

USE OF RECYCLED FINE AGGREGATES IN HIGH ADDED VALUE APPLICATIONS

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RECYCLED FINE AGGREGATES FOR 3D PRINTED CONCRETE

- ▶ **Influence of the use of recycled fine aggregates**
- ▶ **Influence of the printing process**
- ▶ **Pilot application**

RAMMED CONCRETE WALL

- ▶ **Mix design**
- ▶ **Pilot application**

Comparison of the mechanical performances of a reference virgin sand mortar and a mortar designed with RFA :

- ▶ Both mixtures are designed to present the same workability

Washed concrete recycled fine aggregates 0/2



Natural crushed limestone 0/2

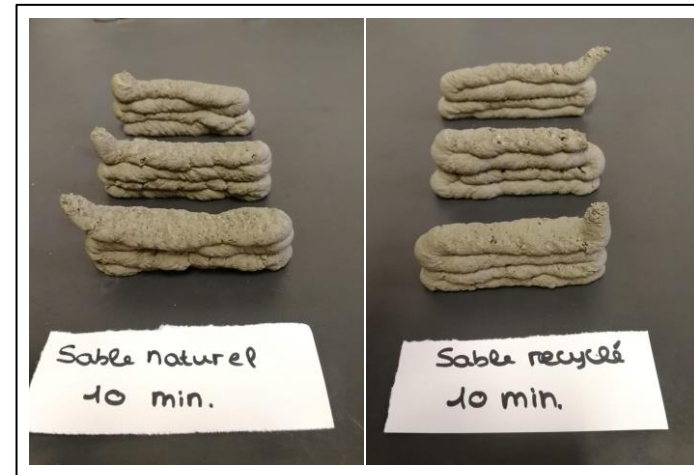


Similar workability and printability :

RFA 0/2 Tradecowall [kg/m ³]	Vicat cement Performat CEM I 52.5N [kg/m ³]	W_{eff}/C	SP [% SP/C]	VMA [% VMA/C]
995.6	905	0.29	2.50%	0.2%

