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Abstract

This paper introduces KLEDA, a visionary design for a multifunctional public space that beautifully blends social interaction, sustainability, and innovative materials. Drawing inspiration from nature and bio-inspired architecture, like the ICD/ITKE Research Pavilion (2016-17), this project delves into the exciting possibilities of memory steel and bioengineered spider silk as future materials. With the help of Adobe Firefly, an AI-powered generative tool, we explored unique shapes and structural ideas to craft a space that harmonizes natural beauty with cutting-edge functionality. The outcome is a fluid, pavilion-like setting featuring shaded seating, vibrant greenery, and interactive elements, all aimed at encouraging community engagement while reducing environmental impact. This work adds to the conversation on sustainable urban design by suggesting adaptable, resilient public spaces made possible through advanced materials and AI-driven creativity.

Keywords: public space, sustainability, memory steel, spider silk, generative AI

Introduction

Public spaces play a crucial role in urban life, acting as gathering spots for socializing, relaxation, and connecting with the environment. The KLEDA project reimagines these areas with a focus on sustainability and multifunctionality, taking cues from organic forms and cutting-edge materials. This artistic and conceptual journey, developed alongside the AI tool Adobe Firefly, addresses the increasing demand for innovative designs that balance human activity with ecological responsibility. By incorporating memory steel and bioengineered spider silk, KLEDA offers a forward-thinking vision for public spaces that are not only resilient but also visually striking, paving the way for a new era of architectural innovation.

Artistic Expression

The artistic vision behind KLEDA emphasizes fluidity and organic integration, achieved through AI-generated forms and visualizations. By using Adobe Firefly, we guided the AI to explore new shapes and materials for a sustainable public pavilion, leading to a rich array of creative possibilities.

Figure 1

Daytime View of the KLEDA Pavilion with Organic Roof Structure



Note: Created using DALL·E 2 based on the speculative design concept

Inspiration and Influences

KLEDA takes its primary inspiration from the ICD/ITKE Research Pavilion of the University of Stuttgart (2016-17), a bio-inspired building that demonstrates lightweight, efficient construction using advanced manufacturing. It shares our interest in natural systems and material innovation, and sustainability with multi-functionality. KLEDA also draws on the potential of artificial intelligence as a creative partner, using Adobe Firefly to explore and exceed the limits of traditional design. These influences are merged in KLEDA's ambition to create a public space that is responsive to its users and environment and represents both technical progress and ecological sensitivity.

Figure 2

Evening Ambiance of the KLEDA Pavilion



Note: Created using DALL·E 2 based on the speculative design concept

Interpretation

KLEDA's design speaks to the synergy between humanity, nature, and technology. The use of memory steel, which reshapes itself under heat, speaks to adaptability and resilience – two qualities necessary for any future urban infrastructure. The spider silk, with its strength and biodegradability, speaks about the sustainability and a return to natural principles. Together, they build a frame, which is rich for contemplation and interaction, with details like shaded seating areas or small gardens to promote the community. The organic flow of the pavilion, along with its reflective surfaces, makes this space an example of environmental harmony, showing the future where the public spaces are not only functional assets, but are also art objects.

Figure 3

Reflective and Organic Design of the KLEDA Pavilion



Note: Created using DALL·E 2 based on the speculative design concept

Contextualization

Within the broader context of contemporary architecture, the KLEDA project takes a step toward identifying the issues of sustainable city space and the identification of new materials that can be used. A case in point of its worldwide emphasis is the project that is not bound to a particular region but is still at the forefront of the global trends measuring sustainable and adaptable public spaces. The project's choice of memory steel and spider silk puts it on the leading edge in the field of material science in architecture, which sends a stable, robust, and eco-friendly structure into the world. Thanks to the implementation of AI-based technologies, KLEDA not only follows but even enhances the development of technology-engaged processes, being potentially capable of influencing the way in which architects will deal with design in a few years.

Figure 4

KLEDA Pavilion in an Urban Context



Note: Created using DALL·E 2 based on the speculative design concept

Conclusion and Discussion

KLEDA is the embodiment of how innovative materials and AI can change public spaces of the 21st century. With the combination of memory steel and spider silk, a resilient and sustainable structure comes to life, and, on a completely different note, the generative feature of Adobe Firefly makes it possible for completely new structures. The conceptual pavilion is an essential landmark in terms of respite and interaction space, but at the same time, it is conceived as a paradigm of self-sustainable architecture. It is anticipated that future development stages would lead to the adoption of interactive features or testing of the pavilion's adaptability in real-world settings, and therefore create a better link with its practical implementation.

Table 1

Properties of Memory Steel and Spider Silk

Material	Strenght	Sustainability	Aplications
Memory Steel	High durability	Self - prestressing	Structural reinforcement
Spider Silk	Tensile strength	Boidegradable	Lightweight facades

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