



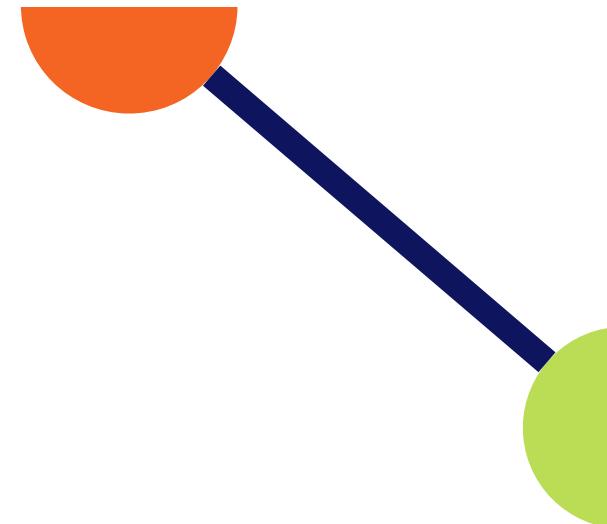
# Construction : Structure, materials and thermal behaviour

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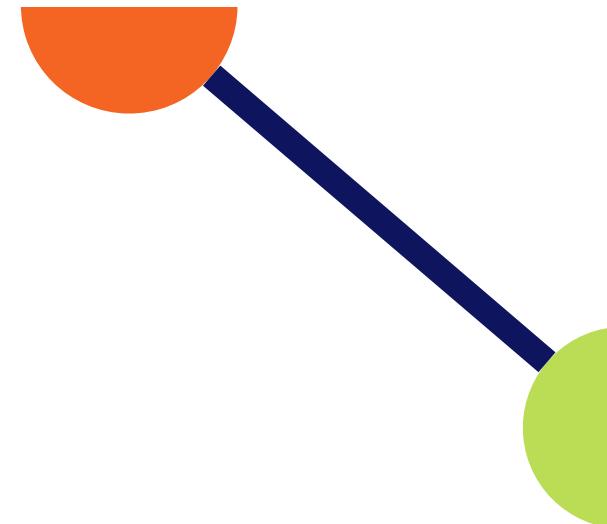
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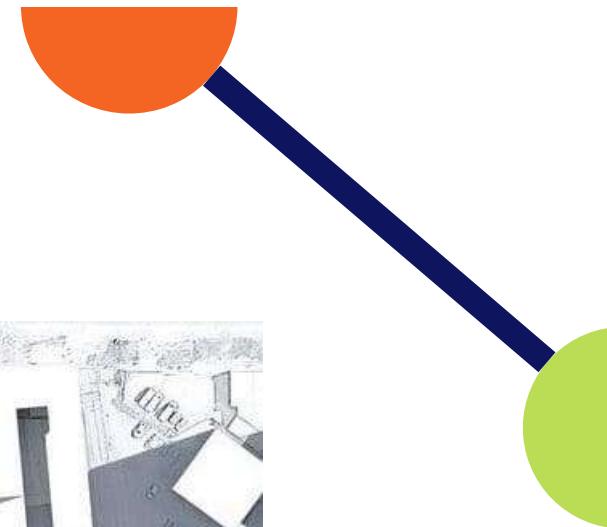
## Objectives :

- Identify the components of a building visible from the sky
- Understand the thermal behaviour of the materials
- Link shape, materials and climate to observations



