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## Effect of sodium content on the structure and mechanical properties of silicon bronze (Cu-3wt%Si alloys)

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In the present study, the effect of sodium content on the structure and mechanical properties of Cu-3wt%Si alloys were investigated. The experimental alloys were produced with various sodium concentrations of 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1, 1.5, 2 and 3% by weight using permanent mould casting technique. Tensile and hardness tests were carried out on t ...

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## Revolutionizing cleaning: The future of broomstick and dustpan design

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In the context of increasing environmental awareness, the demand for sustainable products is on the rise. This research addresses the growing demand for sustainability by redesigning brooms and dustpans with eco-friendly materials, reducing waste and environmental impact. It emphasizes the goals of enhancing user experience, efficiency, durability, accessibility, and ...

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## Taguchi analysis of the tensile behaviour of unaged and hygrothermally aged asymmetric helicoidally stacked CFRP composites

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Taguchi method was used to predict and optimize the effects of hygrothermal aging on the tensile behavior of asymmetric helicoidally stacked Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic (CFRP) composites. This research is in furtherance to the previous work, which dealt purely with experiments. MR70 12P carbon fiber epoxy prepreg sheets were manufactured into laminated composites ...

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## **Examination of hydrodynamic behavior of wind deflectors in the normal inner temperature with the point of more efficiency (Case study: Bwhsa Köppen climate classification of Kashan City)**

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One of the ways to achieve a building with higher energy efficiency and an efficient system is to use local architectural experiences. In the meantime, a wind deflector is one of the elements used in the past to create comfort. In the Bwhsa Köppen climate classification of Kashan City, they used to move and cool the air in the building. This study investigates the int ...

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## **Structural integrity of reinforced concrete slabs of some selected existing buildings based on field assessment**

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Quality assurance and reinforcement detailing may affect the primary function of a reinforced concrete slab to transfer the load upon it by bending. This paper is focused on a probability-based approach to investigate the structural integrity of the reinforced concrete slabs of two selected buildings at a university campus. The in situ strength of all accessible floor ...

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## Effective moment of inertia of reinforced concrete slender beams with only tension reinforcement

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For a reinforced concrete structure to be deemed satisfactory, it must satisfy both the ultimate and serviceability limits state criteria. Deflection is one of the major criteria to be satisfied under the serviceability limit state. This paper derived a model by modifying Olanitori's model to obtain the effective moment of inertia for slender beams without compression ...

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## Study on the mechanical properties of anisotropic red sandstone under point load strength test and uniaxial compression strength

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The red sandstone of Xiaopu 3# branch Cave in the Yuxi section of the Central Yunnan Water Diversion Project was taken as the research object. The uniaxial compression strength and point load strength test are conducted from the perspectives of vertical and parallel stratifications, respectively, and then the anisotropy of red sandstone was analyzed in detail. The dat ...

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## Evaluation of corrosion characteristics of mild steel in the acidic environment using Cocoyam and Almond leaves extracts as inhibitors

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The inhibition characteristics of Almond and Cocoyam leaves extracts on mild steel immersed in 1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> at immersion times of 24 h to 144 h have been investigated experimentally. The effects of various concentrations of the

extracts on the corrosion rate and inhibition efficiency were also explored. The average corrosion rates (in mm yr<sup>-1</sup>) and inhibition efficiencies ...

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## Review Article

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### Cool walkability planning: Providing pedestrian thermal comfort in hot climate cities

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Global warming and urbanization are increasing the number of people living in cities that experience extreme heat. This makes walking uncomfortable, unattractive, and unhealthy and causes travelers to drive for trips that could be made on foot. To address these problems hot-climate cities can create networks of shadeways (shaded sidewalks) and pedways (enclosed, clima ...

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## Short Communication

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### Road safety inspections: Basic principles

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Some European Union Directives which were implemented by the various Member States, have established the fundamental guidelines for safety inspections of road infrastructures, according to the principle of the independence of the inspectors with respect to both the owner of the infrastructure and of its manager. This article addresses the practical implementation of t ...

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## Commentary

## Regarding the number of blades in the rotor of the wind turbine

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When developing a wind turbine, sooner or later the designer is faced with the problem of the number of blades. After all, the purpose of the wind turbine and its cost depends on this. The criteria were determined and an analysis was carried out regarding the appropriate number of blades in the rotor of the wind turbine. ...

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### Mini Review

## Interstellar Boundary Explorer (IBEX) may have recorded a cross-tail current disruption event of the substorm

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The spatial and temporal variations of satellite measurements correspond to different physical connotations. ENA imaging is an effective method to avoid the confusion of spatial and temporal variations of plasma space distribution in remote sensing region. However, for the neutral atom imager with scanning sampling, if the sampling time is too long (such as exceeding ...

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## How to legally use drones for surveys?

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Drones are very useful for civil engineering and environmental surveys because drones may increase productivity, allow more regular and comprehensive monitoring of construction progress, monitor the status of infrastructures (e.g. bridges), and anyway collect a vast amount of digital data, which can be easily stored, manipulated and shared. However, while the

benefit ...

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