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TRY FIVE +



MISSION 4

THE SUSTAINABLE SPACE
EXPLORER





Activities

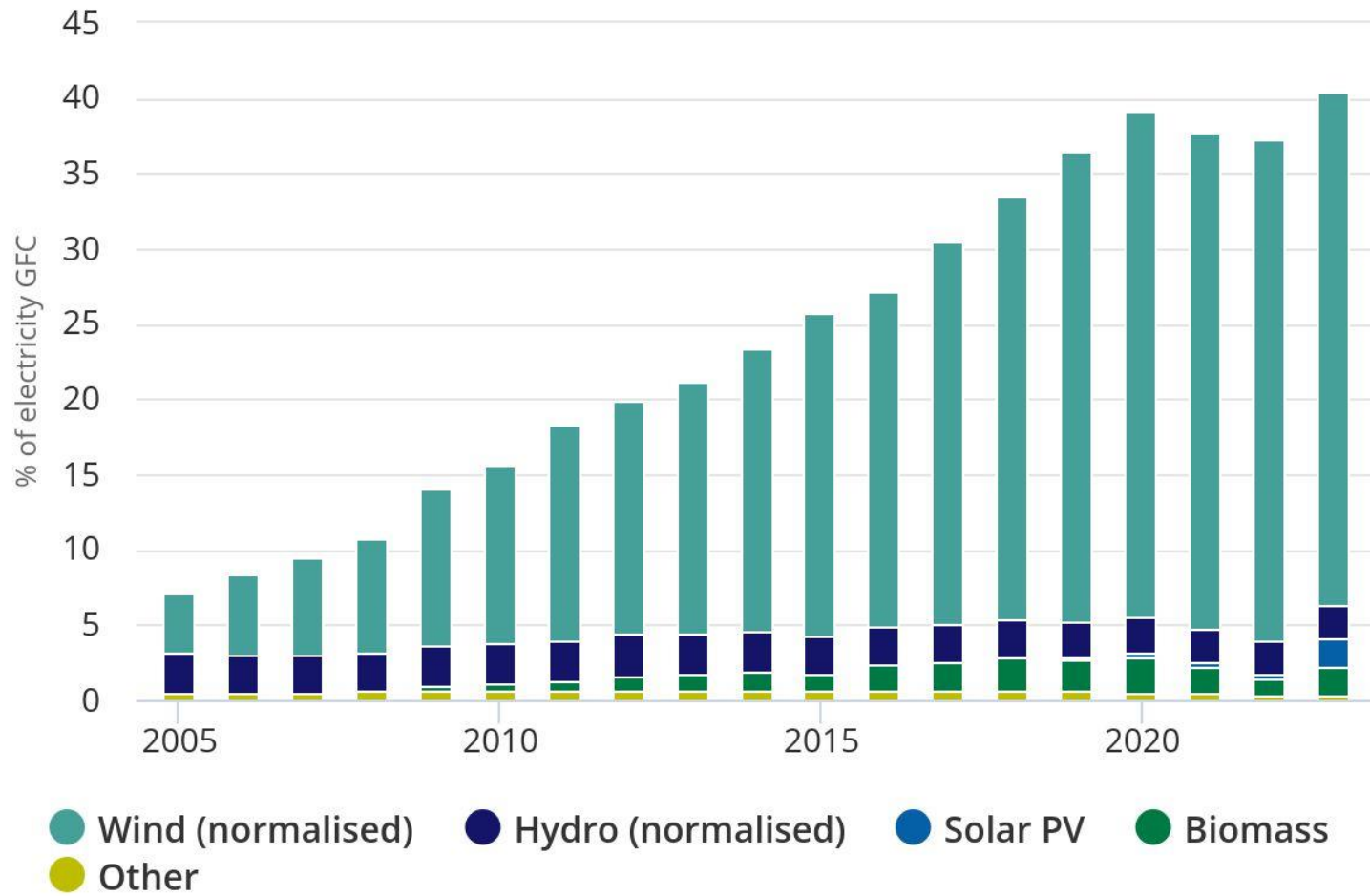
- Scissors
- Skewers/toothpicks
- Batteries

RENEWABLE ENERGY?