## : Graphical representation / what is observable

- Urban layouts and roof structures..
- Colors and materials
- Thermal signature



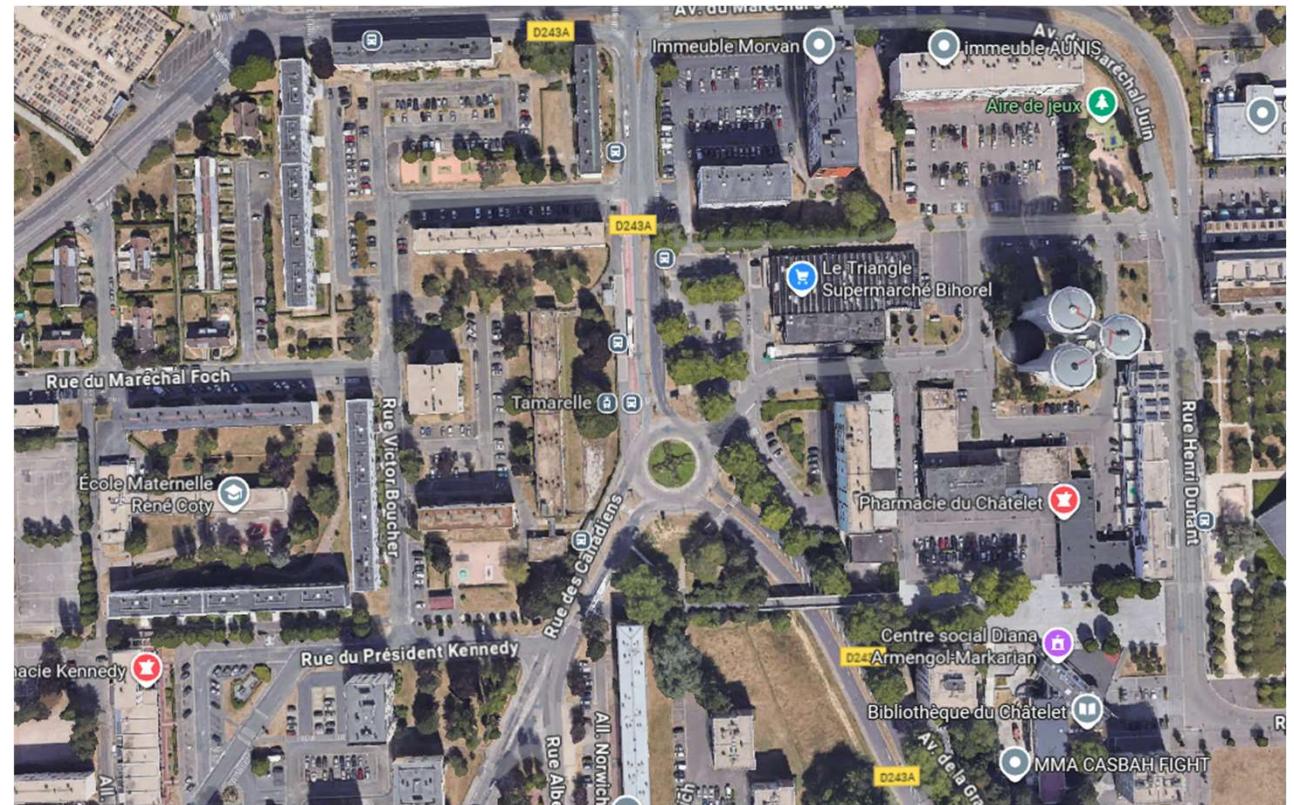
## Graphical representation / Site plan

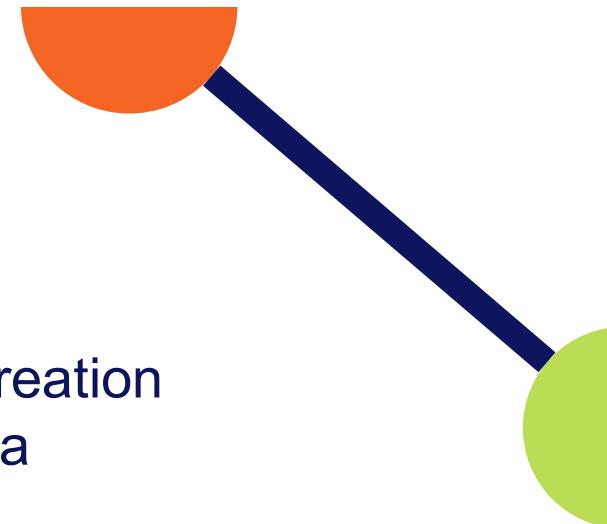
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## Aerial view





