

# Comportement hygrothermique des bâtiments : des matériaux aux ambiances

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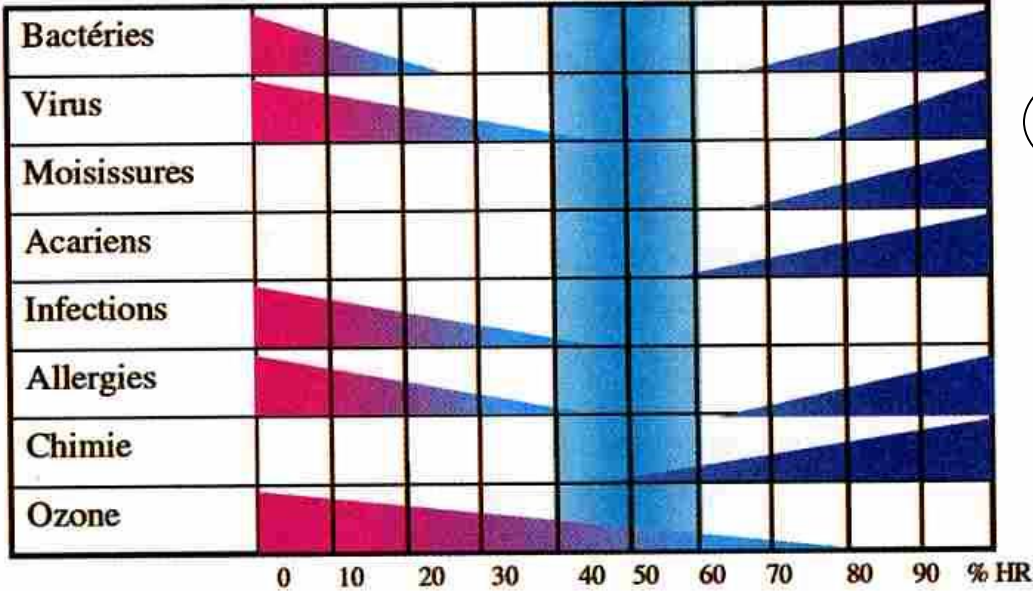
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Santé des occupants

Durabilité des matériaux

Gestion efficace de l'énergie



Confort thermique

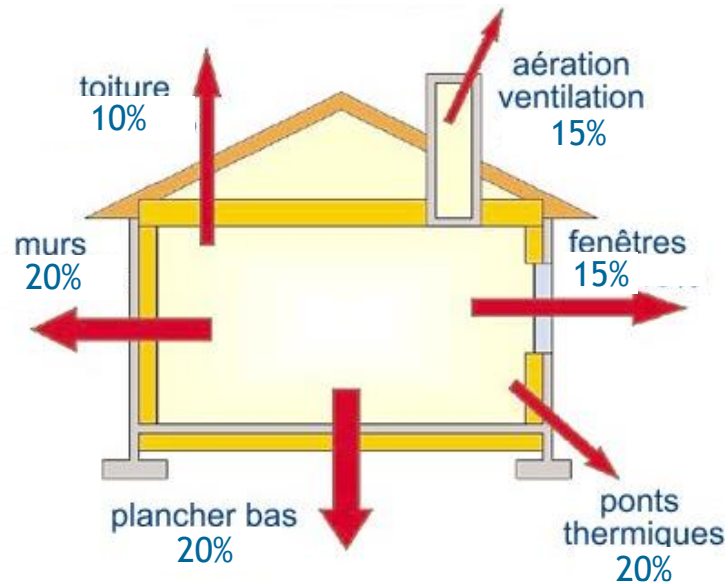


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General context

## ENERGY - COMFORT

« BBC » house (heating: 15 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/an)



Energy transferts through the envelope: (~80% of heating)

## HEALTH



## DURABILITY



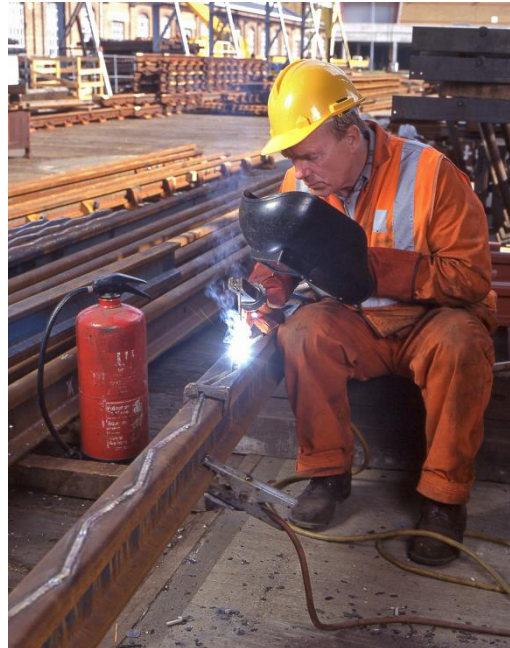
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## Hi-Tech industry



<http://auto-online24.info/>

## Low-Tech industry



<http://stratmastorisphotography.com/industrial/>

Matériaux « Low Tech »  
Ou **Matériaux bas carbone ?**

## No-Tech Building Sector



mud-brick maker in India



Innovative vs. Traditional

## Rammed Earth



*Wales Institute Sustainable Education, 2010*

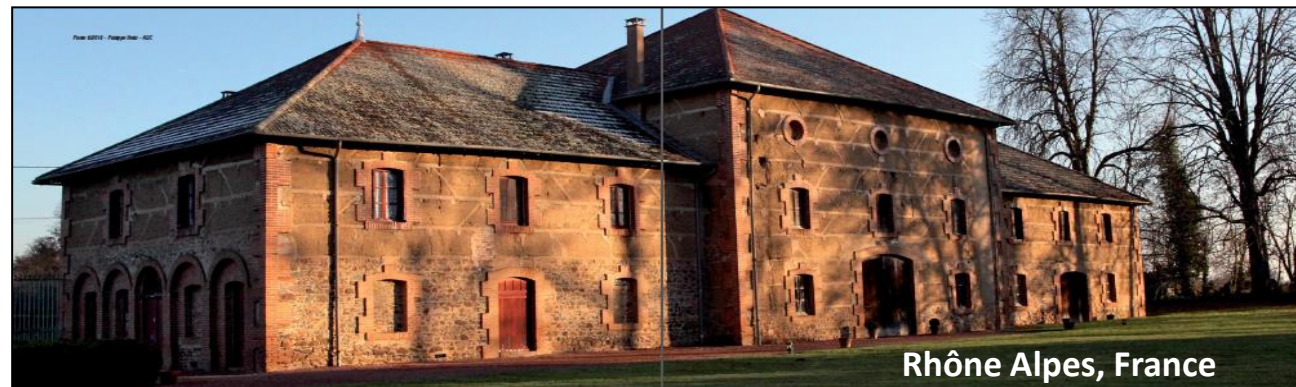
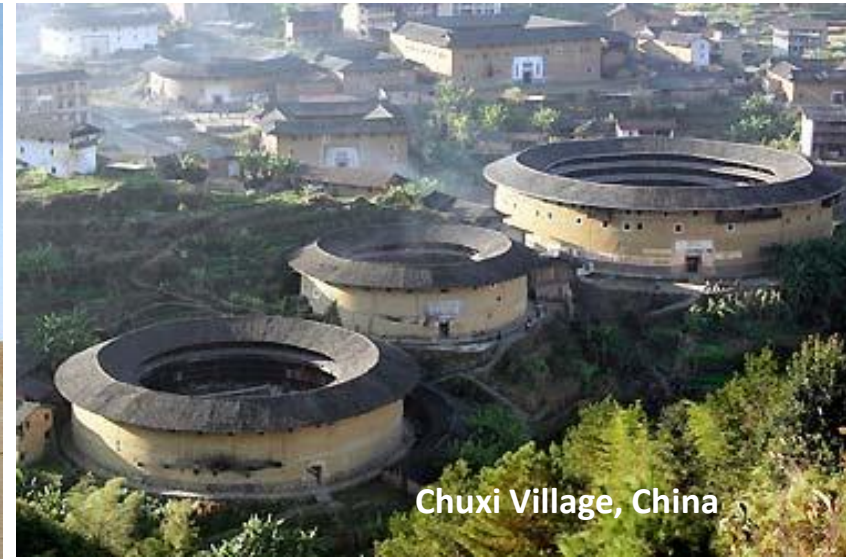


*Timbuktu, XIV c*

**Modern ?**

**Traditional ?**

## An old architectural heritage in Europe, Africa, Asia





# Rammed earth : a 'modern' material

Local material

Low process energy



*Wales Institute Sustainable Education, 2010*

*Margaret River, Australia*



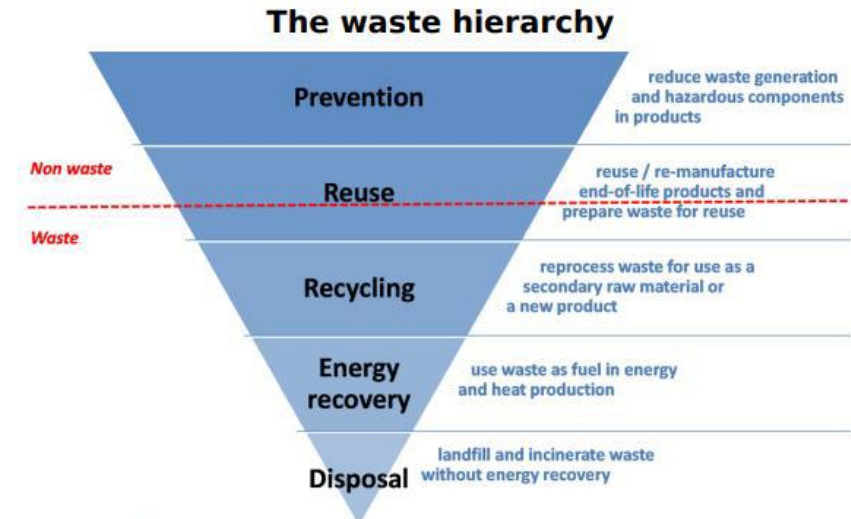
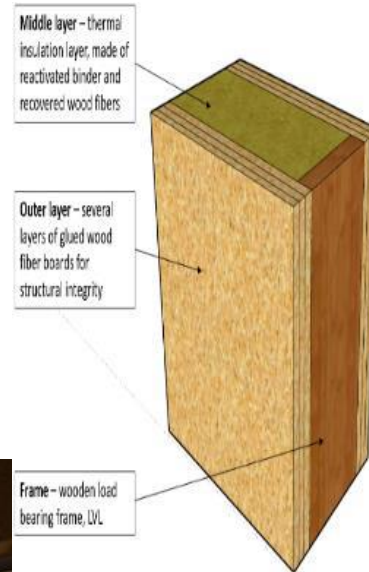
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# Matériaux bio-sourcés

*Wood waste containing composites for high performance nearly zero energy building panels*



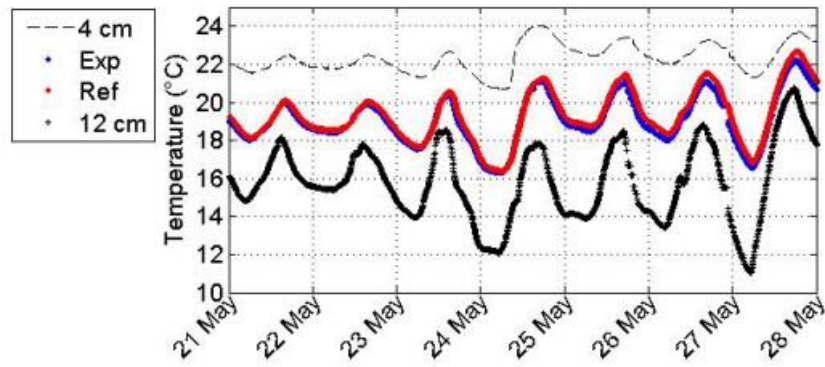
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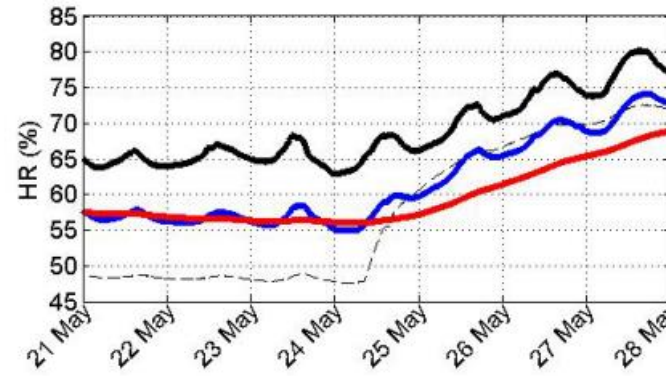
**Pourquoi est-ce important pour les modélisateurs ?**



# Comportement hygrothermique des bâtiments – Pourquoi est-ce important ?

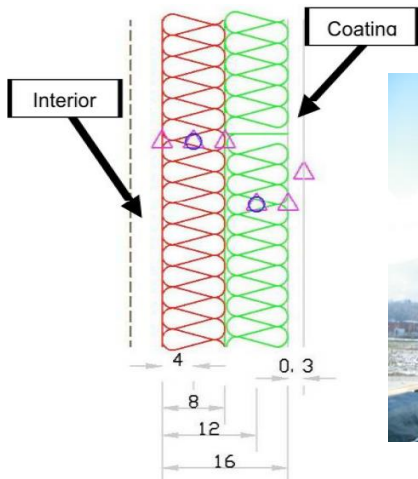


Temperature : correct



Humidity : dynamic behavior should be improved

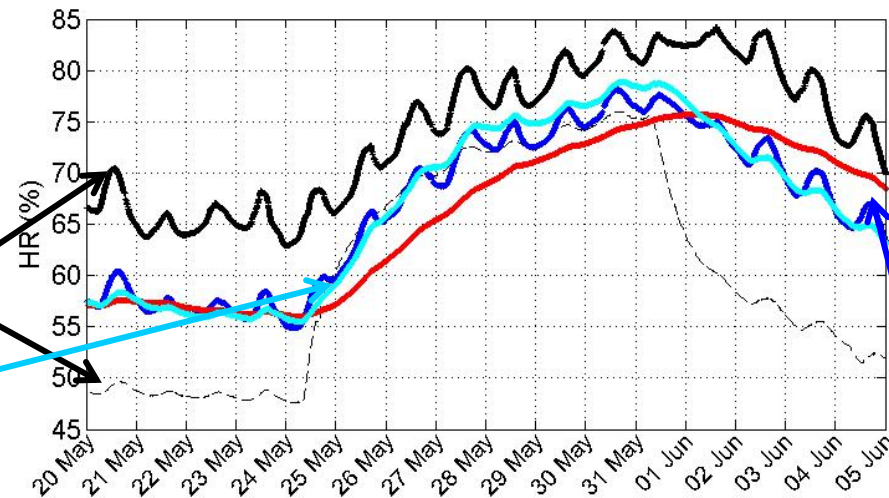
Modélisation  
échelle paroi



Boundary conditions :  
@ 4 cm  
@ 12 cm

Model with adapted properties:

