



# The Research Centre on Zero Emission Buildings

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# ZEB's Main Objective

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is to develop competitive products and solutions for existing and new buildings that will lead to market penetration of buildings with zero greenhouse gas emissions related to their production, operation, and demolition.

The centre will encompass both residential, commercial, and public buildings.

[www.zeb.no](http://www.zeb.no)



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# ZEB Facts

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- ZEB is a Centre for Environment-friendly Energy Research (FME), funded by the Research Council of Norway (RCN) and 25 partners.
- Host institution is NTNU with SINTEF Building and Infrastructure and SINTEF Energy Research as research partners.
- Centre started in November 2009, and RCN funds the Centre for 8 years.
- Total budget: ca. 300 MNOK (+ additional to research infrastructure)

# ZEB – A National Team

- **Users (the reference group)**
- **Contractors**
- **Producers of materials and products for the building industry**
- **Consultants, architects**
- **Trade organizations**
- **Property managers**
- **Public administration**
- **University and research institutions**
- **The Research Council**

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# Other Institutions Cooperating with ZEB

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## International partners

- VTT (Finland)
- Chalmers (Sweden)
- Fraunhofer (Germany)
- TNO (The Netherlands)
- LBNL (USA)
- MIT (USA)
- University of Strathclyde (Scotland)
- Tsinghua University (China)

## Other new

- Politecnico di Torino
- Shanghai JiaoTong University
- EMPA

## Reference group

- Lavenergiprogrammet
- NBBL
- NVE
- Forbrukerrådet
- EcoBox
- Driftsforum
- Arkitektbedriftene



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# Research Activities

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ZEB focus its work in five areas that interact and influence each other:

- WP1 Advanced materials technologies
- WP2 Climate-adapted low-energy envelope technologies
- WP3 Energy supply systems and services
- WP4 Use, operation, and implementation
- WP5 Pilot buildings, concepts and strategies

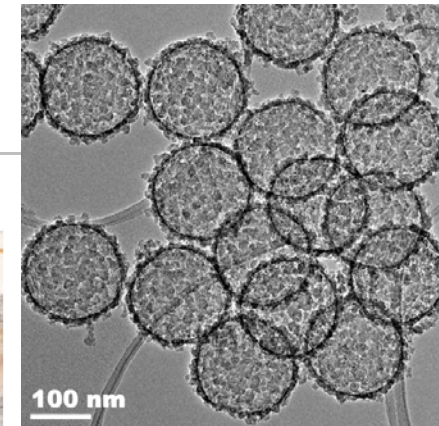


# ZEB Innovations - Summary

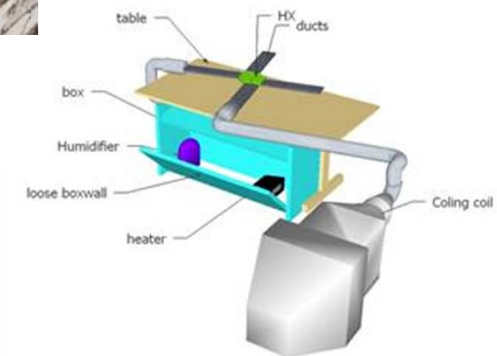
- Development of a new insulation material – patent applied for
- Weber has developed a new Leca Isoblokk with Vacuum Insulation Panel – patent applied for
- NorDan has developed a solar collector system that can be easily integrated in the façade (with Aventa Solar)
- Develop a prototype for a membrane-based heat exchanger
- Developed the ZEB Design Method with our partners
- Developed ZEB Definition and method for material emission accounting
- Has been part of realizing the first Zero Emission Buildings
- Educated the first 4 ZEB PhD candidates
- Educated 20 MSc Candidates