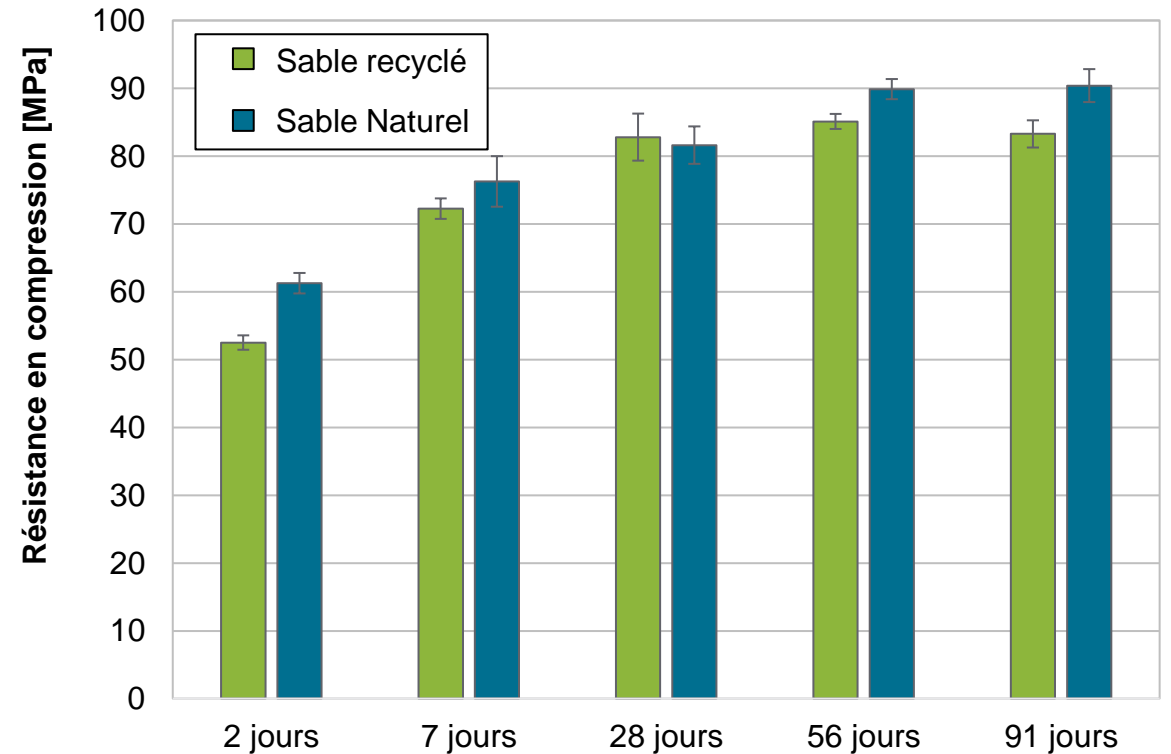
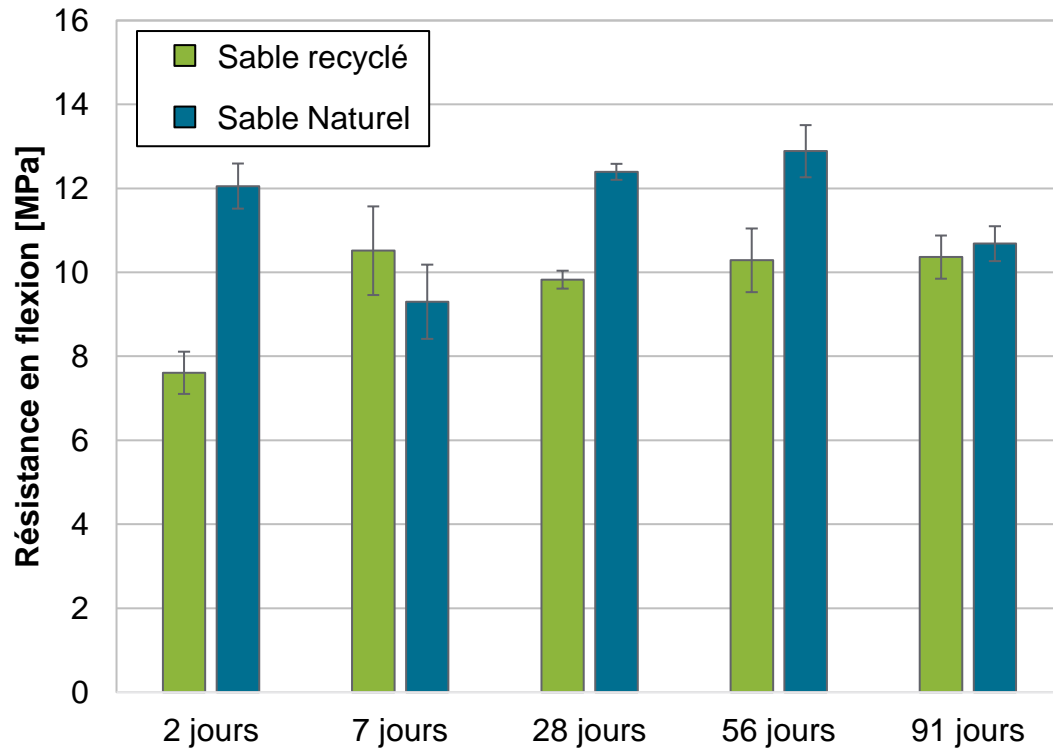


	Slump [mm]	Spread [mm]		
		10 chocs	15 chocs	25 chocs
RFA	43,7 ± 2,3	121,0 ± 1,9	128,0 ± 2,4	140,0 ± 3,1
Natural sand	45,4 ± 2,0	118,6 ± 1,5	124,8 ± 1,6	134,1 ± 1,9



Mechanical characterization:

- ▶ Compressive strength
- ▶ Flexural strength
- ▶ Cast samples: prisms 4x4x16 cm



