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The 1982 Articles Most Cited in 1982 and 1983. 2. Physical Sciences

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We recently identified and discussed the 1982 life-sciences papers that were most cited in 1982 and 1983.¹ In this essay, we present the most-cited 1982 physical-sciences papers. These studies highlight areas of intense activity in current research, as indicated by rapid citation. That is, by identifying the papers that are highly cited soon after publication, we can get a good idea of the topics that have attracted significant attention within the research community. However, we make no claim that these most-cited papers necessarily represent the "best" or "most important" research. Many papers not included here will achieve high impact over the next few years, and they will be recognized as seminal contributions. Nevertheless, the papers presented in this study will continue to be highly cited for many years. These papers are interesting precisely because their recognition was *immediate*—that is, they are "instant" classics.

Table 1 presents full bibliographic information on the 106 papers in this study. They are arranged in alphabetic order by first author. Column A provides the number of citations each paper received in 1982, and 1983 citations are listed in column B. The total number of citations for this two-year period is given in column C. The average paper received 42 citations: 8 in 1982 and 34 in 1983. The most-cited paper received 105 citations. Ten papers were cited 30 times each, the threshold for inclusion in this study. Keep in mind that the average pa-

per or book chapter cited in *Science Citation Index® (SCI®)* each year receives no more than one or two citations.

Clearly, the 106 papers in Table 1 were cited at a rate far above that of the average paper. In fact, many of these papers have already become part of the "core" literature of research fronts generated from the *SCI* and *Social Sciences Citation Index® (SSCI®)* files in 1982 and 1983. Briefly, a research front consists of current papers that cited any of a group of high-impact articles that were frequently cited *together*, or co-cited. ISI's co-citation clustering algorithm has been described previously.² What you should remember is that research fronts symbolize individual clusters of subject-related research. By examining the titles of the *citing* articles, we get a very clear and concise definition of what the research cluster is about. That is, the citing authors *themselves* categorize the literature into discrete clusters and describe their cognitive content.

Of the 106 papers, 94 are core papers in 53 separate research fronts. These papers are indicated in Table 1 by code numbers following the reference. Table 2 provides the names of 19 research fronts that include at least two papers from this study in their cores (column C). The total number of core and citing papers for each research front is shown in column D. For reasons of space, we cannot list the 34 research fronts with only one of the most-cited physical-sciences papers in their cores. That infor-

Table 1: The 1982 physical sciences articles most cited in 1982-1983. Articles are listed in alphabetic order by first author. The authors' addresses follow each citation. Code numbers indicate the 1982 *SCI*[®] research front specialties for which these are core papers. Code numbers with an asterisk (*) indicate the 1983 *SCI/SSCI*[®] research fronts for which these are core papers. A=citations received, 1982. B=citations received, 1983. C=total citations received, 1982-1983. D=bibliographic data.

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mation can be obtained by contacting ISI®. Many of the 12 papers in this study that are *not* in any research front will undoubtedly be incorporated into the core literature of research fronts generated in the next few years.

Research front #83-1184, "Yang-Mills and Other Supersymmetric Grand Unification Theories with Supergravity Effects," includes 12 papers from this study in its core, more than any other research front. The goal of grand unification theories (GUTs) is to devise a single theoretical framework that accounts for the four fundamental forces of nature—

weak nuclear, strong nuclear, electromagnetism, and gravity. Scientists have been successful in proposing a "common denominator" for the electromagnetic and weak nuclear forces, the so-called "electroweak" force. Steven Weinberg, Sheldon Glashow, and Abdus Salam shared the 1979 Nobel prize for physics in recognition of their development of the electroweak theory. However, the strong nuclear force and gravity have yet to be described in a comprehensive GUT.

Ten papers in this study are in the core of a closely related research front

Table 2: The 1982 *SCI*[®] and 1983 *SCI/SSCI*[®] research fronts that contain at least two of the 1982 most-cited physical sciences papers as core documents. A=research front number. B=research front name. C=number of 1982 most-cited physical sciences papers included in the core of each research front. D=total number of cited/citing documents.