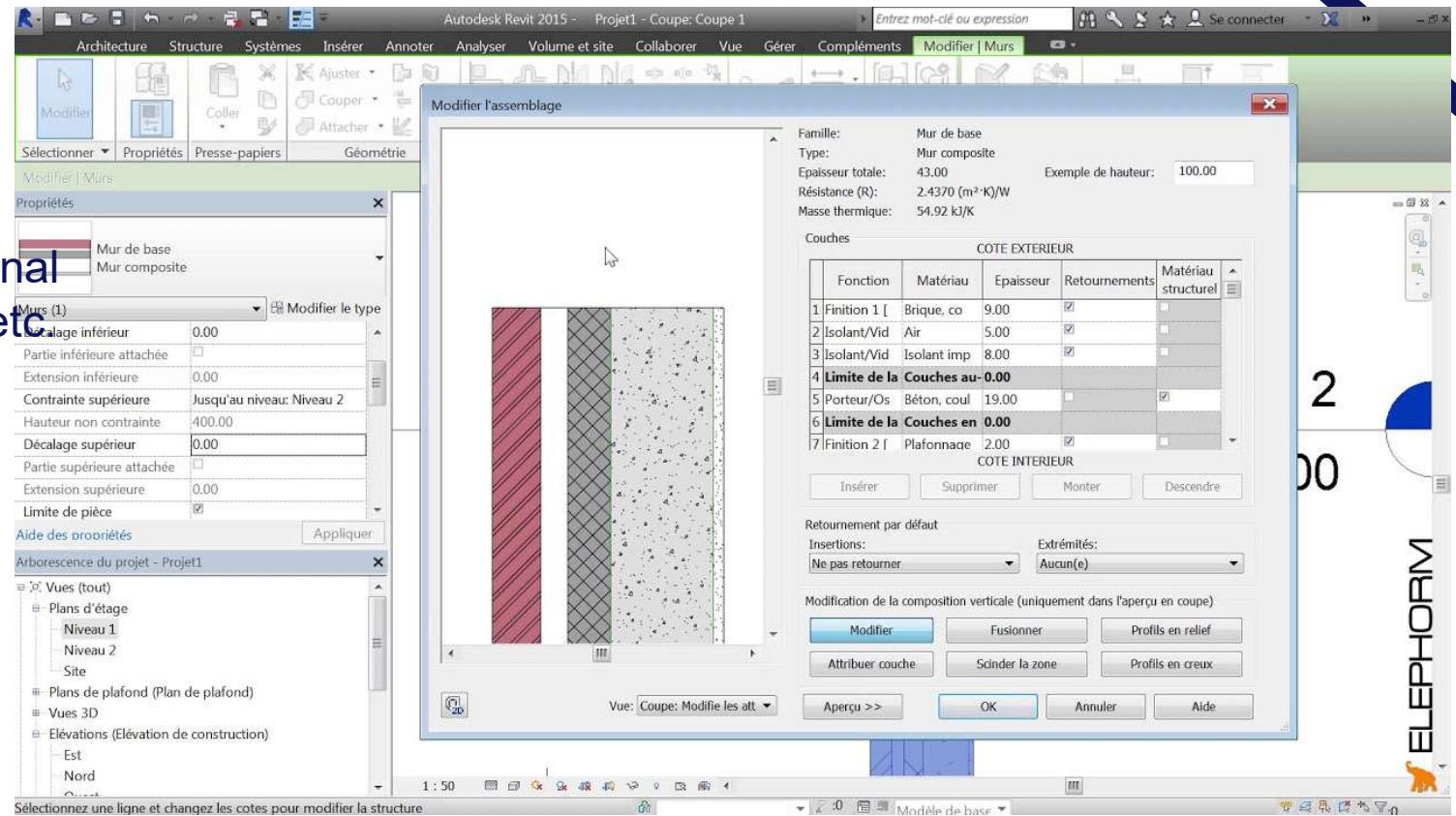
## BIM (Building Information Modeling):

Is a collaborative working method based on the creation and management of an intelligent digital model of a building or infrastructure.