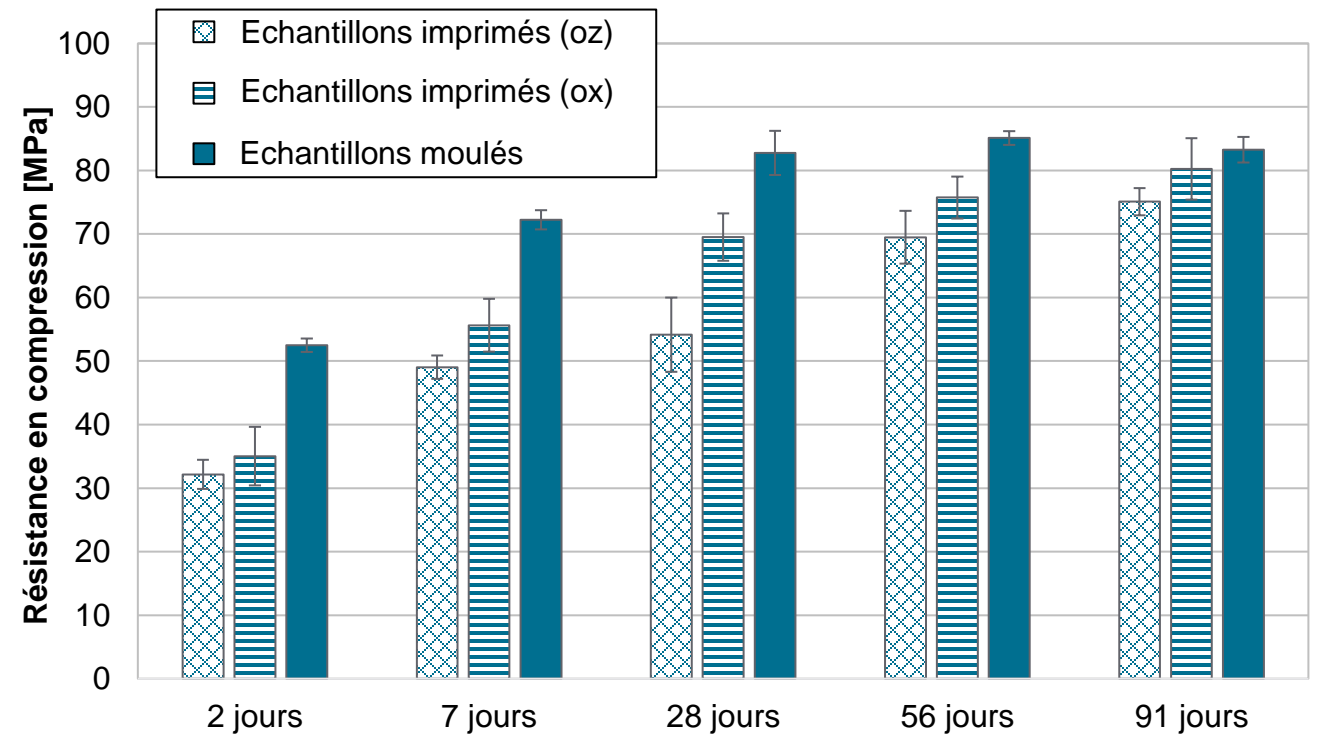
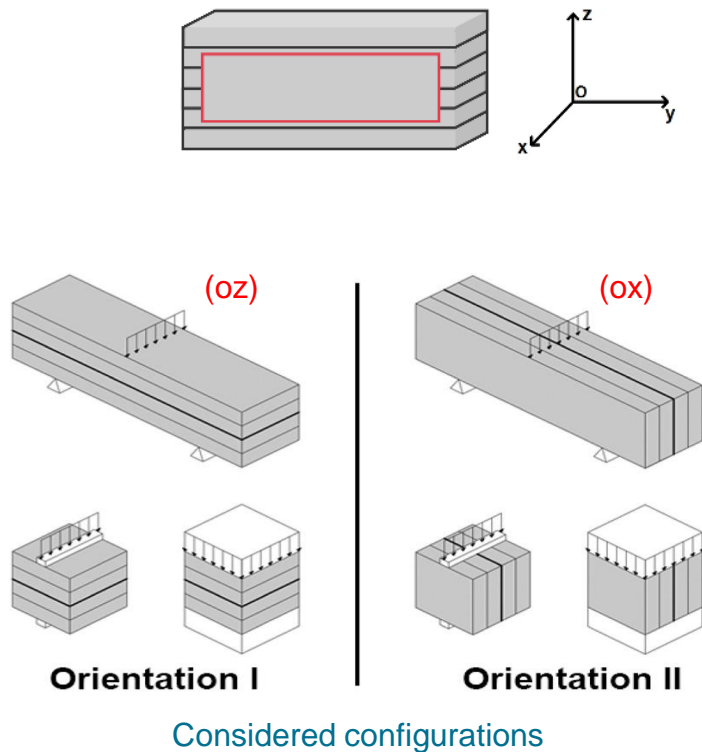
Printing of « S » shaped elements cut to extract prisms of dimensions 4x4x16 cm:

- ▶ Start of the humid curing after 48h (logistics)

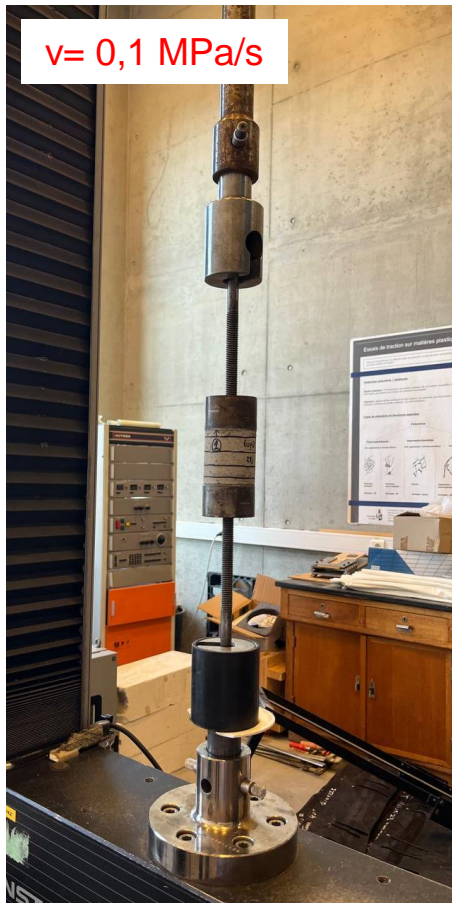


Compressive strength:

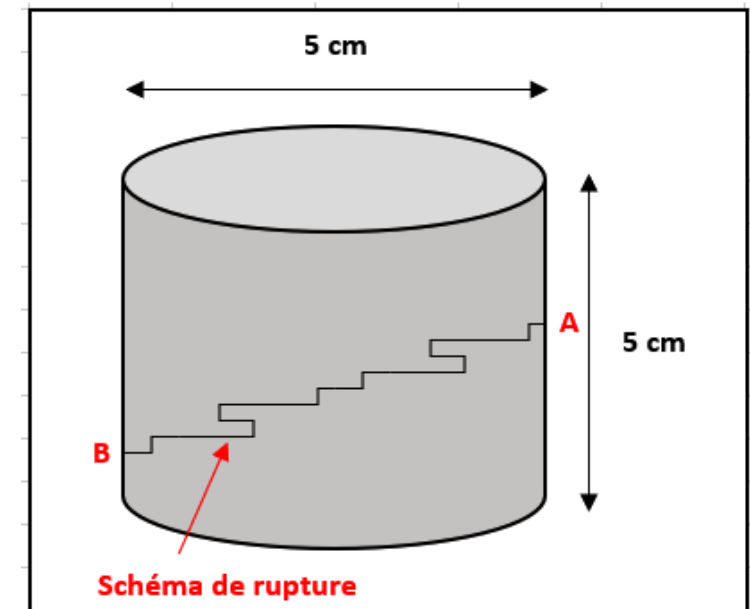
- ▶ Comparison of cast vs printed samples : significant loss of performances
- ▶ Anisotropy of the mechanical performances **$R_c (oz) < R_c (ox)$** (*wolf et al., 2019; Ma et al., 2019; Mechtcherine et al., 2020*)



Layer adherence (measured via direct tension test)



	7 days	28 days	56 days	91 days
Cast samples	-	-	-	$2,92 \pm 0,06$
Printed samples	$2,03 \pm 0,11$	$2,51 \pm 0,20$	$2,69 \pm 0,31$	$2,25 \pm 0,13$



