

Recherches sur les matériaux bio et géosourcés à l'ETH Zurich

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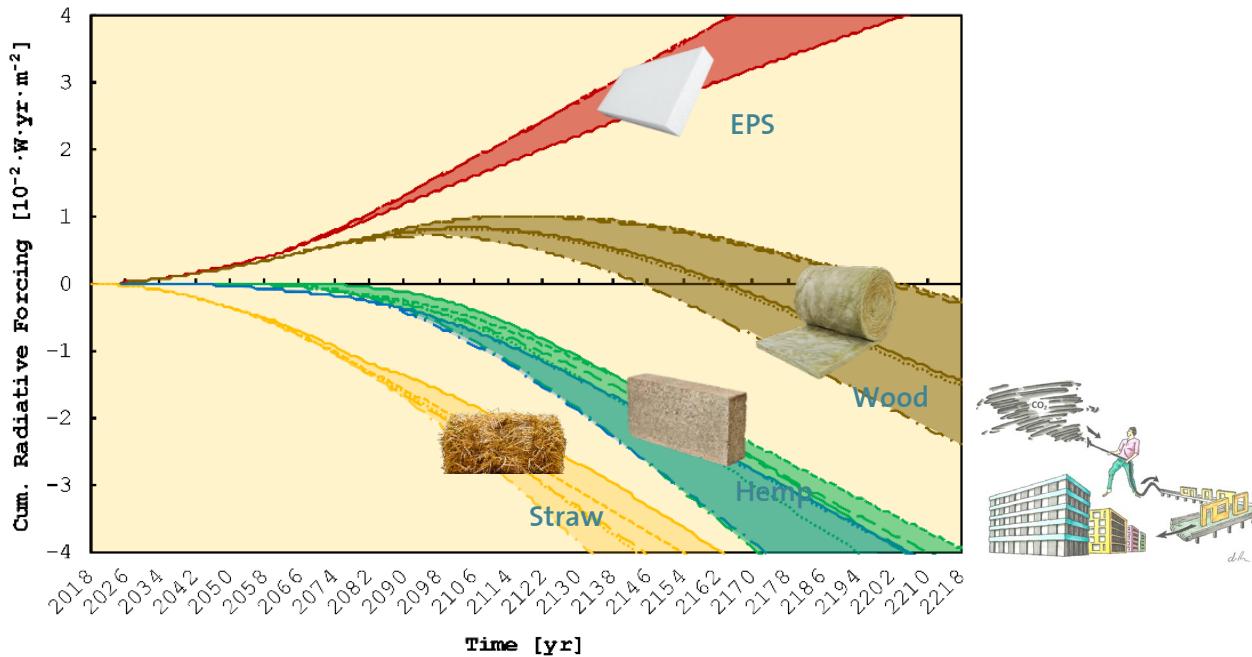
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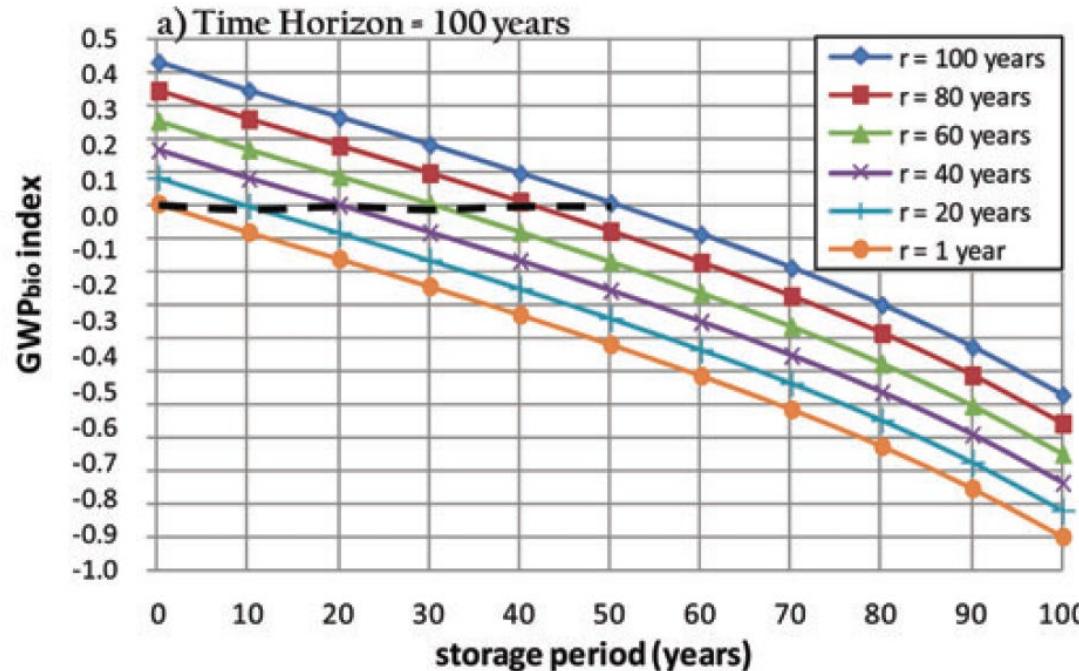
Renovation of the built environment with biobased insulation reduces immediately the radiative forcing from GHGs in the atmosphere