- ✓ Not harmful to the environment
- ✓ Not using more resources than the planet can provide for us
- ✓ Provide fresh air, food, clean water and good quality of life
- ✓ Avoid damage now - future generations



Renewable energy share in electricity (RES-E)





HARNESSING ENERGY FROM THE WIND



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MISSION CONTROL

THE CREW HAS ARRIVED SAFELY IN MARS



THE FIRE HAS DESTROYED THE SOLAR PANELS AND
SOME BATTERIES



THE CREW NEEDS YOUR HELP TO DESIGN A WIND
TURBINE TO MAINTAIN LIFE SUPPORT UNTIL RESUPPLY.



SPACE CADETS, Your help is needed



Time is limited!



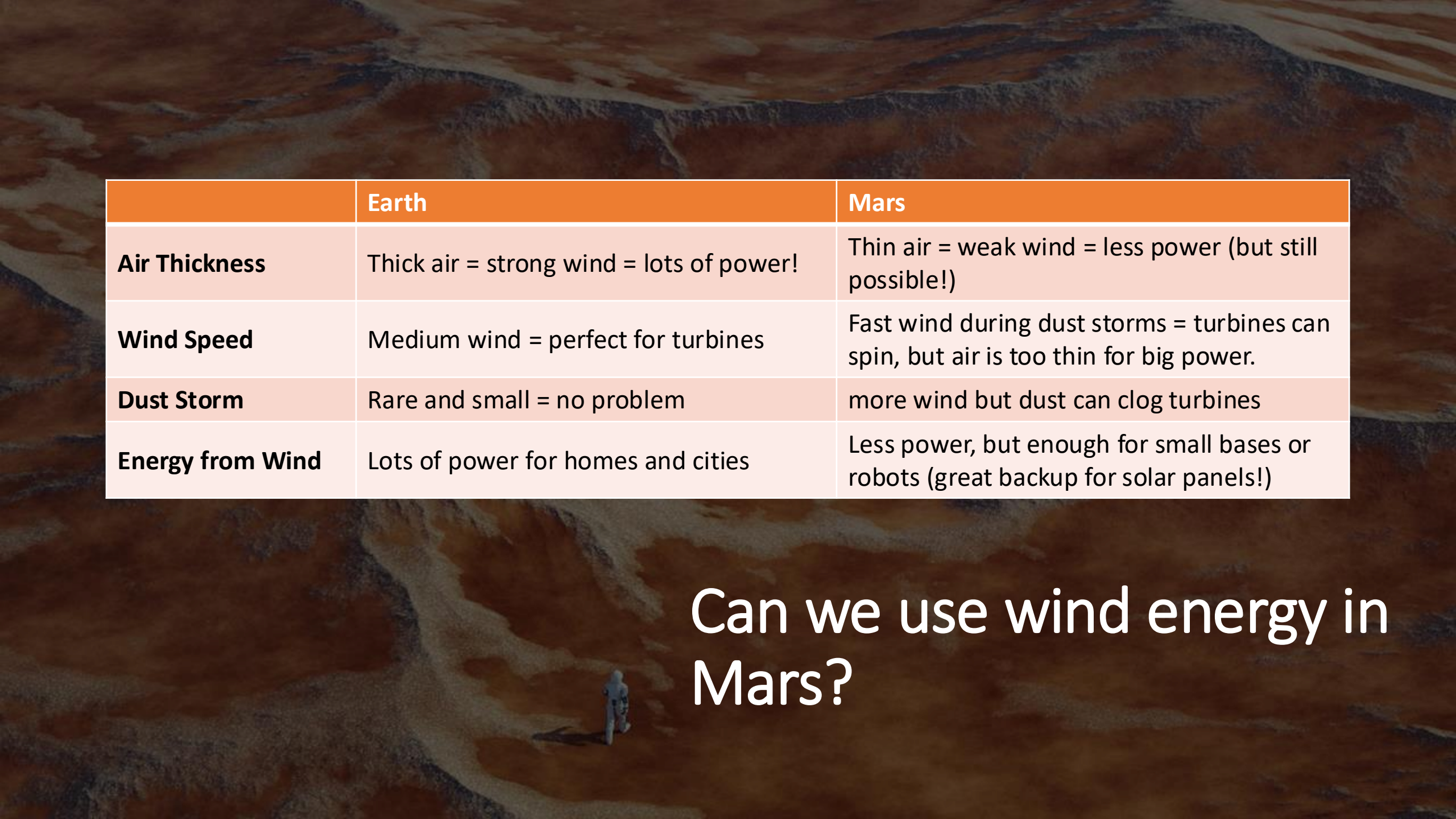
Support from a Senior Scientist to explain about wind generation



