

#19. AQUA SOCCER AND DYMAXION GOLF

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Hamburg, Germany
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WHY IS THIS A GOOD EXAMPLE?

Topotek1 aimed to use the design to reimagine and reinvent the game of soccer in a manner which is recognizable yet strangely foreign. They took the traditional rectangular field and converted it into an angular concrete basin. This transformed the game into something which was not quite soccer, not quite swimming (the water is only ankle deep), but something entirely new and different. Users thus became part of the design as they had to use their imaginations to find new strategies to play this game with their opponents. It also made strangers interact between each other more because of new and funny situations like missed shots and the personal struggle to move the ball around the field, promoting civic engagement.



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DESCRIPTION

The Aqua Soccer and Dymaxion Gold were temporary installations for the 2013 Hamburg International Garden Show in Germany. They offer an unforeseen twist to the otherwise traditional football by reconstructing the structure of the field and partially submerging it under water. The intention of Aqua Soccer is to be a tool for engaging users in unforeseen interactive experiences. The Dymaxion World Map presents a cartographic projection of the globe separated into polyhedrons, which can be unfolded into a two-dimensional map. The Unfolded Dymaxion World has been transformed to a mini golf playfield, where continents and countries are successively played and conquered.

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