Sce: Pittau et al. 2018. Fast-growing bio-based materials as an opportunity for storing carbon in exterior walls. *Building and Environment*, 129, 117-129

Carbon neutral vs climate neutral

It is the difference between the time of residence in the built environment
And the natural rotation time that creates real carbon pump.



Sce: Guest et al., 2012. GWP of CO₂ emissions from biomass stored in the anthroposphere and used for bioenergy at end of life. Journal of Industrial ecology, 17, 20-30

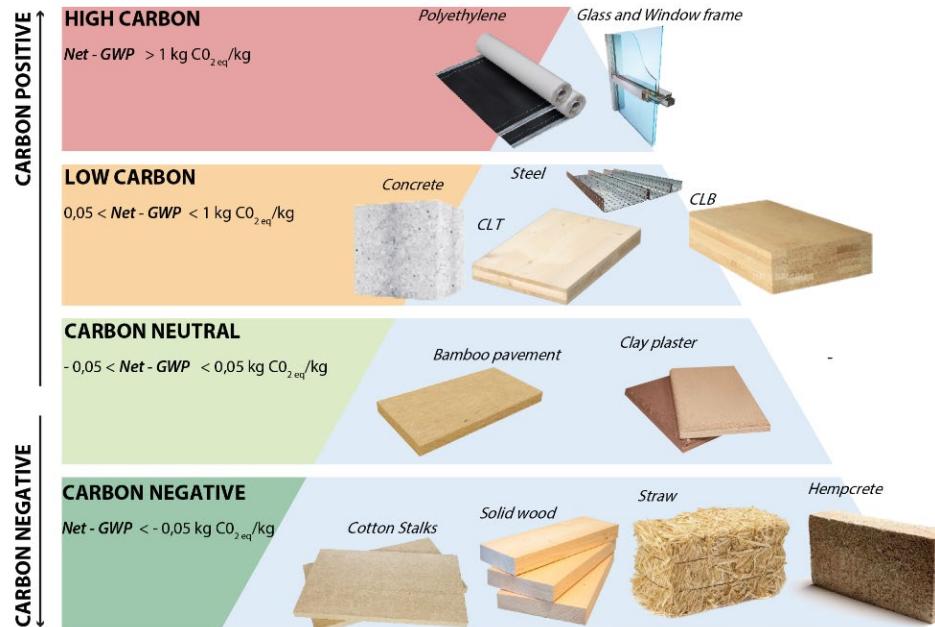
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Climate neutral buildings

It's possible to build climate neutral building

We need to change our material diet
Less carbon intensive materials and more vegetables..



Sce: Carcassi et al., 2022. Material diets for Climate-Neutral construction. *Environmental Science and technology*

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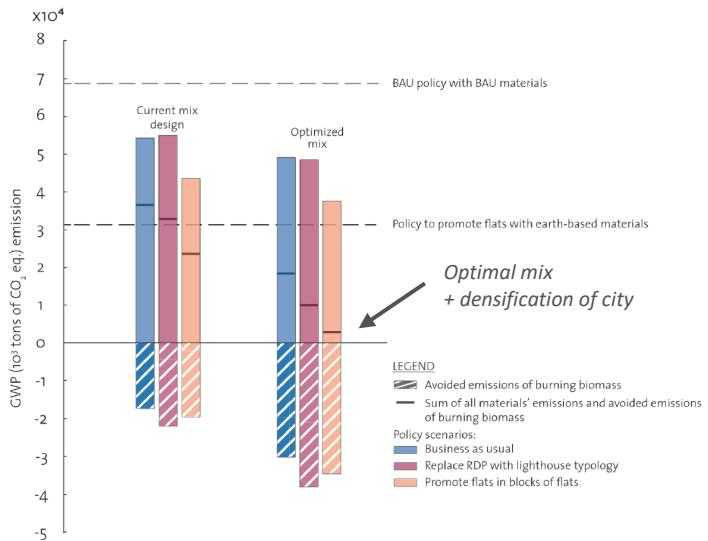
Climate neutral building stock

