

# Design, Build and Operation of a Passive House for the Purpose of Environmental Education and Nature Observation









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## Aimed purposes



- Spreading the knowledge of sustainable building:
  - own students
  - teachers and pupils
  - in-service training for different groups
- Open to the audience to disseminate of results of our research groups
- Integrating different techniques (soft and hard) in a edicational center
- Coöperation between diffent groups of students
  - Three international building camps
  - Secondary technical school for the realisation
  - Dissertations: master in Industrial Engineering, Erasmusstudents
  - Building similar observation cabins at other locations



#### **ELECTRABELHUT**







Build and start a small documentation and educational centre realized with the passive house standard and with ecological and renewable materials

### **Objectives**

♦ building "Electrabelhut": dimensions 8m x 8m

\$ integration research and education

♦ accessible for public



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## Theoretical background

## Four parameters to obtain a passive concept:









air-tightness







ventilation





## Three certificate criteria for a passive house:

- o the net energy demand for heating ≤ 15 kWh/m² year
- o air-tightness  $n_{50} \le 0.6$  h-1 (tested by the blowerdoor test)
- o temperature exceeding frequency above 25°C ≤ 5%



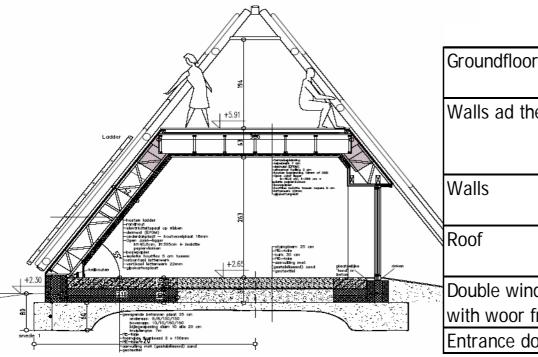


# Importance of developing and designing phase



## Concept & design: building enveloppe





	Components	$U [W/m^2.K]$
Groundfloor	30 cm foamglas	0,13
	20 cm concrete or rammed earth	
Walls ad the bottom	10 cm foamglas	0,14
	14 cm brick	
	20 cm foamglas	
Walls	44 cm cellulose	0,10
	2 cm earth	
Roof	30 cm cellulose	0,14
	2 cm earth	
Double window	Double pane (1.1)	0,8
with woor frames	Single pane (4.2)	(g=0.6)
Entrance door	Triple pane (g=0.6)	0,8







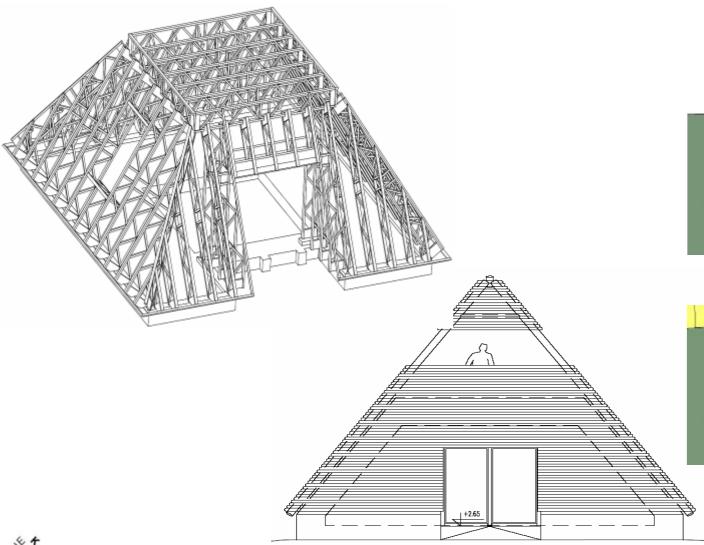




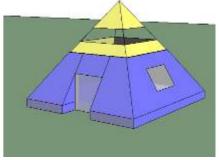
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## Concept & design: oriëntation