Work in groups/pairs to research wind propellers.

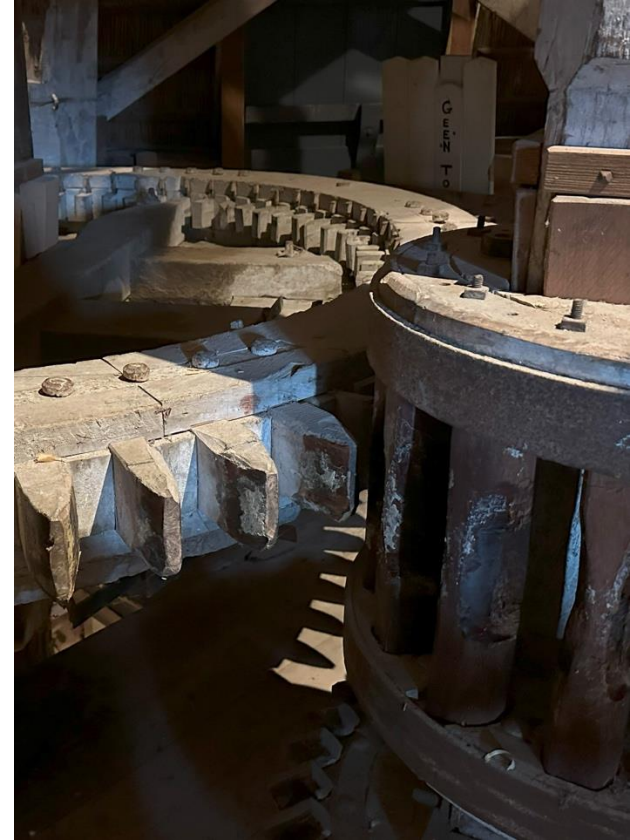
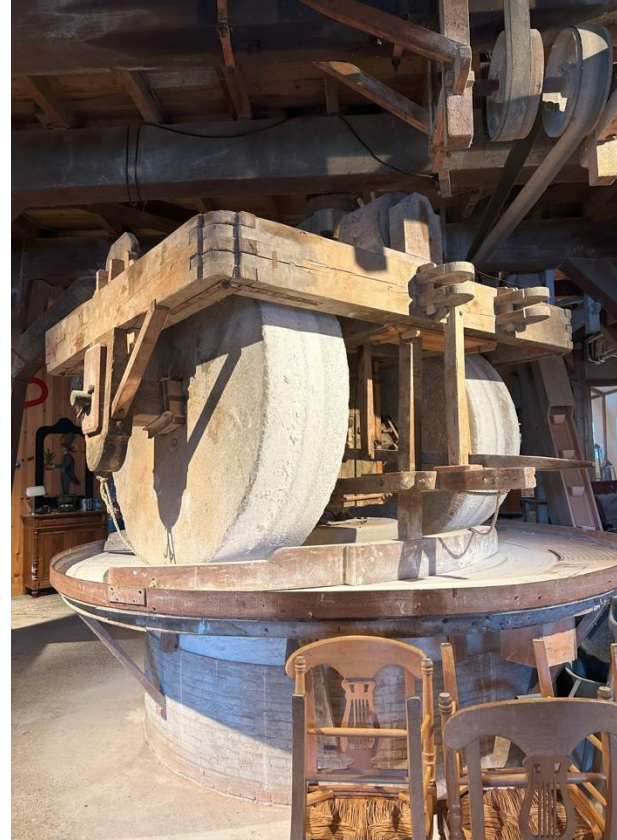


Design your own propeller and present your results.



