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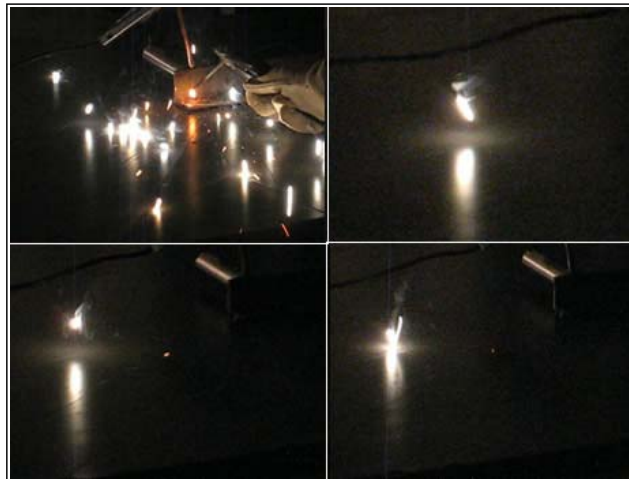
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## Photo: Ball Lightning Mystery Solved? Electrical Phenomenon Created in Lab



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A series of stills taken from a video shot in a Brazilian lab show scientists applying an electrode to silicon wafers (top left) to create electrified silicon vapor. The vapor then sparks golf-ball-size orbs of ball lightning that bounce across the laboratory floor.

Video stills courtesy Antonio Pavão

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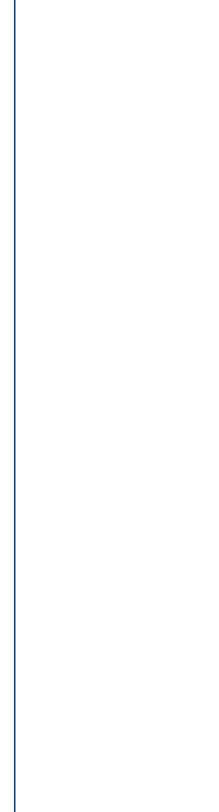
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