## Eco Quantum

Computer program developed by IVAM with W/E Consultants for the SBR since 1999.

(IVAM: sustainability research and consultancy department of the University of Amsterdam) (SBR: Information and Communication agency for the building industry)

Development financed by Government

2 Versions:

Eco Quantum Residence, and Eco Quantum Research

Compute LCA for residences (housing only)

Takes into account:

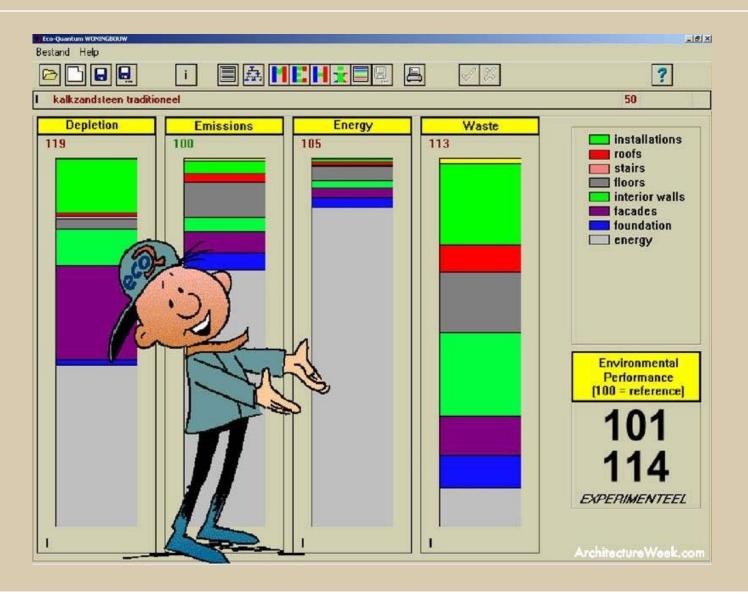
- Installations
- Materials
- Water consumption
- Indoor climate
- Building location



"It is now officially possible to compare apples with oranges." - SBR



#### **APPLICATION**



#### **Version 1.0**

Free bloke with hat included.

#### Two stages:

#### - Sketch Design

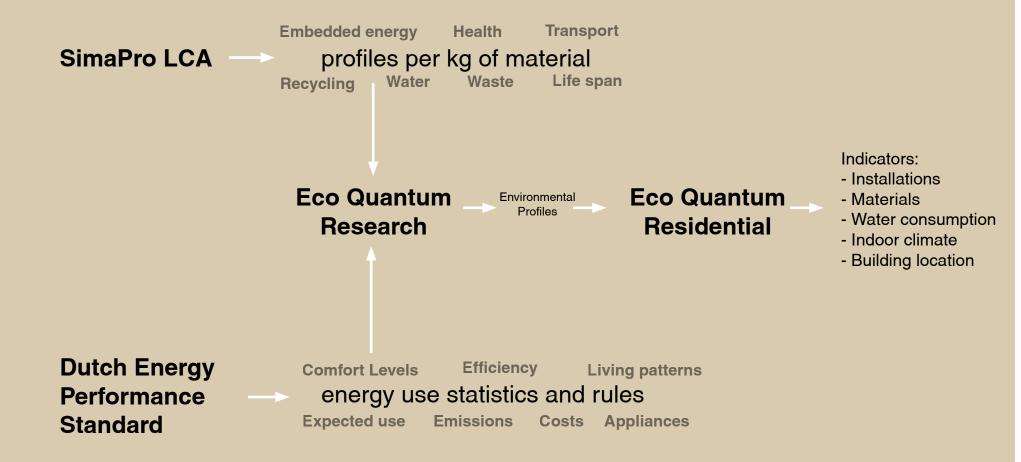
Preliminary crude estimation of energy use to be used in early stages. Easy to set up and get estimates.

#### - Final Design

Complete analysis of detailed materials, energy, etc to eveluate final design.



#### How it works





# USES

Architects: evaluate different designs

Policy makers: targets for environmental programs

Certification programme

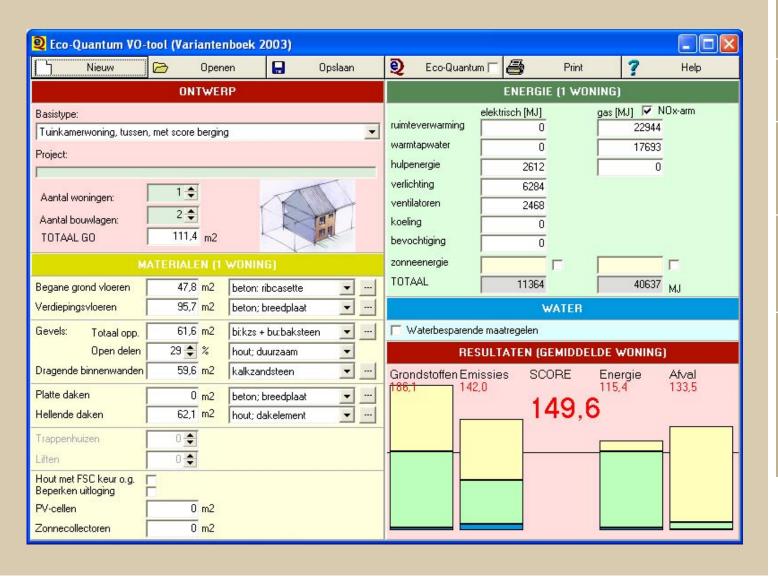
Catalogue

Guideline

Final outcome is intended to be a document to be presented to a third party.



