WIND POWER
landartgenerator.org
BIO POWER
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HYDRO
POWER
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KNOWLEDGE IS POWER
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All of the pink ribbon is the energy technology.

846 houses can be powered by this artwork (4,230 MWh per year)

DESIGN TEAM
Jaesik Lim, Ahyoung Lee, Sunpil Choi, Dohyoung Kim, Hoeyoung Jung, Jaeyeol Kim, Hansaem Kim
The waving ribbons in this artwork are all made from a flexible and colorful type of solar technology. The artists invite you to explore underneath, have a picnic, walk around, or take a nap. It’s designed to be a calming space where you can think about the relationship between people and nature, and about all of the electricity that the beautiful pink ribbons are making from the power of the sun!

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1: OPV solar ribbon. 2: OLED light strips create a soft glow at night. 3: piezoelectric pole makes additional electricity (see the WindStalk card). 4: electrokinetic remediation heals the soil by removing heavy metals.
OPV uses organic polymers to absorb sunlight and transmit electrical charges. Organic PV can be manufactured in solutions that can be painted or rolled onto proper substrate materials. Current OPV technology has peak power output of about half that of mono-crystalline silicon PV per unit area, but its production cost, flexibility, and performance in ambient light mean that it can—in some cases—outperform conventional PV over time. It can be sewn into backpacks, laptop cases, tents, jackets, and integrated into creative building façades (or art!).

**CHARACTERISTICS**
flexible, colorful, translucent

**IMAGE ABOVE**
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**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
Beyond the Wave, 99 Red Balloons, WindNest
An hourglass reminds us that energy is as precious and fleeting as time.

1,500 houses can be powered by this artwork (8,250 MWh per year)

DESIGN TEAM
Santiago Muros Cortés
Rather than using sand to measure time, *The Solar Hourglass* uses the power of the sun. Sun-tracking mirrors focus thermal energy onto a central parabolic-shaped mirror to create a vertical beam of intense light and heat—a beacon across the harbor that powers a large generator below. Visitors can get close to an insulated glass cylinder and safely feel the heat on their hand. This new kind of public park is a breathtaking setting for inspiration, education, and relaxation.

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This type of concentrated solar thermal power consists of an array of mirrors at the ground level that track the sun’s location in the sky and focus its heat onto a single collector positioned high atop a central tower pylon structure (or beam it to a ground-mounted collector with another set of mirrors). By using a high heat capacity material such as molten salt in the collector (which transfers heat to water to run a steam turbine) energy can be stored to produce electricity even after the sun has set.

**IMAGE ABOVE**
The 110 MW SolarReserve Crescent Dunes plant in Nevada has 1,100 MWh of energy storage. Image courtesy of SolarReserve.

**CHARACTERISTICS**
reflective, beam of light, intense heat, energy storage

**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
The Solar Hourglass
6,000 houses can be powered by this artwork (33,000 MWh per year)

DESIGN TEAM
Christopher Choa, Rachael Pengilley, Shaffee Jones-Wilson, Maged Hanna

A rainbow over the city celebrates the power of the sun.
Transpire makes the invisible visible. One hundred iconic stainless-steel spires sway like reeds and produce a soft shape-shifting cloud and rainbow that can be seen for miles. At night the cloud serves as a canvas for video projection. Hidden behind the spires, thermal energy (parabolic trough) powers steam turbines. The cloud is formed from low-pressure steam vented along the spire’s edges, an integral part of the power plant’s cooling cycle.

LAGI 2010 DUBAI / ABU DHABI

Sketches by the design team show the relationship between the primary parts and the design of the kinetic spires.
The parabolic trough design consists of a series of long, highly polished parabolic reflecting surfaces that focus sunlight onto an absorber tube running along the focal point of the parabola. Heat transfer fluid running through the tube is heated to approximately 400°C. The parabolic shape of the reflector allows the troughs to be oriented on a north-south axis and track the sun in only one rotational axis from east to west each day.
180 houses can be powered by this artwork (990 MWh per year)

DESIGN TEAM
Antonio Maccà, Flavio Masi

The Earth is represented by a palm tree within a photovoltaic sphere.
The photovoltaic sun is made of custom fabricated gold-tinted polycrystalline solar modules that create a beautiful arabesque sphere.