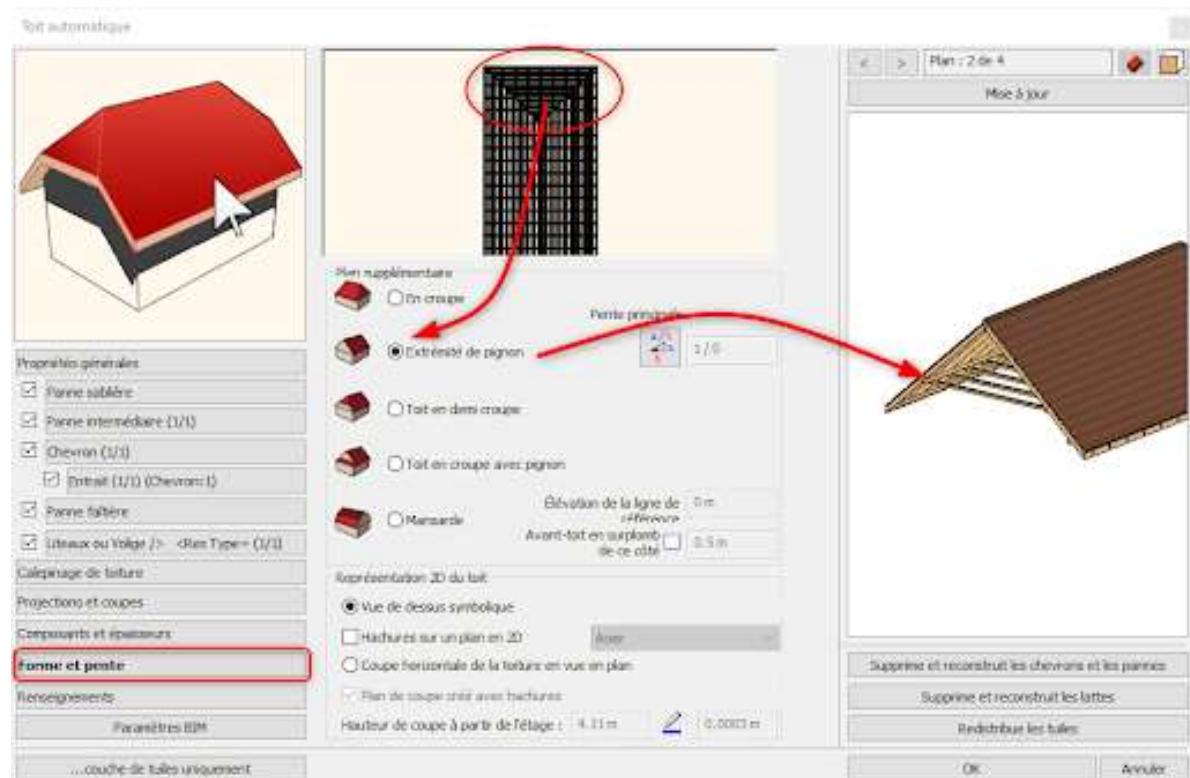


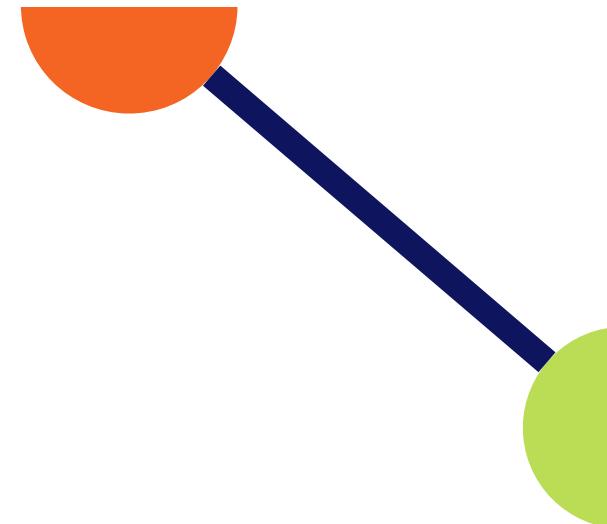
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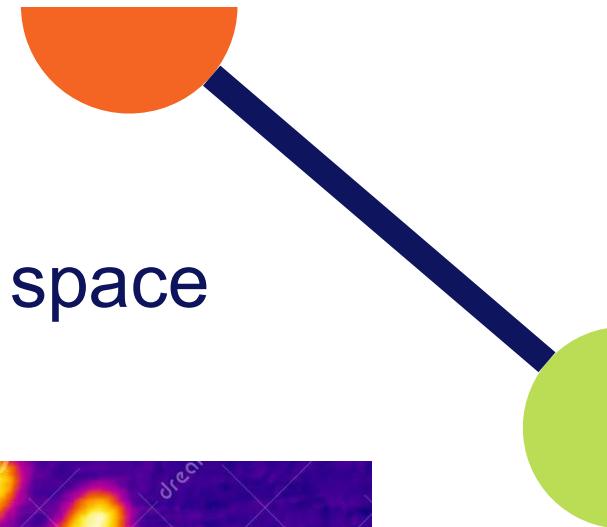
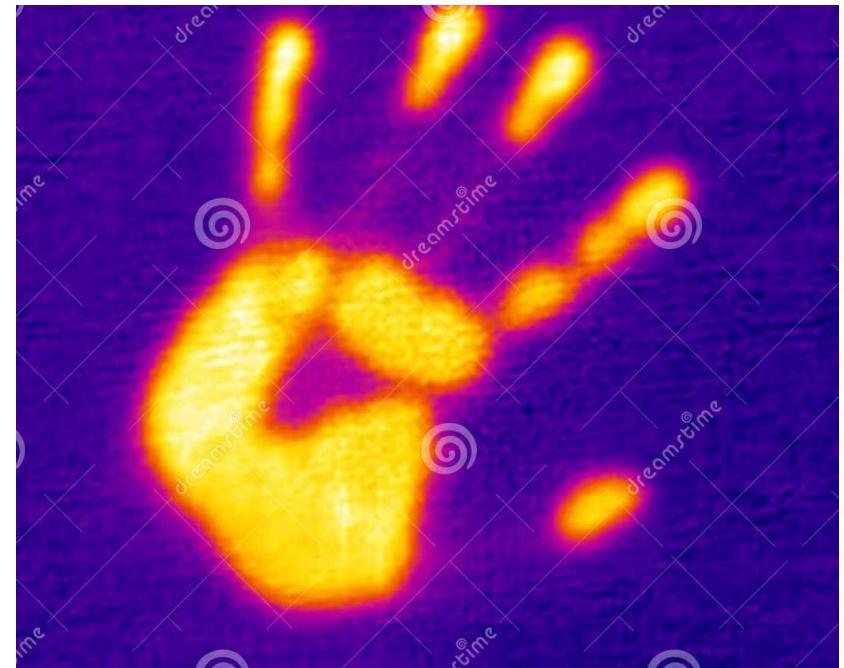


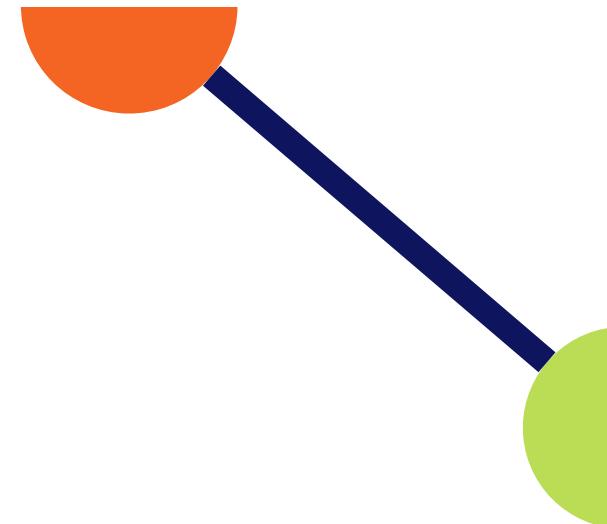


The buildings are characterized by :

- 1) Morphology, function and use
- 2) Structure and materials
- 3) Properties and behaviour / environment and climate

## Optical and thermal footprint visible from space

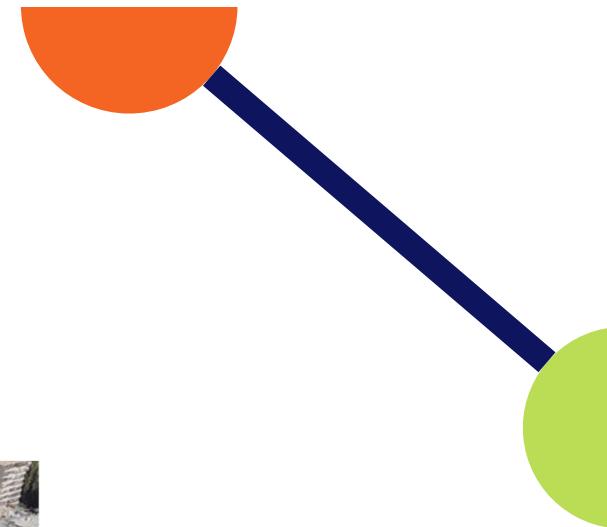




## Urban morphologies

The following different types of morphologies result in different thermal signatures

