

A discussion about the acoustical properties of bio- and geo-based materials

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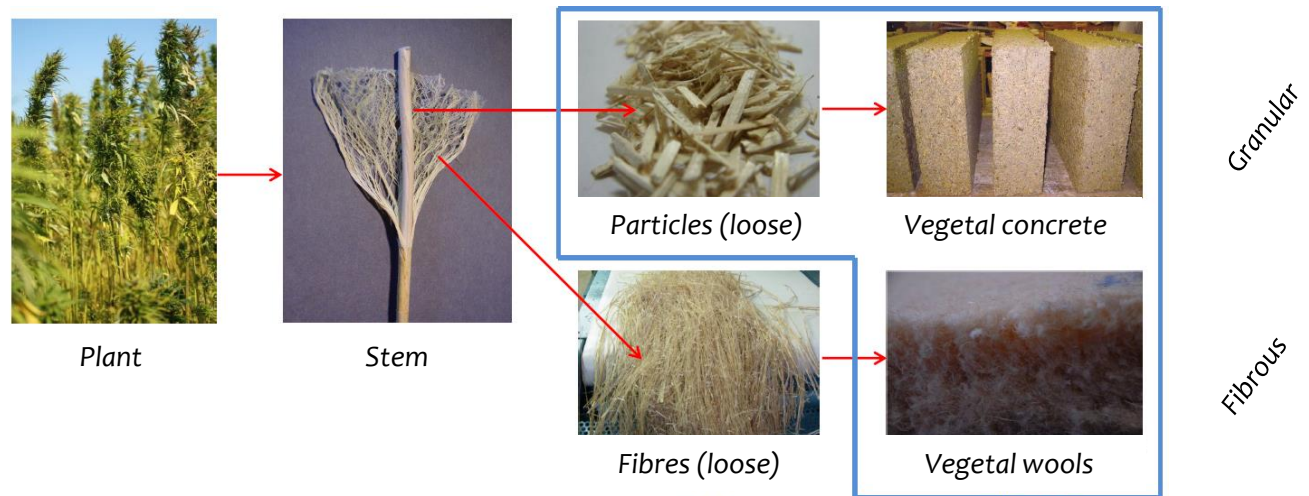
On the acoustic behaviour of bio/geobased poro-elastic materials

- A review of the materials under investigation
- Characterization approach: Specific issues & how to deal with it?
- Modelling approaches & applications
- Some optimization attempts and other outlooks

A review of the materials under investigation

- Definitions:

- **Biobased materials:** Materials partially or totally derived from plant or animal biomass, with two families of by-products.



- **Geobased materials:** Materials derived from mineral resources, such as raw earth or dry stone.

Some granular materials

- A wide range of resources :



Wood



Hemp shiv



Flax shiv



Rapeseed



Sunflower pith

- Several options for implementation :



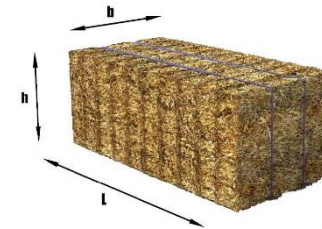
Lime/cement



Clay



Polymerisation



Webbing



Loose

Some fibrous one

○ Resources:



Wood



Hemp



Flax

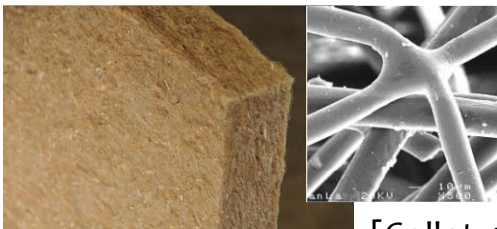


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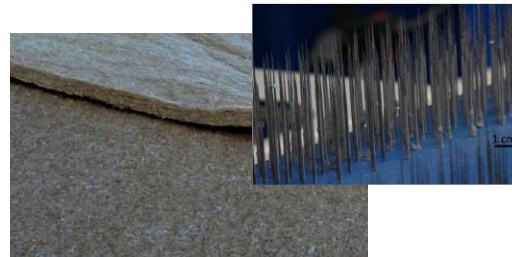
Sheep

○ Implementation:



Thermobinding

[Collet, 2004]



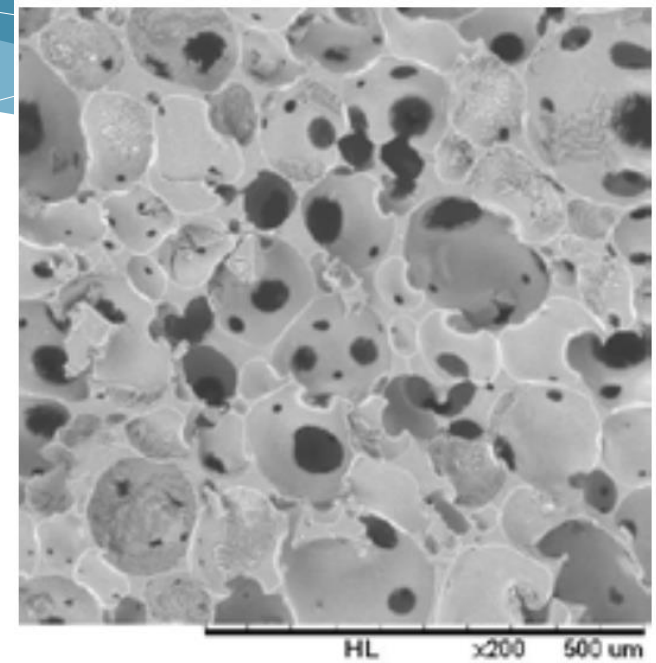
Needling



Loose

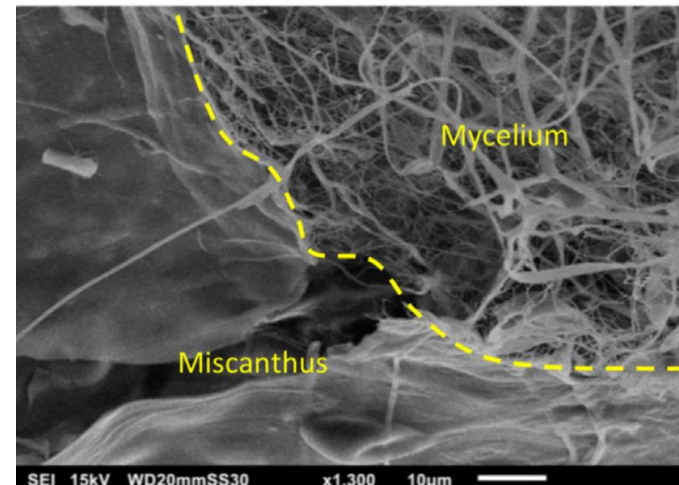
- Foam-like materials:

[Lacoste, 2014]



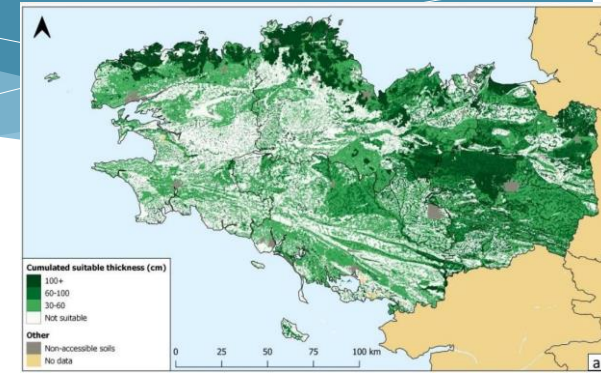
- Mixes:

[Pereira Dias et al., 2021]



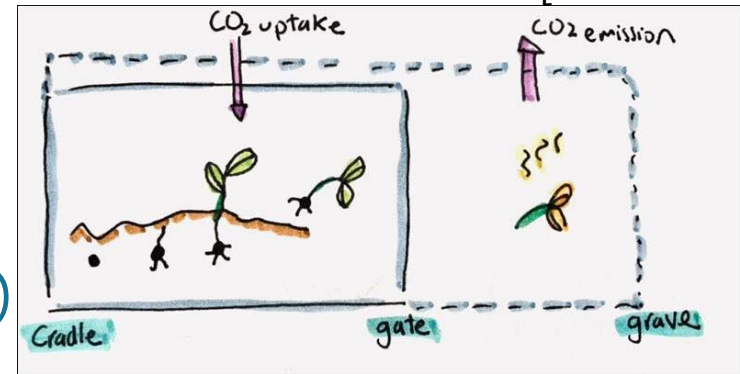
Why is it interesting?

- Locally produced materials
 - Use of local materials can divide the embodied energy of buildings by 2



[Verron et al., 2022]

- CO₂ storage (biogenic carbon)
 - CO₂ stored during the growth
 - Fast carbon storage (year rotation)



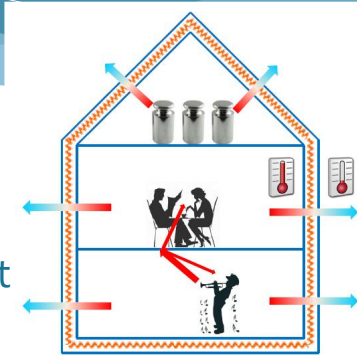
[Ayer & Taylor 2023]

- Low grey energy [Asdrubali 2011]



What applications?

- Multiple applications
 - Automotive, textiles, plastic, paper, ...
 - Buildings (with thermal, acoustical and mechanical functions)
 - > ~30% of the world's population lives in raw earth housing
- Some products already industrialised, some others in development



- Volume & surface on the market
 - Biobased insulation = 3.35 million m³ (33 million m²) in 2021 [TBC Innovation 2021, Karibati 2021]
 - ~ 10-11% of the market with an increase of around 30% over the last 6 years



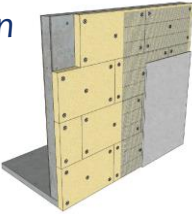
- Economic growth
 - High potential for adding value to the surface areas and volumes of co-products available (e.g. for vegetal fibres, only 2 to 3% of resources are used) [FRD, 2020].
- A need of knowledge regarding their acoustical performance to help the building sector



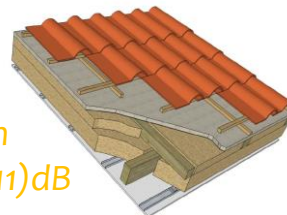
What level of performances?

