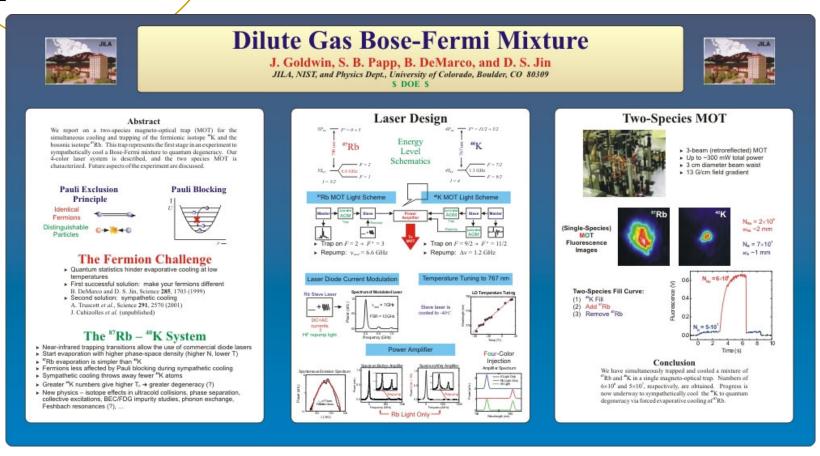
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Allows one to convey more details than in a talk

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

Key features of a poster

Gap-Crossing Decisions by Red Squirrels in Fragmented Forests Victoria J. Bakker, University of California, Davis

Objective

To study factors for decisions by red squirrels (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*) to cross gaps in fragmented forests.



Forest-clearcut edge at central Mitkof Island study site, Tongass National Forest, Alaska. Logging is the primary land use.

Rationale

- Knowing how mammals move in fragmented forests can aid in location of reserves and corridors.
- Questions exist about which factors control decisions of mammals to cross gaps in their preferred habitats.

Translocation of individual squirrels across gaps

Efforts is minimize predation risk, en-

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esized to control crossing decisions.

Predation risk was assumed higher in

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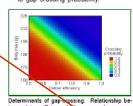
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Conspecific encounter rates were

due to higher shrub stem densities.

lower in clearcuts than forests

- Documented home ranges and territorial behaviors of squirrels living near clearcuts less than 10 years old.
- Induced movement by translocating individuals across gaps.
- Used radio-telemetry to document homing paths.
- Conducted call-back surveys along clearcut perimeters to determine conspecific defense levels.
- Used logistic regression to relate extrinsic factors, such as gap size, and intrinsic factors, such as body mass, to gap crossing probability.



Determinants of gap-accessing: Relationship between detour efficiency, body mass, and gap-crossing probability, based on logistic regression.

Results and Discussion

- Of 30 squirrels translocated at 5 clearcuts, 11 crossed clearcuts and 19 detoured along forested routes.
- Gap crossing probability was inversely related to squirrel body mass and detour efficiency (η_o):

η_D = Direct distance home

- Lighter squirrels were more likely to cross clearcuts. Squirrels in poor condition may take more risks when moving.
- Squirrels were more likely to cross if defours were long, suggesting that squirrels assess distances of detours and that predation risk, energetics, or both influence crossing decisions.
- Squirrels choosing forested routes avoided the route with the greatest number of highly defended territories.
- Non-significant factors were crossing distance, clearcut size, clearcut age, and individual's territorial behavior.

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Must quickly orient the reader to the key points

Should be logically arranged

Should contain all elements of a good research paper:

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Improving the Cooling of Blades and Vanes in Gas Turbine Engines



Power

Professor K. A. Thole
Virginia Tech Experimental and Computational Convection Laboratory



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



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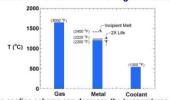


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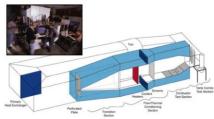


Better cooling schemes can dramatically affect the life of blades and vanes in gas turbines



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



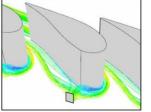
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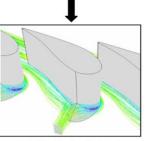
Computational Predictions

