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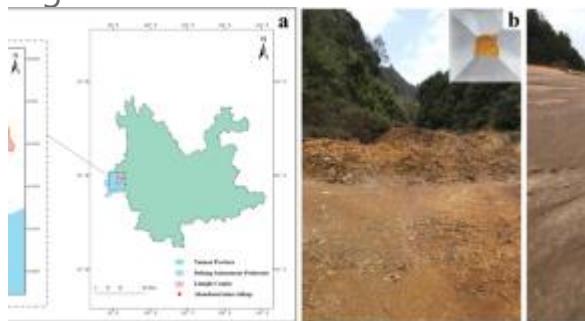
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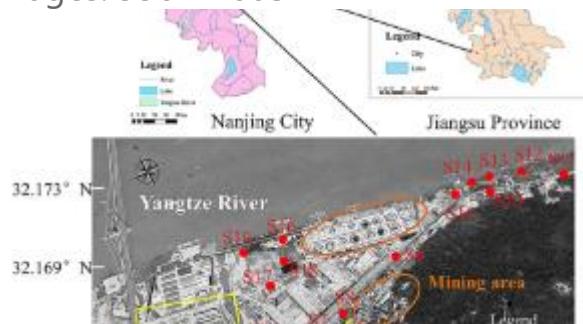
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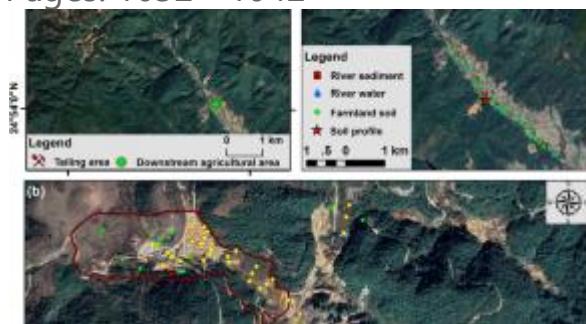
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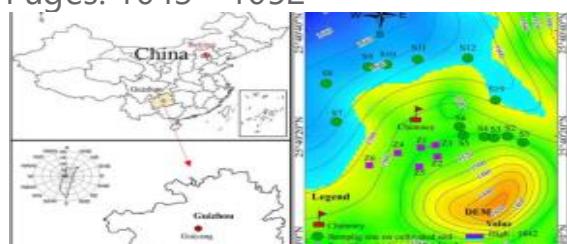
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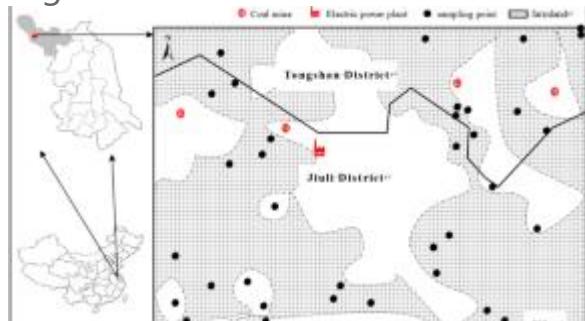
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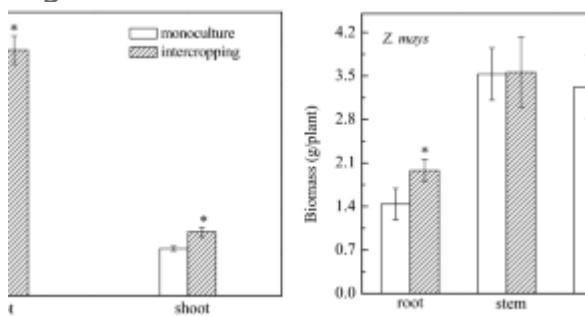
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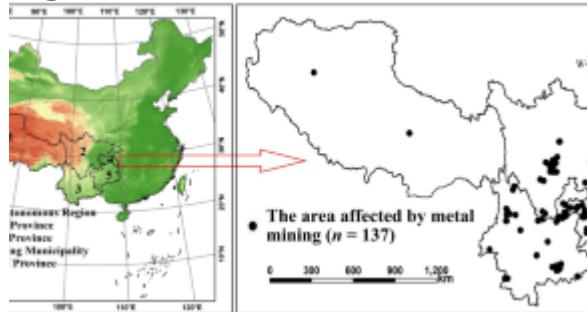
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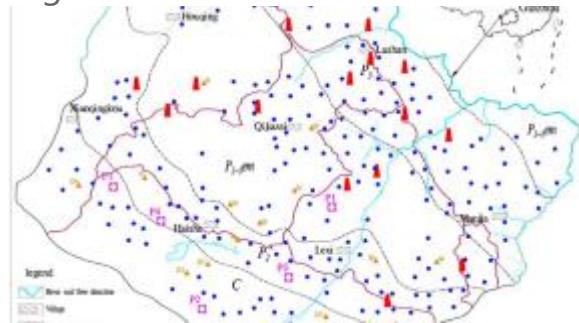
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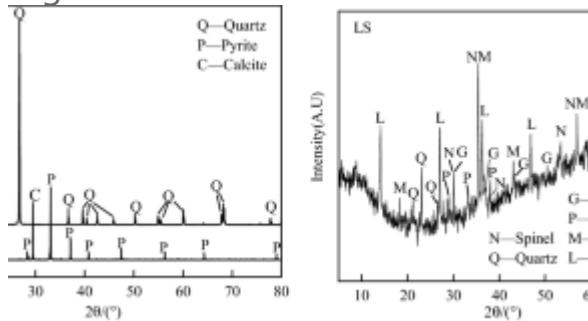
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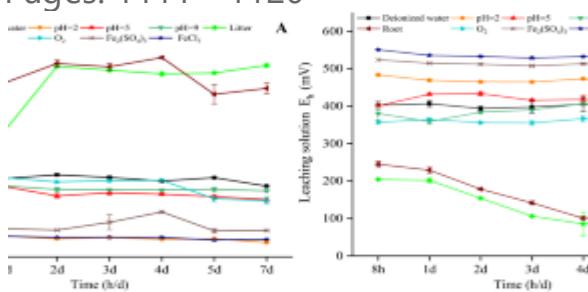
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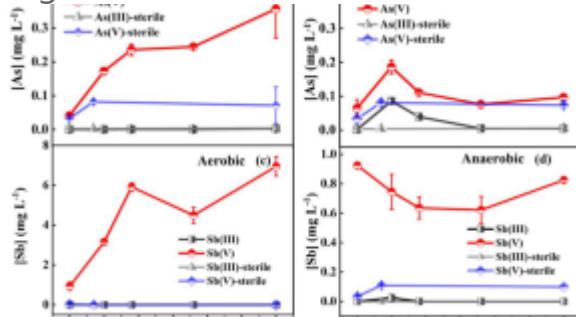
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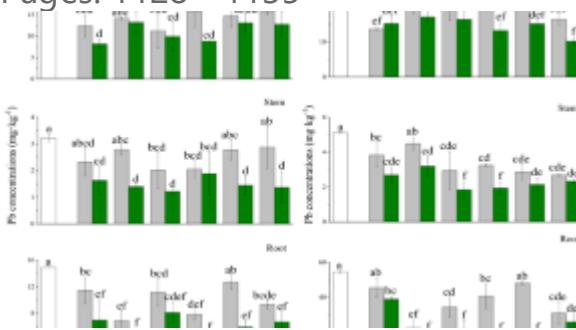
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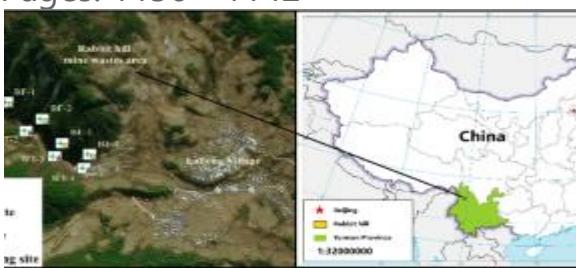
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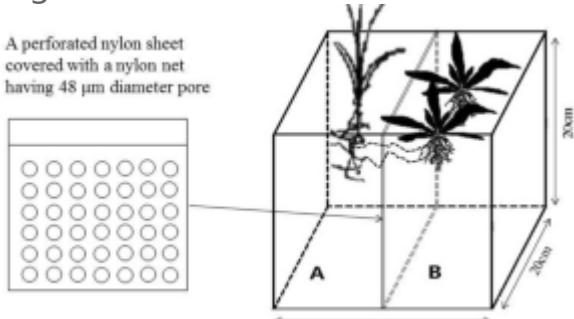
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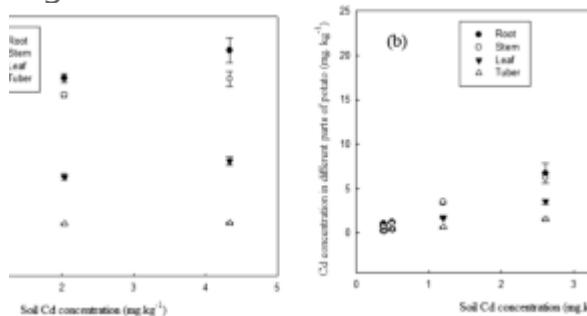
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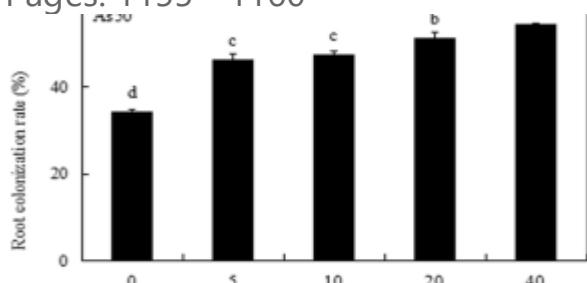
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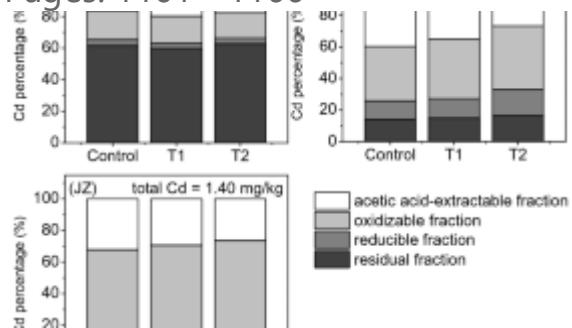
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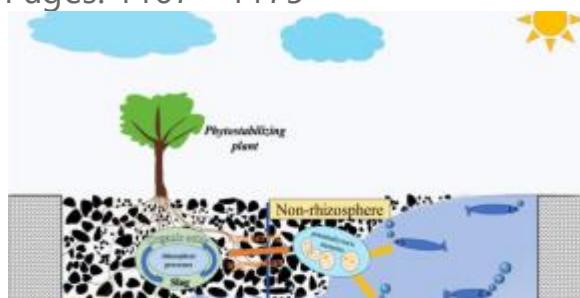
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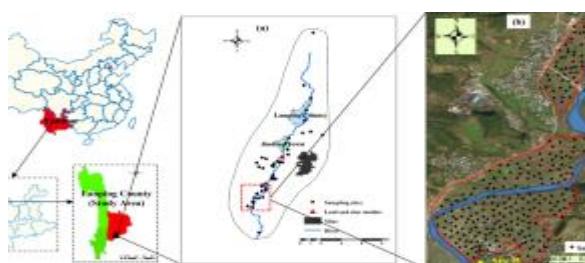
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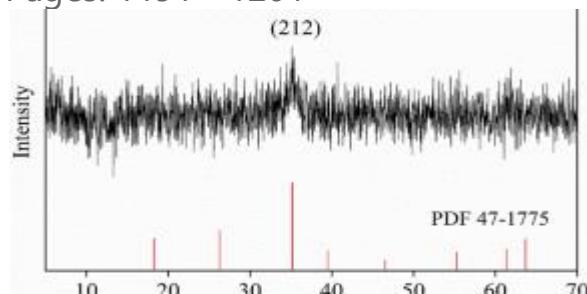
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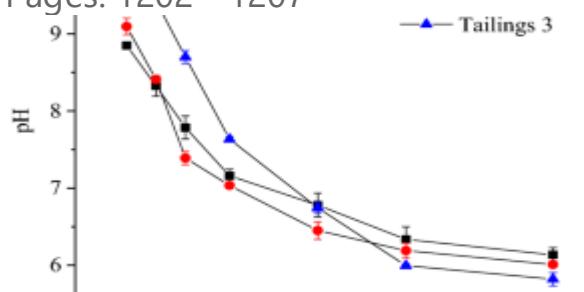
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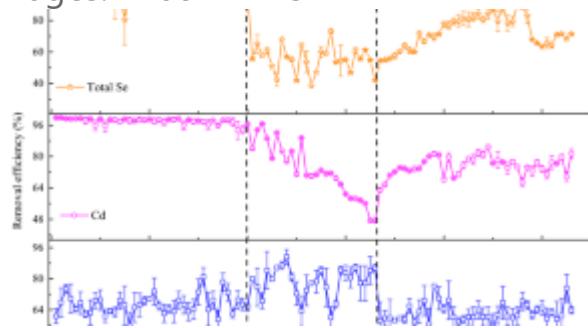
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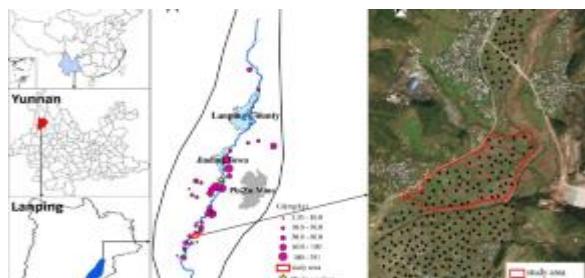
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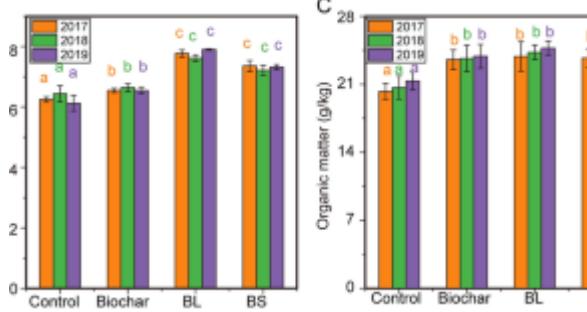
