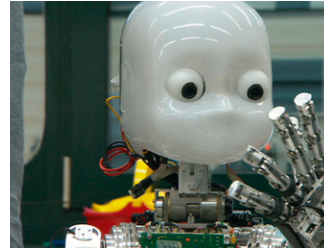


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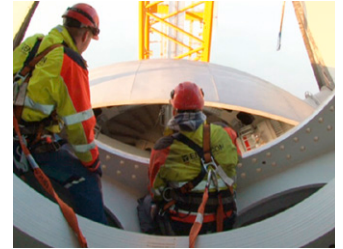
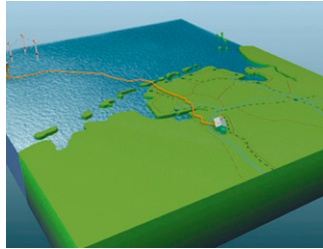
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This is one medical vision for the future that is not without controversy: A new generation of computers able to work entirely self-sufficiently and conduct operations – more efficiently and more precisely than any surgeon. Before long, it's hoped that robots will be performing open-heart surgery and operating on the brain. But just how safe will these automated procedures be without any human control?

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The future of European wind energy is out on the high seas. Vast wind farms are planned 120 kilometers off the German North Sea coast – further away from the mainland than ever before. Transporting the electricity over such long distances requires new technology: High-voltage, direct-current transmission.

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How is it possible to travel across all of central Europe and the US in just a few hours? The answer is simple: By visiting the "Miniatur Wunderland", or miniature wonderland, in Hamburg, Germany – an enormous model railway built on the scale of 1:87. 1,000 trains, 11,000 wagons and 200,000 plastic figures animate this exciting, tiny world. The attraction is a technological masterpiece that pulls in the crowds.

14 Airbus – Every Day A New Aircraft [VoD](#) [HD](#)

Almost every day, a new aircraft leaves the Airbus plant in the northern German city of Hamburg. This is where the final assembly of the short- and medium-range A320 takes place – using components brought in from all over Europe. It's also where the huge A380 gets a coat of high-performance varnish in the world's largest painting hangar. New plastic components reinforced with carbon fiber are being developed to make the aircraft of the future lighter and more stable. Technicians and flight crews conduct virtual tests on each and every plane. The high-tech future is taking off.

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Container ships have always been big and they are getting even bigger. More and more cargo has to be transported and handled as speedily as possible. But how will the world's ports cope with these higher volumes in the coming decades? While Dubai's Jebel Ali Port has focused on expanding its footprint, the port of Hamburg, where more real estate is not available, has focused on automation and rationalization, and Rotterdam has built the world's first fully-automated terminals. What do these developments and trends mean for the ports of the future?

16 Offshore Heroes [VoD](#) [HD](#)

Out on the high seas, the wind and waves rule – a fact that is respected by the builders of offshore wind farms, as they erect gigantic structures out at sea. One large German wind farm is 140 kilometers from the coast. Manufacturing the huge turbines on land is only the first challenge facing constructors. Living and working out at sea requires courage, strength and skill in a daily battle with the forces of nature.

17 High-tech Trucks on the Autobahn

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In goods traffic on Germany's highways, nothing is left to chance. The trucks are part of a high-precision logistics system. Customer deliveries are timed to the minute. To ensure the system works, trucks are monitored via satellite. Sensors in the asphalt count the vehicles: if there are too many on the roads, the speed limit on the digital road signs is reduced. Congestion managers provide real-time information to radio stations and navigation systems. The priorities are to prevent traffic jams and ensure maximum safety.

18 Man's Dream of Flight [VoD](#) [HD](#)

"I fly, therefore I am" – that is the idea driving inventors and engineers to fly ever higher and further using as few resources as possible. Their innovations, such as paragliders and wingsuits, are not only exciting for extreme sportsmen and women. Latest developments in ultra-light aircraft and solar aircraft are paving the way for a more flexible and environmentally-friendly future.