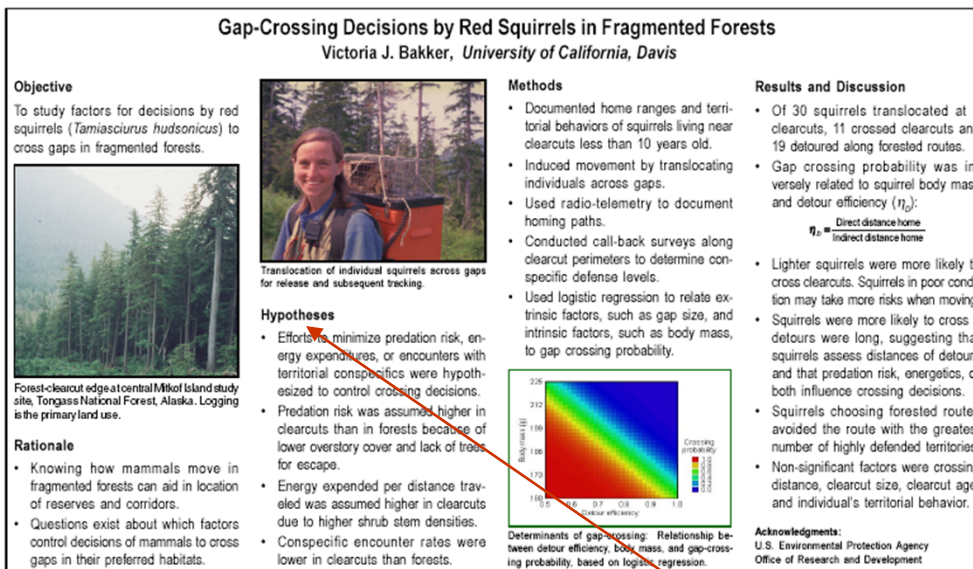
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Cooling Effects of Dirt Purge Holes on the Tips of Gas Turbine Blades

Eric Couch, Jesse Christophel, Erik Hohlfeld, and Karen Thole

Gas turbine engines run better at higher combustion temperatures

At higher combustion temperatures, these engines generate more power and use less fuel. However, these temperatures are restricted by melting temperatures of the turbine blades downstream of the combustor (see Figure 1).

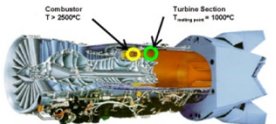


Figure 1. Pratt & Whitney F119 gas turbine engine.

Dirt purge holes on turbine blade tips allow for higher combustion temperatures

Harmful hot gases from the combustor leak across the gap between the blade tip and the shroud (see Figure 2). Dirt purge holes expel foreign particles from the blade tip so that film cooling holes are not blocked.

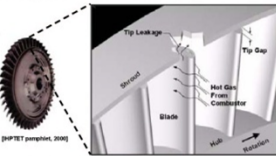


Figure 2. Flow at the tip region of a turbine blade.

The project goal was to find the film cooling effects of these dirt purge holes

To find the effects, we performed wind tunnel experiments with scaled turbine blades

The wind tunnel was low speed and low temperature, and the blades, shown in Figure 3, were scaled at 12 times their normal size. To measure temperatures on the blade tip, we used an infrared camera. Tip gap sizes and amount of coolant flow from the dirt purge holes were both varied.

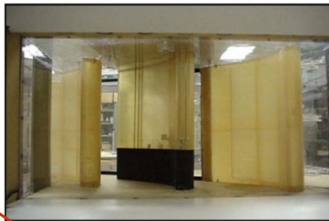


Figure 3. Large-scale turbine blade in wind tunnel.

Temperature measurements were converted to dimensionless cooling effectiveness

$$\text{Effectiveness } \eta = \frac{T_{\text{tip}} - T_{\text{tip,0}}}{T_{\text{tip,0}} - T_{\text{C}}}$$

where T_{tip} = midspan temperature, $T_{\text{tip,0}}$ = inlet temperature, T_{C} = adiabatic wall temperature (on tip surface)

Cooling increased with blowing ratio

The effectiveness contours of Figure 4 show that cooling increased with blowing ratio.

Tip size dramatically affected cooling

In Figure 5, the lateral averages of effectiveness plotted against the axial chord length show that tip size dramatically affected the cooling.

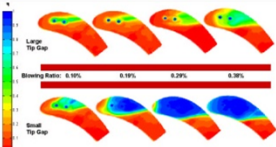


Figure 4. Measurements of film cooling effectiveness.

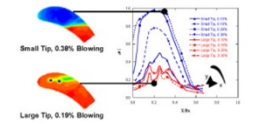


Figure 5. Laterally averaged effectiveness plotted against normalized axial chord.

In summary, dirt purge holes provide cooling to the tip surface

While intended to remove dirt from the blade, dirt purge holes also provide cooling to the tip surface. This cooling is enhanced with a small tip gap as the dirt purge floods the tip region near the leading edge with cool air.

Acknowledgments

The sponsor for this project was Pratt & Whitney.

Not so good!

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Too little description:

Improving the Cooling of Blades and Vanes in Gas Turbine Engines



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Virginia Tech Experimental and Computational Convection Laboratory



To increase efficiency, gas turbine engines have to run at higher temperatures

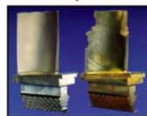


Jet engines

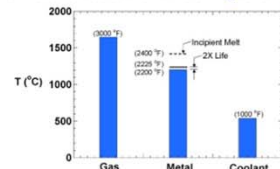


Power turbines

However, higher combustion temperatures reduce the life of the blades and vanes

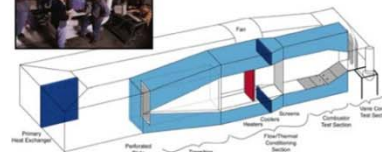


Better cooling schemes can dramatically affect the life of blades and vanes in gas turbines

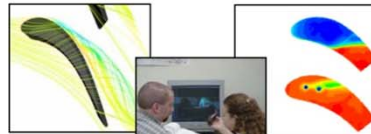


If a cooling scheme can decrease the temperatures that a blade experiences by 25°C, the blade's life will double

