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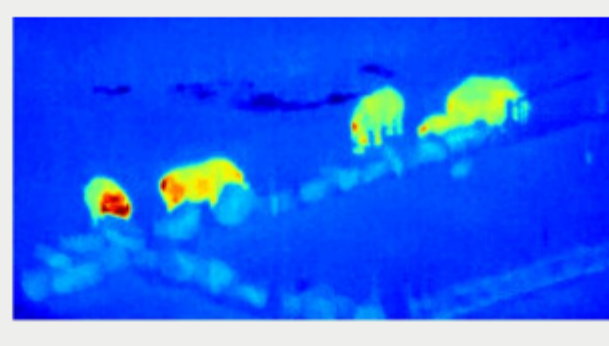
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Conservation Drones and Thermal Finger Prints Help Endangered Species

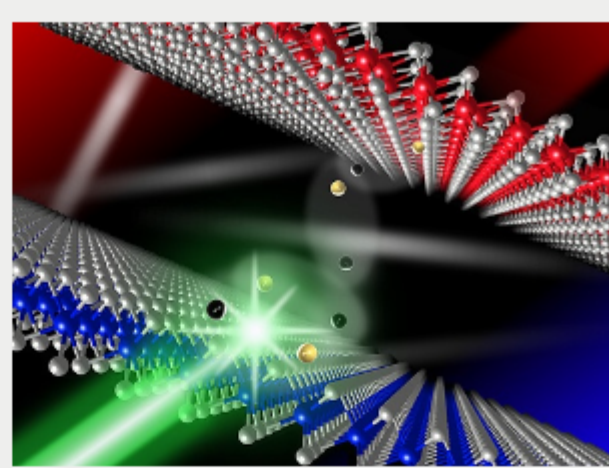
An astrophysics-ecology drone project could be the answer to many global conservation efforts. Using drones, thermal cameras and techniques used to analyze objects in space, an astrophysicist and an ecologist from Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) are hoping to help endangered species such as the rhino and the orangutan.



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New Bilayer Material Could Improve LED Technology

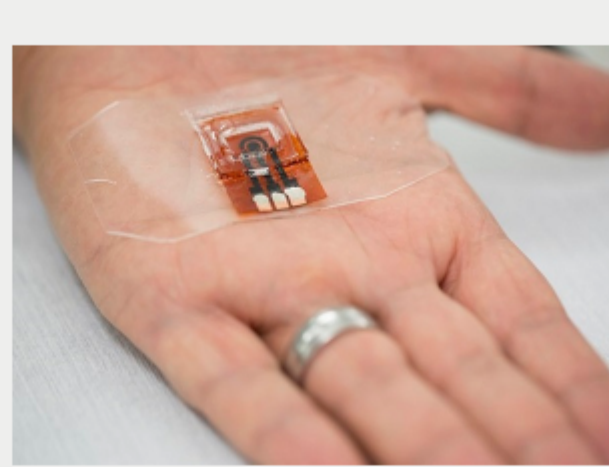
A new bilayer material measuring less than one nanometer in thickness per layer could lead to more efficient and versatile light emission. Researchers working at the Ultrafast Laser Lab at the University of Kansas (KU) successfully created the material by bonding atomically thin layers of molybdenum disulfide and rhenium disulfide.



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Graphene-Based Electrode Used to Build Molecular Sensor

Graphene electrodes that act as effective biosensors have been created using a laser to burn patterns into a polymer sheet. King Abdullah University of Science & Technology (KAUST) researchers used a technique called laser scribing which locally heats parts of a flexible polyimide polymer to 2500 °C or more to form carbonized patterns of patches on the surface that act as electrodes. These black patches are about 33-µm thick, and their highly porous nature allows molecules to permeate the material.