VIP Leca Isoblokk

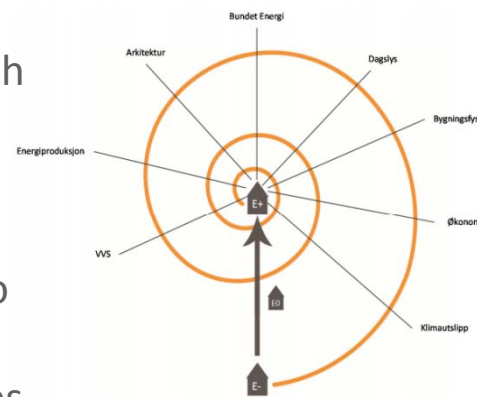


Nano Insulation Material



Membrane Heat Exchanger

Powerhouse Kjørbo



ZEB Design Process



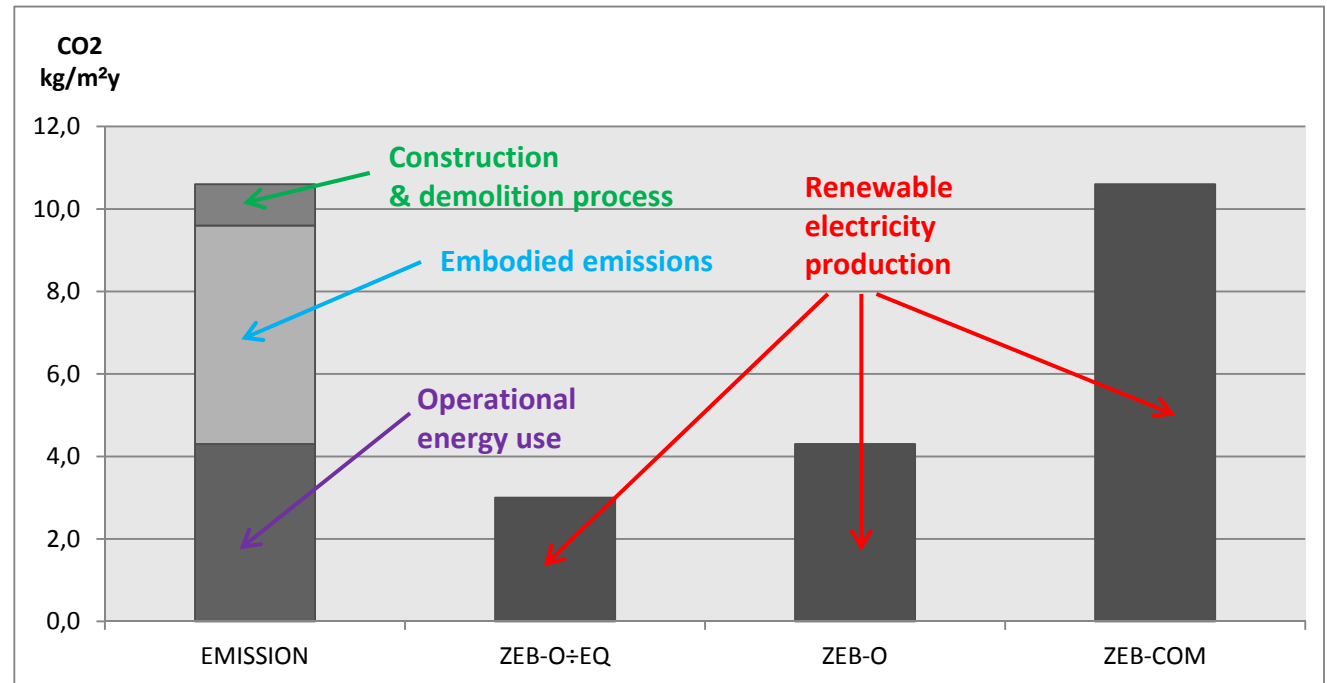
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# ZEB-Definition

## ZEB-DEFINITION:

1. Ambition level
2. Rules for calculation
3. System boundaries
4. CO<sub>2</sub>-factors
5. Energy quality
6. Mismatch production and demand
7. Minimum requirement energy efficiency
8. Requirement indoor climate
9. Verification in use



ZEB-O÷EQ: Balancing operational energy use exclusive equipment.