[DHUP-CSTB-Cerema, 2018]

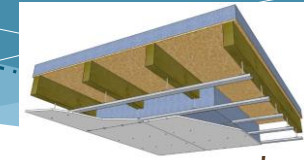
External insulation
 $\Delta R_{w+C} = 2\text{dB}$



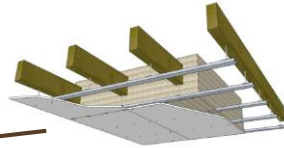
Roof insulation
 $R_{w(C,Ctr)} = 52(-4,-11)\text{dB}$



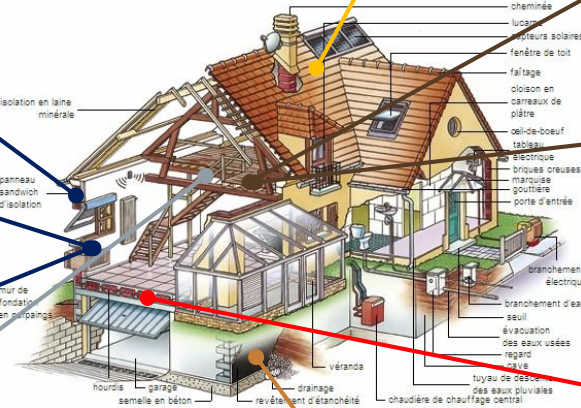
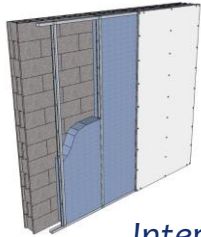
Lost attics +
 $R_{w(C,Ctr)} = 54(-5,-12)\text{dB}$



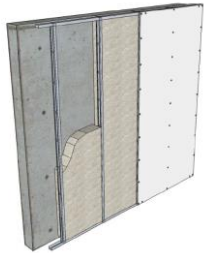
Lost attics -
 $R_{w(C,Ctr)} = 43(-1,-8)\text{dB}$



Internal insulation
 $\Delta R_{w+C} = 2\text{dB}$



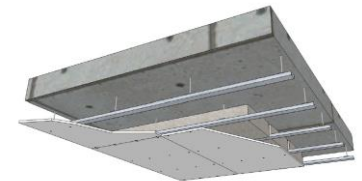
Partition 72/48
 $R_{w(C,Ctr)} = 40(-5,-11)\text{dB}$



Hemp-lime wall
 $R_{w(C,Ctr)} = 46(-2,-4)$



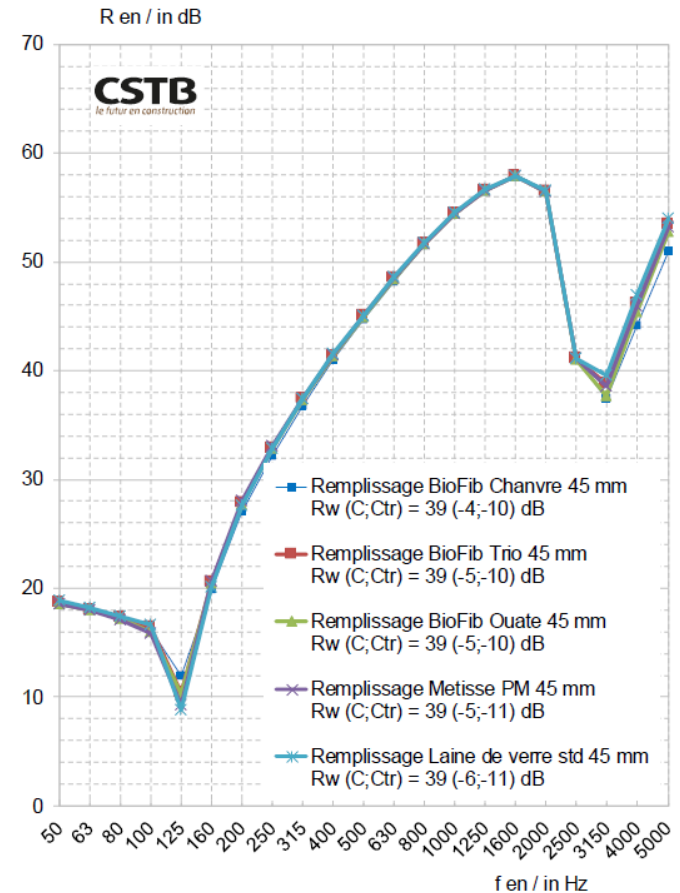
Suspended ceiling
 $\Delta R_{w+C} = 15\text{dB}$



- Conclusion of the project [DHUP-CSTB-Cerema, 2018]:

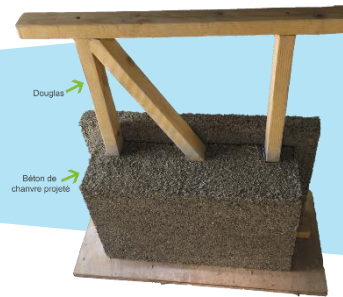
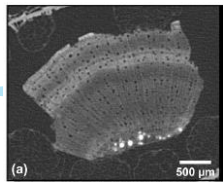
Equivalent acoustic performance between systems using standard mineral wool and systems using bio-sourced materials (⚠: implementation!)

- Partitions
- Insulation lining on framework (without contact with supporting wall)
- Suspended ceilings on framework under 140mm concrete floor (without contact with floor)
- Lost attics and roofs (excluding loose materials)
- But many questions remain unanswered.

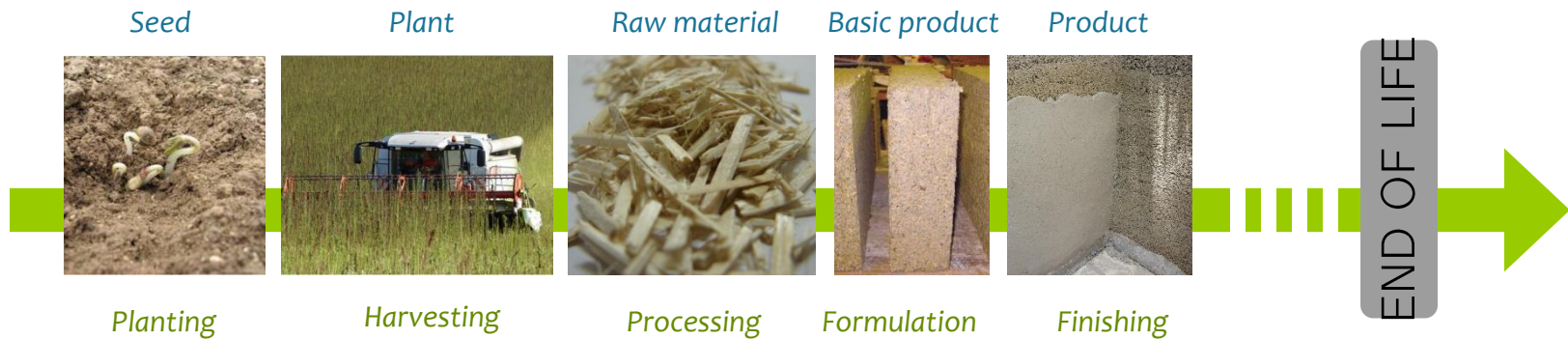


Some questions?

- Related to space scales...



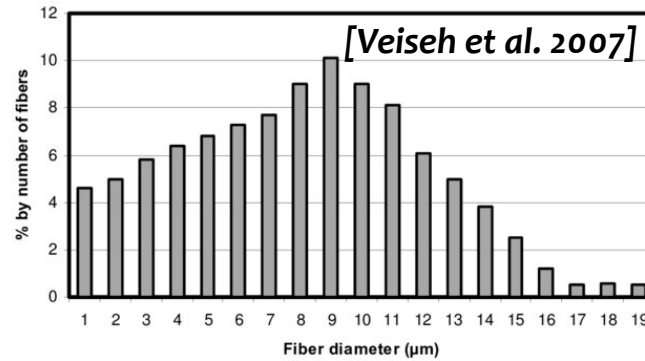
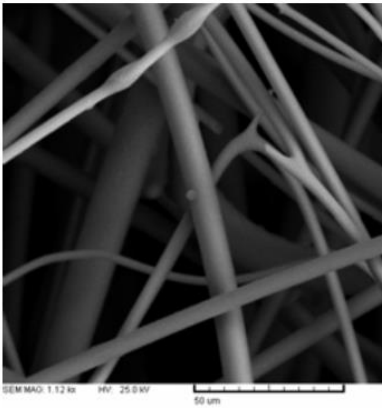
- Related to time scales...



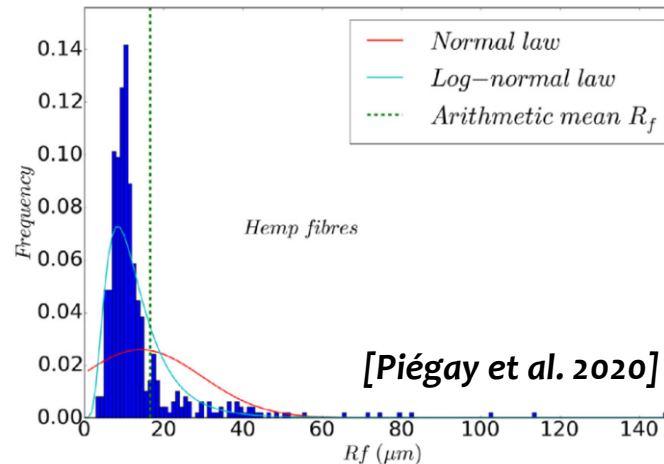
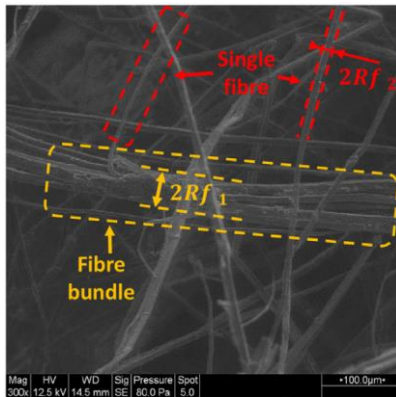
Characterization approach: Specific issues & how to deal with it?

- Polydisperse size distribution

Glass fibers

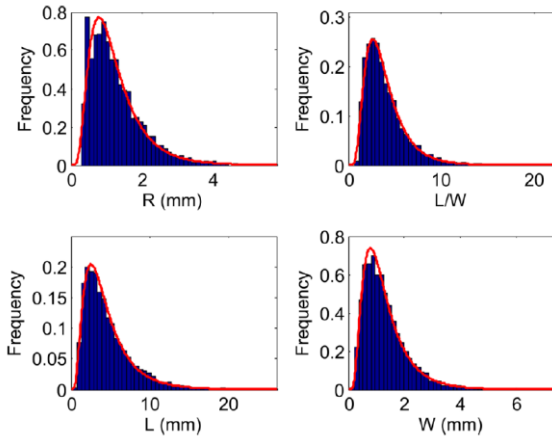
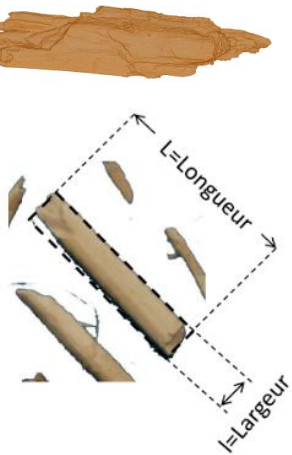


Hemp fibers



- Questions...
 - Homogeneity / REV
 - Equivalent size of a monodisperse distribution / polydisperse modelling?