Our laboratory studies cooling schemes through experiments and computations

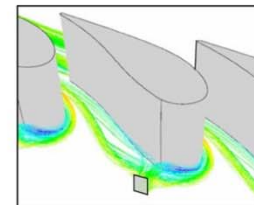


Wind Tunnel Experiments

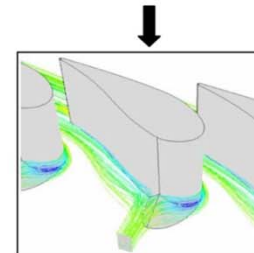


Computational Predictions

Results from our studies are helping sponsors design better gas turbine engines



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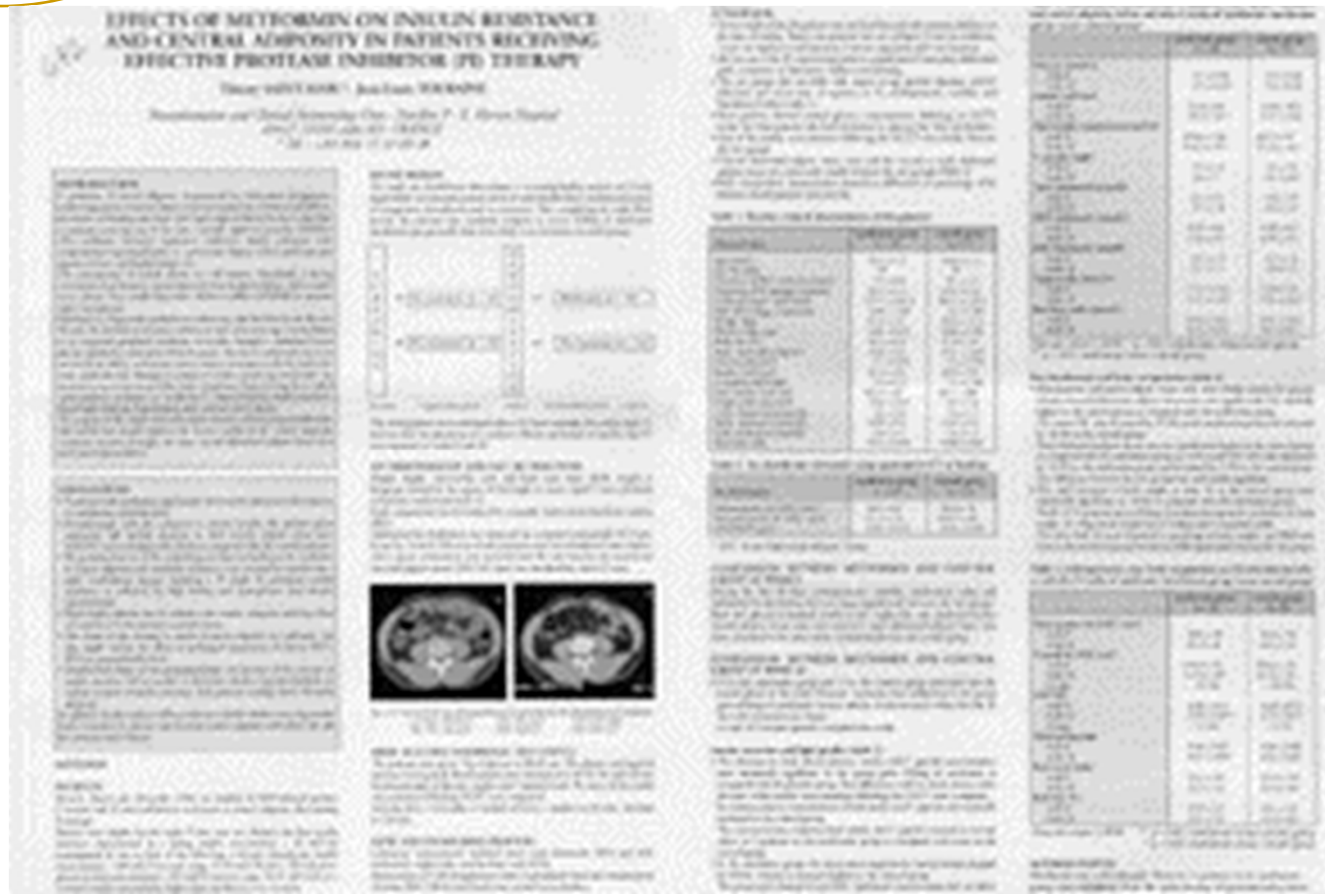


With Fillet: Vortices Reduced

In summary, we are improving the cooling of blades and vanes in gas turbine engines

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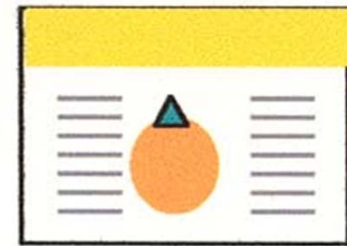
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Robust Repair of Polygonal Models

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Polygonal Models

- Represented as a set of triangles
- Used in many applications: CAD, animation, etc.
- Common operations: translation, rotation, scaling, etc.
- Deformation: bending, twisting, etc.
- Self-intersections: overlapping triangles
- Isolated triangles: not connected to the rest of the model

Closed Models

- No holes
- No self-intersections
- No isolated triangles

Model Repair

- Repair holes
- Remove self-intersections
- Remove isolated triangles

Volumetric Approach

- Scan conversion**
 - Convert the model to a set of voxels
 - Use the voxels to represent the model
- Sign generation**
 - Generate a sign for each voxel
 - Use the sign to represent the model
- Contouring**
 - Extract the contours from the voxels
 - Use the contours to represent the model

3D Illustration

Scan conversion → Sign generation → Contouring

Examples

1. Repairing gaps (unconnected models)

2. Repairing closed models

Highlights

- Robust: does not require user input
- Efficient: runs quickly on large models
- Accurate: produces high-quality results

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Recent Advances in Management in Patients on Subcutaneous Therapy

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Abstract

Subcutaneous (SC) therapy is a convenient and effective route of drug administration. However, the management of patients on SC therapy is complex and requires a multidisciplinary approach. This review discusses the latest advances in the management of patients on SC therapy, including the use of new technologies and the development of new drugs.

Background/Methods

The development of the SC route is highly variable among different drugs. Therefore, individualized management is generally required.

Conclusions

Structural changes in the NCR may affect disease burden and survival as well as binding of host cell factors.

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Determination of RNA Secondary Structure in the 5' Non-Coding Region of Coxsackievirus B1

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Abstract/Introduction

Coxsackievirus B1 (CBV1) is a non-enveloped RNA virus and a member of the Picornaviridae family. Studies have shown that, while most cellular mRNAs, translation initiation of picornavirus RNA is not cap-dependent. Instead, translation is mediated by an internal ribosome entry site (IRES) located in the 5' non-coding region (NCR). The IRES region and the surrounding NCR are composed of RNA secondary structures which have shown to target, in a mouse model of CBV1-induced chronic muscle disease, development of chronic disease. Previous experimental work has shown that a single mutation of nucleotide 796, which is located in the IRES and near the translation start site (at nucleotide 742), changes the pathogenic phenotype of the virus to one that causes an acute infection but not chronic disease in our mouse model. We have performed comparative modeling of the NCR secondary structure which has predicted a consistent structural change between the wild-type virus and the mutated form. This domain loop containing nucleotide 792 changes from a length of 10 nucleotides in the wild-type virus to 28 nucleotides in the mutant. Through a series of RNA secondary structure prediction experiments with a bioinformatic pipeline, we plan to determine the actual secondary structure of the NCR. Determining how the mutation of nucleotide 796 alters RNA secondary structure is an important step in understanding the CBV1 mouse chronic inflammatory phenotype.

