

Liberté Égalité Fraternité





TECHNICAL DAY

- French energy/carbon regulation in France (Jonathan Louis - Ademe)
- BDNB French Building Database (Antoine Breitwiller -CSTB)
- District Heating and Cooling (Cindy Melfort Cerema and Muriel Labonne - Nantes métropole)
- Bio based materials (Baptiste Chauvet architecture firm CAN-IA et Fionn McGregor - Gustave Eiffel University)







Égalité Fraternité



France's Policy Framework for Buildings: Driving the Transition to a Carbon-Neutral & Resilient Future

A Strategic Overview for the IEA-EBC Executive Committee June 13, 2025 | Nantes, France

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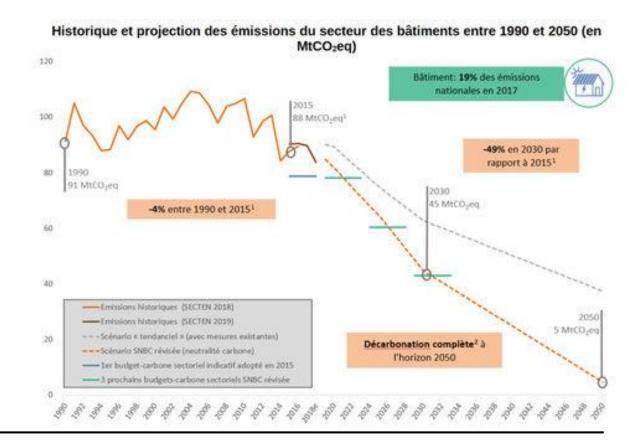
A Carbon-Neutral Building Stock by 2050

A Major Player in our Transition: The building sector represents:

- 43% of France's total energy consumption.
- 23% of national greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Our Overarching Goals:

- Climate: Achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.
- Energy Sovereignty: Reduce dependency on imported fossil fuels.
- Social Fairness: Eradicate fuel poverty and ensure decent housing for all.







RE2020: A Paradigm Shift for New Construction

From Low-Energy to Low-Carbon: The Environmental Regulation 2020 (RE2020) moves beyond traditional energy efficiency.

Three Core Pillars:

- Energy Sobriety & Efficiency (Bbio): Continued improvement in building performance.
- Whole Life-Cycle Carbon (ICconstruction): A groundbreaking shift. We now regulate the carbon footprint of construction itself, including materials, transport, and worksite impacts. This is a major driver for bio-based materials (wood, hemp) and circular economy principles.
- Summer Comfort & Climate Resilience (DH): Designing buildings that are comfortable during heatwaves, preparing our built environment for the climate of 2050.



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Tackling the Existing Stock: Diagnosis as a Driver for Action

The Cornerstone: The Energy Performance Certificate (DPE)

More than a label: it's a reliable, enforceable tool that triggers action for sales and rentals.

Driving the Market: We are progressively banning the rental of the worst-performing homes ("passoires thermiques"), starting with 'G' rated homes in 2025. This creates a clear regulatory pathway for renovation.

A B F G F G 24 % 32 % 22 % 10 % 7%

The Tertiary Decree: Mandating Action for Commercial Buildings

Targets all public and private commercial buildings > 1,000 m².

Ambitious, binding targets: Requires a reduction in final energy consumption compared to a baseline year:

- -40% by 2030
- -50% by 2040
- -60% by 2050







Fueling the Change: Unprecedented Financial Support





MaPrimeRénov' (MPR): Our Flagship Grant Scheme for Homeowners

A single, accessible, and progressive platform for renovation grants.

Strong focus on deep retrofits (rénovations d'ampleur), encouraging a whole-house approach over single-measure actions.

Budget: Several billion euros annually, demonstrating massive public commitment.

Energy Saving Certificates (CEE): A Market-Based Obligation

Energy suppliers (electricity, gas, fuel) are obligated to finance energy efficiency actions for their customers.

A powerful, complementary financing tool that generates several billion euros per year for renovations across all sectors (residential, commercial, industrial).

Synergy: CEE and MPR can be combined, creating a powerful financial lever for households.





France 2030: Building the Future of Sustainable Construction



Our policy is not just about today's buildings, but about creating the solutions for tomorrow.



The "Sustainable Cities & Innovative Buildings" (SVDBI) Strategy: A key part of the "France 2030" national investment plan.



Key Innovation Focus Areas:

Industrializing Deep Retrofit Solutions: Developing off-site manufactured and cost-effective renovation kits.

New Materials & Circular Economy: Scaling up bio-based and geo-sourced materials, and solutions for material reuse.

Digitalization & Smart Buildings: Using BIM, digital twins, and smart controls to optimize design, construction, and operation.

Skills & Training: Investing in the workforce to deliver high-quality projects at scale.

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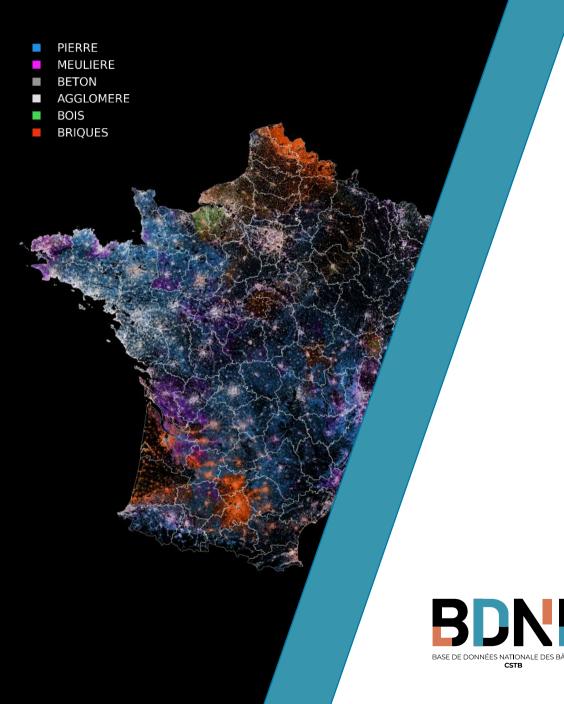
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Thank You.
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BDNB

