THE COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE

SOCIAL INNOVATION AND FARMING COMMUNITY

Situated on community land the greenhouse is a place for social cohesion, bringing villagers and visitors together around social innovation and farming.

GREENHOUSE PRINCIPAL

Shortwave solar energy is transmitted through glass and air but absorbed by interiors and plants. Heat is transferred via radiation, conduction and convection.

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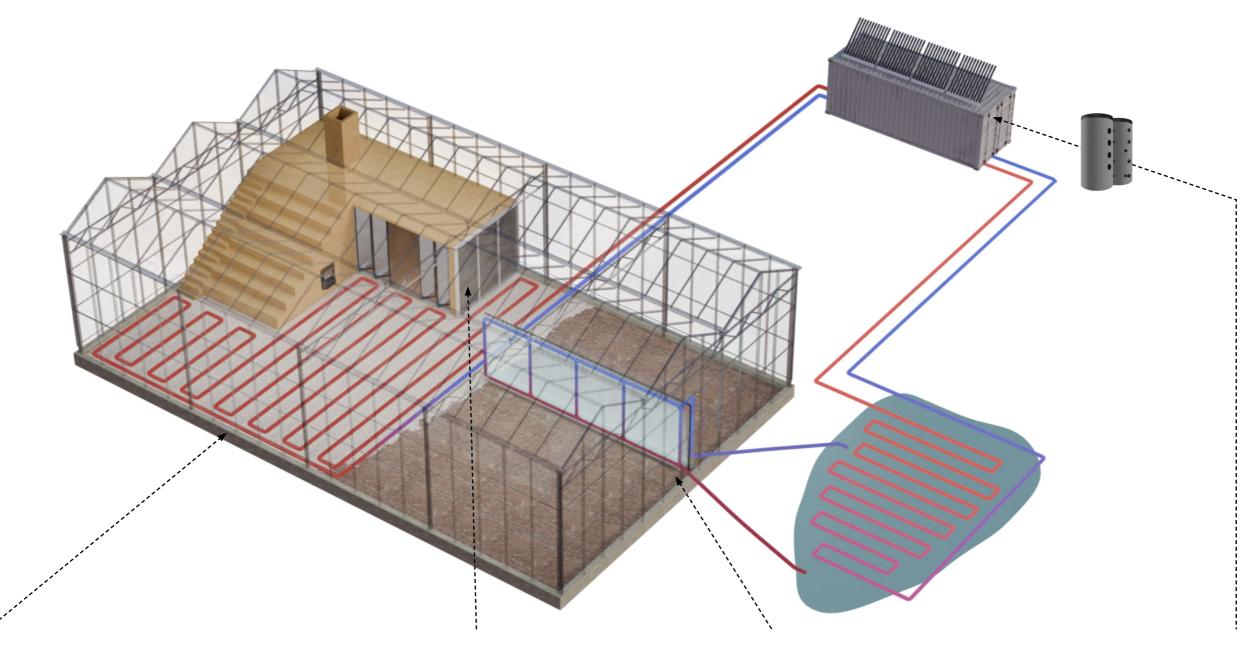








LOW TECH SOLARDESIGN SOLUTIONS



SAND BATTERY

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TROMBE WALL

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DROPLET CURTAIN

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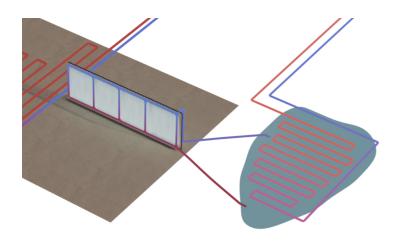
ACCUMULATOR TANKS AND HEAT PUMP