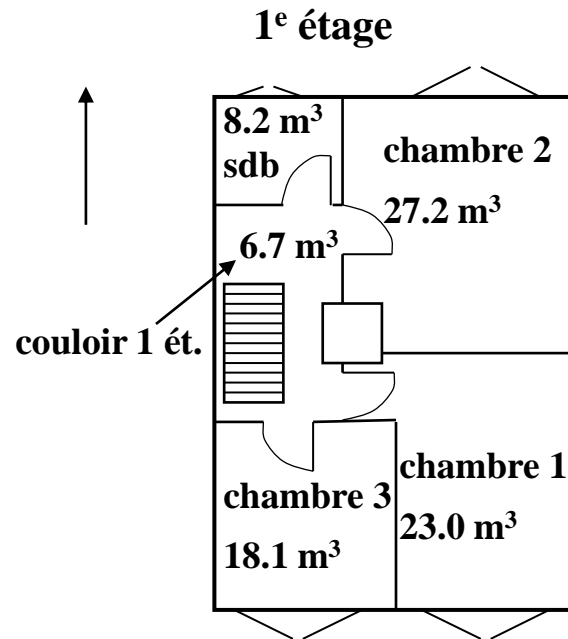
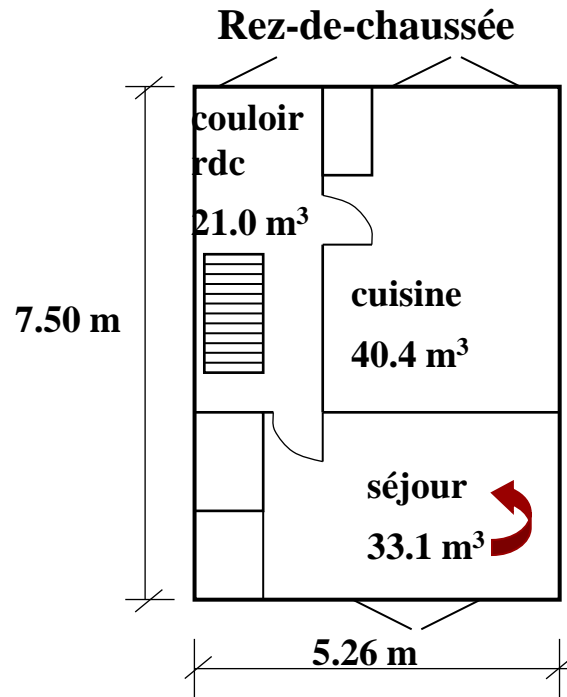
- vapour permeability x 2
- sorption isotherm smoothed



Model at 8 cm  
Measured properties  
Measurements at 8 cm

# Comportement hygrothermique des bâtiments – Pourquoi est-ce important ?

Modélisation  
échelle bâtiment



**Vapour source**

- 1.7 kg/h
- 1 h

Measurements :

- tracer gaz (SF<sub>6</sub>)
- Vapour



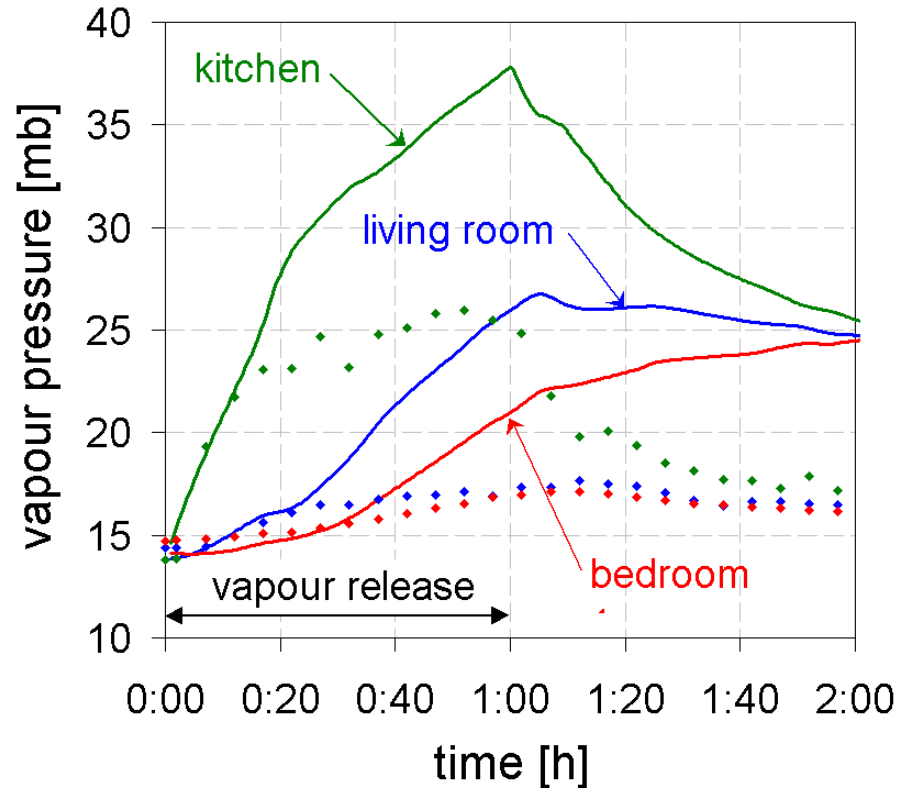
BRE, UK, (Plathner & Woloszyn, 2002)



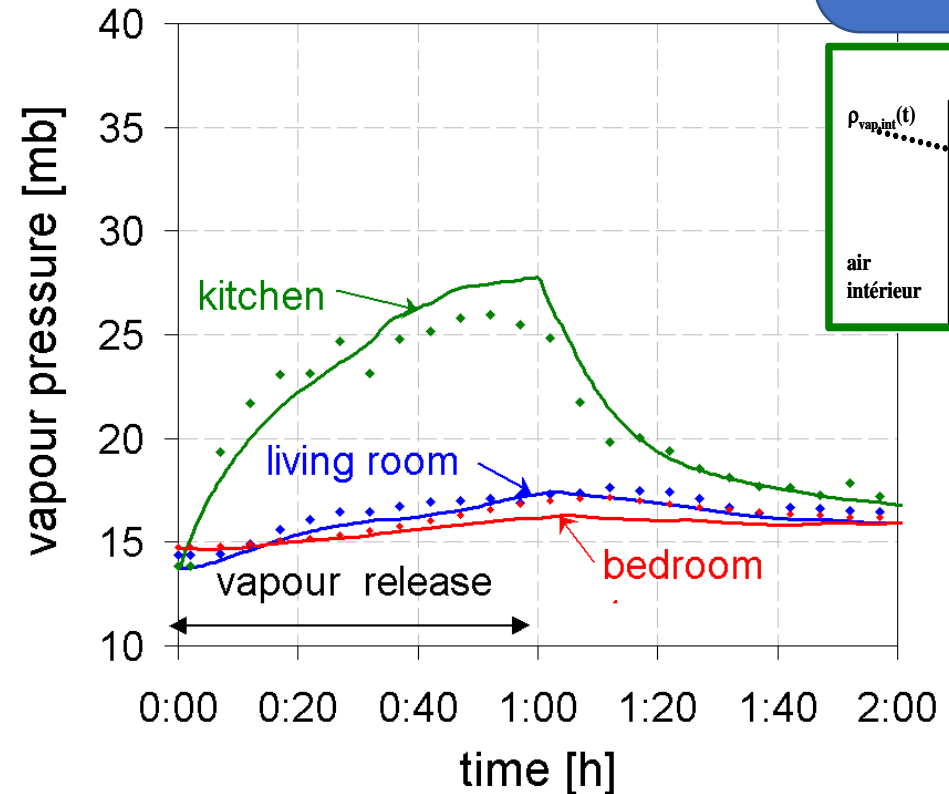


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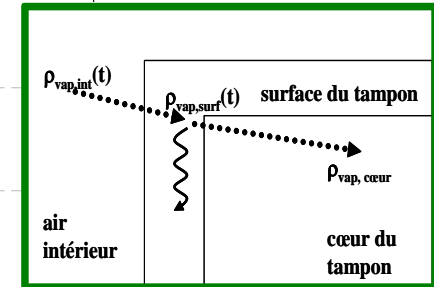
STD classique



Modèle HAM (ici "moisture buffer")



Modélisation  
échelle bâtiment



Moisture buffering : ~45% of vapour source

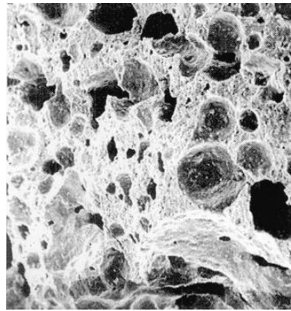
Mesured effet of mass flow of sorption

**Comportement hygrothermique des bâtiments –**

**Modélisation**



## Différentes échelles sont importantes



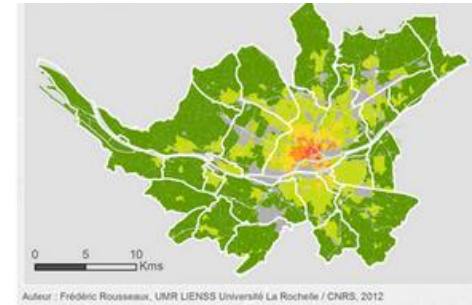
Material



Wall



Building

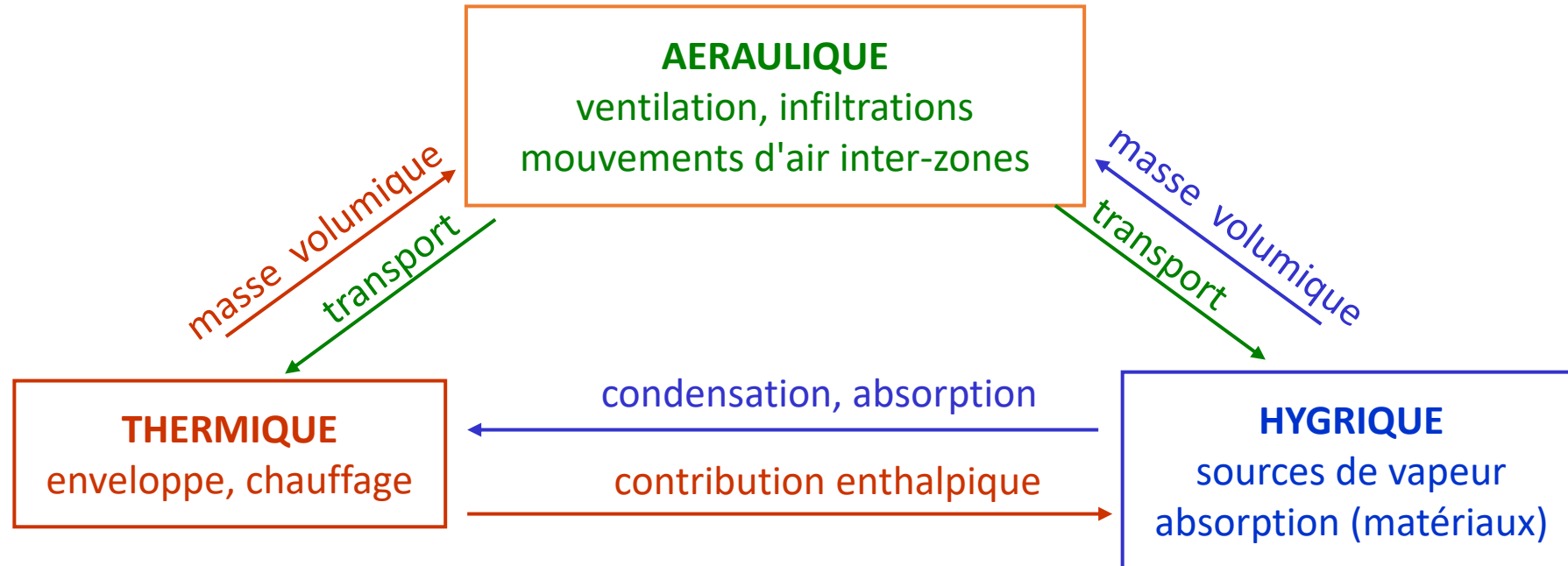


Urban



# Couplages à l'Échelle Bâtiment

## Hygro – Thermo - Aéraulique



# Équations de bilan



Chaque **zone d'air**

Conservation **d'énergie**

$$\frac{dH_i}{dt} = \sum_j [\dot{H}_{j \rightarrow i}] - \sum_j [\dot{H}_{i \rightarrow j}] + \Phi_{\text{charge int}} + \Phi_{\text{chauffage}} - \Phi_{\text{transfert vers l'enveloppe}}$$

Conservation de la **masse d'air sec**

$$\frac{dm_{\text{as},i}}{dt} = \sum_j [\dot{m}_{\text{as},j \rightarrow i}] - \sum_j [\dot{m}_{\text{as},i \rightarrow j}]$$

Conservation de la **masse de la vapeur d'eau**

$$\frac{dm_{\text{vap},i}}{dt} = \sum_j [\dot{m}_{\text{vap},j \rightarrow i}] - \sum_j [\dot{m}_{\text{vap},i \rightarrow j}] + D_{\text{production int}} - D_{\text{sorption / desorption}} + D_{\text{humidification}}$$