FRENCH NATIONAL BUILDING DATABASE



BUILDING DATA: SCATTERED AMONG USE-CASE SPECIFIC DATABASES











Address

3D building geometry

Fiscal administration

Energy
Performance
Certificates

Property Sale prices



Données locales de l'Energie SDES Permis

Permis
de
construir
e
SITADEL
2 complet

Enebis

Base Points de

livraison

GÉ RISQUES
Mieux connaître les risques sur le territoire

Real Energy consumption



Energy Networks

natural hazards





QPV



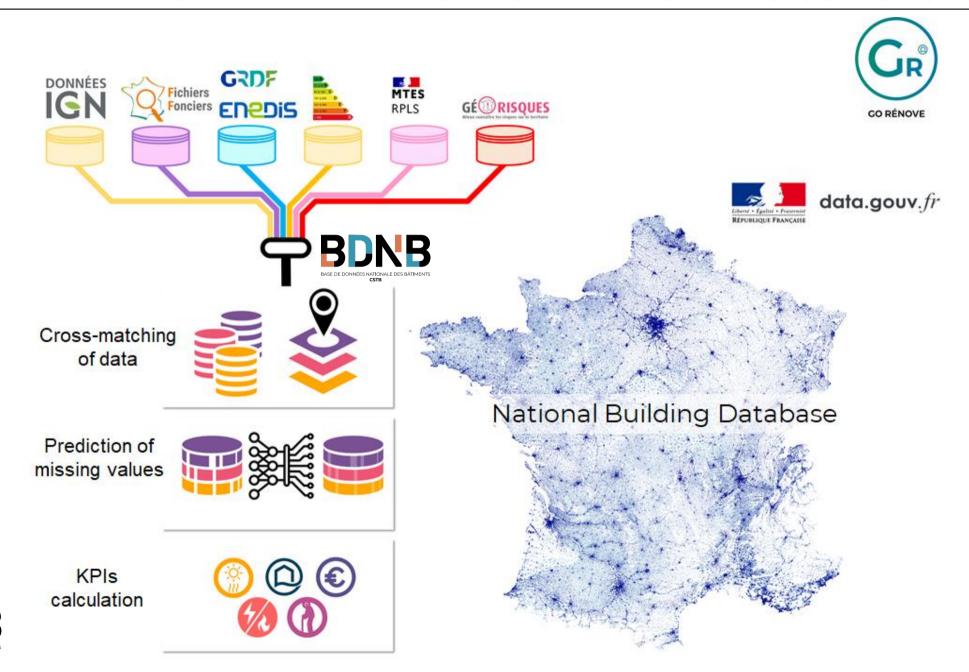








BDNB: A UNIFIED DATABASE FOR ALL BUILDING USE-CASES



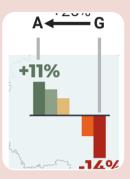


Estimated indicators













Estimate d EPC

Initial state and renovation

Heatwave Vulnerability

Various heatwave scenario (2030,2050, extreme weather) Urban Heat Island

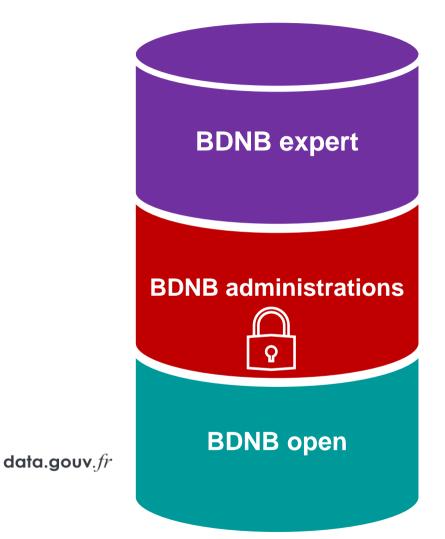
Green Real Estate Value Fotential for Connection to District Heating Networks

Vulnerability to risks : clay shrink– swell, fire etc.

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THREE LAYER DATABASE: FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR TO USE



Premium Expertise: KPIs and Studies

Confidential administration data layer

Provided only to authorized public administration

Open Data Layer

BDNB is published with open data license for private and public sector to use widely



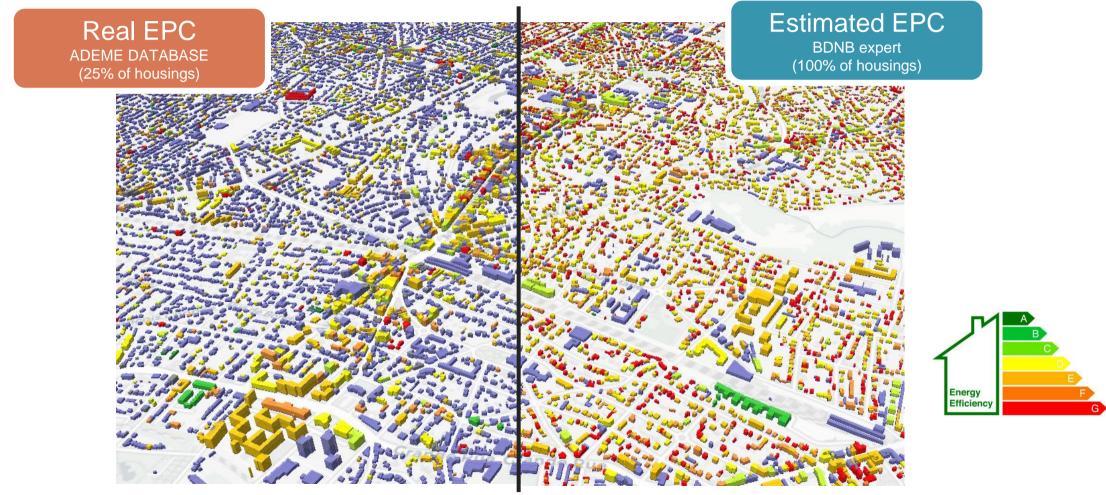




BDNB IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC POLICIES FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSITION AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE FOR BUILDINGS



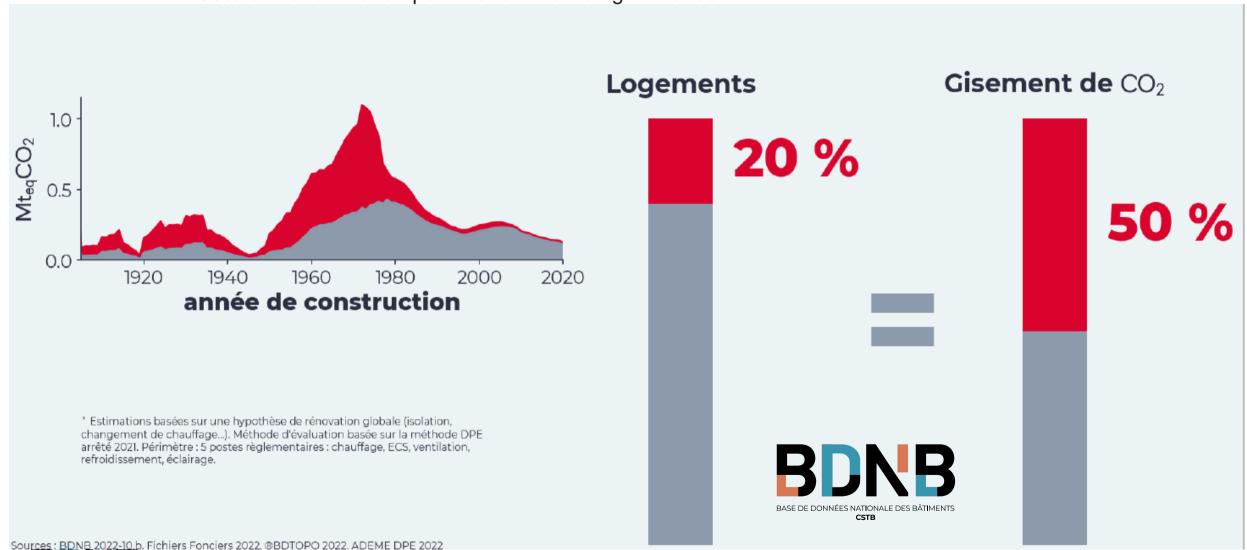
BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF ACTUAL BUILDING STOCK STATE





