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Professor Enrico Bellotti establishes a new Center for Semiconductor Materials and Devices Modeling (CSM) at Boston University in collaboration with the Army Research Laboratory (ARL). The center brings together government, academia, and industry in a collaborative effort to address research opportunities through its Open Campus initiative.

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National Science Foundation (NSF) awards a \$1M grant to study the tools for analyzing public communication in over 100 languages. Because language hurdles currently limit analytic methods for studying textual and visual public information worldwide, <a href="Professor Prakash Ishwar">Professor Prakash Ishwar</a>, as part of an interdisciplinary team, aims to solve data analytics problems in the domain of international public information flows.

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ECE Professor Ioannis Paschalidis leads a new interdisciplinary project aimed at predicting heart disease and diabetes using machine learning. The \$900k grant funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) will allow his team to develop and pilot a health informatics system to predict patients at risk of heart disease or diabetes and enable early intervention and personalized treatment.

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Researchers illuminate the path to a new era of microelectronics. Assistant Professor Milos Popovic, in his contribution to an approach that shows promise for realizing high-speed, low-power optoelectronic technology, says "instead of a single wire carrying around 10 gigabits per second, you can have a single optical fiber carrying 10 to 20 terabits per second—so a thousand times more in the same footprint."

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Scientific American named <u>Assistant Professor Sahar Sharifzadeh</u> one of the 11 Rising Stars of Science. She and her students are developing molecular models of new electronic materials. At the same time, she serves as a role model to young women and girls as a successful scientist in a STEM career—and is the mother of a one-year-old future nanotechnologist.

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The Optical Society Elects Professor Ji-Xin Cheng as Fellow for outstanding contributions to invention and development of label-free optical spectroscopic imaging technologies with groundbreaking applications to biology, medicine and materials science.



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