Methods/Results

To predict the secondary structure of the RNA, we looked for the most conserved structures throughout heavily covered predicted foldings returned by MFold v2.1 and v3.1. The stem containing 792 in the MFold v2.1 contained a significant structural change when the position was mutated from C to U in AMP17.

MP17 NCR Secondary Structure

Diagram showing the secondary structure of the NCR for MP17, with nucleotide 792 highlighted.

Primer Extension Results

Primer extension experiments have provided insight into the secondary structure of the MP17 NCR. Primers were designed to amplify the NCR region. The results show that the NCR is highly structured, with many stem-loops and internal loops. The mutation of nucleotide 792 from C to U significantly alters the secondary structure of the NCR, leading to a more open and less structured region.

Conclusions

The secondary structure of MP17 NCR, especially near nucleotide 796, appears to be more stable than AMP17. Older thermodynamic data (MPFold v2.1) predicted an incorrect stem length (nucleotides 801 to 772) in AMP17. New thermodynamic data (MPFold v3.1) predicts a different structure and shows the mutation is a single internal loop rather than a stem.

The C-to-U transition of nucleotide 796 most likely causes a change in the secondary structure of CBV1. Primer extension data obtained thus far support the predicted structure for MP17 NCR.

Further analysis will verify whether the nucleotide 796 mutation alters NCR structure, predicting its regional RNA structure and pathogenicity of CBV1.

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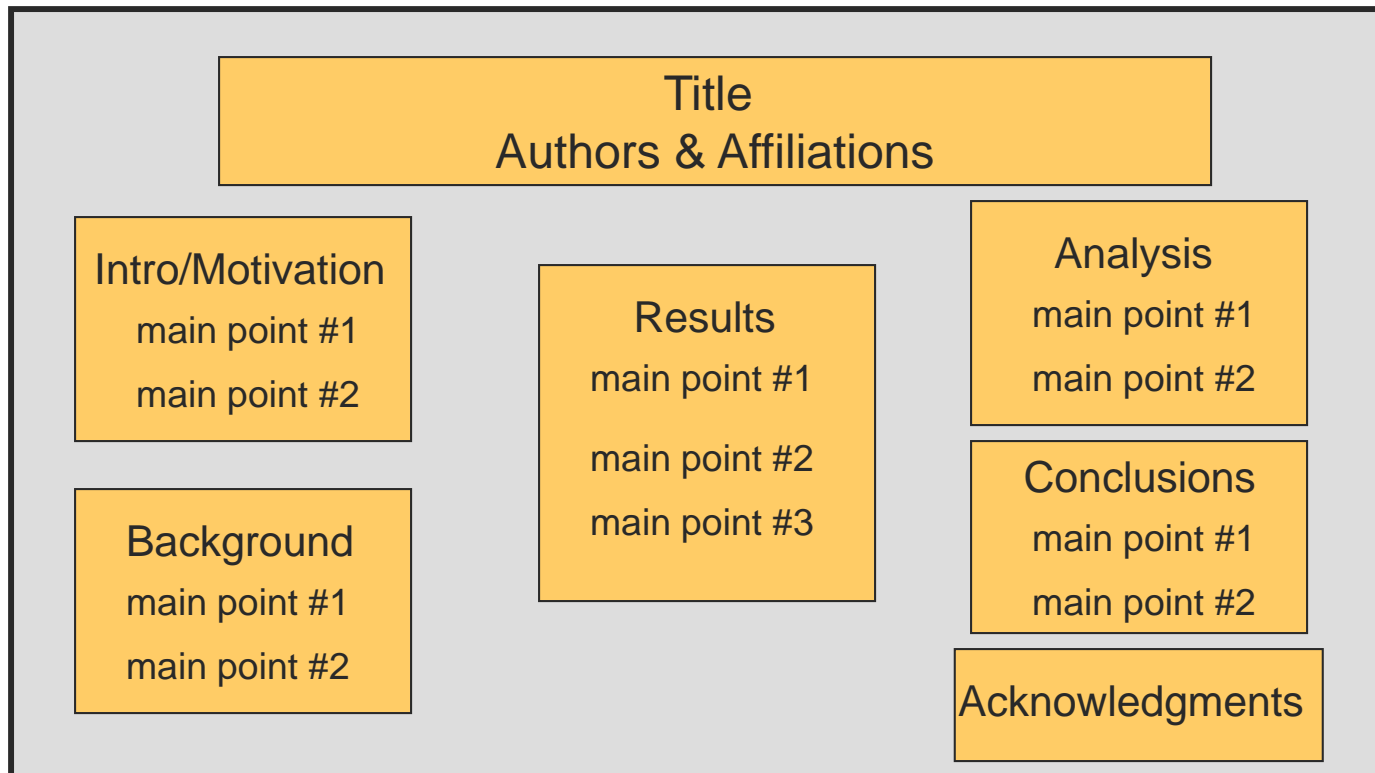
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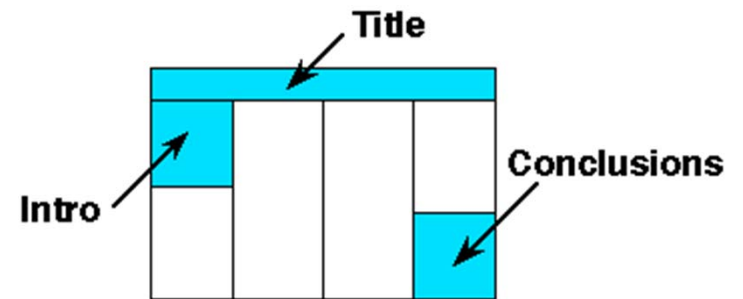
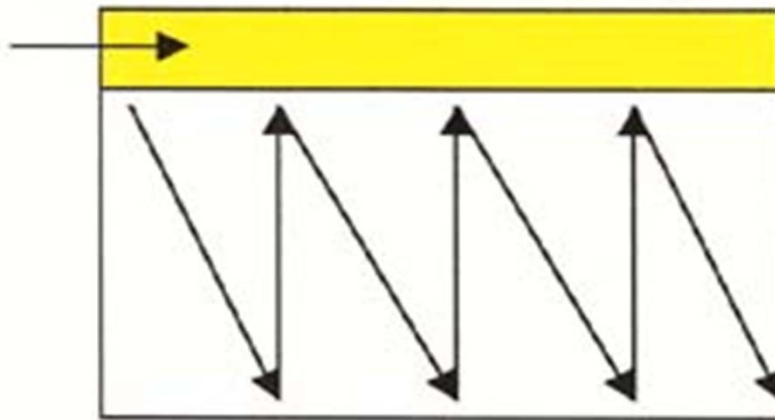
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Identify the figures/results that best convey your ideas in each section