SIMULATING PUBLIC POLICY IMPACTS WITH ADVANCED MODELING

With BDNB we were able to find that heavily renovate 20% of housings only correspond to 50% of the renovation potential of all building in France



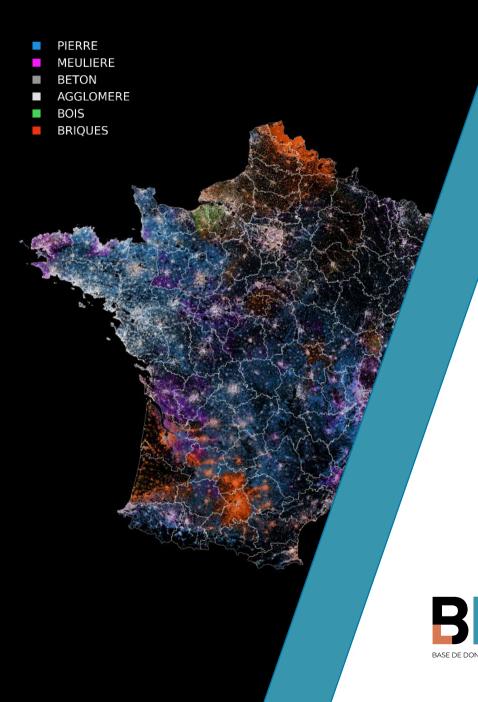


IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC BUILDINGS TARGET OF THE POLICY

Identify the buildings that are in the 20%







THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

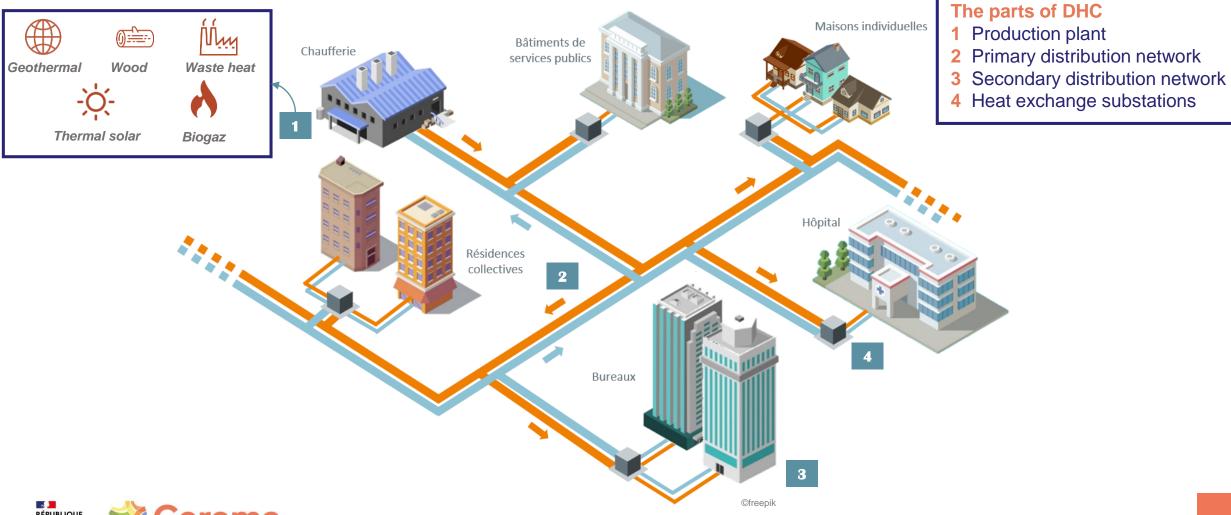








How a DHC works



DHC resources center

- → Team of 4 people
- + 1 trainee
- + 1 recruitment in progress











→ Work themes

- A website about DHC : https://reseaux-chaleur.cerema.fr/
- National studies about DHC:
 Pricing policy of DHC, DHC in other countries (for example in Denmark), policies for automatic connection to the DHC, etc.
- Support for local administrations in developing DHC: Awareness campaign, support and advice for planning the development of renewable heat and DHC, participation in technical meetings, etc.
- Production of data and maps:
 "EnRezo" project, map portal for renewable energies, European directive on energy efficiency





Some national studies







Support for local authorities

Awareness campaign about DHC

- → Financed by Energy Agency (Ademe) since 2019
- → Analyse the opportunities to build a DHC
- → Objective : Initiate a feasibility study

Example of presentation

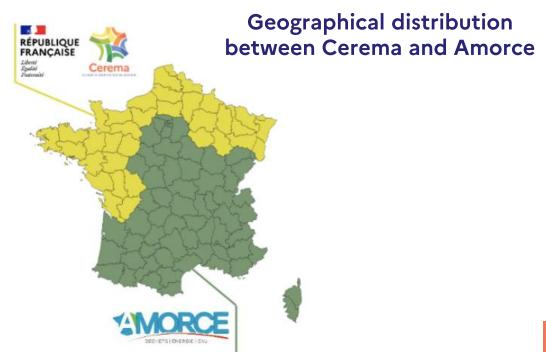
LES SECTEURS



Some figures

Since 2019

- More than 150 local authorites
- 70% initiate a feasibility study







EnRezo project



Demand of buildings

- Commercial, residential and public buildings
- Heating and domestic hot water demand
- Cooling demand

Production plant and DHC

- Waste heat (industry, datacenter, etc.)
- Geothermal, thermal solar, biomass plants
- DHC

