WHERE DO YOU EXPERIENCE BOTH THE JOURNEY AND THE DESTINATION?
VISION
To catalyze transit-oriented growth, Orange County envisioned a world-class gateway linking regional transportation systems, providing convenient access to the area’s renowned destinations, and offering distinctive restaurants, shops and events. The iconic, LEED Platinum landmark embodies the region’s commitment to a vital, sustainable future.

CHALLENGE
As a modern multi-modal transportation hub designed to connect eight existing public and private transportation systems as well as future streetcar and high-speed rail lines, ARTIC involved extensive coordination of complex infrastructure. When combined with aggressive sustainability targets—including 30% reduction of both energy and water use—and the desire for a landmark design, the project demanded a fully integrated design solution to achieve project goals within budget tolerances.

SOLUTION
Taking a holistic design approach using BIM and advanced computational design and analysis tools allowed the design team to propose a complex catenary-shaped enclosure employing lightweight ETFE panels. In addition to optimizing the design for energy performance and constructability, the models facilitated cost estimating, construction sequencing, just-in-time ordering, and digital fabrication.

VALUE
The integrated solution leveraged the ETFE enclosure to address multiple goals. The translucent and insulating panels with varied frit patterns maximized daylight while reducing solar heat gain. Equally important, at just one-tenth the weight of glass, these lightweight panels required a less costly steel support structure. The modeling also enabled strategies for natural ventilation and water recycling that will reduce resource consumption and operating costs over time.
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In addition to linking the region’s rail, bus, taxi, and roadway systems—as well as bicycle and pedestrian pathways—in one central location, ARTIC will anchor the Anaheim Rapid Connection (ARC), a new streetcar system currently undergoing approvals, and mark the southern terminus of California’s future high-speed rail line connecting the state’s growing urban centers. With retail, restaurants and an expansive main hall, ARTIC also will serve as a community destination and event venue. By enhancing local and regional transit options, ARTIC will spur future development within Anaheim’s Platinum Triangle, a mixed-use district slated for millions of square feet of new office, commercial, and residential development. Development-related revenue from public-private partnerships, job growth, expanded tax base and other sources will further strengthen the region’s economy.

$188 MILLION
PROJECTED COST

5,000
JOBS CREATED

40 MILLION
ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY VISITORS

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200,000
ETF SQUARE FEET

1,082
PARKING SPACES

16 ACRES
OF SITE SPACE

540,000
ANNUAL METROLINK RIDERS

67,880
SQUARE FEET OF TERMINAL
While ARTIC’s dramatic form establishes the facility’s civic presence, it also composes a large percentage of the construction cost. Achieving project goals for design, cost, schedule, constructability and environmental performance, therefore, demanded a highly efficient design employing advanced materials systems and a level of accuracy not possible with conventional design and construction methods.

Taking a highly integrated team approach, BuroHappold worked closely with the design team led by HOK and Parsons Brinckerhoff, as well as Clark Construction, collaborating in a virtual environment to meet project goals.

BuroHappold’s engineers, computational modeling experts and building physics analysts led the development of computational models for energy simulation, daylight simulation, lighting simulation, geometric rationalization, building systems coordination, cost estimation, fabrication, and construction sequencing. Early 3D modeling of details and components helped stakeholders visualize the aesthetics of proposed systems, materials and technologies. Using virtual design and construction with BIM also facilitated construction sequencing, just-in-time ordering and delivery, and other time-saving processes.

ACHIEVING MORE WITH LESS
TECHNOLOGY ENABLED DESIGN AND DELIVERY

THE ARTIC TEAM STRUCTURE

ARCHITECT
authors design model for coordination

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER
authors design model;
reviews coordination model

MEP ENGINEER
authors design model;
reviews coordination model

ENCLOSURE ENGINEER
authors design model and geometry model;
reviews coordination model

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER
manages BIM coordination; performs model-based estimating

PLUMBING SUBCONTRACTOR
authors coordination and fabrication model

HVAC SUBCONTRACTOR
authors coordination and fabrication model

ELECTRICAL SUBCONTRACTOR
authors coordination and fabrication model

STEEL SUBCONTRACTOR
authors coordination and fabrication model

CURTAIN WALL AND METAL PANELS SUBCONTRACTOR
authors coordination and fabrication model

CONCRETE SUBCONTRACTOR
authors coordination and fabrication model
THE FUTURE IS LIGHT
Based on initial analyses, the design team zeroed in on a three-part enclosure system comprising structural glass curtain walls, a metal rainscreen system, and what is currently the largest application of an ETFE (Ethylene Tetra Fluoro Ethylene) roof cladding system in North America. At one-tenth the weight of glass, the ETFE system generated substantially lighter loads on the supporting diagrid steel structure, thus significantly reducing the enclosure’s cost while contributing to its streamlined aesthetic.

