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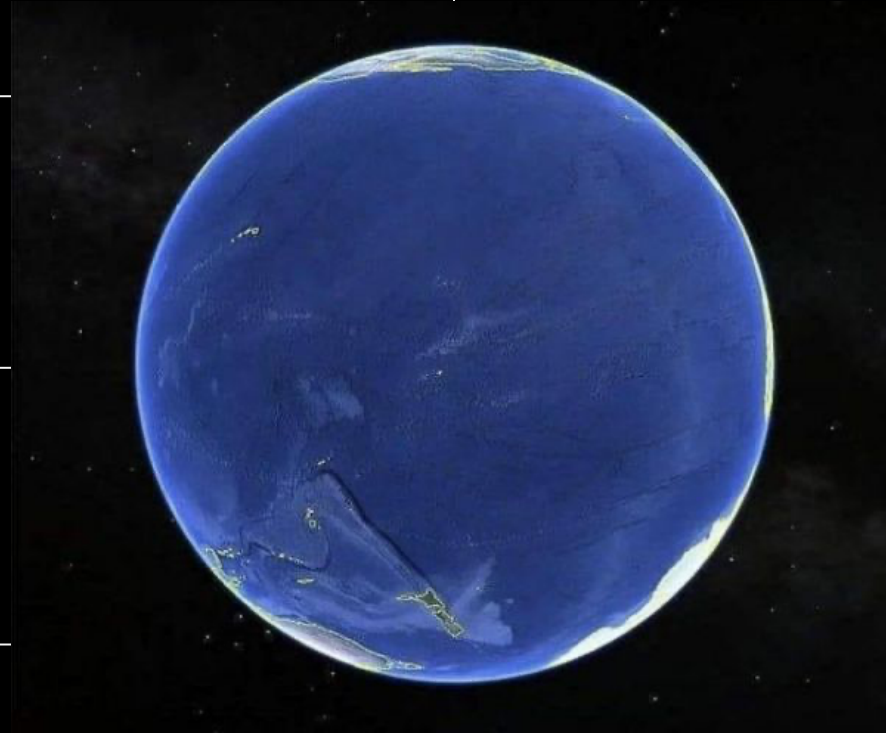
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1. The Ocean is the Climate Main Controller

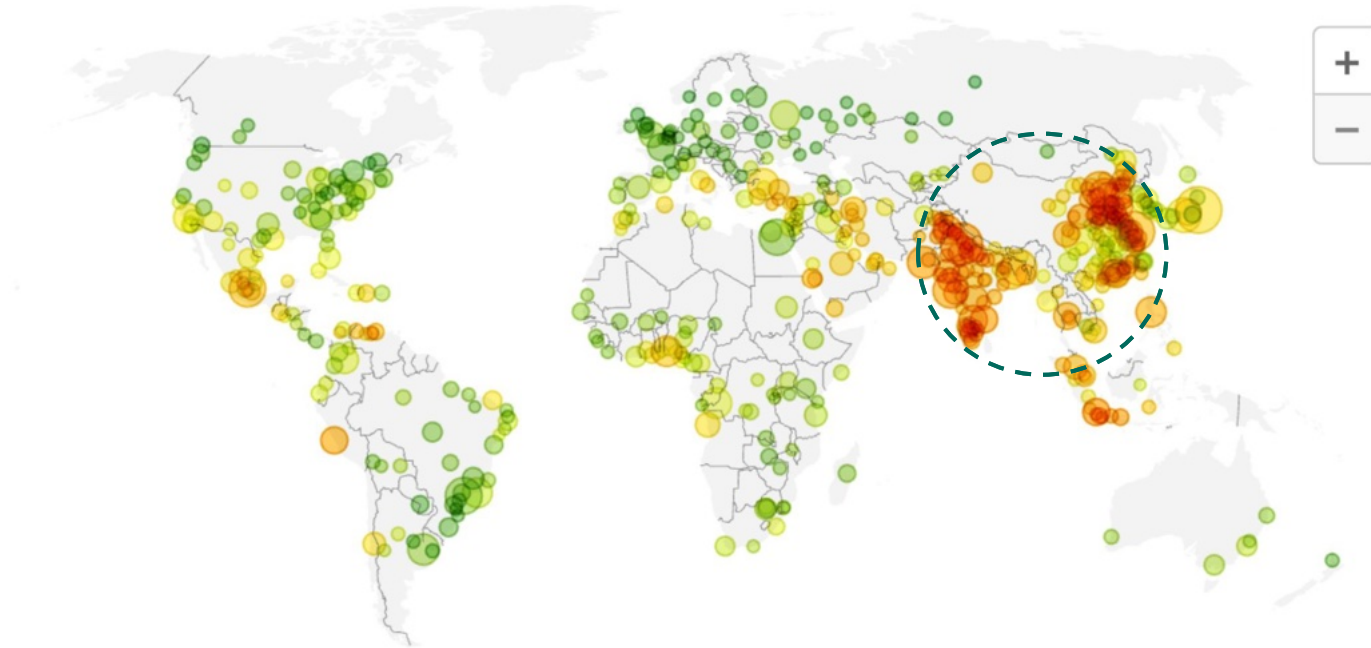
71% Of the “Earth” is “Water”