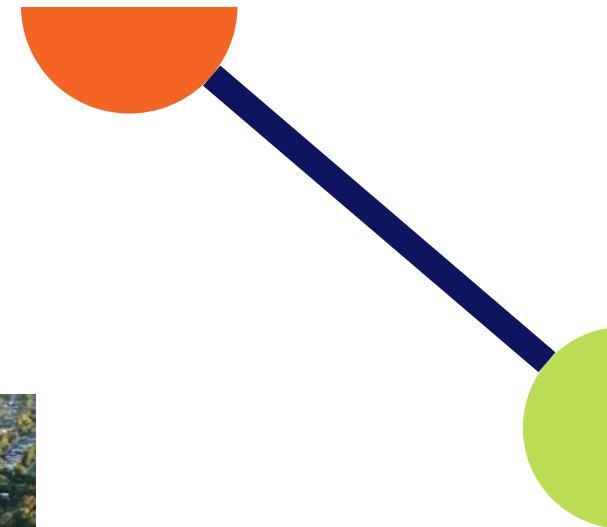
- Dense and vertical
- Suburban neighbourhood
- Industrial
- Rural



Dense and vertical : heat accumulation



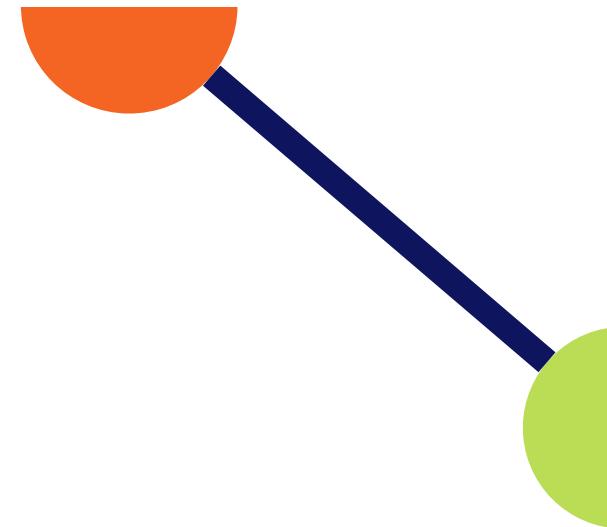
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Suburban neighborhood, ventilation, green spaces



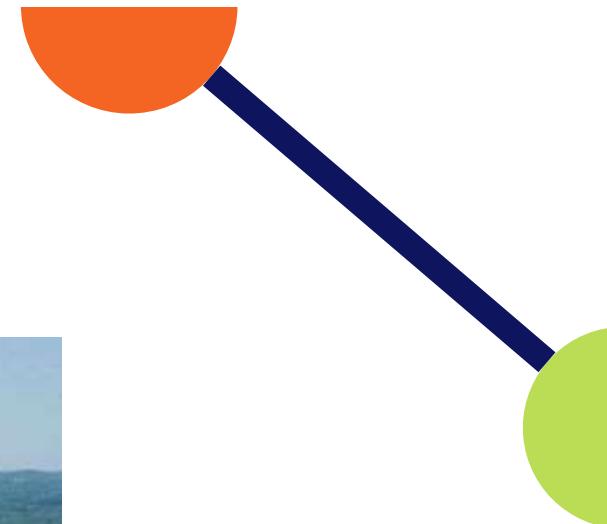
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## Industrial, large metal roofs



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: Rural : dominant vegetation