**Bilans globaux (macroscopiques)**

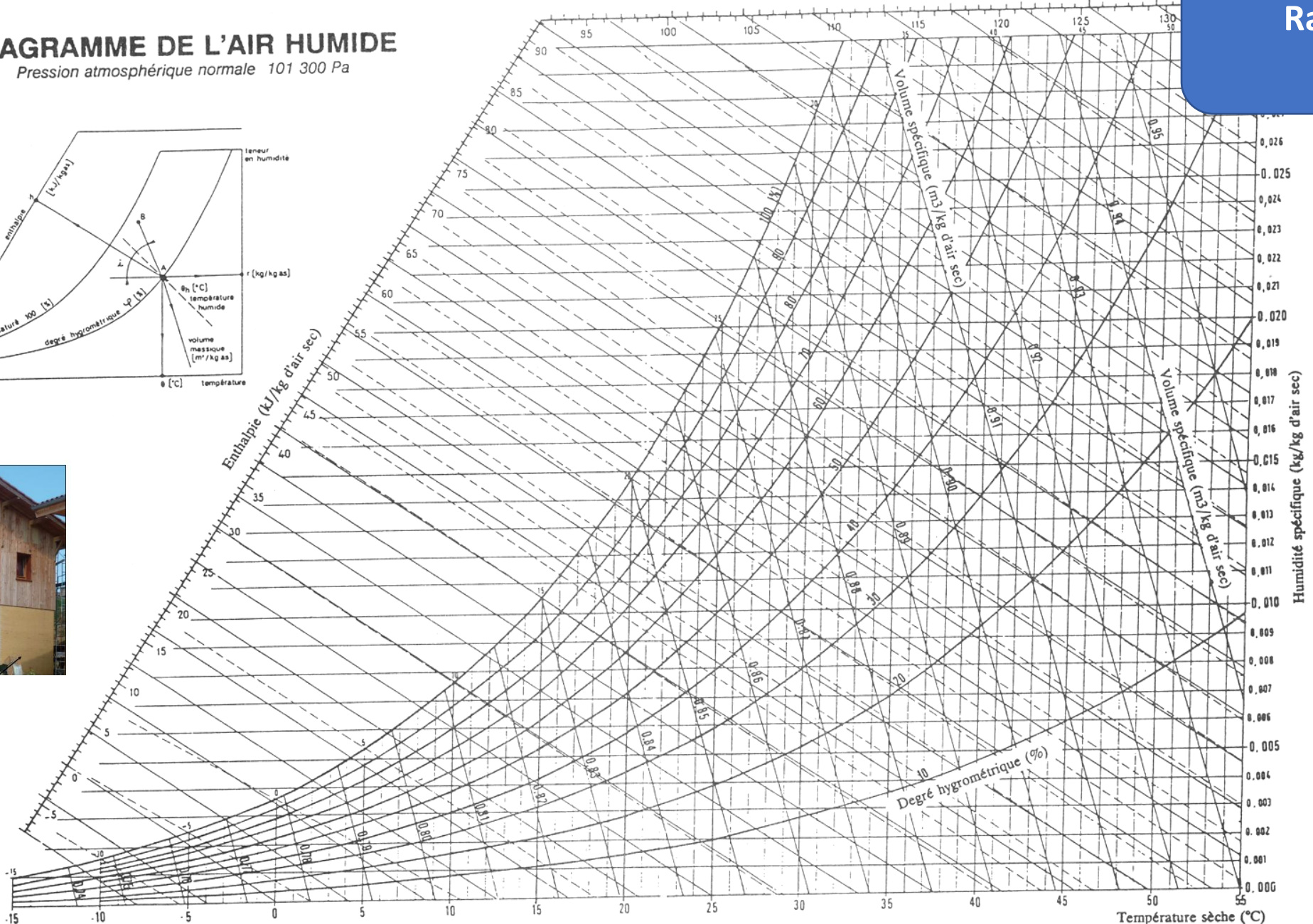
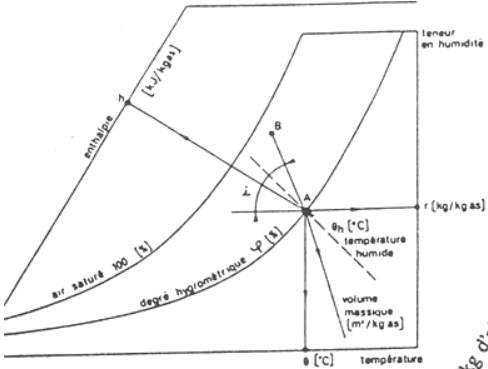


# Psychrométrie

Rappels

## DIAGRAMME DE L'AIR HUMIDE

Pression atmosphérique normale 101 300 Pa



## Pression de saturation de la vapeur d'eau

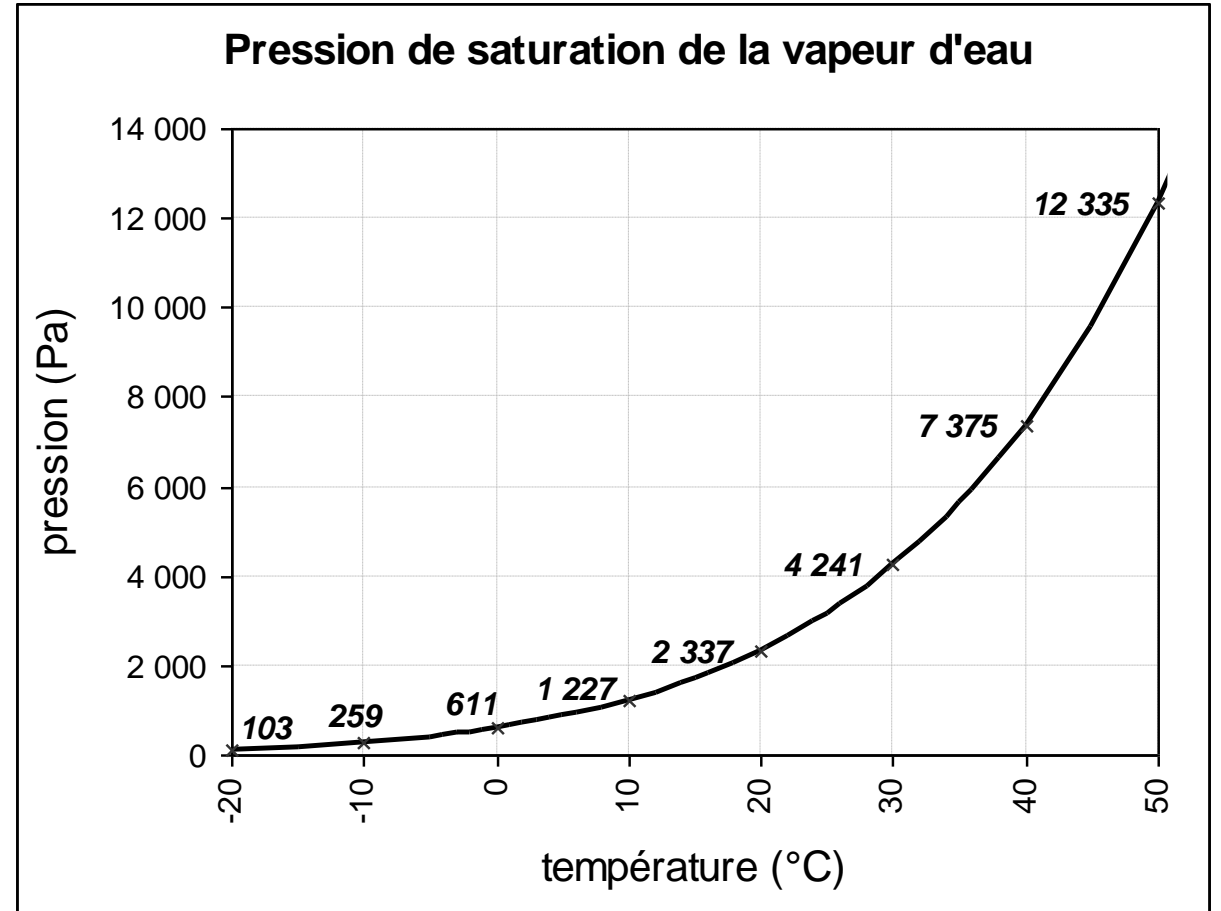
### Grandeurs caractéristiques de l'air humide

l'humidité relative :

$$HR = P_{\text{vap}} / P_{\text{sat}} \text{ (degré hygrométrique)}$$

l'humidité spécifique :

$$w = m_{\text{vap}} / m_{\text{as}}$$



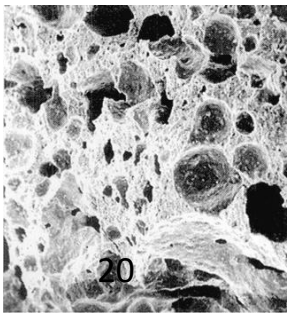
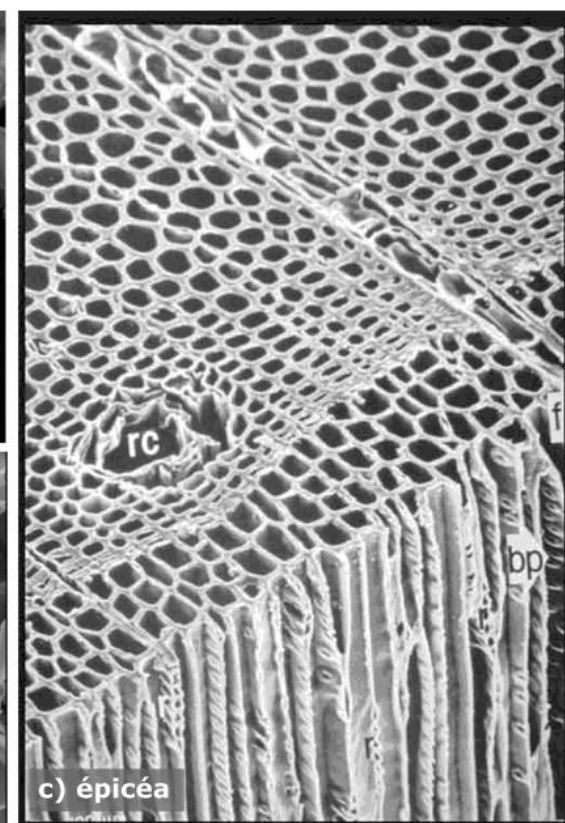
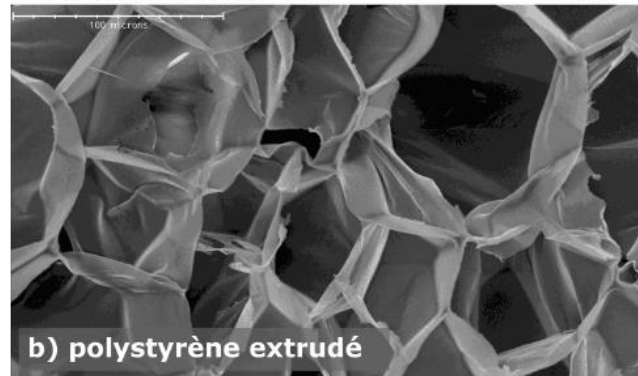
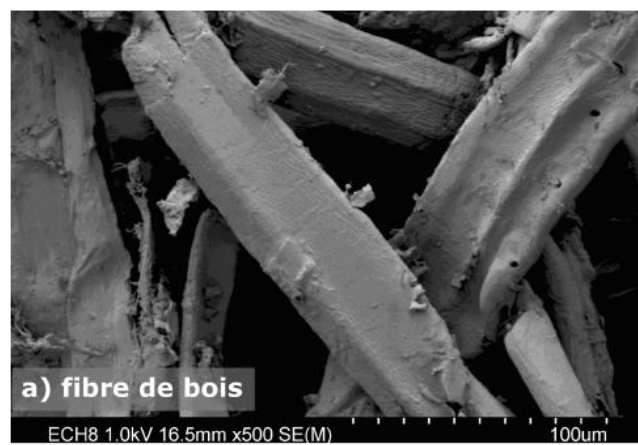
vapeur d'eau :  
condense à  
températures ambiantes

Rappels

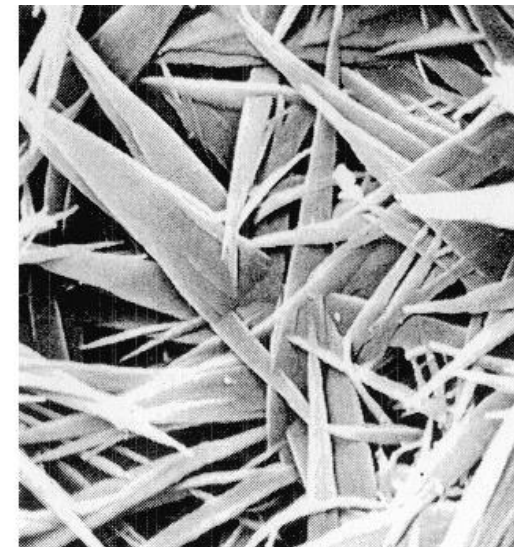
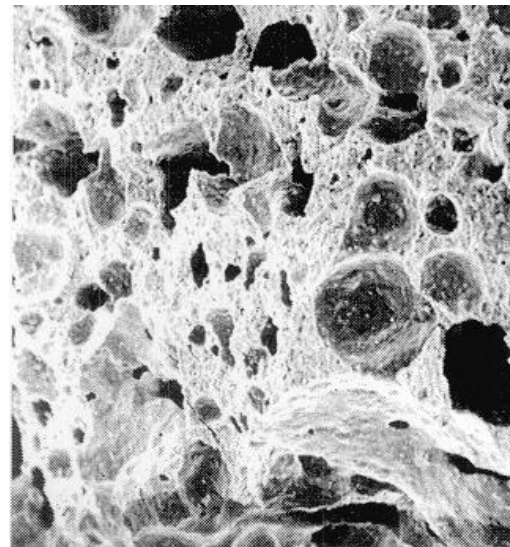




