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December 3, 2014 | by ECN Staff | Comments

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Taking the grunt work out of Web development

December 29, 2014 8:30 am | by EurekAlert! | Comments

A Web page today is the result of a number of interacting components -- like cascading style sheets, XML code, ad hoc database queries, and JavaScript functions. For all but the most rudimentary sites, keeping track of how these different elements ...

UK body warns drone owners: Fly safely, or you'll be fined

December 29, 2014 8:26 am | by Associated Press | Comments

Got a nifty little drone for Christmas? If so, fly it carefully. Especially if you are in Britain. The country's civil aviation authority on Thursday issued a warning that people who fly their drones recklessly face prosecution and a hefty fine. Officials say the ...

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Drones become popular holiday gifts

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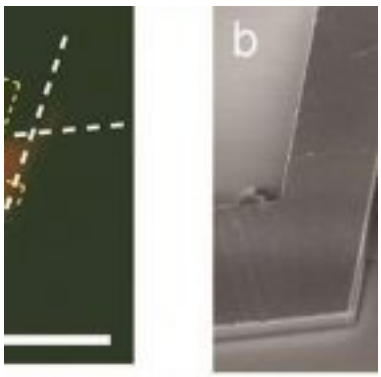

Piezoelectricity in a 2-D semiconductor

December 23, 2014 2:53 pm | by EurekAlert! | Comments

A door has been opened to low-power off/on switches in micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS) and nanoelectronic devices, as well as ultrasensitive bio-sensors, with the first observation of piezoelectricity in a free standing two-dimensional semiconductor by ...

NREL receives Editors' Choice Awards for supercomputer research

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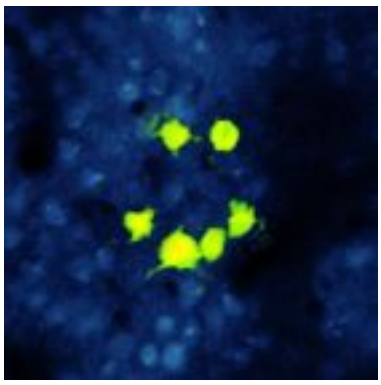
Two prestigious scientific magazines have awarded the Energy Department's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) with Editors' Choice awards for the Peregrine high-performance computer and the groundbreaking research it made possible....



Using light to understand the brain

December 23, 2014 2:45 pm | by EurekAlert! | Comments

UCL researchers have developed an innovative way to understand how the brain works by using flashes of light, allowing them to both 'read' and 'write' brain signals. The new technique, described in Nature Methods, combines two cutting-edge technologies for ...

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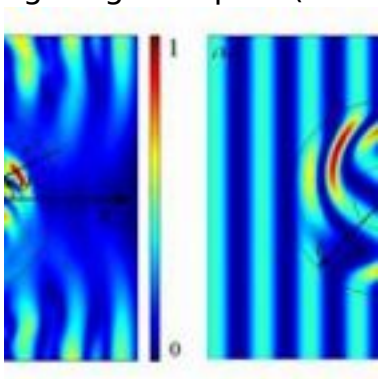

The accurate elastodynamic equations for inhomogeneous media

December 23, 2014 2:40 pm | by EurekAlert! | Comments

The elastodynamic equations for inhomogeneous media are crucial to the seismology, the NDT of composites, the elastic metamaterials, etc. Recently, Dr. XIANG Zhihai from the Applied Mechanics Laboratory, Department of Engineering Mechanics, Tsinghua University ...

Reproducing the mechanical property of granular materials

December 23, 2014 2:27 pm | by EurekAlert! | Comments

Mechanical property of granular materials in landslide is of great significance. A recent research demonstrates that the numerical triaxial apparatus based on discrete element method is able to simulate and reproduce the triaxial tests in laboratory, which is ...

Watts up -- Planes go hybrid-electric

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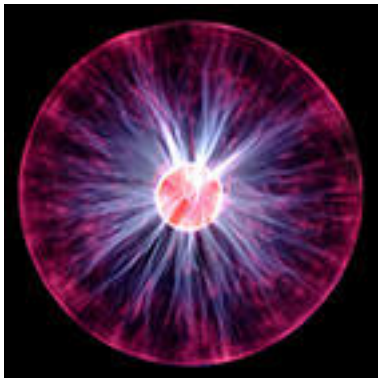
'Mind the gap' between atomically thin materials

December 23, 2014 1:45 pm | by EurekAlert! | Comments

When it comes to engineering single-layer atomic structures, "minding the gap" will help researchers create artificial electronic materials one atomic layer at a time, according to a team of materials scientists. The gap is a miniscule vacuum that researchers ...



How electrons split: New evidence of exotic behaviors

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Avnet Electronics Marketing Americas celebrates 40-year milestone with Texas Instruments

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Smartphone thumb skills are altering our brains

December 23, 2014 1:03 pm | by University of Zurich | Comments

Every region of the body -- from the toes to the jaw and tongue -- has a particular processing area in our emotional center in the brain, the somatosensory cortex. These areas are flexible and can change. In the case of violinists, for instance, the area ...

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