

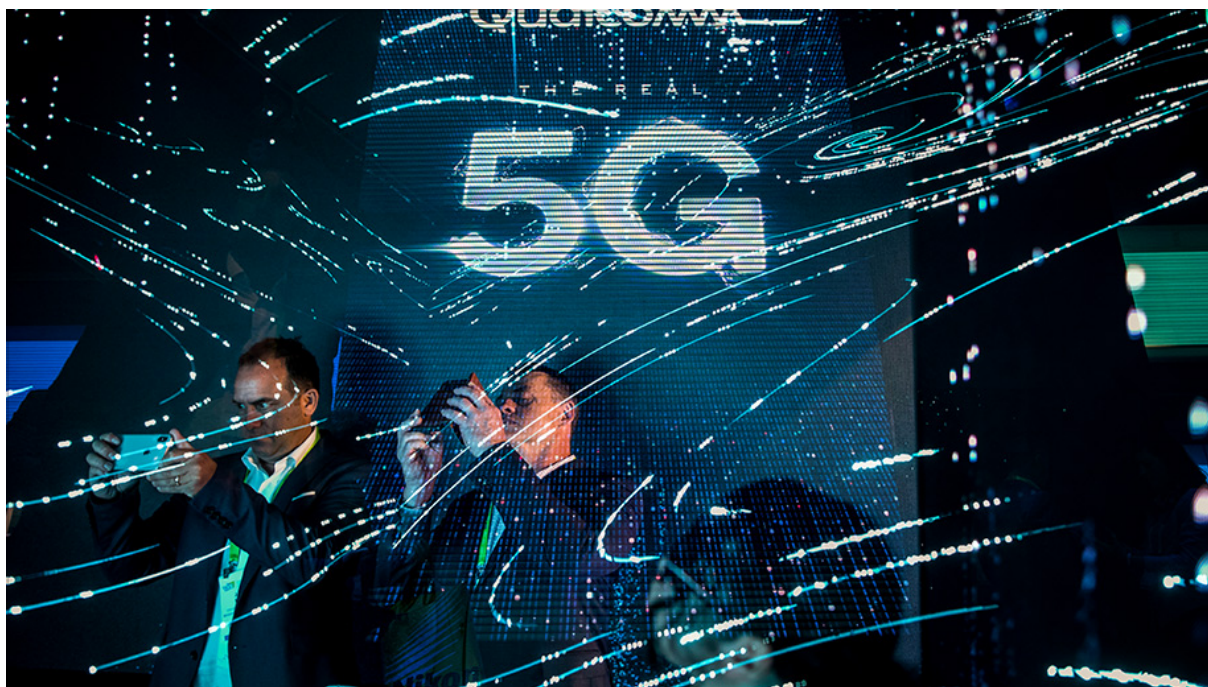
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Tech industry expo opens portal to tomorrow

国际消费电子展——开启通向未来的大门

Tech industry: 科技产业

Tech: technology, 科技

expo: exposition, 博览会

portal /'pɔ:rdl/: 出入口

The show must go on.

这场大秀还得继续上演。

go on: 继续

- The show must go on. 这句话常用在演出中

That **sentiment** couldn't have been stronger this week at **CES**, the largest **consumer electronics convention** in the country. The **conference**, which brought more than 180,000 people to Las Vegas, was a **reminder** of what the tech industry is best at: being **optimistic** about itself.

在本周的国际消费电子展（CES）上，这番感触最为强烈。CES 是美国最大的消费型电子产品展会，而本届大会吸引了超过 18 万人涌入拉斯维加斯。此次展会提醒了人们，科技行业最擅长对自身的前景保持乐观。

sentiment /'sentɪmənt/: n. 情绪；（基于情感的）观点，看法

- nationalist sentiments 民族主义情绪

- public sentiment 公众情绪

CES : International Consumer Electronics Show, 国际电子展

- consumer: n. 消费者

- electronics : n. 电子产品

- electronic : adj. 电子的

convention /kən'venʃ(ə)n/: n. 会议，较接近于集会

conference /kɒnf(ə)r(ə)ns/: n. 大会，相比convention更正式，更具讨论议题的功能。

reminder: n. 提醒

- receive a reminder: 收到通知单

- we needed no reminders that time was running out: 我们不需要提醒就知道时间不多了。

optimistic /ɒptɪ'mɪstɪk/: adj. 乐观的

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本次大会给了人们一窥今年最热科技趋势的机会。这些趋势包括人工智能虚拟助理，新一代无线网络，以及车联网。

peek/pi:k/: n. 窥视，偷看

- a peek at/through/into sth.