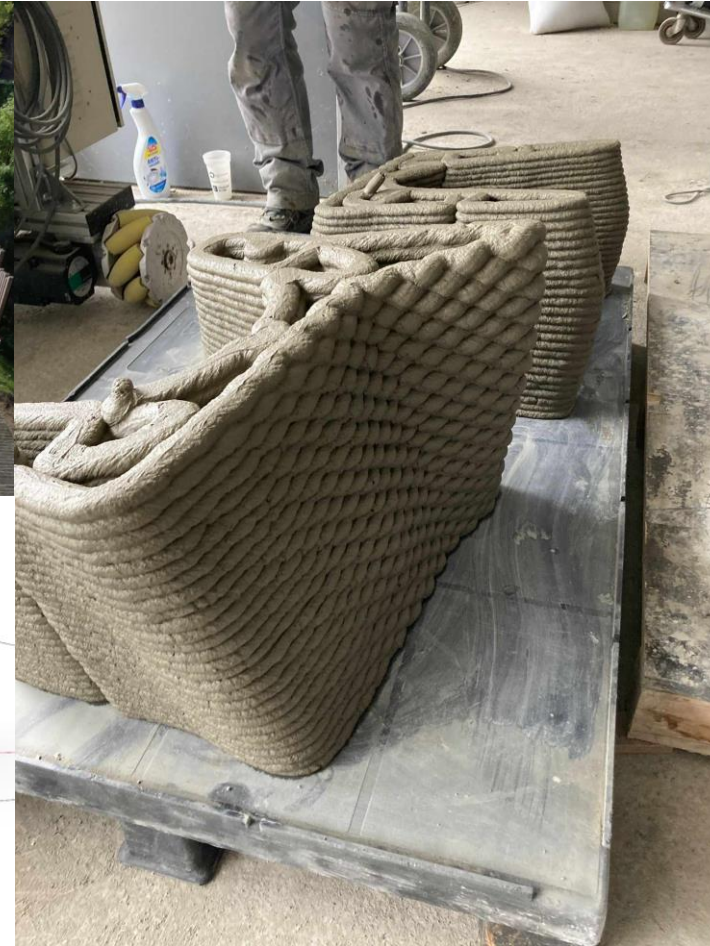
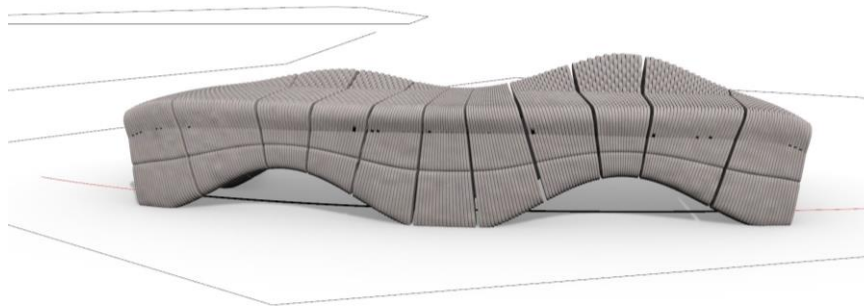
Influence of the type of sand:

- ▶ Slight decrease of the compressive strength (max 8%)
 - ▶ No significant influence on the flexural strength
- } Performances more than satisfying

Influence of the printing process:

- ▶ Additive manufacturing : Loss of mechanical performance but still behaves very well

