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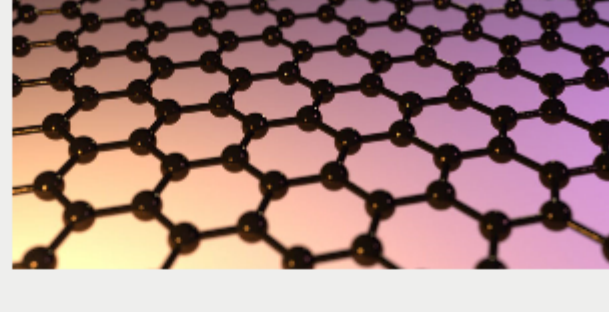
So-called "topological materials" produce electron states that can be useful, but it is difficult to identify these materials and their associated electronic states. To identify these "topological materials," scientists from TU Wien and the University of Science and Technology of China created a "crystal" made of light waves.



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### Pure Graphene Generates Photocurrent Over Great Distances for Ultra-Efficient Energy Flow

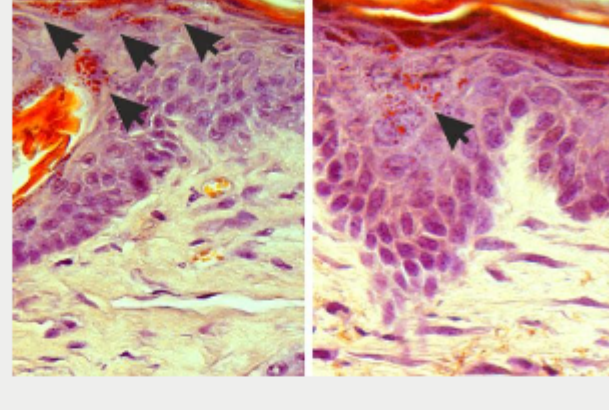
Researchers fabricated graphene with no impurities (pristine graphene) into different geometric shapes, connecting narrow ribbons and crosses of graphene to rectangular regions of the material. They found that when light was shined on constricted areas of the graphene, a large photocurrent was created.



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### Using Light to Stop Itch Could Provide Relief From Skin Diseases

Scientists used NIR light to activate a phototoxic agent that selectively targets itch-sensing cells, which are located in the upper surface of the skin. When the agent is injected into a mouse's affected skin area and the area is illuminated with the NIR light, the itch-sensing cells withdraw from the skin.



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Machine Vision is a new book for anyone designing or selecting machine vision systems, and implementing or considering the use of machine vision for a specific application. This engaging overview is a resource for designers, engineers, researchers, marketers and students looking for a broad survey of advancements in systems, components and processes.

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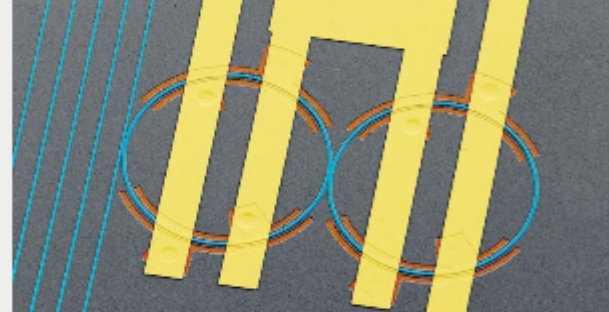
Scientists have found that several materials with poor nonlinear characteristics can be combined together to form a new metamaterial that exhibits state-of-the-art nonlinear properties. The enhancement comes from the way the metamaterial reshapes the flow of photons.



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### Light Is Dynamically Controlled in a Programmable Electro-Optic System

An integrated photonics platform that can store light and electrically control its frequency in an integrated circuit is the newest development from the Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS).



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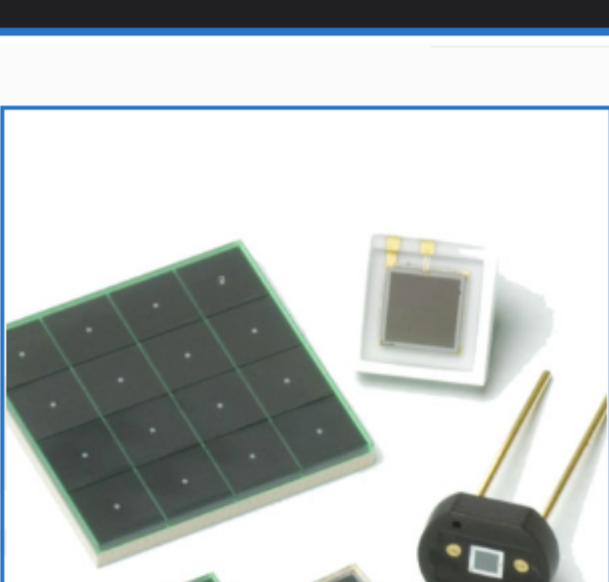
## Webinars

### SiPM and SPAD: Emerging Applications for Single-Photon Detection

Thu, Jan 17, 2019 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST

This webinar, presented by Hamamatsu Corporation, will provide a thorough overview of silicon photomultipliers (SiPMs) and single-photon avalanche photodiodes (SPADs) for low-light level photodetection. Compared to photomultiplier tubes (PMTs), SiPMs and SPADs are smaller, more durable, and more energy efficient. They also offer better immunity to magnetic fields and ambient light than PMTs. By attending this webinar, you will gain a better understanding of SiPM and SPAD technology, so you can determine whether it is the right choice for you.

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