2. Asia will be most affected by climate change

“Asia Is Home to 99 of the World’s 100 Cities Facing the Greatest Environmental Challenges”

Environmental risk score



Map: Elijah Wolfson for TIME • Source: Verisk Maplecroft

TIME

<https://time.com/6048106/asia-environment-risk-cities/>

2. Young and Indigenous People are the Most Vulnerable

Indigenous Youth Are the Most Strategic Conservationists



“Indigenous people’s traditional lands account for less than 22% of the world’s land area, they protect 80% of the world’s biodiversity. And this protection is not passive: Indigenous-led projects are a vital part of the conservation movement across the world.” - World Bank

- <https://news.mongabay.com/2022/03/podcast-indigenous-peoples-the-worlds-top-conservationists/>
- <https://www.survivalinternational.org/conservation>
- <https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/unsung-heroes-conservation-indigenous-people-fight-forests>
- <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/11/climate/nature-conservation-30-percent.html>

Photo: An outrigger canoe off Bougainville, Papua New Guinea. Credit Georg Berg/Alamy

A. Oil

BP Oil Spill, 2010, Gulf of Mexico



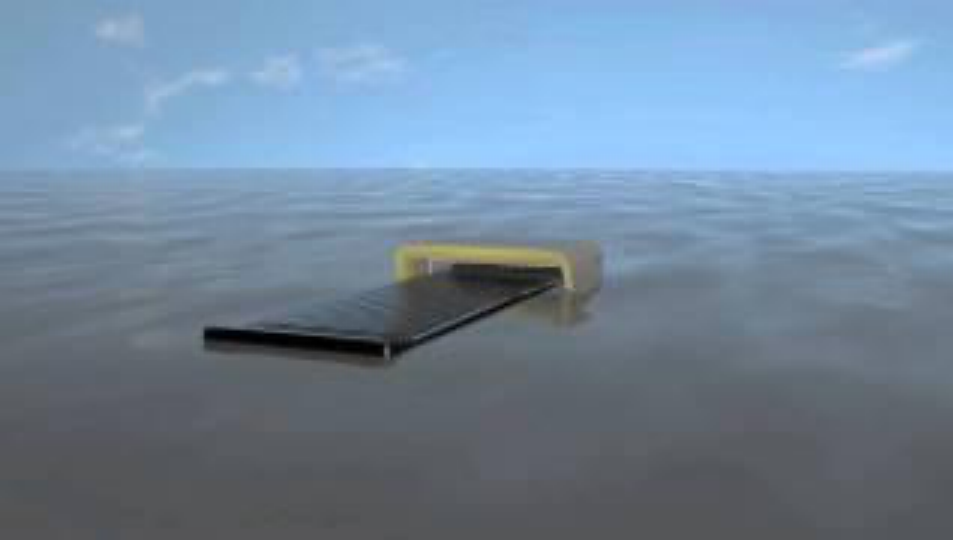
<https://www.britannica.com/event/Deepwater-Horizon-oil-spill>



<https://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-gulf-anniversary-20150418-story.html>

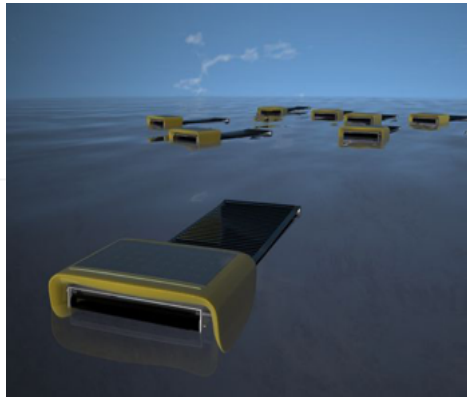


“SeaSwarm” MIT, 2010



By autonomously navigating the water's surface, Seaswarm proposes a new system for ocean-skimming and oil removal. Seaswarm uses a photovoltaic powered conveyor belt made of a thin nanowire mesh to propel itself and collect oil. The nanomaterial, patented at MIT, can absorb up to 20 times its weight in oil. The flexible conveyor belt softly rolls over the ocean's surface, absorbing oil while deflecting water because of its hydrophobic properties.