A	B	C	D
82-0029	Phase transitions in the early universe and the inflationary universe scenario	3	39/NA
83-0019	Electronic structure and other properties of EL2 deep level defects in GaAs, metal-doped silicon and other semiconductors	2	37/342
83-0072	Techniques and applications of fast atom bombardment in desorption and secondary ion mass spectrometry	2	38/379
83-0316	Anisotropy, magnetic and random field effects on the critical behavior of Ising systems in amorphous alloys	2	54/383
83-0319	Magnetic monopoles in a supersymmetric inflationary universe; quantum model of grand unification theory and cosmology	10	49/584
83-0321	Transitions to chaos and dynamic models of bifurcations and convection patterns of maps in nonlinear systems	2	54/594
83-0506	Renormalization group approach in Potts models of percolation and critical behavior in fractal lattices	2	19/314
83-0638	High-energy radio emissions and gamma-ray observation from pulsars and supernovas	2	29/321
83-0683	Models of critical wetting transitions at surfaces	2	17/164
83-0897	Theory and analysis of the two-dimensional quantum Hall effect	4	27/297
83-0966	Monte Carlo methods for lattice gauge theory approaches to quantum chromodynamics	5	53/575
83-1064	Fischer-Tropsch syntheses of hydrocarbons and alcohols via the hydrogenation of carbon monoxide on supported iron catalysts	2	35/376
83-1184	Yang-Mills and other supersymmetric grand unification theories with supergravity effects	12	52/516
83-1782	Critical behavior, magnetic order and dynamical properties of Ising spin glasses	2	34/335
83-2192	Organic metals and superconductors based on tetramethyltetraselenafulvalenium salts	4	26/205
83-2705	Twisted Eguchi-Kawai and other reduced models for large-N lattice gauge theory	3	11/108
83-2788	Determination of electronic structure and surface reconstruction of silicon(111) and other semiconductor surfaces	2	14/167
83-3458	Voyager observations of Saturn's ring, magnetosphere and ice rich satellites with emphasis on Titan and its atmosphere	3	23/265
83-3652	Synthesis via the activation of oxygen and carbon-hydrogen bonds using metalloporphyrins and related compounds as catalysts	2	23/223

(#83-0319) entitled "Magnetic Monopoles in a Supersymmetric Inflationary Universe; Quantum Model of Grand Unification Theory and Cosmology." In a recent article in *New Scientist*, John Gribbin noted, "Inflation has become the buzzword of cosmology in the 1980s because it may offer a solution to several serious, related problems physicists face in understanding the Universe. These boil down to the fact that the Universe is incredibly uniform (homogeneous and isotropic). On the scale of clusters of galaxies, the Universe is the same everywhere we look, and it is expanding evenly."³

This research front includes the most-cited, second-most-cited, and fourth-most-cited articles in this study as core documents, an indication that inflationary-universe models are indeed hot topics in physics today. The most-cited article was published in *Physics Letters B* by A.D. Linde, P.H. Lebedev Physical Institute, Moscow. The author described a new inflationary universe model that solves the homogeneity and isotropy problems noted by Gribbin as well as related difficulties involving horizon, flatness, and magnetic monopoles. The paper was cited 33 times in 1982 and 72 times in 1983.

The second-most-cited paper suggests another solution to the homogeneity, flatness, and monopole puzzles. Published in *Physical Review Letters* by Andreas Albrecht and Paul J. Steinhardt, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, the paper received 88 citations—20 in 1982 and 68 in 1983. The fourth-most-cited article was also published in *Physical Review Letters*. Blas Cabrera, Stanford University, California, announced the detection for the first time of a moving magnetic monopole and described the instrument used to observe it. This paper was cited 12 times in 1982 and 71 times in 1983. However, Cabrera has since designed a new instrument and hasn't been able to confirm his 1982 find-

ing. According to *New Scientist*, the "event" Cabrera observed was probably a "spurious cause," not a magnetic monopole.⁴

The third-most-cited paper is part of the core of research front #83-3458, "Voyager Observations of Saturn's Ring, Magnetosphere, and Ice-Rich Satellites with Emphasis on Titan and Its Atmosphere." Bradford A. Smith, University of Arizona, Tucson, and 28 colleagues from 14 institutions published their ob-

Table 3: The 31 journals represented on the list of the 106 1982 physical sciences papers most cited in 1982-1983. The numbers in parentheses are the impact factors for the journals. (1982 impact factor equals the number of citations received by 1980-1981 articles in a journal divided by the number of articles published by the journal during the same period.) Data were taken from the 1982 *JCR*™. The figures at the right indicate the number of papers from each journal that appears on the list.

