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# KEEP YOUR COOL WITH 3D PRINTED NANOCOMPOSITE TEXTILES

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When it's hot, it's not always easy to cool off, especially if the situation doesn't allow you to sit in a cold bath all day. Air-conditioning can bring some relief, but is no friend to the environment, or our wallets.

Researchers at the [University of Maryland College Park](#) are working on a way to keep your cool, while keeping your clothes on! They developed a new nanocomposite material

that can be 3D printed and woven into fabric!

The researchers combined a material called boron nitride, which transfers heat, and polyvinyl alcohol to create a nanocomposite fibre that can be 3D printed. When the material was woven into a fabric and tested on skin, it turned out that the composite was 1.5 to 2 times more efficient at moving heat away from the body compared to pure polyvinyl alcohol or cotton

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fabrics, respectively. Making clothing with the nanocomposite thread could help keep the wearers cool. In addition, it could reduce the need for air conditioning.

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