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La construction en terre crue

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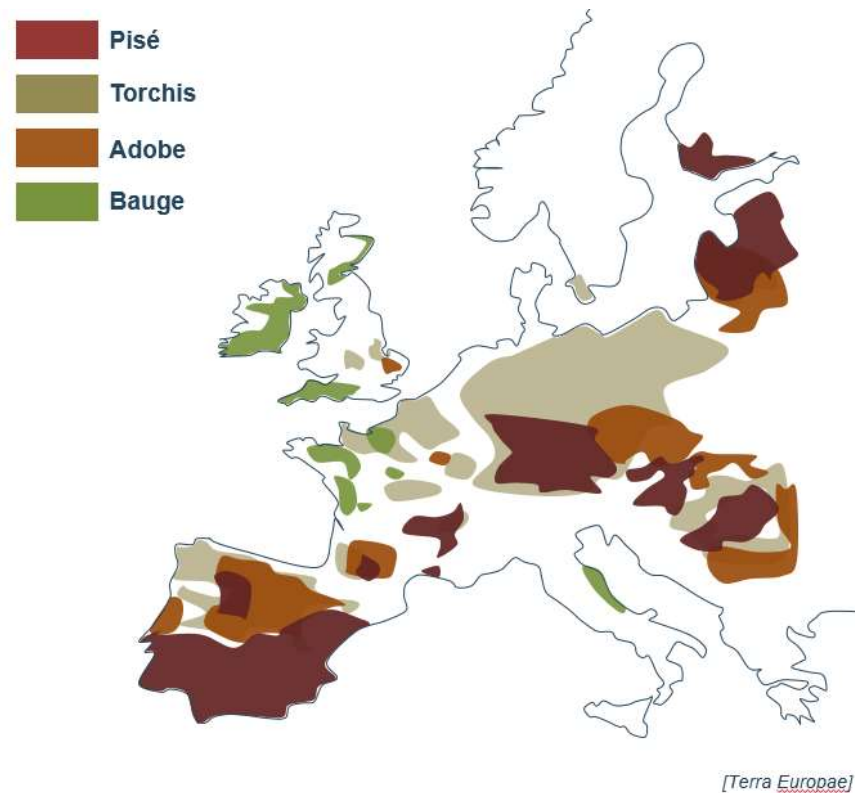
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MATÉRIAUX de CONSTRUCTION BIOSOURCÉS



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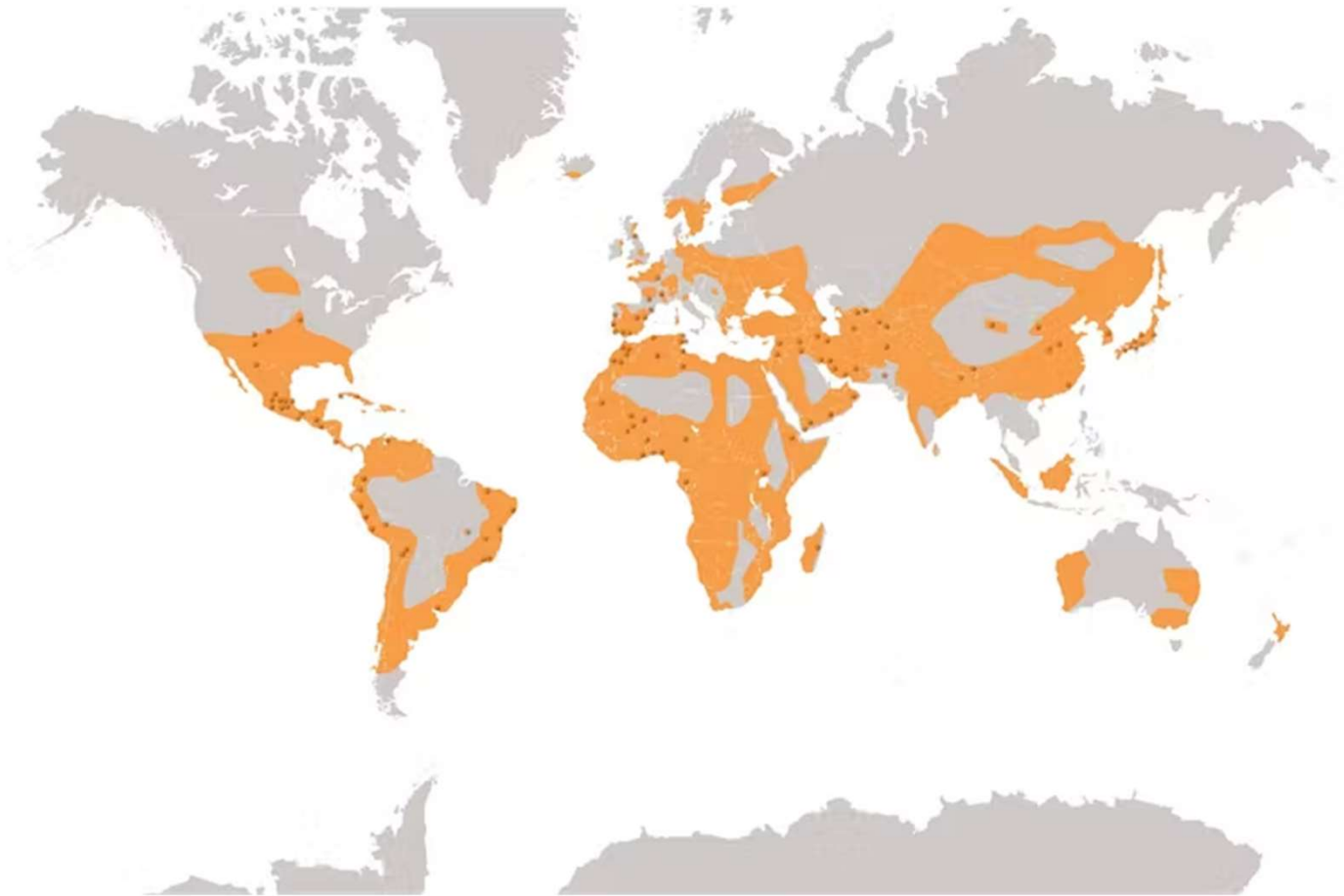
1. Patrimoine de la construction en terre



- 15% du patrimoine Français
- Entre 1/4 et 1/3 de la population mondiale



Répartition des constructions en terre crue¹



¹ Craterre

Un riche patrimoine d'architectures en terre crue ...



(a) la grande mosquée de Djenné, Mali
XIII^e



(b) La ville de Shibam, Yemen
XVI^e s



(e) Forteresse d'Alcazaba, Espagne



(f) Le "domaine de la terre", France



@ David Stanley

(c) Jiayuguan la grande muraille, Chine



@ Laura Toma

(d) La ville de Taos Pueblo, USA



@ Marite Putninja

(g) Une ferme en pisé, Lettonie



@ André Schopman

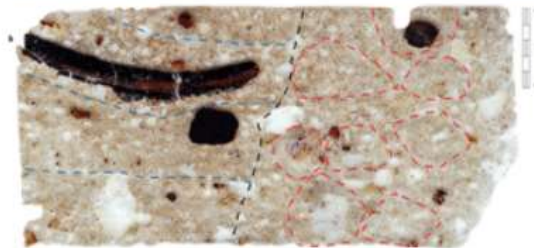
(h) Une maison réhabilitée, Pays-Bas



Ksar Aït-Ben Haddou, Maroc

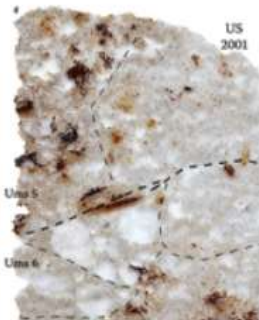
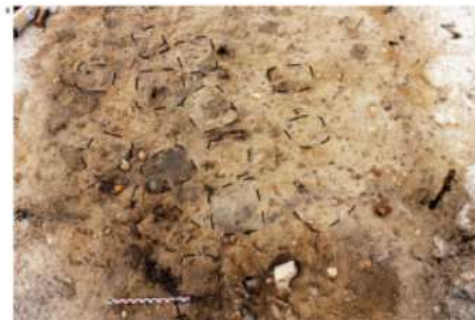
Vestige archéologique en France

7. Le site du Bois d'Adrien à Maillé (Indre-et-Loire).



Parement du mur
Mélange homogène, finement préparé
Apport lbi et fortement compacté

Partie interne du mur
Matériau plus grossiers modérément
malaxés et mis en place par apport mouillé
fortement compacté