	Earth	Mars
Air Thickness	Thick air = strong wind = lots of power!	Thin air = weak wind = less power (but still possible!)
Wind Speed	Medium wind = perfect for turbines	Fast wind during dust storms = turbines can spin, but air is too thin for big power.
Dust Storm	Rare and small = no problem	more wind but dust can clog turbines
Energy from Wind	Lots of power for homes and cities	Less power, but enough for small bases or robots (great backup for solar panels!)

Can we use wind energy in Mars?



@Zhuoqun Zhang, 2024

WHAT HAPPENS INSIDE?

- WINDMILL & WIND TURBINE

One of the last wind-driven mills: chalkmill the Admiral



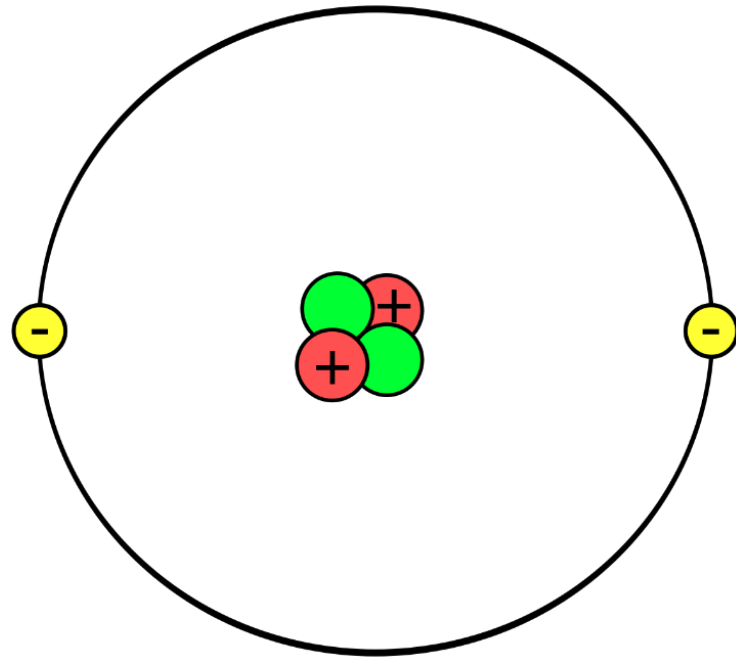
[How does a Dutch
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WIND ENERGY – MECHANICAL ENERGY – ELECTRICAL ENERGY

(WINDMILL)

