

# Weekly Discovery

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## ALGORITHMIC ACCOUNTABILITY Facial Recognition Is Accurate, if





A new study found that the existing facial recognition algorithms work most accurately on white men and least on black women. Read on and learn about the initiative which fights the bias embedded in digital technology.

Source: The New York Times (9 February 2018)

#### COMPUTER VISION

The Unique 3D Vision of the Praying Mantis Could Help Robots Learn to See



Despite the smaller and less complex brains, praying mantis is able to see the world in 3D. Scientists envision computers with less processing power to achieve similar 3D visions. Read also at Current **Biology** 

Source: Popular Mechanics (10 February 2018)

## FUTURE WORKFORCE & ECONOMY Labor 2030: The Collision of Demographics, Automation and Inequality



An insight into the effects of automation on jobs on industries and economies. Also the effects of an ageing population on labour supply and the rising importance of automation, productivity and skills to fill the gaps of a shrinking workforce. Source: Bain & Company (7 February 2018)

#### **ROBOT ERGONOMICS**

**Designs Within Robotic Reach: The Droid-Optimized Home** 



BIOMECHANICS Morphology, Muscle Capacity, Skill, and Maneuvering Ability in Hummingbirds



200 humming birds over 25 species were filmed and analysed to understand how different physical characteristics, such as wing shape and muscle mass affect flight.

Source: Science (9 February 2018)

### CYBERSECURITY

Technologies Impacting the Future of Cybersecurity



A 45-page report from Frost & Sullivan detailing the technologies, trends, actual applications and key market players that would impact the cybersecurity landscape.

Source: Frost & Sullivan (27 December 2017)

# HEALTHCARE - NANO ROBOTICS A DNA Nanorobot Functions as a Cancer Therapeutic in Response to a

Molecular Trigger in vivo



These programmable nanorobots can block the blood supply for tumour cells, resulting in the death of tumour tissues and in the meanwhile leaving the good cells unaffected.

Source: Nature Biotechnology (12 February 2018)

WATER MANAGEMENT Rain and the City: Pathways to Mainstreaming Rainwater Harvesting in Berlin



**BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING** New Malleable 'Electronic Skin' Self-Healable, Recyclable



An "electronic skin" that has applications ranging from robotics and prosthetic development to better biomedical devices. Also read more at Science.

Source: EurekAlert! (9 February 2018)

FINTECH The Future of Money



Modern financial systems have received increasing critics due to their complexity. Check out how we can make use of new technologies to fix flaws and increase participation in the economy.

> Source: Scientific American (January 2018) Available @ SUTD Library (Call Number Q1 SCI)

#### PHOTONICS JOBS

**European Photonics to Create 1** Million New Jobs by 2030



Have you imagined a future where major diseases could be instantly diagnosed and autonomous cars could avoid accidents themselves? This <u>report</u> shares with you more benefits that photonics could deliver by 2030.

Source: Photonics21 (7 February 2018)

## WATER MANAGEMENT

Ultrafast Selective Transport of Alkali Metal lons in Metal Organic Frameworks with Subnanometer Pores

# **BLOCKCHAIN & CLOUD COMPUTING**

Blockchain Technology for Cloud Storage: This Looks Like the New Future



We are always looking for new ways for data storage. Will blockchain be the way to go in the near future? Read on and gain insights into how today's startups are leveraging blockchain for cloud storage.

Source: TechGenix (8 February 2018)

## FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES

Artist Envisioned the Future of Work and the Results Are Pure Fantasy



Job shifts are inevitable with the emerging and evolving technologies. How will these technologies shape the future of our jobs, such as blockchain banking engineer and superstructure printer?

Source: MIT Technology Review (9 February 2018)

# QUANTUM COMPUTERS

The Co-Inventor of BlackBerry Is Building Canada's Quantum Brain Trust



Security software that can block quantum hacks and quantum sensors used for developing drugs are some of the innovative initiatives the former Blackberry co-chief executive officer Lazaridis is looking into.

Source: <u>Bloomberg Businessweek</u> (9 February 2018)

# WEARABLES - ENERGY

Wearable and Robust Triboelectric Nanogenerator Based on Crumpled Gold Films

Instead of enabling the robots to handle the environment, a better approach is to design spaces to make them more robofitting. This calls for a universal design, which is friendly to the elderly people as well.

Source: Wired (January 2018) Available @ SUTD Library (Call Number TK5105.5 WIR)



This article analyses the complex and dynamic relationship between rainwater management and city politics. Berlin, a pioneer in developing rainwater systems, is used as an example to question the relationship between rainwater technologies and urban contexts. Source: Geoforum (February 2018)



Metallic Organic Frameworks (MOFs), the next generation materials, are being employed in extracting lithium ions from seawater during the process of water purification.

Source: Science Advances (9 February 2018)



Why not harness energy from our body to produce our own mobile electricity? Read about how a small metallic tab, when attached to the body, is capable of generating electricity from bending a finger and other simple body movements.

Source: Nano Energy (April 2018)

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