Pavés
Sol construit

Radier

La construction en terre crue au Néolithique

Un état de la question en France

Building with earth in the Neolithic in France: an overview

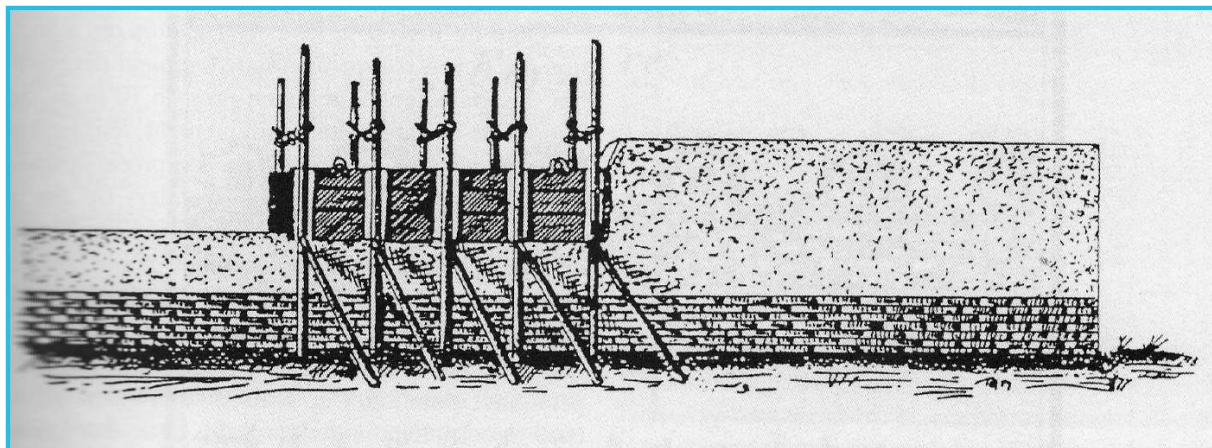
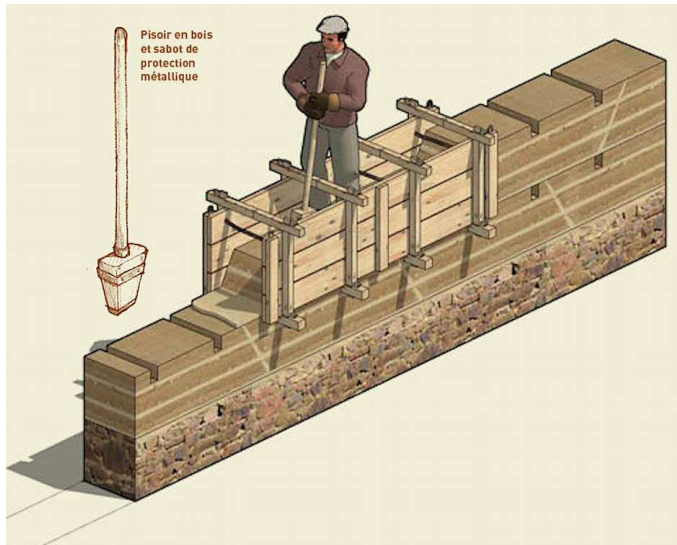
La construcción en barro durante el Neolítico: en Francia

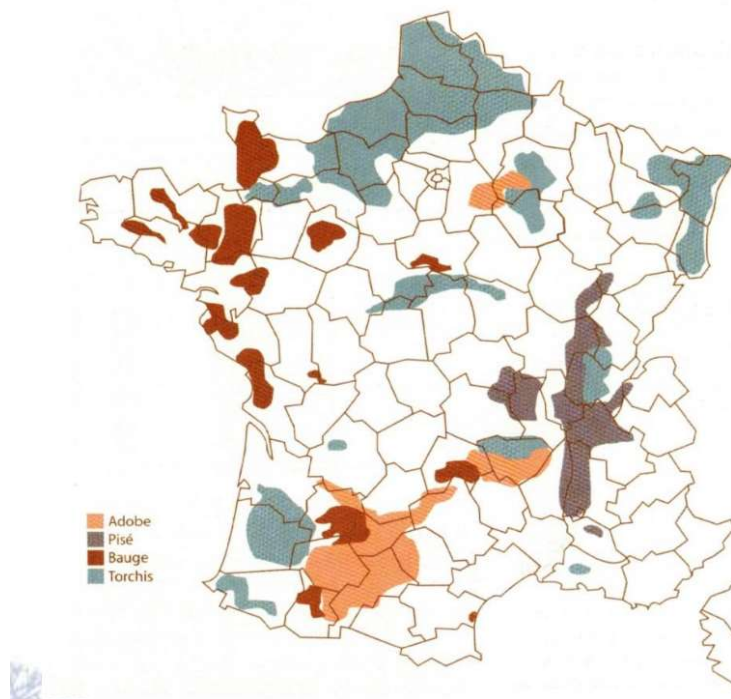
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Entre 5800 et 2500
avant notre ère



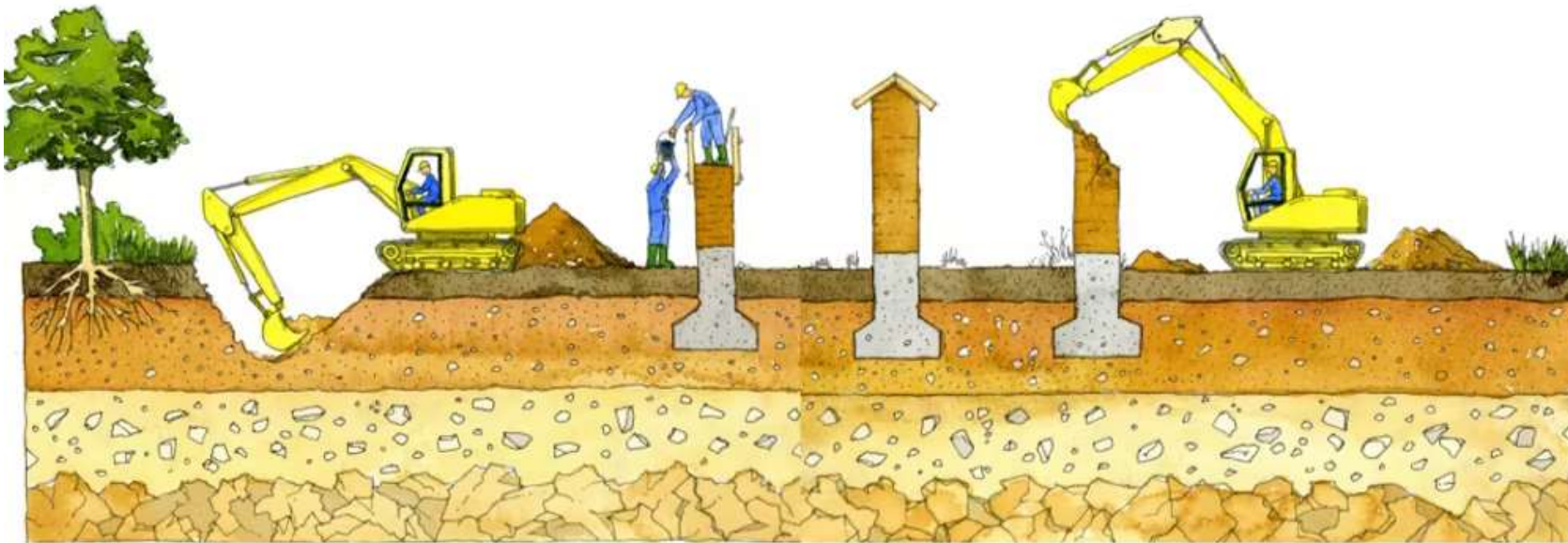
1. Patrimoine de la construction en terre : le cas du pisé





Carte d'après Terra Europea. « Earthen Architecture in the European Union »

