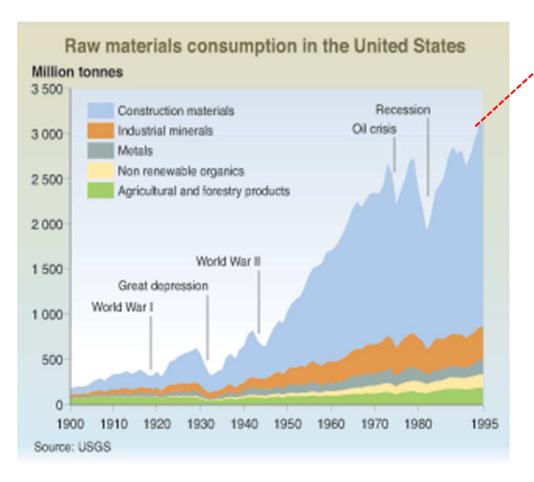


# Recycled and bio-based materials for sustainable constructions

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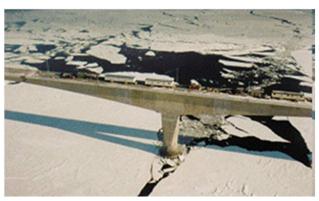


#### We need materials

construction consumes between 40 and 50% of natural resources (materials),

construction consumes 40% of energy and produces 40% of  $CO_2$ 



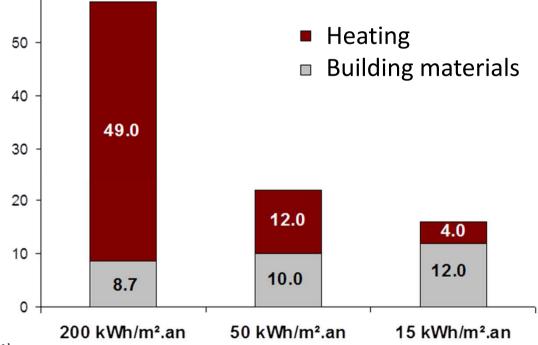




We need materials for improving the energy performance of buildings

Increasing relative weight of building materials vs environmental impacts

Needs for new materials



Source : G. Escadeillas, Métamorphoses, Liège, 2011)

#### We produce a lot of wastes

Between 3.4 and 4 billions tons/year, (80 to 126 tons/sec!)

Each day, human activity produces more than 10 billions kg wastes

Wastes produced in 2010 in EU: 2.5 billions tons

According to Pike Research, we produced 74 millions tons/year electrical and electronical wastes in 2014 (2,346 kg/sec)!

Construction produces more or less 50% of all the wastes

We produce a lot of wastes

Wastes (different shapes and conditioning)

83% solid wastes

10% « paste »

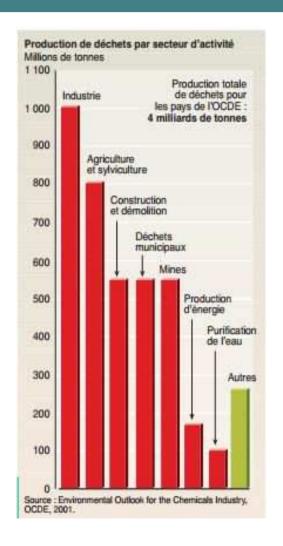
7% liquids

Industrial by-products

inorganic wastes (70%)

organic wastes (25%)

not classified



# Ascertainment We are living in a limited world energy natural resources space (urban development) nature's resilience Ascertainment → behaviour Consuming Architecture Civil engineering

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# Bio-based materials Coming home

materials from biomass of plant or animal origin. They now cover a wide range of products and found many applications in the field of building and construction, as:

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insulation (wool plant or animal fibers, recycled textiles, cellulose wadding, straw bales, etc.),
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mortar and concrete (hemp, wood, miscanthus, etc.),
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panels (particles or vegetal fibers, compressed straw, etc.),

fibers reinforced plastics (matrix, reinforcement, fillers),

building chemistry (glues, admixtures, paints, etc.).