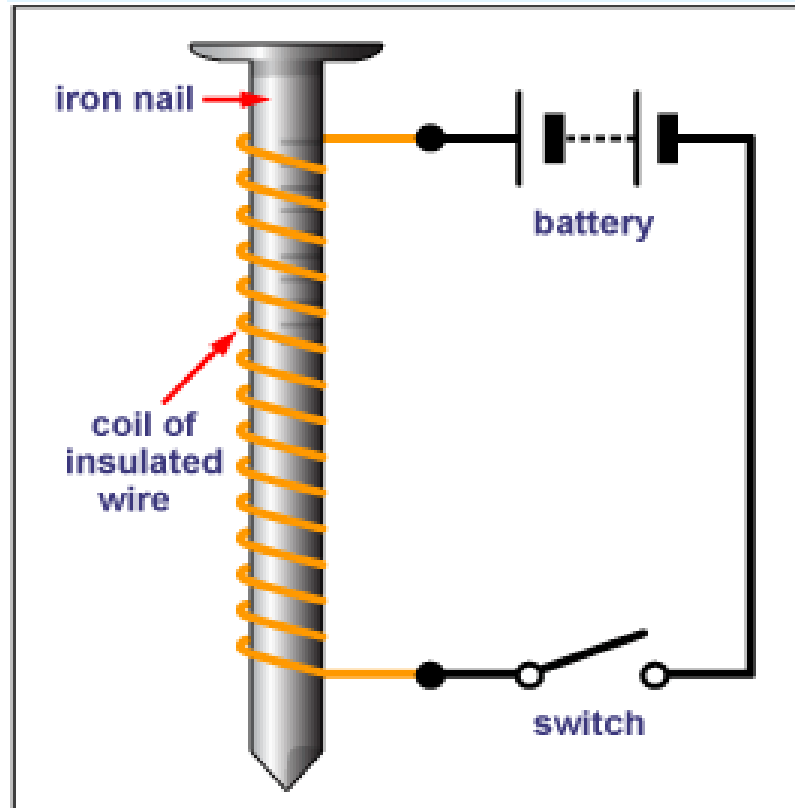
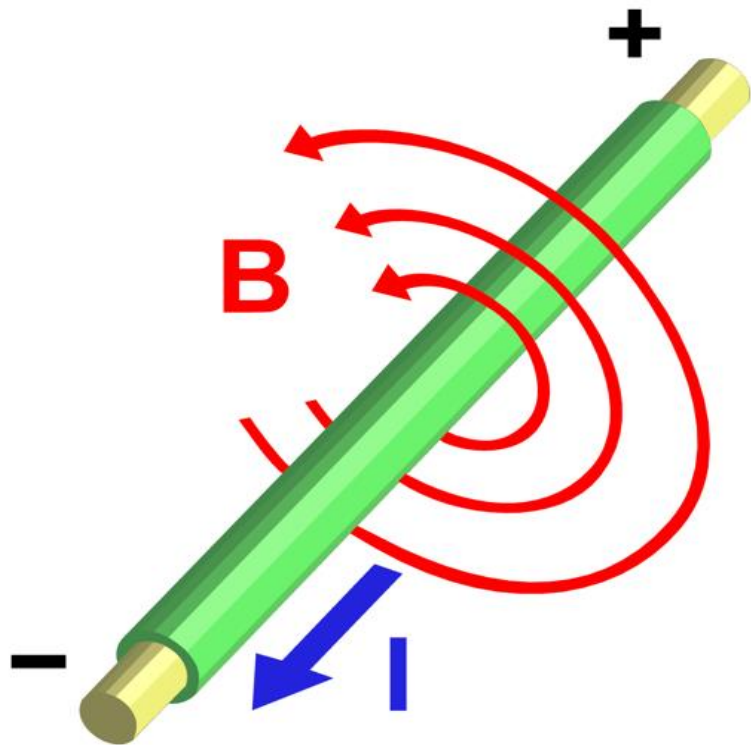
(WIND TURBINE)

WHAT IS ELECTRIC ENERGY?



- Electricity is produced by the flow of electric charge.
- It can also mean the energy you get when electrons flow from place to place.
- This is useful because electricity that is generated can be controlled and sent through wires. It can then power such things as heaters, light bulbs, and computers.

ELECTROMAGNETISM





MAGNETIC FIELDS

The magnetic field created by the current travelling through the wire, will affect the compass.

