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The 1981 Articles Most Cited in 1981 and 1982. 2. Physical Sciences

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This is the latest in a series of essays in which we examine papers that become highly cited shortly after publication. Presumably, papers which have an immediate impact upon the research community, as indicated by rapid citation, point to "where the action is" in science. In this essay, we list those 1981 papers in the physical sciences which were among the most cited in 1981 and 1982. Recently, we published the comparable list for the life sciences.¹

Table 1 presents the 101 papers in this study. They are listed alphabetically by first author, rather than by number of citations. The purpose of this arrangement is to inhibit invidious comparisons among papers on the basis of citation frequency. Of course, these papers are not necessarily the "best" research. Many seminal papers not listed here will eventually be highly cited. However, the evidence is clear from earlier studies that most of the papers we do detect by this "early warning system" prove to be classics. And they persist as core papers in the research fronts they help to identify in the first place.

Most of the 4,000,000 papers and books cited in *Science Citation Index*® (*SCI*®) each year receive one or two citations over a two-year period. However, the papers in Table 1 received an average of 41 citations: eight in 1981, and 33 in 1982. The most-cited paper received 92 citations, while the least cited received 30.

As with the 1981 life sciences papers,¹ we have chosen not to group these pa-

pers under traditional disciplinary subject headings. Such headings are at times arbitrary, and always subjective. Instead, we used the same automatic classification scheme which helps us identify thousands of research fronts each year by processing *SCI*. Briefly, a research front is a group of current papers which cite a smaller group of objectively determined core papers identified by a single-link, co-citation clustering routine. I have described co-citation clustering previously.²

Last year, we introduced research fronts as a new way of searching our *Index to Scientific Reviews*™ (*ISR*™).³ Eighty-three of the papers in Table 1 have already been incorporated into the core literature of *ISR* research fronts. Table 2 lists the names and numbers of those research fronts which are represented by at least two papers in this study. The numbers of the relevant research fronts in Table 2 follow the author addresses in Table 1.

Four of the papers identified as core papers in *ISR* research fronts are also core papers for research fronts in *ISI/GeoSciTech*™, our online data base covering the earth sciences. Of these, three appear in research front #81-0986, "Observation of plasma waves near Saturn." The other paper appears in research front #81-0803, "Electrostatic shocks and auroral particle acceleration."

An additional four papers in Table 1 cite into one or more of the cores of various research fronts, including one pa-

Table 1: The 1981 physical sciences articles most cited in 1981-1982. The authors' addresses follow each citation. Code numbers indicate the *ISR*[™] research front specialties for which these are *core* papers. Code numbers with a ● indicate the *ISI/GeoSciTech*[™] research front specialties for which these are *core* papers. Code numbers with one asterisk indicate *ISI/CompuMath*[®] research front specialties for which these are *citing* papers. Code numbers with two asterisks indicate *ISI/GeoSciTech*[™] research front specialties for which these are *citing* papers. A=number of citations received, 1981. B=number of citations received, 1982. C=total number of citations received, 1981-1982.

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pan." In any case, they alone can help you identify the literature for the unique research fronts they identify. Just use *SCI* in the straightforward manner you always did.

Twelve papers are single author works. Thirty papers list two authors, 20 have three, 16 have four, and eight have

Table 2: The 1982 and 1983 *ISR*™ research fronts which contain at least two of the 1981 most-cited physical sciences papers as core documents. A = research front number. B = research front name. C = number of 1981 most-cited physical sciences papers included in the core of each research front. D = total number of core documents in each research front.

A	B	C	D
82-0319	Roughening transitions and crossover phenomena in lattice gauge theories	2	3
83-0029	Phase transitions in the early universe and the inflationary universe scenario	3	39
83-0030	Dynamic aspects of lattice gauge theories	6	35
83-0035	Composite and electroweak gauge models	3	37
83-0558	Organic superconductors; properties of tetramethyl-tetraselenafulvalene-2X and other superconductors	6	21
83-0563	Upsilon physics and B-meson decay	2	6
83-0768	Fast atom bombardment and secondary ion mass spectrometry of involatile biomolecules	4	16
83-0863	Phase diagram and phase transitions for Ising spin glasses	2	24
83-0875	Mass outflow from the Orion molecular-cloud and other star formation regions	2	17
83-0883	Weak neutral bosons in gauge models and grand unified theories	3	10
83-0885	Supersymmetric grand unified theories	6	16
83-0898	Theoretical and experimental aspects of axions	2	15
83-1234	Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 observations of Saturn and Titan and analysis of rings of Saturn, magnetosphere and atmosphere	6	9
83-1521	Decay patterns and other aspects of pseudoscalar glueballs	2	6