**Wooden concrete**: wooden chips « mineralized » for light aggregate production



Wooden concrete  $\lambda$  = 0.09 W/m.°K Cellular concrete  $\lambda$  = 0.12 W/m.°K Silicate brick  $\lambda$  = 0.27 W/m.°K





Constructive system CEMWOOD, ATG 13/2932

#### Raw clay (earthern construction)

Increasing thermal inerty of wooden structure for building by using bio-based materials (ArgiMob product)

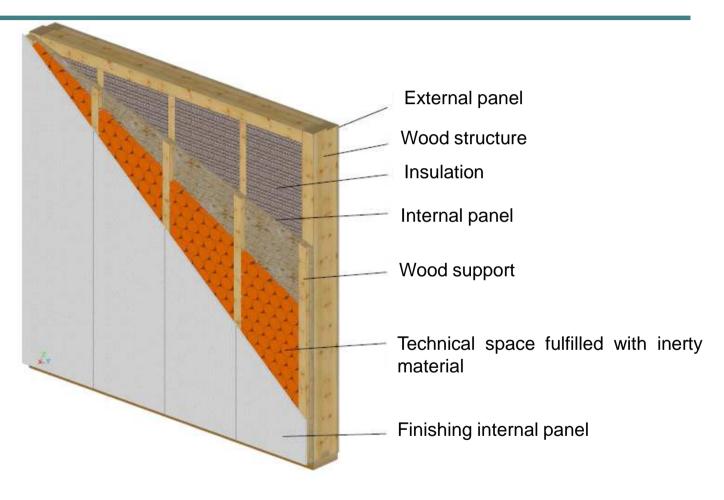




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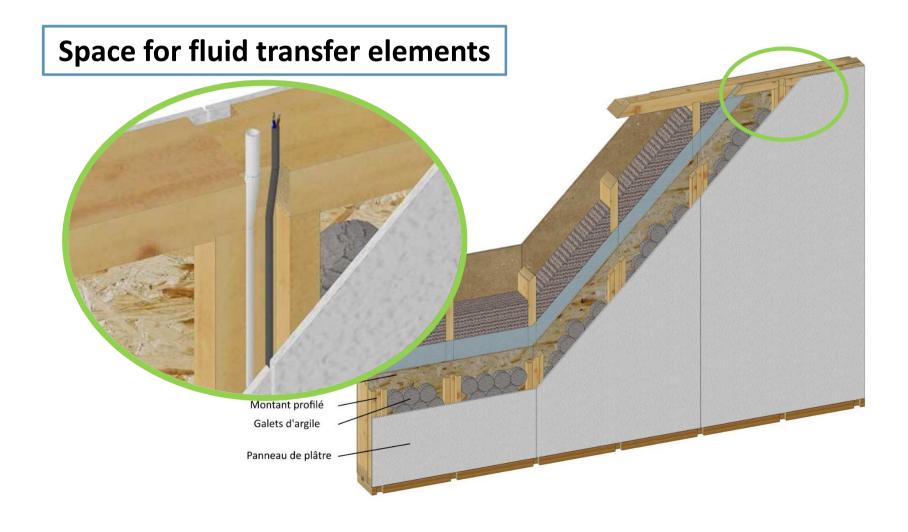
# Technique