Identify pathways for sustainable construction



Invasive plants as concrete aggregates, combined with optimised building design and urban planning

In order to reach nearly carbon neutral activities while accomodating urbanization boom and reduction of townships



Sce: Gösswein et al. 2021. Invasive alien plants as an alternative resource for concrete production - Multi-scale optimization including carbon compensation, cleared land and saved water runoff in South Africa. *Resources, Conservation & Recycling*

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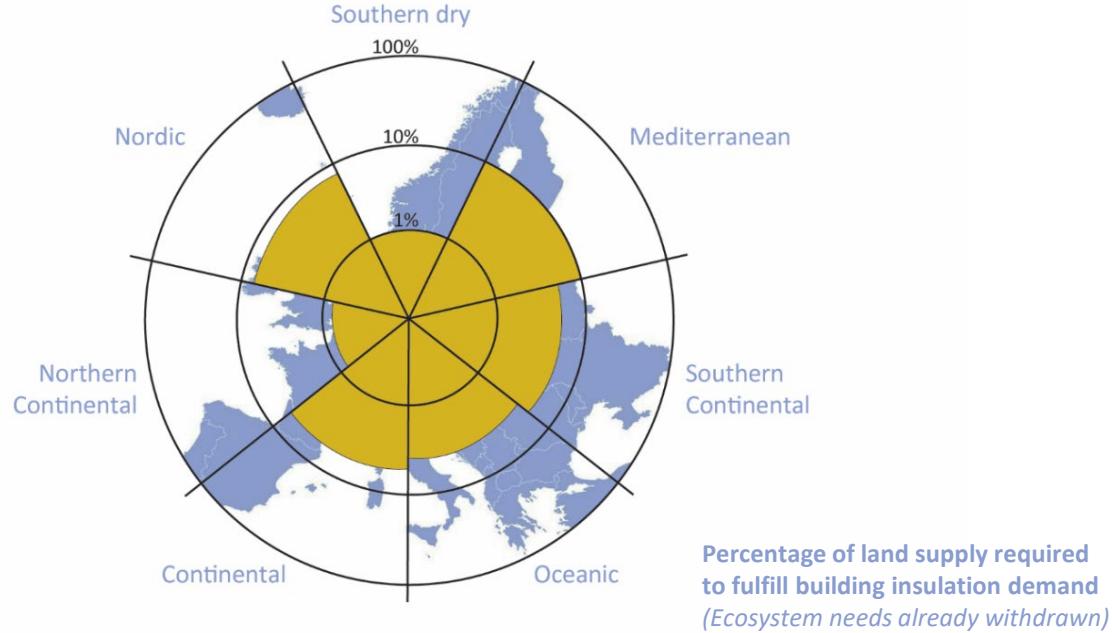
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Disponibilité de la resource

There is enough straw in all european regions to renovate the existing building stock and build the new buildings to fulfil housing demand