_Solar Eco System_ celebrates the relative position of the planets around the sun on December 2, 1971, the day the United Arab Emirates was founded. The new photovoltaic sun for Abu Dhabi generates light and electricity for the city from the astronomical sun. The surrounding planets are clad in various types of specialty photovoltaics (PV) (CIGS) and represent the most salient features of each. The Earth becomes a spherical PV greenhouse surrounding one existing palm tree.

LAGI 2010 DUBAI / ABU DHABI
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CHARACTERISTICS
flat, thin, rigid, usually dark color, can be tinted or laminated, glass face

IMAGES (1–5)
Siemens AG; Scott Robinson; Sempra LLC; Lumos Solar; and LAGI Solar Mural® “La Monarca” San Antonio, TX (photo by Penelope Boyer).

THIS CARD WORKS WITH
Energy Duck, Night & Day, Solar Eco System, Solar Sound Field
Everyone loves a duck — and this one powers an entire neighborhood!

80 houses can be powered by this artwork (400 MWh per year)

DESIGN TEAM
Hareth Pochee, Adam Khan, Louis Leger, Patrick Fryer
Energy Duck is an entertaining and iconic sculpture, a renewable energy generator, a tourist destination, and a buoyant energy storage device. As lights switch on at the end of the day, the price of electricity is at its peak. Just then the Duck begins to sink slowly under the weight of the artwork as micro-hydro turbines in its belly send power to the grid. In the morning when energy demand is low, the solar panels pump water out of its belly and again it is floating high!

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Look up “solar duck curve” to learn why energy storage is so important for a 100% renewable future.

Solar modules are mounted to a space frame structure, which segments to form the curved surface of the Duck.
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**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
Energy Duck, Night & Day, Solar Eco System, Solar Sound Field
Balloons—symbols of joy and wonder—can help to power our post-carbon city.

2,500 HOUSES can be powered by this artwork (12,500 MWh per year)

DESIGN TEAM
Scott Rosin, Meaghan Hunter, Danielle Loeb, Emeka Nnadi, Kara McDowell, Jocelyn Chorney, Indrajit Mitra, Narges Ayat, Denis Fleury
Inspired by an excerpt from the 1984 song by Nena, 99 identical balloon-shaped photovoltaic solar generators rise from the landscape. Each balloon is an organic resin membrane lined with semi-transparent organic photovoltaic (OPV) material. They symbolize a playful release of energy pulling against the gravity of the earth.

LAGI 2012 FRESHKILLS PARK, NYC
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**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
Beyond the Wave, 99 Red Balloons, WindNest
A new kind of iconic energy landscape.

1,820 houses can be powered by this artwork (9,100 MWh per year)

DESIGN TEAM
Sage and Coombe Architects: T. Kelly Wilson, Timothy Dunne, John Parker, Richard Kress, Peter Hansen, Christoph Timm, Peter Coombe, Allen Slamic, John Reed
Five musical machines each contain an acoustic chamber, a glass greenhouse, and an array of 60-meter tall chromium steel pipes. A stream of hot and buoyant air heated by the sun within the greenhouse rises up the chimneys. This airflow creates a sustained musical note through the resonance chambers and drives a turbine to generate electricity. Electricity is also generated by 24,000 m² of photovoltaic cells below the greenhouse glass.

LAGI 2010 DUBAI / ABU DHABI

A blower ① powered by the solar turbine pushes air into the reservoir ②. Once the valve ③ of one of the flue pipes ④ is put into position, the air enters the pipe to play a note.
The stack effect is the natural property of air within a closed space to rise vertically with buoyancy when heated in relation to ambient air temperature. The greater the heat differential the faster the resulting air movement. This differential is made as great as possible in the updraft tower by 1) heating the air at ground level via a greenhouse with thermal storage, and 2) building the tower tall enough so that the ambient temperature of the air is naturally lower by a few degrees at the mouth. Solar updraft technology uses the stack effect to power turbines located at the base of a very tall tower.