ZEB-O: Balancing operational energy use inclusive equipment.

ZEB-COM: Balancing operational energy, embodied emissions, construction and demolition processes

*The main concept of a zero emission building is that renewable energy sources produced or transformed at the building site have to compensate for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from operation of the building and for production, transport and demolition of all the building materials and components during the life cycle of the building.*

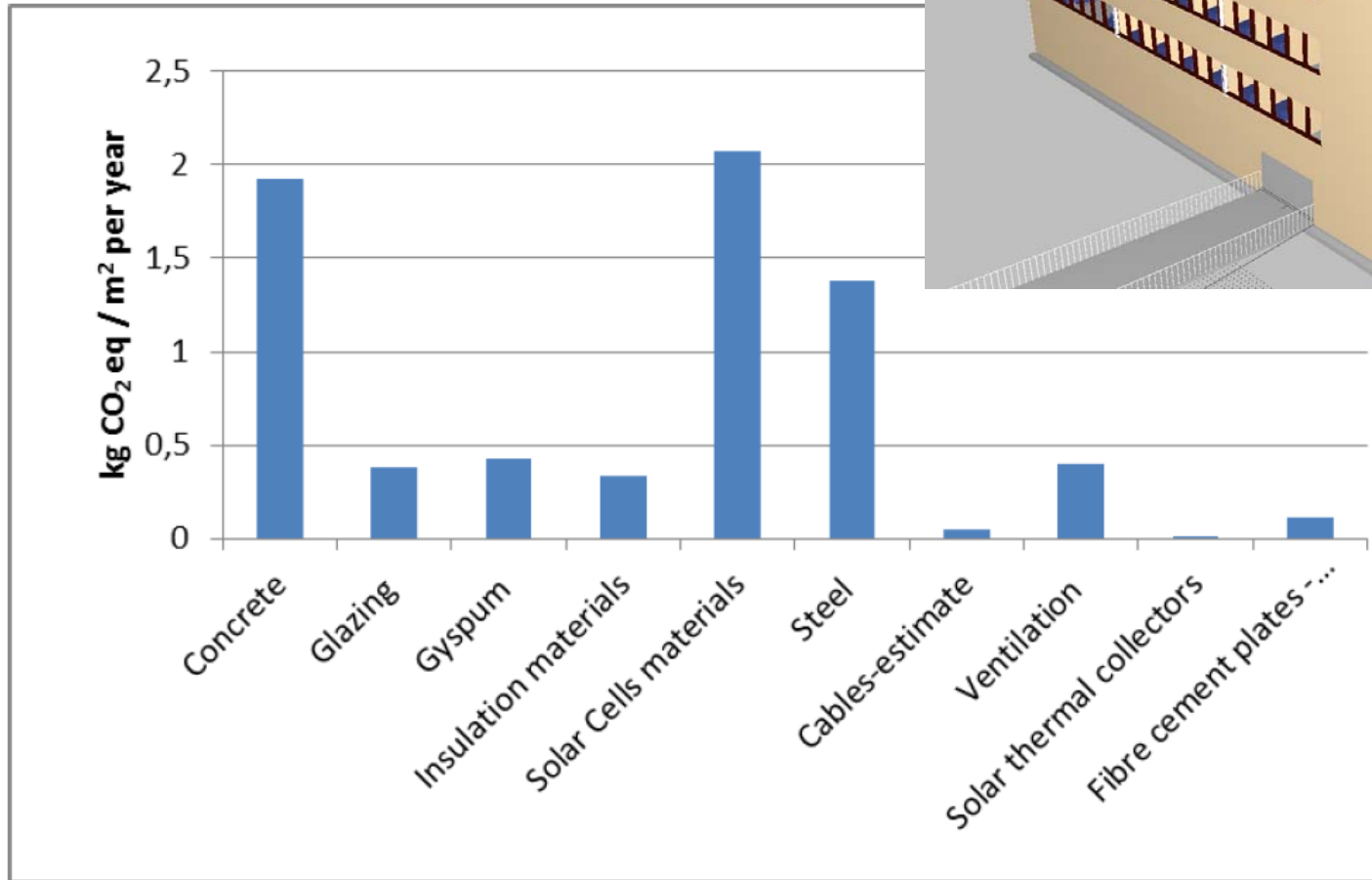
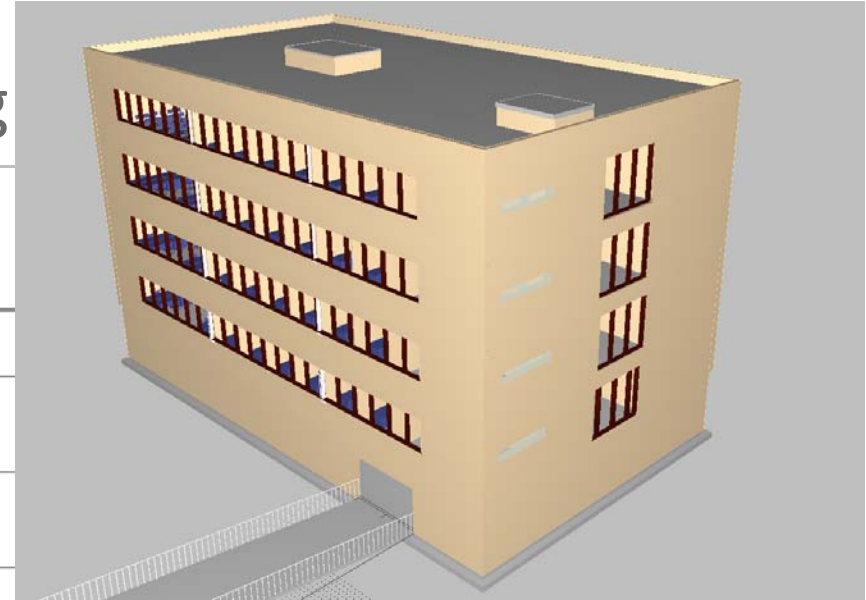