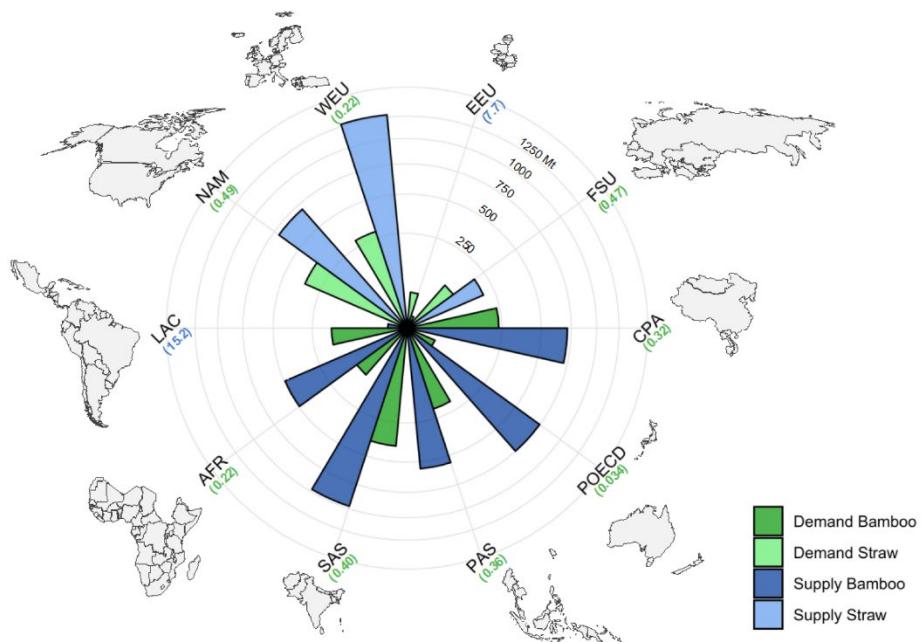


Sce: Göswein et al. 2021. Land availability in Europe for a radical shift toward bio-based construction.
Sustainable Cities and Society

We shouldn't move from one material fit all constraints (concrete)
To one material solve all environmental problems (wood)

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Diversity of biobased material should be highlighted to fit the various needs of the built environment



Bamboo as structural material in new construction
for global South

Straw as insulation material in renovation
for global North

- Demand Bamboo
- Demand Straw
- Supply Bamboo
- Supply Straw

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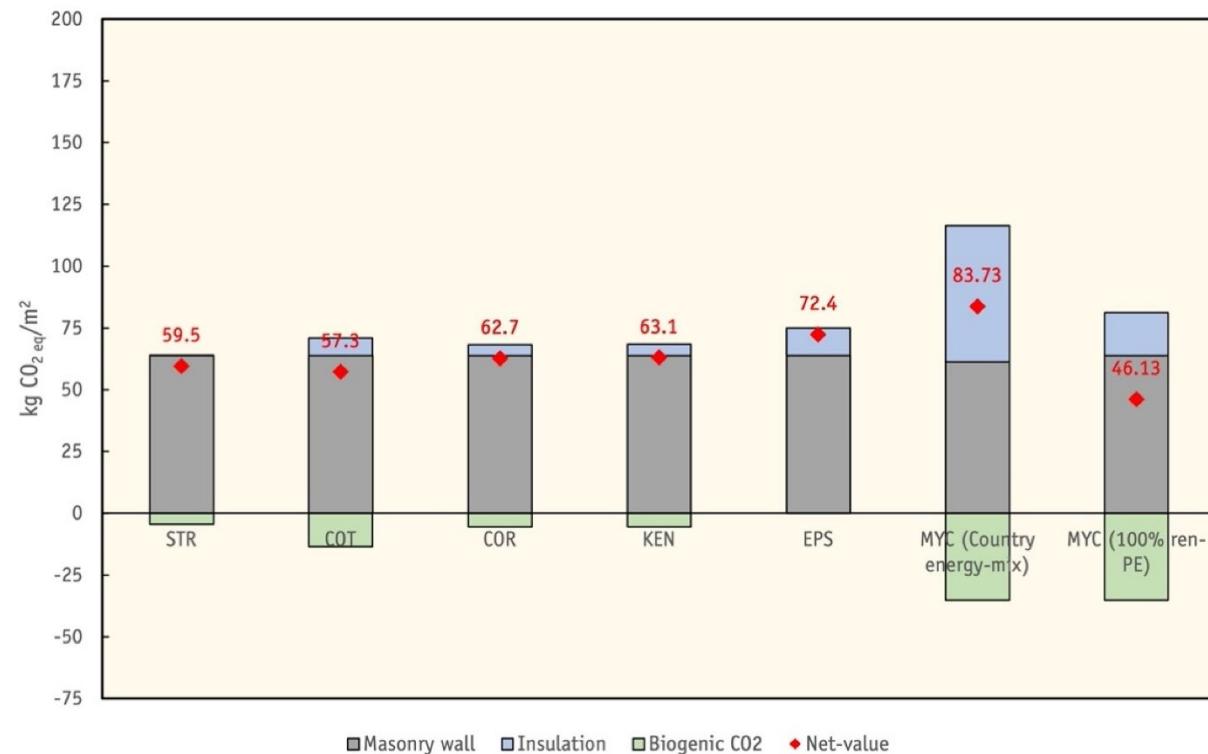
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matériaux où la disponibilité n'est pas contrainte par la surface de production...