How to get started:


Make sure there's a coherent "flow" in your sections



You're telling a story, so make sure the reader knows where to start and end


How to get started:

Use lots of blank space around margins to define sections:



Dilute Gas Bose-Fermi Mixture

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Abstract

We report on a two-species magneto-optical trap (MOT) for the simultaneous cooling and trapping of the fermionic isotope ^{40}K and the bosonic isotope ^{87}Rb . This trap represents the first stage in an experiment to sympathetically cool a Bose-Fermi mixture to quantum degeneracy. Our 4-color laser system is described, and the two species MOT is characterized. Future aspects of the experiment are discussed.

Pauli Exclusion Principle

Identical Fermions \leftrightarrow Distinguishable Particles

Pauli Blocking



The Fermion Challenge

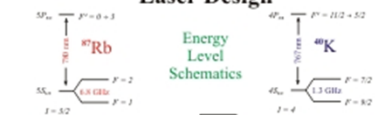
- Quantum statistics hinder evaporative cooling at low temperatures
- First successful solution: make your fermions different (B. DeMarco and D. S. Jin, Science 285, 1703 (1999))
- Second solution: sympathetic cooling (A. Truscott et al., Science 291, 2570 (2001))
- J. Cubizolles et al. (unpublished)

The $^{87}\text{Rb} - ^{40}\text{K}$ System

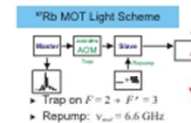
- Near-infrared trapping transitions allow the use of commercial diode lasers
- Start evaporation with higher phase-space density (higher N , lower T)
- ^{87}Rb evaporation is simpler than ^{40}K
- Fermions less affected by Pauli blocking during sympathetic cooling
- Sympathetic cooling throws away fewer ^{40}K atoms
- Greater ^{40}K numbers give higher T . \rightarrow greater degeneracy (?)
- New physics – isotope effects in ultracold collisions, phase separation, collective excitations, BEC/FG impurity studies, phonon exchange, Feshbach resonances (?), ...

Laser Design

Energy Level Schematics

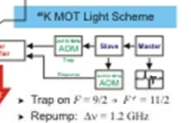


^{87}Rb MOT Light Scheme



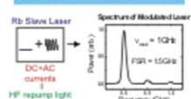
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- Repump: $\nu_{\text{repump}} = 6.6 \text{ GHz}$

^{40}K MOT Light Scheme



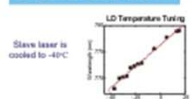
- Trap on $F=9/2 \rightarrow F'=11/2$
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Laser Diode Current Modulation

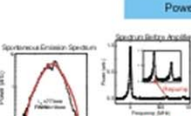


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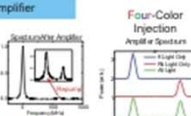
Temperature Tuning to 767 nm




Power Amplifier



Four-Color Injection

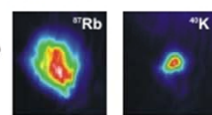


Two-Species MOT



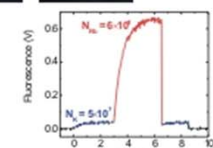
- 3-beam (retroreflected) MOT
- Up to $\sim 300 \text{ mW}$ total power
- 3 cm diameter beam waist
- 13 G/cm field gradient

^{87}Rb



$N_{87} = 2 \times 10^7$
 $w_{87} \sim 2 \text{ mm}$

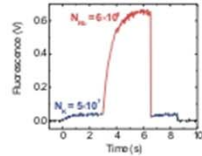
^{40}K



$N_{40} = 7 \times 10^7$
 $w_{40} \sim 1 \text{ mm}$

Two-Species Fill Curve:

- ^{40}K Fill
- Add ^{87}Rb
- Remove ^{87}Rb



Conclusion

We have simultaneously trapped and cooled a mixture of ^{87}Rb and ^{40}K in a single magneto-optical trap. Numbers of 6×10^7 and 5×10^7 , respectively, are obtained. Progress is now underway to sympathetically cool the ^{40}K to quantum degeneracy via forced evaporative cooling of ^{87}Rb .

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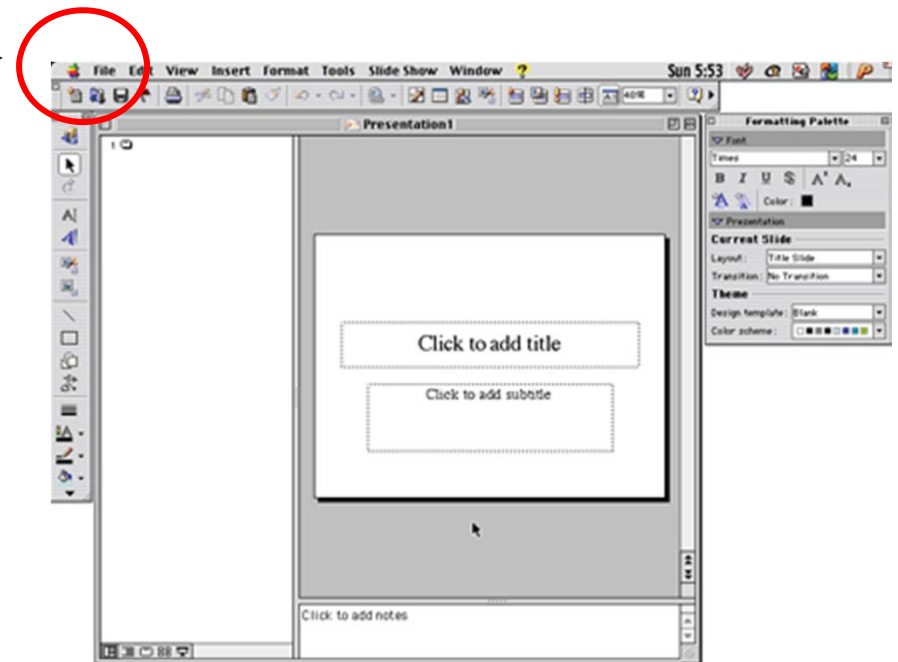
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Other tips: Text

Text and figures should be legible from 3-5 feet away: 36 pt. font size minimum!