https://senseable.mit.edu/seaswarm/ss_prototype.html



Louisiana Bucket Brigade, 2010, New Orleans

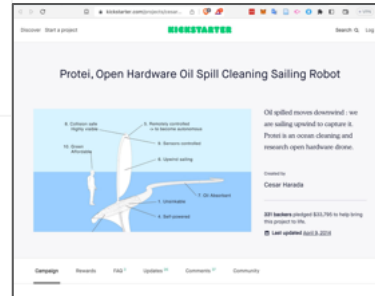


The
**Public
Laboratory**
for Open Technology and Science



“Protei” #Naval Architecture, 2010

“Protei” is the name of the shape-shifting hull technology, inspired by the name of the Greek god “Proteus” that can change shape at will. In the same way that sailboats can adjust and trim the shape of their sails, Protei technology allows to dynamically change the shape of the hull, improving trajectory and payload control, stability, maneuvering, reducing drag and fuel. I discovered and licensed this technology as open hardware and used crowdfunding to support the early development. A similar technology is now under development by MIT, NASA and Boeing.



B. Coral

A bleak outlook...



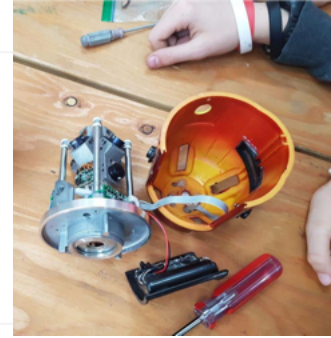
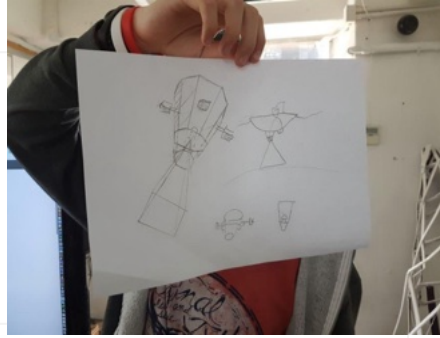
2050: 90% dead