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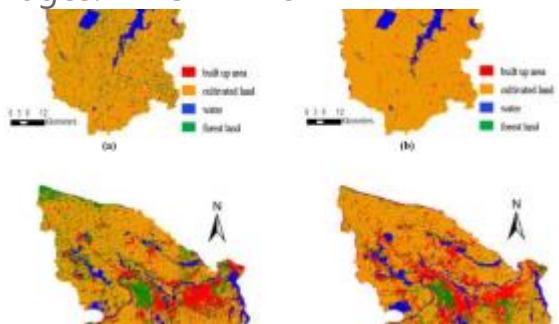
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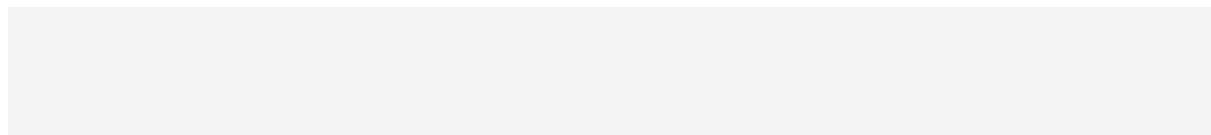
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Machine-learning tools have been used to assist the part of mathematical research that usually relies on human intuition and creativity — leading to two fundamental results in different areas of mathematics.
- Christian Stump
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Helpline data used to monitor population distress in a pandemic
The initial stages of the COVID-19 pandemic saw an increase in calls to mental-health helplines in 19 countries. Helpline-call data can be used to monitor distress at a population level in near-real time.
- Cindy H. Liu
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A dry lunar mantle reservoir for young mare basalts of Chang'e-5
Water abundance and hydrogen isotope compositions of two-billion-year-old basalt samples returned from the Moon by the Chang'e-5 mission suggest that the samples came from a relatively dry mantle source.
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 - Huicun He
 - Ziyuan Ouyang
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Two-billion-year-old volcanism on the Moon from Chang'e-5 basalts
Basalt samples returned from the Moon by the Chang'e-5 mission are revealed to be two billion years old by radioisotopic dating, providing insight on the volcanic history of the Moon.
 - Qiu-Li Li
 - Qin Zhou
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Non-KREEP origin for Chang'e-5 basalts in the Procellarum KREEP Terrane
Isotopic analysis of basalt clasts returned from the Moon by the Chang'e-5 mission indicates that the rocks were derived from a mantle source that lacked potassium, rare-earth elements and phosphorus.
 - Heng-Ci Tian
 - Hao Wang
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Sound emission and annihilations in a programmable quantum vortex collider
By controlling the generation and collision of individual vortices in atomic Fermi superfluids, a study provides a comprehensive view of vortex decay due to mutual friction and vortex–sound interaction.
 - W. J. Kwon
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 - G. Roati