Edit excessive text!! Poster should have roughly 20% text, 40% figures, 40% space

Use sans serif fonts: these fonts are more legible than serif fonts from a distance

Headings and other text having the same level of importance should be the same font size

Generally, putting information in “bullet” form, rather than in sentences, is better:

Original

The ideal anesthetic should quickly make the patient unconscious but allow a quick return to consciousness, have few side effects, and be safe to handle.

Revised

Ideal anesthetics should:

- offer quick sedation
- provide quick recovery
- have few side effects
- be safe to handle



Other tips: Color

Use color to define relationships between different areas of the poster

Use color to create coherence and guide the reader through your poster

DON'T overuse color...too much variation will distract from the substance of your poster

DON'T use color arbitrarily – the reader expects color to *mean something*, so they'll be confused if it's arbitrarily applied

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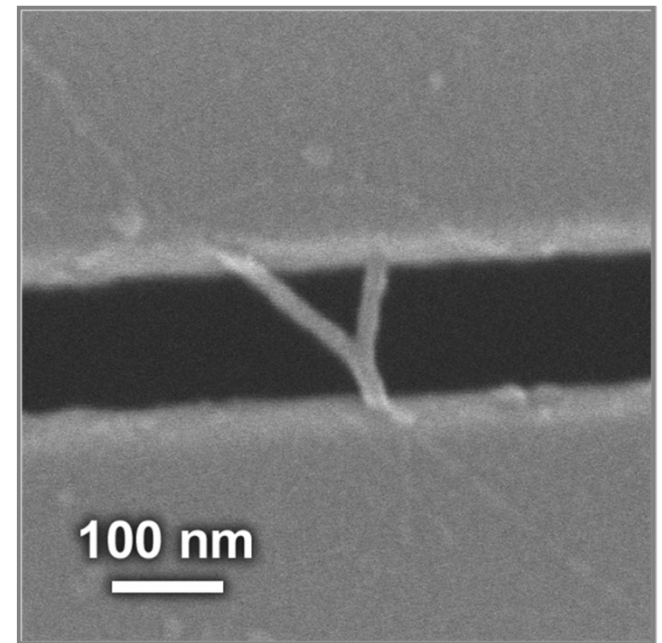
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Include a brief caption for the figure, or explicitly refer to the figure in the text

Make sure your images and figures are of sufficiently high resolution to be enlarged

Make sure your figures advance the points you're making in the text

Use darker background for lighter figures/pictures, and a lighter background for darker figures/pictures


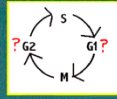


Critique these posters:

What makes your CELLS tick?

Coordination of cell proliferation and cell-type specification in vertebrate embryos: the role of dynamic regulation of the cdc25 phosphatases.

Mercedes Barrutia, Damian Nogare, Mary Ellen Lane, Ph.D.

ABSTRACT

The generation of a multicellular embryo from a single-celled zygote requires coordinating cell proliferation with mechanisms that regulate cell-type specification and cell movement. It is therefore essential that the rate of cell proliferation is variable for different populations of embryonic cells and different developmental stages. Following early, rapid, synchronous cell divisions, dynamic spatiotemporal regulation of cell proliferation is observed. We are interested in the molecular mechanisms that produce this spatiotemporal control in the embryo of a vertebrate, the zebrafish *Danio rerio*. Due to its rapid development, large transparent embryos, and genetic tractability, zebrafish is the ideal vertebrate model for these studies. In all eukaryotic organisms, the cdc25 tyrosine phosphatase plays a major role in cell cycle progression via activation of Mitosis Promoting Factor (MPF). Most higher metazoan genomes contain more than one gene encoding cdc25 phosphatases. To determine whether dynamic transcription of cdc25 is an important mechanism for spatiotemporal control of cell proliferation, as is the case in the *Drosophila* embryos, we are isolating the zebrafish genes encoding cdc25 by PCR. We have identified the zebrafish cdc25A gene and examined its spatiotemporal expression in developing embryos by *in situ* hybridization. Expression of cdc25A is observed in only a subset of proliferating cells of the developing nervous system and mesoderm. In some of these cells, namely the precursors of primary motor neurons (PMN) and retinal ganglion cell (RGC), expression appears to be restricted to the terminal mitosis. Future work will focus on analyzing the coordination of cdc25A transcription with the mechanisms that control differentiation of these cells, and on isolation and expression analysis of additional cdc25 genes.

METHODS:

to isolate cdc25, I made primer pairs from an expressed sequence tag (EST), which is homologous to cdc25. Then I was able to clone Cdc25 from cDNA library (of zebrafish) through PCR reaction and expression vectors. After isolation, I determined when and where the gene is expressed through *in-situ* hybridization.

INTRODUCTION

With knowledge of the cell cycle and its regulators in other experimented organisms, we may be able to discern how certain aspects of processes, morphogenesis and pattern formation, are regulated at a molecular level in the zebrafish. In early embryonic cells, the cell cycle is synchronous and consists of two phases: mitosis (M) and synthesis (S). A two-subunit phosphoprotein of Cdk and cyclin, known as Mitosis Promoting Factor (MPF), is responsible for the entry to Mitosis. At later stages, the cell cycle experiences a transition (mid-blastula stage) from maternal mRNA control to zygotic mRNA control, synchronous to asynchronous cell division, and entrance of G1 and G2 phase. According to research on *Drosophila* flies, the MPF for the progression through G2 phase is activated through steps of phosphorylation/dephosphorylation on the Cdk subunit: (1) phosphorylation at residues Threonine-161, Tyrosine-15, and Threonine-14 by a particular set of enzymes, and (2) dephosphorylation of Thr 14 and Tyr 15 by an Cdc25 enzyme (called *string*) (Voet & Voet, 1995). Identifying Cdc25 in zebrafish will allow us to understand the cell-to-cell interaction occurring at the cell cycle for most higher metazoan genomes.

RESULTS

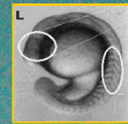


Figure 1: Expression of the CDC25 in the Retinal Ganglion Cells at the Terminal Mitosis Stage.

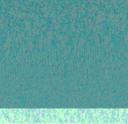


Figure 2: Expression of the CDC25 in the Primary Motor Neurons at the Terminal Mitosis Stage.

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Critique these posters:

Robust Repair of Polygonal Models

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Polygonal Models



Figure 1. The statue of David by Michelangelo in the Galleria dell'Accademia in Florence (left), and the polygonal model reconstructed from laser range scans (right).