Journal	Number of Papers
Phys. Rev. Lett. (6.20)	24
Phys. Lett. B (3.66)	20
Nucl. Phys. B (3.82)	7
Phys. Rev. B—Condensed Matter (3.02)	5
Science (6.81)	5
J. Amer. Chem. Soc. (4.72)	4
J. Phys.—Lett. (2.56)	4
Phys. Rev. D—Part. Fields (2.87)	4
Anal. Chem. (3.71)	3
Astrophys. J. (4.07)	3
IEEE J. Quantum Electron. (3.27)	3
Rev. Mod. Phys. (20.71)	3
Appl. Phys. Lett. (3.10)	2
Nature (8.75)	2
Advan. Organometal. Chem. (7.67)	1
Advan. Phys. (10.61)	1
Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. (4.17)	1
Ann. Phys. NY (2.63)	1
Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem. (7.26)	1
Astron. Astrophys. (2.28)	1
Chem. Phys. Lett. (2.19)	1
Earth Planet. Sci. Lett. (2.75)	1
Electron. Lett. (1.51)	1
J. Magn. Resonance (2.22)	1
Mol. Cryst. Liquid Cryst. (1.16)	1
Mon. Weather Rev. (1.61)	1
Nucl. Phys. A (2.43)	1
Phys. Rep. (6.39)	1
Phys. Rev. A—Gen. Phys. (2.58)	1
Proc. IEEE (2.67)	1
Rep. Progr. Phys. (7.08)	1

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.