No « weakness planes » at the interface between printed layers

Urban furniture – bench**Parc Bernard Serin in Seraing, Belgium**

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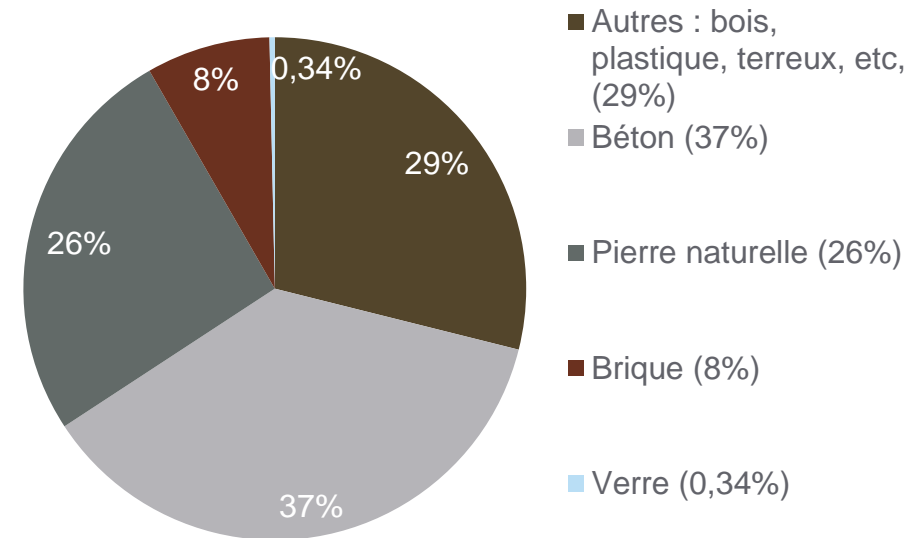
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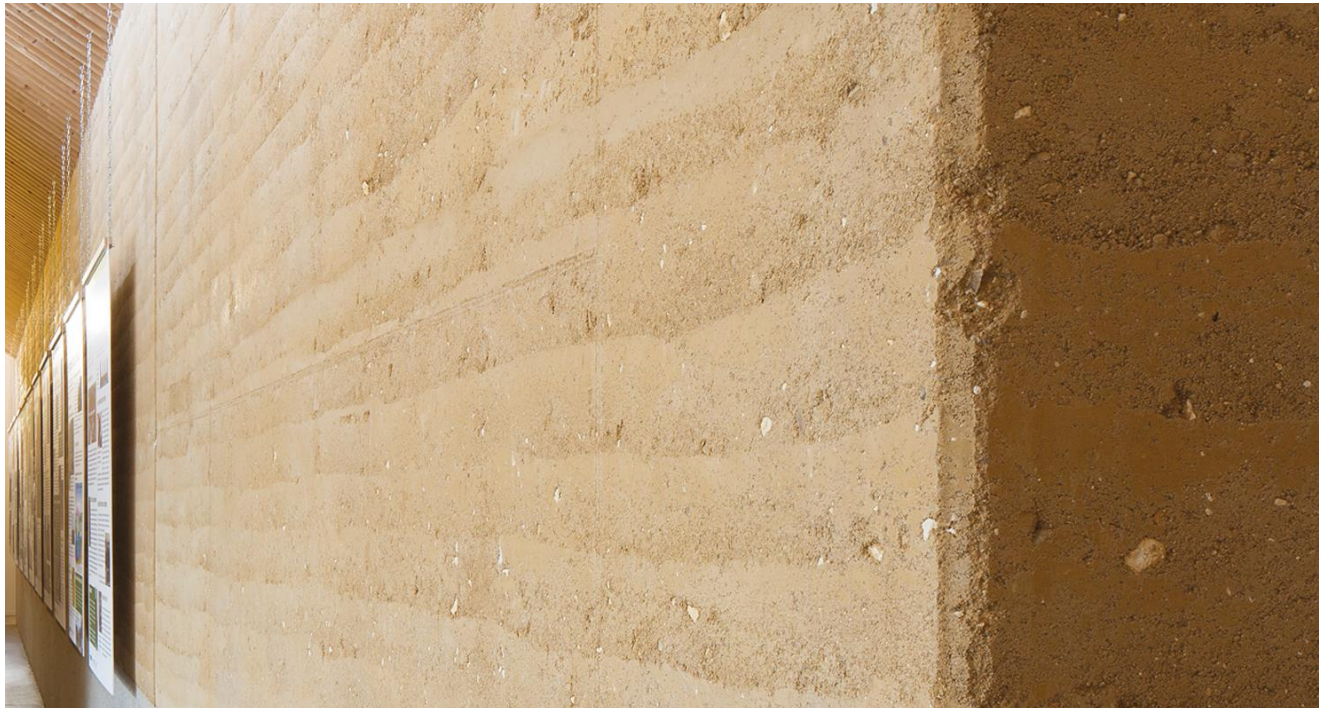
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- Substitution of the primary resources → Use of recycled concrete aggregates : **Pre-scalping fines**