five authors. One has six authors, three have seven authors, and two have eight. One paper each lists 12, 13, and 14 authors, while three papers have 16 authors. One paper each lists 27 and 66 authors. The paper with the most authors has 67. This is not unusual for physics. In our study of the most-cited physical sciences papers of 1980,⁴ one paper had 86 authors.

Most such papers involve experiments with huge particle accelerators. While it is true that an enormous collaborative effort is involved in these experiments, it is hard to believe that so many individuals merit full authorship. In the past, I have called for reforms in this area.⁵ Most contributors should receive credit in an acknowledgment. Current practices only pollute the bibliographic archives.

Ninety-two authors have more than one paper listed in Table 1. C.S. Jacobsen, G. Senjanović, and E. Witten each have three papers. K. Bechgaard has five papers in Table 1.

The papers in this study were published in 30 journals, listed in Table 3. Just six journals published more than 60 percent of the papers. They are: *Physical Review Letters* (19 papers), *Physics Letters B* (12), *Nuclear Physics B* (9), *As-*

trophysical Journal (8), *Journal of the American Chemical Society* (7), and *Science* (7). These journals consistently publish a high proportion of papers in these studies. In fact, *Physical Review Letters* has topped our list each year since we began this series by examining the most-cited physical science papers of 1976!⁶ This also reflects the need for rapid communication in a field where preprints are common.

The authors in this study are affiliated with 118 institutions in 18 countries. Table 4 lists these institutions in descending order by the number of times they appear in Table 1. Sixty-three are located in the US, about the same as in our study of the 1980 papers. This represents a significant increase over the US totals for 1978⁷ and 1979⁸ which were 44 and 48, respectively. However, the actual number of papers in these studies produced by US institutions has been declining in recent years. For example, authors from US institutions produced 88 papers in our study of 1979 articles. For 1980 this dropped to 73 and for 1981 it is 67 papers. By the way, it is an important commentary on the international role of American and other scientific journals to see that three papers from the USSR are included in this study.

Table 3: The 30 journals represented on the list of the 101 1981 physical sciences papers most cited in 1981-1982. The numbers in parentheses are the impact factors for the journals. (1981 impact factor equals the number of citations received by 1979-1980 articles in a journal divided by the number of articles published by the journal during the same period.) Data were taken from the 1981 *JCR*[™]. The figures at the right indicate the number of papers from each journal which appears on the list.

Journal	Number of Papers
Phys. Rev. Lett. (6.06)	19
Phys. Lett. B (3.82)	12
Nucl. Phys. B (4.25)	9
Astrophys. J. (4.04)	8
J. Amer. Chem. Soc. (4.26)	7
Science (6.24)	7
Phys. Rev. D—Part. Fields (2.94)	4
Rev. Mod. Phys. (16.23)	4
Nature (7.19)	3
Phys. Rev. B—Condensed Matter (2.94)	3
Appl. Phys. Lett. (3.15)	2
J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun. (2.17)	2
J. Phys. A—Math. Gen. (1.86)	2
Phys. Rep.—Rev. Sect. Phys. Lett. (6.68)	2
Phys. Rev. C—Nucl. Phys. (2.23)	2
Acta Crystallogr. B—Struct. Sci. (.96)	1
Advan. Phys. (8.71)	1
Appl. Opt. (1.57)	1
Biochim. Biophys. Acta (2.64)	1
Helv. Chim. Acta (1.84)	1
J. Appl. Phys. (1.67)	1
J. Chem. Phys. (3.03)	1
J. Geophys. Res. (2.76)	1
J. Phys. Lett. (2.04)	1
Mon. Weather Rev. (1.42)	1
Phys. Earth Planet. Interiors (1.06)	1
Pure Appl. Chem. (1.88)	1
Rep. Progr. Phys. (4.82)	1
Theor. Chim. Acta (2.08)	1
Z. Phys. C—Par. Field. (2.13)	1

