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How to make a laser and a flexible piano from a one atom thick wonder material has been demonstrated in Cambridge.

Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, European commissioner for research, innovation and science, saw the demonstrations using graphene, which is made from carbon atoms, at Cambridge University’s West Cambridge
site yesterday.

Andrea Ferrari, professor of nanotechnology and director of the new Cambridge Graphene Centre dedicated to researching the material, said: “Graphene is new so it has huge potential. At the moment, we need to see if this potential will translate into reality.

“It’s a material that can be used for a variety of different things.

“That’s why it's called a platform material, it's a platform which every other technology can stand on.”

The European Commission has announced a €1 billion project for research into graphene and Cambridge University will be a beneficiary.
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