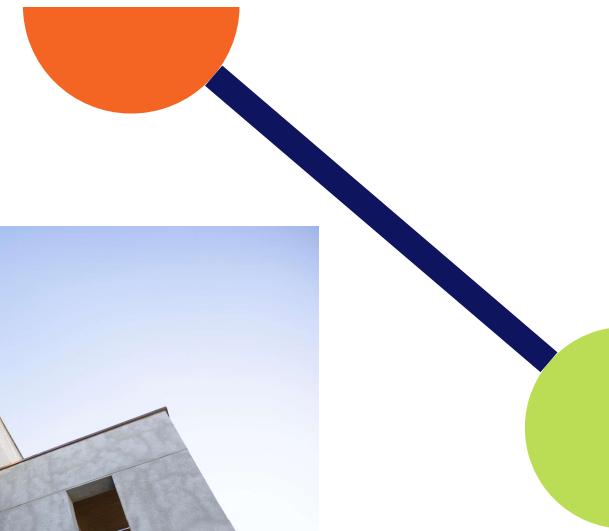


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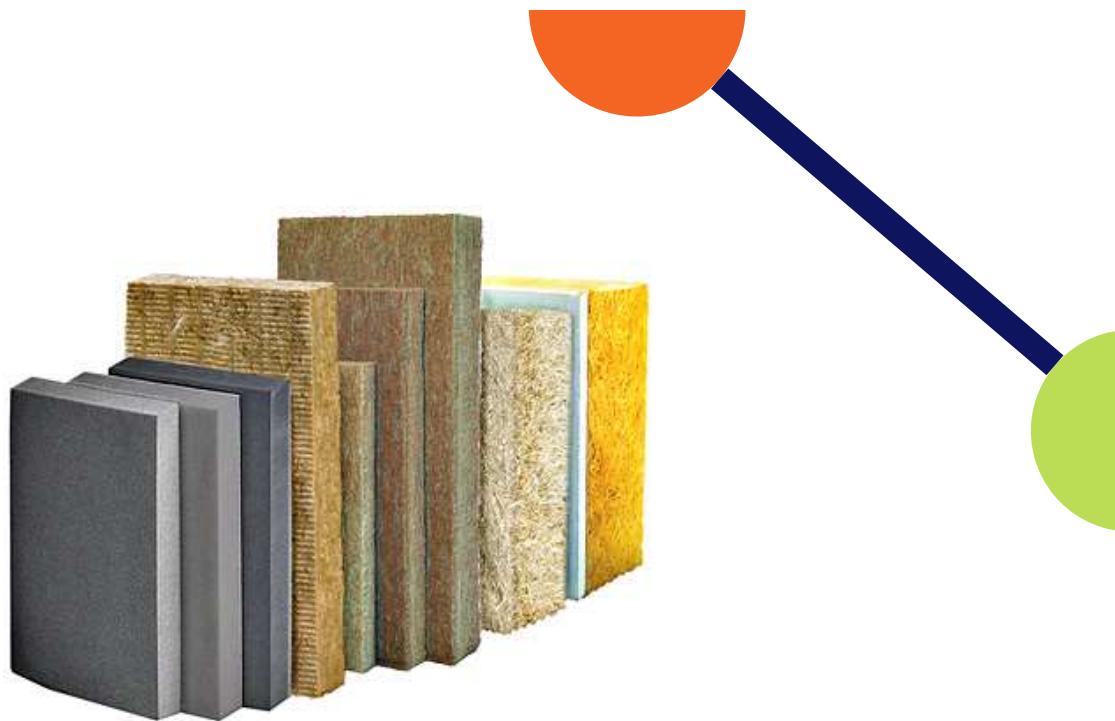
## Structure and materials

Classes of materials :

- Heavy minerals : concrete, stone : inertia
- Light materials : wood, metal : conductive or insulating



Insulators : wool and hemp : conductivity



Coverings : tiles, slates : Albedo

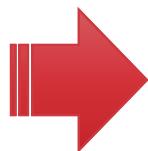


## Properties and behaviour

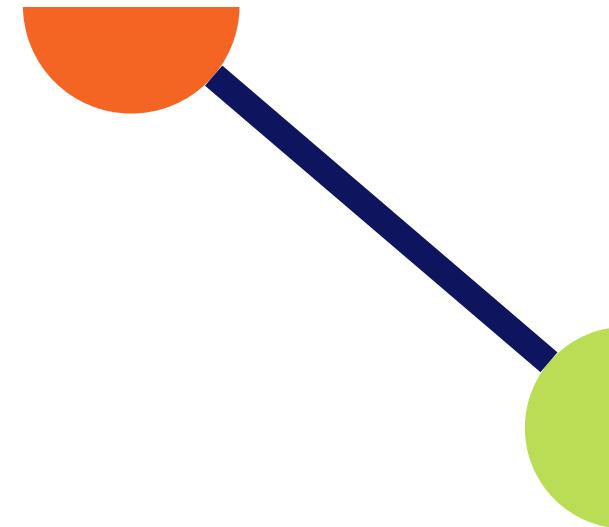
The building as a physical system

The building is an energy system : It exchanges heat, air, moisture and radiation