**Matériaux de construction**  
=  
**matériaux poreux**

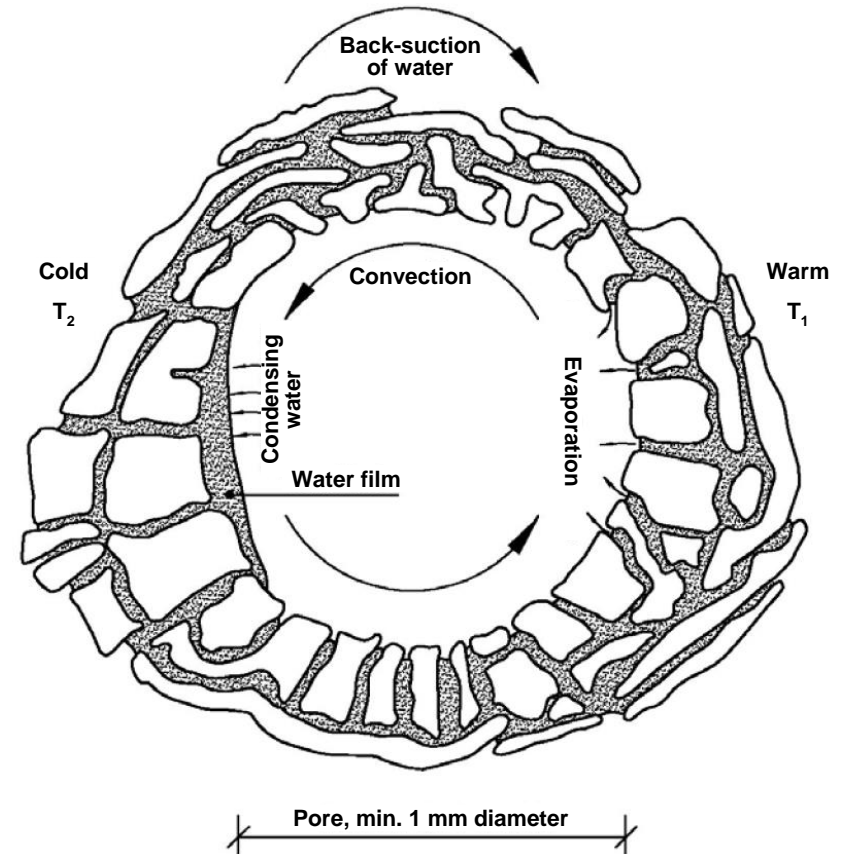
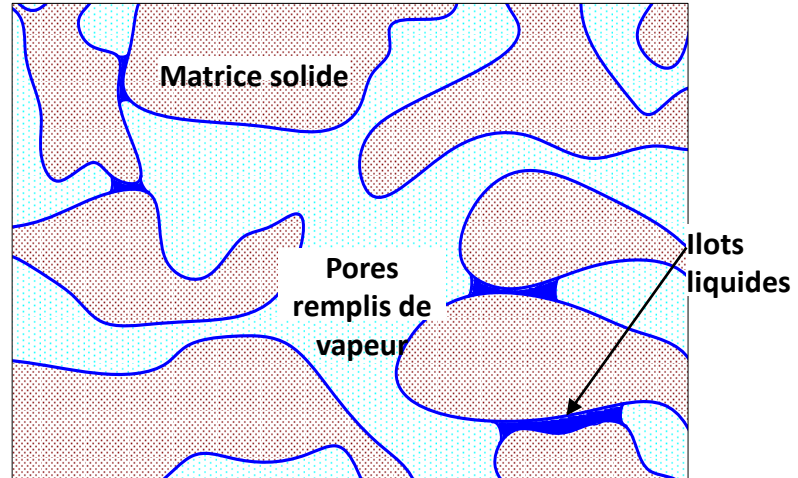


**Béton cellulaire agrandi**  
**22 fois** et  
**11000 fois**

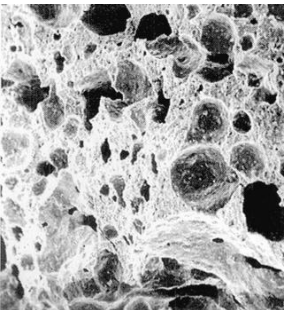




# L'humidité dans les matériaux



**L'eau est sous forme liquide**  
**Pour HR < 100%**



**Métrologie** : gravimétrie, conductivité électrique, vapeur dans les grands pores



Chaque « maille » du matériau ou du système ...

Conservation d'énergie

$$\rho c V \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -\text{div}(\varphi) + p$$

$$\varphi = -\lambda \text{grad}(T)$$

$$\rho c V \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \lambda \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

Forme discrétisé

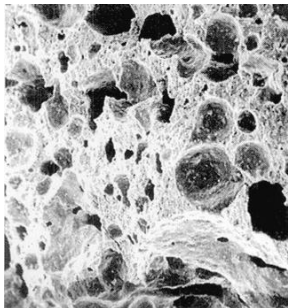
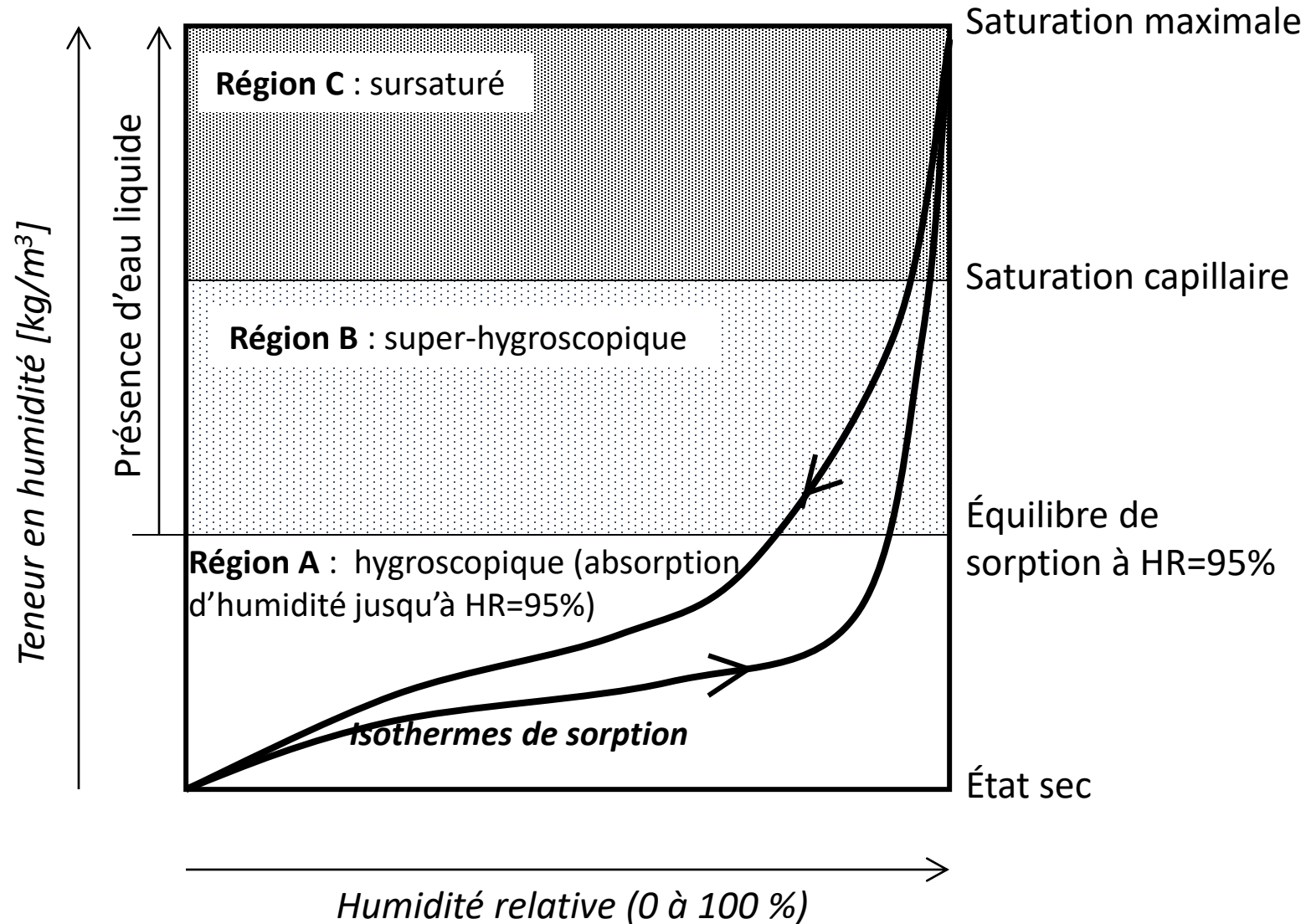
$$\phi_{n-1,n} = \lambda \frac{T_{n-1} - T_n}{e} S$$

$$\rho c e S \frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{T_{n-1} - T_n}{\frac{e}{\lambda S}} - \frac{T_n - T_{n+1}}{\frac{e}{\lambda S}}$$

Conservation de la masse de la vapeur d'eau

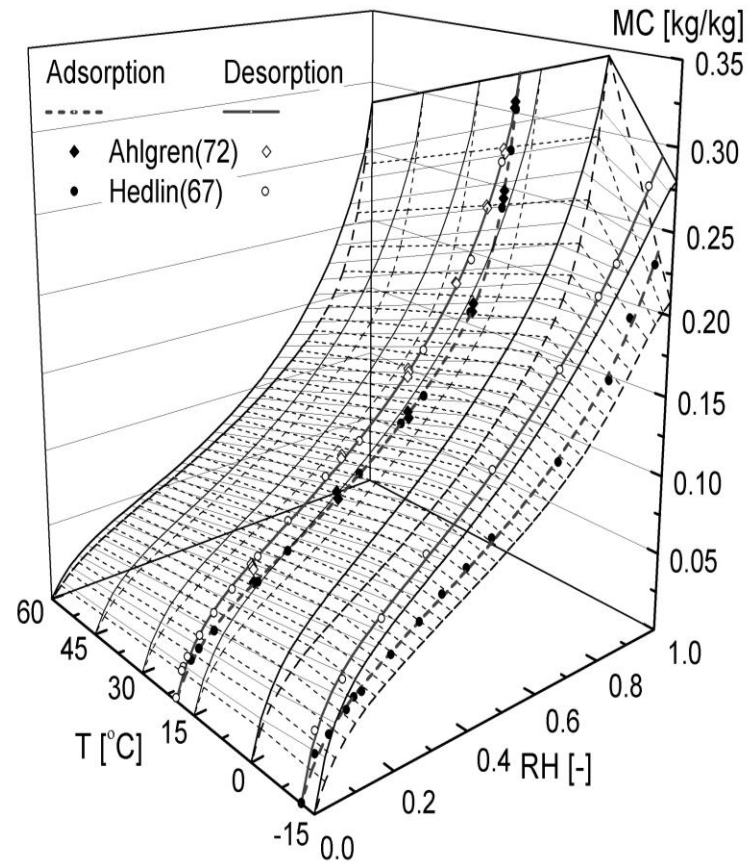
$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = -\text{div}(g_{\text{vap}} + g_{\text{liq}}) + S_h$$

# Absorption d'humidité par les matériaux

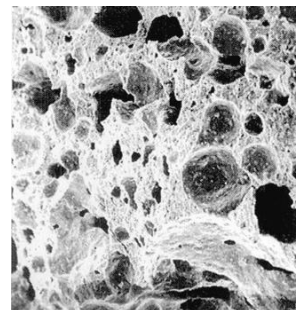
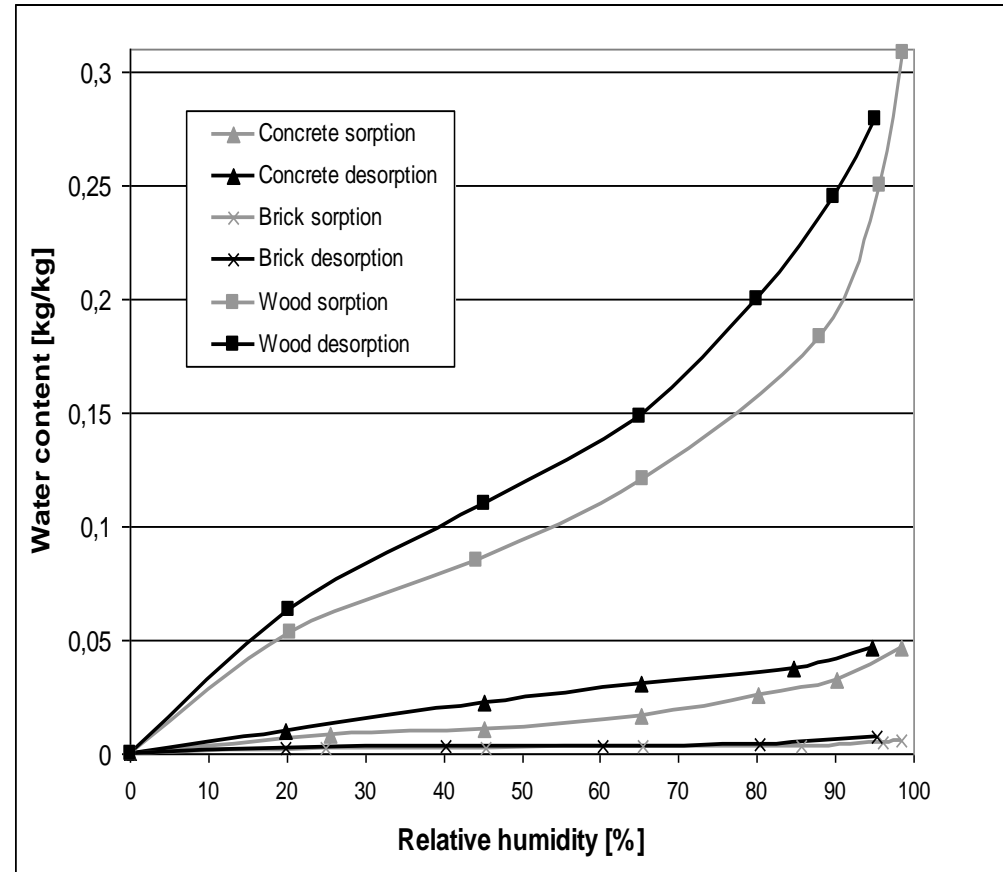




