

 07 Solar Decathlon

Collaborative Workshop 4.182



## SOLAR DECATHLON

**"The Solar Decathlon is a competition in which 20 teams of college and university students and faculty compete to design, build, and operate the an effective, and energy-efficient solar-powered house. "**

>The project is organized and sponsored by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory

**"The Solar Decathlon is an event to which the public is invited to observe the powerful combination of solar energy, energy efficiency, and the best in home design."**

>The houses are to be built and exhibited on the Mall, Washington DC in September 2007.

**MIT is a DoE funded participant. It involves us in an 18 month program of design and technological research to further our interests in sustainability for (pre) manufactured housing.**



# Faculty and Researchers

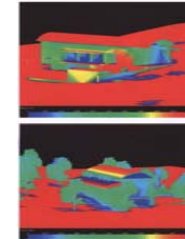
**Andrew Scott:** department of architecture  
*sustainable architecture, bio-climatic design*



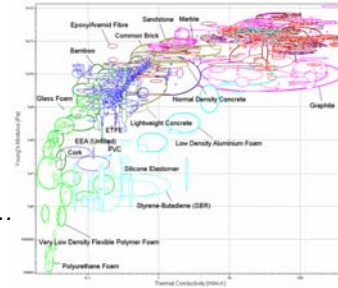
**Kent Larson:** House\_n  
*environmental sensing/ pre-fabricated assemblies*



**Les Norford:** Building Technology Group  
*energy modeling*



**John Fernandez:** Building Technology group  
*Materials performance and selection / Life Cycle assessment*



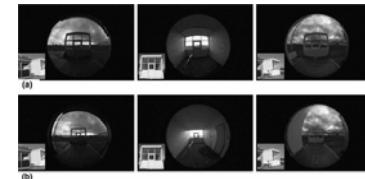
**Larry Sass:** Computation Group  
*Digital Fabrication*



**Kurt Keville:** Research scientist  
*Power systems and storage*



**Ed Kern:** MIT Energy lab/ Irradiance Inc.  
*Photovoltaic systems*



**Marilyne Andersen:** Building Technology Group  
*Daylighting modeling*

## 2007 TEAMS

**California Polytechnic State University**, San Luis Obispo, California

**Carnegie Mellon University**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Cornell University**, Ithaca, New York