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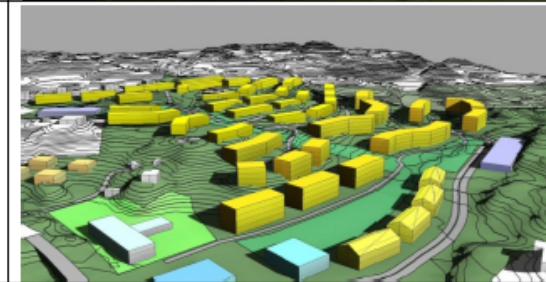
# Concept Work – Office Building



# ZEB-Pilot Buildings

## ZEB PILOT BUILDINGS:

1. Skarpnes Arendal: 37 dwellings, ZEB-O.
2. Powerhouse Kjørbo – Sandvika. Renovation of 2 office blocks to Plus energy.
3. Mulitkomfort-Larvik: Single family house, ZEB-COM.
4. Ådland: 500 dwellings, ZEB-O.
5. Powerhouse Brattørkaia – Trondheim. Large office building, Plus energy.
6. Admin office Haakonsvern – Bergen. ZEB-O÷EQ.
7. ZEB Living Lab



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# PowerHouse Kjørbo

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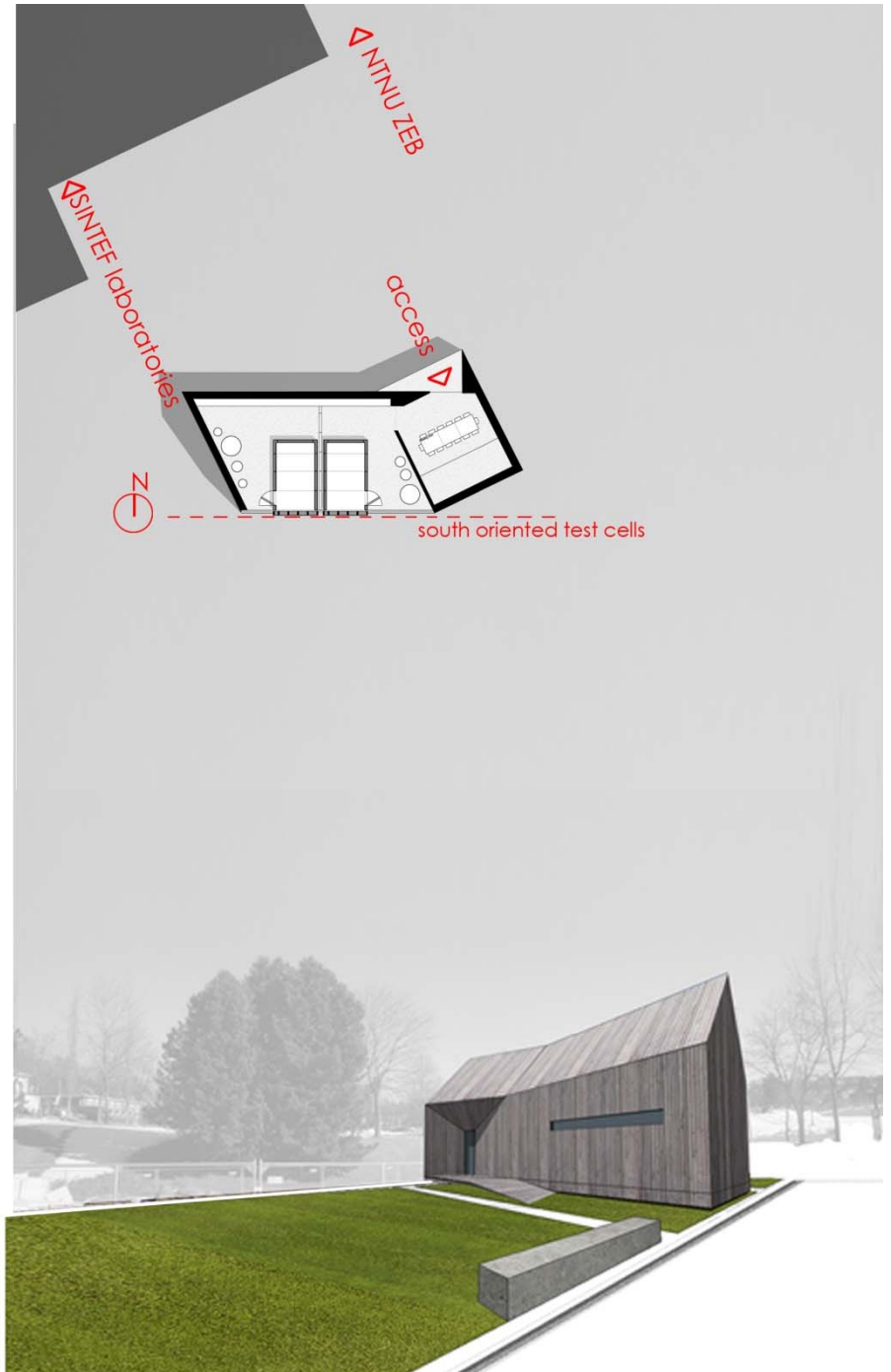
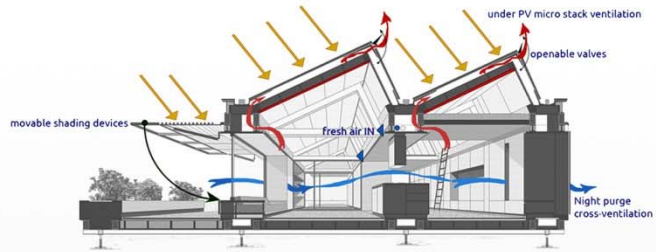
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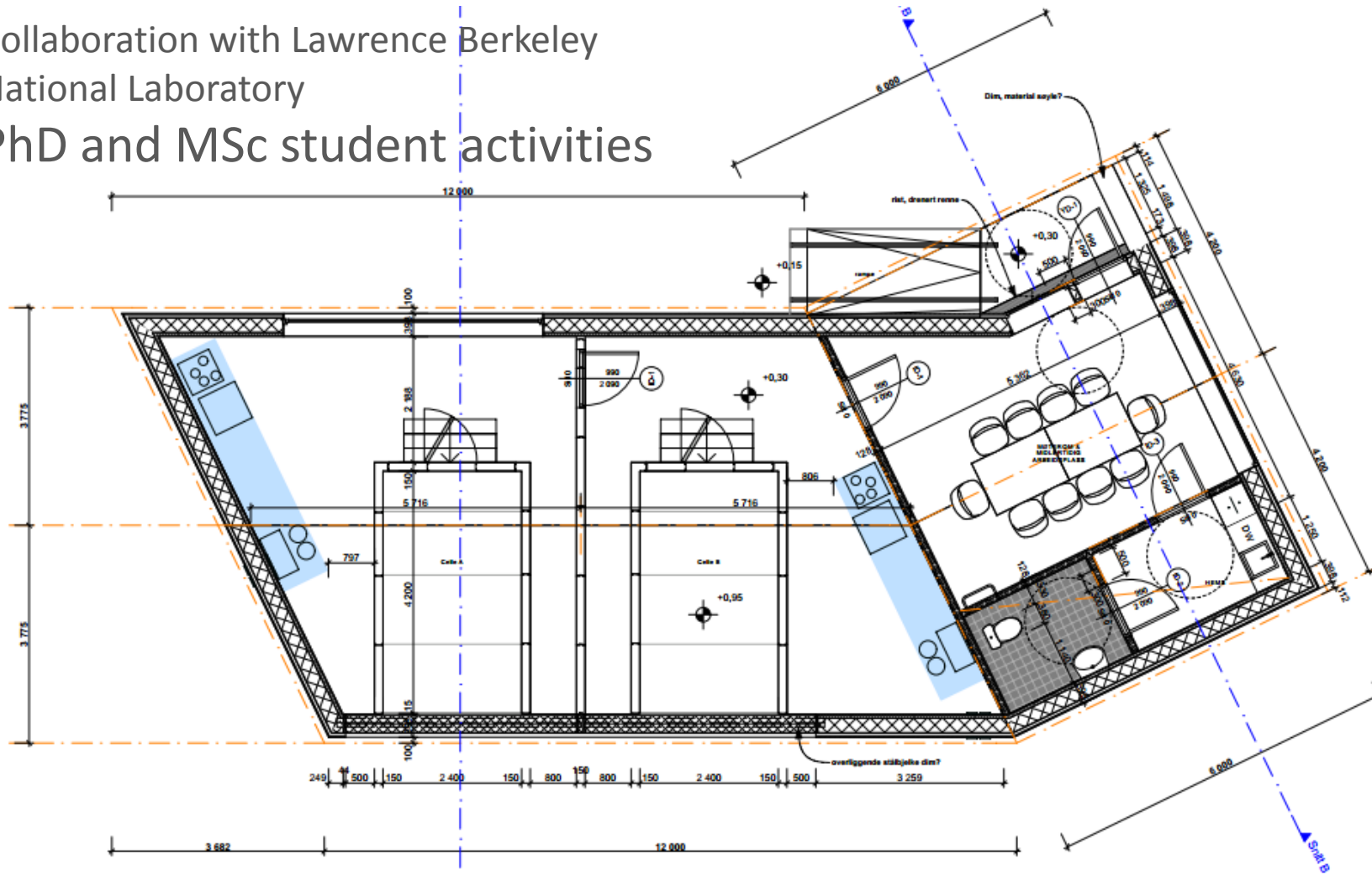
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# ZEB Test Cell