**CHARACTERISTICS**
tall, wide base, inhabitable, warm air flowing

**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
Solar Sound Field
SUN RAY ART

220 HOUSES can be powered by this artwork (1,100 MWh per year)

DESIGN TEAM
Antonio Maccà
**INFO**

**SUN RAY**

### Sun Ray’s solar field

Sun Ray’s solar field is a dynamic canopy composed of rows of flat linear mirrors equipped with a single-axis sun tracking system. The “specular sun,” which measures 85 meters in diameter, reflects sunlight and converges it throughout the day onto the fixed cardinal linear receiver situated in the common focal point of the reflectors. Energy storage and conversion equipment are housed underground.

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This section illustrates the concentration of sunlight.
Linear Fresnel reflectors (LFR) use long, thin segments of flat mirrors to focus sunlight onto a fixed absorber located at a common focal point of the reflectors. Similar to the more common parabolic trough, this single-axis tracking concentrated reflector system heats up a transfer fluid which in turn heats water to run a steam turbine. Fresnel geometry allows flat surfaces to act in a way that mimics a parabolic mirror.

**CHARACTERISTICS**
reflective, flat, linear, directional line of light, shadow

**IMAGE ABOVE**

**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
Sun Ray
NIGHT & DAY
HYDRO-SOLAR GENERATOR

Solar and pumped hydro storage are a great combination!

200 HOUSES can be powered by this artwork (1,000 MWh per year)

DESIGN TEAM
Kevin Kudo-King, Annie Aldrich, James Juricevich, Evan Harlan, Vikram Sami, Erin Hamilton, Gabriela Frank, MacKenzie Cotters, Lauren Gallow, Jonathan Nelson (Olson Kundig)
The **Hydro-Solar Generator** is a power generator that works night and day to leverage the full potential of the site’s natural resources of water and sunshine. The machine takes the form of a pedestrian bridge linking public spaces that have become fragmented over time. The 5,400 m$^2$ solar sail’s curvature is optimized for annual solar energy harvest. During the day 82% of the solar power is pushed to the grid while 18% is utilized for pumping water into the hydro battery.

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The pumped hydro storage machine can provide 350 kWh of electricity after the sun has set.
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**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
- Energy Duck, Night & Day, Solar Eco System, Solar Sound Field
The orbs magnify the sun and flip the horizon upside down.

110 houses can be powered by this artwork (550 MWh per year)

Design team
Kaitlin Campbell, Chad Grevelding, Bridget Snover, Kyle Stillwell
The design of Solar Orbs utilizes spherical solar concentrators to focus sunlight onto a photovoltaic + thermal solar cell. The high-performance cell tracks the concentrated light throughout the day, gliding in the shadow of the sphere along a dual axis system. The concept of spherical solar concentrators was first introduced by Andre Broessel, the founder of Rawlemon.

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The solar cell is set on a tracking system that moves behind the water-filled acrylic sphere.
CPV uses photovoltaic cells, but rather than rely on the standard intensity of naturally occurring solar radiation energy, the CPV system concentrates the sunlight and directs a magnified beam onto a smaller area solar cell specifically designed to handle the greater energy and heat. Because the solar cell can be much smaller, the amount of semiconductor material required is far less for the same watt capacity output when compared to standard PV.

**CHARACTERISTICS**
- reflective, lens, magnification, optics, kinetic, heliostatic, dual-axis tracking

**IMAGE ABOVE**
CPV installation. Image courtesy of SolFocus, Inc.

**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
Solar Orbs
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50 houses can be powered by this artwork (250 MWh per year)

Design Team
Matthew Rosenberg, Matt Melnyk, Emmy Maruta, Robbie Eleazer
As the wind rushes up each side of the hill, it is concentrated into landforms that increase the velocity of flow and channel the energy to turbines located around a calm and pastoral central plaza. The landforms are generated by grafting the site’s wind rose diagram onto the landscape to create a seamless exchange between site-specific data and a work of land art that harvests the energy of its environment.