Of the remaining institutions in Table 4, eight each are located in the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) and Italy. Six each are located in France and the UK. Five of the institutions are located in the Netherlands, while Denmark, Israel, Sweden, and Switzerland each have three. It should be noted, however, that the CERN facility, although located in Switzerland, is actually operated by a consortium of 12 European nations. Canada and Hungary each have two institutions in this study, and Belgium, Japan, Norway, the People's Republic of

China, Poland, and the USSR each have one. Incidentally, the People's Republic of China was also represented by one institution in our look at the most-cited physics papers of 1979.⁸ Perhaps the appearance of an institution from there in the present study is a harbinger of things to come.

Harvard University was listed 12 times on Table 1, more than any other institution. Stanford University was represented 11 times. The University of California was represented nine times, while CERN was represented only three. In our 1978 study, CERN was represented 19 times.

Table 5 lists the national affiliations of authors in this study. As I mentioned earlier, 67 of the 101 papers in this study had authors from the US. Seventeen of these were coauthored with scientists from Canada, Denmark, France, FRG, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, People's Republic of China, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. Without exception, the papers were written in English.

The list of research fronts in Table 2 provides a good indication of some of the hot subjects of current interest to physical scientists. In fact, four research fronts are represented by six core papers listed here.

Six papers are core to research front #83-0030, "Dynamic aspects of lattice gauge theories." Interactions between subatomic particles are described in terms of gauge theories. Five of the highly cited papers in this research front apply so-called "Monte Carlo methods," a statistical technique, to the study of "strong force" interactions. The strong force, one of the four fundamental forces of nature, is what holds the nucleus of an atom together.

The list includes six papers in research front #83-0558, "Organic superconductors." Superconductors are substances which, when cooled to extremely low temperatures, lose virtually all resistance to the flow of electricity. All six of

Table 4: The institutional affiliations of the authors on the list. Institutions are listed in descending order of the number of times they appear in Table 1.