Un matériau naturel local et circulaire



@ Arnaud Misse





<https://www.st-michel-de-st-geoirs.fr/maisons-en-pise-et-galets-roules/>



<https://culture.isere.fr/page/la-construction-en-pise-en-isere>



Château La bastie d'Urfé (42)
XVème



Salle héraldique la Diana
Montbrison (42) XIIIème

Pisé préfabriqué : L'Orangerie à Lyon

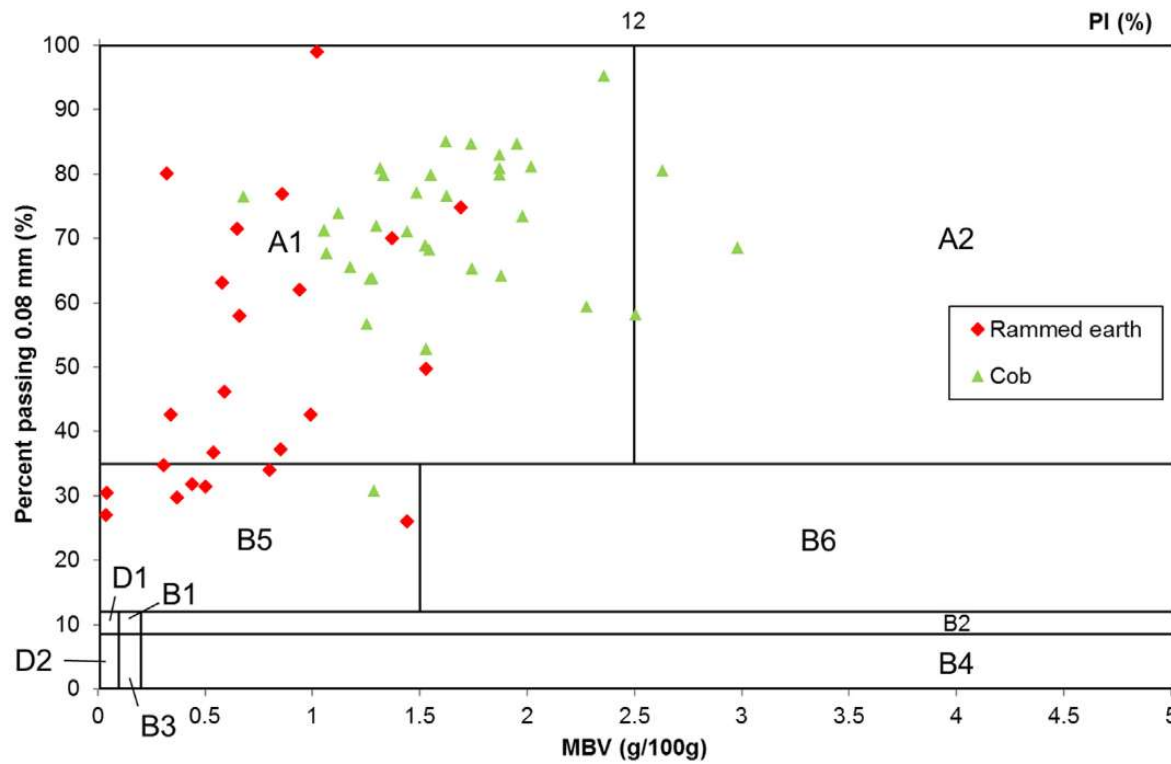


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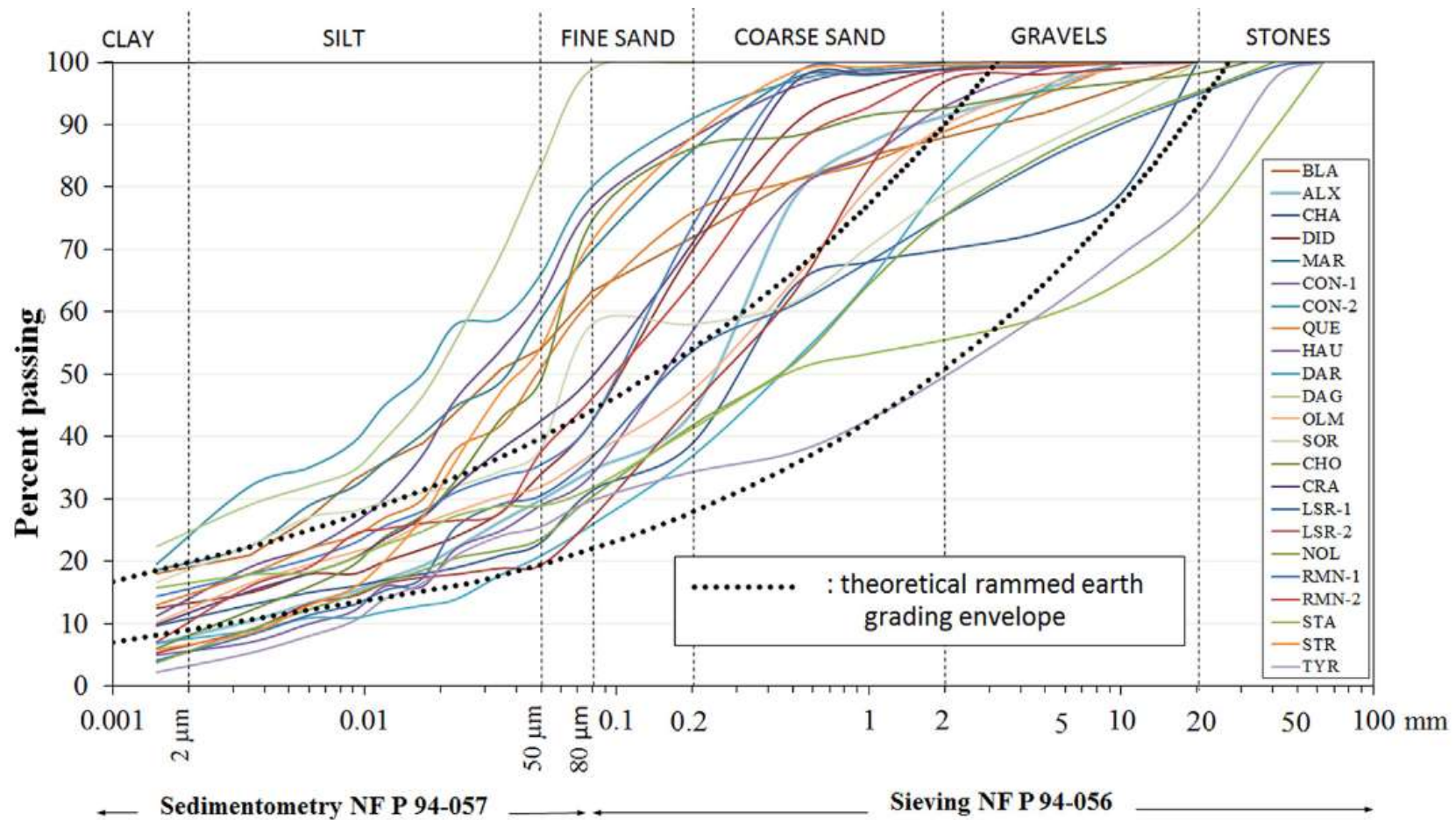




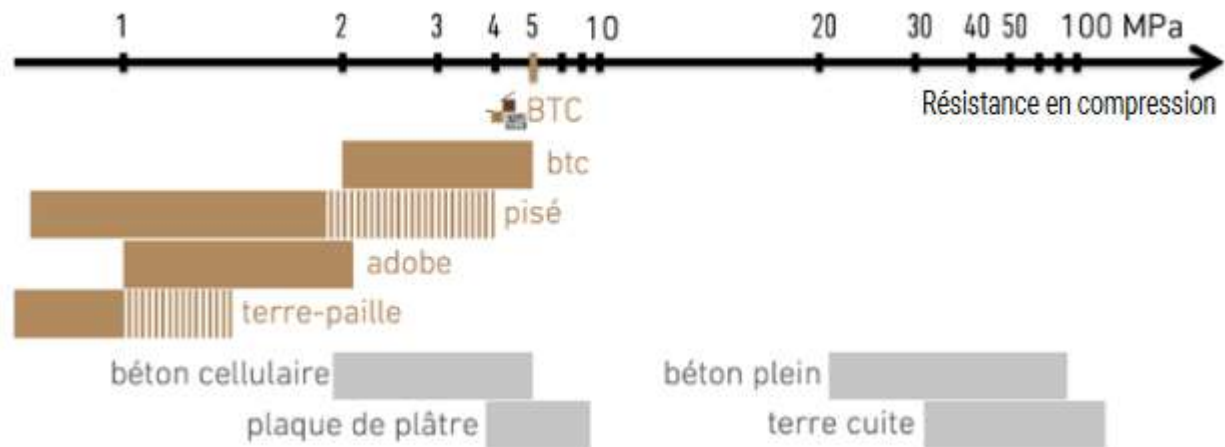
(Ph: E. Mille, CRAterre-ENSAG)



Rojat et al., 2020, Towards an easy decision tool to assess soil suitability for earth building, Construction and Building Materials



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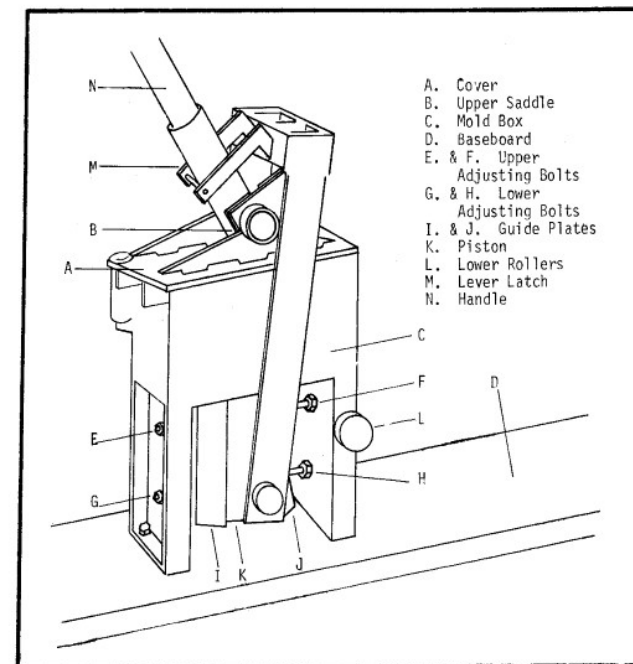


Fig. 1 - The CINVA-Ram Block Press and Its Parts

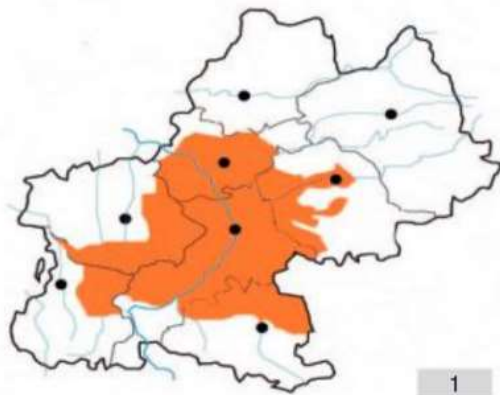
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Le Parisien chez BTC

MIDI-PYRÉNÉES



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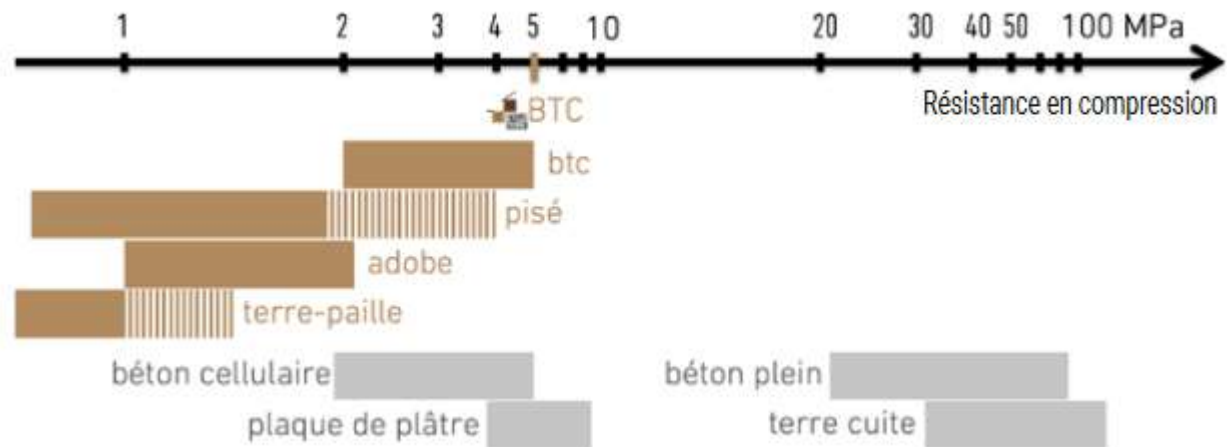
<https://www.ladepeche.fr/article/2018/09/26/2876283-terre-crue-locale-invitee-ecole-architecture-toulouse.html>

Pôle Culturel Aria, Cornebarrieu



Source : Etienne Gay, Briques Technics Concept





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1. Patrimoine de la construction en terre : le cas de la bauge



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Photo François Streiff, Parc Naturel Régional du Marais du Cotentin et du Bessin

