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Hybrid devices

HE field of solid-state electronics has burgeoned since the 1960s but the use of magnetic materials in devices has not kept pace. When magnetism is coupled with electronic and photonic circuitry unique electronic and optical properties can result. The hybridization of semiconductor systems with ferromagnetic metals is the topic of Prinz's review (page 1092); these systems (the best studied is the gallium arsenide semiconductor supplemented with ferromagnetic iron) are being prepared with state-of-the-art thin-film layering techniques, and there is increasing understanding of the structural complexity of the interface of metal and semiconductor and of how structure determines properties. The range of applications of these hybrids is likely to be enormous because magnetic materials have unique properties; one example would be the coupling of radiation fields to the hybrid devices such that microwave signals could be carried through planar circuits.

Bacterial signal recognition particle

IGNAL recognition particles (SRPs) of mammals, complexes of protein and RNA, target newly synthesized protein molecules to the export pathway of the cell. Bacteria were thought to use protein-export mechanisms that were distinct from and did not involve SRPs, but now bacterial counterparts of the mammalian SRP have been identified (page 1111). The bacterial complexes include the protein Ffh and 4.5S RNA molecules (which previously were thought to be involved only in protein synthesis); portions of the protein and the RNA are homologous to portions of protein and RNA components of mammalian SRPs. Poritz et al. present proposals to explain how the SRP system and the more commonly observed "translocation" system may complement each other and cooperate inside bacterial cells to move proteins around.

Nanodes

HE performance of an electrode improves inversely with the electrode's electrochemical radius. Thus, the smaller the better. Tiny electrodes with electrochemical radii as narrow as 10 Å have now been made (page 1118); these "nanodes" are capable of recording kinetic rate constants that are two orders of magnitude faster than those that previously could be measured. Penner et al. describe the fabrication of the miniature electrodes, beginning with a platinum or platinum-iridium wire that is etched and then coated with glass. Physical features of the nanodes were studied with the scanning electron microscope and their performance and reproducibility tested. The precision of the nanodes was then demonstrated for measurements of the transfer of electrons between redox couples. The clocking of ultrafast electrochemical reactions is but one of the applications of this nanotechnology. The small size of the nanode also provides spatial advantages that make possible measurements of conductivity changes in ion channels and voltages inside tissues and single cells. The tiny monitors will also be of value for scanning tunneling microscopy and nanoscale etching and lithography.

Retrovirus in autoimmune disease?

HE production of tears and saliva is turned off in Sjögren's syndrome, and the glands that normally produce these excretions become infiltrated with lymphoid cells. These same symptoms and signs are sometimes seen in patients who are infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Therefore, the question arose whether HIV or a related virus might be associated with Sjögren's syndrome. Lymphoblastoid cells were exposed to extracts of salivary gland tissue from patients with Sjögren's syndrome; subsequently retroviral particles antigenically related to but distinct in other ways from HIV were detected inside

vacuoles in the cells (page 1127). The cells did not actively produce viruses. The particles were doughnut-shaped and looked like A-type retroviral particles found in cells of various other species. Some patients with Sjögren's syndrome have antibodies that crossreact with various HIV proteins, and it may be these particles that stimulate antibody production. Garry et al. caution that it is unclear how closely these retroviruses are tied to the development of Sjögren's syndrome-etiologic agents or just opportunistic organisms-but note that other studies have suggested associations of retroviruses with various autoimmune diseases, including multiple sclerosis, Graves' disease, and lupus.

Scientific truths and consequences

ow significant are the roles of personalities and the climate of the times in the acceptance of scientific truths, frauds, and even errors? Three books that are reviewed this week suggest that subjective variables such as these can have a powerful effect on whether objective scientific data will pass muster (page 1162). One book is about the geneticist Franz Moewus, whose prominence and later fall from grace may have been closely tied to the amount of attention-at times too much, at times too little-paid him by others in his field. The other books are about Piltdown man, anthropology's most celebrated and embarrassing forgery. Skull and jaw fragments from a putative ape-human transitional individual were "discovered" in 1912 and fit nicely with prevailing theories about human evolution; not until 1950 was the "discovery," an outright fake, discredited. The trail to the perpetrator of Piltdown man is growing old and cold, but the case still intrigues from several perspectives, not the least of which is what motivated the forger. Both the Moewus and the Piltdown cases are instructional for the light they shed on the nature of the scientific endeavor.