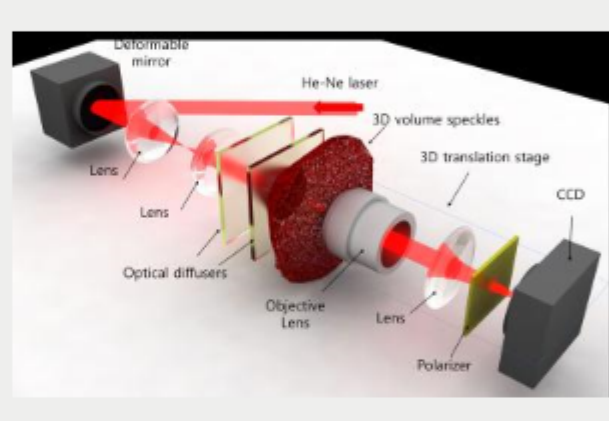


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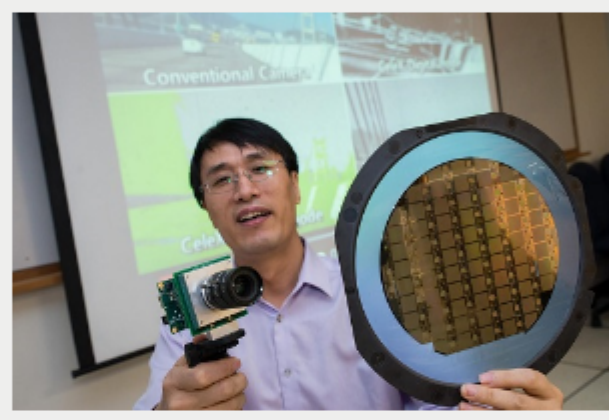
A wavefront-shaping technique has been used to create a dynamic 3D holographic image with a viewing angle of 35 degrees in a volume of 2 cm in length, width and height. Use of the technique was shown to yield a 3D holographic display that performed with more than 2600 times the strength of existing displays.



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Ultrafast Camera Developed for Drones, Autonomous Vehicles

An ultrafast high-contrast camera developed in Singapore could help self-driving cars and drones "see" better in adverse road and weather conditions. The smart camera, created by a team of scientists from Nanyang Technological University (NTU), can record the slightest of movements and objects in real-time, even when blinded by bright light or in complete darkness. The new camera records changes in light intensity between scenes at nanosecond intervals, much faster than conventional video, and stores the images in a smaller data format as well.

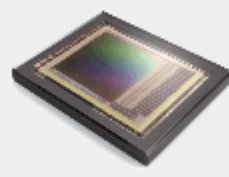


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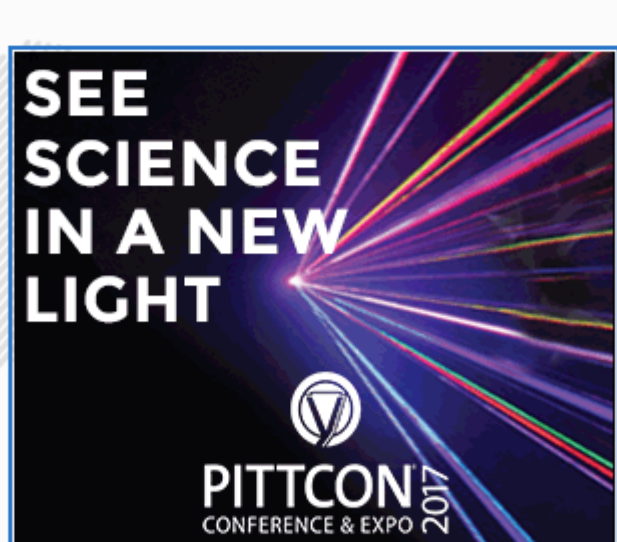
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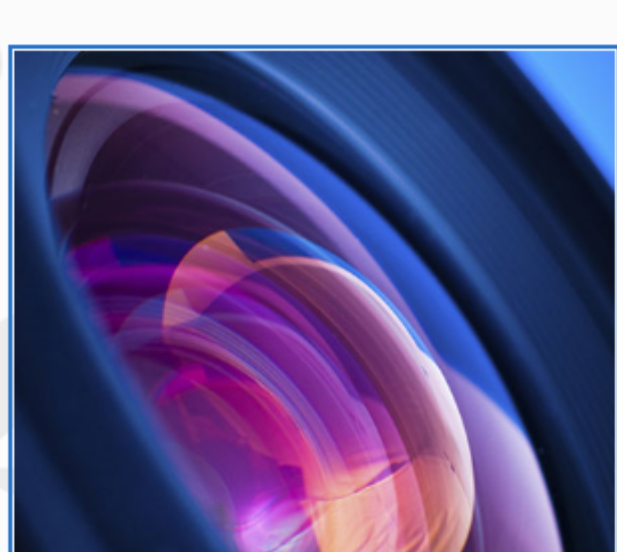
Webinars

Integrating Camera Technology Into a Successful Machine Vision Solution

Fri, Mar 10, 2017 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST

In this webinar, Rex Lee, Ph.D., CEO and president of Pyramid Imaging, Inc. and a machine vision professional with more than four decades of experience in business and academe, will discuss the components of a comprehensive machine vision system, including cameras, lighting, lenses, sensors and detectors. He will also speak on how to design a system that has the components required for optimal performance. Areas he will address include: requirements definition, system design, implementation, turnkey systems; and how to determine if a turnkey machine vision system is right for you.

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