LAGI 2012 FRESHKILLS PARK, NYC

Wind rushes into the bamboo land forms, and accelerates as it approaches the turbine.
Horizontal axis wind turbines have been around for centuries. In the past 50 years their design has become increasingly efficient and streamlined to the 3-blade that we see dotting many of our landscapes. As the diameter (wind-swept area) increases, the power capacity goes up quickly and turbines are getting larger every year (approaching 200 meters diameter). A ducted (compact acceleration) wind turbine (right image) uses a cone or lens to concentrate the wind, increasing its velocity as it passes through the turbine (Venturi effect) and generating more electricity than a “free-running” turbine of the same diameter.

**CHARACTERISTICS**
dynamic, large, rotate, circle

**IMAGES ABOVE**
Onshore turbine; Offshore turbine (U.S. DOE); Ducted turbine in Fukuoka Prefecture Japan (Wikimedia Commons).

**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
Fresh Hills, WindNest
This artwork can power a carousel!

20 houses can be powered by this artwork (100 MWh per year)

Design team:
Trevor Lee (Suprafutures)
A 1/4 scale prototype of WindNest is installed at a sculpture garden in Chicago.

WindNest demonstrates the potential for our sustainable infrastructures to be joyful contributions to creative placemaking. Visitors experience a set of moving cloud formations overhead. As they linger on their way through this beautiful place, they will discover that the pods above them are generating clean electricity with a mix of wind and solar technologies—a power plant as full of wonder as the carousel it powers.

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**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
- Fresh Hills, WindNest
As goats harvest energy from the grass, Wind Grazers harvest energy from the air.

105 houses can be powered by this artwork (525 MWh per year)

Design Team
Jennifer Sage, Peter Coombe, Andrew Kao, Allen Slamic, Taewook Cha, Trevor Sell, John Reed
A field of 200 turbines hovers in the sky, gridded like rows of crops recalling the site’s agricultural past. Retractable tethers of equal lengths anchor an aerial array of turbines and project the topography into the sky, making it visible to the surrounding city. Each turbine is held aloft by helium-filled aerostats with horizontal axis wind turbines. At high altitudes these turbines can take advantage of very high speed winds, unimpeded by land surface friction and turbulence.

LAGI 2012 FRESHKILLS PARK, NYC
The power of the wind at high altitudes is stronger and more consistent than winds nearer to the ground. However, getting access to this source of energy presents an awesome design challenge. Experimentation has led to a variety of HAWP types including kites, sails, aerostats, airfoils, drogues, rotating blimps, and gliders like the one pictured above, designed to soar through crosswinds in a constant circle while multiple turbines on the wings send power to the grid below through a tether.
A wind farm without the blades!

4,000 houses can be powered by this artwork (20,000 MWh per year)

Design team:
Darío Núñez Ameni, Thomas Siegl, Gabrielle Jesiolowski, Radhi Majmudar, Ian Lipsky
**WindStalk** is inspired by the way that a field of grass blades wave in the wind. The artwork consists of 1203 carbon fiber reinforced resin stalks, 55 meters high. The top 50 centimeters of the stalks are lit up by an LED array that glows with the strength of the wind. Like a sunflower, the stalks are arrayed along a logarithmic spiral. Visitors can walk on the bases of the stalks and listen to the sound that the wind makes as it rushes overhead.

**LAGI 2010 DUBAI / ABU DHABI**

Within each hollow pole is a stack of piezoelectric ceramic discs. When the stalks sway in the wind the disks are forced into compression, generating a current.

Within each base is an array of shock absorbers (linear alternators) that convert the mechanical power of the swaying stalk into electrical power.