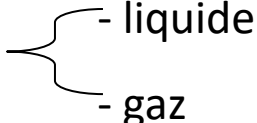
# Exemples des isothermes de sorption

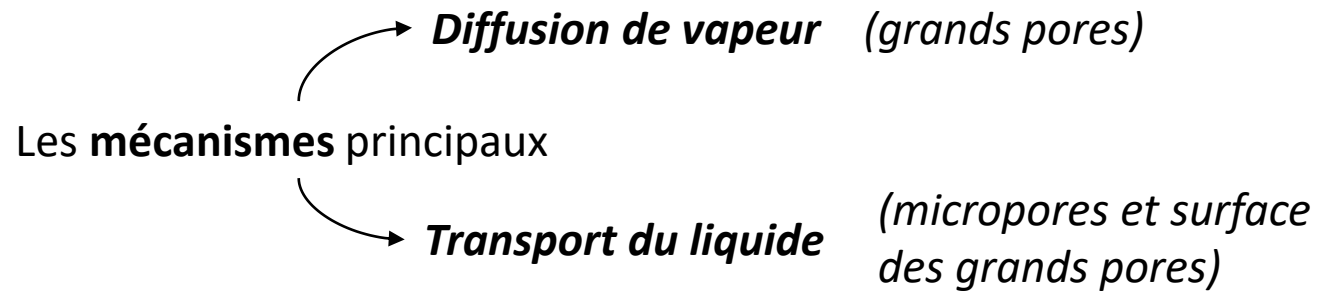


bois



# Transferts d'humidité dans les murs

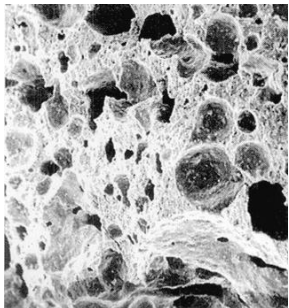
Dans les matériaux l'eau se déplace sous forme : 



*D'autres mécanismes existent : advection, gravité, électrocinétique, osmose...*

Dans les **cas courants** :

- on s'intéresse à la masse totale de l'eau
- région hygroscopique
- on peut négliger l'hystérésis dans les isothermes de sorption



# Diffusion de vapeur (loi de Fick)

Densité de flux massique de vapeur [kg/s/m<sup>2</sup>]

$$g_{vap} = -D_{vap,P} \overrightarrow{\text{grad}P_{vap}}$$

$P_{vap}$  : pression partielle de la vapeur [Pa]

$D_{vap,P}$  : perméabilité du matériau à la vapeur d'eau [kg/(m s Pa)]

*dans des grands pores*



*diffusion dans l'air*

On introduit un facteur de résistance à la diffusion de vapeur :

$$\mu = \frac{D_{vap,P}}{\delta} \quad \text{avec } \delta : \text{ perméabilité de l'air à la vapeur}$$

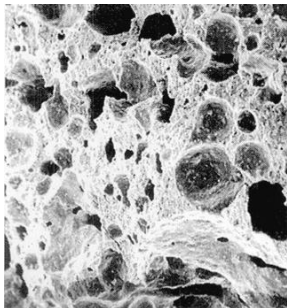
$$\delta = 1.97 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ kg } / (\text{m.s.Pa}) = 2,0 \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{T^{0.81}}{P_{tot}}$$

$P_{tot}$  : pression totale d'air ambiant [Pa]

T : température ambiante [K]

D'où :

$$g_{vap} = -\delta \mu \overrightarrow{\text{grad}P_{vap}}$$





# Conditions aux limites et Lien Paroi – Volume d'air

## À l'interface entre deux couches de matériau :

- pression (vapeur et/ou liquide) continue
- flux massique continu

**Attention : la teneur en eau n'est pas continue entre deux matériaux !**

## À l'interface matériau / air :

- flux massique proportionnel au gradient

$$g_{\text{vap}} = \beta (P_{\text{vap,int}} - P_{\text{vap,surf}})$$

Valeurs habituelles

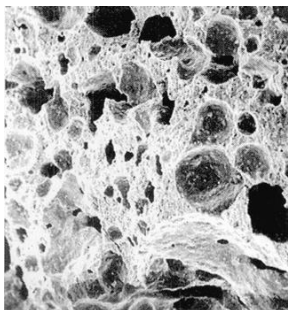
$$\beta = 1.9 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s/m} \quad \text{Intérieur}$$

$$\beta = 14 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s/m} \quad \text{Extérieur}$$

ou

$$\beta = 7.4 \times 10^{-9} h_c$$

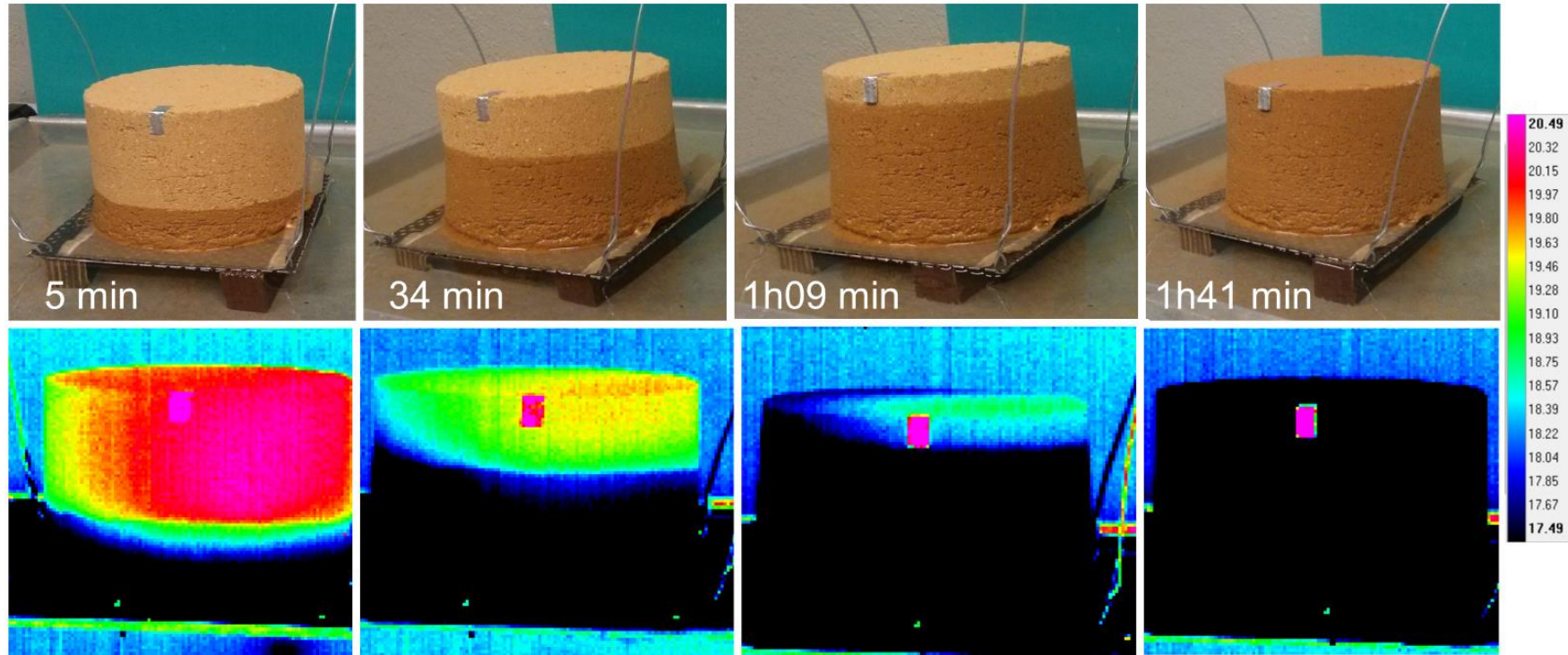
$P_{\text{vap}}$  : pression partielle de la vapeur [Pa]  
 $h_c$  : coefficient d'échange convectif [W/m<sup>2</sup>K]



***Nos mesures (pièce peu ventilée)***

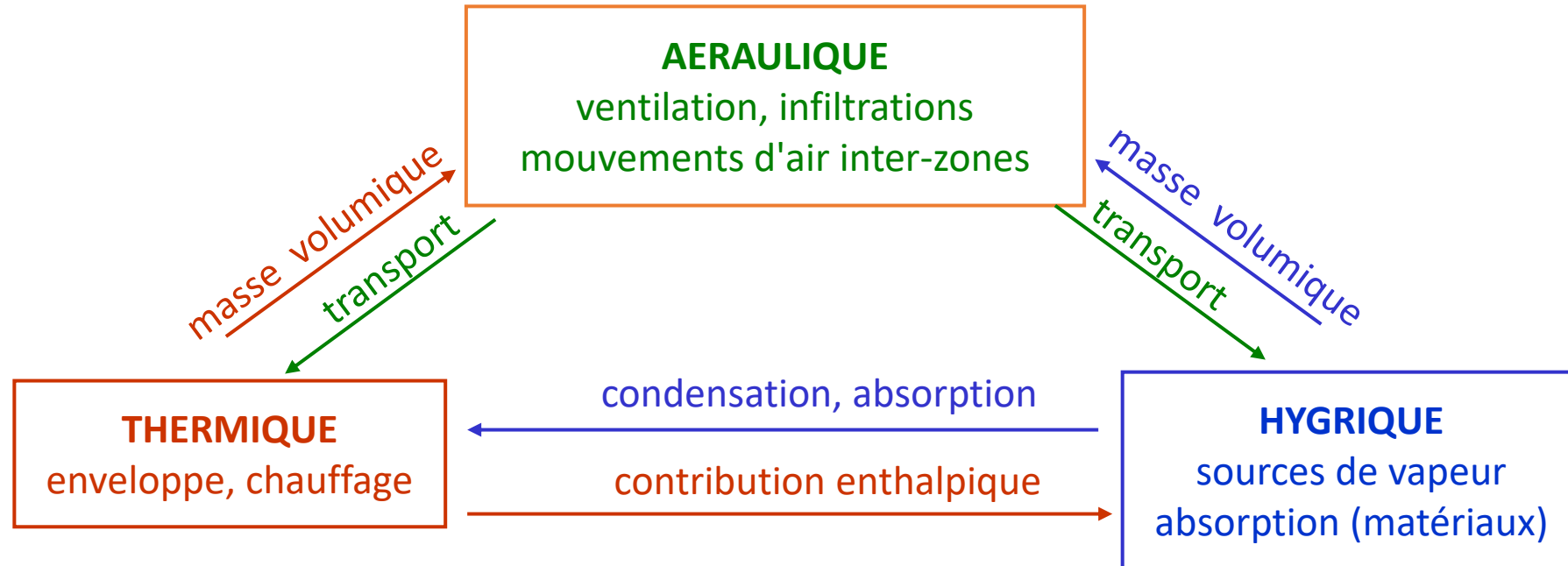
$$\beta = 1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s/m}$$

# Transferts liquides – souvent négligées à l'échelle d'un bâtiment



# Couplages à l'Échelle Bâtiment

## Hygro – Thermo - Aéraulique





# Ordres de grandeur

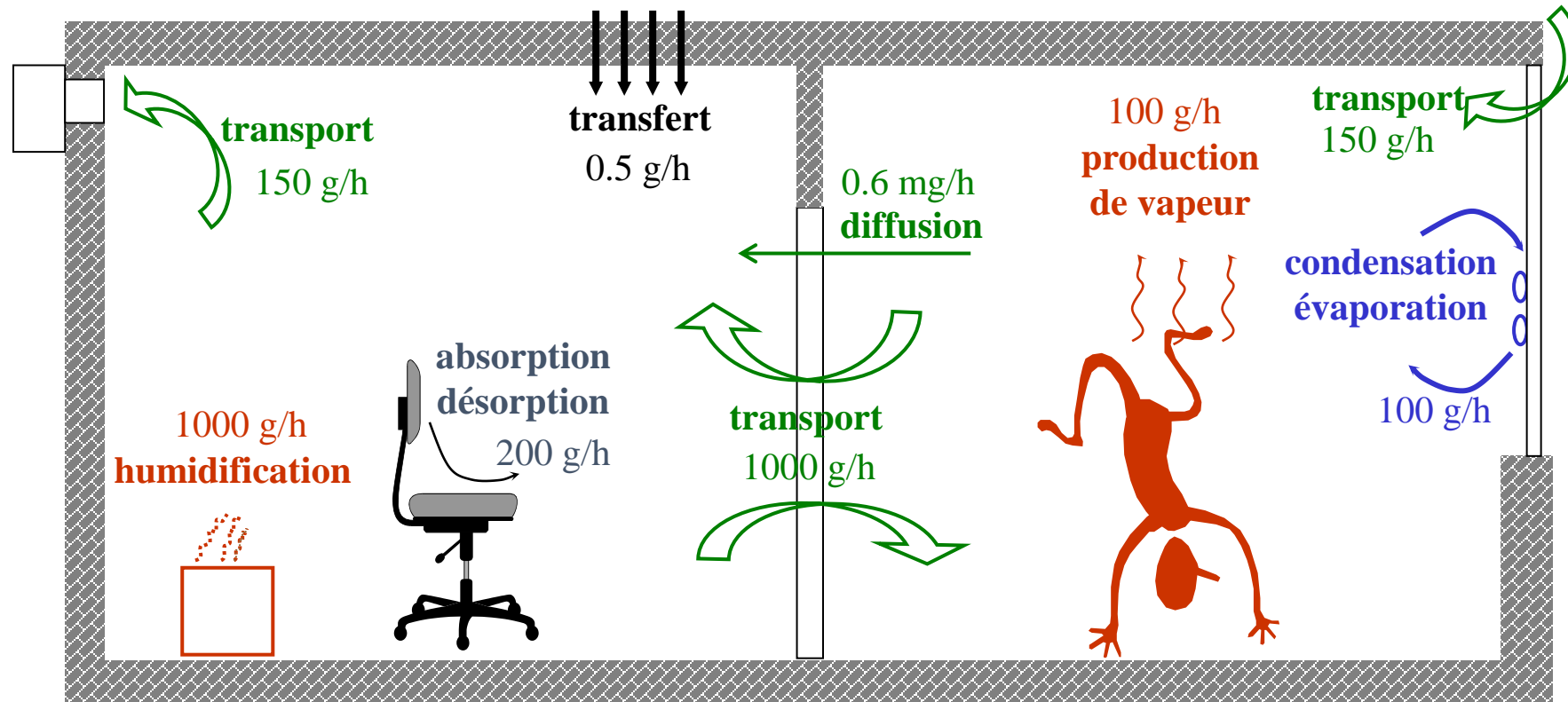
transferts dans l'air

transferts dans les matériaux

sources de vapeur

changements de phase

**Bilan massique  
vapeur d'eau air  
intérieur**



$$\frac{dm_{\text{vap},i}}{dt} = \sum_j [\dot{m}_{\text{vap},j \rightarrow i}] - \sum_j [\dot{m}_{\text{vap},i \rightarrow j}] + D_{\text{production int}} - D_{\text{sorption / desorption}} + D_{\text{humidication}}$$