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Advancing mathematics by guiding human intuition with AI
A framework through which machine learning can guide mathematicians in discovering new conjectures and theorems is presented and shown to yield mathematical insight on important open problems in different areas of pure mathematics.
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 - Petar Veličković
 - Pushmeet Kohli
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Optomechanical dissipative solitons
Stable, dissipative optomechanical solitons are realized using optical fields in a whispering gallery mode resonator by balancing the optomechanical nonlinearities with a tailored modal dispersion.
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 - Bo Peng
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In situ Raman spectroscopy reveals the structure and dissociation of interfacial water
Interfacial water consists of hydrogen-bonded water and Na·H₂O, its structure changes at hydrogen evolution reaction (HER) potentials, and when structurally ordered it aids interfacial electron transfer, resulting in higher HER rates.
 - Yao-Hui Wang
 - Shisheng Zheng
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Late Quaternary dynamics of Arctic biota from ancient environmental genomics
A large-scale metagenomic analysis of plant and mammal environmental DNA reveals complex ecological changes across the circumpolar region over the past 50,000 years, as biota responded to changing climates, culminating in the postglacial extinction of large mammals and emergence of modern ecosystems.
 - Yucheng Wang
 - Mikkel Winther Pedersen
 - Eske Willerslev

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Temporal transitions in the post-mitotic nervous system of *Caenorhabditis elegans*
In the post-mitotic nervous system of *Caenorhabditis elegans*, the promotion of a mature neuronal transcription program is controlled by the developmental-stage-specific upregulation of the microRNA LIN-4 and the subsequent repression of its target, the transcription factor *lin-14*.
 - HaoSheng Sun
 - Oliver Hobert
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Thalamic circuits for independent control of prefrontal signal and noise
Two different cell types in the mediodorsal thalamus have complementary roles in decision-making, with one type of mediodorsal projection amplifying prefrontal activity under low signal levels and one type suppressing it under high noise levels.
 - Arghya Mukherjee
 - Norman H. Lam
 - Michael M. Halassa
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Terrestrial-type nitrogen-fixing symbiosis between seagrass and a marine bacterium
The N₂-fixing symbiont '*Candidatus Celerinatantimonas neptuna*' lives inside the root tissue of the seagrass *Posidonia oceanica*, providing ammonia and amino acids to its host in exchange for sugars and enabling highly productive seagrass meadows to thrive in the nitrogen-limited Mediterranean Sea.
 - Wiebke Mohr
 - Nadine Lehnen
 - Marcel M. M. Kuypers
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The human microbiome encodes resistance to the antidiabetic drug acarbose
Bacteria in the human gut and oral microbiome encode enzymes that selectively phosphorylate the antidiabetic drug acarbose—an inhibitor of both human and bacterial α-glucosidases—resulting in its inactivation and limiting the drug's effects on the ability of the host to metabolize complex carbohydrates.
 - Jared Balaich