Collaboration with Lawrence Berkeley  
National Laboratory  
PhD and MSc student activities



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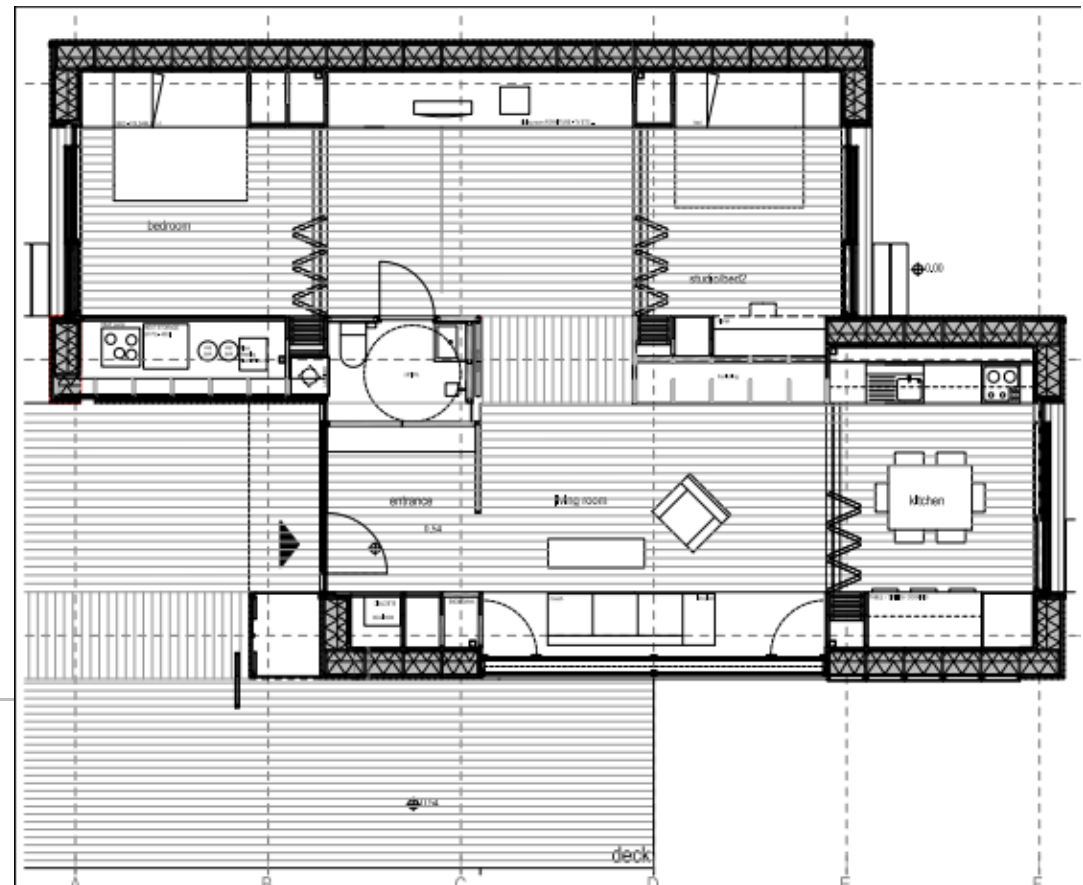




# ZEB Living Lab

- 100 m<sup>2</sup> living area
- Building Integrated Photo-voltaics: 80 m<sup>2</sup>
- Solar panel in the facade
- Ground to water heat pump
- Heat recovery system

A part of student work



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# Multikomfort Larvik - demonstration home

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Owner: Brødrene Dahl and Optimera  
Architects: Snøhetta  
Illustration: MIR



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