To develop DHC









EnRezo project

User guide and flyer

EnRezo

4 mapping modules













Accès à EnRezo -Expert

Accès à EnRezo -2050

Thematic analyses





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Cerema

Lien vers EnRezo

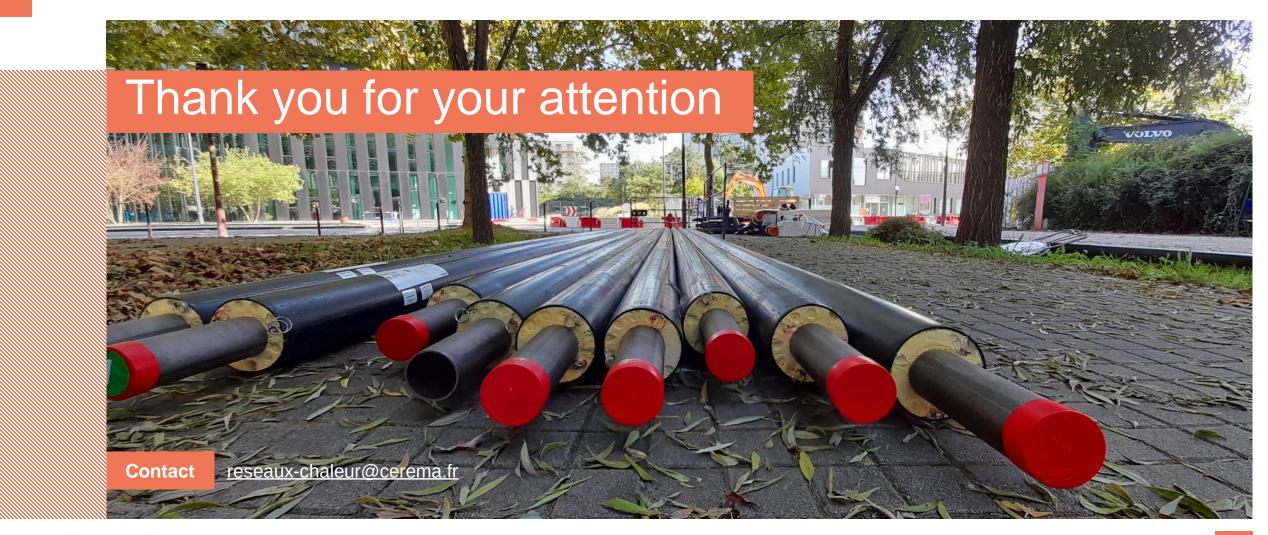
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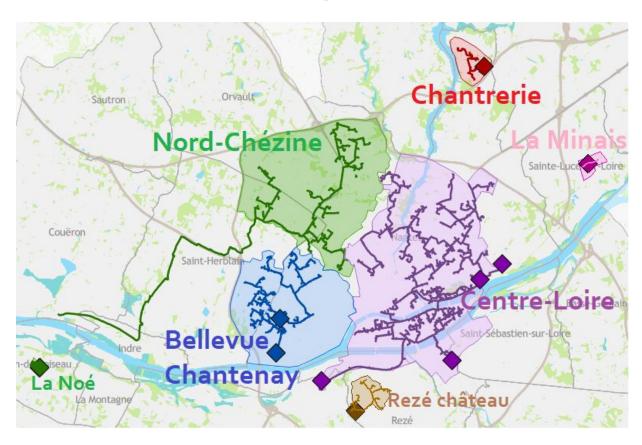




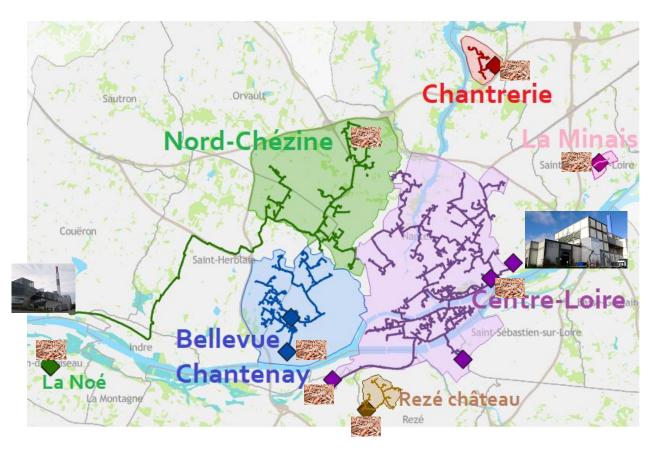
District heating policy of Nantes

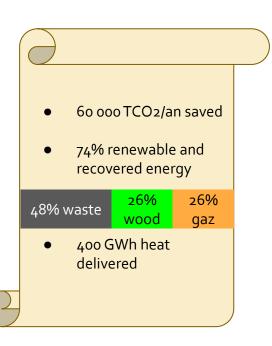
Exco meetings TCP de l'AIE 13 juin 2025

DH in Nantes today

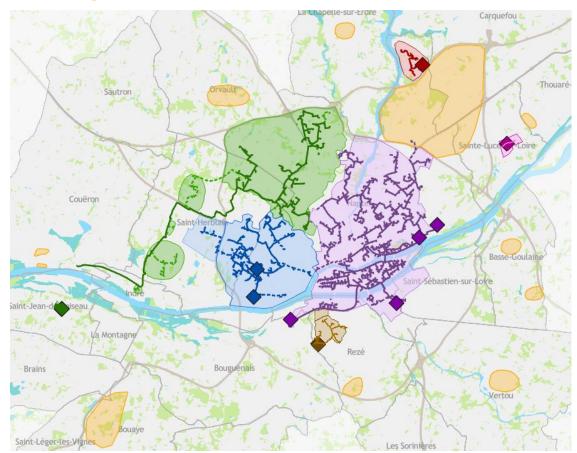


DH in Nantes today





DH plan of Nantes [2023:2030]



4 axes to develop DH



Green + interconnect Extend + 240 GWh

Densify

Create (+11 DH) + 60 GWh

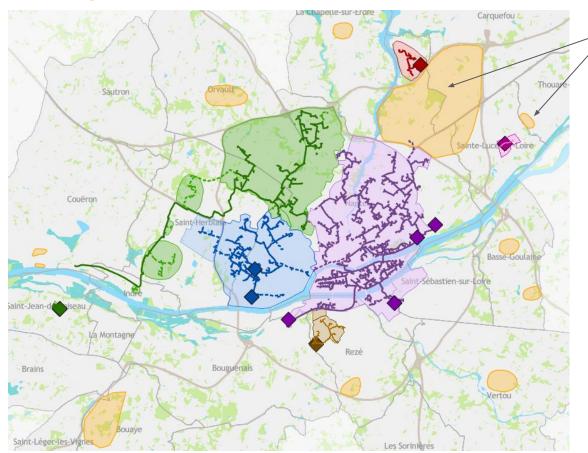
DH in Nantes > 2030

- 100 000 TCO2/an saved
- 80% renewable and recovered energy mainly waste and wood less gaz (26 -> 20%) little solar and geothermal
- 700 GWh heat delivered

DH in Nantes today

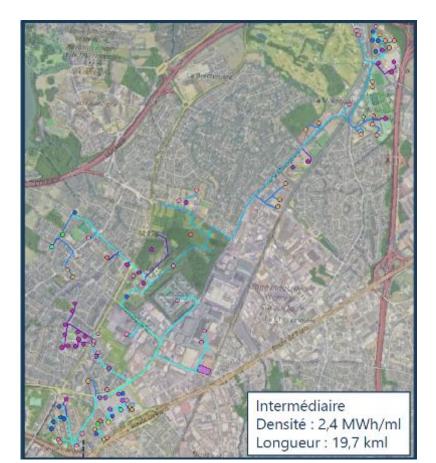


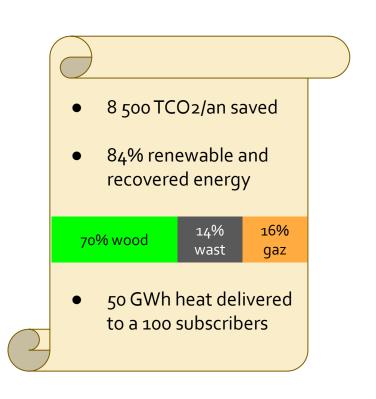
DH plan of Nantes [2023:2030]