- Michael Estrella
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Antiviral activity of bacterial TIR domains via immune signalling molecules
The mechanism of Thoeris—a bacterial anti-phage defence system—is described in detail, revealing that bacterial TIR-domain proteins recognize infection and produce signalling molecules to execute cell death, akin to the roles of these proteins in plants.
 - Gal Ofir
 - Ehud Herbst
 - Rotem Sorek
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Mental health concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic as revealed by helpline calls
Data collected from crisis helplines during the COVID-19 pandemic show that pandemic-related issues replaced rather than exacerbated underlying anxieties, and demonstrate that helpline data are useful indicators of public mental health.
 - Marius Brülhart
 - Valentin Klotzbücher
 - Stephanie K. Reich
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Cryptic transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and the first COVID-19 wave
Modelling highlights international travel as the main driver of the introduction of SARS-CoV-2 to Europe and the USA, and suggests that introductions and local transmission may have begun in January 2020.
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 - Matteo Chinazzi
 - Alessandro Vespignani
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Independent infections of porcine deltacoronavirus among Haitian children
The presence of porcine deltacoronavirus has been detected in three children from Haiti that could have originated from zoonotic spillover.
 - John A. Lednicky
 - Massimiliano S. Tagliamonte
 - J. Glenn Morris Jr

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Self-guarding of MORC3 enables virulence factor-triggered immunity

MORC3 is revealed as an essential negative regulator of the anti-viral interferon response that functions in an innate immune pathway that detects viral virulence factors.

- Moritz M. Gaidt
- Alyssa Morrow
- Russell E. Vance

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Structural basis of cytokine-mediated activation of ALK family receptors

Structural studies of the complex of anaplastic lymphoma kinase and leukocyte tyrosine kinase and their activating cytokines identify unique architectural features of the complex, and provide a novel mechanistic paradigm among receptor tyrosine kinases.

- Steven De Munck
- Mathias Provost
- Savvas N. Savvides

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Structural basis for ligand reception by anaplastic lymphoma kinase

Analysis of crystal structures of anaplastic lymphoma kinase elucidate the mechanism by which ligand binding and the glycine-rich domain regulate its activity.

- Tongqing Li
- Steven E. Stayrook
- Daryl E. Klein

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Mechanism for the activation of the anaplastic lymphoma kinase receptor

Cryo-electron microscopy, nuclear magnetic resonance and X-ray crystallography are used to provide structural and mechanistic details of the activation of anaplastic lymphoma kinase by the ligands ALKAL1 and ALKAL2.

- Andrey V. Reshetnyak
- Paolo Rossi
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Aldehyde-driven transcriptional stress triggers an anorexic DNA damage response
Endogenous formaldehyde accumulation reveals Cockayne syndrome in mice and stimulates production of the anorexiogenic peptide GDF15 in proximal tubule cells.
 - Lee Mulderrig
 - Juan I. Garaycoechea
 - Ketan J. Patel
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Structure, function and pharmacology of human itch receptor complexes
Cryo-electron microscopy structures of the MRGPRX2–G_{i1} trimer in complex with polycationic compound 48/80 or inflammatory peptides provide insights into the sensing of cationic allergens by MRGPRX2, potentially facilitating the design of therapies to prevent unwanted pseudoallergic reactions.
 - Fan Yang
 - Lulu Guo
 - Jin-Peng Sun
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Structure, function and pharmacology of human itch GPCRs
Structural studies of the itch receptors MRGPRX2 and MRGPRX4 in complex with endogenous and synthetic ligands provide a basis for the development of therapeutic compounds for pain, itch and mast cell-mediated hypersensitivity.
 - Can Cao
 - Hye Jin Kang
 - Bryan L. Roth

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The UN must get on with appointing its new science board
The decision to appoint a board of advisors is welcome — and urgent, given the twin challenges of COVID and climate change.
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Omicron: the global response is making it worse
The pandemic will not end while vaccine equity keeps getting pushed to the margins.

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Understand the real reasons reproducibility reform fails
Lack of rigour is often blamed on pressure to publish. But ethnographers can find out what truly keeps science from upping its game.
 - Nicole C. Nelson

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Does police outreach cut crime? Efforts in six nations give a bleak answer
Community policing in the global south fails to reduce crime rates or public mistrust.
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This enormous eagle could have killed you, probably
The extinct Haast's eagle — known from fossils found in New Zealand — hunted like its modern relatives, but also had habits of a scavenger.

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Shutting ‘super-polluters’ slashes greenhouse gases — and deaths
Early retirement for climate-damaging power plants would also cut emissions of air pollution that endanger human health.
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Famous space family has a surprisingly peaceful history
The seven planets orbiting the star TRAPPIST-1 were largely spared cosmic collisions, raising questions about where these worlds got their water.
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What fuelled an ancient empire’s rise? Potatoes and quinoa
The Andean superpower Tiwanaku developed with the help of a stable source of nutrients, including llama meat.
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Across the Sahara in a day: swifts zip across the desert at amazing rates
A species of swift lives up to its name as it migrates from southern Europe to central Africa.
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Super jelly springs back from a squashing
This fabricated gel doesn’t crack under pressure.