**Georgia Institute of Technology**, Atlanta, Georgia

**Kansas State University**, Manhattan, Kansas

**Lawrence Technological University**, Southfield, Michigan

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts**

**New York Institute of Technology**, Old Westbury, New York

**Team Montreal** (École de Technologie Supérieure, Université de Montréal, McGill University),

**Technische Universität Darmstadt**, Darmstadt, Germany

**Texas A + M University**, College Station, Texas

**Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, Pennsylvania

**Universidad de Puerto Rico**, Río Piedras and Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

**Universidad Politécnica de Madrid**, Madrid, Spain

**University of Cincinnati**, Cincinnati, Ohio

**University of Colorado**, Boulder, Colorado (Winner 2005)

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**, Urbana, Illinois

**University of Maryland**, College Park, Maryland

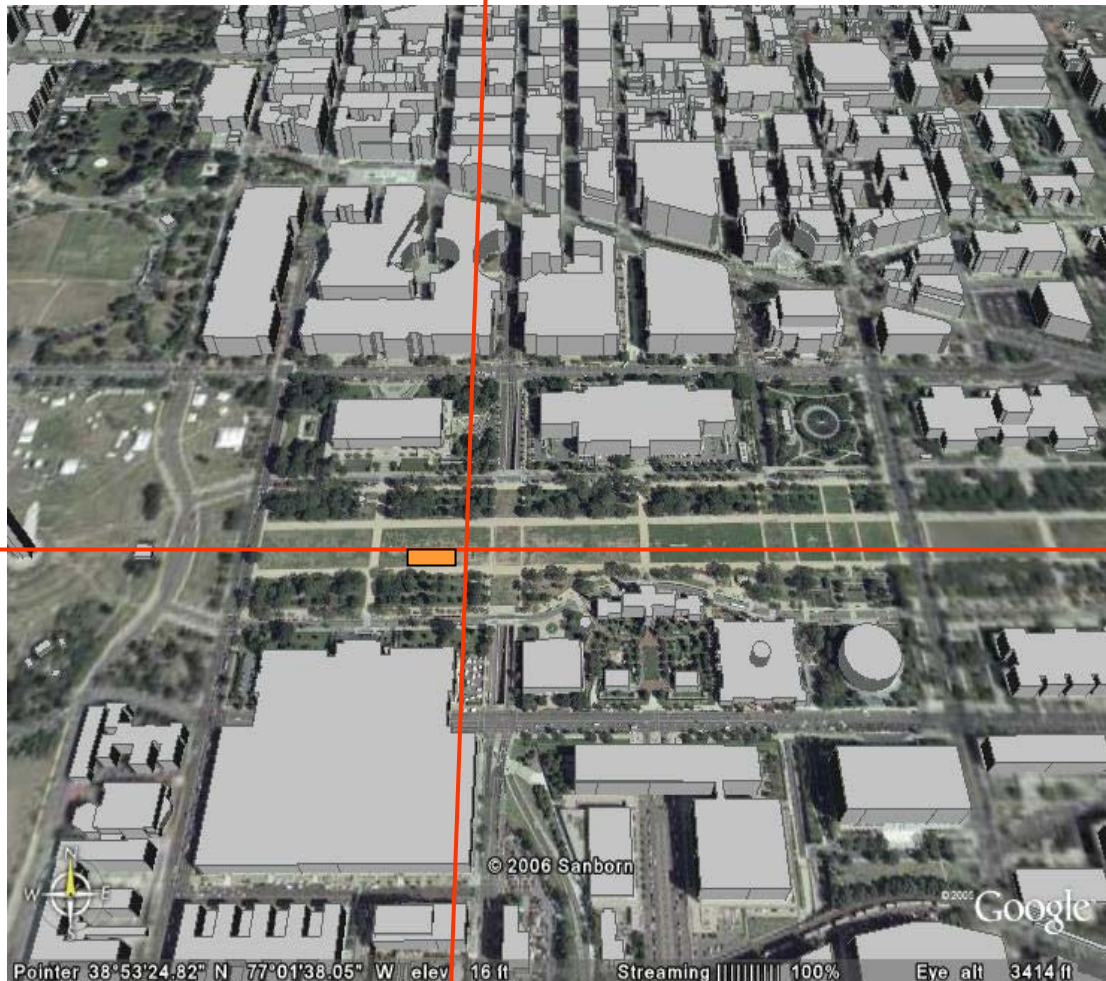
**University of Missouri-Rolla**, Rolla, Missouri

**University of Texas at Austin**, Austin, Texas





**previous projects** Virginia Tech / RISD / Madrid/Maryland/ Colorado/ Michigan/ Virginia Poly / Cornell /Florida





American History Museum

Natural History Museum

Madison Drive

Madison Drive

119 NYIT	117 Madrid	115 VTech	113 U. Miss. Dartmouth	111 Cornell	109 UMR RTI	107 UPR	105 WVSU	103 Concordia	101 Cal Poly SLO
120 Maryland	118 Decathlete Way	116 FIU	114 Carnegie Mellon	112 Crowder	306	110 Michigan	106 Colorado	104 UT Austr	102 RISD



Smithsonian  
"Castle"

Dept of Agriculture

Jefferson Drive

Jefferson Drive

Independence Avenue

# Ten Solar DECATHLON Contests: 7 days in september 2007

Architecture	200 points <i>firmness/ commodity / delight design/ materials/ integration /space / detail</i>
Dwelling	100 points <i>livability/ build-ability/ marketability/</i>
Documentation	100 points <i>drawings/ submittals/ construction documents/ energy analysis</i>
Communications	100 points <i>web site / tours/ 'branding'</i>
Comfort Zone	100 points <i>temperature/ indoor air quality</i>
Appliances	100 points <i>appliance demonstration, control and operations</i>
Hot Water	100 points <i>collection, storage, operations</i>
Lighting	100 points <i>integration and effectiveness of natural and artificial lighting</i>
Energy Balance	100 points <i>producing a net amount of energy of zero or more ...battery storage</i>
Getting Around	100 points <i>mileage credit for running a electric car off excess stored battery power</i>