- My mom couldn't resist peeking in my drawer. (v.) 我妈老是忍不住偷看我抽屉。resist: 抵抗

artificially intelligent virtual assistants: 人工智能虚拟助理

next-generation: adj. 下一代的

wireless: adj. 无限的

connected cars: 互联汽车，车联网

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CES 的重头戏是虚拟助理间的较量。亚伦·艾美是 Brilliant 公司的首席执行官，这个公司负责制造与 Alexa，谷歌助手和 Siri 联动的智能家居产品。他认为，“智能之家”中存在着不同品牌的照明开关、恒温器和摄像头，已经十分繁杂，因此，虚拟助理应当相互协作而非对立。

front and center: 重要的，中心的

battle: n. 战斗，较量

chief executive (officer): 首席执行官 (CEO)

- chief: adj. 首要的; n. 领袖

- executive: adj. 经营管理的; n. 经理

critical: adj. 关键的，极为重要的

light switch: 电灯开关

thermostat /'θɜːrməstæt/: n. 恒温器, 温度自动调节器

- thermometer: n. 温度计

- thermal /'θɜːml/: 热的，保温的

Wireless carriers and **chipmakers highlighted** 5G, the next-generation **cellular network** arriving this year in a small number of cities with data speeds so **zippy** that **devices** can download an entire movie **in seconds**.

无线运营商和芯片制造商都重点介绍了 5G 网络。这个新一代的蜂窝网络已于今年登陆少量城市，其速度之快，使得电子设备顷刻间就可以下载一整部电影。

wireless carrier: 无线运营商

- a telecoms carrier: 电信运营商

chipmaker /tʃɪp'meɪkər/: n. 芯片制造商

- a silicon chip: 硅芯片

highlight: v. 强调; n. 强调部分

cellular network: 蜂窝网络

- **cellular** /'sɛljʊlə/: adj. 细胞的，蜂窝式的，（由很小物质组成的）

- cellular structure: 蜂窝结构

zippy /'zɪpi/: adj. 敏捷的；精力充沛的

- zippy 在表示速度快时相当于 fast，比如速度很快的汽车，a zippy car，但相比于 fast，

zippy 除了表示速度快，还可以表示精力充沛的，比如 a zippy performance，充满活力的表

演。

device : n. 装置, 设备

in seconds : 顷刻间

Car **manufacturers** like Mercedes-Benz and BMW **showed off** concepts of **autonomous vehicles powered** by AI and 5G wireless connections. Smarter cars with features like **built-in** voice assistants to help people use maps, play music or get a sports update without **taking their eyes off** the road are available now.

梅赛德斯-奔驰和宝马等汽车制造商都隆重介绍了一些新概念：由人工智能和 5G 网络无线连接技术驱动的自动驾驶汽车。更智能的汽车现已开售，它们配有车载语音助手，可以帮助人们在专注于路况的情况下使用地图，播放音乐或是获取最新的体育新闻。

manufacturer /ˌmænjʊˈfæktʃərər/: n. 制造商

- **manufacture** : v./n. 制造

- manufacture cars : 制造(v.) 汽车

- the manufacture of cars: 汽车的制造 (n.)

showed off: v./ n. 炫耀

- He is such a show off. 他是个爱炫耀的人 (n.)

autonomous vehicle: 自动驾驶汽车

- = driverless car

- **autonomous** /ɔːˈtɒnəməs/: 自主的

- autonomous learners: 自主学习者

- an autonomous region: 自治区

- **vehicle** /viːɪk(ə)l/: 机动车

- 'closed to vehicles': “禁止车辆通行”

power /ˈpaʊər/: v. 为...提供动力, 驱动

- a powered wheelchair: 电动轮椅

built-in /ˌbɪlt ˈɪn/: adj. 内嵌的; 嵌入式的

built-in wardrobes

take (sb.'s) eyes off: 移开视线

- You are just too good to be true, can't take my eyes off you.

Matt Strauss, a Comcast executive, was especially **bullish** about the year ahead. He said just about everything announced at CES required an Internet connection, so that's the last thing that people would **cut off**. Comcast

公司的行政主管马特·施特劳斯对于新一年的科技前景极其乐观。他表示，几乎所有展品都需

要网络连接，所以它是人们最离不开的东西。

bullish/'bʊlɪʃ/: adj. 乐观的，充满信心的；牛市的

- a bullish market 牛市

- I'm very bullish about your prospects. 我很看好你的前景。

the year ahead: 下一年

cut off: 中断，切断（电力、物资供应等）

- Your gas supply will be cut off.

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他说：“网络变成了氧气般的存在。”

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