2. Nature du matériau

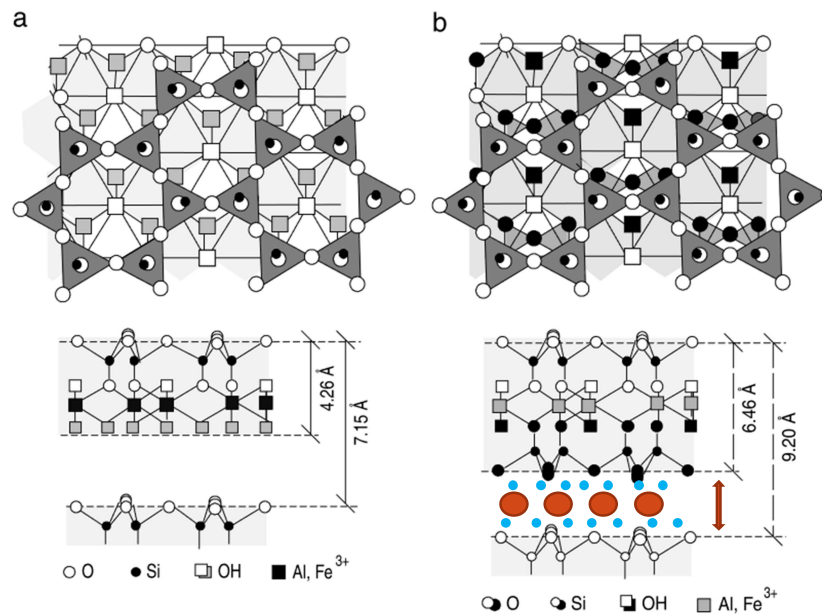
Argiles et minéraux argileux

Clay : « ...a naturally occurring material composed primarily of fine-grained minerals, which is generally plastic at appropriate water contents and will harden when dried or fired » Joint Nomenclature Committee (JNC) of AIPEA and The Clay Minerals Society

Clay size fraction :
Soil particles with a size below 2 μm

Clay minerals :
Sheet like minerals from the phyllosilicate group, most often small

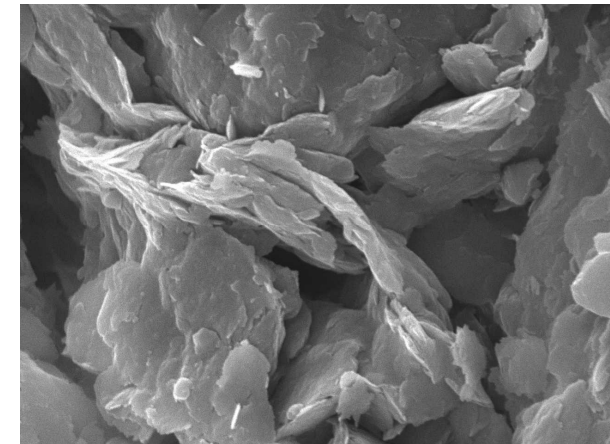
Minéraux argileux (phyllosilicates)



Type 1:1 (Ex:Kaolinite)

Type 2:1 (Ex:Smectites)

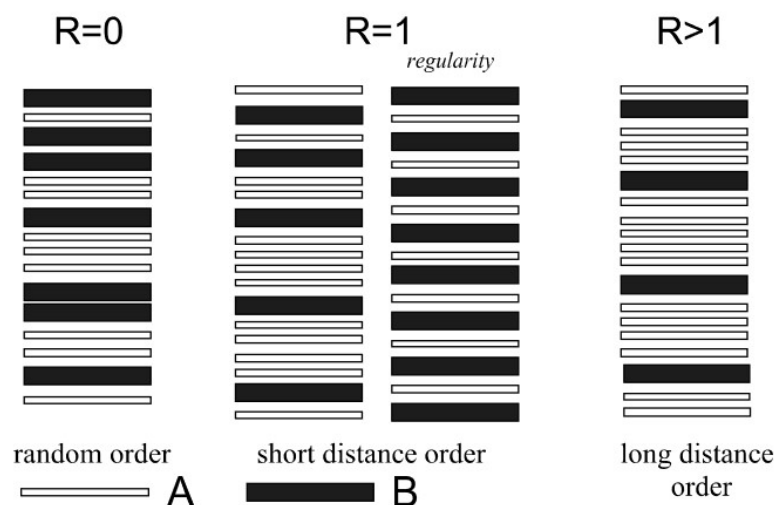
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X6000, SE 15KV

Empilement de couches

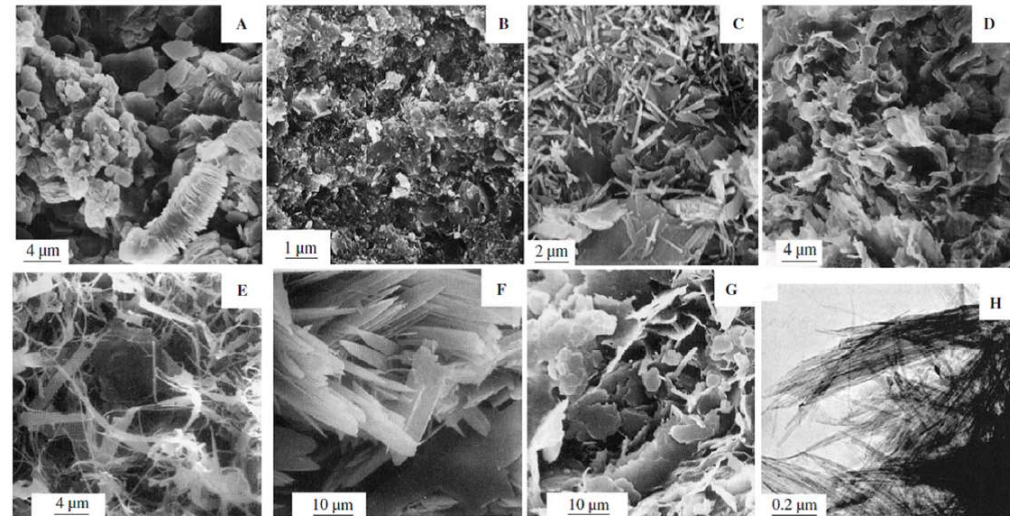
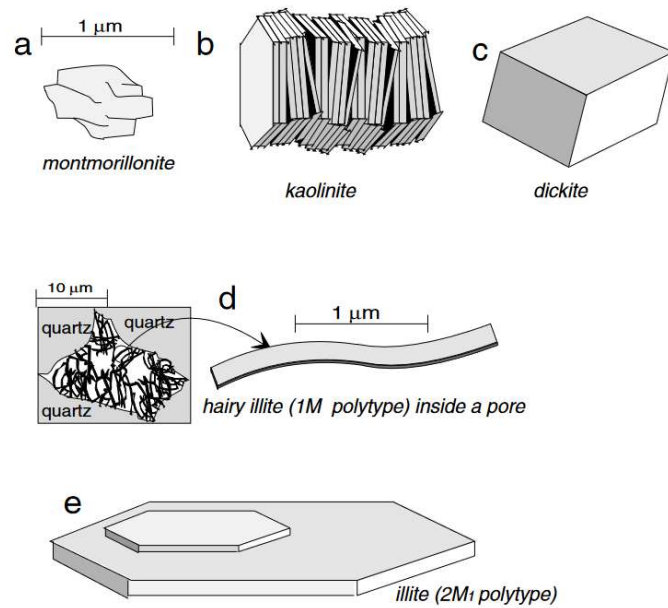
Interstratified: Illite/smectite,
kaolinite/smectite,...



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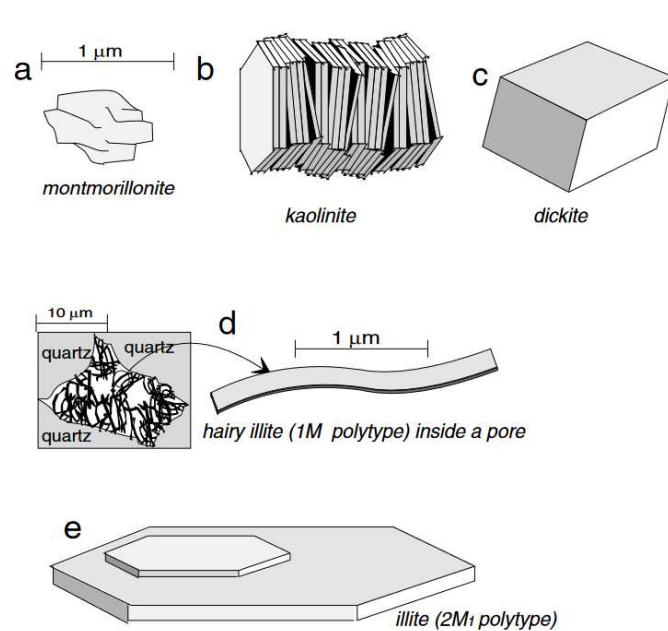
2:1 phyllosilicates ("10 Å phases")		
Muscovite	$[\text{Si}_3\text{Al}]_0\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2\text{K}$	$x = -1; y = 0; IC = +1$
Biotite	$[\text{Si}_3\text{Al}]_0\text{O}_{10}(\text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Mg})_3(\text{OH})_2\text{K}$	$x = 0; y = 0; IC = +1$
Celadonite	$\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10}[(\text{Al}, \text{Fe}^{3+})(\text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Mg})](\text{OH})_2\text{K}$	$x + y = -1.0; IC = +1.0$
Phengites	$[\text{Si}_{4-x}\text{Al}_x]_0\text{O}_{10}[\text{Al}_{2-y}(\text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Mg})_y](\text{OH})_2\text{K}_{x+y}$	$x + y = -1.0; IC = +1.0$
Glaucanite	$[\text{Si}_{4-x}\text{Al}_x]_0\text{O}_{10}[(\text{Al}, \text{Fe}^{3+})_{2-y}(\text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Mg})_y](\text{OH})_2\text{K}_{x+y}$	$x < -0.3; y < -0.6; IC \approx +0.9$
Illite	$[\text{Si}_{4-x}\text{Al}_x]_0\text{O}_{10}[\text{Al}_{2-y}(\text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Mg})_y](\text{OH})_2\text{K}_{x+y}$	$-0.3 < x < -0.7; -0.2 < y < -0.6; IC \approx +0.9$
Vermiculite (Diocahedral)	$[\text{Si}_{4-x}\text{Al}_x]_0\text{O}_{10}[(\text{Al}, \text{Fe}^{3+})_{2-y}\text{Mg}_y](\text{OH})_2\text{K}_{x+y}$	$-0.3 < x < -0.7; -0.2 < y < -0.6; +0.6 < IC < +0.8$
Beidellite	$[\text{Si}_{4-x}\text{Al}_x]_0\text{O}_{10}(\text{Al}, \text{Fe}^{3+})_2(\text{OH})_2\text{K}_x$	$-0.3 < x < -0.6; y = 0; +0.3 < IC < +0.6$
Montmorillonite	$\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10}[(\text{Al}, \text{Fe}^{3+})_{2-y}\text{Mg}_y](\text{OH})_2\text{K}_y$	$x = 0; -0.3 < y < -0.6; +0.3 < IC < +0.6$
Vermiculite (Triocahedral)	$[\text{Si}_{4-x}\text{Al}_x]_0\text{O}_{10}[(\text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Mg})_{3-y-z}(\text{Al}, \text{Fe}^{3+})_y]_z(\text{OH})_2\text{K}_{x+y-2z}$	$-0.3 < x < -0.7; -0.2 < y < -0.6; +0.6 < IC < +0.8$
Saponite	$[\text{Si}_{4-x}\text{Al}_x]_0\text{O}_{10}[(\text{Fe}^{2+}, \text{Mg})_{3-y-z}(\text{Al}, \text{Fe}^{3+})_y]_z(\text{OH})_2\text{K}_{x+y-2z}$	$-0.3 < x < -0.6; y + 2z = 0; +0.3 < IC < +0.6$