Chambers for pumped hydro storage.
Kinetic energy (energy in motion) can be harvested and converted into electricity using technologies such as linear alternators and piezoelectric stack actuators. Piezoelectric materials naturally convert the mechanical strain of bending or pressure into electricity. They can be placed in pavers, roadways, or stacked inside long objects that sway in the wind. Linear alternators generate an electrical current through induction—a magnet moving back and forth through the center of a copper coil (solenoid).

**CHARACTERISTICS**
columnar, springy, bending, elastic, movement, coil, action, jump!

**IMAGE ABOVE**
Piezoelectric stack actuators.
Image courtesy of Piezotechnik GmbH.

**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
WindStalk
Imagine a kinetic artwork that bellows and flows in the wind!

840 houses can be powered by this artwork (4,200 MWh per year)

Design Team
Marilu Valente
Aetherius expresses the poetic potential and beauty of the wind. It moves according to wind speed, frequency, and direction—responding to unpredictability. A series of ultra-light wings move in a synchronized wave as the wind rushes across the surface of the artwork, reminiscent of the way that a fish moves through the water. The undulating façade reflects its environment, generates electricity, and creates a dynamic experience for visitors.

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A series of wings are attached to horizontal pivots. These pivots rotate and translate the energy of the wind to hydraulic piston pumps that power a generator.
Hydraulic cylinders or pistons are a way to harvest kinetic energy (energy in motion). A force applied to the piston pumps a fluid through a closed loop to power a hydraulic motor that drives an electric generator. Any force or action that applies repeating pressure, such as ocean waves, wind, or even a playground seesaw can be converted into electricity in this way.

**CHARACTERISTICS**
- linear movement,
- pressure, swinging,
- swaying, shaking

**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
Aetherius
A circle of spinning mirrors creates the perfect outdoor room.

21 HOUSES can be powered by this artwork (105 MWh per year)

DESIGN TEAM
Louis Gadd, Aimee Goodwin, Danny Truong
**INFO**

**ENERGY TECHNOLOGY**

**vertical axis wind turbine**

*Rotor* is a circular array of 1.5 kW Savonius type vertical axis wind turbines. The custom rotor is made from stainless steel—polished to produce a highly reflective surface. The result is an immersive artwork that communicates the poetry of wind and engages people in ways that large wind turbines can’t. The artwork harnesses the innate beauty of the invisible phenomena of wind and renders it visible to the public.

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Operable turbine

Operable turbine is safely elevated from the ground plane to avoid injury

Fixed panel with concealed structural column

Ground level access
Vertical axis wind turbines (VAWT) are generally either Darrieus or Savonius in type (named after their early 20th century inventors). A simple distinction is that Darrieus-type turbines use aerofoil blades and Savonius-type turbines use wind scoops. Gorlov helical turbine (GHT) is a variation on a standard Darrieus type. VAWTs have lower cut-in speeds (the wind speed at which they begin to produce electricity) than HAWTs and can be positioned lower to the ground.

**CHARACTERISTICS**
- spinning, motion, reflective, kinetic, circle, screen

**IMAGE ABOVE**
RevolutionAir WT1KW (GHT type design).
Image courtesy of PRAMAC. Design by Philippe Starck.

**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
Rotor
Energy is at play in the skies over this net-zero public park!

380 houses can be powered by this artwork (1,900 MWh per year)

DESIGN TEAM
David Donley, Michael Cinalli
Each unit in UNWIND operates on a system of two kites that cycle in a yo-yo style. As the first kite reaches its maximum height, the second kite begins its ascent. Inside the spheres are two spools connected to ratcheted gears that engage a flywheel, which regulates the sporadic speed of the unspooling kites into a consistent output speed. This rotational energy is harnessed by a generator that produces electricity.

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WILD CARD
Play this card with any wind ART or INFO card.

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A field of rye and poppies creates a natural energy landscape.

11 HOUSES can be powered by this artwork (55 MWh per year)

DESIGN TEAM
Ronny Zschörper, Franziska Adler
Golden Roots contrasts the urban environment with the experience of unspoiled nature. A system of paths and bridges guides visitors through a constellation of crop circles, bringing the calm countryside to life in the city. The fields are periodically harvested to generate high-energy biomass as well as to provide rye bales for the construction of observation towers, which change every season. The towers can rise up to 18 meters tall when maximum crop yields are achieved.

