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that one photon "turns the other off" in the crystal because of a quantum interference effect. The researchers hope the switch will enable development of an optical transistor that could allow computers to store and transfer information orders of magnitude faster by using photons instead of electrons.





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