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A peek into the black box of human embryology
The molecular mechanisms involved in human gastrulation, a crucial stage in early embryonic development, have been largely elusive. Gene-expression data from a gastrulating human embryo shed light on this process.
 - Alexander Goedel
 - Fredrik Lanner

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Constraints on estimating the CO₂ fertilization effect emerge
Plants offset a large fraction of Earth's carbon dioxide emissions, but estimating the size of this carbon sink relies on differing terrestrial-biosphere models. Combining multiple models with data has now reduced the uncertainty.
 - Chris Huntingford
 - Rebecca J. Oliver
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Clues that natural killer cells help to control COVID
Natural killer cells can destroy cells infected by SARS-CoV-2, but this immune-system defence malfunctions in people with severe COVID-19. Will this finding drive a search for ways to reinvigorate natural killer cells in such cases?
 - Emilie Narni-Mancinelli
 - Eric Vivier
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Giant planet imaged orbiting two massive stars
Direct imaging has revealed the existence of a large planet orbiting a binary system that contains the most massive planet-hosting stars detected so far. The discovery challenges existing models for how planets and stars form.
 - Kaitlin Kratter
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From the archive
Nature's pages feature changes in the number of topics a science lecturer might cover, and official rules about who can be called a chemist.
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Cerebellar neurons that curb food consumption
Artificial activation of neurons identified in a brain region called the cerebellum reduces food intake in mice. The findings could have implications for people with appetite disorders.
 - Richard Simerly
 - Ralph DiLeone

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A wide-orbit giant planet in the high-mass b Centauri binary system

A direct imaging study demonstrates the existence of a giant planet in a wide orbit around the high-mass b Centauri binary system, and uses measurements of the orbital properties to discuss its formation mechanism.

- Markus Janson
- Raffaele Gratton
- Joseph C. Carson

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Giant modulation of optical nonlinearity by Floquet engineering

Coherent control and giant modulation of optical nonlinearity in a van der Waals layered magnetic insulator is demonstrated using Floquet engineering.

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- M. Ye
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Evidence for unconventional superconductivity in twisted bilayer graphene

A study combining tunnelling and Andreev reflection spectroscopy with a scanning tunnelling microscope provides evidence for unconventional superconductivity in magic-angle twisted bilayer graphene.

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- Kevin P. Nuckolls
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High-frequency and intrinsically stretchable polymer diodes

A stretchable anode, cathode, semiconductor and current collector have been developed to create stretchable diodes that can operate at megahertz frequencies for use in wirelessly operated, skin-like wearable electronics.

- Naoji Matsuhisa
- Simiao Niu
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A constraint on historic growth in global photosynthesis due to increasing CO₂
An emergent constraint combining biosphere models and carbon budget estimates suggests that the increase in the global terrestrial carbon sink is caused largely by a CO₂-induced increase in photosynthesis.
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 - X. Luo
 - S. Zhou
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Bizarre tail weaponry in a transitional ankylosaur from subantarctic Chile
Stegouros elengassen, an ankylosaur from the late Cretaceous of Chile, has a large tail weapon, named a macuahuitl after the Aztec club, with a frond-like structure formed by seven pairs of laterally projecting osteoderms encasing the distal half of the tail.
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 - Alexander O. Vargas
 - David Rubilar-Rogers
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Quantifying social organization and political polarization in online platforms
A new method quantifies the social makeup of online communities, and applying it to 14 years of commenting patterns on Reddit shows increased polarization in 2016, driven by new users to the platform.
 - Isaac Waller
 - Ashton Anderson
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Reverse-translational identification of a cerebellar satiation network
Activity in anterior deep cerebellar nuclei reduces food consumption in mice without reducing metabolic rate, potentially identifying a therapeutic target for disorders involving excessive eating.
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 - Nitsan Goldstein
 - J. Nicholas Betley
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Allometric rules for mammalian cortical layer 5 neuron biophysics
Analyses of layer 5 cortical pyramidal neurons in 10 mammalian species show that human neurons are distinct in that they do not

follow the expected allometric relationship between neuron size and membrane conductance.

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 - Norma J. Brown
 - Mark T. Harnett
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Multiview confocal super-resolution microscopy
A combination of multiview imaging, structured illumination, reconstruction algorithms and deep-learning predictions realizes spatial- and temporal-resolution improvements in fluorescence microscopy to produce super-resolution images from diffraction-limited input images.
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 - Xiaofei Han
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Single-cell transcriptomic characterization of a gastrulating human embryo
The single-cell transcriptional profile of a human embryo between 16 and 19 days after fertilization reveals parallels and differences in gastrulation in humans as compared with mouse and non-human primate models.
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 - Elmir Mahammadov
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Observation of universal ageing dynamics in antibiotic persistence
Characterizations of bacteria under acute stress reveal features that can be predicted using a conceptual model of physical ageing.
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Untimely TGF β responses in COVID-19 limit antiviral functions of NK cells
The improper timing of transforming growth factor- β production is a hallmark of severe COVID-19 that may impede natural killer cell function and early control of infection.
 - Mario Witkowski
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Host immunomodulatory lipids created by symbionts from dietary amino acids
The symbiotic gut bacterium *Bacteroides fragilis* produces unique α -galactosylceramides from host dietary branched-chain amino acids, which are presented as CD1d ligands and immunomodulate natural killer T cells.
 - Sungwhan F. Oh
 - T. Praveena
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CRISPR screens unveil signal hubs for nutrient licensing of T cell immunity
CRISPR screening and protein–protein interaction networks identify components and mechanisms of nutrient-dependent mTORC1 signalling in regulatory T cells and reveal how mTORC1 integrates immunological cues and nutrient signals for adaptive immunity.
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 - Jun Wei
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IL-27 signalling promotes adipocyte thermogenesis and energy expenditure
Therapeutic administration of IL-27—serum levels of which are decreased in individuals with obesity—improves thermogenesis, protects against diet-induced obesity and ameliorates insulin resistance in mouse models of obesity.
 - Qian Wang
 - Dehai Li
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The CLIP1-LTK fusion is an oncogenic driver in non-small-cell lung cancer
Whole-transcriptome sequencing of a subset of 75 non-small-cell lung cancer specimens in a multi-institutional genome screening study identified a fusion of the *CLIP1* and *LTK* genes with transformational potential due to constitutive LTK kinase activity.
 - Hiroki Izumi
 - Shingo Matsumoto
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FAM72A antagonizes UNG2 to promote mutagenic repair during antibody maturation
FAM72A differentially controls mutation rates by regulating uracil processing at different stages of the cell cycle, thereby regulating somatic hypermutation and class-switch recombination in B cells.
 - Yuqing Feng
 - Conglei Li
 - Alberto Martin
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Fam72a enforces error-prone DNA repair during antibody diversification
FAM72A interacts with UNG2 to regulate the balance between error-prone and error-free DNA repair.
 - Mélanie Rogier
 - Jacques Moritz
 - Bernardo Reina-San-Martin
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Structural insights into Ubr1-mediated N-degron polyubiquitination
Structures of Ubr1 in complex with Ubc2, ubiquitin and two N-degron peptides reveal a Ubc2-binding region and an acceptor ubiquitin-binding loop on Ubr1, providing mechanistic insights into the initiation and elongation steps of ubiquitination catalysed by Ubr1.
 - Man Pan
 - Qingyun Zheng
 - Minglei Zhao
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Structures of the HER2–HER3–NRG1 β complex reveal a dynamic dimer interface
Cryo-electron microscopy structures of the HER2–HER3–NRG1 β complex reveal a dynamic HER2–HER3 interface and explain the mechanism for the activating HER2 cancer mutations.
 - Devan Diwanji
 - Raphael Trenker
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Replicating scientific results is tough — but essential
A high-profile replication study in cancer biology has obtained disappointing results. Scientists must redouble their efforts to find out why.
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Gender balance at Nature Conferences: an update
Nature has made progress in improving the representation and participation of women at scientific conferences — but there is still much more to do.