Tailles et formes

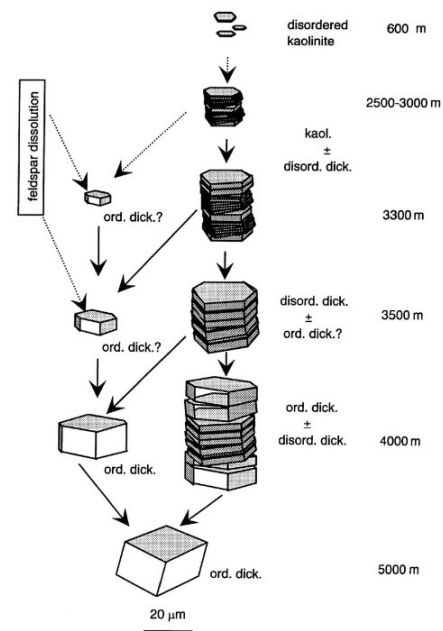


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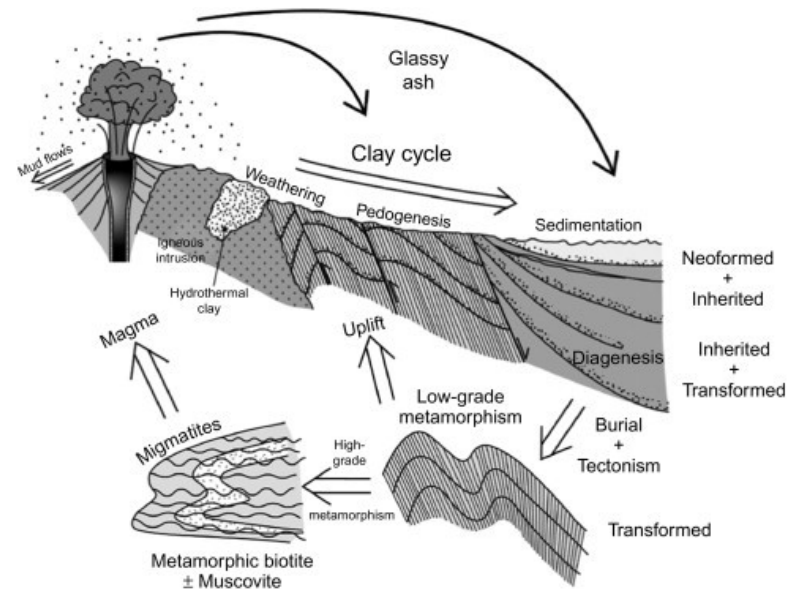


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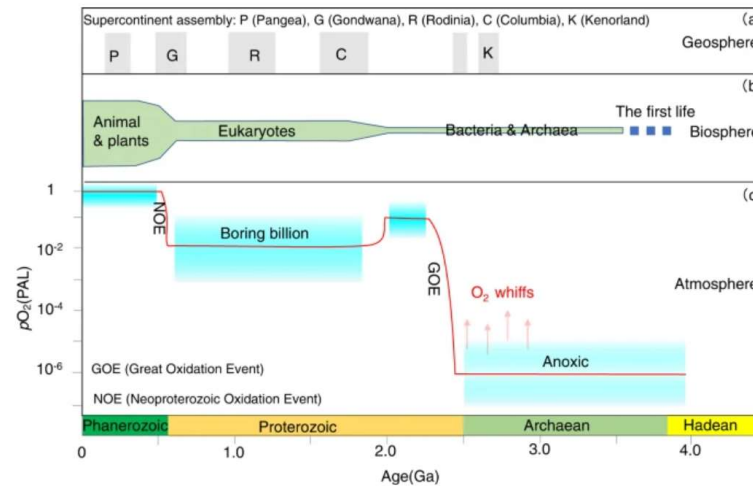
Origine des minéraux argileux



E. Galán, R.E. Ferrell, Chapter 3 - Genesis of Clay Minerals, Editor(s): Faïza Bergaya, Gerhard Lagaly, Developments in Clay Science, Elsevier, Volume 5, 2013

Origine des minéraux argileux The “clay mineral factory”

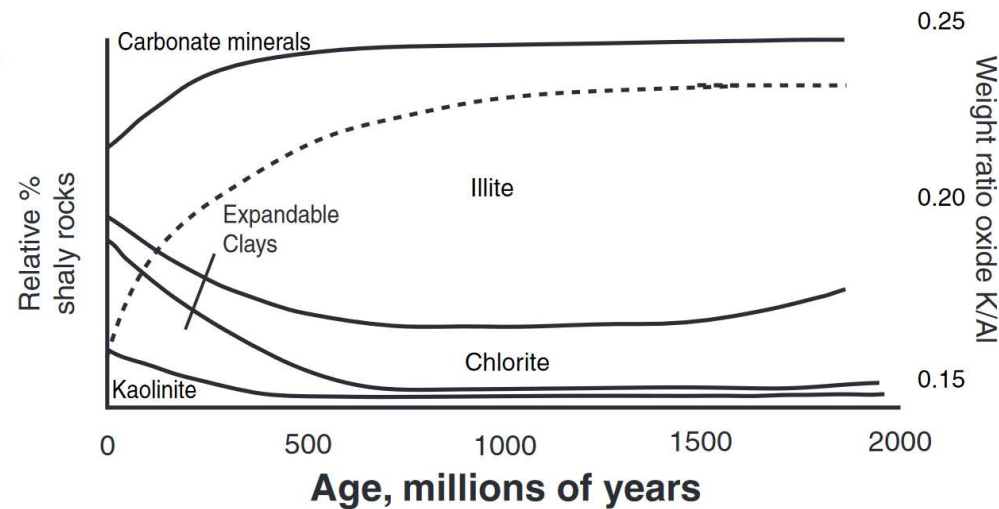
Fig. 1: Co-evolution of the Earth system (geosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere) through time.



Neoproterozoic Oxidation event : Strong increase in the biological activity and land biota

G. Chen, Q. Cheng, T. W. Lyons, J. Shen, F. Agterberg, N. Huang, M. Zhao, *Reconstructing Earth's atmospheric oxygenation history using machine learning*, *Nature Communications*, 13, 2022

Origine des minéraux argileux The “clay mineral factory”



Increase of Pedogenic Clay minerals (PCM) : kaolinite and expandable clays

M. Kennedy, M. Droser, L. M. Mayer, D. Pevear, D. Mrofka, Late Precambrian Oxygenation; Inception of the Clay Mineral Factory, (2006), Science, 311

D'où provient la terre utilisée?