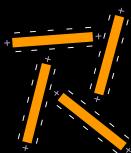
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Terre coulée

La terre coulée sans ciment... mais avec un peu d'additifs

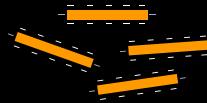
→ Modifie propriétés des argiles pour réduire l'eau et pouvoir me passer de ciment



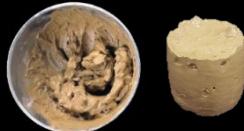
Argiles
Dans l'eau

→
+ dispersant
Change
polarité

Sodium Hexametaphosphate
(NaHMP)
Sodium silicate (NaSiL)



1. Deflocculation
Toute l'eau est libre



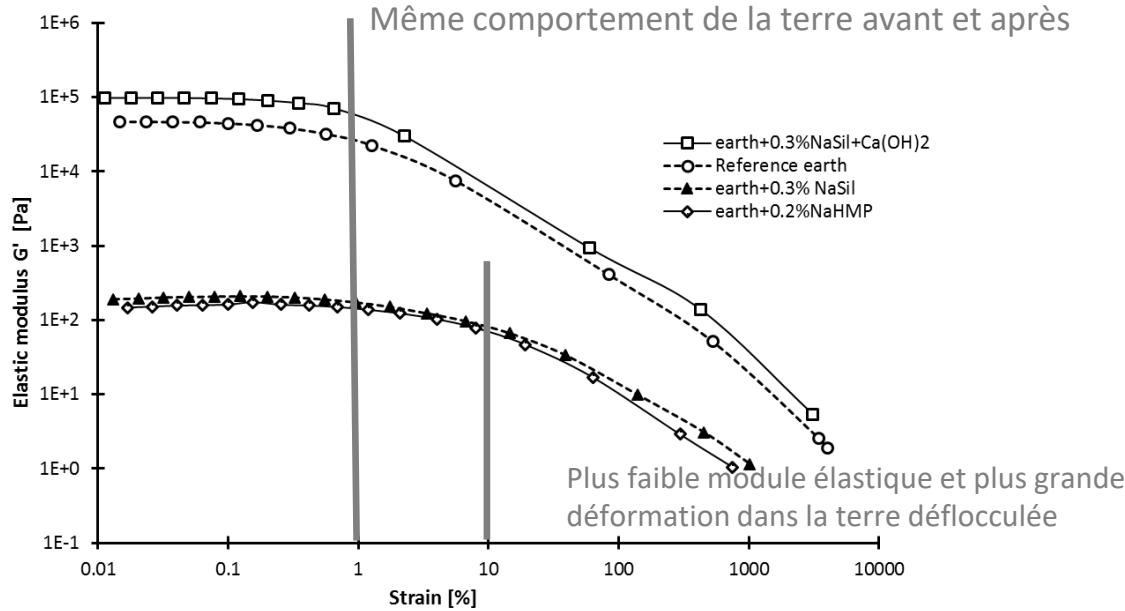
→
+ coagulant
Reviens au
stade initial

Base Calcique(Carbonate
(CaCO₃), hydroxide
(CaOH₂), Chloride (CaCl))
Base Magnesienne (oxyde
(MgO))