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#### **Straw bales**

Better knowledge of straw bals for using as insulation material in construction



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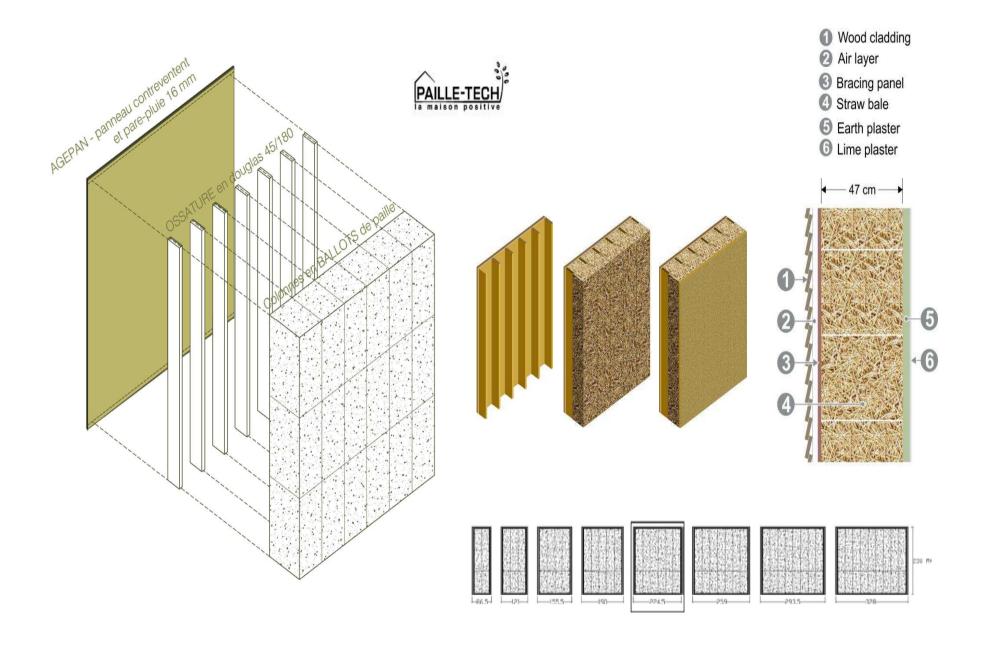