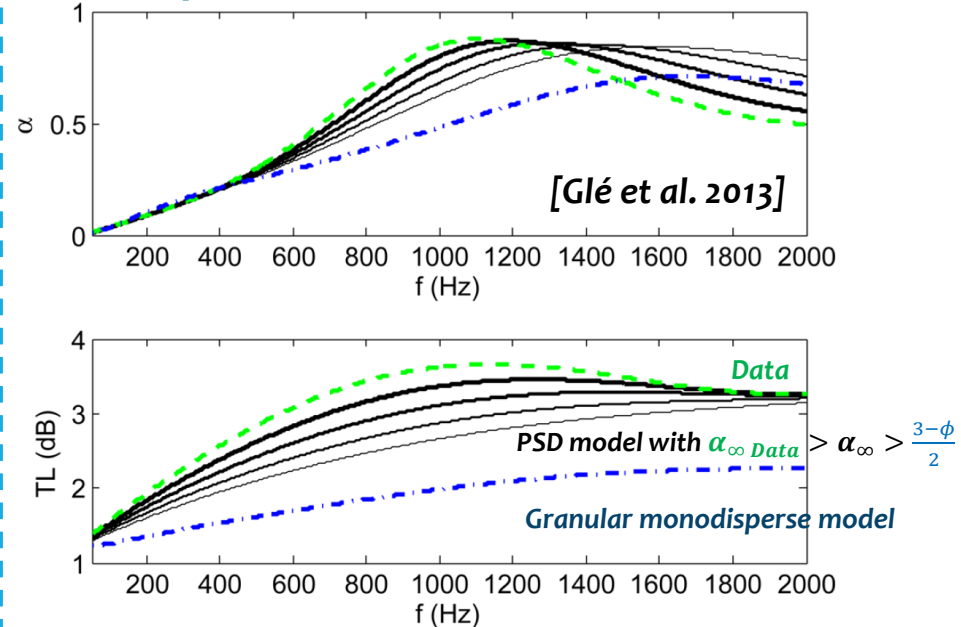
○ Shapes



○ Anisotropy

-> Variations by factors 2 to 3 of resistivities following orientation of particles [Glé 2013, Ledure 2018]

○ Impact on acoustics

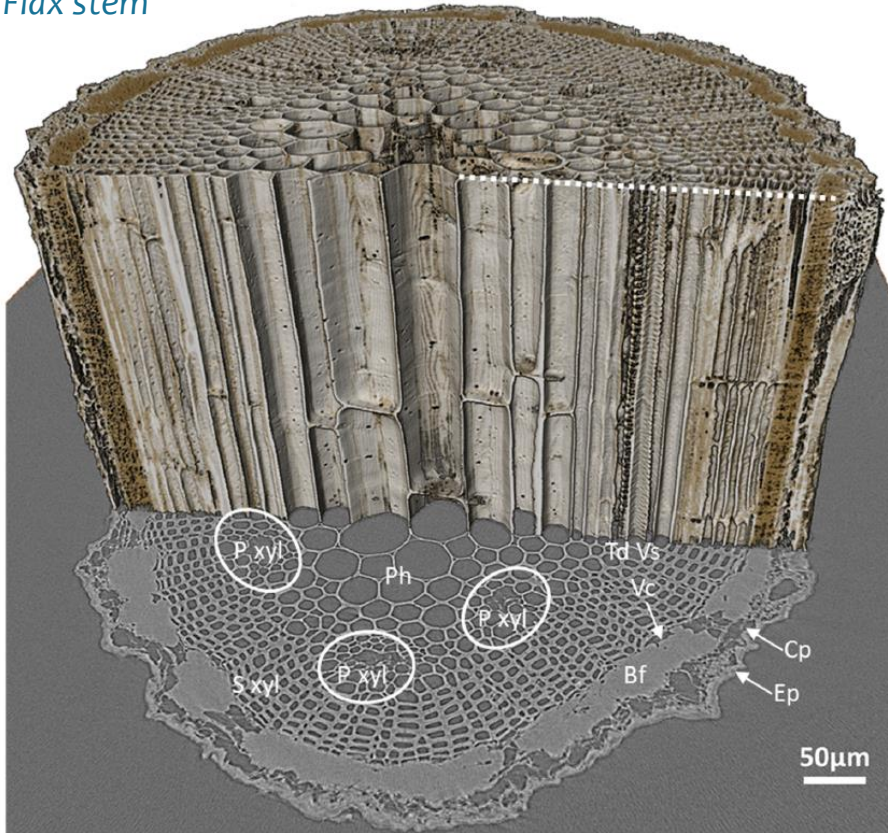


-> Illustration of the effect of hemp particles shape on acoustical properties

- * An effect of tortuosity
- * An effect of the pore/particle size distribution

What about microstructure?

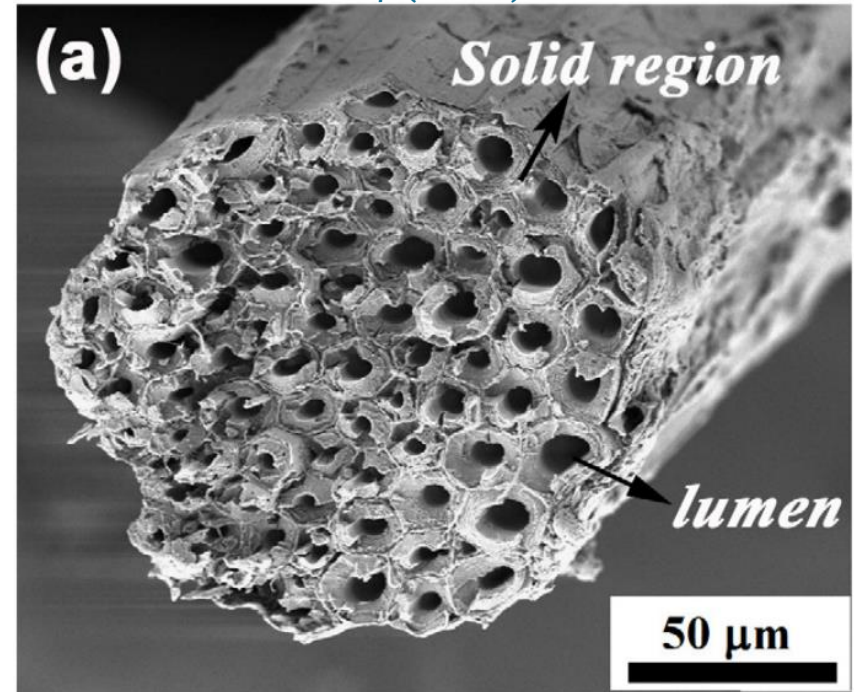
Flax stem



[Nuez et al. 2022]

- > A possibly large porosity within aggregates or fibers
- > Size distribution suitable for acoustical dissipation
- > Porosity partially open/connected

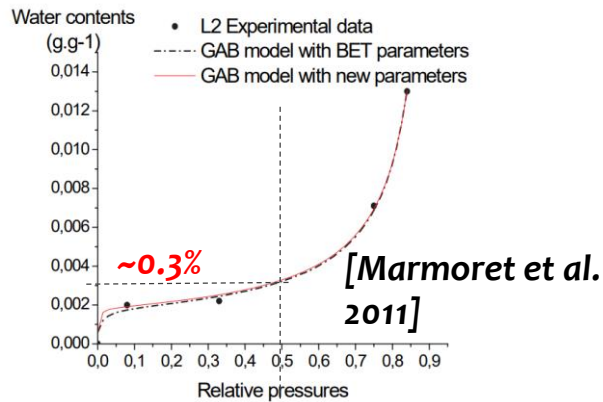
Manila hemp (Abaca) bundle



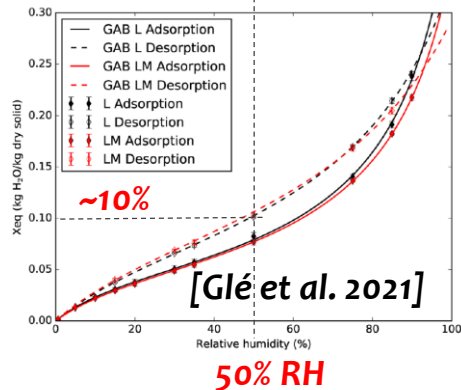
[Liu et al. 2011]

○ Sorption / Desorption in materials

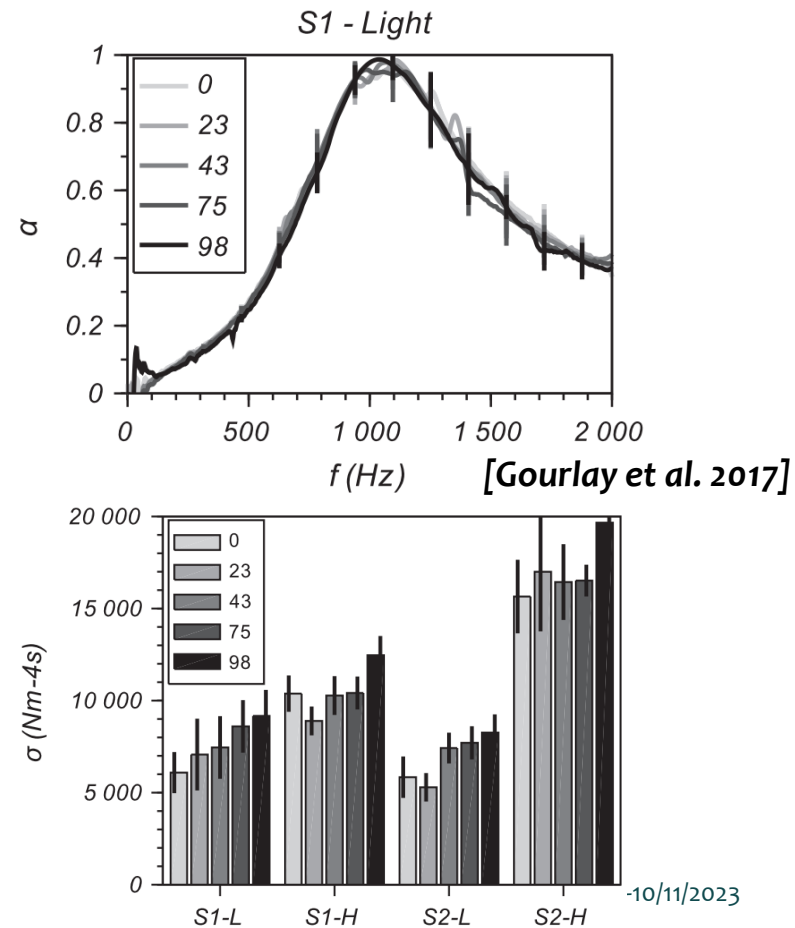
Glass wool



Hemp shiv



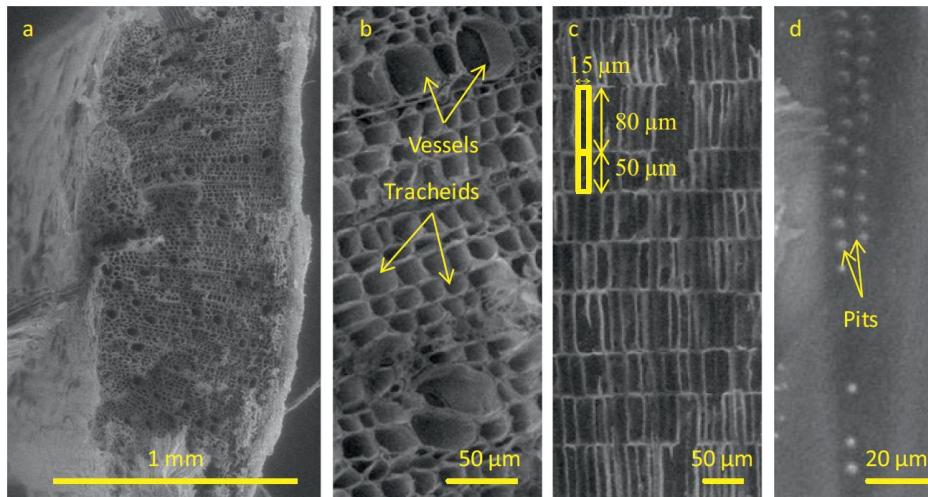
○ Impact on acoustics?



