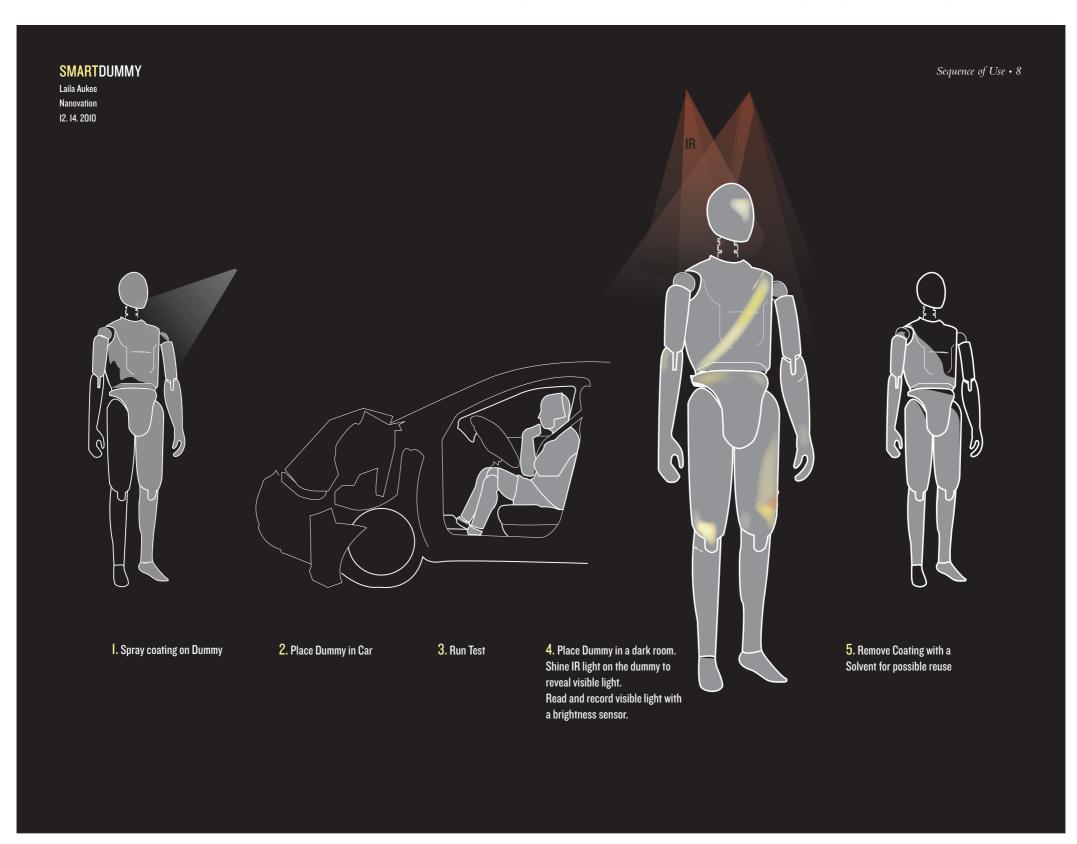
NANOVATION PRIZE Laila Aukee

Project: SmartDummy

The invention is a microencapsulation coating for crash test dummies, which can show bodily injuries more effectively than existing technologies. Microcapsules, that are tuned for varying resistance to pressure, burst to cause a chemical reaction resulting in luminescence of varying intensity.

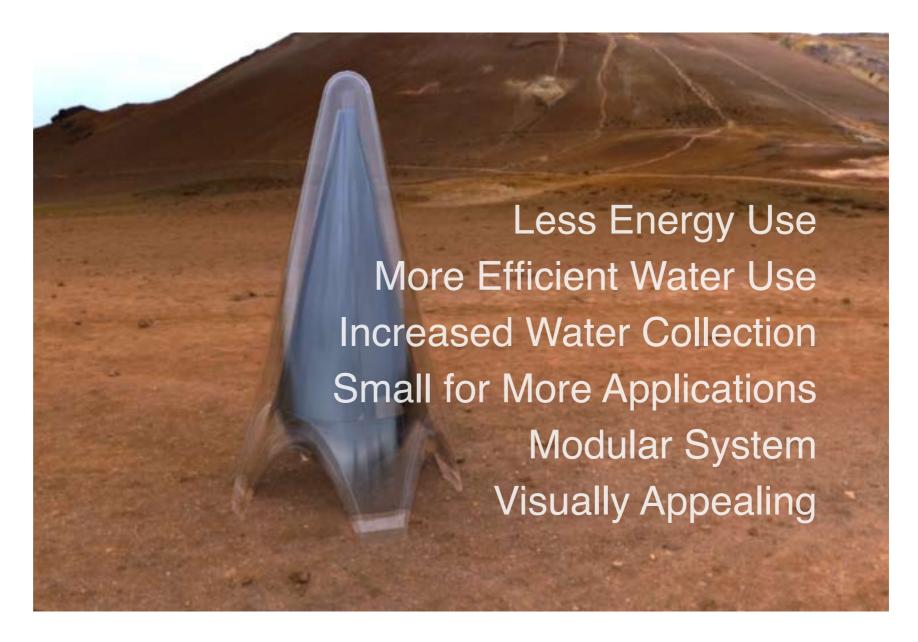


HONORABLE MENTION Colette Bazirgan Project: Vapor Harvest System

The invention is a water harvesting system for arid climates. A surface patterned with hydrophilic and hydrophobic regions draws moisture from air. As it forms into liquid, a nanostructured metal wicks the fresh water into a reservoir for use.



Compared to current water harvesting and irrigation systems, my design has a lot of benefits. By passively collecting water in areas where precipitation is little to none, and sometimes evaporation steals what little moisture is available, it has the potential to make better use of arid areas and increase their growth potential. It could increase food supply without increasing groundwater extraction. It could enable areas to grow more food locally. Also, it could eliminate the need and expense for desalination processes.



CITATION Megan Yuen Project: Firefighter Turnout Gear

The invention is firefighter turnout gear that is lighter and easier to move in. It also offers great heat protection and reduced heat stress, while protecting users from impact. The design includes Nomex impregnated with RP50, protective shear-thickening pads, and Lensing FR for wicking body moisture.

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- areas shaded in blue will always be dry becasue they are constantly exposed to air
- moisture absorbed into Lenzing FR lining will be wicked to dry areas to keep wearer cool and comfortable