USING MAGNETISM TO GENERATE ENERGY



IT WORKS BOTH WAYS

DC MOTORS

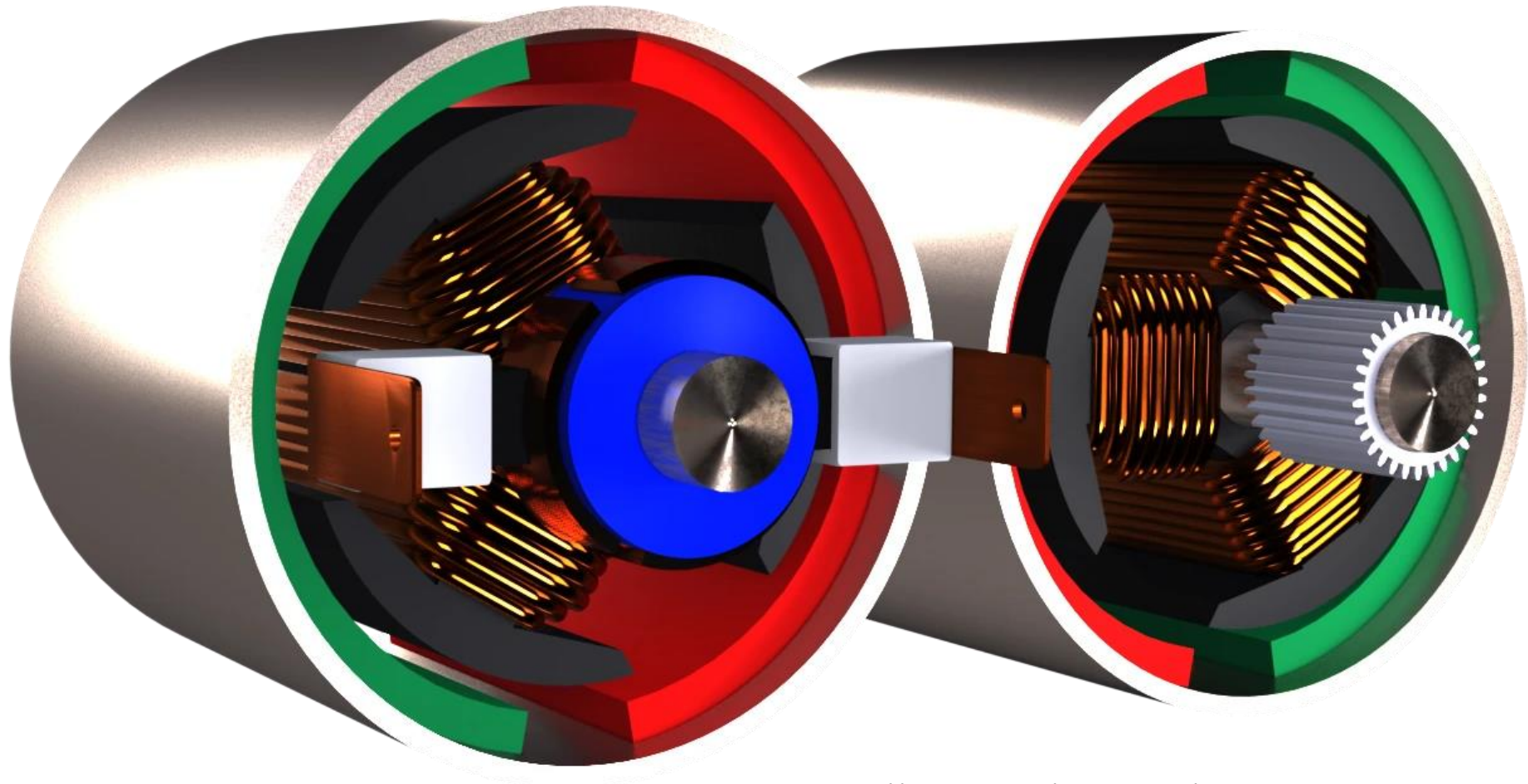