Polygonal models are most popular for representing 3D objects in computers. They are created from:

- 3D laser range scans (e.g., Michelangelo's David, the Bunny, the Dragon)
- Computer-aided design softwares (e.g., Maya, Autocad, 3DMax, Lightwave)
- Other representations (e.g., industrial CAD models, medical MRI data, geological data)

Polygonal models have wide applications:

- Industrial design and manufacturing
- Medical visualization and analysis
- Scientific computation and simulation
- Games, animated movies, movie CG, ...

Closed Models

Many applications (e.g., rapid prototyping) require a closed model with well-defined inside and outside:

- The model partitions the space into distinct external and internal volumes
- Each polygon face lies on the boundary between an external volume and an internal volume



Figure 2. A closed polygonal model of the Utah teapot (left) and the resulting plastic teapot created by rapid prototyping (right).

Model Repair

Goal: given an arbitrary polygonal model, generate a closed model that approximates the original geometry

Why so hard?

- Today's polygonal models are often gigantic - over millions of triangles
- Errors in models can be very complex:
 - gaps and complex holes
 - self-intersections
 - isolated polygons, etc.
- Repair should not lose geometry features:
 - sharp edges and corners in CAD models

What has been done?

- Point-based method
 - polygon information is lost
- Polygon-based method
 - can not guarantee closeness
- Volumetric method
 - hard with large mesh and complex errors

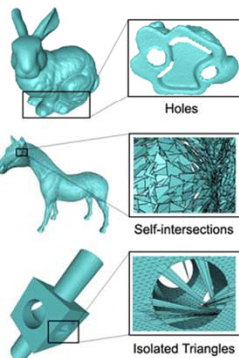
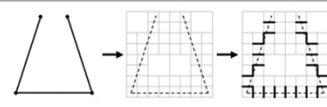


Figure 3. Non-closed polygonal models (left) with closeup looks at the various types of mesh errors (right).

Volumetric Approach

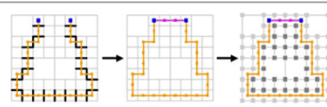
1. Scan conversion

- Embed the model in an octree grid and detect grid edges that intersect the polygons.
- Top-down octree construction with no need to store the original mesh.
- Use separating axis with integer operations for numerically stable and fast intersection tests.



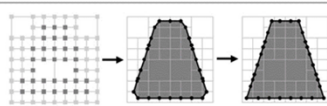
2. Sign generation

- Construct a dual surface on the octree by building one face for each grid edge that intersects the original model.
- Detect edges on the dual surface shared by odd number of faces, and remove them by adding patches. The patched dual surface is closed.
- Build signs on the grid indicating inside/outside of the dual surface.



3. Contouring

- Contouring is the process of generating polygons that approximate the zero-surface of a signed volume.
- Marching Cubes can be used for generating closed, manifold model.
- For CAD models, dual contouring can be used for generating a closed model while preserving sharp edges and corners.



3D Illustration

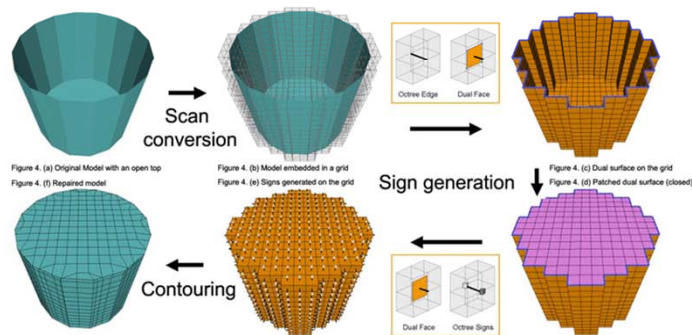


Figure 4. (a) Original Model with an open top

Figure 4. (f) Repaired model

Figure 4. (b) Model embedded in a grid

Figure 4. (e) Signs generated on the grid

Figure 4. (c) Dual surface on the grid

Figure 4. (d) Patched dual surface (closed)

Examples

1. Repairing gigantic laser-scanned models (56 Million triangles, with holes, took 53 min/ 420 MB)

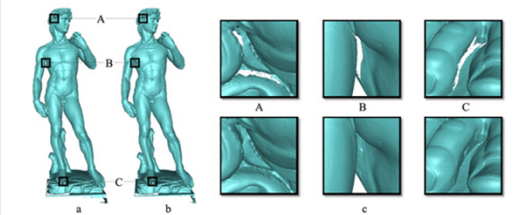


Figure 5. Repairing David: the original model at 1mm resolution (a), the repaired model at the same resolution (b), and close-ups on the model before repair (top row in (c)) and after repair (bottom row in (c)).

2. Repairing CAD models (with isolated triangles)

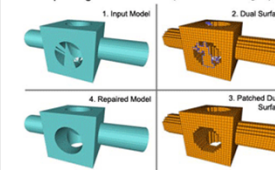


Figure 6. Removing isolated triangles from CAD models

3. Repairing random models

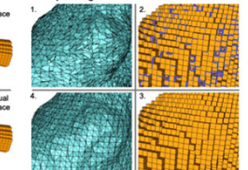


Figure 7. Removing self-intersections from a random bag of polygons

Highlights

Robust Closes arbitrary polygonal models

Efficient Repairs gigantic models on PCs

Accurate Preserves geometry features

Model	Triangles	Grid	Time	Memory
Bunny	69,451	64	3.6 sec	< 10 MB
Horse	80,805	128	6.0 sec	< 10 MB
Dragon	871,414	256	45.2 sec	16 MB
Buddha	1,687,716	1024	1.3 min	28 MB
David (2mm)	8,254,150	4096	6.4 min	92 MB
David (1mm)	66,230,343	8192	53.2 min	417 MB

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Critique these posters:

Were Victorian Fallen Women Doomed?

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The Question of REINTEGRATION

Could a Victorian woman ever transform from a
Fallen Woman into a **Respectable Matron**?



The prostitute Nancy from *East Lynne*



Queen Victoria, model of respectable femininity

Victorian literature portrays how numerous respectable ladies become fallen women—women who have had heterosexual relations outside of marriage. Often, polite society shuns the fallen woman, leaving her to endure a disgraced, alienated life.

But could fallen women ever reintegrate into society? Could a fallen woman ever regain her former status or even marry a respectable man?

I posit that a significant number of Victorian fallen women, real and fictional, reintegrated into society. I also propose that an even greater number empowered themselves by constructing and controlling their own narratives.

Methodology

This project examines the representation of fallen women in both literary and historical accounts. I consulted Victorian handbooks on rescuing fallen women, treatises on prostitution, the annual reports of reform shelters for fallen women, and the records of rescue societies such as the Female Mission to the Fallen. In my research, I try to locate the stories of fallen women's reintegration and empowerment.