Focus on 2 creations

A big DH to create in 2029 : Nantes-Carquefou





A little DH to create in 2026 : Thouaré

• 220 TCO2/an saved

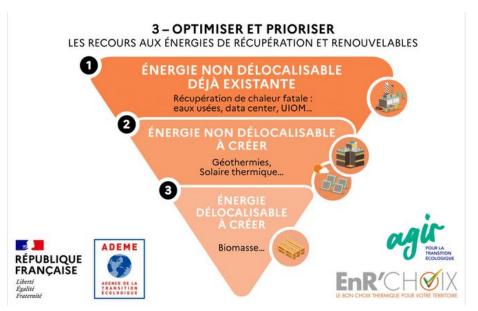
• 97% renewable

82% wood 15% 3% solar gaz

• 1 GWh heat delivered to public facilities (school, sport...) and housings



Nantes strategy on energy choice



 waste incineration + waste water treatment plant project on existing DH Bellevue-Chantenay





- 2. solar project in Thouaré DH + geothermal project in Bouaye DH
- 3. wood on each DH to supply the quantity requested
 - lowered particules emissions with filters

Nantes strategy on legal support

- DSP (public service delegation) for big DH :
 - o private investments,
 - \circ private risk support,
 - private billing of subscribers
- MGP (global performance market) for little DH :
 - public investments,
 - public billing of subscribers



Thanks:)







Definition



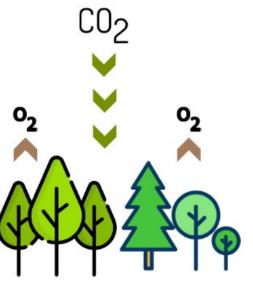




BIO-BASED MATERIALS - DEFINITION

Materials derived from natural and renewable resources

Primarily of plant origin, which capture CO2 present in the atmosphere during their life cycle.



« Pompe à carbone »

Transfert Carbone

de

The more a building incorporates biobased materials, the more it "stores carbon" and helps to limit the environmental impact of construction.



1 m3 de bois rond

Which materials for which uses?







Straw





Hemp





Clay

Wood







22,200 homes built from wood in France in 2022



5,000 the number of buildings constructed from straw bales in France.

500 new constructions each year.

Straw







Implementation on site







Prefabrication







Industrial bio-based materials







From agricultural sources – Hemp, linen...

From recycled materials – fabrics, cellulose wadding

From the silviculture sector – Wood





THE BIO-BASED MATERIALS SECTOR ACCORDING TO AICB Production 19 **ÉVOLUTION EN VALEUR** plants direct and 4 000 indirect +55% employment de CA réalisé entre 2016 et 2023 market share 11% in insulation 2023





ASSETS TO MASSIFY







FACILITATING THE USE OF BIO-SOURCED MATERIALS



Development of standards to ensure quality implementations and reassure insurers





Since 2022, construction regulations have promoted the biogenic storage of bio-based materials

A VISITER







RENOVATION OF AN 8000 M² OFFICE BUILDING

Construction site on occupied site

Internal thermal insulation with production of prefabricated boxes insulated with hemp wool









CONSTRUCTION OF AN ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH BIO-SOURCED MATERIALS

305 new homes - 192 collective housing units and 113 individual houses

Straw, clay, hemp bricks, bio-based wool

Construction sites delivered in 2025









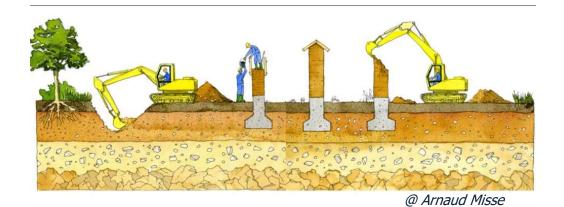
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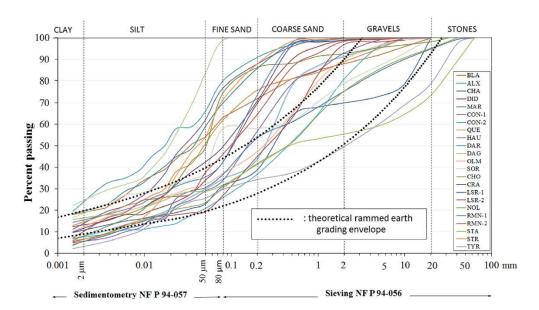
McGregor Fionn, MAST departement

Earthen materials and indoor thermal comfort

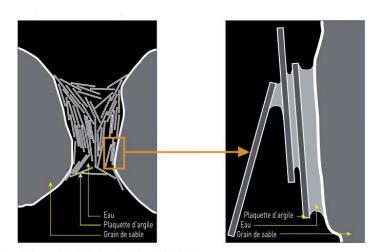


Raw earth material



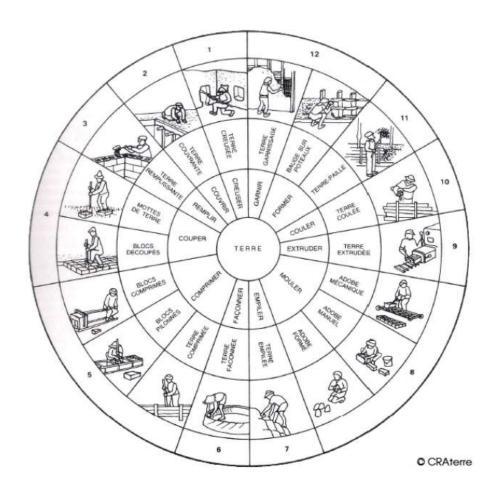


- Low carbon foot print
- Locally available
- No toxicity



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







(a) la grande mosquée de Djenné, Mali



(b) La ville de Shibam, Yemen



(e) Forteresse d'Alcazaba, Espagne



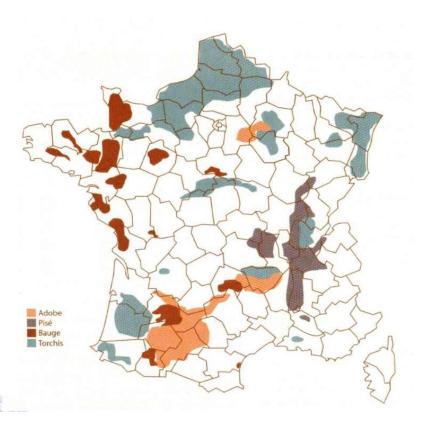
(f) Le "domaine de la terre", France

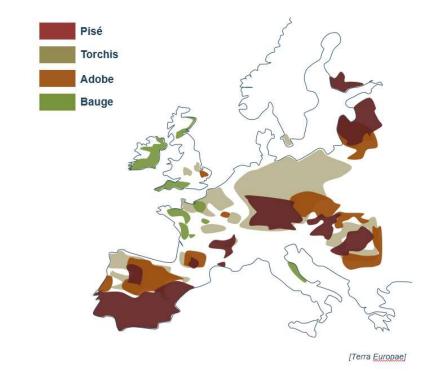
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Earthen heritage

15% of french heritage buildings (over 1 Million buildings)



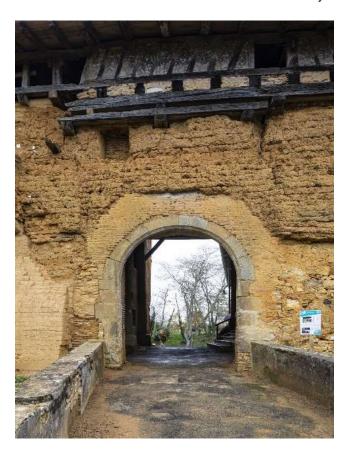


(Lebaset al. 2007)



Earthen heritage

Fortifications of Saint-Christie d'Armagnac, in the Gers, dated back to the XIIth et XIVth century.