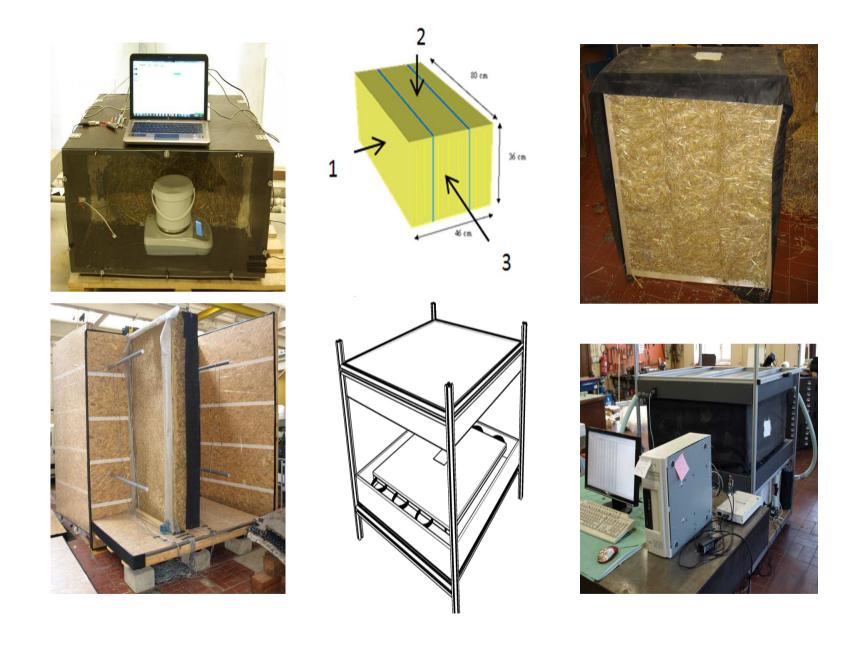
Bio-based products



Straw bales

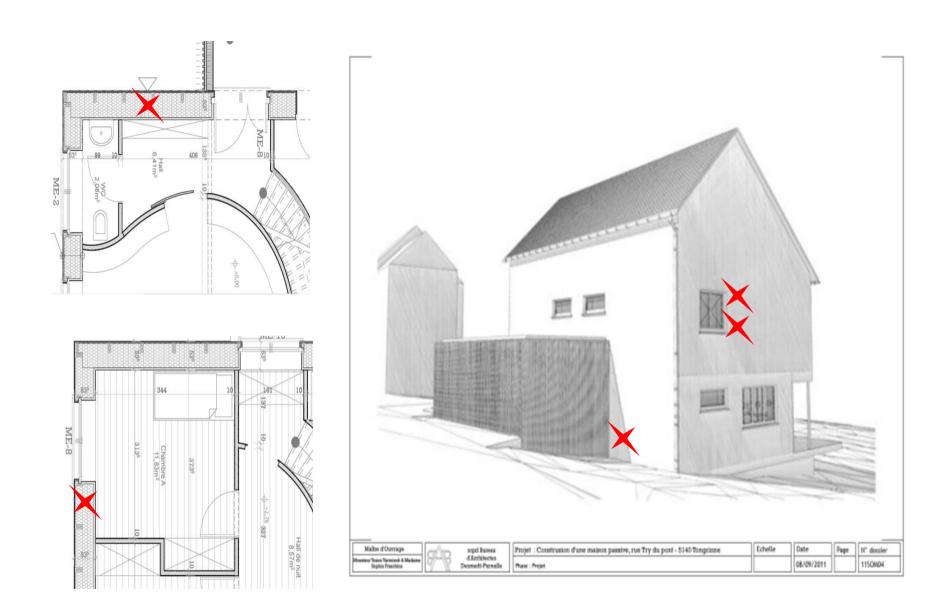


Analysis of a precast solution



Measurement of hygro-thermal parameters





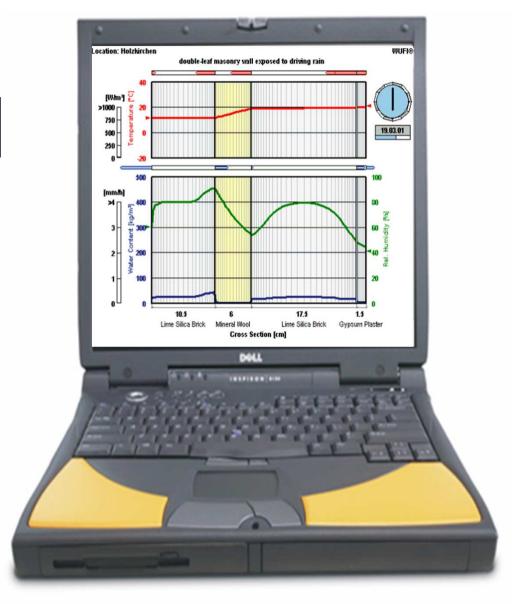
Monitoring of buildings

#### **Heat Balance**

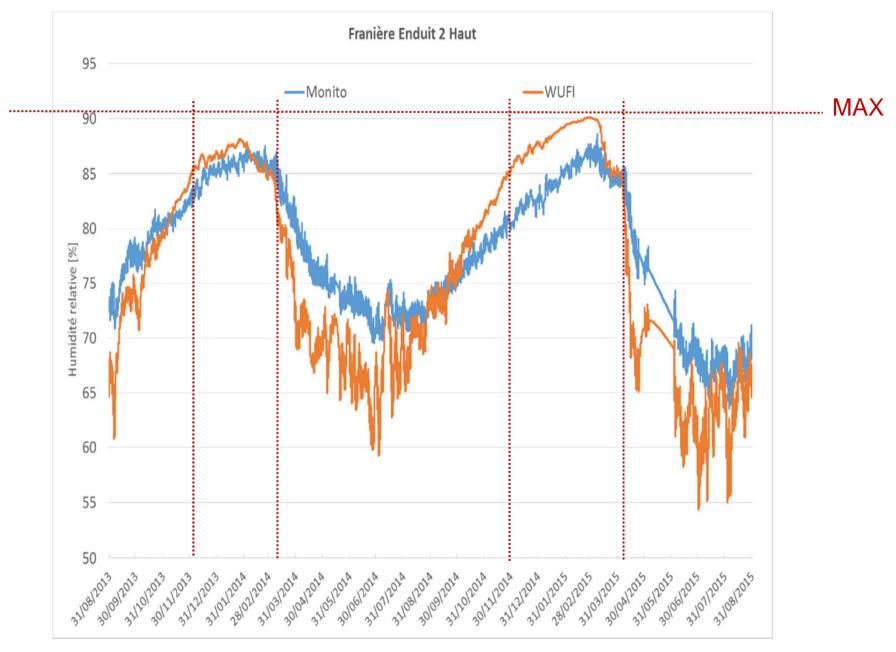
$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial T} \cdot \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\lambda \nabla I) + h_s \nabla \cdot \left( \delta_p \nabla (\phi p_{sa}) \right)$$