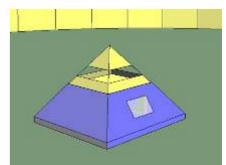




Zuid-Oost zicht



Noord-west zicht



Zuîdgevel

## Commissioning team





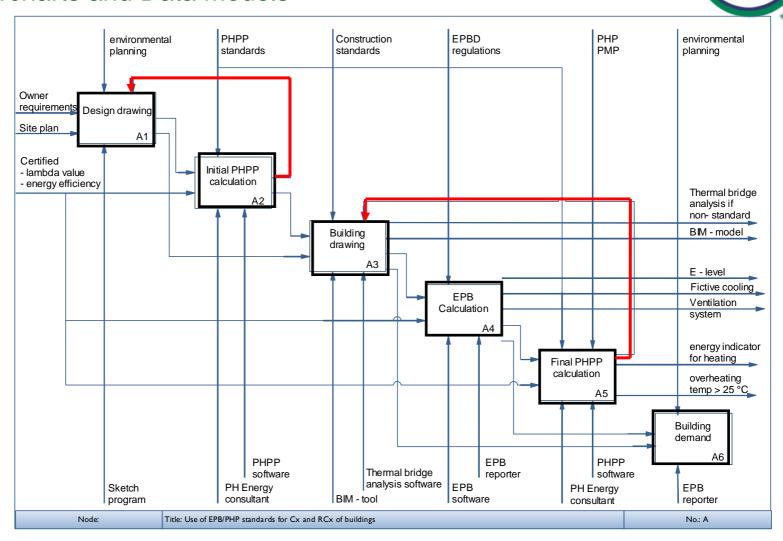


- Contractors, Engineers, Architect, Supplier, Security manager, ...
- Students



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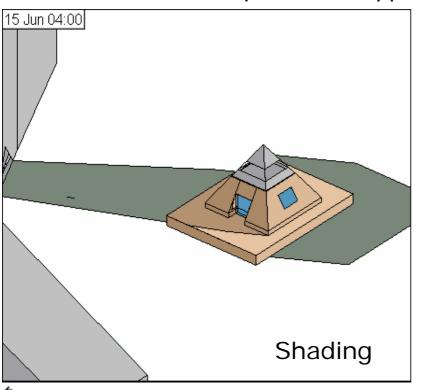
### Flowcharts and Data Models

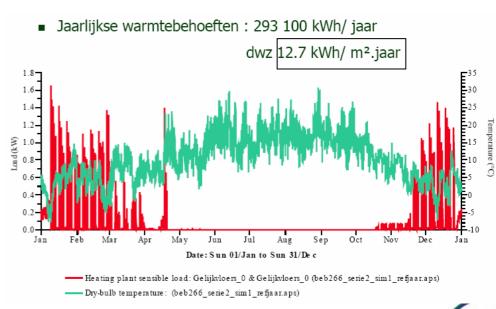




## Dynamic simulations of energy performance

- SINTLIEVEN HOGESCH
- -TRNSYS: simulation of the physical and technical characteristics of the building and its equipment using one unique dynamic model
- SOLARIN (Ecofys): to optimise the implantation of different buildings on site-level with respect to the application of active and passive solar energy



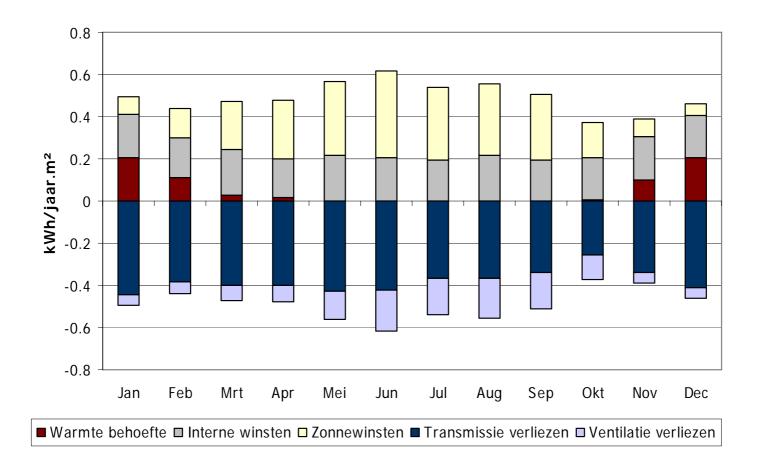


Energy demand for heating

## **Energy Balance**

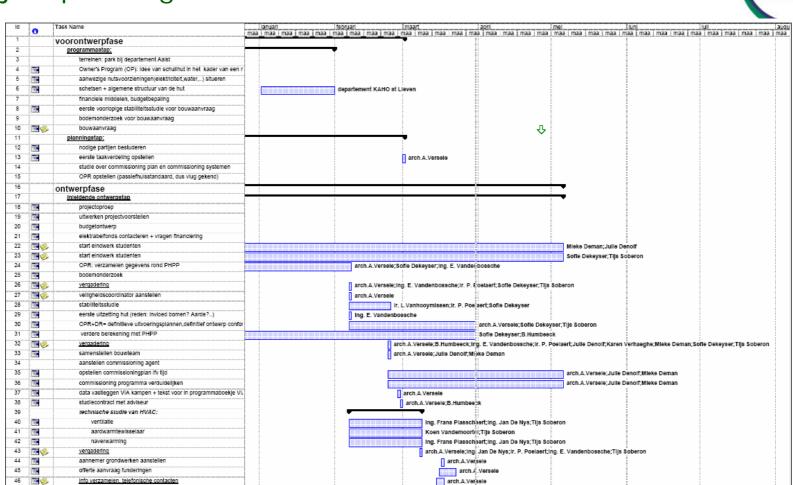


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## Project planning





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Project: VerloopHutLaatste Date: vrl 31/03/06