Château La bastie d'Urfé (42) XVth century





Earthen heritage



E. Mille, CRAterre-ENSAG



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





Modern constructions





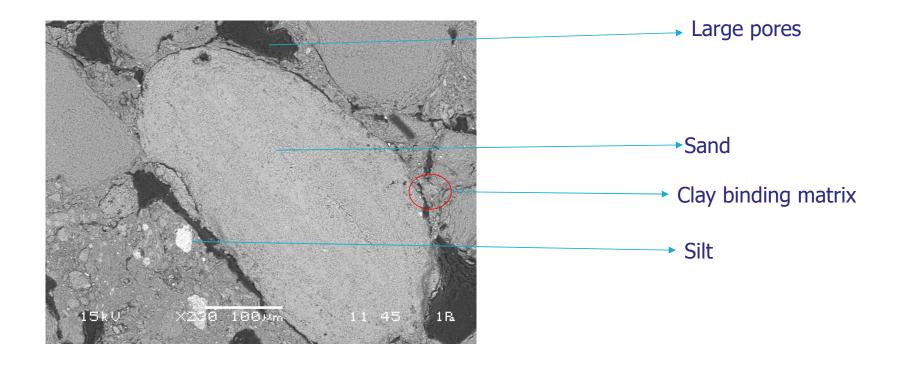
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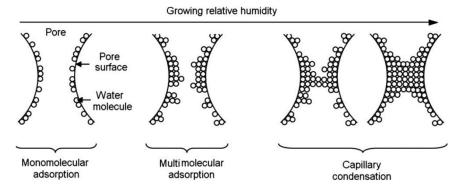


Hygroscopic nature of the material

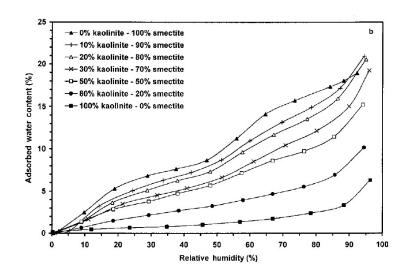


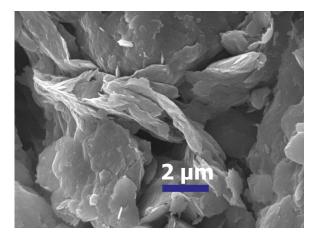


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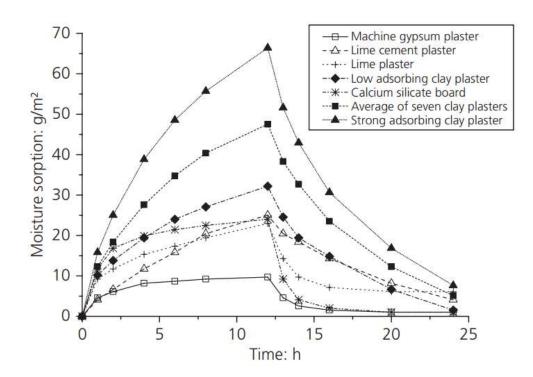
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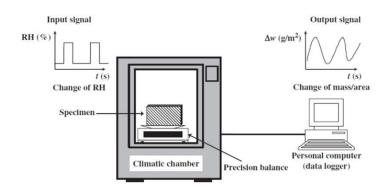




Complex thermal behaviour because of water exchange



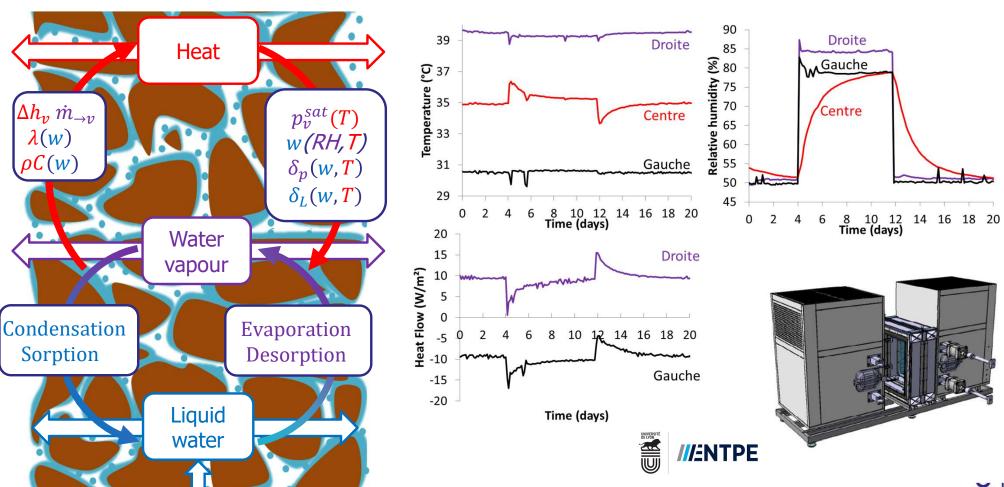
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Complex thermal behaviour because of water exchange



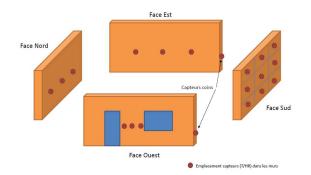


Full scale investigation of the thermal behaviour



EquipEx Sense-City 400m² climatic chamber









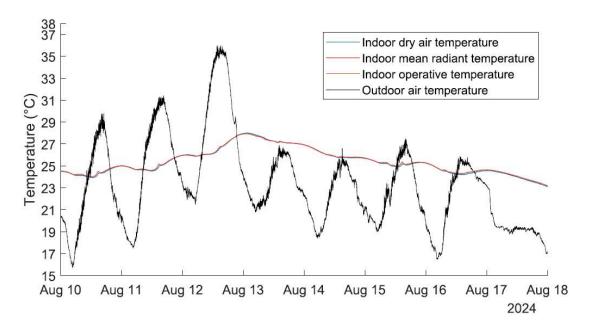


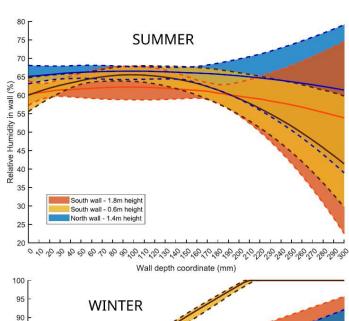
Fig. 12. Indoor thermal comfort and outdoor air temperature from 10th to 18th August 2024.