Harvard Univ., Cambridge, MA ¹	12	Univ. Rochester, NY	2
Stanford Univ., CA ²	11	US Geol. Survey	2
Univ. California, CA	9	Flagstaff, AZ	1
Santa Barbara	3	Menlo Park, CA	1
Berkeley ³	2	Vanderbilt Univ., Nashville, TN	2
Los Angeles	2	Aerospace Corp., Los Angeles, CA	1
Irvine	1	Brown Boveri Res. Ctr., Baden, Switzerland	1
San Diego	1	Calif. State Univ., Northridge, CA	1
California Inst. Technol., Pasadena, CA	7	Chinese Acad. Sci., Peking	1
Massachusetts Inst. Technol., Cambridge, MA	7	People's Republic of China	
Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY	6	CNR, Inst. Cosm. Phys. Data, Milano, Italy	1
Univ. Copenhagen, Denmark	6	CNRS, Serv. Aeronom., Verrieres le Buisson,	1
H.C. Orsted Inst.	5	France	
Niels Bohr Inst.	1	Columbia Univ., New York, NY	1
NASA	5	CUNY, New York, NY	1
Goddard Space Flight Ctr.,	3	Delft Univ. Technol., the Netherlands	1
Greenbelt, MD		Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, France	1
Ames Res. Ctr., Moffett Field, CA	1	Eur. Space Agency, Noordwijk, the Netherlands	1
NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC	1	Fermi Natl. Accelerator Lab., Batavia, IL	1
Tech. Univ. Denmark, Lyngby, Denmark	5	German Electron-Accelerator (DESY),	1
Univ. Arizona, Tucson, AZ	5	Hamburg, FRG	
Univ. Maryland, College Park, MD	5	Hebrew Univ., Jerusalem, Israel	1
Acad. Sci. USSR	4	Hungarian Acad. Sci., Central Res. Inst. Phys.,	1
A.F. Ioffe Phys. Tech. Inst., Leningrad	1	Budapest, Hungary	
Inst. Appl. Math., Moscow	1	Huygens Lab., Leiden, the Netherlands	1
Inst. Theor. Exp. Phys., Moscow	1	IBM, Thomas J. Watson Res. Ctr.,	1
L.D. Landau Inst. Theor. Phys., Moscow	1	Yorktown Heights, NY	
Brookhaven Natl. Lab., Upton, NY	4	Indiana Univ., Bloomington, IN	1
Princeton Univ., NJ	4	Intl. Ctr. Theor. Phys., Trieste, Italy	1
Univ. Chicago, IL	4	Inst. & Observ. Astron., Palermo, Italy	1
Univ. Hawaii, Honolulu, HI	4	Johns Hopkins Univ., Baltimore, MD	1
Univ. Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA	4	Julich Nucl. Res. Ctr., FRG	1
Bell Laboratories, NJ	3	Kratos Ltd., Manchester, UK	1
Murray Hill	2	Leiden State Univ., the Netherlands	1
Holmdel	1	Lockheed Missiles & Space Co., Palo Alto, CA	1
CERN, Geneva, Switzerland	3	Lund Univ., Sweden	1
Max Planck Soc., FRG	3	Med. Fdn. Buffalo Inc., NY	1
Inst. Extraterrestrial Phys.,	1	Natl. Inst. Nucl. Phys., Frascati, Italy	1
Garching by Munich		Natl. Radio Astron. Observ., Charlottesville, VA	1
Inst. Phys. Astrophys., Munich	1	New Mexico State Univ., Las Cruces, NM	1
Inst. Radioastron., Bonn	1	New York State Dept. Hlth., Roswell Park Mem.	1
Swiss Fed. Inst. Technol., Switzerland	3	Inst., Buffalo, NY	
Lausanne	2	New York Univ., New York, NY	1
Zurich	1	NORDITA, Copenhagen, Denmark	1
Univ. Colorado, CO	3	Northwestern Univ., Evanston, IL	1
Boulder	2	Ohio State Univ., Columbus, OH	1
Joint Inst. Lab. Astrophys., Boulder ⁴	1	Polish Acad. Sci., Copernicus Astron. Ctr.,	1
Univ. Manchester Inst. Sci. Tech., UK	3	Warsaw, Poland	
Univ. Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	3	Polytech. Inst. New York, Brooklyn, NY	1
Univ. Wisconsin, Madison, WI	3	Radiophys. Inc., Boulder, CO	1
Weizmann Inst. Sci., Rehovot, Israel	3	Rand Corp., Santa Monica, CA	1
Eotvos Lorand Univ., Budapest, Hungary	2	Rice Univ., Houston, TX	1
Franklin Inst., Bartol Res. Fdn., Newark, DE	2	Science and Engineering Council, Royal Observ.,	1
Inst. Advan. Study, Princeton, NJ	2	Edinburgh, UK	
Inst. Radio Astron. Millimetr., Grenoble, France	2	SIBIT, Spinetta Marengo, Italy	1
Ithaca Coll., NY	2	Solar Energy Res. Inst., Golden, CO	1
Le Moyne Coll., Syracuse, NY	2	SRI Intl., Menlo Park, CA	1
Paris Observatory, Meudon, France	2	Tech. Univ., Braunschweig, FRG	1
Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ	2	Tohoku Univ., Sendai, Japan	1
Saclay Nucl. Res. Ctr. (CENS), Gif-sur-Yvette,	2	Tulane Univ., New Orleans, LA	1
France		Univ. Bielefeld, FRG	1
State Univ. Utrecht, the Netherlands	2	Univ. Brit. Columbia, Vancouver, Canada	1
SUNY, Stony Brook, NY	2	Univ. Cambridge, UK	1
Syracuse Univ., NY	2	Univ. Florida, Gainesville, FL	1
Tel Aviv Univ., Israel	2	Univ. Georgia, Athens, GA	1
Univ. Hamburg, FRG	2	Univ. Goteborg, Sweden	1
Univ. Heidelberg, FRG	2	Univ. Leuven, Belgium	1
Univ. Illinois, Urbana, IL	2	Univ. Massachusetts, Amherst, MA	1
Univ. London, UK	2	Univ. Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN	1
Imperial Coll. Sci. Technol.	1	Univ. North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC	1
Univ. Coll. London	1	Univ. Oslo, Norway	1
Univ. Paris-Sud (XI), Orsay, France	2	Univ. Palermo, Italy	1
		Univ. Regensburg, FRG	1
		Univ. Rome, Italy	1
		Univ. S. California, Los Angeles, CA	1
		Univ. Stockholm, Sweden	1