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The Common View

• Fallen women never reintegrated

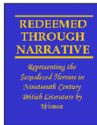


In her study *Fallenness in Victorian Women's Writing*, Deborah Anna Logan contends that **most fictional fallen women were never fully reintegrated into society.**

Logan studies mostly lower-class fallen characters created by female authors. Of the fallen characters she analyzes, all are "punished by the literal and metaphorical death or disfigurement of themselves or their children; **none of them marries or otherwise achieves social integration.**"

Logan concludes, "What was true of eighteenth-century writers on the fallen woman theme remains true a century later: **no author has yet been so bold as to permit a lady to live and marry, and be a woman after this strain.**"

• Fallen women were silent, passive victims



Roxanne Eberle's dissertation, "Redeemed through Narrative: Representing the Sexualized Heroine in Nineteenth-Century British Literature by Women," presents an even bleaker view of the Victorian fallen woman.

According to Eberle, Victorians imagined only one fate for the fallen woman, known as the "Harlot's Progress." She summarizes, "girl is seduced, girl suffers, girl repents, and girl dies."

Eberle continues, "The sexually transgressive heroine of the Victorian period is not the philosophical and self-conscious speaking subject found in Romantic texts." Although her plight is recorded in social reform literature, it only "informs us of a great 'social evil' of which she is a victim and rarely a critic." This statement implies that fallen women never thoughtfully articulated their pasts and never knew any life besides victimization.

• Reform shelters oppressed fallen women

In her dissertation, Eberle also asserts that the Magdalen reform shelters established to reintegrate fallen women were **victimizing structures**. She writes, "Magdalen houses are merely a literal manifestation of the growing cultural desire to police female sexuality through law, medicine, and other institutions." These reform shelters, also known as Homes, only strove to "isolate fallen women," suppress their stories, and "shut 'contaminated' female bodies up."

Eberle affirms that Victorian fallen women "tend to be acted upon; they are inevitably the passive recipients of disciplinary politics."

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Challenges from MY RESEARCH

• Victorian authors depicted women marrying after a sexual fall

In *David Copperfield* (1849-1850) by Charles Dickens, Martin Endell, a former prostitute, emigrates to Australia and **marries a farm-laborer**.

Wilkie Collins's *The New Magdalen* (1876) focuses on the reintegration of Mercy Merrick, a former reform shelter inmate. Mercy **marries a clergyman** and subsequently emigrates to the New World with her husband.

• 'Real' fallen women also married

The 1866 report of *The Female Mission to the Fallen* records how one rehabilitated fallen woman is "now engaged to be **married to the son of a clergyman**, with the full consent of the young man's family." Numerous other marriages are narrated in these reports.

• Not all Victorian fallen women were victims

Victorian reform writer William Tait declares that **no fallen woman "ought to be given up as being beyond the reach of remedy."**

In 1866, the Female Mission announced plans to employ a Missionary to deal exclusively with **preventing fallen women from committing suicide**. After rescuing these women, Missionaries found them employment or helped them enter reform shelters.

• Fallen women controlled their narratives

William Makepeace Thackeray's *Henry Reckless* (1846-48) portrays the advances of Becky Sharp. After living on the margins of society for a while, Becky uses the narrative of her victimization—**isolation from her son, threats of suicide, consorting with questionable company—to gain sympathy and financial support from the other characters.**

Reform Shelters: A Different Perspective

• GOAL: To reintegrate women, not isolate them

Reform shelters operated with the specific intention of **reassimilating fallen women into society**. According to Tait, after their stay in the shelters, women did "become useful and honorable members of society."

• Making victims into agents

Susan Mumm, a scholar at York University, has documented how church-based reform shelters attempted to give their inmates increased agency by "giving them **specialized training**." As a higher-status servant such as "parlourmaids," women might be better able to **defend themselves from the advances of others**.

• Publishing the fallen woman's narrative

Each year, reform shelters and agencies published reports detailing the cases they helped. Reform workers narrate the circumstances of the women's falls. **These case histories do not gloss over the poverty, assault, and exploitation faced by these women.** Often the reports include letters by the fallen women describing their new lives in society.



Thomas Colpitts, *The Asylum* (c. 1840)

Critique these posters:

VITAMIN C: THE MULTIFUNCTIONAL ANTIOXIDANT

Rice University

BACKGROUND

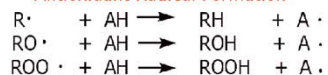
Vitamin C (Ascorbic Acid) is an essential nutrient discovered in 1932 by Albert Szent-Györgyi, who isolated the antiscorbutic factor as pure crystalline material from lemon juice. In the past 25 years, much of the vitamin's biochemical functions have been elucidated, inducing vitamin C to the treatment of viral infections, diabetes, and even cancer prevention. Today, scientists' growing knowledge of ascorbic acid uncovers the significance of its antioxidant property, making its organic synthesis one of high demand for research and public consumption.

ANTIOXIDANT PROTECTION

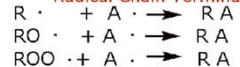
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- Reduction of radical species

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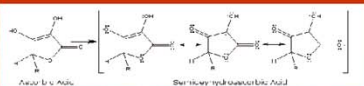
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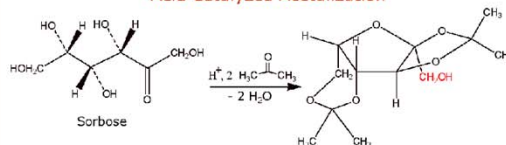


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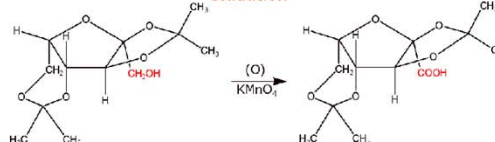


ORGANIC SYNTHESIS OF VITAMIN C

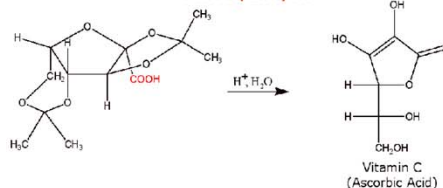
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Oxidation



Acid Hydrolysis



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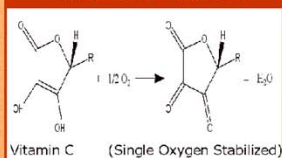
Antioxidant

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- Removal of molecular O
- Quenching of singlet O
- Regeneration of tocopherol radicals

Prooxidant

- Reduction of Fe³⁺ to Fe²⁺

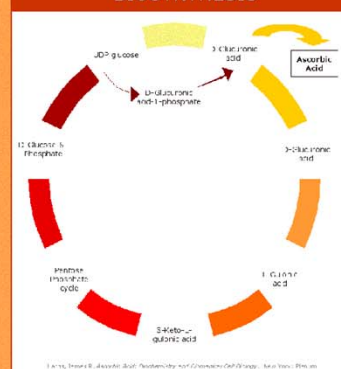
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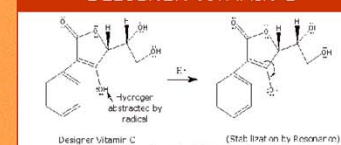
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- Collagen formation
- Absorption of inorganic iron
- Metabolism of folic acid, amino acids, and hormones
- Protection of DNA, cell membranes, and critical molecules from radicals

BIOSYNTHESIS



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Critique these posters:

Higgs-Boson Physics

Motivation

The Higgs boson is the only particle in the Standard Model whose mass is not protected by a symmetry. Its mass is therefore sensitive to quantum corrections from all particles in the theory, including those beyond the Standard Model. The discovery of the Higgs boson at the LHC in 2012 was a major milestone in particle physics, as it confirmed the existence of the Higgs mechanism and the origin of mass for elementary particles.