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India — stop looking down on international collaborations
Publications co-authored by scientists from the West are sometimes discounted by grant and hiring committees. That needs to change.
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Surging plastic use is fed by coal power — with deadly results
Coal-fired power plants are satisfying the world's voracious appetite for plastic, but their emissions are causing a wave of disease and deaths.
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Nervous stomach: lab-grown organs clench like the real thing
The most complex stomach organoids yet are made with cells from three layers found in developing embryos.

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Why cannabis reeks of skunk
 Scientists discover sulfurous compounds that help to give pot a rank odour, holding out the promise of fragrance-free bud.
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Snake escape: imported reptiles gobble an island's lizards
 King snakes brought to Gran Canaria have multiplied, wreaking havoc on all of its native reptiles.
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'Sky river' brought Iran deadly floods — but also welcome water
 Moisture from the Mediterranean and Red seas helped to recharge an Iranian lake whose area has shrunk by 90% in recent decades.
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It's alive! Bio-bricks can signal to others of their kind
 Large structures can be built from a microbial material with self-healing properties.
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Running of the bulls tramples the laws of crowd dynamics
 The physics of crowds fails to describe behaviour of pedestrians at a famed bull-running festival.

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Context is key for learning motor skills
 A sophisticated theory for learning motor skills places emphasis on the need for inferring context — drawing conclusions about the structure of the environment — for efficiently storing and expressing motor memories.
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 - Samuel D. McDougle

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Hominin footprints at Laetoli reveal a walk on the wild side
Bipedalism is a defining feature of the human lineage, but not all hominin species walked in the same way. New data from a famous palaeoanthropology site reveal that at least two differently bipedal hominins roamed eastern Africa.
 - Stephanie M. Melillo
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Human genetic variants identified that affect COVID susceptibility and severity
An individual's genetics can influence their risk of infection and the severity of disease symptoms. A large international study has identified parts of the human genome that can affect the risk of severe COVID-19.
 - Samira Asgari
 - Lionel A. Pousaz
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Benefits of megastudies for testing behavioural interventions
Trials of behavioural interventions are hard to compare, hampering policy decision-making. The effects of more than 50 interventions on exercise behaviour have been compared using an experimental design called a megastudy.
 - Heather Royer

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The emergence, genomic diversity and global spread of SARS-CoV-2
The potential origins and global spread of SARS-CoV-2, the emergence of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern and the importance of genomic surveillance for the control of the COVID-19 pandemic are discussed.
 - Juan Li
 - Shengjie Lai
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Biogeochemical extremes and compound events in the ocean

High-temperature, high-acidity and low-oxygen extremes may pose a particular threat to marine ecosystems, requiring a major effort to understand them and the ability of marine life to respond to them.

- Nicolas Gruber
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Sublimation-driven convection in Sputnik Planitia on Pluto

A modelling study describing the formation of the polygonal surface structures in Sputnik Planitia on Pluto shows that convection driven by ice sublimation can generate planetary-scale surface patterns.

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- Stéphane Labrosse
- Gaël Choblet

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Direct limits for scalar field dark matter from a gravitational-wave detector

Using a gravitational-wave detector to listen for dark matter signatures, a direct search for scalar field dark matter was conducted and new upper limits are set on the coupling constants.

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- Philip Relton
- Holger Wittel

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Observation of Feshbach resonances between a single ion and ultracold atoms

Magnetically tunable interactions between lithium atoms and barium ions are used to demonstrate and probe Feshbach resonances between atoms and ions, which could have applications in the fields of experimental quantum simulation and fundamental physics.

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- Tobias Schaetz

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Detecting spins by their fluorescence with a microwave photon counter

An ensemble of electron spins is detected by their microwave fluorescence using a superconducting single microwave photon

counter, making single-spin electron spin resonance spectroscopy a possible future prospect.

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Fractional Chern insulators in magic-angle twisted bilayer graphene
A study using local compressibility measurements reports fractional Chern insulator states at low magnetic field in magic-angle twisted bilayer graphene, and establishes the applied magnetic field as a means to tune the Berry curvature distribution.
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Tritiation of aryl thianthrenium salts with a molecular palladium catalyst
The isotopic label tritium can be selectively added into aromatic organic compounds by a homogenous hydrogenolysis reaction using aryl thianthrenium salts, tritium gas and a molecular palladium catalyst.
 - Da Zhao
 - Roland Petzold
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A large West Antarctic Ice Sheet explains early Neogene sea-level amplitude
Variations in Miocene sea level can be explained by a large marine-based West Antarctic Ice Sheet.
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Uncovering global-scale risks from commercial chemicals in air
A new framework is proposed for assessing the risks of the atmospheric transformation products of commercial chemicals, combining laboratory and field experiments, advanced techniques for screening suspect chemicals, and *in silico* modelling.
 - Qifan Liu
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Deep-mantle krypton reveals Earth's early accretion of carbonaceous matter
The krypton isotopic pattern of Earth's deep mantle indicates that volatile-rich material from the outer Solar System was delivered early in Earth's accretion history.
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Footprint evidence of early hominin locomotor diversity at Laetoli, Tanzania
Reanalysis of bipedal trackways from Laetoli site A in Tanzania suggest that the footprints were made by a hominin that coexisted with at least one other hominin species.
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 - Kevin G. Hatala
 - Jeremy M. DeSilva
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Mapping the human genetic architecture of COVID-19
A global network of researchers was formed to investigate the role of human genetics in SARS-CoV-2 infection and COVID-19 severity; this paper reports 13 genome-wide significant loci and potentially actionable mechanisms in response to infection.
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 - Juha Karjalainen
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Megastudies improve the impact of applied behavioural science
A massive field study whereby many different treatments are tested synchronously in one large sample using a common objectively measured outcome, termed a megastudy, was performed to examine the ability of interventions to increase gym attendance by American adults.
 - Katherine L. Milkman
 - Dena Gromet
 - Angela L. Duckworth