A 'dynamic' microstructure?

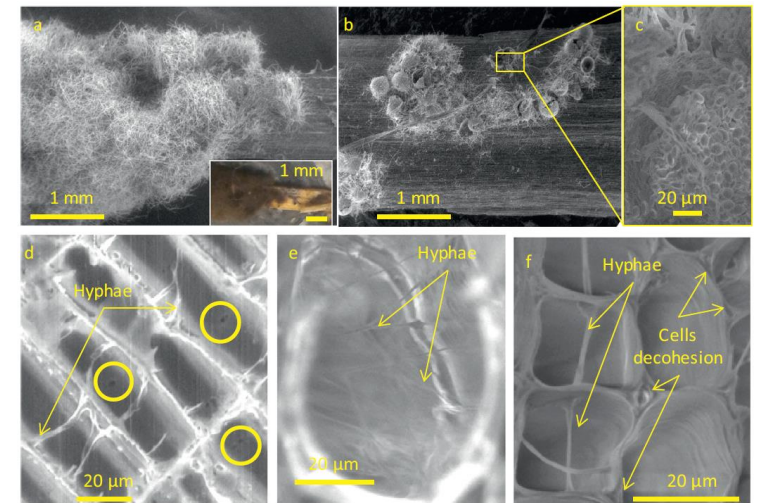
- Sensitivity to micro-organisms
 - 'Suitable' conditions: RH, T, pH, Water activity, Nutrients (C, N, P, S, O)
 - Effect of the manufacturing process (wet or dry process, pH of binder...)
 - Effect of the environment

Reference hemp particles



- Consequences
 - Mass loss
 - Swelling
 - Cracks, porosity opening

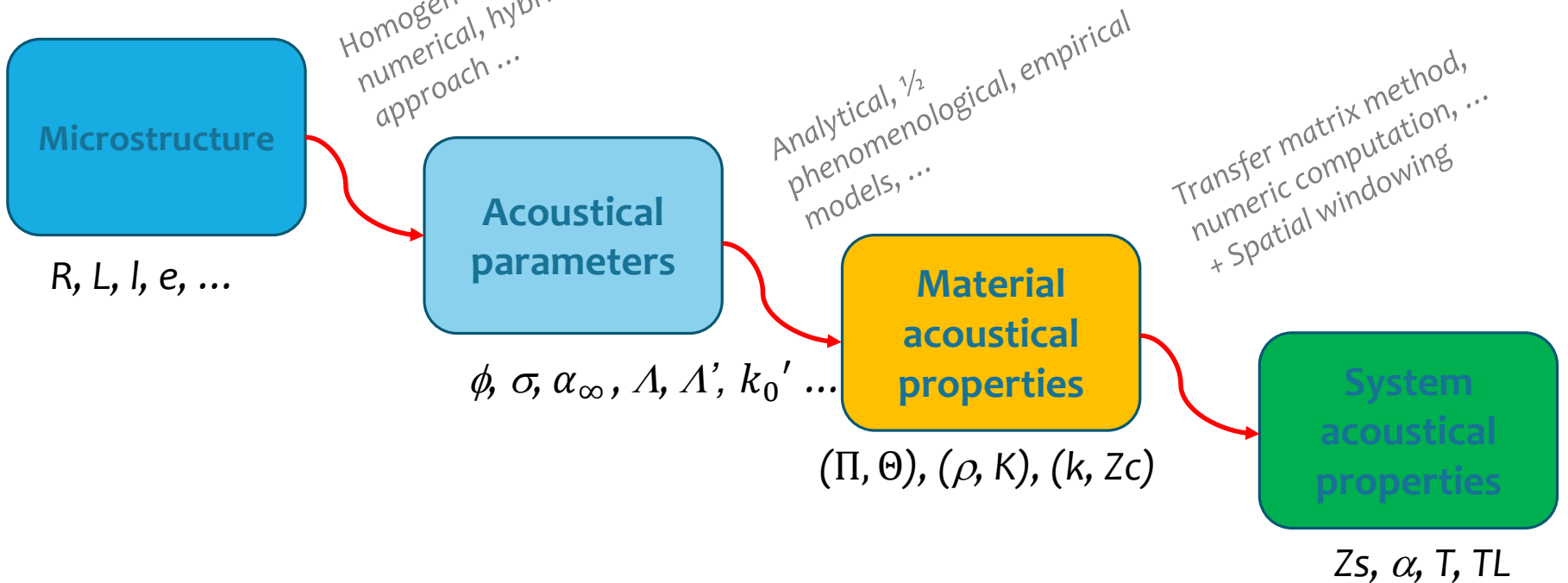
Hemp particles after 15 months of exterior aging



[Delannoy et al. 2020]

Modelling approaches & applications

Modelling steps...



○ Fibrous materials

[Mechel 1976] $R_f \in [3;5] \mu m$

$$\sigma = 10,56\mu \frac{(1-\phi)^{1,531}}{R_f^2 \phi^3}$$

[Mechel 1976] $R_f \in [10;15] \mu m$

$$\sigma = 6,8\mu \frac{(1-\phi)^{1,296}}{R_f^2 \phi^3}$$

[Bies & Hansen 1980]

$$\sigma = 7,25\mu \frac{(1-\phi)^{1,53}}{R_f^2}$$

[Garai & Pompoli 2005] $R_f \in 10-25 \mu m$

$$\sigma = 9,55\mu \frac{(1-\phi)^{1,404}}{R_f^2}$$

[Tarnow 1996a] // (idéal)

$$\sigma = 4\mu \frac{1-\phi}{R_f^2 [\ln(1/(1-\phi)) - 1,500 + 2(1-\phi)]}$$

[Tarnow 1996a] // (aléatoire)

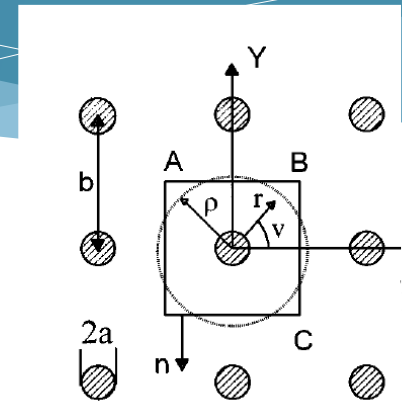
$$\sigma = 4\mu \frac{1-\phi}{R_f^2 [1,280 \ln(1/(1-\phi)) - 1,474 + 2(1-\phi)]}$$

[Tarnow 1996a] \perp (idéal)

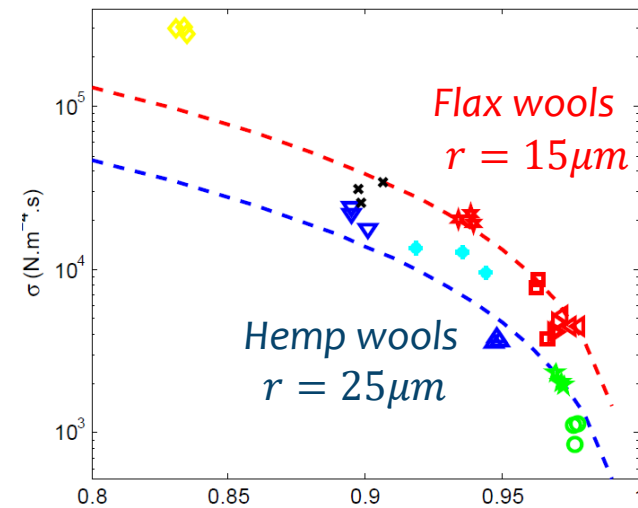
$$\sigma = 4\mu \frac{1-\phi}{R_f^2 [\ln((1-\phi)^{-1/2}) - 0,750 + (1-\phi) - 0,250(1-\phi)^2]}$$

[Tarnow 1996a] \perp (aléatoire)

$$\sigma = 4\mu \frac{1-\phi}{R_f^2 [0,640 \ln(1/(1-\phi)) - 0,737 + (1-\phi)]}$$



[Tarnow 1996]



[Glé 2013]

○ Granular materials

[Attenborough 1993]

$$\sigma = \frac{27\mu}{R_p^2} \frac{(1-\phi)^2}{\phi^{3.5}}$$

[Prieur du Plessis & Woudberg 2008]

$$\sigma = \frac{A\mu(1-\phi)^2}{(\frac{4}{3}\pi)^{2/3} R_p^2 \phi^3}$$

$$A = \frac{25.4\phi^3}{(1-\phi)^{2/3}(1-(1-\phi)^{1/3})(1-(1-\phi)^{2/3})^2}$$

[Voronina & Horoshenkov 2003]

$$\sigma = \frac{100\mu(1-\phi)^2(1+\phi)^5}{\phi R_p^2}$$

[Umnova *et al.* 2000]

$$\sigma = \frac{9\mu}{2 \frac{\phi^2}{(1-\phi)(1-\phi)\Omega} R_p^2}$$

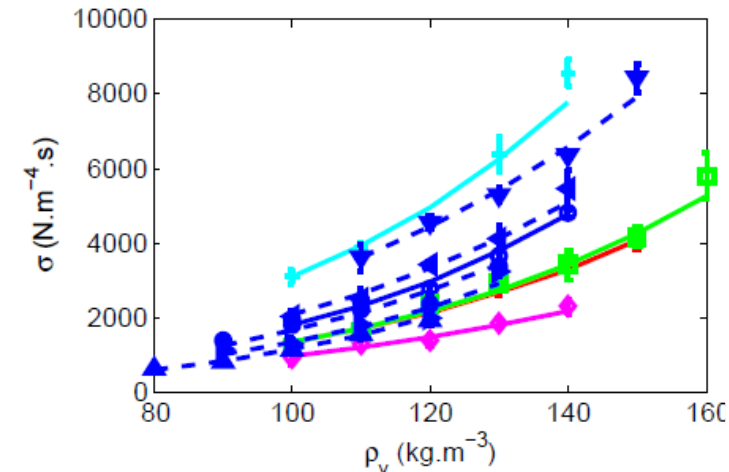
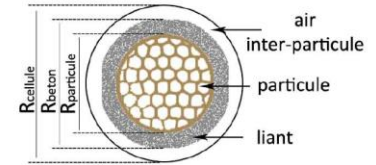
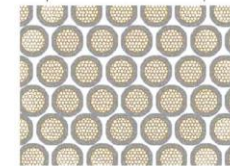
$$\Omega = \frac{5}{5-9\theta^{1/3}+5\theta-\theta^2} \quad \Phi = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}\pi} (1-\phi)$$