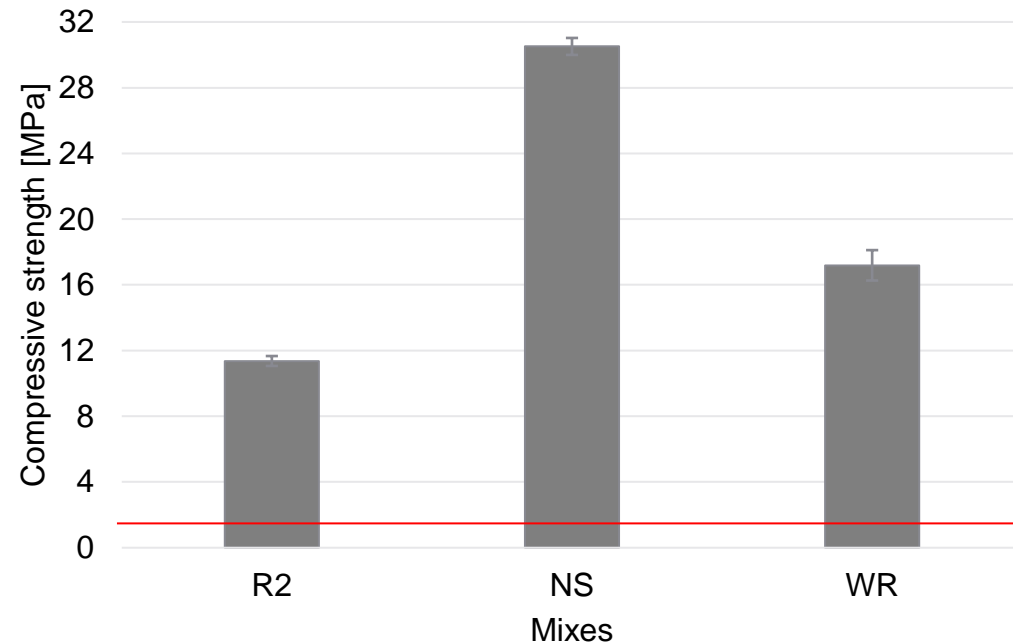


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 - ▶ Reduce cement content
 - ▶ Reduce water consumption
- } → **Rammed earth method**