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Crossing Bridges
Bridges and underpasses provide barrier-free and unlimited access to the observation tower and the water’s edge.

Observation Tower
The tower provides an additional view point with an altitude of 18 meters above the ground.

Water Platform
A direct water connection, additional entrance point, and a place to relax with a view of the city.
Biomass can be combusted directly as a solid fuel or converted to liquid or gas biofuels. These biofuels can be used in either a combustion engine (conversion to mechanical energy) or in a fuel cell (conversion to electrical energy). Biogas is created through the breakdown of any organic material (biomass) in an oxygen-poor environment, such as a landfill or an anaerobic digester tank. Biogas is similar in composition to conventional natural gas and as such can be compressed or fed into a municipal gas grid and used for cooking, heating, lighting, transportation, and electricity production.

**CHARACTERISTICS**
hot, organic, fibrous, gaseous, earthy, grassy, fermented

**IMAGE ABOVE**
Sunflower field in Fargo, North Dakota.

**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
Golden Roots
20 HOUSES can be powered by each algae tree (100 MWh per year)
A hundred trees power 1,000 homes!

DESIGN TEAM
Jessica Wolff, Abhishek Sharma, Pamela Richot, Ekachai Pattamasattayasonthi
Shifting Algae Forest is a celebration of the hybrid ecologies that humans are formulating to protect and ensure the survival of our planet. The algae trees take the harmful legacy of urban waste streams and convert it into a newly productive landscape. As the “branches” of the bioluminescent algae trees glow at night, site users are informed of the amount of carbon dioxide that is actively being sequestered from the landfill during the day.

LAGI 2012 FRESHKILLS PARK, NYC

The diagram of system flows illustrates landfill gas, leachate, raw river water, and seed algae inputs, and biodiesel, clean water, and oxygen outputs.
Biodiesel fuel can be produced from the naturally occurring oils (biolipids) that are found in algae, which can be cultivated by combining untreated waste water with CO$_2$ that is diverted from emissions streams at power plants, landfills, or other industrial sites. The density of fuel energy per unit of feedstock mass and the portability of liquid fuel makes algae biodiesel an important sustainable energy source for a post-carbon economy.

**CHARACTERISTICS**
- green, saturated,
- tubes, dense

**IMAGE ABOVE**
Tubular glass photobioreactor by IGV Biotech via Wikimedia Commons.

**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
Shifting Algae Forest
Innovation happens when you dare to think creatively about challenges. The next decade promises to be an exciting time for new energy products and solutions, both in clean generation and in energy storage. Advances in our understanding of organic systems are leading to new energy technologies such as artificial photosynthesis and microbial fuel cells. How can we reveal the way these systems work through art in public space?
A luminescent wave energy power plant!

840 houses can be powered by this artwork (4,200 MWh per year)

DESIGN TEAM
Ricardo Avella, Andrés Tabora, Michael Henriksen, Carla Betancourt, Silvia Mercader, Laura Vera, Oriana De Lucia, Martin Von Bülow, Laura Vivas, Miguel Rosas
At dusk a soft glow appears on the far side of the breakwater. Energy production continues at all hours of the day.

Noctilucales preserves the horizon line of the ocean. The artwork consists of a network of moving plates installed along cables. The movement of the plates creates hydraulic pressure, which is converted into electricity. Each moving plate casts a subtle glow at night. The energy collectors are seen as a field of lights, producing a bioluminescent effect similar to the one created by natural Noctilucales in some parts of the world.

LAGI 2016 SANTA MONICA
Surface-following (attenuator type) wave generation uses long sets of interconnected segments that create pressure in chambers of oil as the parts shift their position under the influence of waves.

The oil pressure drives hydraulic motors to power electric generators.