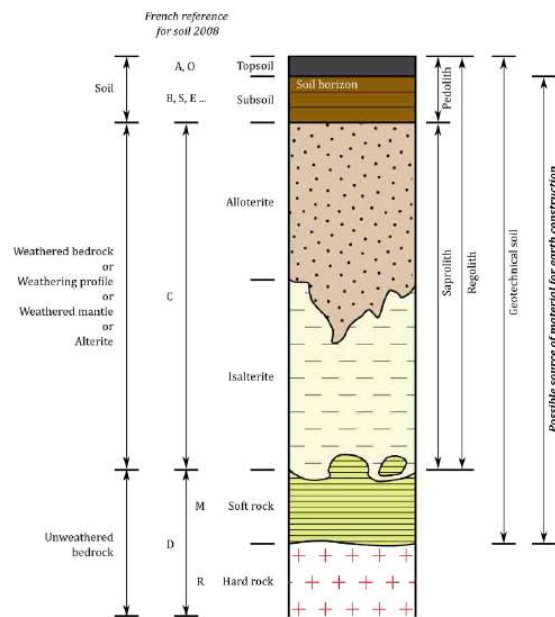
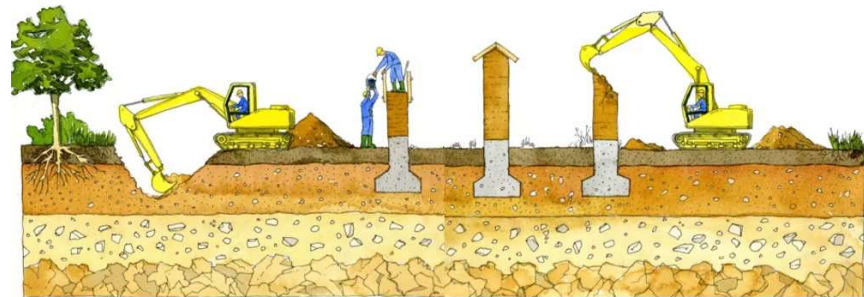


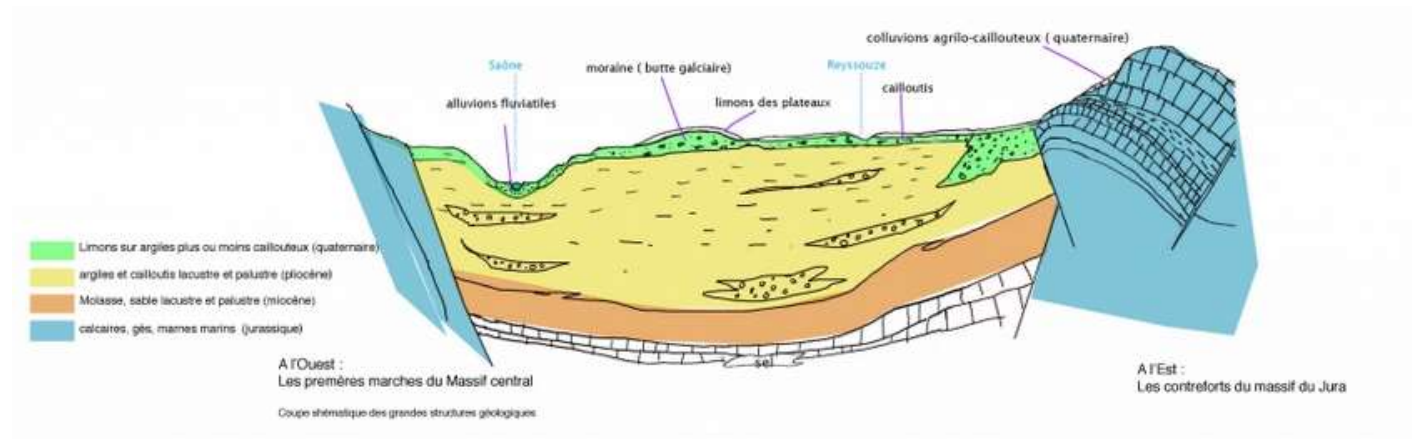
Figure 1. Vertical cross-section of weathered materials from ground surface to unweathered bedrock, according to several disciplines definitions (Hamard, 2017).

- The subsoil, potentially from the saprolith (neoformed and inherited clay minerals)



Source : Arnaud Misse

D'où provient la terre utilisée?



- Clay sedimentary deposits, the case of the “Limon des plateaux” in east of France, in the Dombes region, used for rammed earth buildings, mainly inherited and transformed clay minerals

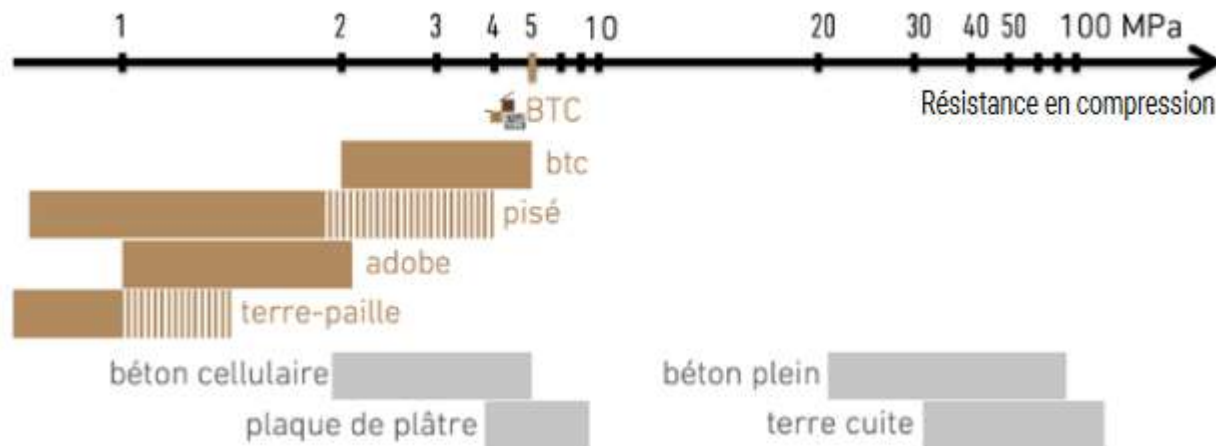
Minéralogie typique?

Table 3.3: Mineralogical data

Sample	Main clay minerals	Secondary clay mineral	Other main minerals
Gr	Illite/Smectite	-	-
Ib	-	-	-
Al	Kaolinite	Illite/Mica	Quartz, Hematite
Bi	Kaolinite	Illite/Mica	Quartz, Chlorite
Ch	Kaolinite	Illite/Mica	Quartz, Illite/smectite
Le	Illite/Mica	Chlorite	Quartz, K-Feldspar
Th	Kaolinite	Illite/Mica	Quartz, Chlorite
CFL	Illite/smectite	-	-
DAG	Smectite	Kaolinite	Quartz, Plagioclase, Mica/illite
STA	Kaolinite	Illite/Mica	Quartz, Smectite
NAG	Smectite	Illite/Mica	Quartz, Kaolinite, Calcite, Dolomite
BUI	Kaolinite	Illite/Smectite, Illite/Mica	Quartz, Dolomite, Fe Oxides
STR	-	-	-
ALX	-	-	-
Pamplona	Illite/Smectite (R=1)	Illite/Mica	Quartz, Calcite, Kaolinite
Tudela	-	-	-
Bidart	Illite/smectite (R=0)	Illite/Mica	Quartz, Calcite, Kaolinite

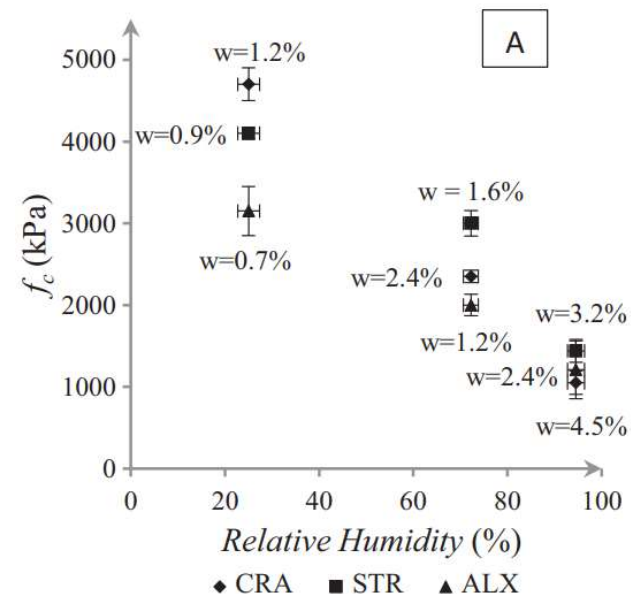
- Subsoil : higher presence of complex minerals, smaller crystals, more actif (smectite type)
- Sedimentary clay deposits used in the brick manufacturing industries are potentially less active (mainly kaolinite and illite)

3. Spécificité du matériau terre : Enjeu de recherche



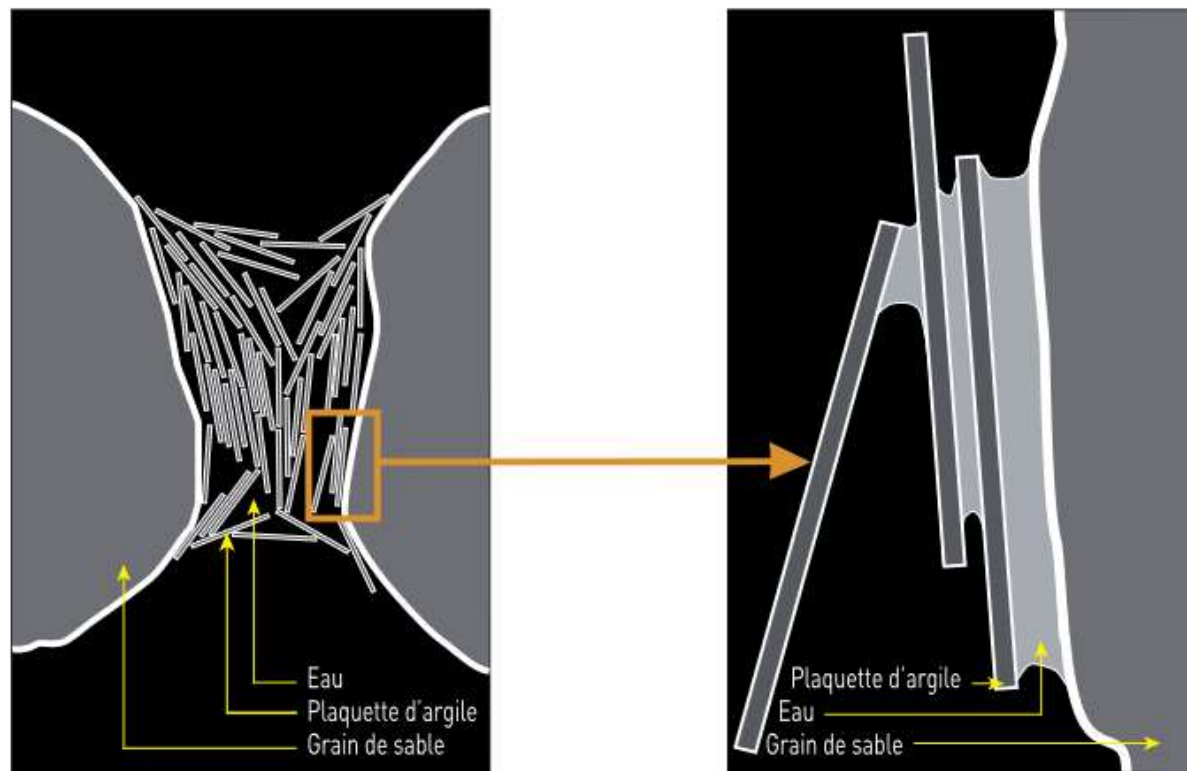
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Influence de la teneur en eau sur le comportement mécanique