Univ. California, CA	17	Cosm. Phys. Data Inst., Palermo	1
Berkeley	6	Higher Normal Sch., Pisa, Italy	2
Santa Barbara	4	Julich Nucl. Res. Ctr., FRG	2
Irvine	2	NBS	2
Los Angeles	2	Boulder, CO	1
San Diego	2	Washington, DC	1
Santa Cruz	1	Normal Coll., Paris, France	2
CERN, Geneva, Switzerland	8	Oak Ridge Natl. Lab., TN	2
Harvard Univ., Cambridge, MA ¹	8	Rome Univ., Italy	2
INFN, Italy	7	Stanislaw Staszic Univ. Min. Met., Kracow, Poland	2
Frascati	2	SUNY, Stony Brook, NY	2
Pisa	2	Univ. Illinois, Urbana, IL	2
Bari	1	Univ. Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	2
Milan	1	Univ. Texas, Austin, TX	2
Rome	1	USN, Washington, DC	2
MIT, Cambridge, MA	7	Argonne Natl. Lab., IL	1
Bell Labs, Murray Hill, NJ	6	Brandeis Univ., Waltham, MA	1
Univ. Paris XI, Orsay, France	6	Carnegie-Mellon Univ., Pittsburgh, PA	1
Brookhaven Natl. Lab., Upton, NY	5	CNRS, Grenoble, France	1
CalTech, Pasadena, CA	5	DESY, Hamburg, FRG	1
IBM, Thomas J. Watson Res. Ctr., Yorktown Heights, NY	5	Eotvos Lorand Univ., Budapest, Hungary	1
Max Planck Soc. Adv. Sci., FRG	5	Eur. Space Agency, Noordwijk, the Netherlands	1
Inst. Phys. Astrophys., Munich	3	Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, MI	1
Inst. Aeronom., Kattlenburg-Lindau	1	Goddard Inst. Space Stud., New York, NY	1
Inst. Extraterr. Phys., Munich	1	Griffith Univ., Nathan, Australia	1
Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY ²	4	Hamburg Univ., FRG	1
Inst. Adv. Stud., Princeton, NJ	4	Hebrew Univ., Jerusalem, Israel	1
NASA	4	Hoffmann-La Roche, Inc., Nutley, NJ	1
Goddard Space Flight Ctr., Greenbelt, MD	2	Hungarian Acad. Sci., Budapest, Hungary	1
Ames Res. Ctr., Moffett Field, CA	1	Huygens Lab., Leiden, the Netherlands	1
Headquarters, Washington, DC	1	Indiana Univ., Bloomington, IN	1
Princeton Univ., NJ	4	Inst. Phys. Chem. Ind., Paris, France	1
Stanford Univ., CA	4	Intl. Ctr. Theor. Phys., Trieste, Italy	1
Univ. Oxford, UK	4	Jagiellonian Univ., Kracow, Poland	1
Univ. Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA	4	Johns Hopkins Univ., Baltimore, MD	1
H.C. Oersted Inst., Copenhagen, Denmark	3	Kapteyn Astron. Inst., Groningen, the Netherlands	1
Nippon Telegr. Tel. Publ. Corp., Japan	3	Linkoping Inst. Technol., Sweden	1
Musashino Elect. Commun. Lab., Tokyo	2	Madrid Autonom. Univ., Spain	1
Ibaraki Elect. Commun. Lab.	1	Max Von Laue-Paul Langevin Inst., Grenoble, France	1
Univ. Arizona, Tucson, AZ	3	Michigan State Univ., East Lansing, MI	1
Univ. Cambridge, UK	3	N. Dakota State Univ., Fargo, ND	1
Univ. Colorado, CO	3	Natl. Lab. High Energy Phys., Ibaraki, Japan	1
Boulder	2	Natl. Radio Astron. Observ., Charlottesville, VA	1
Joint Inst. Lab. Astrophys., Boulder ³	1	New Mexico State Univ., Las Cruces, NM	1
Univ. London, UK	3	NIKHEE, Nijmegen, the Netherlands	1
Imperial Coll. Sci. Technol.	2	NOAA, Washington, DC	1
Univ. Coll.	1	Northeastern Univ., Boston, MA	1
Univ. Regensburg, FRG	3	Ochanomizu Univ., Tokyo, Japan	1
Acad. Sci. USSR, Moscow, USSR	2	Rand Corp., Santa Monica, CA	1
Inst. Nucl. Res.	1	Rockefeller Univ., New York, NY	1
P.H. Lebedev Phys. Inst.	1	Rockwell Intl., Thousand Oaks, CA	1
Carnegie Inst. Washington, DC ⁴	2	SERC, Chilton, UK	1
CENS, Gif-sur-Yvette, France	2	Tech. Univ., Braunschweig, FRG	1
CNR, Italy	2	Texas A&M Univ., College Station, TX	1
Cosm. Phys. Inst., Milan	1	Univ. Bari, Italy	1

Univ. Florida, Gainesville, FL	1
Univ. Geneva, Switzerland	1
Univ. Guelph, Ontario, Canada	1
Univ. Hawaii, Honolulu, HI	1
Univ. Iowa, Iowa City, IA	1
Univ. Liverpool, UK	1
Univ. Manchester, UK	1
Univ. Milan, Italy	1
Univ. New Hampshire, Durham, NH	1
Univ. Nijmegen, the Netherlands	1
Univ. Salamanca, Spain	1
Univ. Tokyo, Japan	1
Univ. Toronto, Canada	1
Univ. Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan	1
Univ. Virginia, Charlottesville, VA	1
Univ. Washington, Seattle, WA	1
Univ. Wisconsin, Madison, WI	1
US Geol. Survey, Flagstaff, AZ	1
USC, Tucson, AZ	1
USTL, Montpellier, France	1
Virginia Polytech. Inst. State Univ., Blacksburg, VA	1
Xerox, Palo Alto, CA	1
Yale Univ., New Haven, CT	1
York Univ., Ontario, Canada	1

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servations in *Science* based on the *Voyager 2* space probe. The paper received 86 citations, 23 in 1982 and 63 in 1983. An earlier paper by Smith was the third-most-cited 1981 physical-sciences paper.⁵