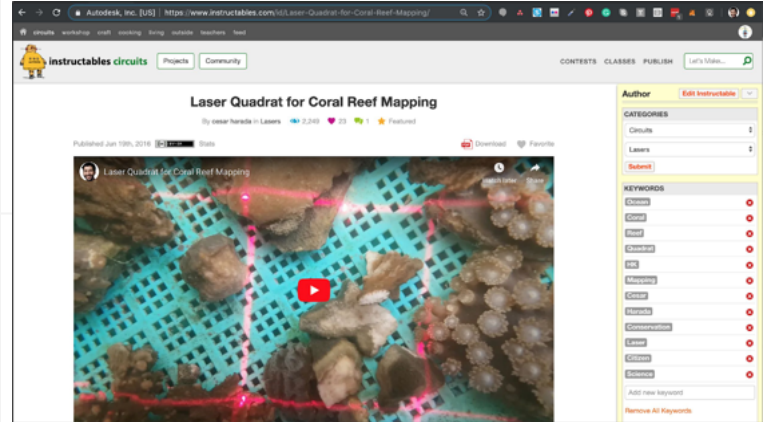
2100: 99% dead



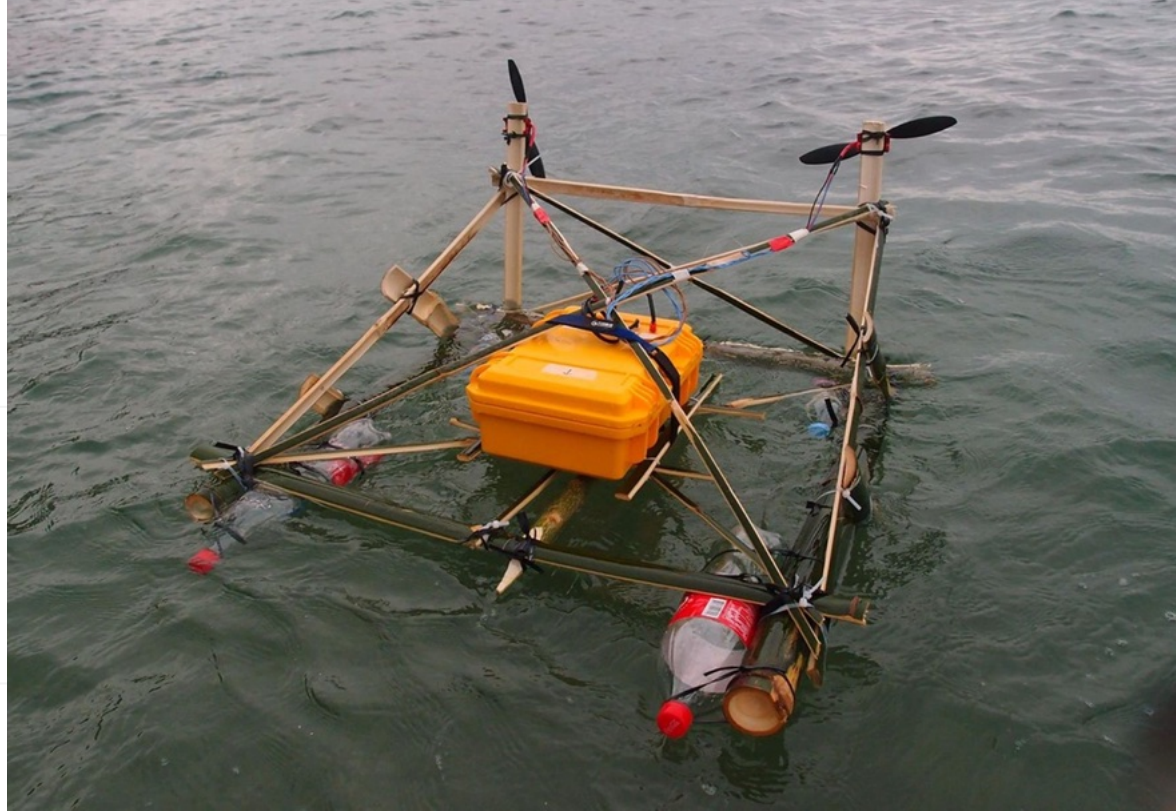
The Imagination of Kids

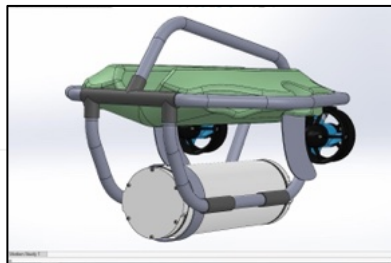


Testing in the Field



Research Grant with the University of Hong Kong





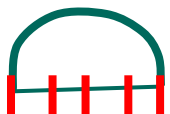
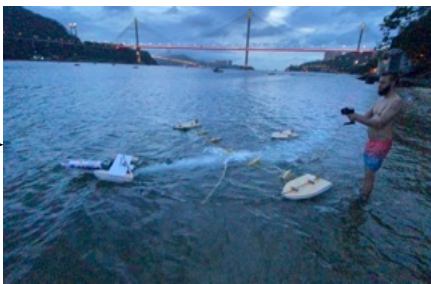
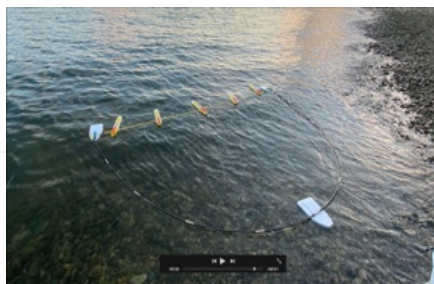
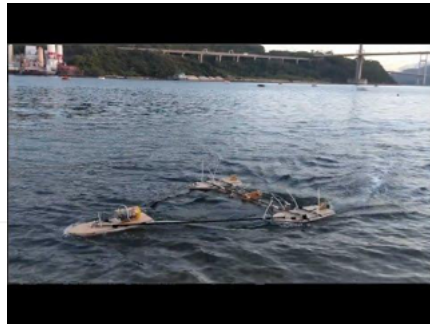
Quadrat
2016 June

Mindorobot
2017 July

Mustard
2018 July

Turtle
2020 Mar





**Bow and
Arrow
2020 June**



**Dream
Catcher
2020 July**



**Delta Force
2020 July**

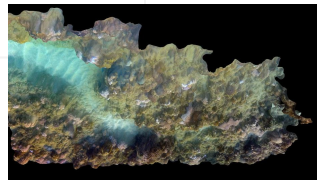
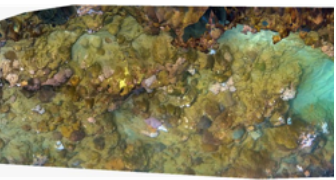


**Ladder
2020 Aug**

“CoralBot” #Coral #AI, 2018



CoralBot maps corals reefs with drone, photogrammetry and AI technology. Potential impact: map coral reefs and develop coral restoring techniques orders of magnitude faster and cheaper than current state of the art. This technology inspired my students to develop the ocean cleaning robot startup ClearBot.dev now funded by RAZER.