Univ. Sussex, UK 1
 Univ. Torino, Italy 1
 Univ. Washington, Seattle, WA 1
 USAF, Hansom AFB, MA 1
 USN, Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC 1
 Virginia Polytech. Inst. State Univ., Blacksburg, VA 1
 Yale Univ., New Haven, CT 1
 York Univ., Ontario, Canada 1

1. Includes Harvard-Smithsonian Ctr. for Astrophysics
2. Includes Stanford Linear Accelerator Ctr. (SLAC)
3. Includes Los Alamos Natl. Lab., NM
4. Operated jointly with the Natl. Bureau of Standards, Washington, DC

Table 5: National affiliations of the authors of the 1981 physical sciences papers most cited in 1981-1982, in order of the total number of papers on which each nation's authors appeared (column A). B = number of papers co-authored with scientists from other countries. C = nationality of coauthors.

Country	A	B	C
US	67	17	Canada, Denmark, France, FRG, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, People's Republic of China, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland & UK
France	9	8	Canada, Denmark, FRG, Italy, the Netherlands & US
FRG	8	4	France, Italy, the Netherlands & US
UK	8	2	Israel, Poland & US
Switzerland	7	5	Hungary, Israel, Italy, Sweden & US
Denmark	6	3	France & US
Israel	5	3	Belgium, Poland, Switzerland, UK & US
Italy	5	4	France, FRG, the Netherlands, Switzerland & US
the Netherlands	5	3	France, FRG, Italy & US
USSR	3	0	
Canada	2	1	France & US
Hungary	2	1	Switzerland
Sweden	2	2	Norway, Switzerland & US
Belgium	1	1	Israel
Japan	1	0	
Norway	1	1	Sweden
People's Republic of China	1	1	US
Poland	1	1	Israel, UK & US

the papers describe organic compounds which can be transformed into superconductors. K. Bechgaard, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, appears on five of the papers in this group: twice as a first author, and three times as a secondary author.

Six papers in Table 1 are core documents for research front #83-0885, "Supersymmetric grand unified theories." "Supersymmetry" is the label given to one of several theoretical approaches

for attaining the long sought after "unified field theory," which would explain the four fundamental forces of nature in terms of a single theoretical framework. This research front includes the second most-cited paper, a single author work by E. Witten, Princeton University, New Jersey. Witten's paper was cited 87 times during the two-year period. A check of the 1983 *SCI* shows that it continues to be heavily cited.

Research front #83-1234, "Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 observations of Saturn and Titan and analysis of rings of Saturn, magnetosphere and atmosphere," contains six papers in this study as core documents. Papers reporting observations of the Voyager space probes have appeared in these studies before. This research front contains the third most-cited paper in this study, that by B.A. Smith, University of Arizona, Tucson, and colleagues. The paper reports on a number of observations of the planet Saturn, its rings, and moons. It was cited 80 times during 1981-1982.

The most-cited paper in this study, a single author work by A.H. Guth, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, California, received 92 citations during the two-year period. It is one of the core papers in research front #83-0029, "Phase transitions in the early universe and the inflationary universe scenario." Guth's paper advances a proposition regarding the temperature of the universe early in its history, and discusses its implications for the so-called "big bang" theory of creation. It has already been cited 43 times in the first six months of 1983.

Tied for the second most-cited paper in this study is a lengthy review by P. Langacker, University of Pennsylvania and Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, of various unified field theories. It was published in *Physics Reports—Review Section of Physics Letters*, which is published by the North-Holland Publishing Co. The paper received 87 citations in 1981-1982.

The fourth most-cited paper in Table 1 describes a new method developed by M. Barber and colleagues, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, England. The method improves the results of mass spectrometry performed on nongaseous substances. It received 77 citations during the two-year period.

This concludes our study of the most-cited physical sciences papers of 1981. This series will continue next year when we identify the most-cited papers of 1982. Remember that we treated chem-

istry separately in a study of the 1980 papers.⁹ We will continue to do so for 1981, although several chemistry papers were cited frequently enough to meet the threshold for this study.

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