

Weekly Discovery

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ROBOTICS

Forget Driverless Cars, Walmart is Testing Smart Shopping Carts that Can Navigate the Aisles

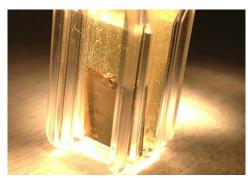


Walmart and Five Elements Robotics are now collaborating to make driverless shopping carts a reality soon. This invention aims to eliminate the inability to find what one needs to buy in the supermarket.

Source: <u>Dailymail.Com</u> (16 June 2016)

CLEAN ENERGY

Startup Creates Renewable Hydrogen Energy out of Sunlight and Water



To develop <u>cost-effective clean</u> <u>energy systems</u>, researchers exploited a way, inspired by photosynthesis, to produce renewable hydrogen energy using sunlight and water. The approach is promisingly useful in manufacturing hydrogen-powered cars and generating clean electricity.

Source: Inhabitat (17 June 2016)

QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY

Nanocavity-molecule Coupling Becomes Stronger



British researchers have designed an optical cavity technology that could have applications in studying quantum properties of materials, working on quantum information processing and in quantum cryptography. Additional information on this technology can be found at Nature.

Source: nanotechweb.org (16 June 2016)

ELECTRORHEOLOGY

Healthier Chocolate, Thanks to Electric Fields



Good news to all chocolate lovers – scientists have discovered a new way to reduce chocolate fat by 10-20%. It is found that infusing electric current into flowing liquid chocolate makes chocolate healthier and tastier as well. In addition, read further about the electrorheology technology.

Source: Science (20 June 2016)

LIGHT-SENSING SYSTEM

Team Uses Smart Light to Track Human Behavior



The StarLight system is designed to track a person's behaviour and reconstruct 3D skeleton regardless of furniture obstruction. The technology can be applied to various aspects, such as virtual reality and health monitoring. You may find more information from the <u>StarLight</u> webpage.

Source: Phys.org (15 June 2016)

3D PRINTING

New Autodesk System Streamlines 3D Printing of Large, Complex Objects



Project Escher is an innovative 3D printing system that integrates simultaneous and parallel printing of several 3D printers to fabricate a complex large scale product. Visit the Project Escher website to discover more.

Source: ArchDaily (20 June 2016)

EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY

Sphero's Spark+ Can Swim, Paint, and Teach Kids to Code



Sphero Spark+ is a second generation of educational robots that comes with an app that allows kids to get started on coding and learn about robots at the same time. Other than this video, also take a visit to the Sphero Spark+ homepage to find out more.

Source: The Verge (21 June 2016)

INVENTIONS AND PATENTS

FT Special Report: Inventions and Patents



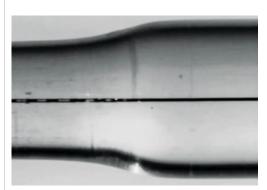
This report includes a number of articles on European and U.S. inventions and patents, covering topics on electrical and electronic engineering to pharmaceutics.

Check it out to get inspired and keep abreast in the happenings of patents.

Source: Financial Times (9 June 2016)

MATERIALS SCIENCE

Opening and Closing Nano-venetian Blinds



The team developed a reversible snip-and-repair method to create micro- and nanoparticles at regular intervals on polymers and brittle materials, which are useful for optical and electronic devices. Additionally, learn more information from Nature.

Source: <u>c&en</u> (13 June 2016)

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