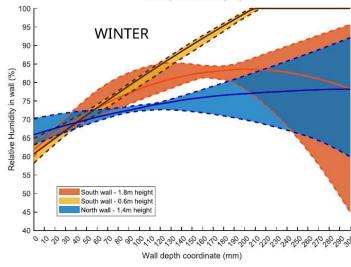
Full length article

Instrumentation and experimental hygrothermal investigations of a raw compressed earth brick house in Sense-City equipment: From material to building scale

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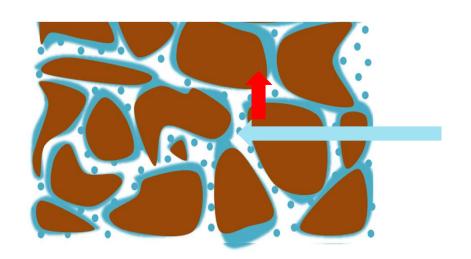






Winter

T=20 °C RH = 40%



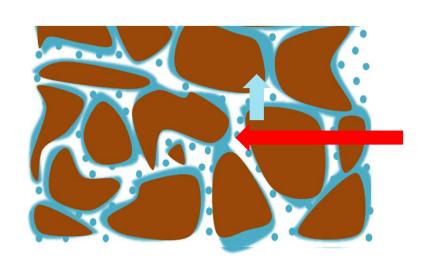
T=5 °C RH = 76%

- Outdoor temperature decreases
- Moisture is adsorbed and heat is released
- Temperature gradients are reduced
- Indoor temperatures remain stable



Summer

T=20 °C RH = 40%



T=30 °C RH = 22%

- Outdoor temperatures increases
- Evaporation process reduces internal wall termperature
- Termperatures gradients are reduced
- Indoor temperature remains stable





Objectifs: Determine the impact of moisture exchange on energy consumption for new projects



Reduce cooling demand (some authors estimate up to 20% for a climatic region like Paris)

Table 3			
Energy consumption	results	of four	climates.

		Area of hygroscopic surface				
		0 m ²	32.4 m ²	75.6 m ²	171.6 m ²	
Madrid	Total Energy consumption [kW h]	1542.87	1379.88	1273.05	1146.35	
	Energy-saving Rate [%]	1	10.56%	17.49%	25.70%	
Paris	Total Energy consumption [kW h]	1965.76	1813.08	1705.84	1547.01	
	Energy-saving Rate [%]	1	7.77%	13.22%	21.30%	
Beijing	Total Energy consumption [kW h]	2752.46	2648.30	2603.44	2561.13	
	Energy-saving Rate [%]	1	3.78%	5.41%	6.95%	
Shanghai	Total Energy consumption [kWh]	2648.73	2583.43	2542.19	2489.36	
	Energy-saving Rate [%]	1	2.47%	4.02%	6.02%	

Mingjie Zhang, Menghao Qin, Carsten Rode, Zhi Chen, Moisture buffering phenomenon and its impact on building energy consumption, Applied Thermal Engineering, Volume 124, 2017



Thank you for listenning







Construire en Chanvre

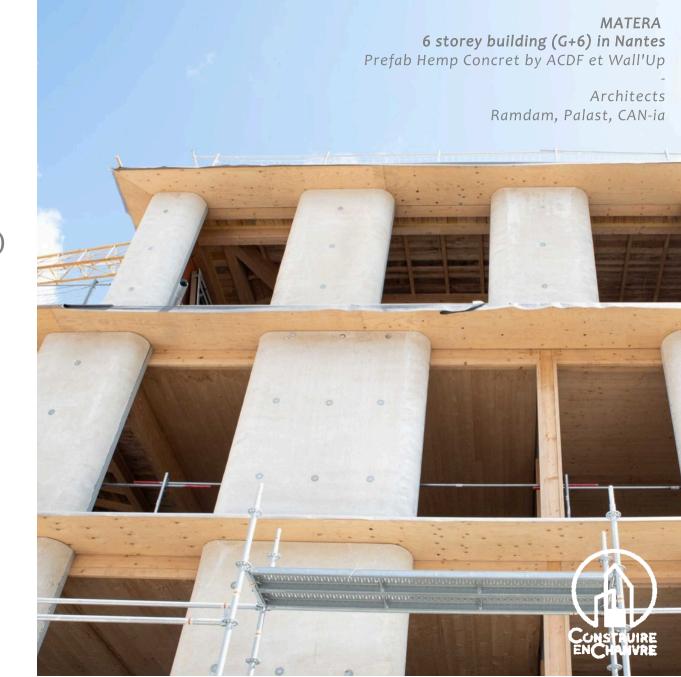
Energy in Building and Communities Use of Hemp in Construction

June 2025



Sommaire

- The plant and the Sector (5')
- How ? (5')
- Fire resistance and weather resistance tests (5')
- Some exemples (5')





Seasonality, growth









Début floraison (6010) .Durée : +/- 1 semaine 10% des fleurs sont ouvertes. Apparition des premiers pistils.



Pleine/fin floraison M
(6090)

Durée: +/- 2 semaines
de mi-août à fin août.
A la fin floraison,
le début de la formation
des fruits est visible.



laturité graines	
(8090)	
Durée du cycle :	
120 à 150 jours.	
95% des graines	
sont dures et	
déhiscentes.	

	12 à 15 jours	60 à 90 jours	21 jours	20 à 30 jours
Fin mars à début mai	Mi-avril à mi-ju	illet	Mi-juillet à mi-août	Août à septembre

Selected varieties with less than 0,2% of psychotropic substances

Plan improving the soils (roots consume nitrate)





Products made of hemp

Fiber:

- Paper
- Clothes
- Insulation
- Cars Plastics



Core of Hemp:

- Buildings
- Litter
- Mulching



Seed:

- Oils
- Cereal bars
- Birds



Powder:

(sous produit)

- Plastics
- Fuel

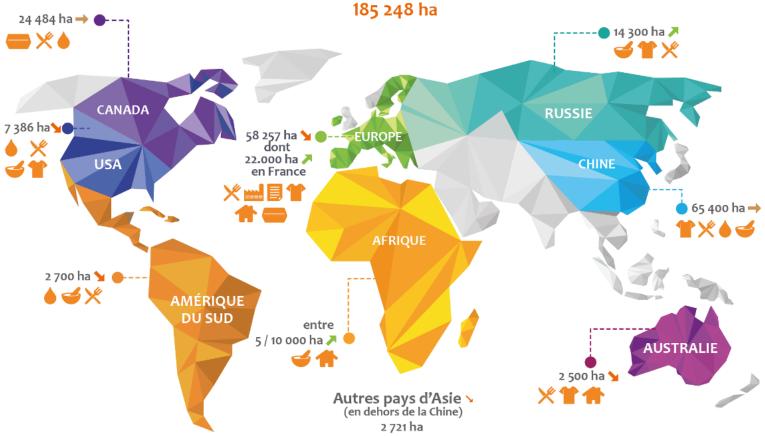






Hemp culture around the world





China: 65 400ha

Canada: 24 500 ha

France: 22 000 ha

Russia: 14 300 ha

USA: 7 400 ha













Indicateurs de dynamisme : 🝗 En baisse 🥕 En hausse → Stationnaire









A "new" idea

Aggregate ("chènevotte" = core of hemp plant)



Hydraulic Binder (lime)