vergadering: voorleggen voorontwerp technische installatie in ver

Progress

Milestone

opmaken lastenboek en meetstaten voor grondwerken

aannemer grondwerken beklikt percelen

Task

Split

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Project Summary

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External Milestone

External Tasks

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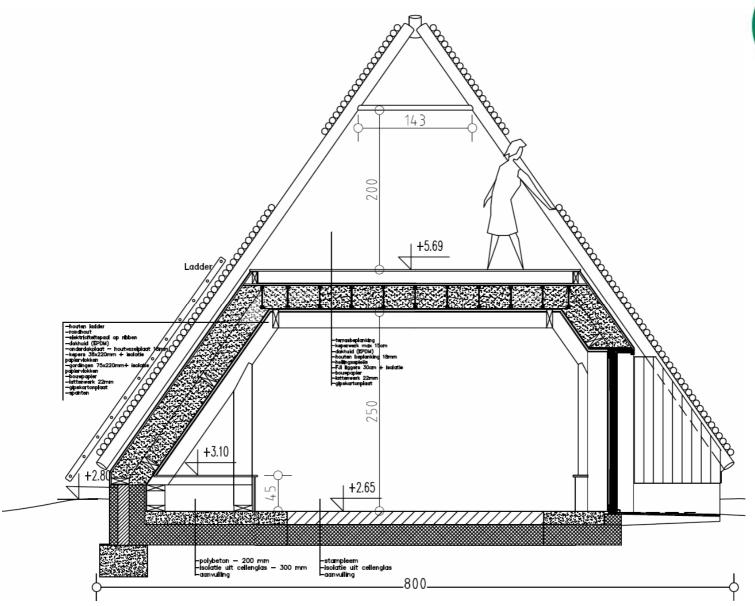
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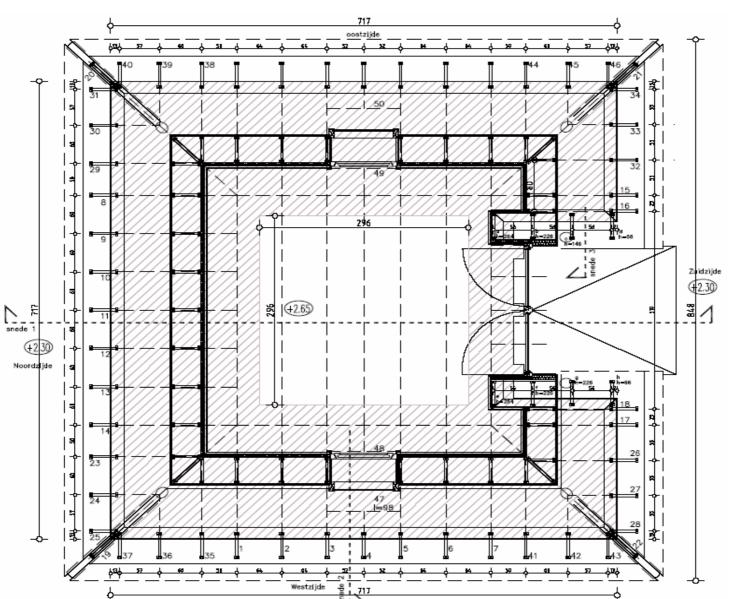
## Ground works













Layer of stabilized sand – PE-foil







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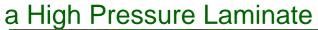
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Central gap 2,5 m by 2,5 m – later stage cork layer with above a loam floor





Uneveness of concrete slab – wooden base plate combined with









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# Prefabricated trusses are placed











Visually closing the pyramid





Water proofness: epdm rubber
Joints were closed by welding, using warm air of 600°C





# Cabinet-making: four windows, one door

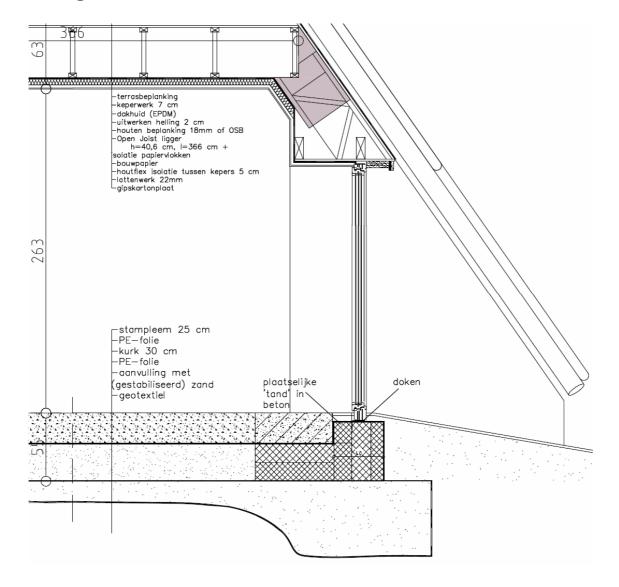








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## Intello vapour retarder – isofloc cellulose insulation