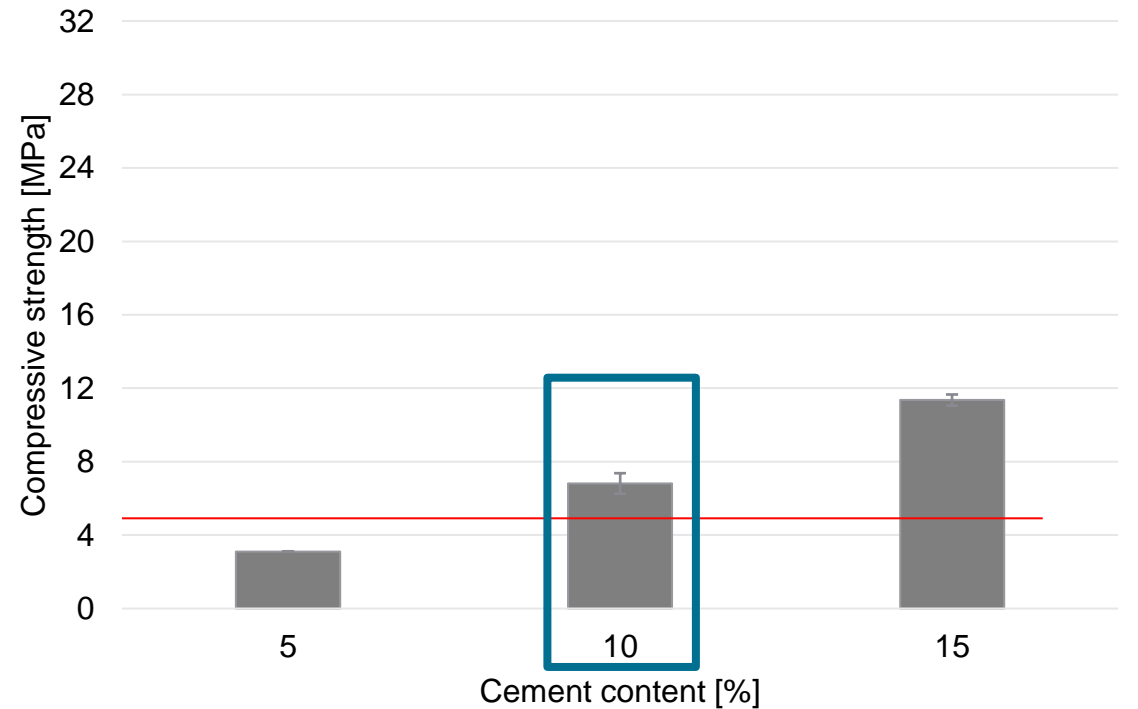
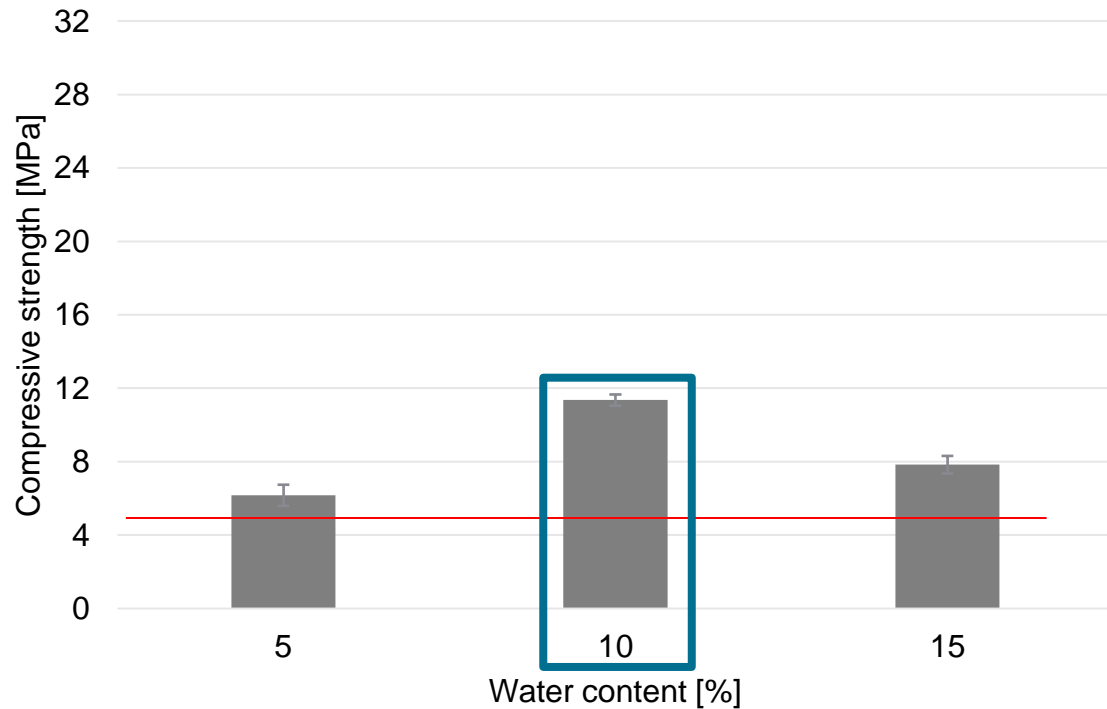
Comparison of the performances of a rammed earth wall with natural sand, washed recycled sand and pre-scalping fines :



Significant loss of performance with pre-scalping fines but the samples still verify the minimal required compressive strength for masonry elements

Optimisation of the mix design (wt%) :

- ▶ Influence of the water content: 5%, 10%, 15%
- ▶ Influence of the cement content : 5%, 10%, 15%



First draft of the composition : 80% pre-scalping fines, 10% water et 10% cement,