“Clearbot” #Ocean Trash #AI, 2021



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About Clearbot

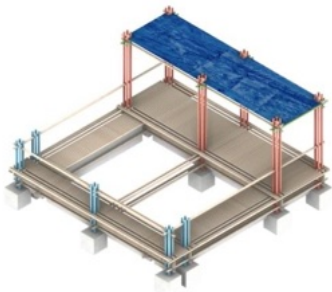
Cofounded by Gupta and Goel, Clearbot started in 2019 as a student project to help Indonesian surfers clean up waterways. The Hong Kong-based company builds self-driving electric boats that collect rubbish, perform remote inspections and deliver cargo. With a 20-kilometer range and 200 kilogram payload capability, Clearbot has participated in cleanup projects in Hong Kong and India and won competi

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C. Oyster

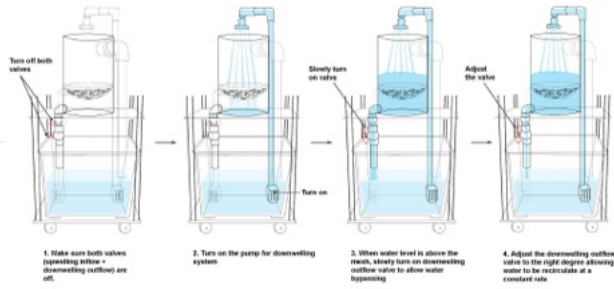
“Floating Marine Lab” #Oyster, 2019

Low cost high tech fish and oyster farming systems
Potential impact: reduce overfishing, provide better livelihood for coastal, river and lake communities.





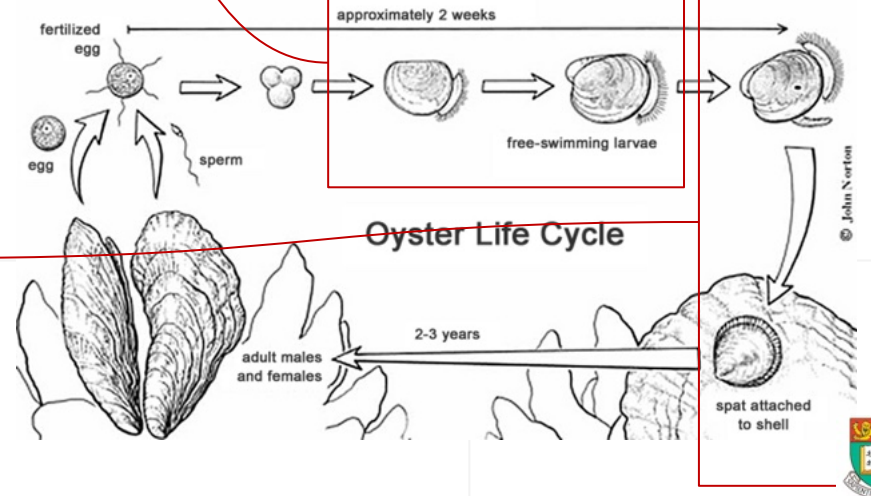
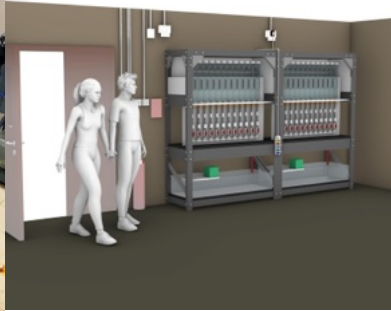
Downwelling system manual guide



Oyster Hatchery System

This environment mimics the tide movement with upwelling and downwelling. Our specific design allows for fine control and measurement of environmental parameters such as temperature, Ph, dissolved oxygen, salinity and further sample analysis can tell us about the chemistry of the water.

