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Optimax Names New Leaders, Researchers Develop New MPox Detector

Optimax announces Joseph Spilman will take over as CEO. Corning offers to make changes following an antitrust investigation. And researchers develop a new system to detect MPox. Hear how this system could be used to prevent the next pandemic. These stories and more on Photonics Spectra Now. Sponsored by Reynard Corporation and Hamamatsu Corporation.

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Solar Lasers Could Power Future Space Missions

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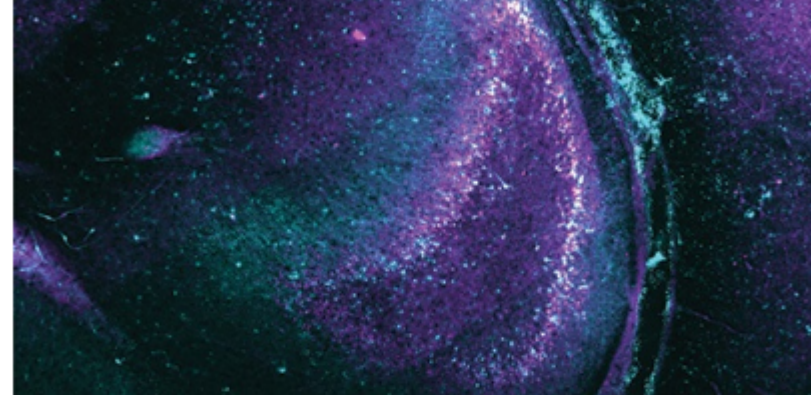
bases, or even back to Earth. [Read Article](#)



3D Printing Consortium Seeks to Speed Industrial Adoption

Citing 3D printing's ongoing transition from a niche innovation to a high-volume manufacturing method, TRUMPF, Renishaw, Ansys, EOS, and Nikon SLM are among the founding members of a consortium seeking to address manufacturer's challenges in the adoption and scaling of 3D printing technology for industrial use. Joined by HP, Materialise, and Stratasys, the Leading Minds consortium has identified its first

initiative as the development of a common language framework for 3D printing. [Read Article](#)



Optogenetics Technique Could Replace Surgical Treatments for Seizures

Researchers from three University of California campuses collaborated on an optogenetics-based approach to controlling abnormal neural activity in humans. Their findings could someday provide an alternative to surgery for patients who have seizures that cannot be managed with medication.

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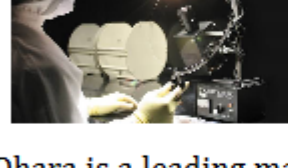
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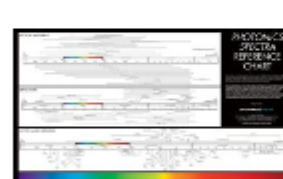
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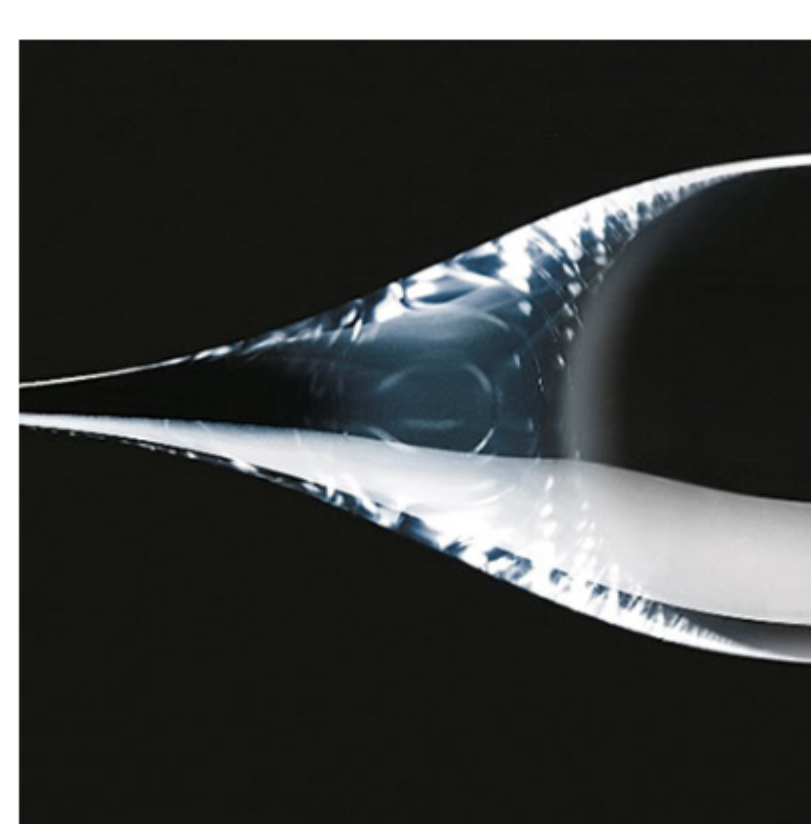
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Fused Silica Step Index Fibers: Advanced Preform and Fiber Metrology

Tue, Dec 10, 2024 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM EST
This webinar discusses advanced preform and fiber measurement techniques for specialty fibers, with a particular focus on fibers produced using the POD (plasma outside deposition) process. In this process, fluorine-doped fused silica is applied to the outside of a high-purity core rod made of synthetic quartz glass to produce the refractive index step required for light guiding. Depending on the specific application wavelengths of these specialty fibers, various synthetic fused silica materials are available as core materials, which enable the production of specialty fiber preforms tailored to the application. The session begins with a brief introduction to the manufacturing process and typical applications of specialty

fibers, followed by an in-depth examination of the characterization of the preforms and the resulting fibers. Presented by Heraeus Conamic.

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Design Considerations for Automated Manufacturing of Optical Assemblies

Wed, Dec 11, 2024 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST

As the demand for efficient production of optical systems grows in industries ranging from aerospace and defense to medical imaging, the automation of optical assembly processes becomes increasingly critical. This webinar discusses strategies for optimizing optical assembly designs for automated manufacturing, providing an in-depth exploration of how the latest innovations in optical design, material selection, and component placement are transforming assembly methods. Discover the critical aspects that are essential for achieving precise alignments, minimizing cycle times, and ensuring exceptional performance outcomes in applications such as lidar systems, fiber optics, and advanced medical devices. Implementing these strategies in early-stage design planning lays the groundwork for optimized automated production, enhances alignment accuracy, and boosts final production yields.

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