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Abstract: The topological structure associated with the branchpoint singularity around an exceptional point (EP) can provide tools for controlling the propagation of light. Using graphenebased devices, we demonstrate the emergence of EPs in the electrically controlled interaction of light with a collection of organic molecules in the terahertz regime at room temperature. We show that the intensity and phase of terahertz pulses can be controlled by a gate voltage which drives the device across the EP. Our electrically tuneable system allows reconstructing the Riemann surface associated with the complex energy landscape and provides a topological control of light by tuning the loss-imbalance and frequency detuning of interacting modes. Our approach provides a platform for developing topological optoelectronics and studying the manifestations of EP physics in light-matter interactions.

Reference: Ergoktas, M. Said, et al. Topological engineering of terahertz light using electrically tunable exceptional point singularities. Science 376.6589 (2022): 184-188.