**CHARACTERISTICS**
rocking, floating, long, glowing, serpentine

**IMAGE ABOVE**
Image courtesy of Wavepiston™.

**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
Noctilucales
An inhabitable artwork floats upon the surface of the waves.

3,200 HOUSES can be powered by this artwork (16,000 MWh per year)

DESIGN TEAM
Christina Vannelli, Liz Davidson, Matthew Madigan
The area behind the Santa Monica Pier breakwater was once home to a yacht harbor filled with hundreds of sailboats and moorings. *Catching the Wave* recalls this history by celebrating the relationship of a sail ship and its mooring. The installation is made up of 60 buoys that capture wave energy. Each buoy is connected to a piston mounted on the ocean floor by a flexible tether. The movement of the piston first pulls in sea water, then pressurizes it to power an electric generator.

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Buoy type wave generators use the motion of the waves at a single point. Some use the up and down motion to transfer pressurized liquid or air within chambers to spin turbines.

Deeper water provides longer waves and more regular wave energy without as much potential for damage to equipment from cresting waves.

**Characteristics**
- buoy, up-down,
- bright, water, nodes,
- interconnected

**Image Above**
Image courtesy of Ocean Power Technologies, Inc.

**This Card Works With**
Catching the Wave, Follies and Fog
Energy and water come together in this perfect sphere.

764 HOUSES can be powered by this artwork (3,820 MWh per year) + 2,200,000 liters of fresh water for the pier!

DESIGN TEAM
Jaesik Lim, Ahyoung Lee, Jaeyeol Kim, Taegu Lim
The Clear Orb appears to float upon the surface of the ocean. The colors of the sky are refracted through the translucent solar photovoltaic glass upper section, while the lower hemisphere’s reflective surface glitters with the sunlight playing on the ocean waves. The Orb is a solar still that produces fresh water from seawater through evaporation and condensation. Part of the energy generated by the oscillating water column pumps seawater into the evaporation tray.

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The fully transparent solar cells are installed on the top of the sphere.
An oscillating water column wave energy converter harnesses the continuous energy of the waves as they flow into and out of a large air chamber along the shoreline. When the wave rushes in ①, the air in the chamber is compressed and when it rushes out ④, the air becomes very low pressure. As air rushes into and out of the chamber ③ to equalize the air pressure in the chamber, a special type of turbine—a Wells turbine ②—spins continuously in one direction to generate electricity at a relatively constant rate.

**CHARACTERISTICS**
crashing, loud, air, water, edge, spinning

**THIS CARD WORKS WITH**
The Clear Orb
Each folly “home” powers twenty real homes with the motion of the ocean.

2,600 houses can be powered by this artwork (13,000 MWh per year)

Design team
Nik Klahre, Brooke Campbell-Johnston
The artwork makes visible the hidden activity of wave energy production. Connected to a floating grid of buoy-type wave energy converters are 128 follies. As the amount of energy generation nears peak productivity during periods of intense wave activity, an artificial fog engulfs the artwork in a cloud of mist. As the waves become less powerful, the viewer is able to again see the artwork from the shore as the cloud of artificial fog begins to disburse.

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This section through the follies shows the point absorber wave energy devices, their interconnections to pedestrian walkways, and their anchoring to the seabed.
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HOW TO MATCH

Match an ART card with its corresponding INFO card for a two-card match.

**EXAMPLE**

Sun Ray ART ①  
Sun Ray INFO ②

OR Match an ART or INFO card to the TECH card that it works with.

**EXAMPLE**

Sun Ray ART ① or INFO ②  
Solar Thermal CSP Linear Fresnel Reflector TECH ③

OR Match a full set of ART, INFO, and TECH cards.

**EXAMPLE**

All three cards together as shown below

A WILD CARD can take the place of any TECH card in its category (solar, wind, bio, hydro).

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**INSTRUCTIONS & GAME RULES**

2–5 players  
Ages 13 +  

**DESIGN TEAM**  
Antonia Mencia
BEGIN

Each player is dealt five (5) cards.

The remaining cards are placed in a draw pile, face-down.