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**Couplages Energie – Humidité**

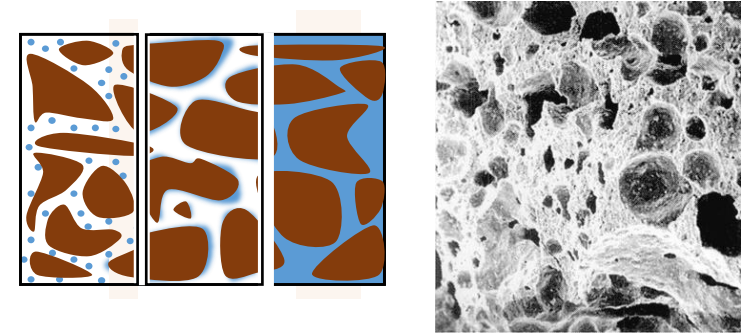
# Energy Balance

## Energy balance at material scale

$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\lambda \nabla T) - \dot{m}_{\rightarrow v} L(T, \varphi)$$

thermal conductivity

Latent heat of sorption



$H [J]$ : total enthalpy

## Energy balance at room scale

$$\frac{dH_i}{dt} = \sum_j [\dot{H}_{j \rightarrow i}] - \sum_j [\dot{H}_{i \rightarrow j}] + \Phi_{internal\ load} + \Phi_{heating} - \Phi_{envelope}$$

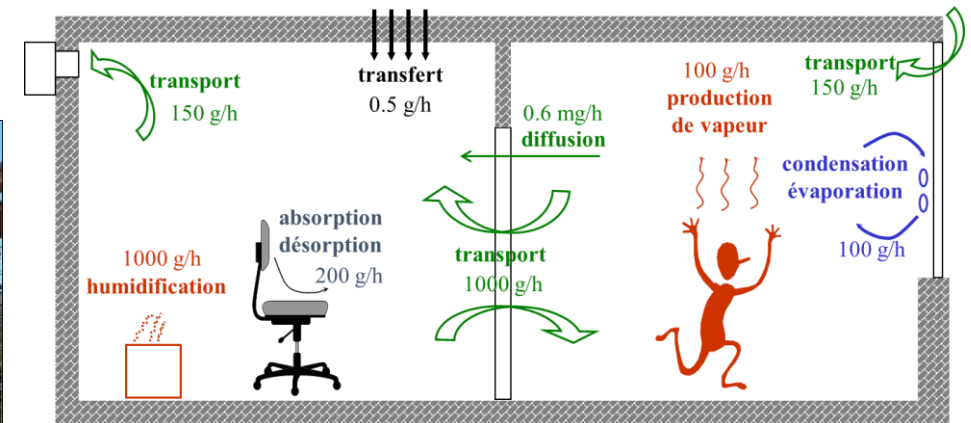
Air transfer

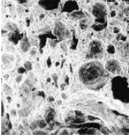
Impact on **HVAC load**

Impact on **Room Temperature**  
(free floating)

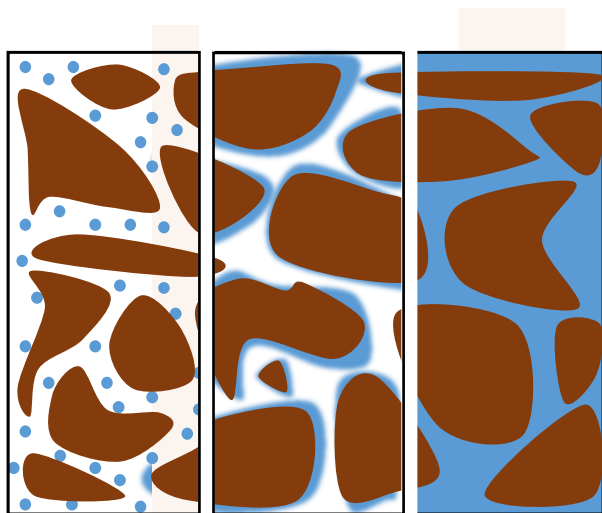


Rammed earth walls



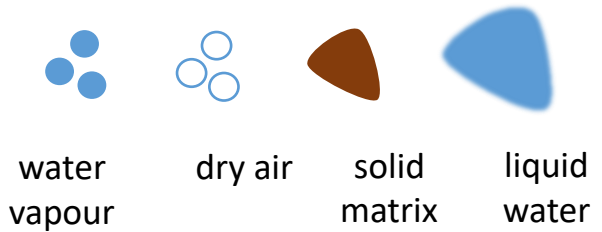


# Impact on Material Properties

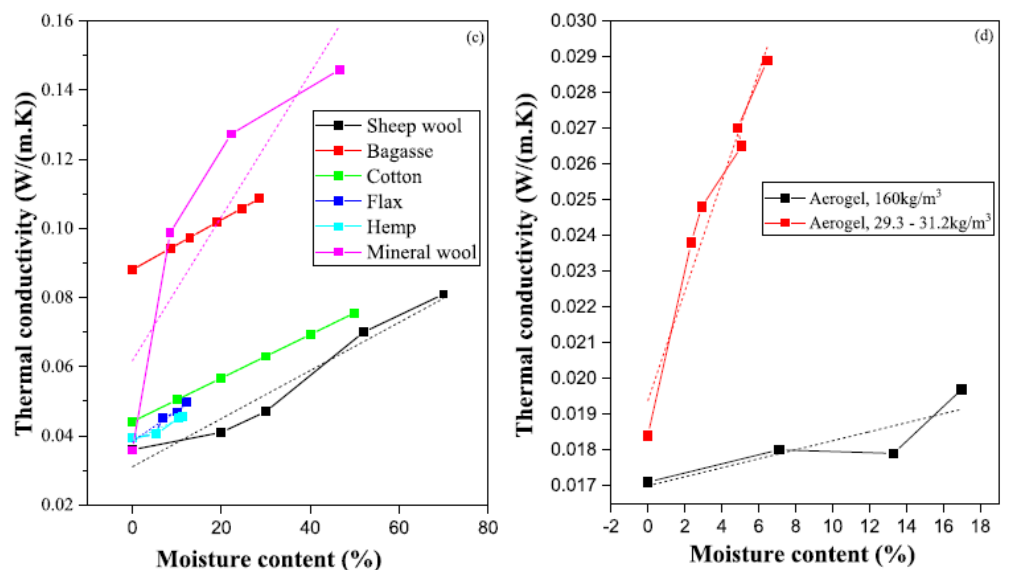


Rise in Moisture Content

Rise in Thermal Conductivity



## Rise of thermal conductivity



Le Duong Hung Anh, Zoltán Pásztor, An overview of factors influencing thermal conductivity of building insulation materials, JoBE, vol 44, 2021,

### Polystyrene insulation

At 80% moisture content at 24 °C (as compared with dry material)

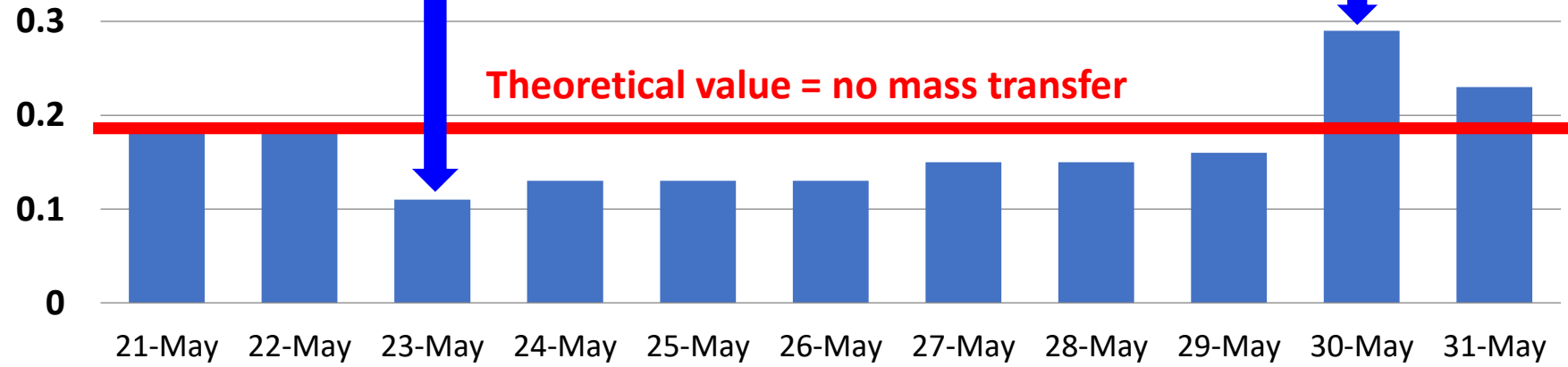
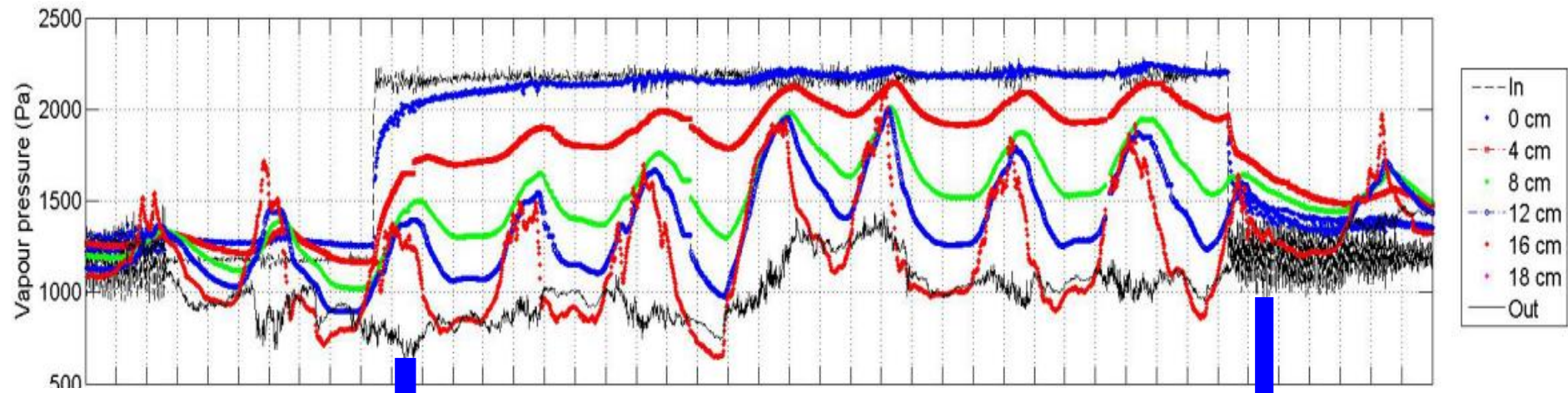
- + 12%, cooling load the wall transmission
- + 25%, cooling load roof transmission
- + 13% cooling load, and the total zone load,

=> Large impact on cooling loads in hot-humid climate

Maatouk Khoukhi, The combined effect of heat and moisture transfer dependent thermal conductivity of polystyrene insulation material: Impact on building energy performance, Energy and Buildings, Vol 169, 2018

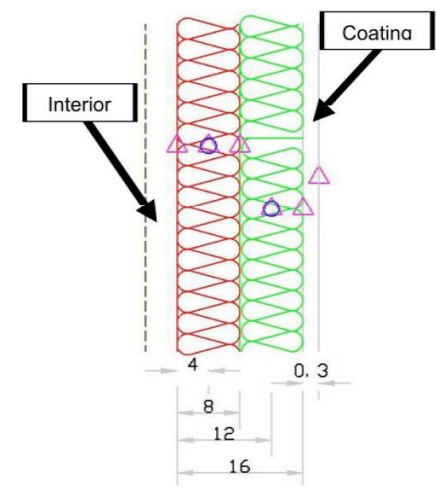


# Experimental results – impact of mass on heat transfer



**Normalised temperature difference at 4 cm depth**  
*(in the insulation)*

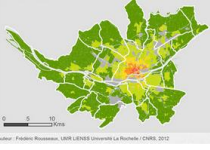
**Mesured effect of latent heat of sorption**



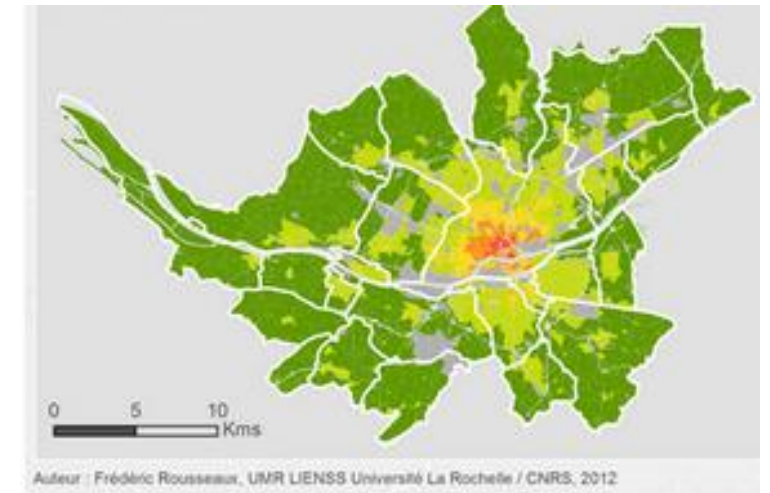
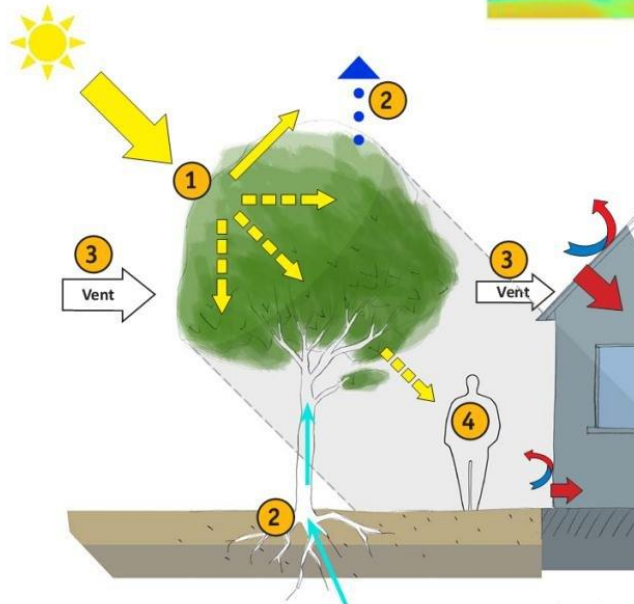
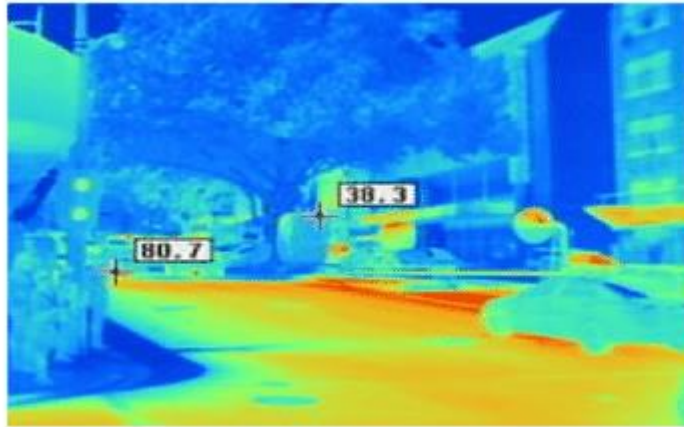
$$\Delta T_n = \frac{T_{0cm} - T_{4cm}}{T_{0cm} - T_{16cm}}$$



# Impact of moisture on urban scale ?



Excellent capabilities to **mitigate heat island** effect due to moisture: plants, lakes, watering....