The ETFE cushions are composed of three layers of foil with varied frit patterns to reduce solar heat gain while maximizing daylight within the center. Because ETFE’s thermal performance as well as structural performance relies on air pressure within the pillows, BuroHappold conducted detailed structural analysis of wind loads, deflections of the diagrid structure, and related stresses on the pillows. The connection systems and details also were designed to accommodate high temperature variations in the naturally ventilated building.

THE GEOGRID

Refining and rationalizing the shell’s complex geometry required the development of multiple unique scripts and routines to enable smooth workflow between software programs such as Catia, Rhino, Revit and Robot analysis tools. The modeling proved critical to gaining required approvals for the ETFE system, which remains relatively uncommon in North America, and essential to its construction. For design control and precise coordination, all components associated with the complex shell form were coded into a software-agnostic “geogrid” that reduced the design to its simplest geometric elements—points and arcs—in order to convey exact design dimensions to all team members.
The team used computational fluid dynamics analysis to confirm that radiant heating and cooling—combined with natural ventilation—would maintain comfortable temperatures within the occupied stratum of the main hall.

High-transparency glass curtain walls enclose the north and south ends of ARTIC’s ETFE shell. The curtain walls, which rise to 120 feet tall on the main north face, are hung from the roof by cables and supported laterally by rolled-steel wind girts and custom-cut armatures. The walls feature operable glass louvers controlled by a central building management system to provide natural ventilation for the center’s dramatic main hall.
120 FEET TALL
CURTAIN WALLS

GLASS LOUVERS
TO PROVIDE NATURAL VENTILATION

FLUID DYNAMICS
TO MAINTAIN COMFORTABLE TEMPERATURES
With a target of LEED Platinum achieved, the design team took an aggressive approach to water conservation and reuse from the outset. In addition to a 44% reduction in water demand through the use of low-flow fixtures and dual-flush toilets, ARTIC incorporates a recycled water system for toilet flushing, irrigation and cooling towers. The comprehensive strategy reflects close collaboration with the Orange County Water District; the partnership allows ARTIC to use water from their Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) within the ARTIC site while also providing additional groundwater recharging basins for the county.
LEED PLATINUM
As the centerpiece for Anaheim’s long-term plan for sustainable urban growth, ARTIC also establishes a high bar for environmentally responsive design. The center achieved LEED Platinum certification, the highest rating possible from the U.S. Green Building Council, thanks to its integrated design.

Key components include the following:

**WATER EFFICIENCY**
- 44% reduction in building water demand through low-flow fixtures
- 80% of building non-process water needs met by reclaimed water
- 100% of cooling tower and irrigation needs met with non-potable reclaimed water
- Capture of stormwater runoff with site infiltration system and underground vaults
- Drought-tolerant native plant species incorporated into landscaping

**ENERGY & ATMOSPHERE**
- 28.6% energy savings over ASHRAE 90.1 2007
- 33% energy cost savings over ASHRAE 90.1 2007
- 150 kW DC photovoltaic arrays on parking shade structures meet 20% of the building’s electrical needs
- High-performance ETFE roofing membrane
- Radiant flooring system

**MATERIALS & RESOURCES**
- Goal: +95% of construction waste diverted from landfills
- Goal: +20% recycled content, such as steel
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified wood

**INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**
- Increased ventilation
- Low-emitting materials

**SUSTAINABLE SITES**
- Electric vehicle charging stations

**INNOVATION IN DESIGN**
- City of Anaheim green cleaning program
- City of Anaheim green power program anticipated
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Architect Gensler
Pinnacle Bank Arena
Architect DLR Group
Yale University School of Management
Architect Foster + Partners
Hall Winery
Architect Signum Architecture
Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center
Anaheim, California
City of Anaheim and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

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