## What will the MIT group bring to the project?

1. Innovation- integrating bio-climatic design and new technologies for manufactured housing with sustainability
2. Collaborations: across boundaries and departments at MIT – and with industrial partners.
3. “Mens and Manus”- enabling students to engage in thinking and making in one project
4. Energy and sustainability- responding to recent initiatives for MIT leadership in energy research



## MIT project principles and priorities:

1. Integrated architecture with solar

*bio-climatic; designing a house for living where the spaces and elements integrated and coordinated*

2. Integrated assemblies

*Dry assembly / industrial components and composites/ low skilled site labor/ capable of disassembly*

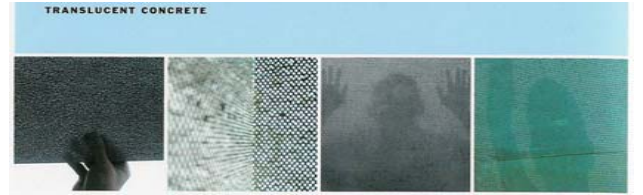
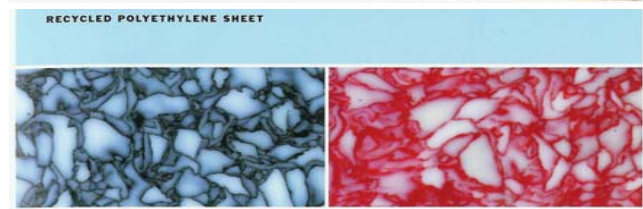
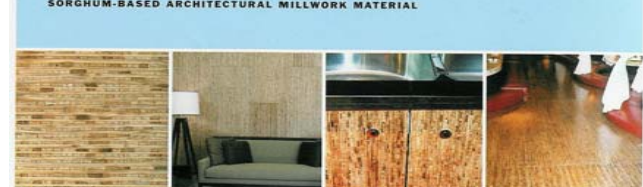
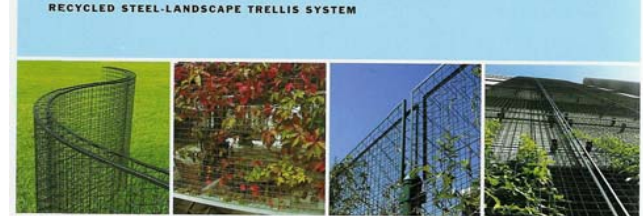
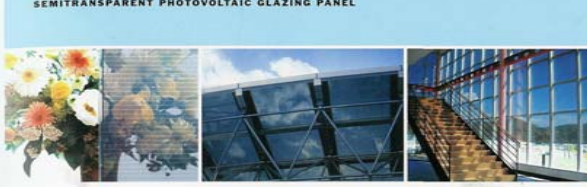
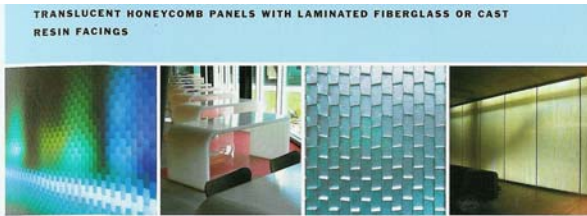
3. New materials and systems

*New and emerging materials with environmental profile/ life cycle assessment*

4. Scalability and Adaptability

*Design from single house to community scale / adaptable to multiple climates and contexts*

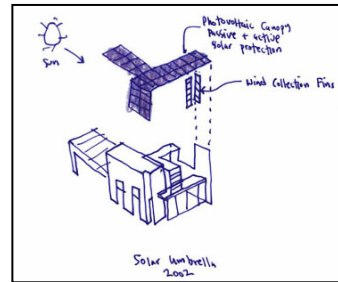
Materials  
Products  
Industrial Collaborations



# Schedule

Spring 2006

Research / brainstorm / concept design / model/ analysis/ sponsorship.....



Fall 2006

Prototype and test systems, materials and components.....