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Cognitive control persistently enhances hippocampal information processing
Studies in mice show that cognitive control training rapidly improves brain circuit function and enhances subsequent learning, which both persist for months.
 - Ain Chung
 - Claudia Jou
 - André A. Fenton
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Contextual inference underlies the learning of sensorimotor repertoires
A theory of motor learning based on the principle of contextual inference reveals that adaptation can arise by both creating and updating memories and changing how existing memories are differentially expressed, and predicts evoked recovery and context-dependent single-trial learning.
 - James B. Heald
 - Máté Lengyel
 - Daniel M. Wolpert
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Exercise plasma boosts memory and dampens brain inflammation via clusterin
Plasma from voluntarily running mice reduces baseline expression of neuroinflammatory genes and experimentally induced brain inflammation when infused into sedentary mice.
 - Zurine De Miguel
 - Nathalie Khoury
 - Tony Wyss-Coray
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Combinatorial, additive and dose-dependent drug–microbiome associations
An analysis of 2,173 individuals from the MetaCardis cohort quantifies the individual and combinatorial effects of a range of drugs on host health, metabolome and gut microbiome in cardiometabolic disease.
 - Sofia K. Forslund
 - Rima Chakaroun
 - Peer Bork

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Genomic reconstruction of the SARS-CoV-2 epidemic in England
A study of the evolution of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in England between September 2020 and June 2021 finds that interventions capable of containing previous variants were insufficient to stop the more transmissible Alpha and Delta variants.
 - Harald S. Vöhringer
 - Theo Sanderson
 - Moritz Gerstung
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High genetic barrier to SARS-CoV-2 polyclonal neutralizing antibody escape
A complex range of mutations within the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein is needed to escape polyclonal plasma neutralizing antibodies, and plasma from individuals who were first infected then vaccinated display the greatest resilience to escape mutations.
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 - Yiska Weisblum
 - Paul D. Bieniasz
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Anti-SARS-CoV-2 receptor-binding domain antibody evolution after mRNA vaccination
Individual memory antibodies selected over time by natural infection with SARS-CoV-2 have greater potency and breadth than antibodies elicited by vaccination, whereas the overall neutralizing potency of plasma is greater following vaccination.
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 - Frauke Muecksch
 - Michel C. Nussenzweig
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Impact of circulating SARS-CoV-2 variants on mRNA vaccine-induced immunity
Immune analyses against circulating SARS-CoV-2 variants show that mRNA vaccination induces robust neutralizing antibodies and boosts cross-variant neutralizing antibodies elicited by SARS-CoV-2 infection.
 - Carolina Lucas
 - Chantal B. F. Vogels
 - Akiko Iwasaki