#### Moisture Balance

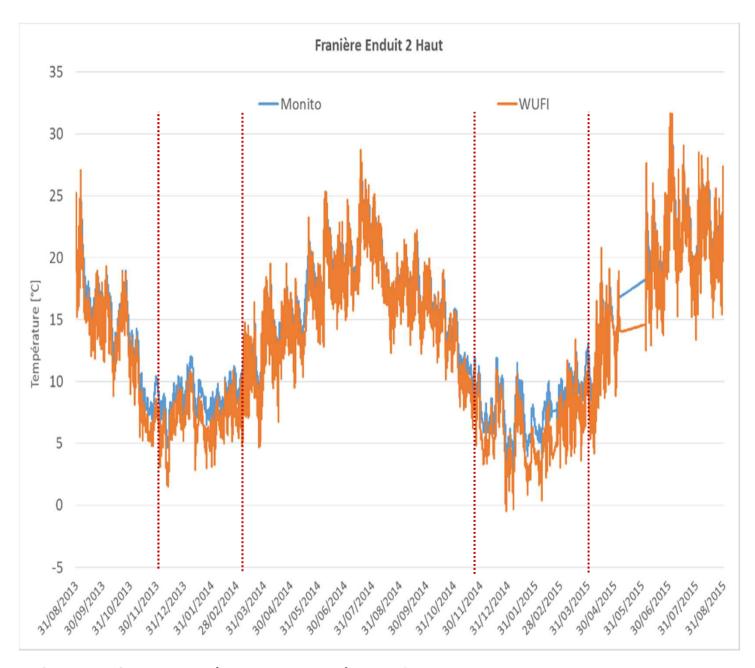
$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = \nabla \cdot \left( D_{\phi} \nabla \phi + \delta_{p} \nabla (\phi p_{sa}) \right)$$



Numerical simulations with WUFI



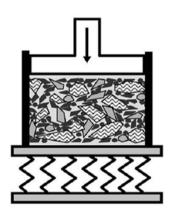
Numerical simulations (WUFI Pro) and monitoring



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#### « Mineralized » miscanthus constructions blocks









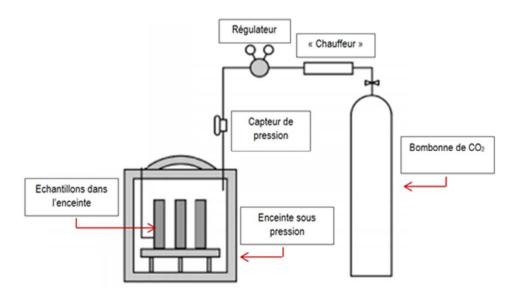




#### CO<sub>2</sub> captation

Manufacturing concrete blocks with mineralized miscanthus aggregates + CO<sub>2</sub> injection

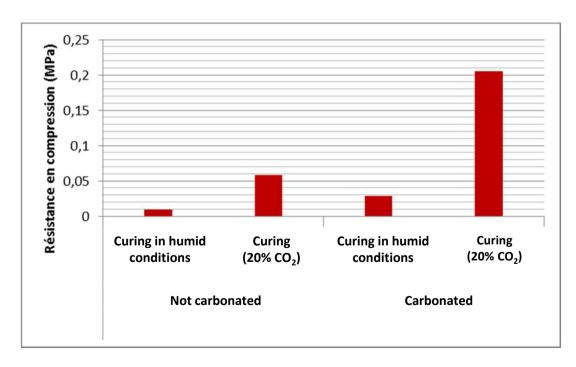




Carbonated miscanthus mineralized aggregates for reducing environmental impact of concrete blocks. L. Courard, V. Parmentier, F. Michel. International Journal of Sustainable Built Environment (under reviewing)

