threshold of 200 becquerels per cubic metre of air, raising their risk of lung cancer (*Science of the Total Environment*, DOI: 10.1016/j.sciotenv.2017.05.071).

## **Brain chips**

Computer chips made of memristors that simultaneously store and process data could be much quicker than current processors. Engineers at the University of Michigan wrote an algorithm that takes advantage of these brain-like devices to achieve superfast image recognition (*Nature Nanotechnology*, doi.org/b7gr).

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