The first player is the one to the left of the dealer.

Gameplay is in a clockwise direction.

Set a timer for 7-minutes.

If you can’t transition to renewable energy quickly enough, you risk the whole table losing to a massive climate feedback loop.

PLAY

1. The first player looks at their hand to see if they can make any matches. If they can, they place one match (either a set of two or a full set of three) face-up on the table. Players can only place one match per turn.

If they cannot make any matches, the same player asks the table if anyone has a TECH card that could help them make a match.

2. If another player has the requested TECH card, that person is obligated to hand that card over and replace it with a card from the draw pile.
Players may only ask the table for a **TECH** card. If the player does not need a **TECH** card, they will skip this step. If successful in seeking a match with a **TECH** card, the player places their match face-up on the table and ends their turn.

3. If no player has the requested **TECH** card—or the player still cannot make a match—they draw one card. If the card drawn allows them to make a match, they may do so and place it face-up on the table. If throughout their turn the player is unable to make a match, their hand grows by one card. Players can place only one match per turn on the table.

Play moves to the next person, who follows the same steps.

As soon as there are matches on the table, players may choose to finish a 2-card set by laying the matching card in their hand next to that set, making a full set of three.

Play continues until one person has “played to zero” exhausting the cards in their hand and thus saving the planet, or until the timer goes off.
Why play to ZERO?

A prosperous world that produces ZERO greenhouse gas emissions from the burning of fossil fuels will allow our planet to avoid a tipping point of runaway global warming. We can get there, but we have a long way to go. In 2017 we pumped 32.5 billion metric tons of carbon emissions into our very thin atmosphere and the number keeps rising every year. We must turn this around immediately and bring carbon emissions all the way to ZERO by the middle of the 21st century or we are risking the lives of millions of people.

The good news is that we live in a world of plenty and we already have the technology needed to bring about a prosperous and equitable net-ZERO world. If we design it, we can pass along to our children a global “circular economy” powered by the energy of the sun, wind, and water.

A circular economy is one in which we do not pollute our precious environment. Instead we use 100% biodegradable materials and reduce our waste streams to ZERO.
A large and inefficient single family house—poorly insulated with the lights and air conditioning on all the time—will use about 10 MWh per year. That is how much the average home uses in the United States for example.

More efficient single family homes use far less—about 5 MWh per year—which happens to be the average in Australia.

5 MWh per year is the number that we have used in this game on the ART cards.

Smaller homes and apartments can use even less than that. The very best home, of course, is the one that uses the least energy or even ZERO energy!
MWh: A mega what?

A watt is a unit of measure of electrical power equivalent to 1/746 horsepower.

A watt-hour is the measure of electrical energy equivalent to one watt of power used or produced consistently over one hour of time.

A kilowatt-hour (kWh) is 1,000 watt-hours, or one kW output or consumption of power over a one hour period of time.

A megawatt-hour (MWh) is one million watts delivered continuously over one hour (or 1,000 watts delivered continuously over 1,000 hours).

One solar module can generate 300 watts of power when facing the optimal direction on a bright sunny day. Over the course of a year that power accumulates to between 315 kWh–525 kWh of energy per year depending on the climate.

To meet the yearly consumption of a 5 MWh per year home, you can install 10 solar modules if you live in a sunny climate or 16 solar modules if you live in a cloudy climate.
The great energy transition will have an impact on our built environment and our cherished landscapes like no other technical advance since the automobile. Our cities and countrysides will look different in 2040 than they do today. At less than 2% share of our energy portfolio, the expanding presence of wind and solar infrastructure has already sparked intense debates about land use and real estate values.

But what if clean energy installations were designed as elegant solutions, appealing to the human need for aesthetics and beauty, for art and high design? What if we could spark the imagination of the world, inspiring the public about the beauty and cultural richness of our post-carbon cities?

The Land Art Generator Initiative (LAGI) is doing that by engaging interdisciplinary creative teams to innovate and collaborate—to design our new energy landscapes as playful works of art in public space.
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