Slideshot-delivered, Microchip-laden Hot Dogs to Gulls

“High Predation on Small Populations: Avian Predation on Imperiled Salmonids,” Ann-Marie K. Osterback, Danielle M. Frechette, Andrew O. Shelton, Sean A. Hayes, Morgan H. Bond, Scott A. Shaffer, and Jonathan W. Moore, *Ecosphere*, vol. 4, no. 9, 2013, article 116. The authors, at the University of California, Santa Cruz, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, and San Jose State University, report:

PIT [passive integrated transponder] tags were inserted into miniature hotdogs (Hillshire Farm Beef Lit’l Smokies) and tossed out with a folding slingshot to maximize the number of different individual gulls that ingested tags.

Increased Gravitational Acceleration in Potato Deep-Fat Frying

“Effect of Increased Gravitational Acceleration in Potato Deep-Fat Frying,” John S. Lioumbas and Thodoris D. Karapantsios, *Food Research International*, vol. 55, 2014, pp. 110–8. (Thanks to Maarten Keulemans for bringing this to our attention.) The authors, at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, report:

This work extends our previous studies on crust thickness evolution and evaporation front propagation during deep fat frying of potato sticks (French fries) by incorporating the effect of increased gravitational acceleration.... For this, a special device is constructed which permits... execution of deep fat frying experiments at increased gravity levels. The latter is achieved by means of a large diameter centrifuge (European Space Agency). Temperature recordings and crust thickness evolution indicate that heat transfer during frying depends on gravity level but differently at different potato orientations. Most significant variations with gravity are found up to $3.0 \cdot g_{\text{Earth}}$ and for $0°$ orientation.

The Non-Anomalous Nature of Anomalous Utterances

“The Non-Anomalous Nature of Anomalous Utterances,” Victoria A. Fromkin, *Language*, vol. 47, no. 1, March 1971, pp. 27–52. (Thanks to Jim Cowdery for bringing this to our attention.) The author, at the University of California, Los Angeles, explains:

An analysis of speech errors provides evidence for the psychological reality of theoretical linguistic concepts such as distinctive features, morpheme structure constraints, abstract underlying forms, phonological rules, and syntactic and semantic features.... To explain the occurrence of particular kinds of errors, a specific ordering of rules is posited, which ordering may or may not coincide with the organization of a grammar.

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The study tells how the researchers tested the links in this chain of events.