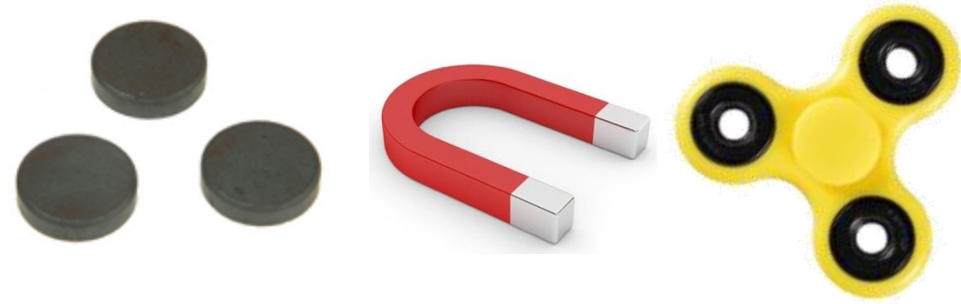
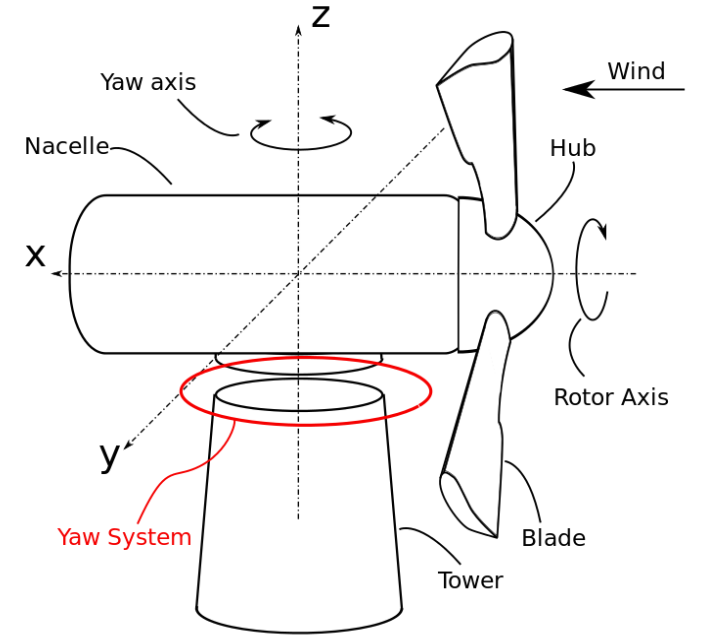
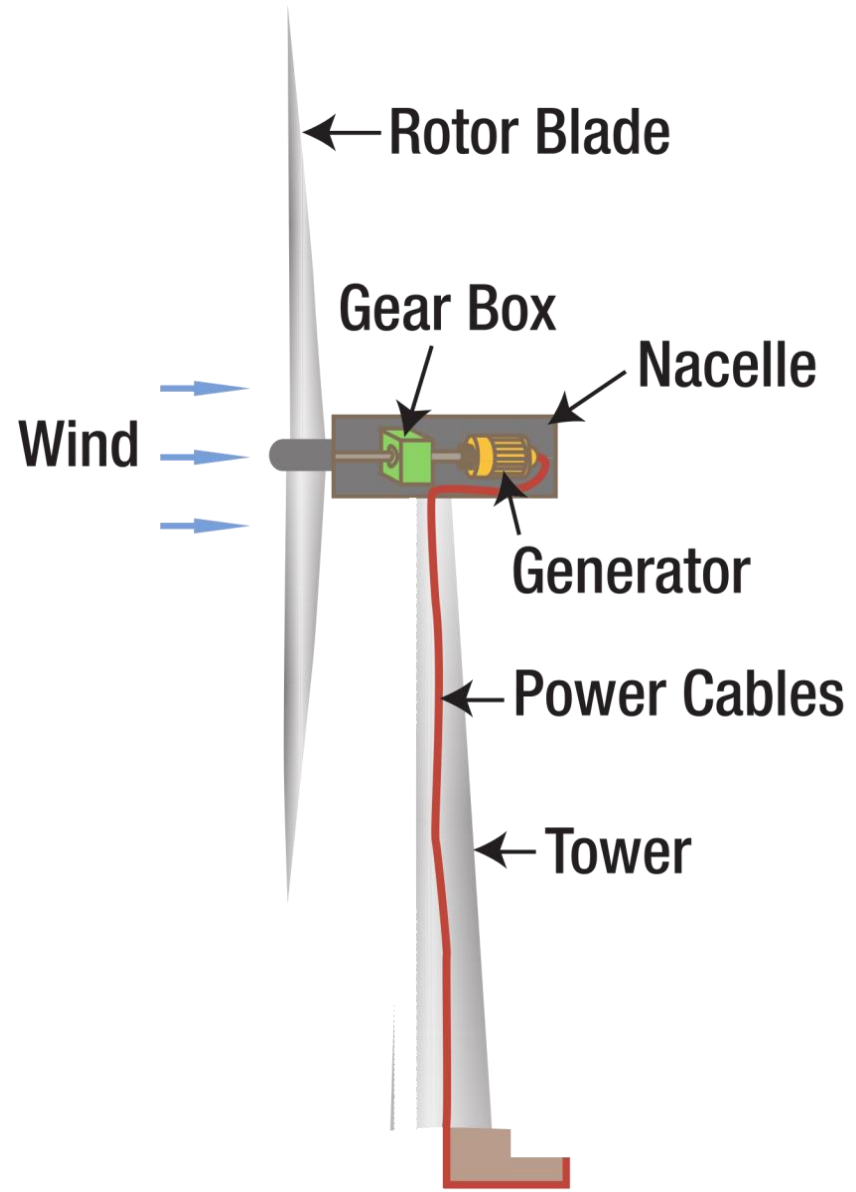