Insulation Hemp Concrete

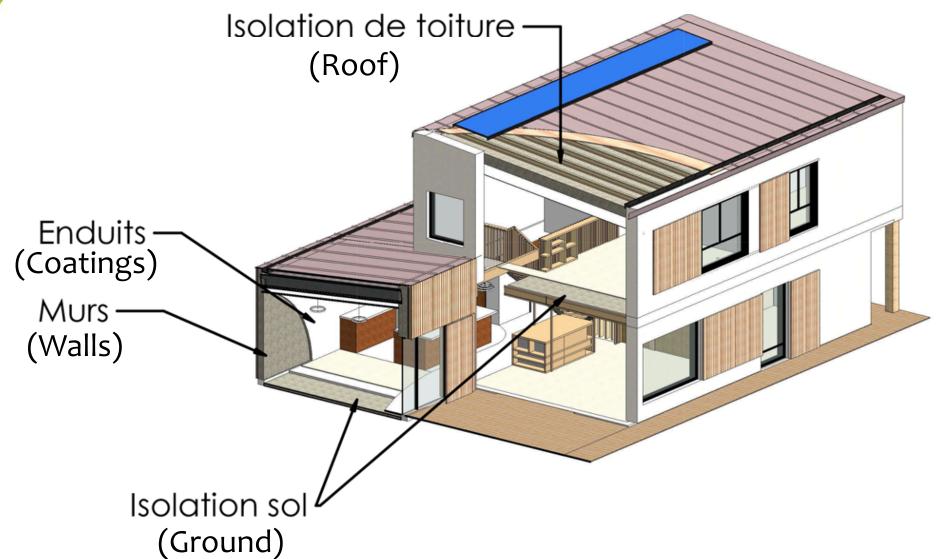
High Perforamance insulation with humidity regulation and thermal inertia

Only insulation: Not for structure





Use for building







Several hemp concretes

Compressive Strengh raises



The mixture is designed for each purpose.





How it is used



Machine



Prefabricated



Filling

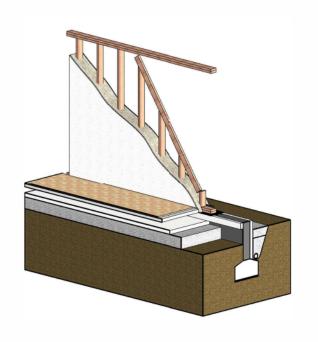


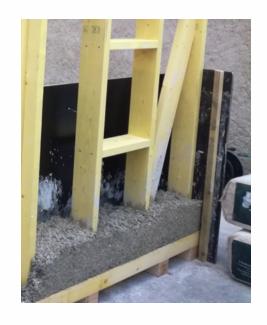
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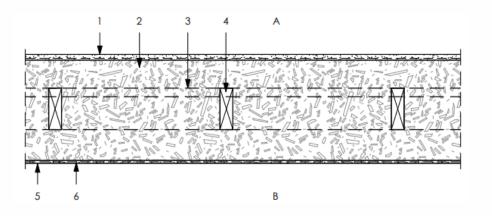




Center wooden structure with coating finish inside / outside

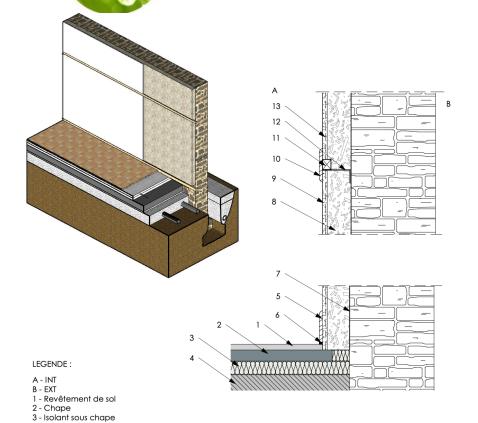








Thermal insulation for an old wall



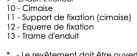






Source : CAN-ia





4 - Dalle 5 - Plinthe collée 6 - joint résilient

* - Le revêtement doit être ouvert à la diffusion de la vapeur d'eau.

7 - Gobetis anti-salpêtre (selon cas) 8 - Doublage intérieur en béton de chanvre 9 - Enduit intérieur*





10-years warranty in France up to 28 meters high

- 1. Certified hemp plant core
- 2. Certified mix lime / hemp
- 3. Respect professional standards
 - 4. Follow a specific course







The 2 more important rules

1. Protect from liquid water

2. Let the steam water go through





Reaction and resistance to fire

Reaction to fire (how it burn)

NF EN 13501-1+A1 - One of the highest standards in fire reaction rules. B-s1, do

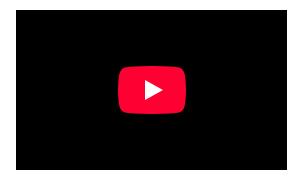


Fire resistance

Hemp Concret in walls: 4 hours fire resistance without any finish or coating (After 4h, 80°C temperature on the unexposed part to the fire when it's 1100°C on the exposed part)

Vertical fire spreading

1 hour without a fail (LEPIR2 french test to validate IT249 regulation for 3+ storey-buildings)







Rain on facade wall (with lime coating) 80 cycles Heat and Rain

- Heat the wall at 70°C for 3 h
 Spray the wall at 1 L/m².min
 Rest for 2 hours and do it again 79 times....







Figure 5. Maquette 1 après cycles chaleur-pluie

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	Précipitations annuelles moyennes	Nombre de jours de pluie par an	Précipitations moyennes maximales par jour de pluie
Ville	[mm/an]	[jours]	[mm/j]
Biarritz	1279	124	15
Brest	1162	110	15

80 times 60L/m² means 4 800mm of rain in 20 days....

Results: only 4kg/m² of water absorbed and no disorder on the wall





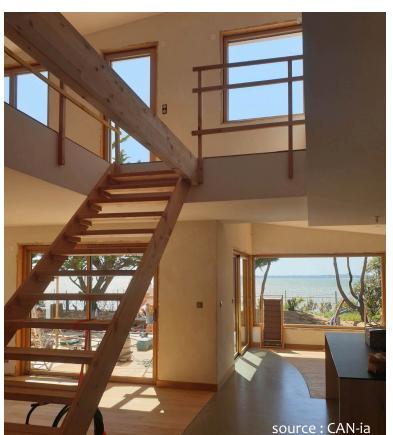
Several tests ongoing and coming

- 1. France 2030: NECCITE project --> provide a guidance with CSTB and ADEME to use hemp concrete for outside thermal insulation (external walls)
- 2. **PYTHAGORE project :** Highlight the acoustic et thermal performances of hemp concretes (improve the λ)
- 3. New rules for roof and coating
- 4. Studies behouviour of wood structure with the water brough by hemp concret
- 5. Sismic capacities















Exemples with prefabricated walls





• Contracting authority : CAVAC

Architect : CAN-iaCarpenter : CCL

• Hemp Concrete: LB ECO HABITAT

• Contracting authority: Bati Nantes & ICEO

• Architects: Ramdam & Palast

• Carpenter : ACDF

• Hemp Concrete: Wall'Up