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





Without Fillet: Unwanted Vortices



With Fillet: Vortices Reduced

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

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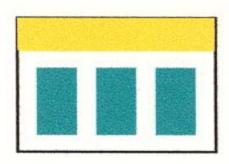
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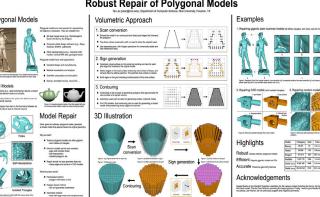
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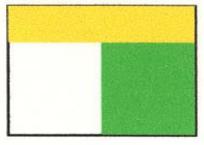
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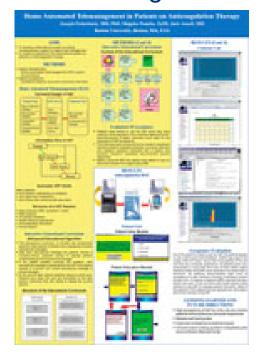
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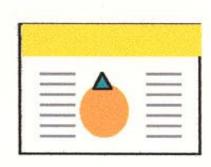
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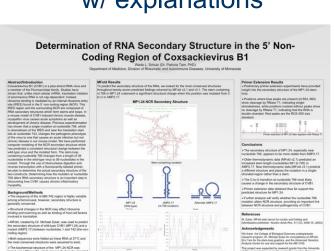


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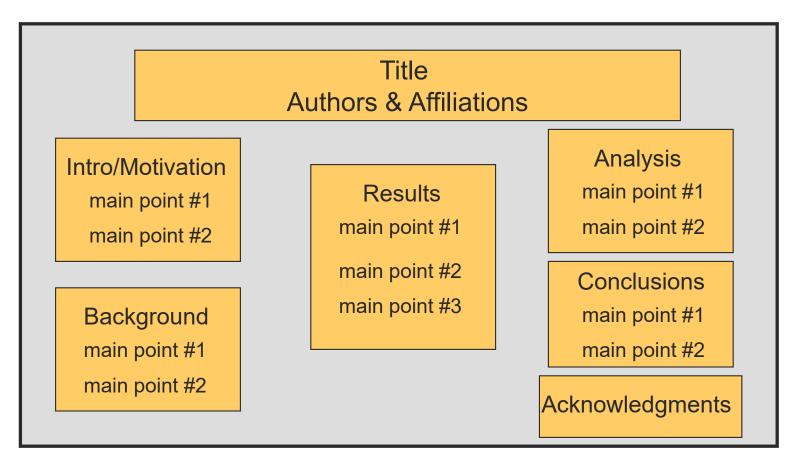
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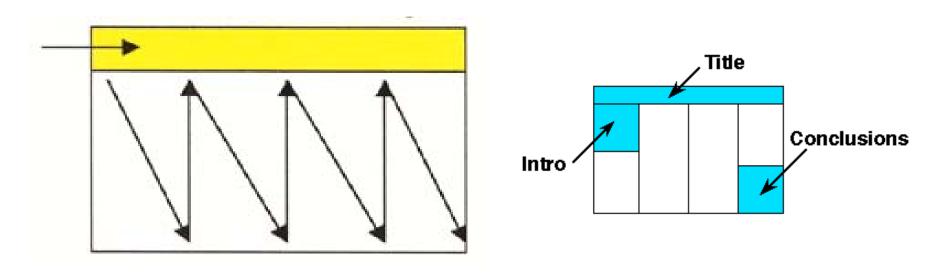
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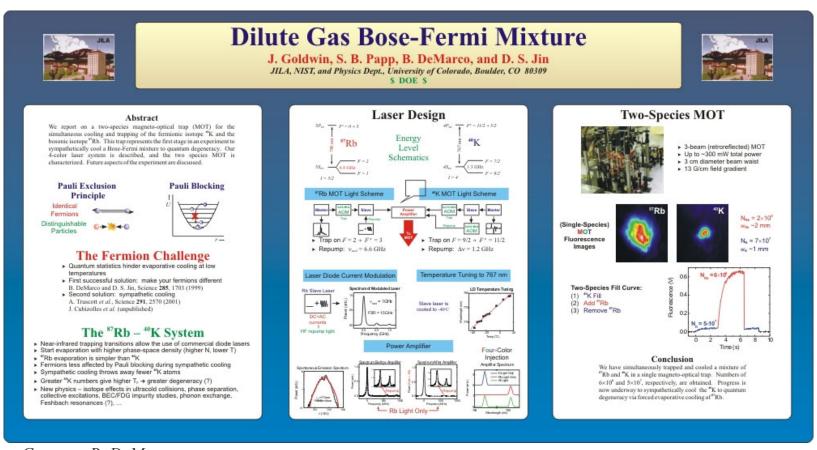
Make sure there's a coherent "flow" in your sections



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

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Use lots of blank space around margins to define sections:



Setting up PowerPoint:

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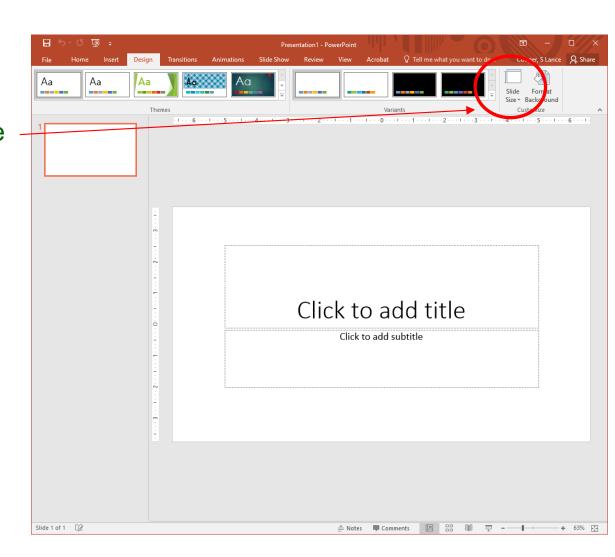
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Main text: 36-40 pt. sans serif



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

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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

DON'T use a distracting background, and make sure there's sufficient contrast between the background and the text

Beware shading of backgrounds...this sometimes doesn't show up well when enlarged to full poster size

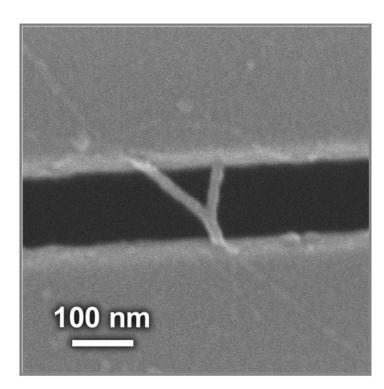
Other tips: Figures

Make sure to label all figures with legible fonts and font sizes

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

Make sure your images and figures have 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

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.

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.

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.

RESULTS



gure 1: Expression of the CDC25
the Retinal Ganglion Cells at the

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Robust Repair of Polygonal Models

Polygonal Models



Closed Models



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

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

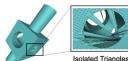
- The model partitions the space into distinct external and internal volumes
- Each polygon face lies on the boundary between an











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)

lygonal models have wide applications:

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



Model Repair

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

- 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

- polygon information is lost
- can not guarantee closedness
- hard with large mesh and comples errors

Volumetric Approach

Scan conversion

- Embed the model in an octree grid and detect grid edges that intersect
- 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.

Sign generation

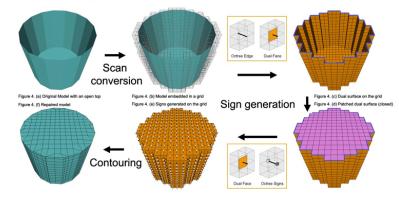
- Construct a dual surface on the octree by building one face for each grid edge that intersects the original model.
- Detect edges on the dual surface shared by odd number of faces, and remove them by adding patches. The patched dual surface is closed.
- Build signs on the grid indicating inside/outside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

Contouring

- Contouring is the process of generating polygons that approximate the zero-surface of a signed volume.

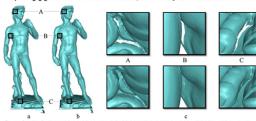
■ Marching Cubes can be used for generating closed, manifold model For CAD models, dual contouring can be used for generating a closed model while preserving sharp edges and corners.

3D Illustration

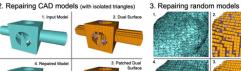


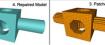
Examples

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









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

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	1,087,716	1024	1.3 min	28 MB
David (2mm)	8,254,150	4096	8.4 min	92 MB
David (1mm)	56,230,343	8192	53.2 min	417 MB

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Were Victorian Fallen Women Doomed?



The Question of REINTEGRATION

Could a Victorian woman ever transform from a

Fallen Woman into a Respectable Matron?



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Queen Victoria, symbol of respectable domestical

Victorian literature portrays how numerous respectable ladies become fallen 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 negratives.

Methodology

This project examines the representation of fallen women in both literary and historical accounts. I consulted Victorian handbooks on receiving fallen women, treatises on prostrution, the animal reports of reform shetten for fallen women, and the records of receive noticities such as the Female Alission to the Fallen. In my research, I try to locate the stories of fallen women's reinternation and semocoment.

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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 nower fully reintegrated into society.

Logan studies mostly lower-class failen characters created by female authors. Of the failten 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 fallenwoman 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 Eberfe'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 used a gear's social evil" of which she is a victim and rarely a critica." This statement implies that fallen women never thoughtfully articulated their pasts and never knew any fath besides victimization.