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An appendix includes descriptions of existing courses and programs, offered at institutions nationwide, that are consistent with the project's recommendations. This report is of particular interest to undergraduate science educators as well as to all people committed to quality science education.

Topics include: Agenda for action; faculty responsibility; resource commitment; teaching materials and technologies; assessment instruments; the nature of scientific explanation; historical context; pedagogical techniques; integrating multidisciplinary content; programmatic approaches to liberal education in science; and liberal education for special groups such as future science teachers, the underrepresented in science, people with disabilities, and science and engineering majors.

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Jan. 20-24	Electrochemistry	Nondestructive Evaluation
Jan. 27-31	Metals in Biology	Plant Herbivore Interaction
Feb. 3-7	Oxygen Radicals in Biology	Prolactin
Feb. 10-14	Peptides, Chemistry & Physics of	Macromolecular & Polyelectrolyte Solutions
Feb. 17-21	Marine Natural Products	Angiotensin
Feb. 24-28	Organic Thin Films	Polymers for Biosystems
March 2-6	Superconductivity	Electronic Materials
March 9-13	Magnesium in Biochemical Processes	Chemotheray of AIDS
	Isotopes in the Physical & Life Sciences	
March 16-20	Not Available	Neuroendocrinimmunology
March 23-27	Thrombolysis	Particle Physics in the 90's

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Summer Gordon Research Conferences will be held June 10-August 16, 1991 in New Hampshire and June 17-August 23, 1991 in Rhode Island. GORDON RESEARCH CONFERENCES ADMITS SCIEN-TIFICALLY QUALIFIED CONFEREES OF ANY SEX, RACE, AGE, COLOR AND NATIONAL ORIGIN.

The chair of each conference is requested to have the detailed program in our office January 1, 1991, and the entire Summer program with application will be published in the March 1, 1991 issue of *Science*.

Requests for applications to the Summer Conferences, or for additional information should be addressed to: Dr. Alexander M. Cruickshank, Director, Gordon Research Conferences, Gordon Research Center, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881-0801. Tel. (401) 783-4011 or (401) 783-3372. FAX No.: (401) 783-7644.

The 1992 Winter Gordon Research Conferences, as shown above, will be held January 6 - March 27, 1992 in California. Fixed Conference fees and host sites have not been established at this time.

The chair of each conference is requested to have the detailed program in the Director's office September 1, 1991 and the detailed Winter program will be published in the October 4, 1991 issue of *Science*.

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1991 Schedule - New Hampshire & Rhode Island

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1. Full fixed fee charged regardless of time conferee attends Conference. Please note fees.

2. Fixed fee cannot be prorated or reduced for anyone (speakers, discussion leaders, conferees).

3. Non-resident conferees are expected to eat all meals in the conference Dining Room and, therefore, the Fixed Fee for non-residents includes the full meal charge. 4. Refunds — See General Information under cancellations.

PAYMENT:

The full fixed fee will be required IN ADVANCE of ALL PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS. Attendance and/or accommodations will NOT be reserved unless this fee is received in our office 3 weeks prior to the Conference. Foreign participants will also be required to pay Gordon Research Conferences in advance in U.S. dollars payable by wire only to a U.S. bank. Checks drawn on Canadian banks and foreign banks cannot be accepted and will be returned. Scientists in Canada must use a bank draft obtained from their bank payable in U.S. dollars and drawn on a U.S. bank. Remittance information on the transfer must include the conferee's name, conferee number and Conference title. Detailed information on payment, travel etc. mailed with registration material.