#### **I**NPUT



- Easy interface
- Usable without training
- Large library of materials
- Customisable



**Eco Quantum** 

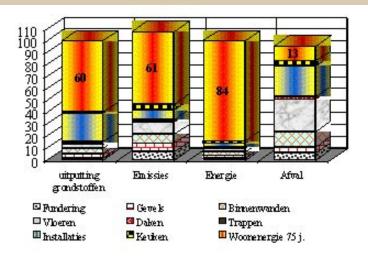
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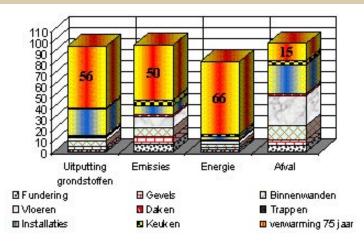
An overview of materials streams,

Twelve effect scores according to the lifecycle analysis

Four environmental indicators: resource depletion, emissions, energy and waste.

As well as one all-encompassing score.





## ADVANTAGES / DISADVANTAGES

- Allows comparisons between different designs
- Accessible and usable by different parties
- Easy to see what factors influence the scores the most
- Usable at different stages in the process of design

- Only usable for residences
- Only in that awkward Dutch language
- Shortcomings of LCA's apply to Eco Quantum, e.g. no relation to space and time and numerical indicators are non-qualitative.
- Not useful for existing building stock



# Institute for Forestry and Nature Research (Alterra)



- Wageningen, The Netherlands
- Stefan Behnisch
- 1998



### **PROCESS**

European Union pilot project for ecological investigation

Motto "human & environmentally friendly building for the future"

Demonstration project for financially feasible green architecture

Working laboratory & office space

Principle rather than image driven, the image being the process





## SITE

Restored as an experimental ecological area

Create a green corridor between Rhine valley & the Hoge Velwe Park

Handle water on site with grey water system using rain collection & sequence of ponds





#### GARDENS

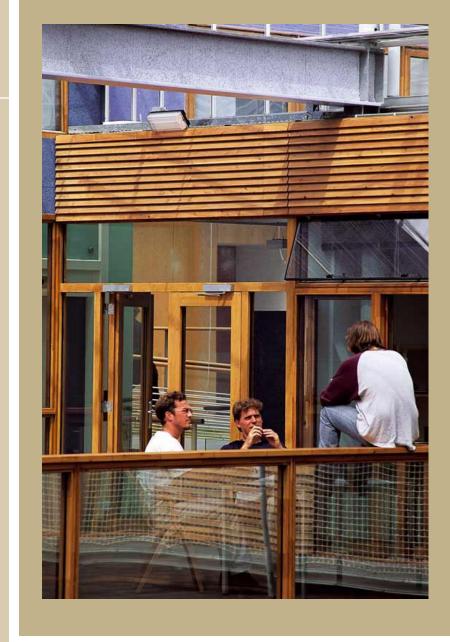
Two spaces between office wings; not indoor space; all workplaces in direct contact

House experiments, provide views, recreation & meeting for staff, & control temperature "lungs"

Summer cooling: blinds, roof vents (provide a thermal chimney)

Winter heating: blinds to capture re-readition off of plants

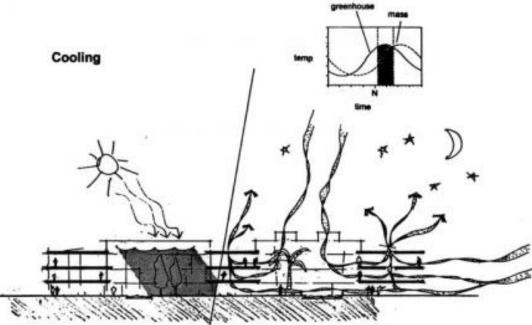
Varied watercourses, terraces, levels, plantings & a meandering route for staff to cross the gardens & link the social facilities (places for people to stop & congregate)





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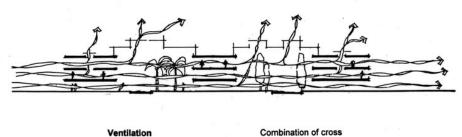




Day: Shade & ventilate greenhouses Thermal mass absorbs heat

Night: Heat from mass drawn off

Team Crazy Kitten



Combination of cross and stack ventilation adapts to seasons





## Systems & Materials

No air conditioning

Use of prefabricated systems & elements

Residual construction site materials used to create external gardens

Use of local wood products (small & short pieces)

Lots of daylight

Operable windows open to gardens