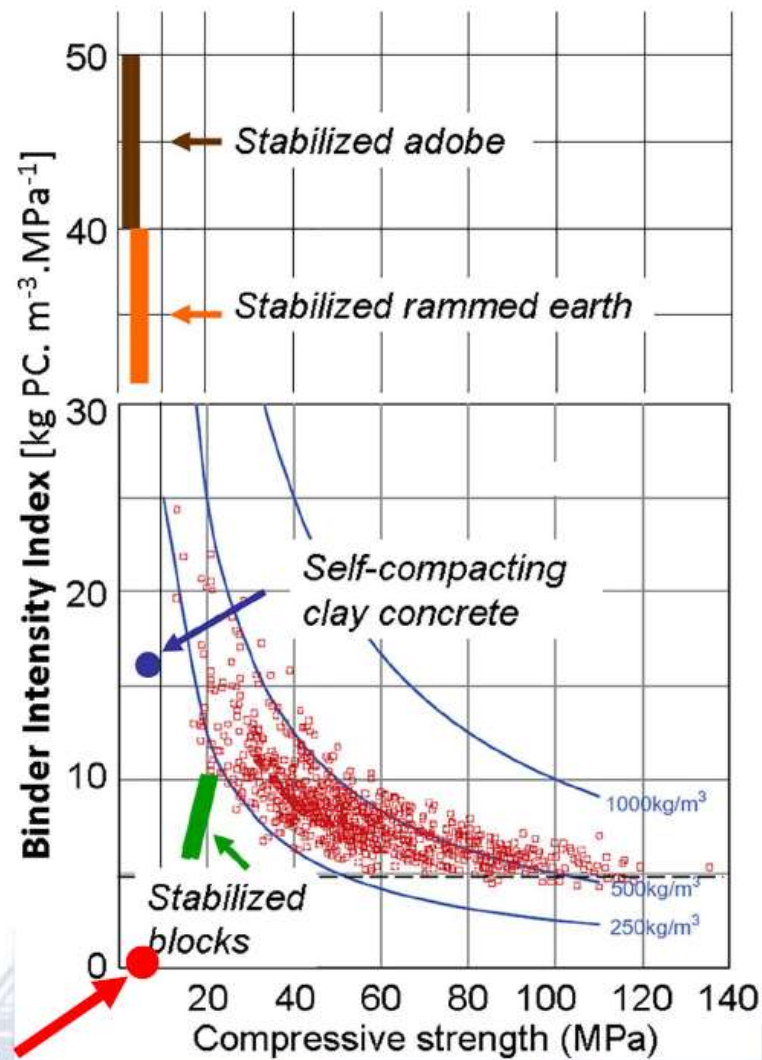
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Le liant : l'argile

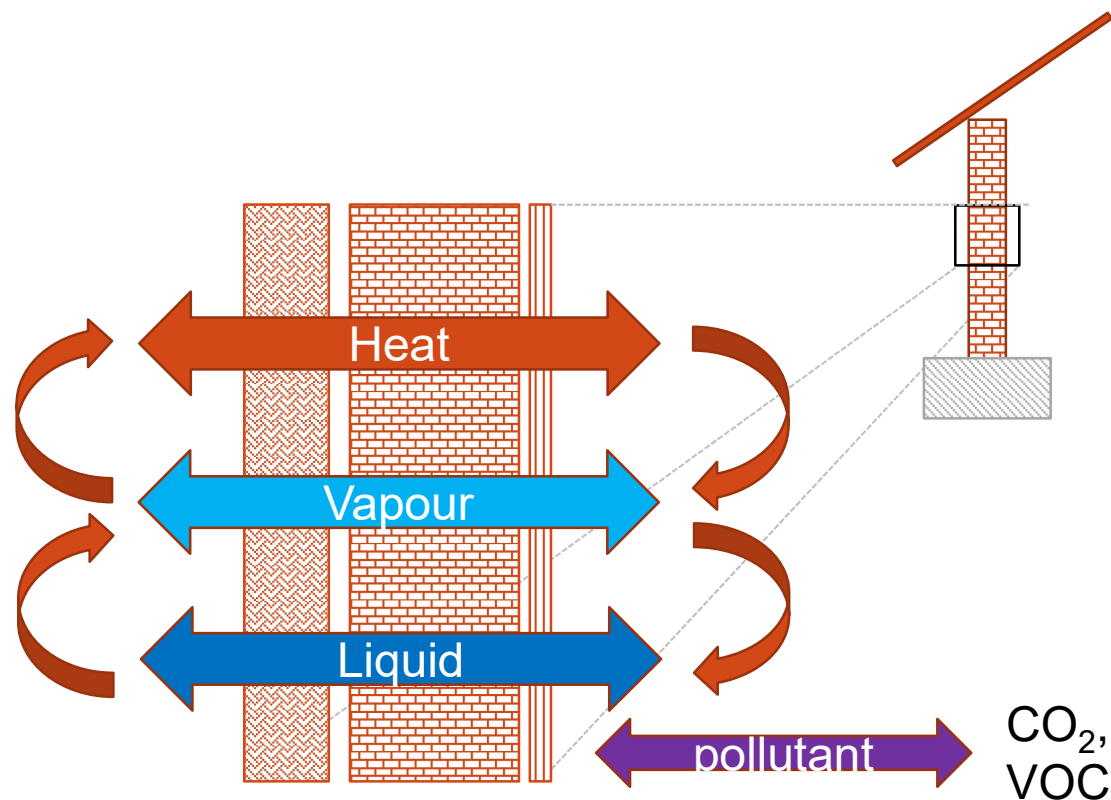


Source : Bâtir en terre de Laetitia Fontaine et Romain Anger (Éditions Belin)

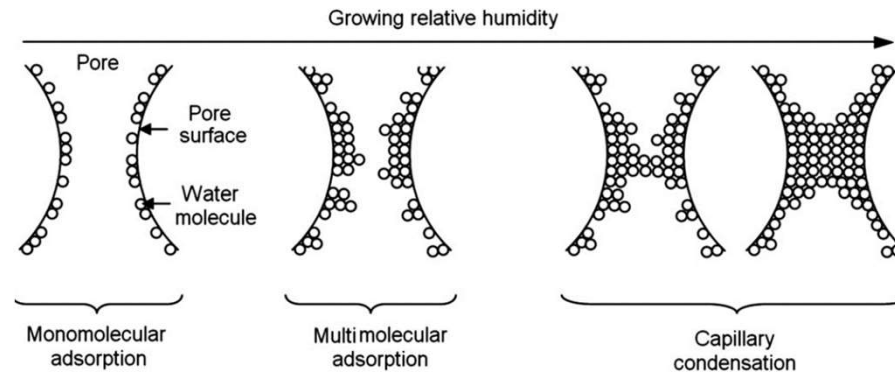
(Van Damme et Houben 2017,
adapté de Damineli et al. 2010)



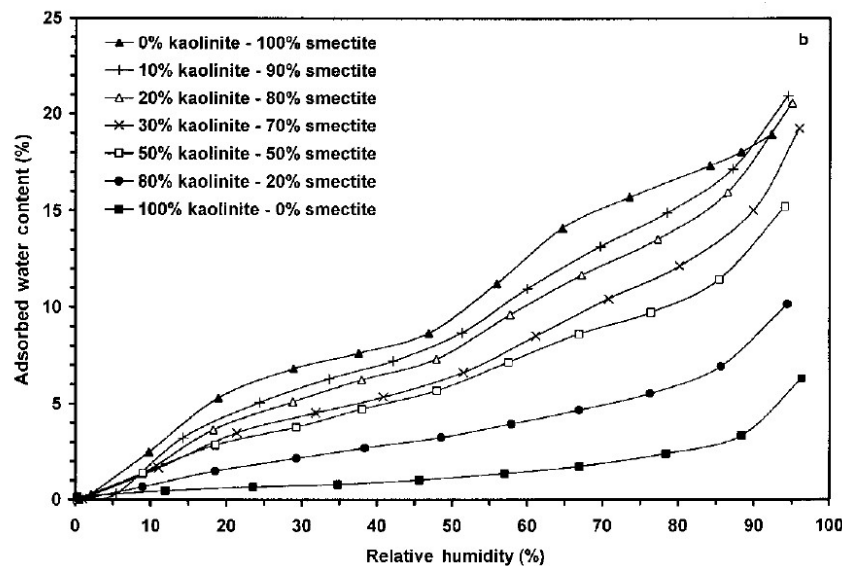
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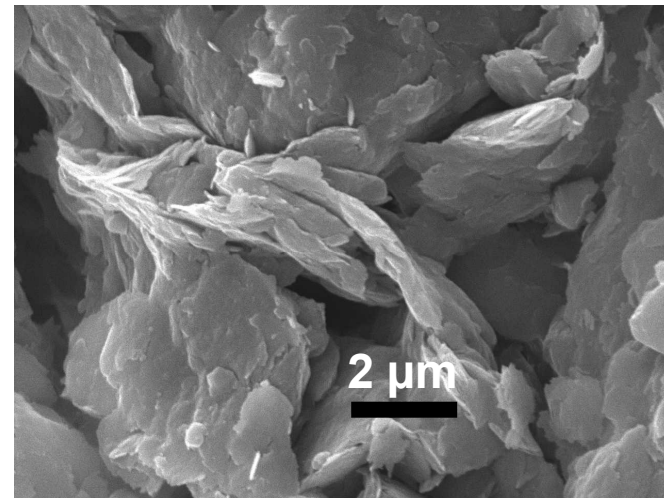
Echange de vapeur d'eau