· Reform shelters oppressed fallen women

In her dissertation, Florde also asserts that the Magdalen reforms shelters established to reintegrate fallen women were victimizing structures. She writes. "Magdalen houses are merely a filteral manifestation of the growing cultural desire to police feedles scanlig through have, modeline, and other institutions." These reform shelters, also known as Homes, only strove to "sisolate reliable women," suppress their storage, and "shut Communicated female books up."

Eberle affirms that Victorian fallen women "tend to be acted upon; they are invariably 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, Martha Endell, a former prostitute, emigrates to Australia and marries a farm-laborer.

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

• '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 employmen or helped them enter reform shelters.

Fallen women controlled their narratives

William Makepeace Thackeray's Vanity Fair (1846-48) portrays the adventures of Beeky Sharp. After fiving on the margins of society for a while, Beeky uses the narrative of her victimization—isolation from her son, threats of suicide, consorting with questionable company—to an expensive 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."



Crania Collage, the shelter o

Making victims into agents
Susan Munna, scholar at York University, has documented how churchbased reform shelters attempted to give their imnates increased agency by
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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 histones 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.

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, inducting 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

- · Stability of antioxidant free radicals
- Resonance delocalization
- Further oxidation of antioxidant radicals
- Reduction of radical species

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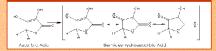
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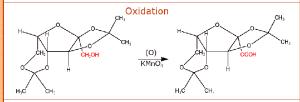
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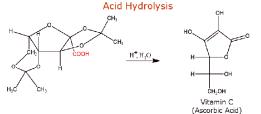
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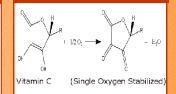
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- Quenching of singlet ORegeneration of tocopherol

radicals Prooxidant

• Reduction of Fe+3 to Fe+2

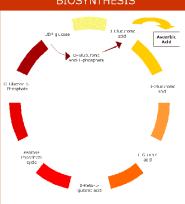
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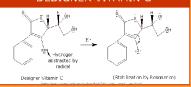
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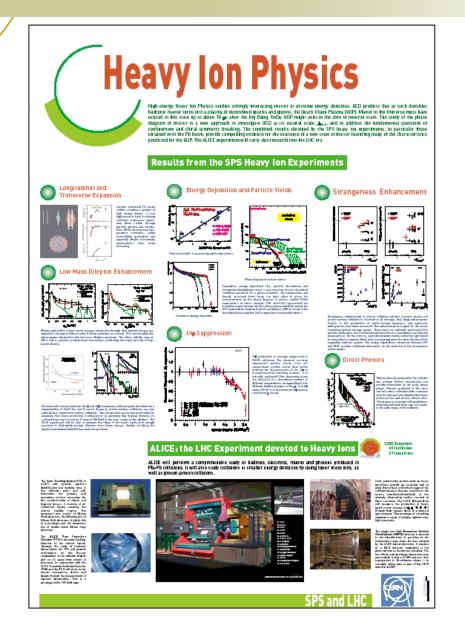
- Defense against common cold
- Collagen formation
- Absorption of inorganic iron
- Metabolism of folic acid,
- amino acids, and hormones
- Protection of DNA, cell membranes, and critical molecules from radicals

BIOSYNTHESIS



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Practical Robust Localization over Large-Scale 802.11 Wireless Networks

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2 Why use it?

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

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

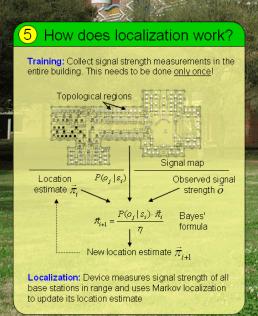
3 How good is it?

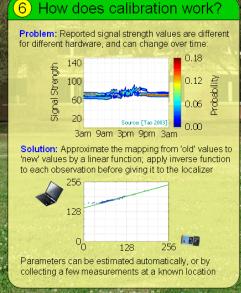
- Accurate: Finds the correct room in more than 95% of all attempts!
- Good failure modes: Incorrect results are almost always in adjacent rooms
- Robust: Works with different hardware and in changing environments
- Fast: Result available in seconds; can even track moving users!

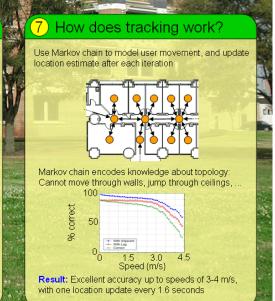
4 What's new?

- 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







Informal Homework Assignment

- Walk around the building
 - look at and critique the posters you see
 - which ones are most effective?
 - capture your interest
 - easily navigable
 - etc., etc.
 - which ones are less effective at presenting the key ideas?
- In your poster drafts, emulate effective aspects of posters you like