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Hybrid immunity improves B cells and antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 variants
Single-cell-level analysis of memory B cells and their response to vaccination against all SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern in individuals who either had or had not been previously exposed to the virus.
 - Emanuele Andreano
 - Ida Paciello
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A multi-scale map of cell structure fusing protein images and interactions
Protein immunofluorescence imaging and affinity purification–mass spectrometry are combined to create a unified map of human cell architecture across scales, which the authors call the multi-scale integrated cell (MuSIC).
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 - Edward L. Huttlin
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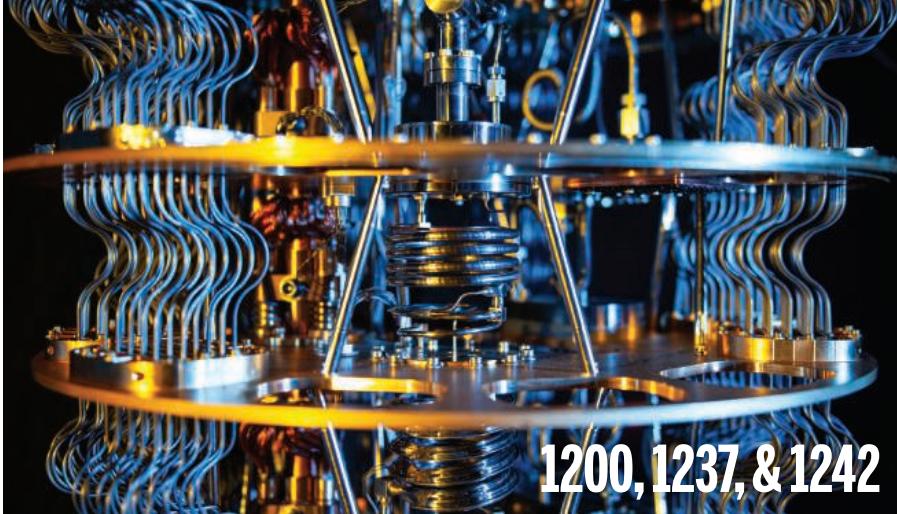
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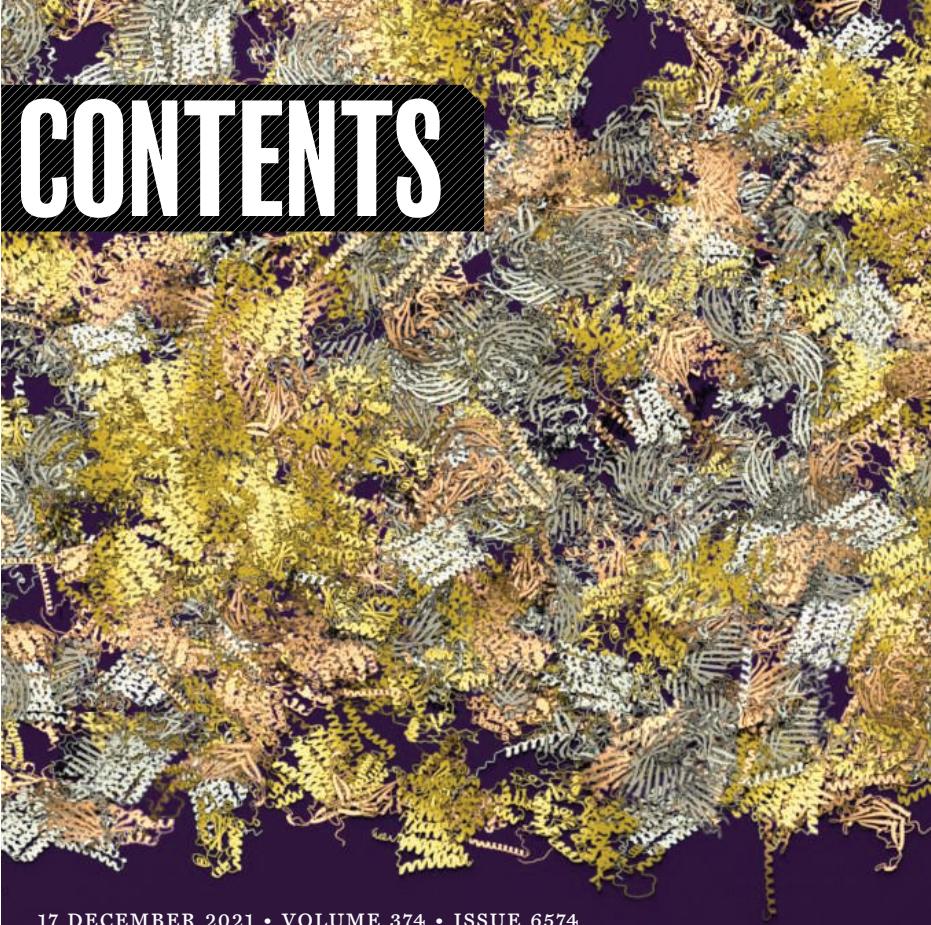
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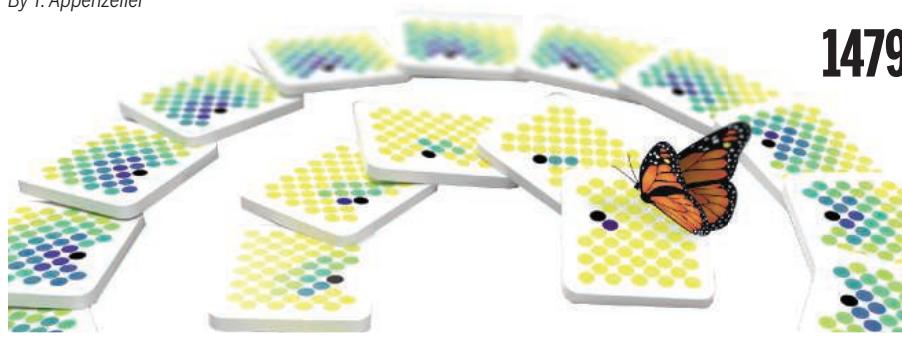
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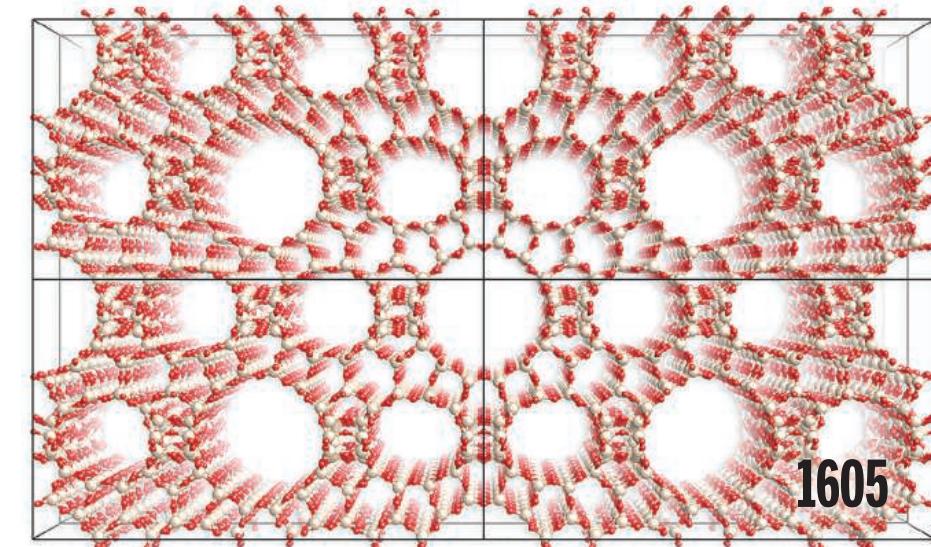
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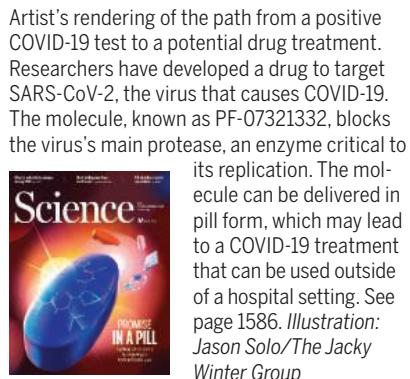
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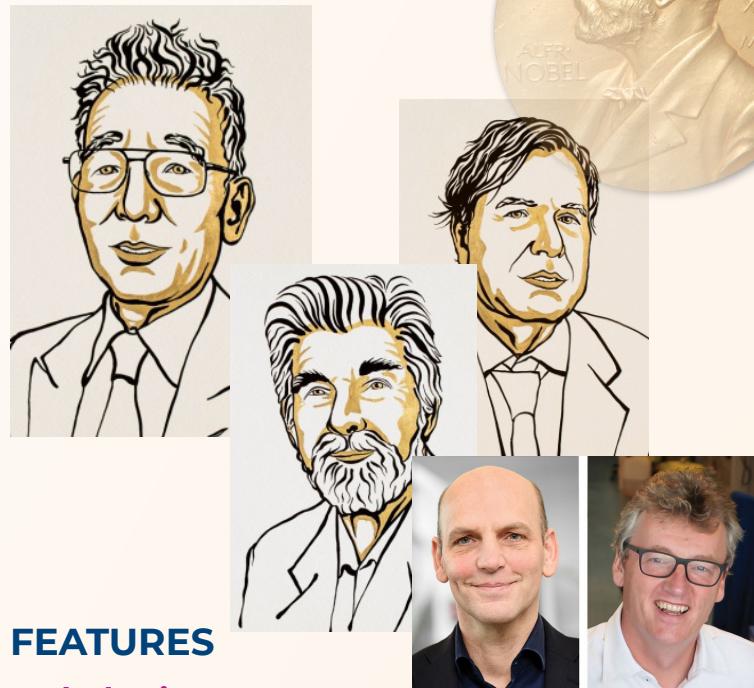
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