**Take a Peek Inside Your Future Home**

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**1** I remember watching TV shows such as *The Jetsons* when I was a child and fantasizing about the possibilities of living with a robot, riding in a flying car, or having food instantly show up warm and ready whenever I wanted it.

**2** Fast forward a couple decades later, and it turns out that we are now on the brink of a Jetsons-like reality. Robotics companies are popping up all around the world, enabling humans to program objects with artificial intelligence to do mundane tasks for them, ranging from mopping the floors to answering doors.

**3** The technological revolution has impacted so many parts of our lives, and the “smart home” is the next big trendon the horizon. Computer scientists and industrial designers are working together to prototype new technologies that will make life at home easier and more efficient. Read on to unveil home technologies that are either available now or may become available over the next 5–10 years.

**Bedroom**

**4** The futuristic Hi-Can bed comes complete with blinds that drop on all sides, making it pitch-black even in full daylight, a built-in PC, and a multimedia system with connected speakers surrounding the bed and a large high-definition projector screen that drops down at the foot of the bed. It is also able to connect via Wi-Fi to all other compatible devices in your home, making it easy to adjust the lights and sounds throughout your house — right from your bed.

**5** Though still in a conceptual development phase, this mini washing machine may change the way we all do laundry. Perfect for those without a lot of space for a full-size washer, this machine is compact and portable, enabling you to wash pieces of laundry on-the-go. It’s also designed to be eco-friendly. Instead of using water and soap, the machine cleans clothes via ultrasonic waves and can be charged with the sun via a built-in solar panel. These innovations could prove quite useful for those in developing countries without much access to water.

**Kitchen**

**6** Another product still in its conceptual design phase, this digital cutting board is designed to be a touchscreen device, a food scale, and a cutting board in one. It can display recipes and step-by-step instructions while also telling you if you’ve added too much of an ingredient based on the weight of your food.

**7** Up until recently, molecular gastronomy was used to describe the science of cooking; however, it is now more commonly referred to as a new type of cuisine that chefs all over the world have been adopting which uses common chemistry techniques to create a physical and chemical reaction during cooking. The result can yield all kinds of frozen foods in addition to tasty liquids like foams and jellies. The Mo’Sphere is a molecular cooking device that lets you, the home cook, create the same types of foods from within the walls of your own kitchen. No white coat required.

**Bathroom**

**8** The Numi Toilet may just be one of the most advanced toilets ever. Complete with a touchscreen interface and built-in speakers, the toilet can connect via bluetooth to devices like your smartphone in order to play your favorite music or podcasts while you’re on the pot. It also comes equipped with a motion sensor that raises the lid as you enter the bathroom, bidet functionality, a heated seat, and ambient lighting with multiple color options. There are even heat vents for your feet!

**9** Already a hit in Asia and Europe, the Magic Mirror is a new product that is fast making itsway to America. It’s a fully functioning mirror that has a built-in display connected to the Internet so that you can browse the web, watch videos, check the weather, and more — like Google glass for your bathroom — all while you’re getting ready for your day. It also comes with a sensor pad so that you can keep up with your health vitals (weight, etc.) from a single location.

**Living Room**

**10** Ever wish you could not only turn your TV off, but make it invisible as well? The transparent TV may just be the answer to your wishes. It’s a new product design that does just what it sounds like — makes your TV screen transparent so that when it’s turned off, you can see straight through it. While this one is more about form than its function, I could be swayed by it for aesthetic purposes alone.

**11** Acoustable is a speaker and a table in one, and aims to be as useful to place things on as it is to pump out sound. It is Wi-Fi compatible and thus can connect to your computer, iPod, or phone to play music or videos. It’s a space saver and conversation piece all at once.

**Garage/door**

**12** New tools make locking and unlocking your doors as easy as pushing a button on your smartphone. Devices like Lockitron, Kevo, and August are useful not only for those who have a tendency to misplace their keys, but also for those who may want to grant access to someone to enter their home remotely. Using a connected app, you can give a friend permission to unlock your door for a specified period of time, a good solution for those who may have guests stopping by when they’re not around.

**13** Would you use any of these futuristic home technologies? If you can’t get enough, check out even more gadgets from your future home. You might be using some of them inside your own house sooner than you think.