2. Coagulation
Eau est de nouveau
piégée



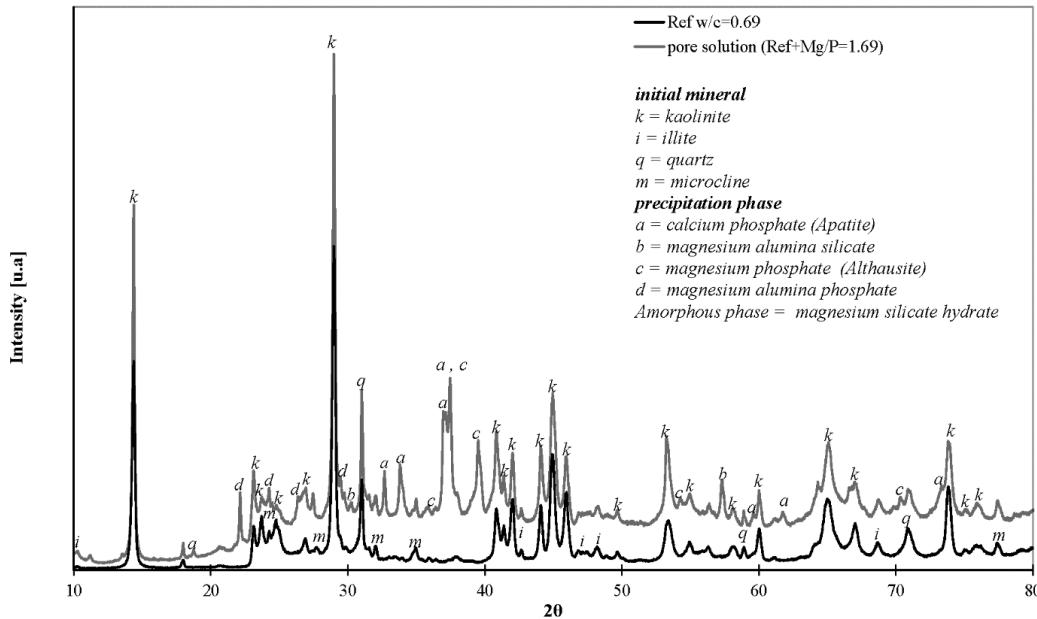


Pas de transformation de la terre

Précipitation des plastifiants avec le calcium

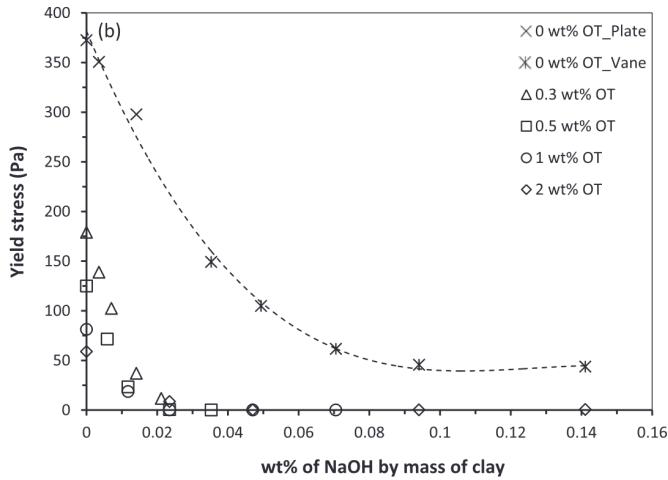
Sce: Landrou et al., 2016 Lime as an Anti-Plasticizer for Self-Compacting Clay Concrete. Materials

Même effet avec du MgO



Précipitation de MgPhosphate qui consomme le plastifiant

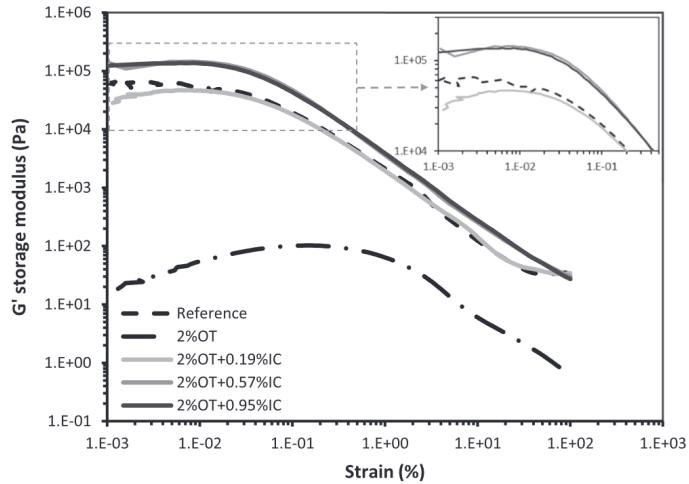
Travaux récents: Autres additifs que le phosphate et magnésium



Tannins (de chêne et solubles) agissent comme plastifiants + soude → augment efficacité!

Fig. 5. The yield stress of clay pastes as a function of (a) NaOH/OT mass ratio and (b) amount of NaOH added in the mix.

Travaux récents: Autres additifs que le phosphate et magnésium



Tannins (de chène et solubles) agissent comme plastifiants
+ soude → augment efficacité!

+ Oxide de fer → refloccule les argiles.
→ et procure résistance à l'eau!

Fig. 3. Elastic modulus as a function of strain amplitude measured with SAOS, for kaolinite clay paste prepared with OT and IC, at 1 Hz. Measurements were carried out immediately after the mixing stage.

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Ciments alternatifs

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**Thank you very much
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