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Introduction

Facts and Factors:

Current and future challenges: Energy resources, Energy efficiency, Pollution, Heat island effect, Climate change, Global warming, etc.

Montréal's solar-climatic response has a direct effect on health, comfort and safety for people inside and outside buildings.

► Bold effect of the municipality, urban planners, architects and landscape architects in the process of decision making.



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Problem Definition

Passive strategies: to receive more from the Sun in cold times and to be protected in hot times (Health, Comfort and safety measures as well as energy efficiency).

Active strategies: to receive more from the pure and unlimited energy of the Sun (Energy efficiency, energy production).

SOLARCHVISION studies put the active and the passive strategies into a dialectical relationship to fashion a culture of Solar-Climatic Vision in design and planning, which traverses different scales (from a human scale to an urban and territorial as well as global scale) like the sun itself.







plotted by SOLARCHVISION 2014 data: http://climate.weather.gc.ca

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temperature



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direct normal radiation [scattered sky]

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42°C 21°C [1953-2005] 30 January 1 April 1 June 1 August 1 October 1 December temperature [scattered sky] file:QC_MONTREAL-INTL-A

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In Montréal with winter temperatures between -10°C and -30°C, the availability of direct normal radiation can exceed 750W/m² and sometimes even reach 1000W/m². In other words, in such locations the coldest and warmest temperatures most often likely occur on sunny days. This simple fact increases the importance and great benefit of considering the sun, both in planning of buildings as well as the interaction of those buildings with outdoor areas in Montréal.

direct normal radiation [clear sky]

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As a result, cold and at times cloudy conditions, like those of a Montréal winter, should not be considered a convincing reason to avoid applying and optimizing solar design in buildings and urban quarters. In contrast, solar studies as well as consideration of the sun in architectural and urban design are essential in cities with extreme temperature conditions simply because in many cases, extreme temperature conditions are also sunny.

> "Intelligent design using solar-climatic vision: Energy and comfort improvement in architecture and urban planning using SOLARCHVISION", Young Cities Research Paper Series, Volume 09, Technische Universität Berlin, 2014

temperature [clear sky]

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SOLARCHVISION radial annual plot of hourly **direct beam radiation**, in typical meteorological year (U.S. Department of Energy TMY files)







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Montréal, Canada

Berlin, Germany

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Differences between the total amount of annual radiation on different orientations and inclinations in typical meteorological year (U.S. Department of Energy TMY files)

Potentials for active of strategies in Montréal (CA) is much higher comparing to those of Berlin(DE). In addition potentials for passive strategies in Montréal (CA) is also significantly high (see next slide).

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left: annual, right: partial: from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. between December 21 and September 22

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Annual solar-climatic performance analysis

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on February 24, 2014

The Office de consultation publique de Montréal makes public the report on the consultation held on the draft **Montréal Development Plan**

After analysis of all the information, the commission considers that Montréal cannot escape the following three challenges:

- Adapting the city to climate changes;
- Taking up the demographic challenge;
- Carving out a place in the new economic environment.

In response to these three challenges and to different issues, the commission proposes to achieve 5 targets: a compact and **efficient** city;

an inclusive and supportive city;

a city of culture and **knowledge**;

a green city;

a thriving city.



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In terms of adapting the city to climate changes:

Such changes lead to serious problems in terms of public **health**, **life** and property **safety** and **pollution** – a 20 to 30% increase in the mortality rate was recorded in certain heat islands during the latest heat waves, not to mention **the major inconveniences associated with periods of extreme cold**; the drop in air quality during smog episodes; the flooding of certain areas of the city in heavy rains; or the pollution of shorelines and waterways resulting from overflows.

The commission recommends the adoption of a Montréal climate change adaptation plan that would ensure such consistency

One of the recommendations:

-Make pedestrian safety and comfort the basic principle of Montréal's approach to travel management;









Montréal Solar Radiation Direct Beam

(2001 - 05)

SOLARCHVISION standardization based on Canadian Weather Energy and Engineering Datasets



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Montréal Pattern of Direct Solar Radiation: 1970's

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Montréal Pattern of Direct Solar Radiation: 1980's

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Montréal Pattern of Direct Solar Radiation: 1990's

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Montréal Pattern of Direct Solar Radiation: 2000's

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Montréal Solar Radiation Model in Typical Meteorological Year

SOLARCHVISION standardization based on U.S. Department of Energy TMY Datasets







Montréal Solar Radiation Model in 2003

SOLARCHVISION standardization based on Canadian Weather Energy and Engineering Datasets



A year with extreme minimum air temperatures is more sunny in winter.





Montréal 1970's Solar Positive and Negative Effects

SOLARCHVISION calculations based on Canadian Weather Energy and Engineering Datasets







Montréal 2000's Solar Positive and Negative Effects

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As a result of <u>*Climate Change*</u> significant increase in the amount of direct solar radiation in Montréal increases the negative and positive impacts of the sun BOTH in summer and winter.







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Year-Cycle Outdoor Analysis of Different Proportions and Orientations – Constant Floor Plans & Volume



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Year-Cycle Analysis of Different Heights and Orientations – Variable Volumes with Constant Roof Plan











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Year-Cycle Analysis of Downtown Urban Fabric









Undesirable

Desirable

Merci Beaucoup Les Montréalaises!



consider a look from the Sun!

The author welcomes further exchanges with the OCPM consultation committee so that additional updates to this type of information and analysis can be shared regarding this project. In addition, similar solar-climatic studies during the processes of building skin and urban design can improve many aspects including the potentials and performances in terms of energy production, energy demand, daylight, health, comfort and safety for long periods of time; with the added benefit that most of these architectural rearrangements and improvements do not necessarily increase the construction costs.





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