**看看你未来的家**

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1 我记得当我还是个小孩的时候，看《杰森一家》之类的电视剧时，我常幻想以后可以和机器人在一起生活，坐可以飞的车，或者在我想吃饭的时候就能立即吃到温热的准备好的食物。

2 二十年转瞬而过，当年的电视剧情节现在差不多已经成为现实。机器人技术公司在世界各地不断涌现，人们运用人工智能技术给机器编程，就可以让它们完成从拖地到应门等种种单调乏味的任务。

3 技术革命已经影响了我们生活的许多方面，“智能家居”的大潮流也即将到来。计算机科学家和工业设计师正共同努力，制作新的技术原型，让家居生活更便利高效。接下来我们介绍一些家居技术，它们或已实现，或将在未来5–10年间出现。

**卧室**

4 这款未来主义的高能床，四面都配备有百叶窗，即使是在白天，也能保证幽暗的睡眠环境。有嵌入式的个人电脑，沿床连接扬声器的多媒体系统，以及垂至床尾的高清投影大屏幕。同时还可以通过Wi-Fi连接家里其他兼容设备，你躺在床上，就可以轻松调节家中的灯光和音响。

5 尽管仍处在概念开发阶段，这个微型洗衣机仍很可能改变我们的洗衣方式。对于没有足够空间放下全尺寸洗衣机的用户来说，这款机器堪称完美，它小巧便携，便于随时清洗衣物。同时它的设计也对生态环境十分友好。这台机器无需使用水和肥皂，而是通过超声波来清洗衣物，内置有太阳能电池板，可在阳光下进行充电。这些技术创新对于处在缺水的发展中国家的用户十分有用。

**厨房**

6 另一款产品仍在概念设计阶段，这种数字化切菜板为触屏设备、食品秤和切菜板一体化设计。它能显示菜谱和操作步骤，同时能提醒你，按现有食材重量，某种配料是否添加过量。

7 直到最近，分子烹调法还只是被用来描述烹饪科学。然而，现在它被广泛地看作是一种新型烹饪法，世界各地的厨师都在采用，通过使用普通的化学工艺，让食物在烹饪过程中发生物理和化学反应。因此不仅能做出比如奶泡和果冻之类的美味饮品，还能做出各种冷冻食物。用了Mo’Sphere分子烹饪装置，像你这样的家庭厨师在自家厨房就能烹制出同种类型的食物，还不需要穿白色厨师服。

**浴室**

8 Numi厕所可能是有史以来最先进的厕所之一，配有触摸屏界面和内置扬声器。在你如厕的时候，厕所可以通过蓝牙连接你的设备，比如智能手机，用来播放你喜欢的音乐或播客。同时它还配备有运动传感器，在你进入厕所的时候开启马桶盖，可以坐浴，还有可加热的座圈和可调色的灯光，甚至还有暖脚的热风口。

9 已风靡于亚欧各国的魔镜是一种新产品，正迅速进入美国市场。它是一块功能齐全的镜子，内置一个连接到互联网的显示屏。它就像一款浴室专用的谷歌眼镜，可供你浏览网页、观看视频、查看天气等等，来开启你新的一天。它还配有一个传感器垫，你站在上面就能获取你的健康体征（比如体重等）。

**卧室**

10 你是否曾想过不仅能把电视关掉，还能让它隐形？透明电视也许可以满足你的愿望。顾名思义，这款新产品将电视屏幕设计成透明的，当你关闭电视后，就看不到它了。尽管这款产品在形式上的创新多于功能创新，但仅从满足审美目的考虑，我就已经被它打动了。

11 音响桌将音响和桌子合二为一，上面既可放置物品，又可发出声响。音响桌兼容Wi-Fi，可以连接到你的电脑、iPod或手机，播放音乐或视频。这既可以节省空间，也可以立马成为话题。

**车库/门**

12 有了新工具，开门锁门简单到只需在手机上按下键。对那些总是乱放钥匙，或者想远程授权他人进入家门的人而言，像Lockitron，Kevo和August这样的装置十分有用。使用一个连接互联网的应用，你可以允许朋友在特定时间里打开门锁。当有客人顺路拜访，而主人又碰巧不在家时，这是一个很好的解决办法。

13 你会使用这些未来居家技术吗？如若这些还不够，你可在未来之家查找更多小玩意。可能你在自己家中用上这些智能产品的那一天会比你想象的还要快。