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Graphene, a single sheet of graphite, has an unconventional electronic structure that can be described in terms of massless Dirac Fermions. This interesting electronic feature is not only an important fundamental issue in condensed matter physics but also

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