Several other papers in this study also deserve mention. Two papers discuss semiconductor lasers. Charles Henry, Bell Laboratories, Murray Hill, New Jersey, describes a theory of the linewidth of semiconductor lasers. Soichi Kobayashi and colleagues, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Public Corporation, Japan, published their findings on direct frequency modulation characteristics in semiconductor lasers. One of the uses of semiconductor lasers is in optical fiber technology. Thomas G. Giallorenzi and colleagues, USN, Washington, DC, reviewed the current state of the art of

optical fiber technology and its future applications, in a paper cited 34 times in 1982 and 1983. All three papers appeared in *IEEE Journal of Quantum Electronics*.

H.T. Fortune, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, points out⁶ that the most-cited papers in physical sciences appear to include some of the most-read papers outside their particular specialty. That is, most physicists read papers on cosmology and new elementary particles, even if they are not working in these areas of physical sciences.

The 106 papers in this study were published in the 31 journals listed in Table 3. Just three journals account for 48 percent of the papers: *Physical Review Letters* (24 papers), *Physics Letters B* (20 papers), and *Nuclear Physics B* (7 papers). The same journals dominated our 1981 study.⁵

The authors of the most-cited 1982 physical-sciences papers were affiliated with 105 institutions located in 17 nations (see Table 4). The University of California accounts for 12 papers in the study. CERN, the multinational research organization based in Geneva, was represented in eight papers, an increase over our 1981 study.⁵ It is noteworthy that the recent Nobel prize in physics was based on work done at CERN. Carlo Rubbia and Simon van der Meer, CERN, shared the 1984 Nobel prize in physics.

Table 5 lists the national affiliations of the 420 authors in this study, in order of the number of papers on which each nation's authors were listed. For example, 66 papers listed US authors. Of these, 55 were by US authors *only* and 11 were co-authored with researchers based in Canada, France, the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG), Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, and the UK. Six papers listed authors from Japan. In comparison, Japan accounted for just one of the most-cited 1981 physical-sciences papers.⁵ Although authors from 17 nations

Table 5: National affiliations of the authors of the 1982 physical sciences papers most cited in 1982-1983, in order of the total number of papers in which each nation's authors appeared (column A). B=number of papers coauthored with scientists from other countries. C=nationality of coauthors.

Country	A	B	C
US	66	11	Canada, France, FRG, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, UK
France	12	7	Denmark, FRG, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, US
FRG	11	6	France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, UK, US
UK	10	6	Canada, FRG, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, US
Switzerland	8	5	France, FRG, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, UK
Italy	8	7	France, FRG, the Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, UK, US
Japan	6	3	FRG, US
Canada	3	2	UK, US
Denmark	3	2	France
the Netherlands	3	3	France, FRG, Italy, Poland, Switzerland, UK, US
Spain	2	2	FRG, UK, US
USSR	2	0	
Australia	1	0	
Hungary	1	1	Switzerland
Israel	1	1	France
Poland	1	1	FRG, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, UK
Sweden	1	0	

are represented here, all the articles were in English.

Of the 420 authors in Table 1, 400 contributed one paper and 12 have two papers. Eight authors were listed on three papers each: K. Bechgaard, S. Ferrara, L. Girardello, A.C. Gossard, L. Ibanez, D. Jerome, D.V. Nanopoulos, and D.C. Tsui.

Twenty-seven papers are single-author works. In our study of 1981 papers,⁵ just 12 listed one author. Twenty-five papers list two authors, 18 list three, 13 list four, 9 list five, 5 list six, and 2 list seven authors. One paper each lists 9, 13, 15, 16, 29, 38, and 56 authors. It is not unusual for high-energy physics papers to list scores of authors.

This concludes our analysis of the 1982 physical-sciences papers that were most cited in 1982 and 1983. Although several chemistry papers were cited enough to meet the threshold in this study, at least three years of citation data are needed to detect some of the most-significant chemistry papers. Different scientific fields have different "diffusion" rates. That's why we treat each field separately in these studies. More will be said on this point and other forms of delayed recognition in our essay on the 1981 chemistry papers most cited between 1981 and 1983.

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