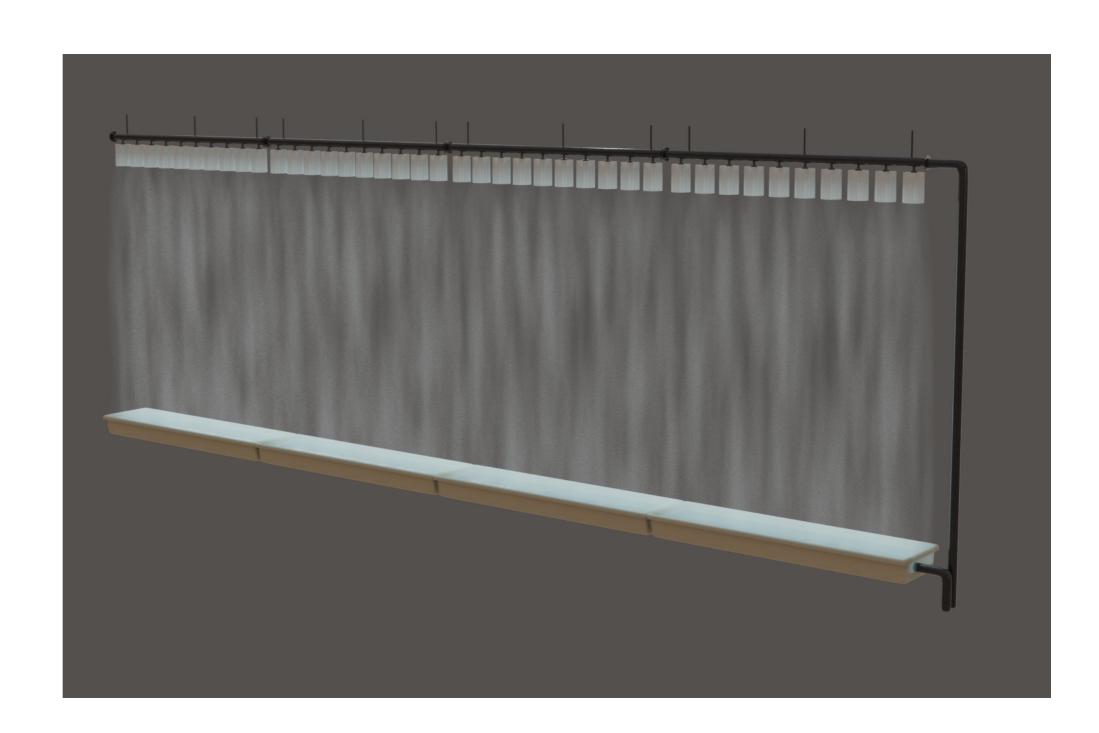
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COOLING AND DEHUMIDIFICATION

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PASSIVE SOLAR HEATING AND THERMAL STORAGE

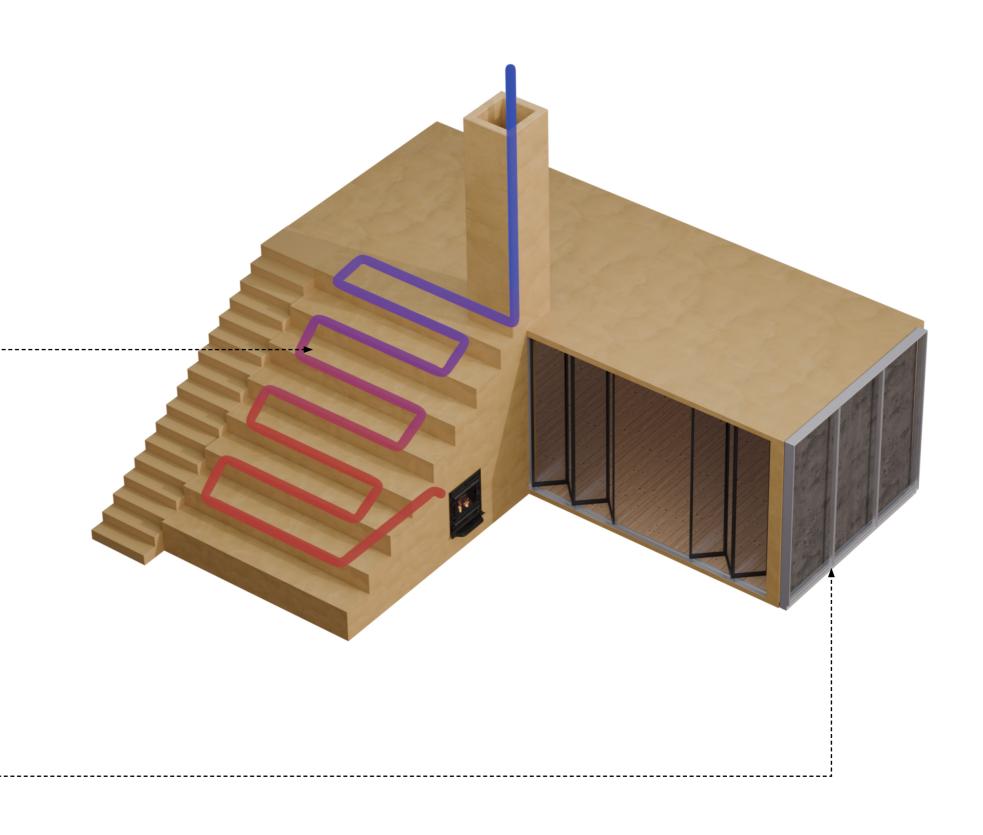
Mass oven

A high thermal mass oven is fired with fuel wood. Before leaving the chimney flue gases are ducted through to heat the combined staircase and cosy seating space of the auditorium.

Mass oven is also apt for cooking, pizza and bakery oven. Being water-jacked it also exchange some heat to the storage system.

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HEAT RECOVERY AND DISTRIBUTION

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