



“Vertical Jump of a Popcorn Kernel”

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Few popcorn kernels jump straight up, as this one did as it was opening. Exceptional patience was required to capture this unpredictable event. The chances of success were improved by isolating a single kernel in a small pool of oil inside an iron washer. The flash sequence was triggered as the kernel jumped through a laser beam located just above the unpopped kernel.