Image by OSMOS - <https://osmos.com/dc-motors/>

Wind turbine





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Not a lot of margin for error! Limited supplies and materials.



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Design your own propeller and present your results.

PROTOTYPE

- Wood support/Foam
- Tape
- Motor
- Cables and spring clips
- Multimeter
- Paper
- Toothpicks
- Cork/EVA core

HOW DO WE TEST?

- Wind Generator



Remember
your training!

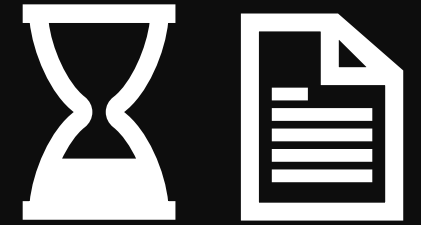


Generating electricity



Can you light the LED with your hands?

RESEARCH



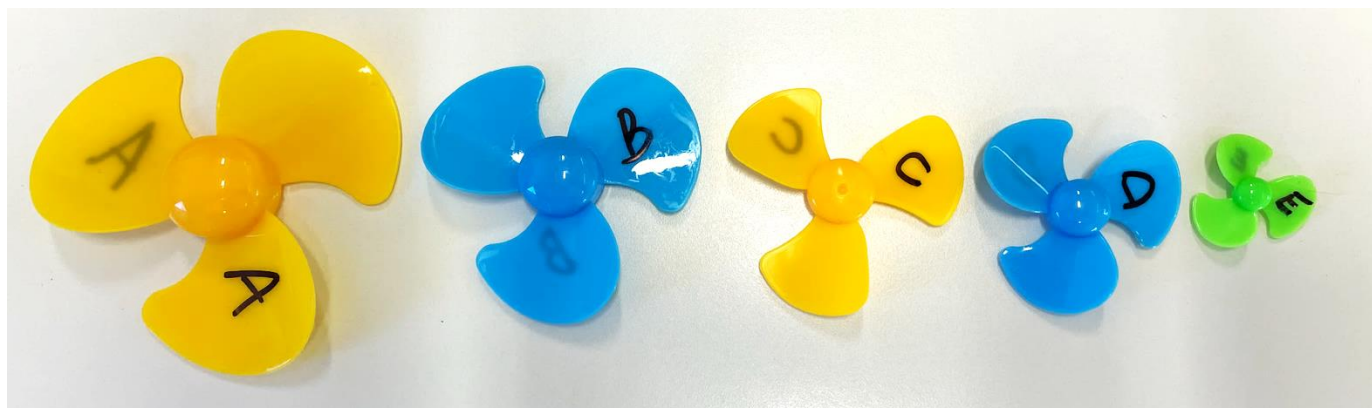
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RESEARCH!



PROPELLER DRAWING	WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS DESIGN/ WHAT CHANGES DID YOU MAKE?	VOLTAGE GENERATED	OBSERVATIONS
	This is my first try.		

Blades

- The angle of the blades
- The shapes of the blades
- The size of the blades
- The number of the blades
- The thickness of the blades
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Foam

- Use more tapes to make it more stable
- Make it more in the centre
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A photograph of three women in a meeting. One woman in the center, wearing glasses and a dark top, is pointing at a laptop screen. Two other women, one on the left in a grey sweater and one on the right in a white shirt, are looking at the screen. They are sitting around a table with papers and a laptop. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an indoor office or meeting room.

PRESENT YOUR RESULTS!

CONGRATULATIONS!