[Boutin & Geindreau 2010] p

$$\sigma = \frac{3\beta^2\mu}{(-1+\frac{2+3\beta^5}{\beta(3+2\beta^5)})R_p^2} \quad \beta = (1-\phi)^{1/3}$$



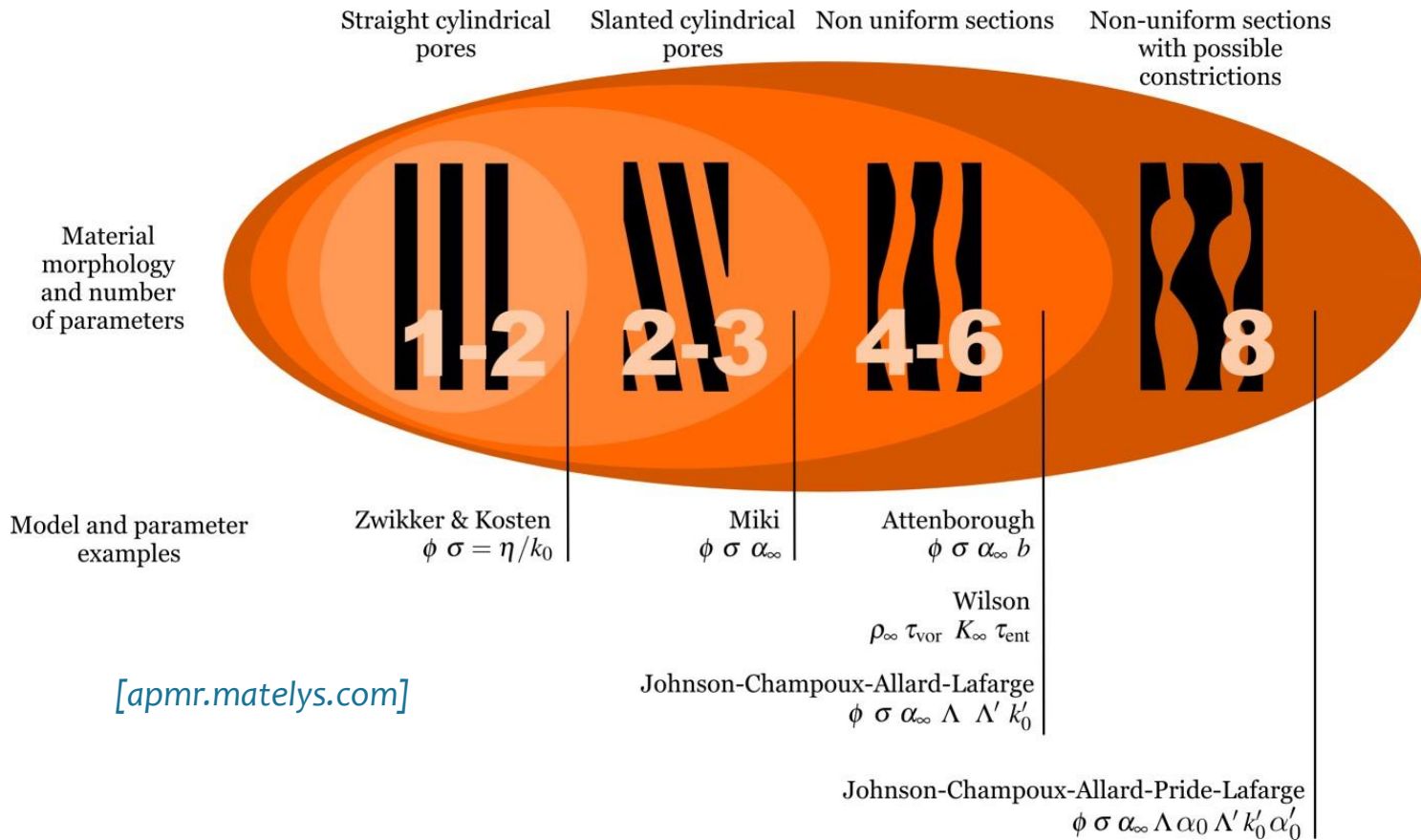
MODELISATION



[Glé *et al.* 2013]

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○ Porous geometry based models



[apmr.matelys.com]

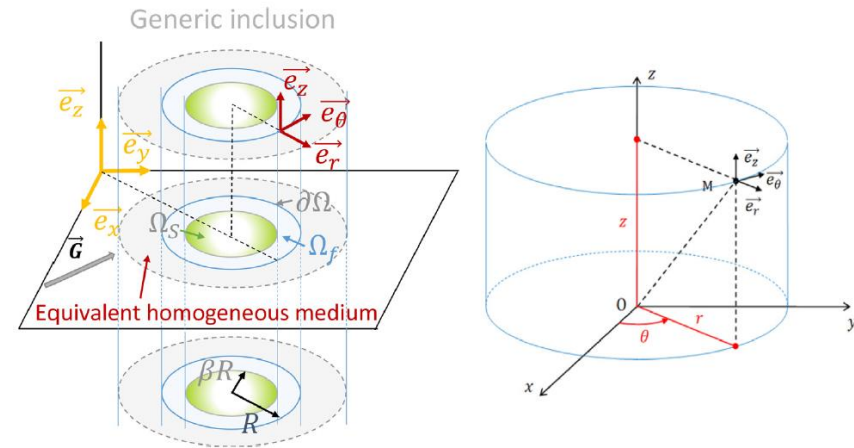
○ Microstructural (Frame based) models

■ Fibrous materials [Tarnow 1996, Piégay 2019]

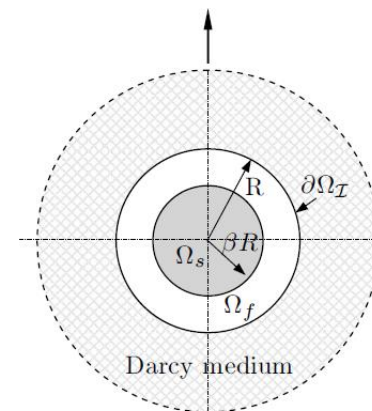
- Monodisperse cylindrical fibers
- Random or regular arrangements
- Anisotropy: Parallel and perpendicular solicitations

■ Granular materials [Umnova 2000, Boutin & Geindreau 2010]

- Monodisperse spherical aggregates



[Piégay et al. 2021]



[Boutin & Geindreau 2010]

Some particular cases

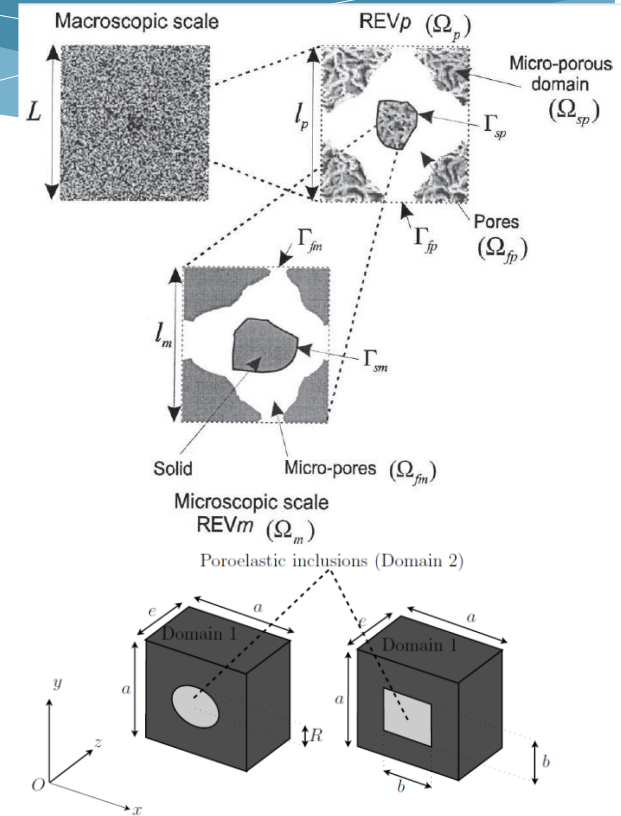
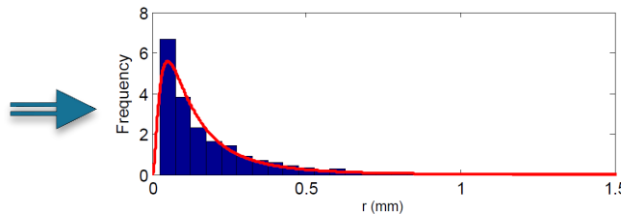
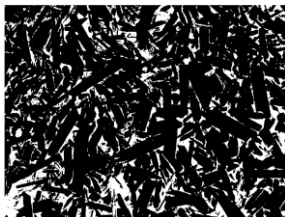
○ Multiscale porosity [Olry et Boutin, 2003]

▪ General application

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_{eq}(\omega) = \left(\frac{1}{\rho_p(\omega)} + \frac{1 - \phi_p}{\rho_m(\omega)} \right)^{-1} \\ K_{eq}(\omega) = \left(\frac{1}{K_p(\omega)} + \frac{(1 - \phi_p)F_d(\omega, \omega_d)}{K_m(\omega)} \right)^{-1} \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \omega \ll \omega_d \Rightarrow F_d \approx 1 \\ \omega \approx \omega_d \Rightarrow F_d \in [0; 1] \\ \omega \gg \omega_d \Rightarrow F_d \approx 0 \end{array} \right.$$

- Perforated materials case [Sgard et al, 2005]
- Composite materials case [Gourdon et Seppi, 2010]
- Porous aggregates [Venegas et al, 2012]

○ Pore size distribution [Horoshenkov et al., 2001]



-> Random distrib. :

$$F(\omega) = -\frac{j\omega\rho_0\alpha_\infty I(\omega)}{\sigma\phi(1 - I(\omega))}$$

$$I(\omega) = 1 - \frac{j\omega\rho_0}{\mu} \int_0^{+\infty} s^2 e(s) \bar{\xi} \left(\sqrt{-j} \sqrt{\frac{\rho_0\omega}{\mu}} s \right) ds$$

-> Lognormal distrib. :

$$\tilde{F}(\omega) = \frac{1 + \theta_3\epsilon(\omega) + \theta_1\epsilon(\omega)^2}{1 + \theta_3\epsilon(\omega)}$$

$$\epsilon(\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{j\omega\rho_0\alpha_\infty}{\sigma\phi}}$$

- Rigid frame hypothesis
- Analysis of the double porosity behaviour [Olny and Boutin, 2003]
 - Viscous and isothermal behaviours in intra-fiber pores:

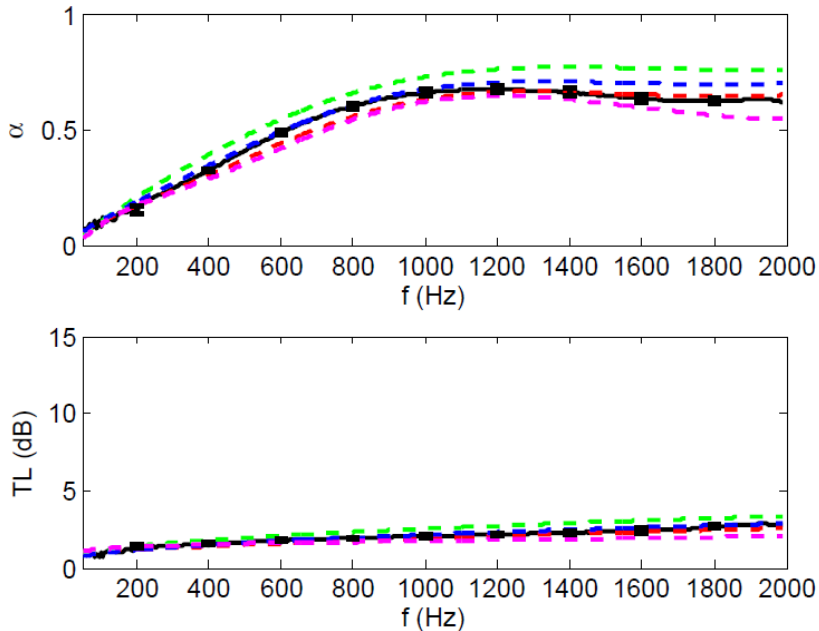
$$\phi_{intra} (\approx 5\%) \ll \phi_{inter}, \sigma_{intra} \gg \sigma_{inter}$$

$$\rho \approx \left[\frac{1}{\rho_{inter}} + (1 - \phi_{inter}) \frac{\frac{\rho_0 \alpha_{\infty intra}}{\phi_{intra}} + j \frac{\sigma_{intra}}{\omega}}{\left(\frac{\rho_0 \alpha_{\infty intra}}{\phi_{intra}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{intra}}{\omega} \right)^2} \right]^{-1} \approx \rho_{inter}$$

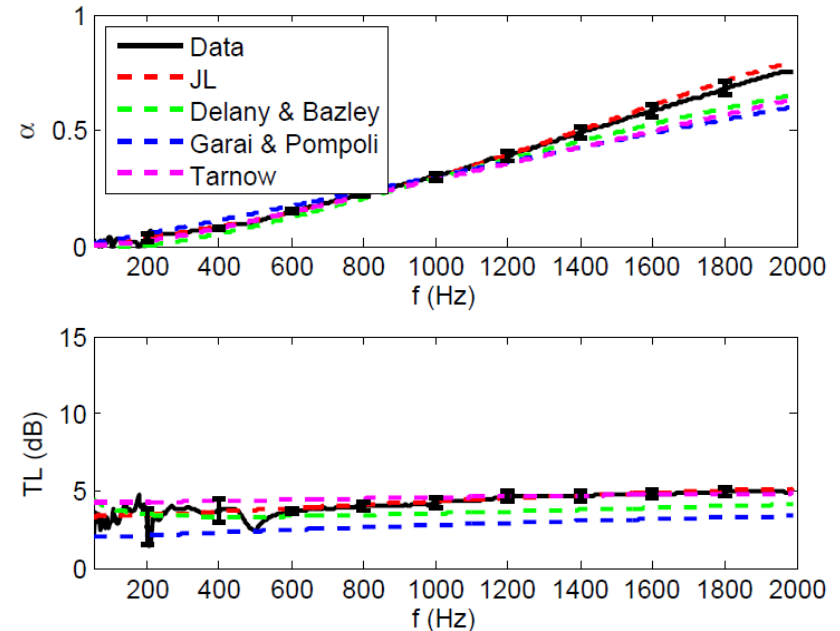
$$K \approx \left[\frac{1}{K_{inter}} + (1 - \phi_{inter}) \frac{\phi_{intra}}{\rho_0} \right]^{-1} \approx K_{inter}$$

- Models used and parameters
 - Fibrous models [Delany and Bazley 1970, Garai and Pompoli 2005, Tarnow 1996, Piégay 2019]: ϕ and σ measured
 - JCAL model [Johnson et al., 1987, Lafarge et al., 1997]: ϕ and σ measured, α_{∞} , Λ , Λ' , and k_0' indirectly measured from (ρ, K) [Panneton and Olny, 2006, Olny and Panneton, 2008]

○ Green hemp



○ Hemp wool / shiv



- Accuracy of $\pm 10\%$ on α and $\pm 2\text{dB}$ on TL for all models (except for resistive samples)
- Use of JCAL (6 parameters) model not absolutely necessary for such materials

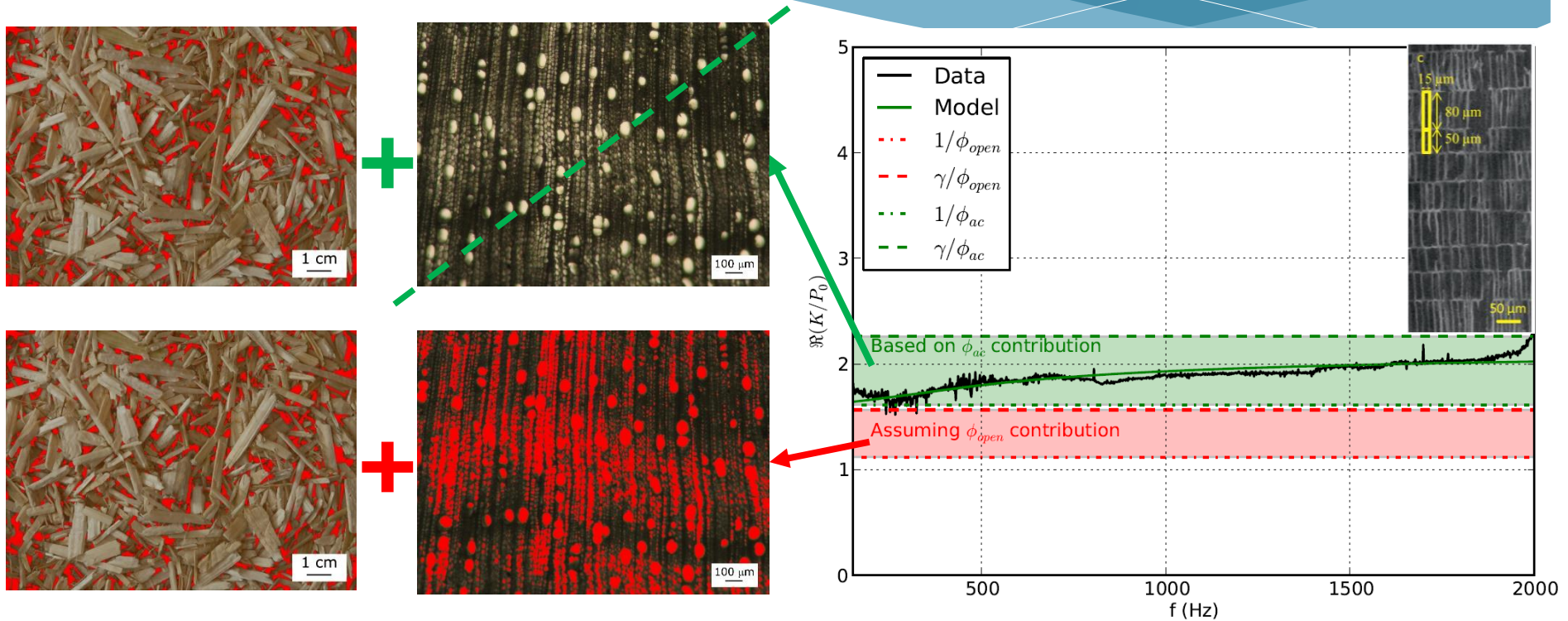
- Hyp. rigid frame
- Double porosity approach [Olny & Boutin, 2003]
 - Viscous domain for intraparticles pores
 - Case of double porosity with high contrast of permeability

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho &= \left[\frac{1}{\rho_{inter}} + (1 - \phi_{inter}) \frac{1}{\rho_{intra}} \right]^{-1} \stackrel{?}{\approx} \rho_{inter} \\
 K &= \left[\frac{1}{K_{inter}} + (1 - \phi_{inter}) \frac{F_d(\omega)}{K_{intra}} \right]^{-1} \stackrel{?}{\approx} K_{inter}
 \end{aligned}
 \rightarrow k = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{K}} \rightarrow \alpha$$

$$Zc = \omega \sqrt{\rho K} \rightarrow \alpha$$

- Models and associated parameters
 - Viscoinertial effects: [Johnson *et al.*, 1987]
 - Thermal effects: [Zwikker & Kosten, 1949]
- } $\phi_{inter}, \sigma, \alpha_{\infty}, \Lambda$

Modelling of vegetal concrete



[Lemeurs et al. 2017]

Illustration with hemp-clay samples, three scales of porosity:

○ Earth (pores $< 1 \mu\text{m}$) + Hemp particles (pores de 10 à 100 μm) + Interparticles ($\sim 1 \text{ mm}$)

→ ϕ_{acou} related to the dynamic contribution of interparticles pores only?

Modelling of vegetal concrete

Further investigation

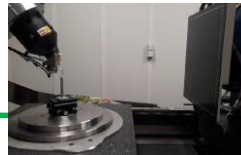
Packing scale

- Trimmed density
- Apparent density
- Tapped density
- Compacted density



Particle scale

- Powder pycnometry
- Mercury intrusion
- X-ray computed tomography



Cellular scale

- He pycnometry (powder)
- He pycnometry
- N₂ pycnometry
- Mercury intrusion



N₂ → 0,36 nm
He → 0,26 nm



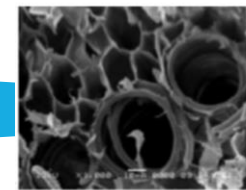
Max resolution

Hg (414 MPa) → 3,6 nm



Ink bottle effects

[Glé et al. 2021]

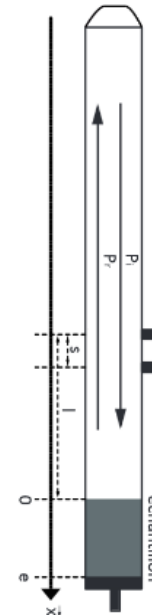


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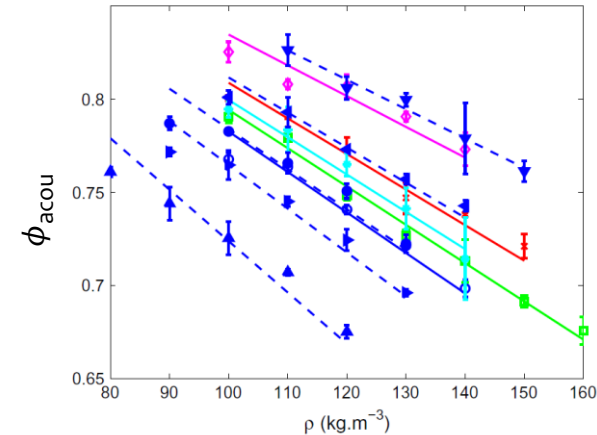
Further investigation