1. Research, Faster parallel testing
2. Usability
3. Continuous digital measurements
4. Remote monitoring



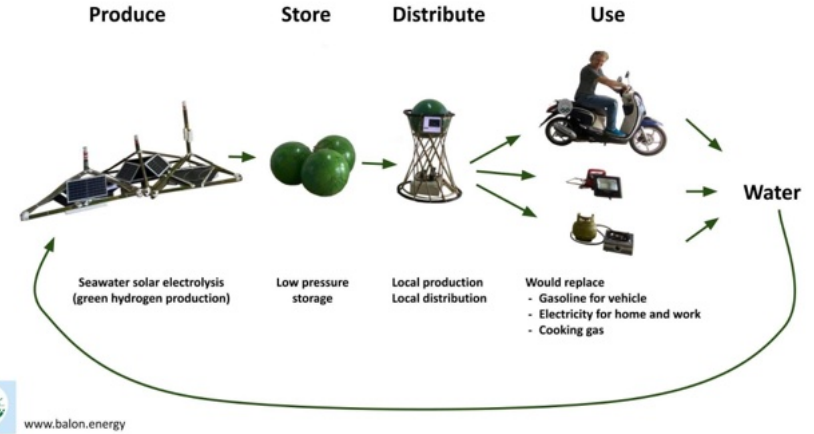
“Ocean Imagineer” #Hydrogen, 2021

The "Ocean Imagineer" is the pilot combination of an oyster farm and floating solar hydrogen plant pilot that I designed and built. The 12m long, 6m wide, 4m high floating structure demonstrates that we can produce green hydrogen offshore while contributing positively to marine biodiversity. Textile artwork commissioned to Kay Wong. Funded by the Hong Kong Art Centre, and the NEAR Foundation, exhibited in North Point and Lau Fau Shan, Hong Kong.



D. Crabs

“Balon Balo Ijo” #Hydrogen, 2022



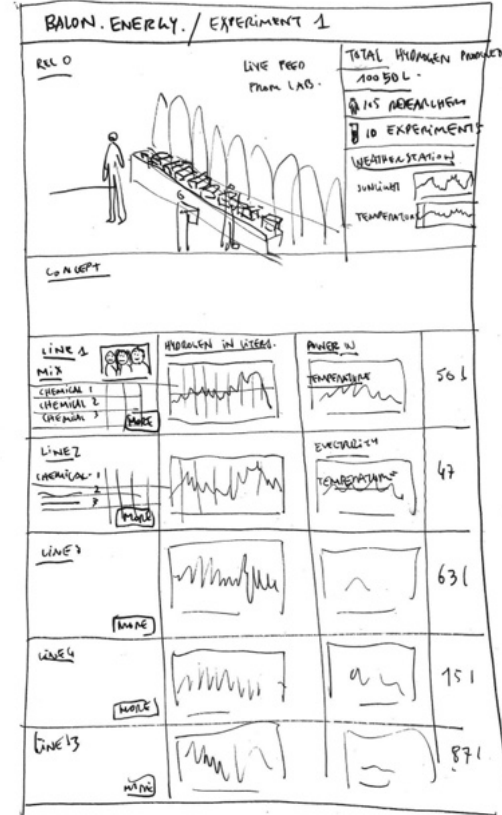
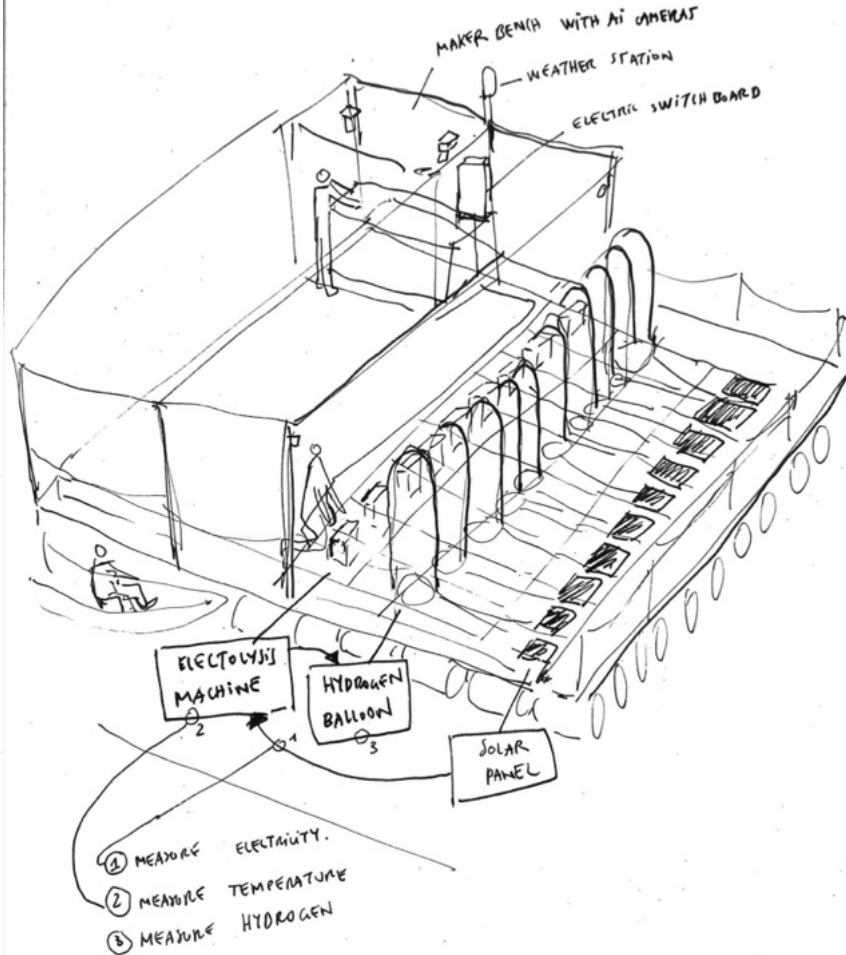
What if coastal communities could produce their own clean energy from the sea? Prototyped in Bali, Balon Balo Ijo is speculative energy system:

- **Production:** Floating solar hydrogen electrolyzer
- **Store & Transport:** Low pressure hydrogen balloons
- **Distribution** point with fuel cell, compressor

That hydrogen can be used for electricity, gas cooking, transportation.
Low pressure hydrogen is cheaper and safer to produce is the ocean is vast...

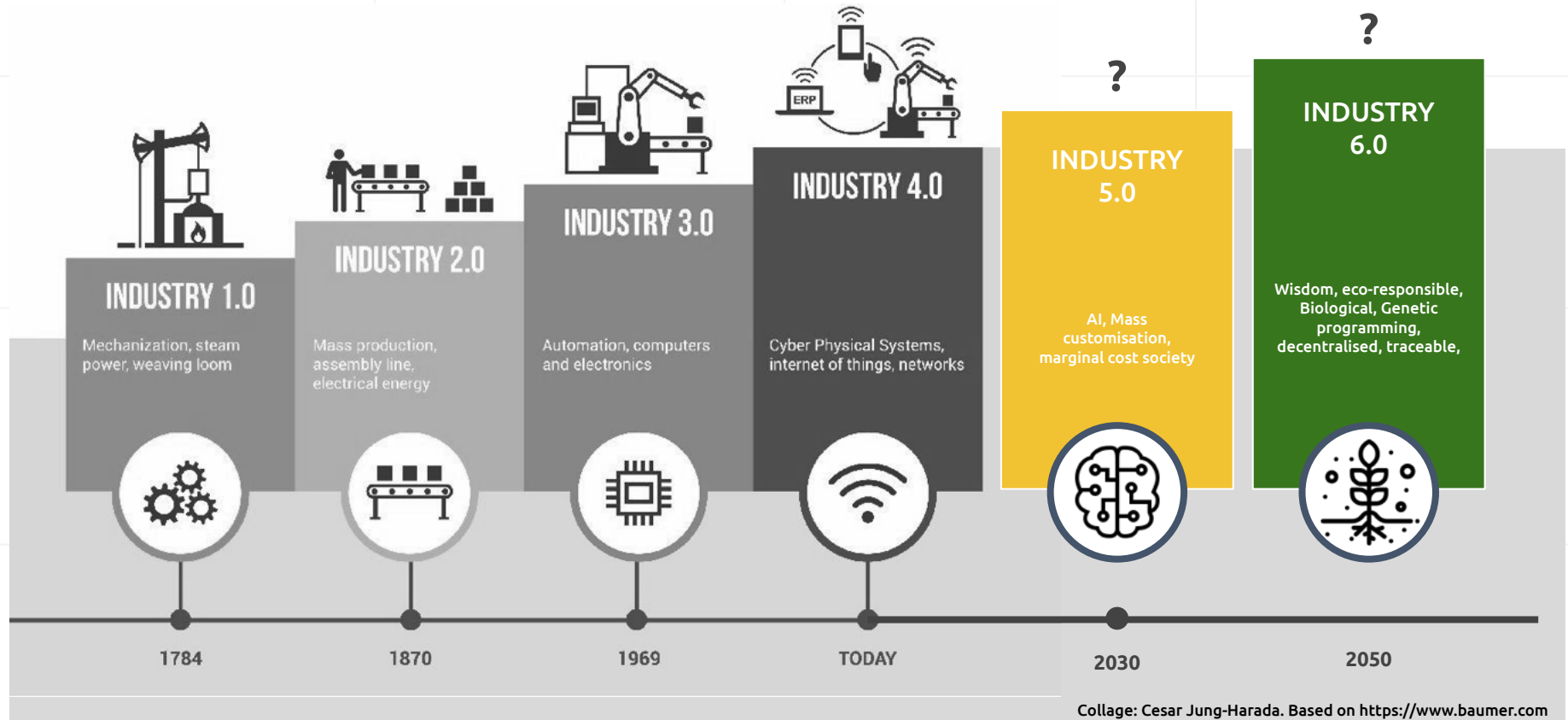