Spring 2007

Fabricate full scale.....



Summer 2007

Transport.....



Sept 2007

Assemble.....



Sept 2007

Exhibit.....



Oct 2007

Disassemble/ transport and re-assemble

DATE	PROCESS PHASE	ACTIVITIES	CURRICULUM	DELIVERABLES
FALL	DECEMBER 2005			December 2, 2005 Submit Proposal
IAP	JANUARY 2006			January 25, 2006 Video Conference (tentative)
SPRING	FEBRUARY	* BRAINSTORM CONCEPTS & TECHNOLOGY * DESIGN GENERATION * RESEARCH * VISIT CASE STUDIES & INDUSTRIAL SPONSORS	INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOP	March 2006 - September 2007 Monthly Conference Calls March 2006 Business / Fund-raising Plan
	MARCH			
	APRIL			
	MAY			
SUMMER	JUNE	* ANALYSIS * MODELING * TESTING * ECONOMIC STUDY I	RESEARCH STUDENTS	June 13, 2006 Project Report #1 : Design dev't drwgs. & specs. Energy & economic analysis
	JULY			
	AUGUST			
FALL	SEPTEMBER	* DESIGN DEVELOPMENT * TECHNICAL PACKAGE DEVELOPMENT * FULL-SCALE MOCK-UPS * ECONOMIC STUDY II  * CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS & SPECIFICATIONS	INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOP & CONTINGENT TECHNOLOGY CLASSES	November 30, 2006 Final Energy Analysis & Economic Analysis
	OCTOBER			
	NOVEMBER			
	DECEMBER			
IAP	JANUARY 2007			January 6-7, 2007 In Person Progress Meeting
SPRING	FEBRUARY	* PRE-FABRICATION @ MIT & COLLABORATION W/ INDUSTRY	CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP	March 6, 2007 Project Report #2 : Construction drwgs. & specs.
	MARCH			
	APRIL			
	MAY			
SUMMER	JUNE	* PRE-FABRICATION @ MIT & COLLABORATION W/ INDUSTRY	SUMMER WORKSHOP & RESEARCH	August 7, 2007 Project Report #3 : "As-Built" drwgs. & specs.
	JULY			
	AUGUST			
FALL	SEPTEMBER	* TRANSPORT * ASSEMBLY * DISASSEMBLY	CONSTRUCTION CREW (20 STUDENTS)	Sept. 13-16, 2007 House Assembly Sept. 17-19, 2007 House Shakedown & Inspections Sept. 20, 2007 Opening Ceremony January 9, 2008 Final Project Report
	OCTOBER			



> DoE Solar Decathlon site: for all details of past and present Decathlons

[http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar\\_decathlon/](http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar_decathlon/)

> Yahoo! Group site: for all team communications with the organizers:

MIT team members to sign up individually:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SD2007/>

Web site development- our portal for the project to the outside world

MIT team site for ongoing graphic and analytical material

# COMMUNICATIONS

## **Funding from DoE ....\$100K**

workshops / research positions/ travel/ equipment/ materials and prototyping

## **Additional funding and sponsorship.....\$300 – 500K ???**

effective organization required

cash works best?

industrial collaborators for materials, products and composite constructions

primary/ secondary/ tertiary/ friends and alumni

# **SPONSORSHIP + \$\$\$\$\$**

**Impossible to satisfy everyone ! But try and be flexible**

**Signup for preference- we will communicate what works best for the majority of students and the faculty**

# MEETING TIME

## **This week:**

Register for the class! 4.162

- Familiarize yourself with the Solar Decathlon web site
- Read the Rules and regulations (at least the major elements)
- Read our initial proposal for Solar D. to NREL
- Sign-up for the Yahoo! Group site
- we will email details of Yahoo! and the original MIT proposal
- Show up next week – be ready to work collaboratively

**Next week:** get started with

- > researching past projects- the ins and outs of what happened. Critiquing design and technology integration....including video
- > researching the implications, needs and balances of the 10 decathlon criteria
- > Energy strategies-
- > materials, products and assemblies researching
- > house studies: design and research

# ASSIGNMENT



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