$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

These decays are loop-induced and provide a sensitive probe for new physics. The $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decay is particularly important for the discovery of the Higgs boson at the LHC.

$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\text{ leptons}$

This decay channel is one of the cleanest for Higgs boson identification at the LHC. It provides a direct measurement of the Higgs boson mass and its couplings to gauge bosons.

$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ and $A \rightarrow \tau\tau$

The $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ decay is the most abundant Higgs boson decay channel. It provides a sensitive probe for new physics, particularly in the form of additional Higgs bosons.

$h \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ and $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

These decays are the most abundant Higgs boson decay channels. They provide a sensitive probe for new physics, particularly in the form of additional Higgs bosons.

Heavy Ion Physics

High-energy Heavy Ion Physics studies strongly interacting matter at extreme energy densities. QCD predicts that at such densities hadronic matter turns into a plasma of deconfined quarks and gluons, the Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP). Matter in the ultrarelativistic heavy ion collisions is created in this state up to about 10 fm after the Big Bang. Today QGP might exist in the core of neutron stars. The study of the phase diagram of matter is a new approach to investigate QCD in its natural scale, Λ_{QCD} , and to address the fundamental questions of confinement and chiral-symmetry breaking. The combined results obtained by the SPS heavy ion experiments, in particular those obtained with the Pb beam, provide compelling evidence for the existence of a new state of matter featuring many of the characteristics predicted for the QGP. The ALICE experiment will carry this research into the LHC era.

Results from the SPS Heavy Ion Experiments

Longitudinal and Transverse Expansion

These plots show the rapid expansion of the QGP in both the longitudinal and transverse directions, leading to a collective flow of particles.

Energy Deposition and Particle Yields

These plots show the energy deposition and particle yields in heavy ion collisions, providing insight into the properties of the QGP.

Strangeness Enhancement

These plots show the enhancement of strangeness production in heavy ion collisions, which is a characteristic signature of the QGP.

Low Mass Dilepton Enhancement

These plots show the enhancement of low mass dilepton production in heavy ion collisions, which is a characteristic signature of the QGP.

J/ψ Suppression

These plots show the suppression of J/ψ production in heavy ion collisions, which is a characteristic signature of the QGP.

Direct Photons

These plots show the production of direct photons in heavy ion collisions, which is a characteristic signature of the QGP.

ALICE: the LHC Experiment devoted to Heavy Ions

ALICE will perform a comprehensive study of hadrons, electrons, muons and photons produced in Pb-Pb collisions. It will also study collisions at smaller energy densities by using lower mass ions, as well as proton-gold collisions.

1300 Scientists
13 Experiments
27 Countries

SPS and LHC

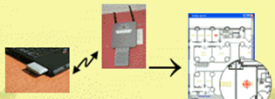
Critique these posters:

Practical Robust Localization over Large-Scale 802.11 Wireless Networks

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1 What does it do?



Our technique uses **Wireless Ethernet** to determine the **location** of a mobile device (PDA, Notebook...) in a building

2 Why use it?

- **Navigation:** Visitor/tourist guides
- **Advertising:** Location-aware ads
- **Robotics:** Helps a robot navigate
- **Security:** Finds 'wireless' hackers
- **Asset tracking:** Warehouses etc.

GPS does not work indoors!
Wireless Ethernet is widely available!

3 How good is it?

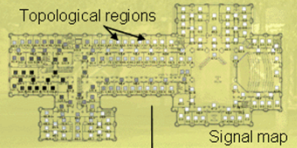
- **Accurate:** Finds the correct room in more than 95% of all attempts!
- **Good failure modes:** Incorrect results are almost always in adjacent rooms
- **Robust:** Works with different hardware and in changing environments
- **Fast:** Result available in seconds; can even track moving users!

4 What's new?

- **Much lower training time** than previous techniques (hours, not days!)
- **Calibration technique** to compensate for hardware/environment changes
- **Better robustness** due to Gaussian signal model
- **Topological localization** combined with Markov localization

5 How does localization work?

Training: Collect signal strength measurements in the entire building. This needs to be done only once!

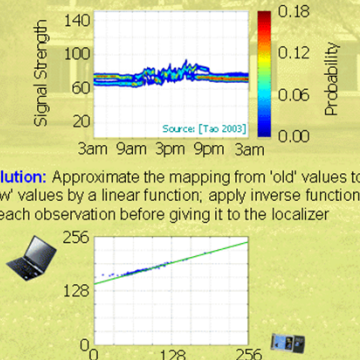


$$\vec{\pi}_{i+1} = \frac{P(o_j | s_i) \vec{\pi}_i}{\eta}$$
 Bayes' formula

Localization: Device measures signal strength of all base stations in range and uses Markov localization to update its location estimate

6 How does calibration work?

Problem: Reported signal strength values are different for different hardware, and can change over time.

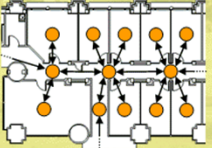


Solution: Approximate the mapping from 'old' values to 'new' values by a linear function; apply inverse function to each observation before giving it to the localizer

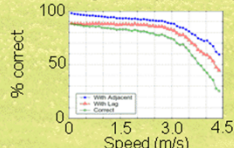
Parameters can be estimated automatically, or by collecting a few measurements at a known location

7 How does tracking work?

Use Markov chain to model user movement, and update location estimate after each iteration



Markov chain encodes knowledge about topology: Cannot move through walls, jump through ceilings, ...



Result: Excellent accuracy up to speeds of 3-4 m/s, with one location update every 1.6 seconds

[Informal Homework Assignment]

- Go to the “classroom corridor” on the first floor of Loomis to check out the Senior Thesis posters
 - look at and critique the posters you see
 - which ones are most effective?
 - capture your interest
 - easily navigable
 - etc., etc.
 - What features of posters you see should you avoid?