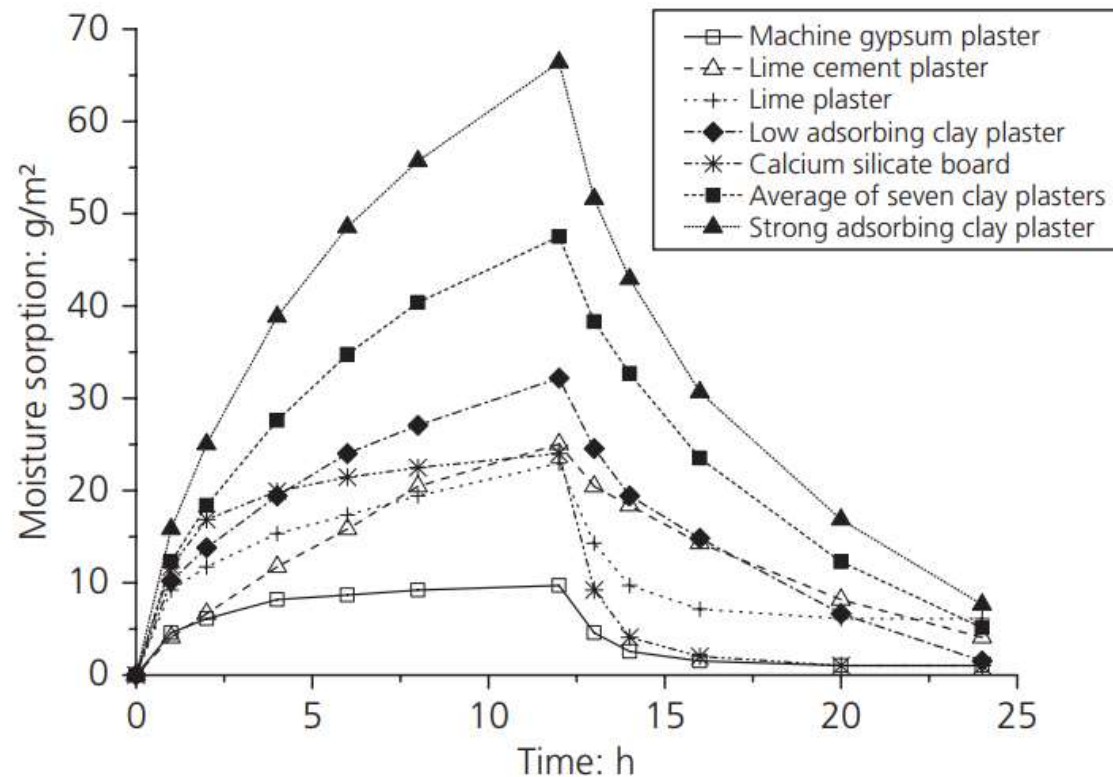
From Collet et al., 2011



From, Likos and Lu 2002



Effet tampon



McGregor, F., Heath, A., Maskell, D., Fabbri, A., Morel, J.-C. A review on the buffering capacity of earth building materials (2016) Proceedings of Institution of Civil Engineers: Construction Materials, 169 (5), pp. 241-251

3. Enjeux de recherche

-Comprendre l'impact de la variabilité du matériau sur son comportement thermo-hygro-mécanique

-La durabilité :

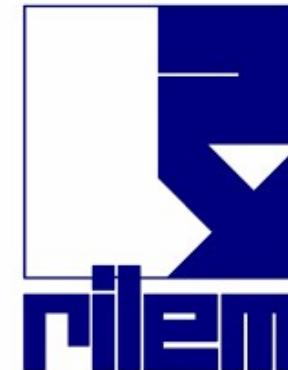
-quels paramètres?

-quelles mesures?

-comment garantir une durabilité optimale dans les constructions?

3 TC de la RILEM :

- Characterisation of the mechanical performance and durability of earthen materials and structures
- Resilience and durability of bio-stabilised earth-based construction: testing methods based on performances approach
- Processing of earth-based materials

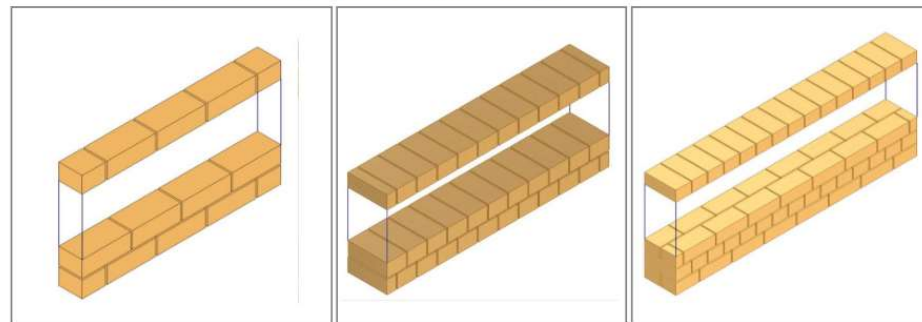


Réglementation

- Norme XP-P13 901
- Guides des bonnes pratiques (Enduit, Pisé, Terre allegée, Torchis, Bauge)
- Règles professionnels pour les enduits sur support en terre crue
- ATEx Validé par le CSTB (L'Appréciation Technique d'expérimentation (ATEx) est une simple opinion technique à dire d'experts, formulée en l'état des connaissances, sur la base d'un dossier technique produit par le demandeur.)



Les BTC sont posées selon un des trois appareillages ci-dessous :

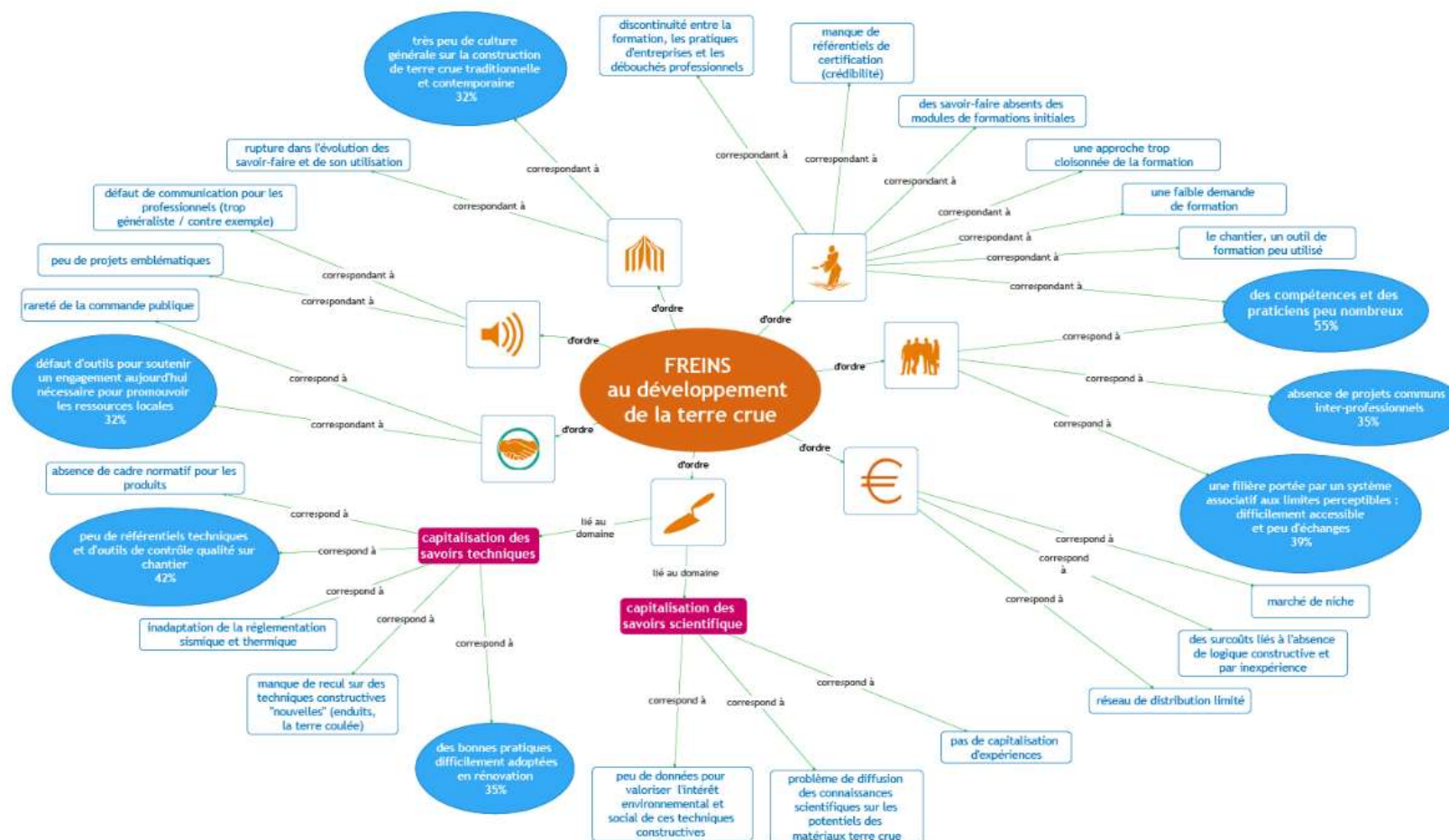


« Panneresse »

« Boutisse »

« Boutisse- Panneresse »

Autre enjeux



Carte des freins au développement de la construction en terre crue

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