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Apertureless imaging

Near-field scanning optical microscopy can achieve a spatial resolution of about 50 nanometers by imaging with a light source defined by a small aper-



ture. Zenhausern *et al.* (p. 1083) report a resolution of 1 nanometer obtained by interferometric detection of light scattered from a small vibrating reflective tip. The tip dimensions define the source, and the contrast mechanism involves dipole-dipole coupling between the tip and the sample. Theory suggests that atomic resolution may be possible.

Where CO₂ goes

Analysis of global warming is complicated by uncertainties about the sources and sinks for CO₂. Ciais et al. (p. 1098) present data for an extended range of worldwide sites and show that a large terrestrial sink existed in the Northern Hemisphere during 1992 and 1993. This sink may be natural or anthropogenic. As carbon storage on land is much more vulnerable to perturbations than oceanic storage, this partitioning of CO_2 uptake between land and oceans may have serious implications for future increases in atmospheric CO_2 .

Easier to turn on

Polymer light-emitting diodes (LEDs) offer several advantages over inorganic materials, but have limitations such as short

Making sense of our senses

How do humans integrate various sensory stimuli and integrate them with our emotional state? From a study of three patients with lesions of the amygdala or the hippocampus or both, Bechara *et al.* (p. 1115) conclude that the amygdala is necessary for coupling external events to emotional response and that the hippocampus is essential for establishing factual relations between these events. Patients were conditioned to expect an unpleasantly loud horn in response to only one of several colored slides. Damage to the amygdala abolished the autonomic response to the horn without disturbing the patient's awareness of the events, while damage to the hippocampus yielded the converse.

tribution of hydrothermal activ-

ity has not emerged. A survey

over a large part of this ridge by

Urabe et al. (p. 1092) identified

hydrothermal plumes over 60

percent of the ridge crest sur-

veyed, particularly above axial

Growing pains

How can developing countries

increase their standard of living while controlling energy use and

environmental degradation? In

a Policy Forum, Goldemberg (p.

1058) concludes that increased

energy efficiency will not meet

the growing demand for energy

in developing countries. Eco-

nomic development will require

a balance between the use of

new energy sources and some

Population puzzles

Animal species may exhibit cy-

clic population levels or may

show sudden drops in popula-

tion; two reports present experi-

mental and theoretical ap-

proaches to understanding these

changes. Krebs et al. (p. 1112;

see the Perspective by Stenseth,

p. 1061) manipulated the food

supply and predator numbers for

a population of snowshoe hares

and conclude that the 10-year

environmental damage.

magma chambers.

lifetimes. Pei *et al.* (p. 1086; see the news story by Service, p. 1042) used electrochemistry to produce light emission by doping *p*- and *n*-type layers on opposite sides of a thin film of conjugated polymer. Various colors can be produced with turn-on voltages near the band gap of the emissive material. The LEDs have longer lifetimes and are less sensitive to film thickness variations.

Branch route

Highly branched polymers called dendrimers could find a number of possible applications, but the need for several rounds of synthesis have made them relatively expensive. Fréchet *et al.* (p. 1080; see the Perspective by DeSimone, p. 1060) activated a vinyl monomer to form multiple growing chains, producing irregular, highly branched polymers in one step.

Hot water heaters

Hydrothermal interaction of seawater with ocean crust are greatly affected by activity associated with the superfast spreading East Pacific Rise. Although ocean-basin-scale plumes of helium-3-rich waters emanate from this ridge, the detailed dis-

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cycles in hare population results from a three-trophic-level interaction of food, hares, and predators. Fish populations depleted by overfishing may not recover because reproductive success may decrease at low populations, an effect called depensation. Myers et al. (p. 1106; see news story by Barinaga, p. 1043) analyzed data on 128 fish stocks and found that 3 stocks, including Pacific salmon, have experienced depensation. This model suggests that many threatened stocks might still recover if overfishing ceased.

Inside cytochrome c oxidase

Molecular oxygen is converted into water in the inner mitochondrial membrane of eukaryotes by cytochrome c oxidase. This process is coupled to adenosine triphosphate synthesis. Tsukihara *et al.* (p. 1069; see cover and the Perspective by Gennis and Ferguson-Miller, p. 1063) have crystallized this membrane protein and determined the structure of its metalcontaining sites.

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Energy crisis

The CCAAT/enhancer-binding protein α (C/EBP α) is a bZIP transcription factor expressed in the liver that has been proposed to regulate genes involved in energy metabolism. Wang et al. (p. 1108) generated mice in which the $c/ebp\alpha$ gene is deleted. The mutant mice appear indistinguishable from their littermates at birth, but they fail to store hepatic glycogen, and they die from hypoglycemia by 8 hours after birth. These mice had many defects in establishing and maintaining energy homeostasis.

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