# Impact on HVAC Loads

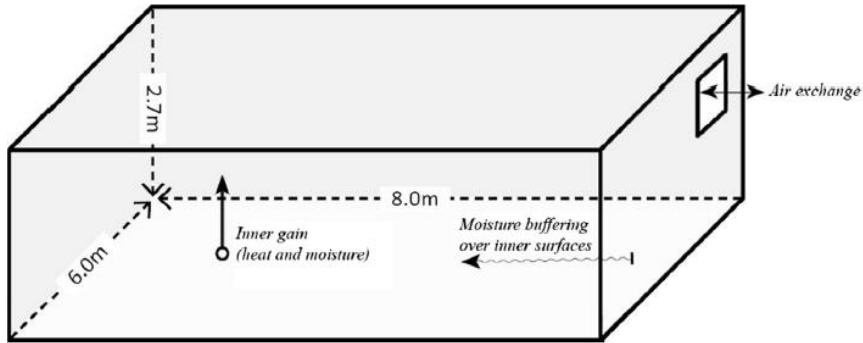
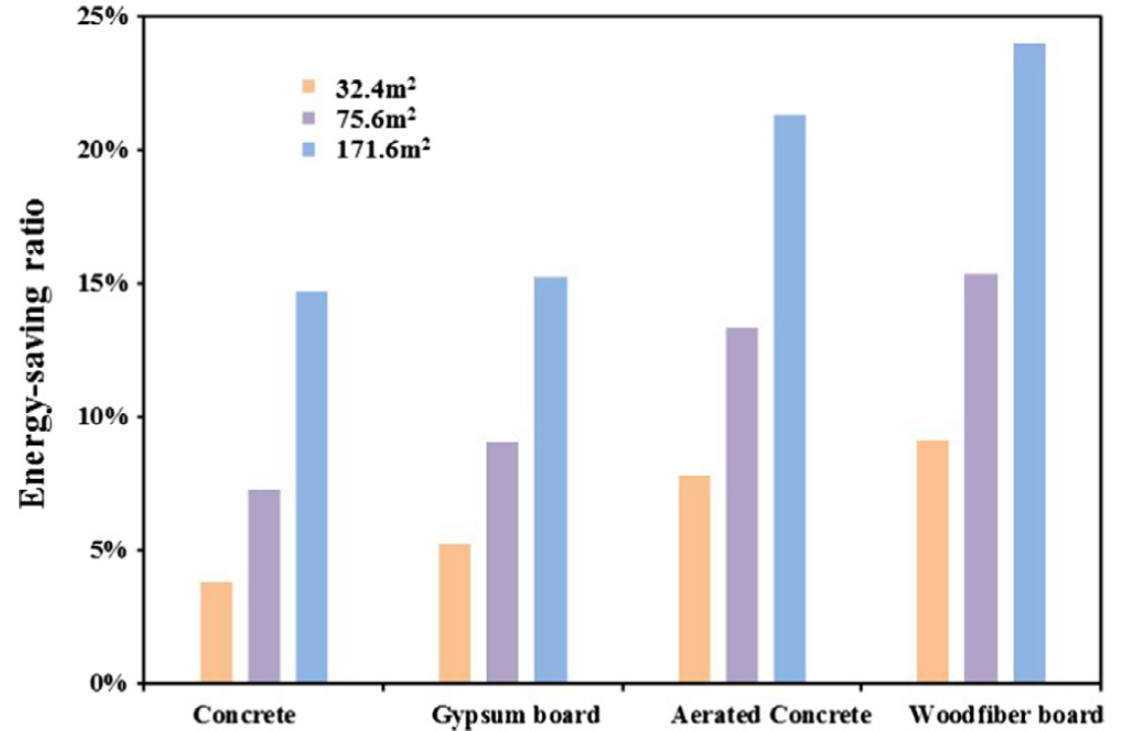


Fig. 3. IEA BESTEST base case building.

Office building:

- occupation 09:00 - 17:00
- HVAC: T between 20°C and 26°C, RH < 65%
- different moisture buffering materials

=> **energy savings up to 25–30%** when using proper hygroscopic materials temperate climates and semi-arid climates

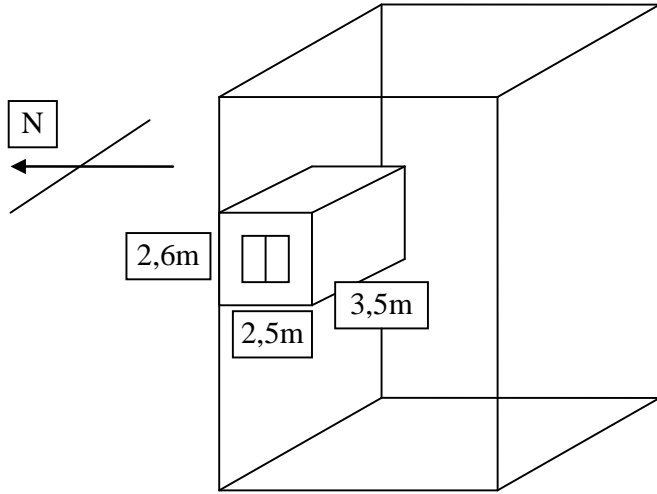


Energy-saving rates in Paris case

Mingjie Zhang, Menghao Qin, Carsten Rode, Zhi Chen, Moisture buffering phenomenon and its impact on building energy consumption, *Appl. Therm. Eng.* Vol 124, 2017

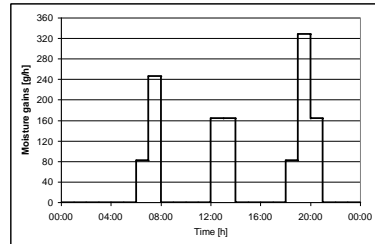


# Impact on HVAC Loads



## Parameters of calculation:

- Room in block of apartments
- Heating season for Warsaw (Poland)
- Buffering material: 30 m<sup>2</sup> of gypsum board
- Standard occupancy

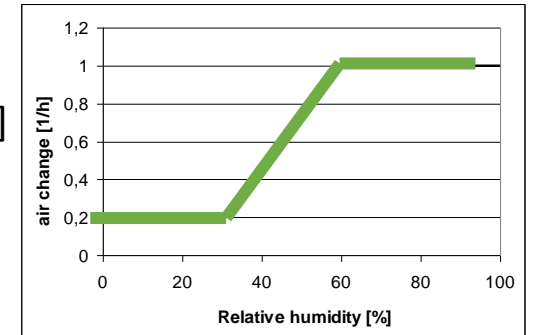


## Test cases:

- **“reference”**: neglecting moisture **buffering** of the materials
- **“gypsum”**: including moisture **buffer** effect, but neglecting hysteresis in sorption isotherm
- **“gypsum hys.”**: including moisture **buffering** effect and **hysteresis** in sorption isotherm

## Two ventilation strategies:

- **CAV** (constant air volume), ach=1 [h<sup>-1</sup>]
- **RHS** (relative humidity sensitive ventilation), ach depending on RH

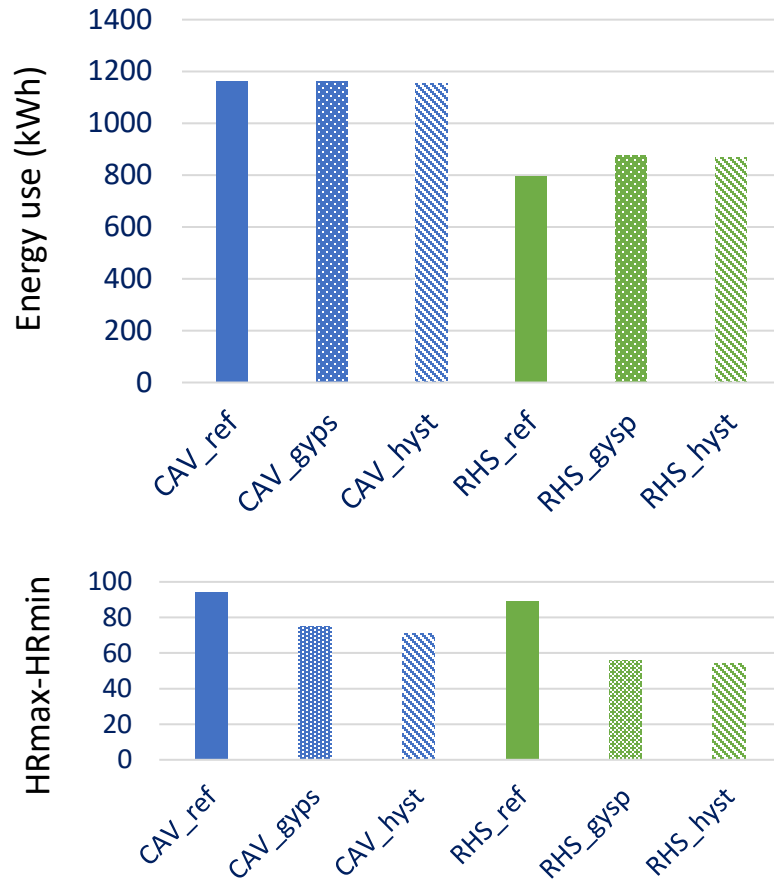


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# Impact on HVAC Loads



- **Moisture buffering materials**
  - significantly improve the indoor conditions (regardless ventilation)
- **RHS ventilation strategy**
  - decrease the energy demand of the zone
- **RHS ventilation strategy + Moisture buffering materials**
  - significantly improve the indoor conditions
  - but also to slightly **higher energy demand**
- **hysteresis of the sorption isotherm**
  - Very small effect on indoor condition

⇒ energy savings are very much depending on indoor / outdoor scenarios!

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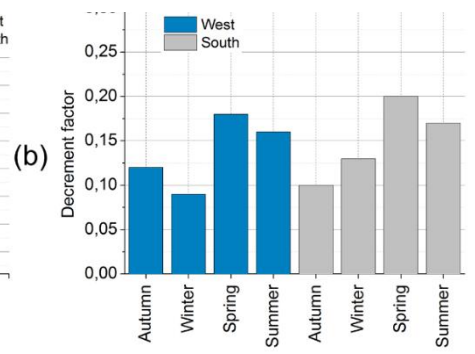
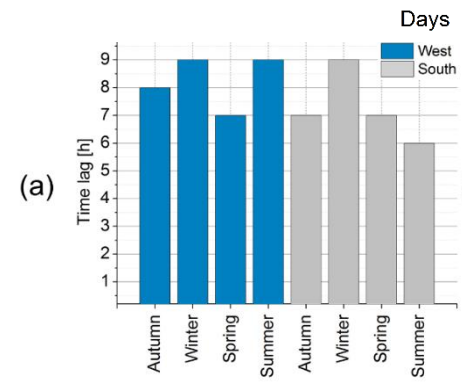
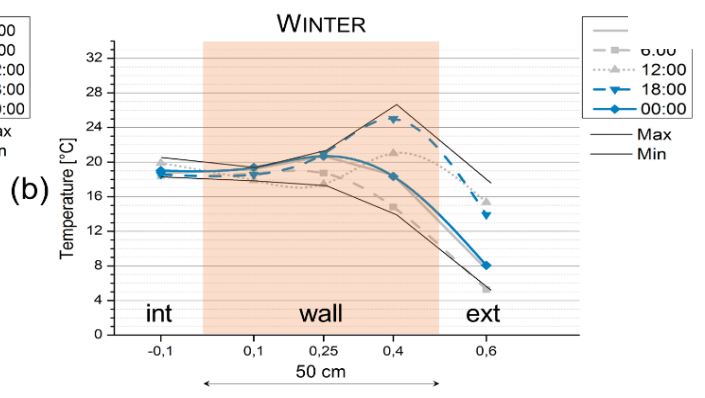
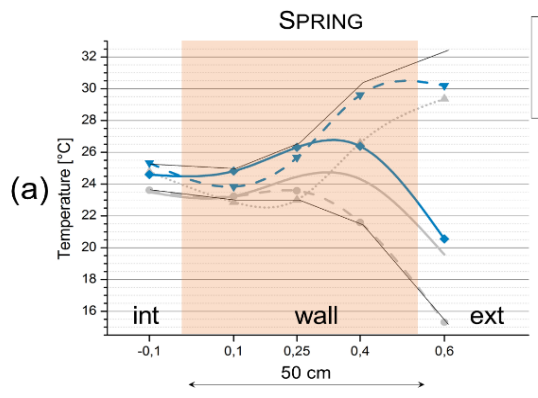
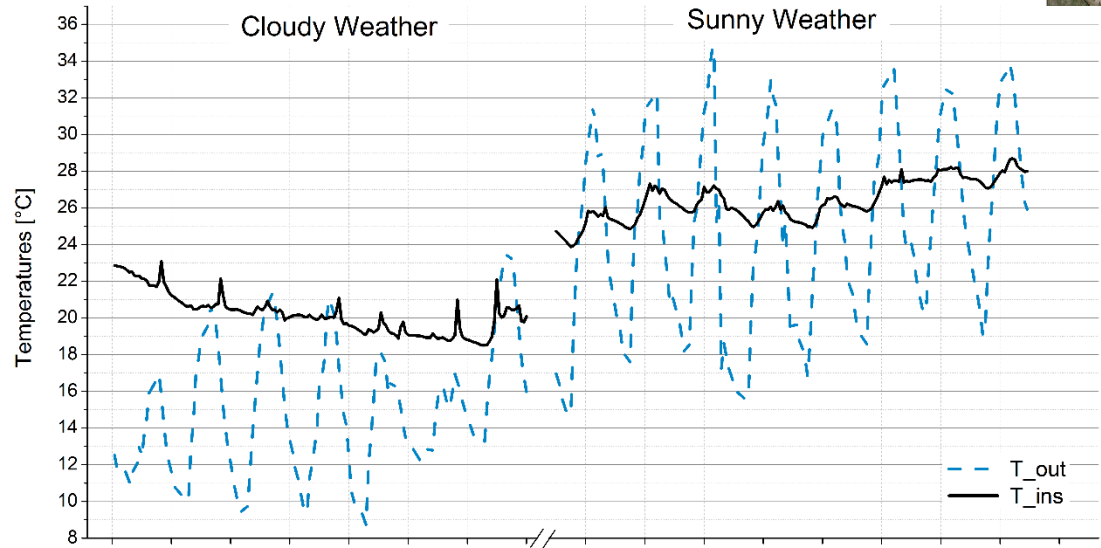