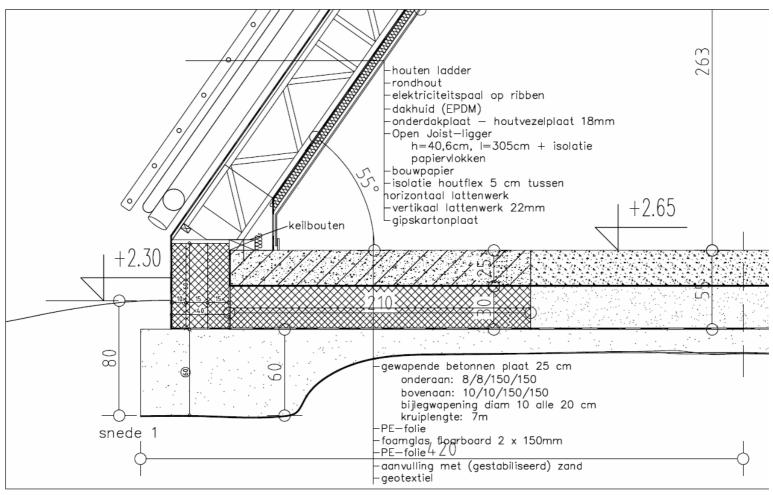






## Detail insulation: foamglass – isofloc insulation











# September 2007: Passive cabin was set on fire







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## Cooperation with VTI, 7th year cabinet-making







## November 2007: Rebuilding of the passive cabin

Whole procedure of 2007 was repeated Added: four tree trunks – wooden pillars – cellulose inside – Fermacell plates







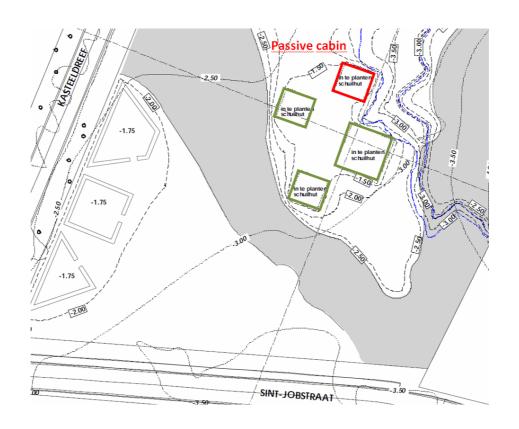
# **Future plans**



Placing ventilation unit (mechanical in – mechanical out)

Placing sensors (temperature, lighting, occupation, ...)

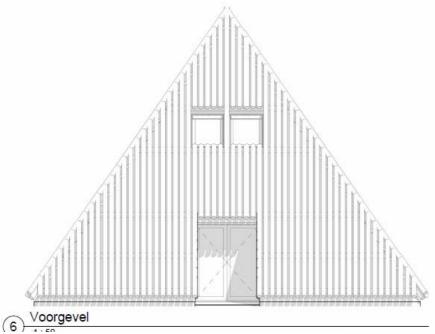
Constructing three other pyramids

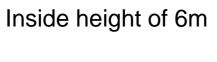






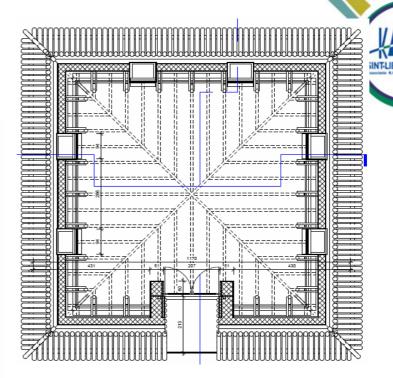
## Low energy cabin

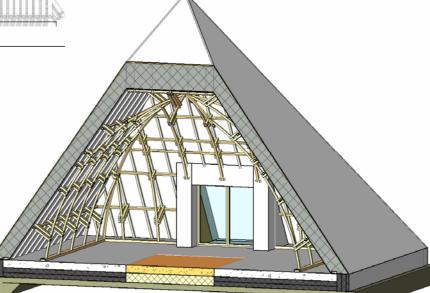




Square 12m - 12m









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