“Balon.Energy” 2023, Indonesia

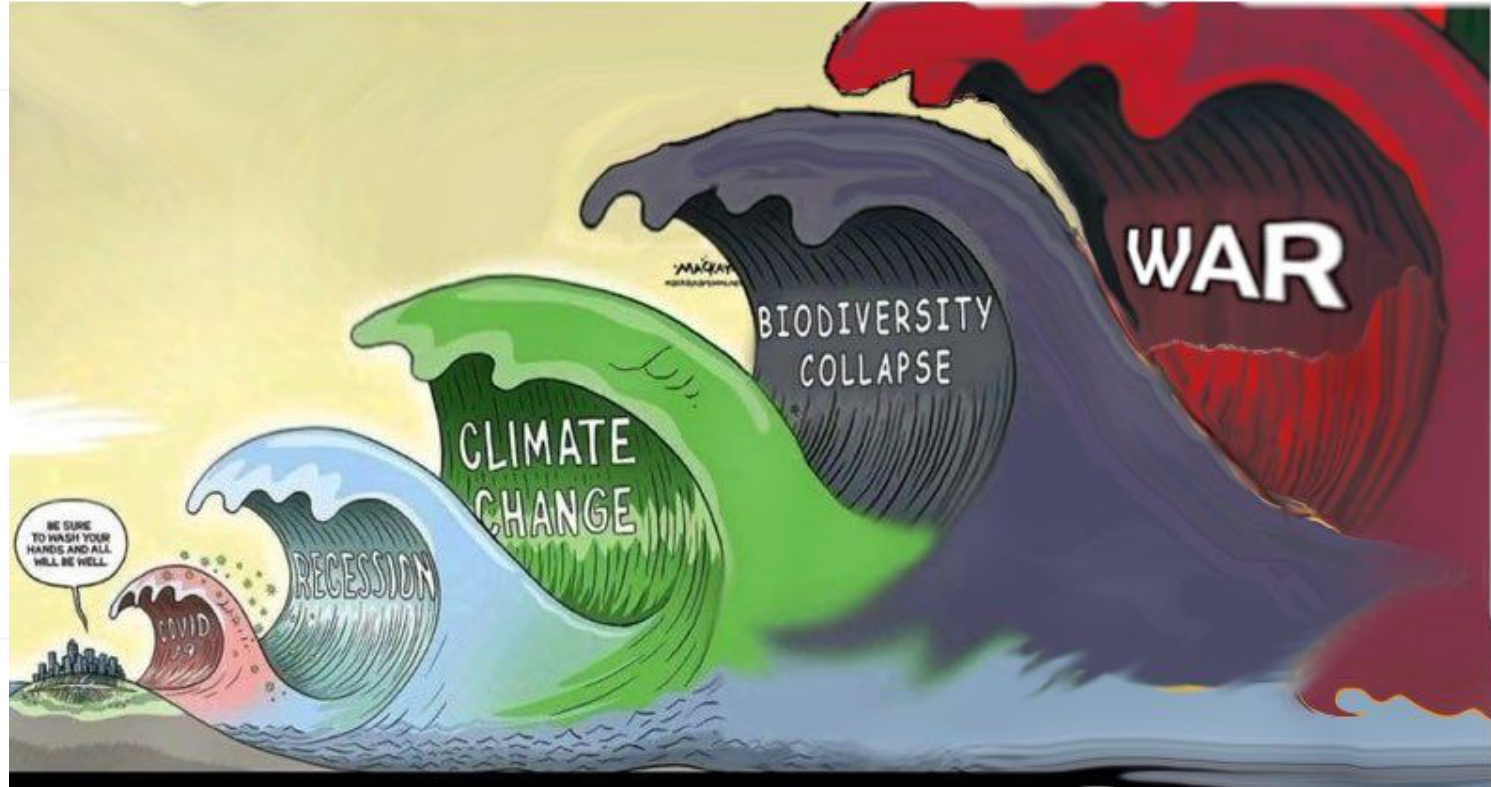


Conclusion

The Industrial Revolution We Need



The Coming Challenges



Collage: Based on McKay

- **Open Science**
- **Youth, Indigenous, Women**
- **Decentralised and Anti Colonial**

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