# Impact on free floating temperature ('passive cooling')



Rammed earth walls

Rammed earth walls  
Highly hygroscopic

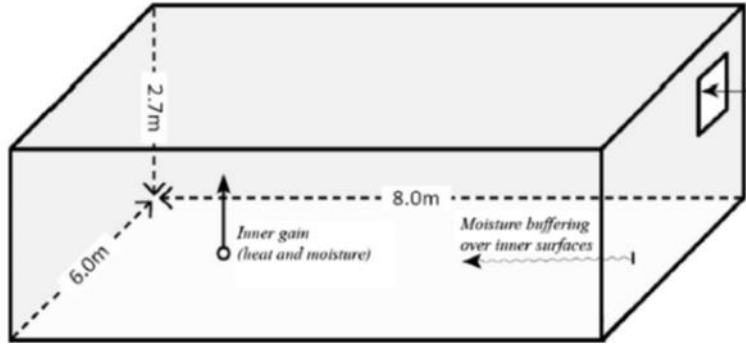


Very high **thermal mass** => **stabilizing indoor climate (excellent in summer)**

**Impact of moisture difficult to assess**



# Impact of hygroscopic materials

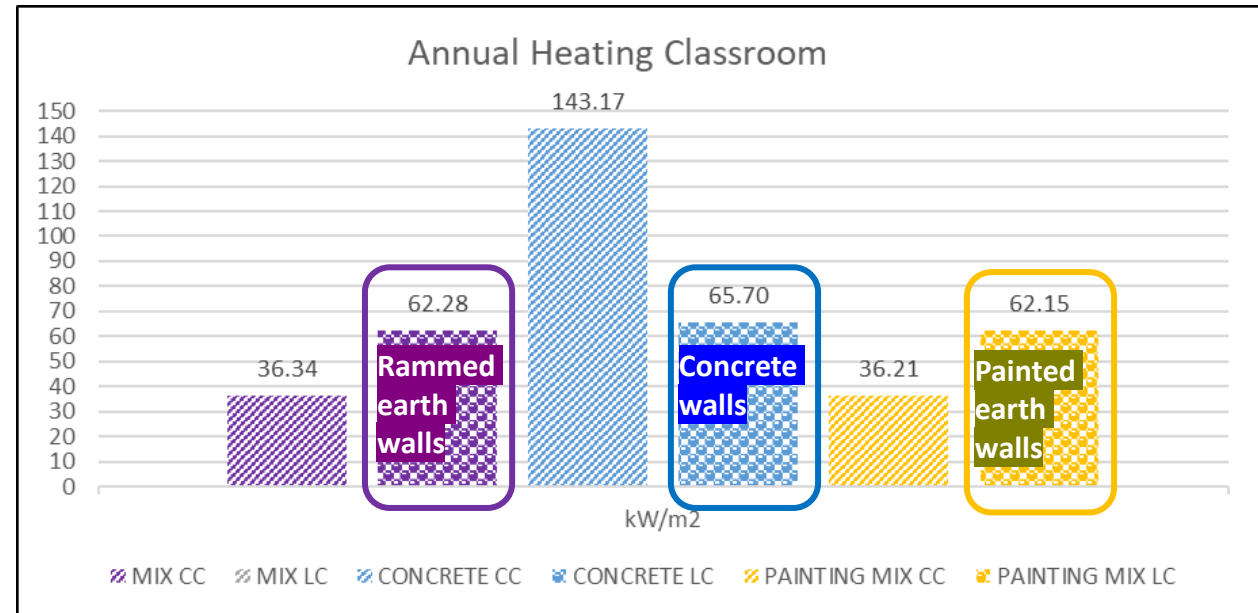
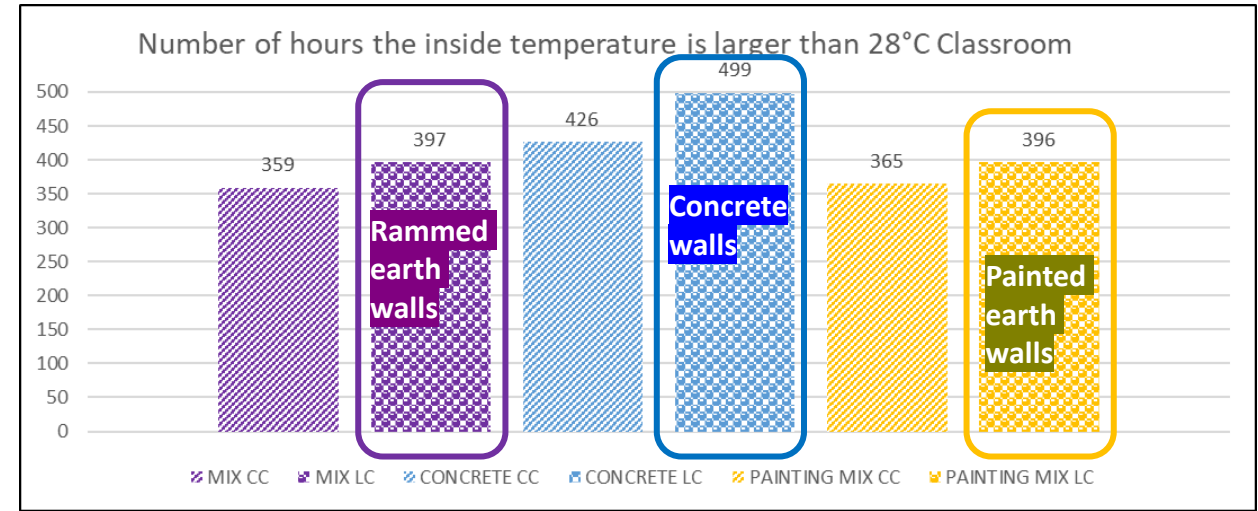


- Classroom with rammed earth walls
- EnergyPlus simulations
- **Lyon** (France) and Casablanca (Marocco) climates

Very high thermal mass => stabilizing indoor climate (excellent in summer)

Impact of moisture on energy difficult to assess

High hygric mass => stabilizing relative humidity (not shown)



# So, what do we know?

➤ Impact of **moisture** content on **thermal conductivity**

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➤ High **moisture buffering** capacity **stabilize indoor RH**

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➤ High **thermal mass** **stabilize indoor Temperature**

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➤ High **moisture buffering** contributes to Energy Savings ?

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RELATIONSHIP

*and open research question*



**Comportement hygrothermique des bâtiments –**

**Hygrothermique et confort ?**

## Wood and bio-based materials



Carbon storage ?

Warm ambience ?

# Impact of wood on (hygro)thermal-comfort ?

## Experimental setup :



Experimental house  
(Chambéry, France)



raw spruce panelling



painted plasterboards  
(reference room)

## Experiment

- 78 participants + questionnaire
- Measurement during the tests
- Very similar conditions in both rooms
- Clothing recorded



# Impact of wood on (hygro)thermal-comfort ?

Subjective perception:

Confined  
Pleasant  
Calm  
Dark  
**Warm**  
Wooden  
Comfortable



**Wood**

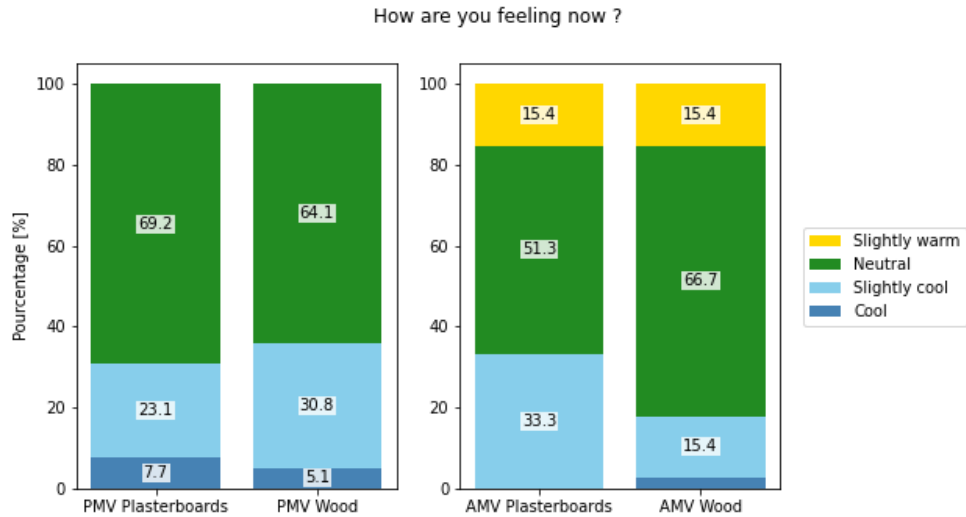


**Gypsum plaster**

Confined  
Pleasant  
Calm  
**Cool**  
**Cold**  
Dark  
Empty



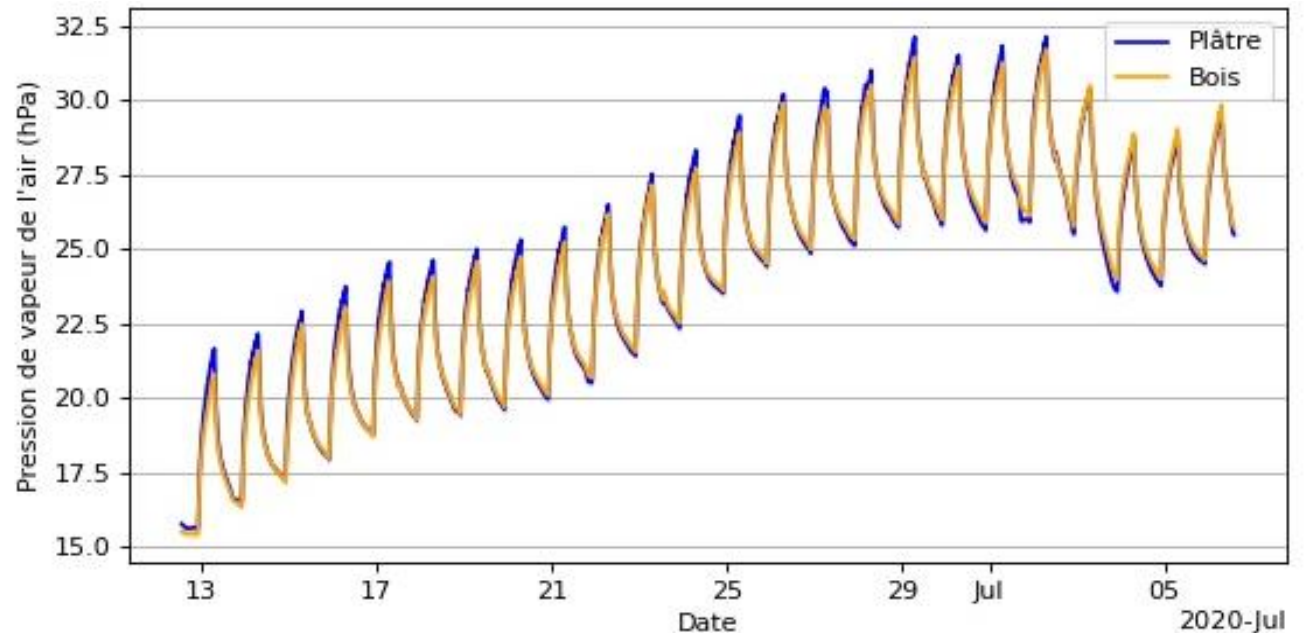
# Impact of wood on (hygro)thermal-comfort ?



## Results

- Similar reported temperature
- Similar measured temperature
- **But more comfortable thermal sensation in wooden room**

*physical measurements*



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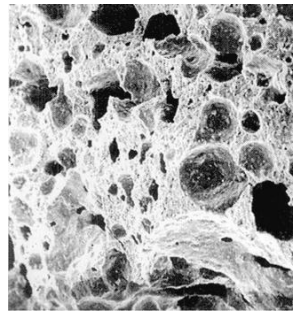
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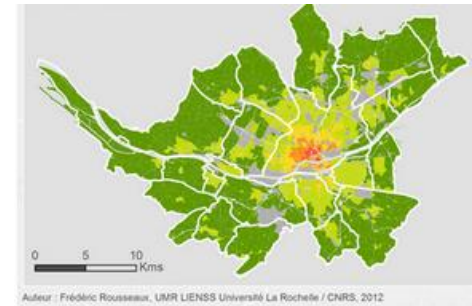
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Wall



Building



Urban



Pour finir....

## Comportement hygrothermique des bâtiments –

### Importance des données d'entrée - Atelier

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