Effect of carbonation on mineralized miscanthus concrete blocks

Compressive strength after 7 hours



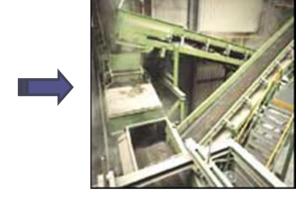
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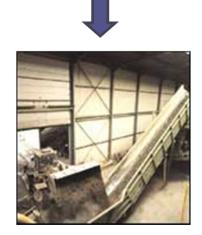
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Municipal solid wastes

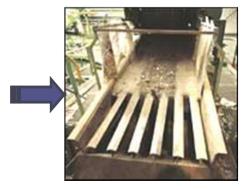
Burning at 900-1000°C

Post-combustion treatment









Cribling

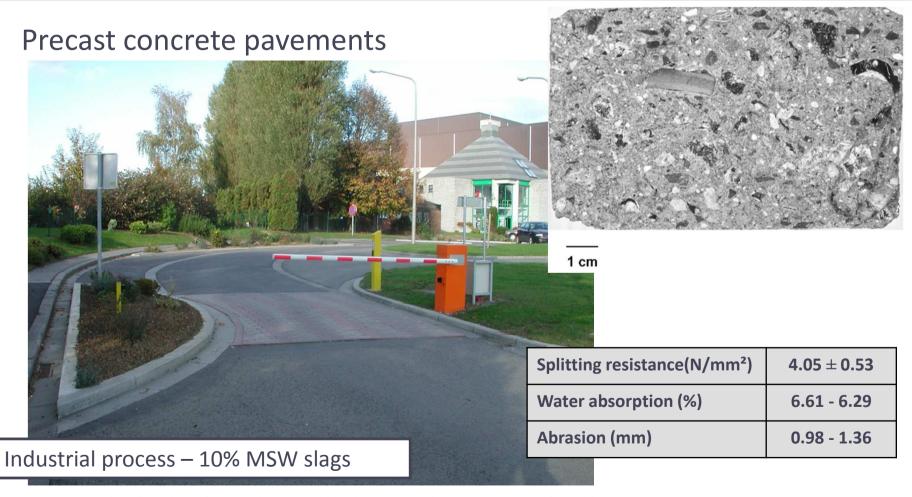


Magnetic separation



Maturation (10 – 20 weeks)

# Urban waste recycling



Utilisation des mâchefers d'incinérateur d'ordures ménagères dans la fabrication des pavés en béton. L. Courard, R. Degeimbre, A. Darimont, A.-L. Laval, L. Dupont et L. Bertrand. Mater. Struct., 35 (Juillet 2002), 365-372.

# Urban waste recycling

APPEROUT (2013-2015): Increasing properties of recycled materials for roads by means of treatment units optimization (Wallonia grant - BRRC, CTP, ULg)

CONREPAD (2014-2016): Concrete design with recycled aggregates by means of Particle Packing Density concept (Wallonia/EU grant – PREFER company, ULg)

ECOLISER (2016-2021): Development of eco-binders for soils treatment and public works (FEDER – CTP, Inisma, Materia nova, BRRC, ULg)

VALDEM (2016-2021): Integrated solutions for the valorization of raw materials from demolition wastes: border approach towards a circular economy (INTERREG V A – CTP, Mines Douai, ULg)

# Conclusions and prospect Tomorrow, materials

#### Conclusions

Materials for future .....

Free of "toxic products", ...

From alternative resources

Urban mining (reuse, recycling)

Appropriate selecting criteria and requirements

Adaptative and evolutive materials and structures

Nature did it ..., why not human?