- Initial ‘blind’ approach:
 - Particle density is not known
 - Assumption of a single level of porosity
 - Hypothesis H0: $\phi_{acou} = \phi_{inter}$?
 - Evaluation of an acoustical density

	Particle density ρ_P ($kg.m^{-3}$)	
	Geopyc	Acoustic
L	330	478
LM	210	443
L12	326	515
L12M	254	469
L24	299	502
L24M	242	441
L4+	286	447
L4+M	274	396



$Re(K)$



Linear regression

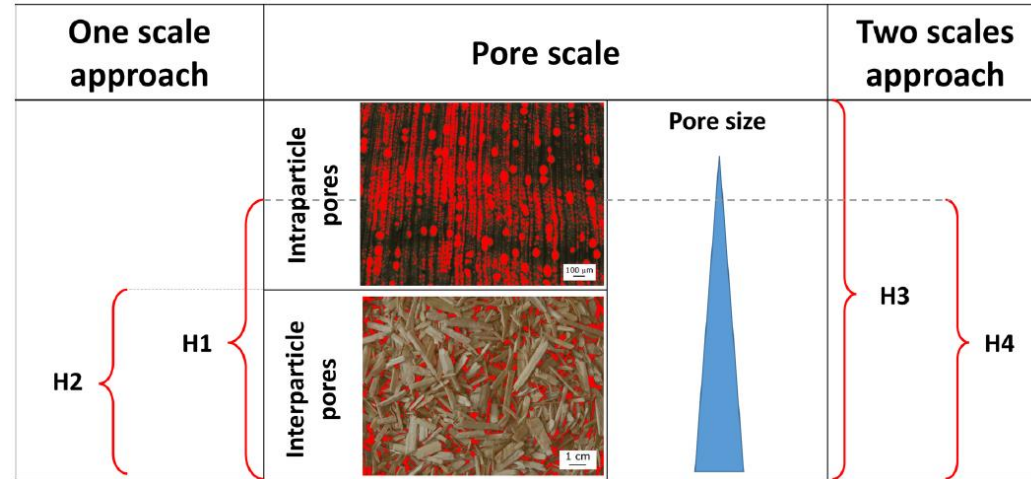
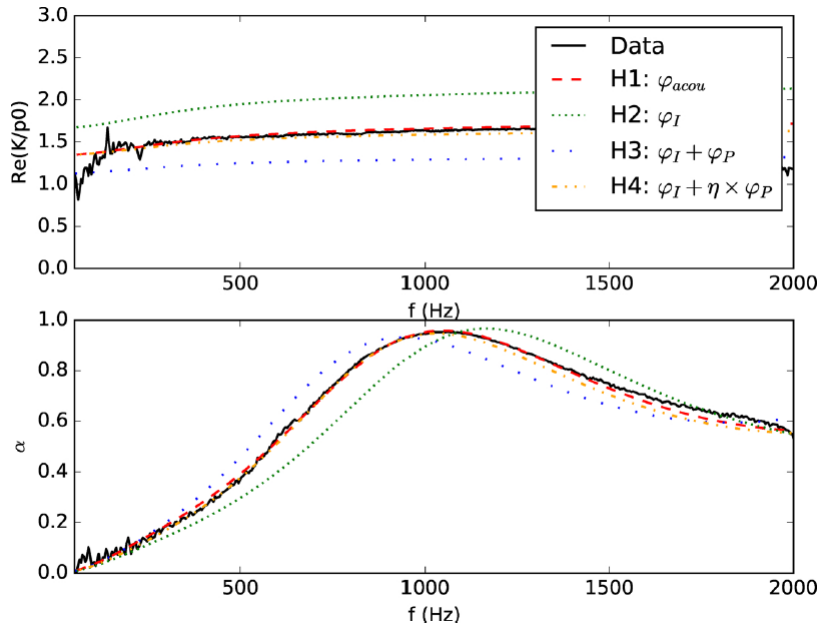
$$\phi_{acou} = 1 - \frac{\rho}{\rho_{particle}}$$

- Acoustic densities are higher than particle densities
- The tendencies are respected (size and immersion effects)

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Further investigation

- **Corrected approach:**
 - Particle density from Geopyc
 - 4 hypotheses / behavior
 - One or two porosity scales considered [Olny & Boutin 2003]

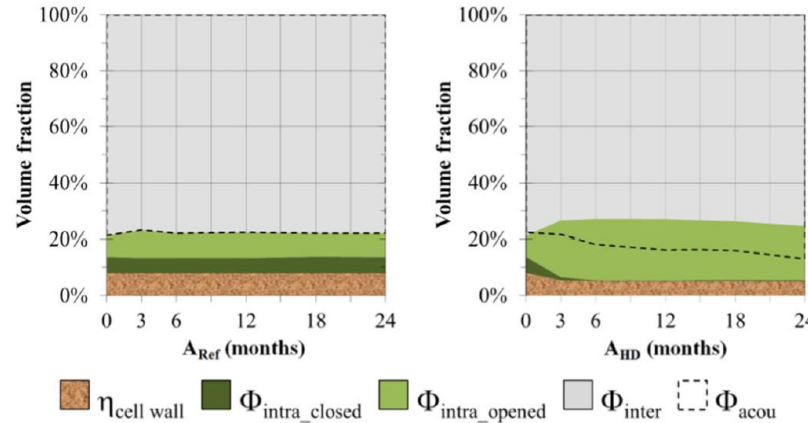
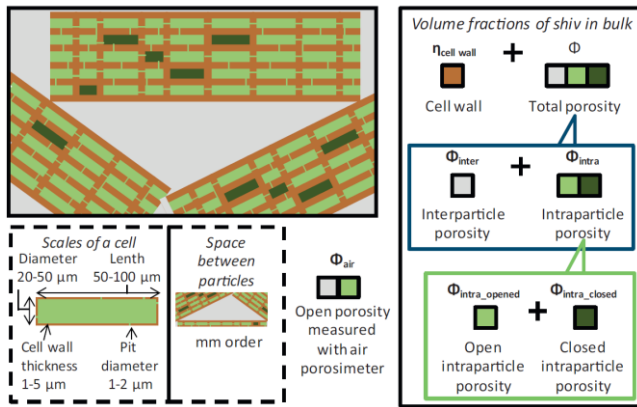


- All open pores do not take part to acoustic dissipation
- Acoustic dissipation is not only due to inter particle pores
- Interparticle pores + a fraction of the intraparticle pores are involved in sound dissipation
- Two approaches are satisfying, but the (partial) double porosity is physically more accurate

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Application

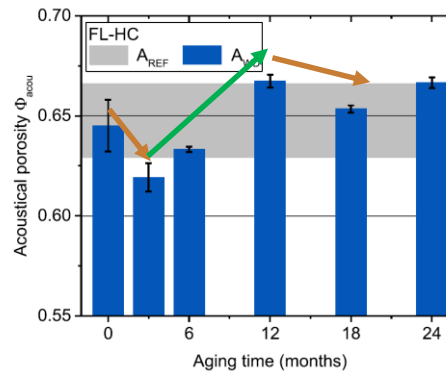
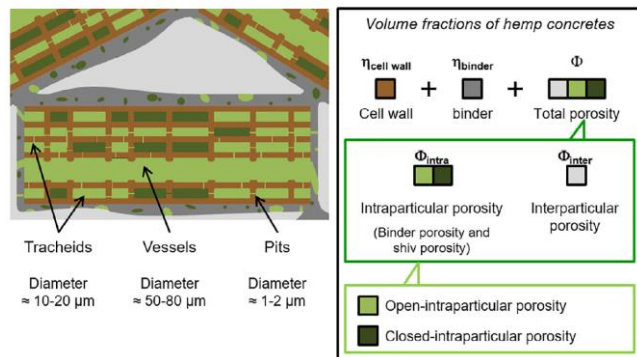
■ Aging of hemp particles



- Observations:
- ✓ loss of mass
 - ✓ swelling and shrinkage
 - ✓ opening of the closed porosity

[Delannoy et al. 2018]

■ Aging of hemp concrete



[Delannoy et al. 2020]

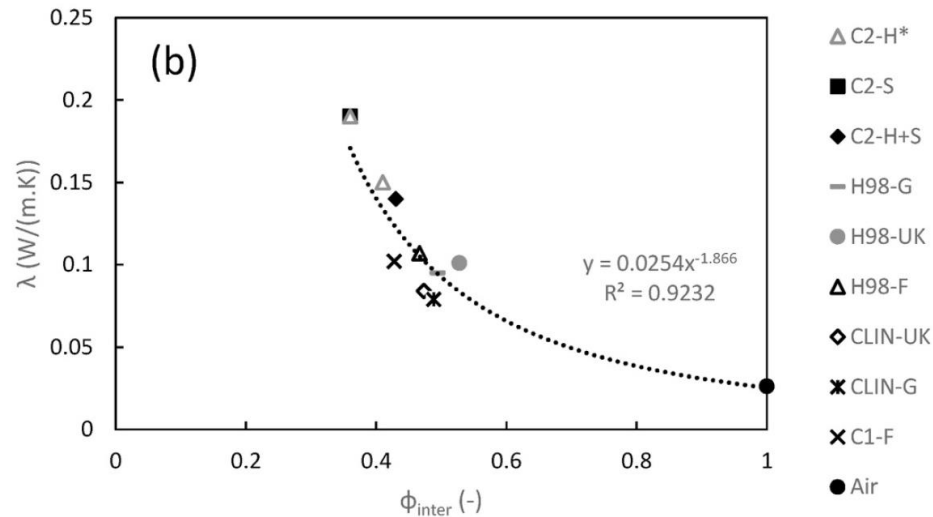
- Observations:
- ✓ loss of mass
 - ✓ swelling and shrinkage
 - ✓ opening of porosity
 - ✓ setting (hydration / carbonatation) of lime
 - ✓ mineralization of the vegetal particles porosity

Modelling of vegetal concrete

Application

[Abbas et al 2021]

Thermal conductivity vs 'acoustical' porosity



[Lichtenecker's formula]

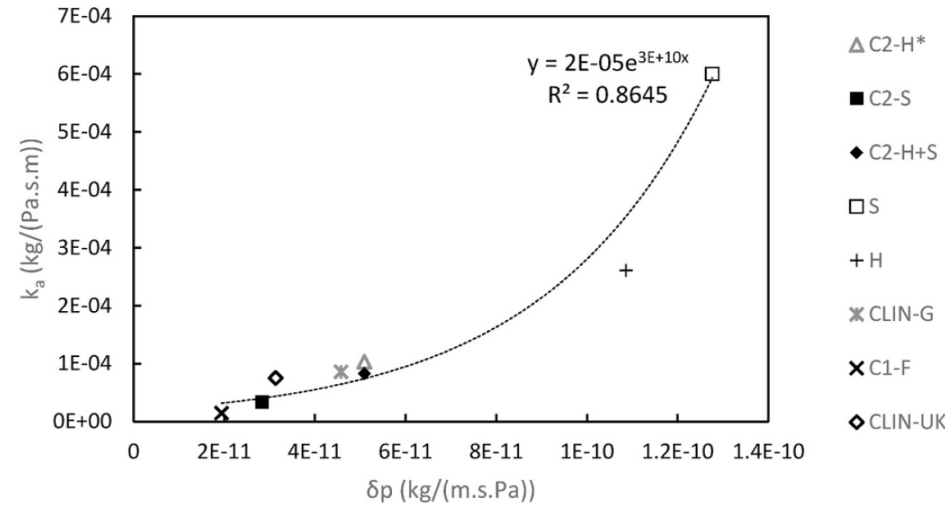
$$\lambda = \left(\Phi_{inter} \cdot \lambda_{air}^\alpha + (1 - \Phi_{inter}) \cdot \lambda_{solid}^\alpha \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

[Zakri et al., 1998]

⇒ $\lambda \approx \Phi_{inter}^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \lambda_{air}$ with $\alpha = -0,54 \in [-1, 1]$

⇒ Predominance of larger pores [Walker et al, 2014]

Water vapor vs air permeabilities



Non-linear relationship:

$$k_a = 2 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot e^{3 \cdot 10^{10} \cdot \delta p}$$

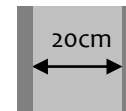
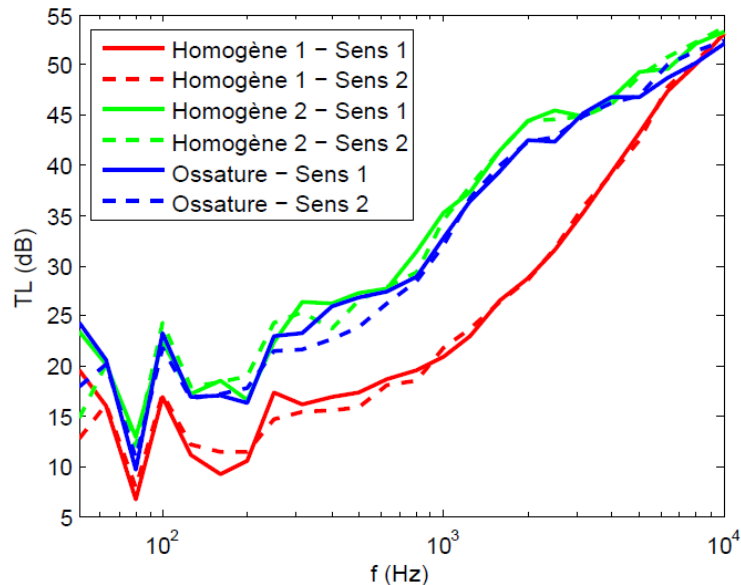
- Water vapor perm.: Fickian law.(diffusion)
- Air perm.: Darcy's law (flow)

Some optimization attempts and other outlooks

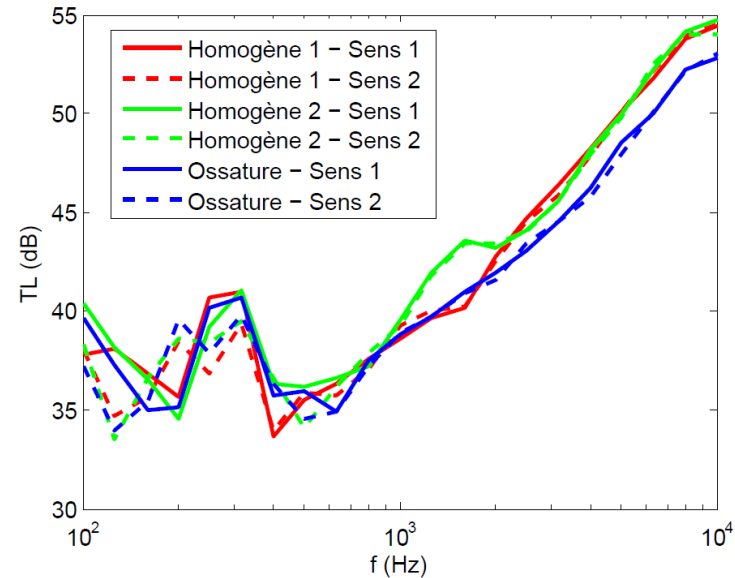
Coating concrete layers: [Bütschi et al., 2004], [Glé, 2013]



$R_w \approx 30$ dB



$R_w \approx 40$ dB



→ Possibility to implement stratified materials [De Ryck et al., 2008]

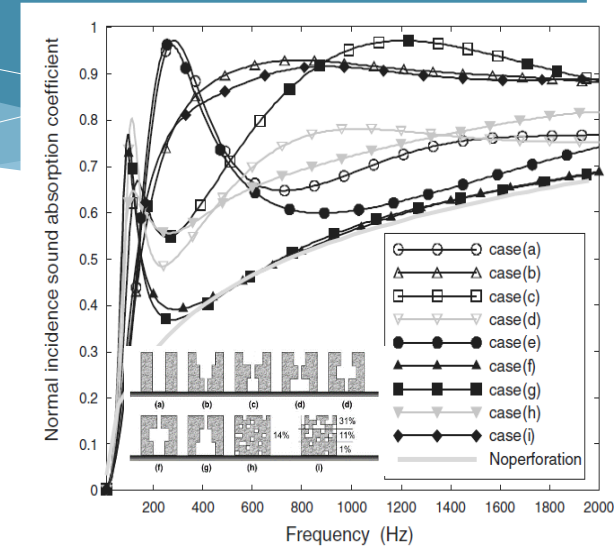
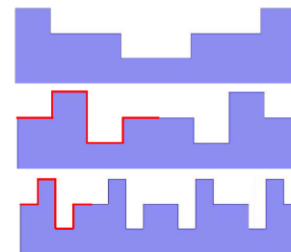
○ Perforations: [Olny & Boutin, 2003], [Sgard *et al.*, 2005]
«Pressure diffusion from mesopores to micropores»

○ Localisation: [Sapoval *et al.*, 1997], [Félix *et al.*, 2007]
« Localisation of acoustical modes at the irregularities level »

→ Application to wood concrete: [Colas, 2004]



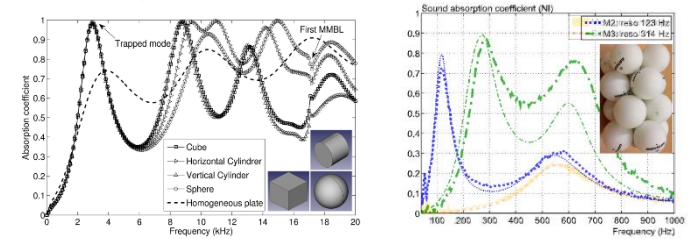
→ Application to hemp concrete: [Debrabant, 2010]



Towards biobased or bioinspired metamaterials

- Potentiel gain in performance (absorption, transmission loss) with solid or resonating inclusions

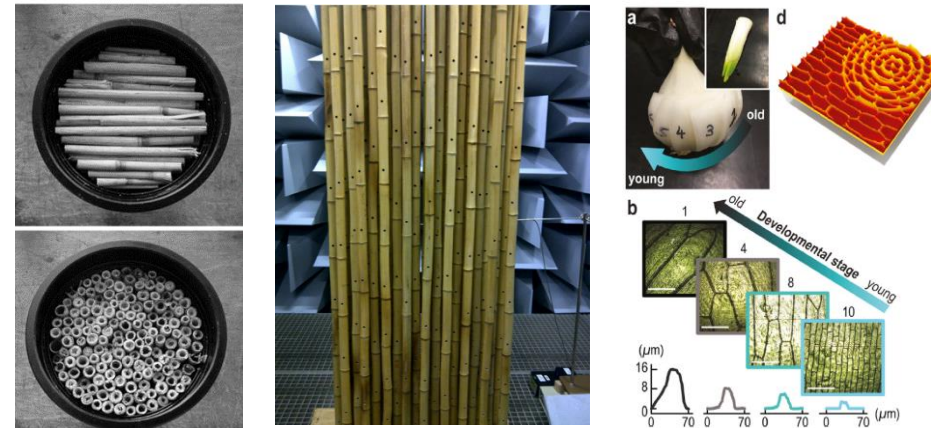
- [Groby et al., 2013]
- [Boutin et Bécot, 2014]



- Biobased materials (specifically vegetal concretes) are quite relevant hosts (fabrication, properties)

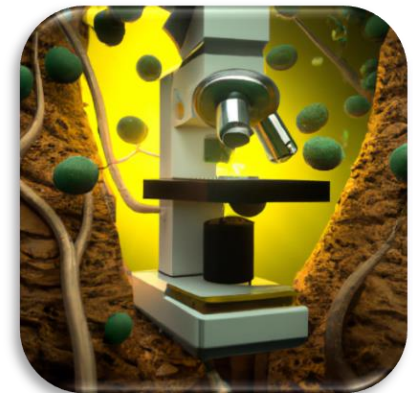
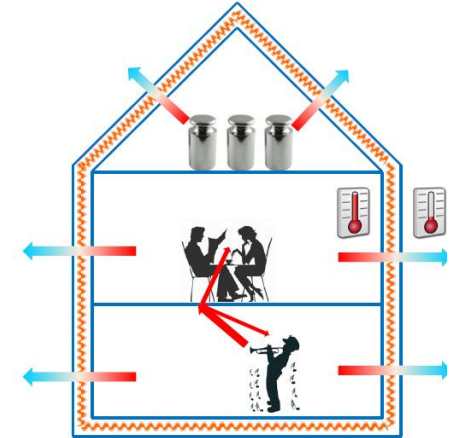
- Natural metamaterials / phononic crystals?

- Typha: [Oldham et al., 2011]
- Bamboo: [Lagarigue, 2013]
- Onion cells: [Ghanem et al., 2021]

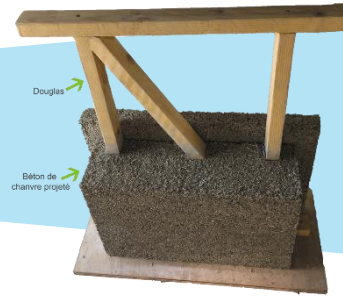
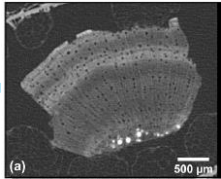


Almost the end...

- Acoustics: a feature of bio/geobased materials
 - Such as thermic, mechanic, fire reaction...
 - A performance to be characterized
 - Quantitatively: What are the levels of needs/expectations?
 - Qualitatively: Which behaviours
- Acoustics for non destructive testings of biobased materials
 - A tool for investigating microstructure
 - Opportunities for indirect characterization
 - For hygrothermics
 - For elastic properties



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- Microstructure characterisation
- Pore size vs particle size analysis
- Granulofibrous materials description
- Overview of binder effects
- Micro-macro modelling of granular packings
- Anisotropic description
- Poroelastic behaviour
- Treatments (fire reaction)
- Material/framework associations
- Qualification/extrapolation of performances (α_w , R_w , ΔR)
- Lateral transmissions (D_n, f, w)
- Optimisations
- In situ evaluations ($D_n T, A, L' n T, w, R' I$)
- Perception / acoustic comfort analysis

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