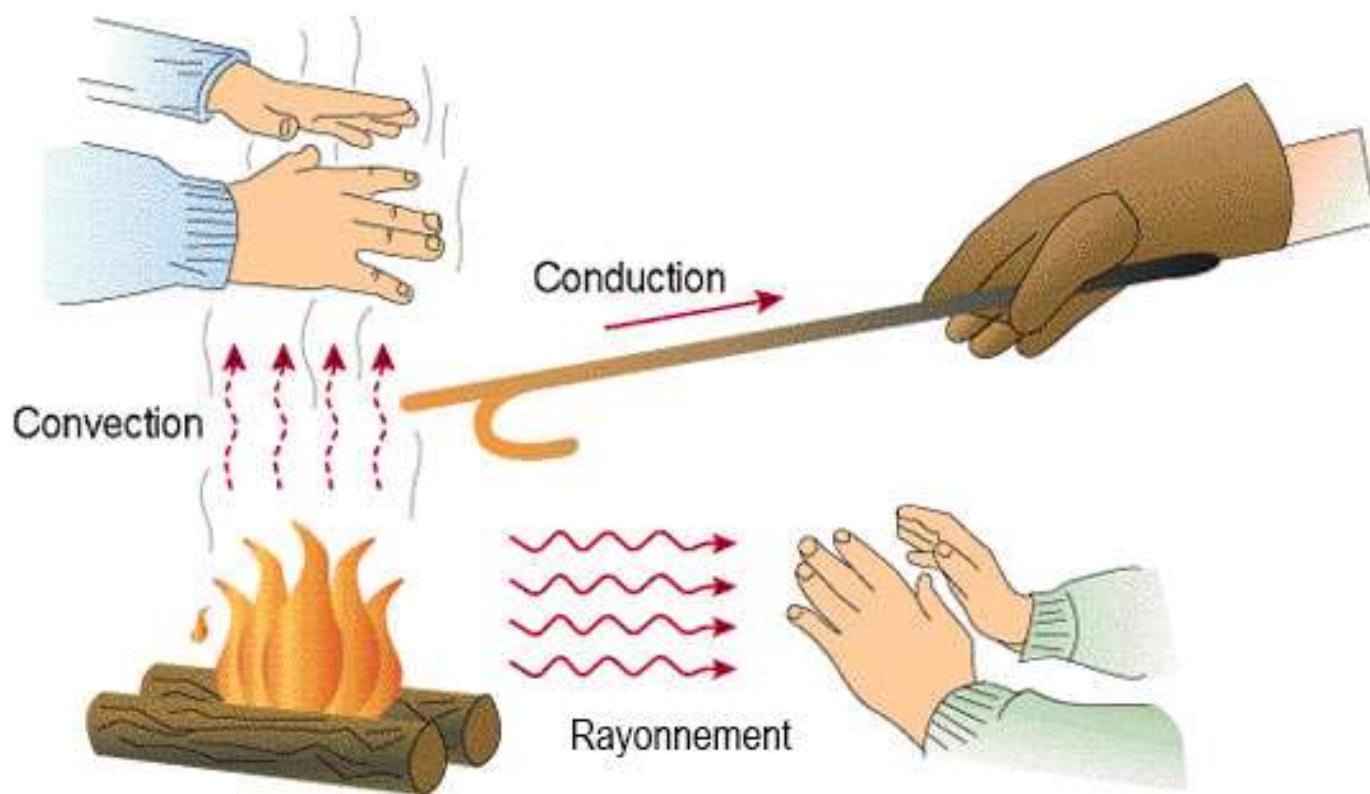
Conduction, convection and radiation



Conduction  
Convection  
Rayonnement

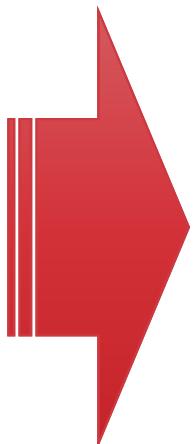


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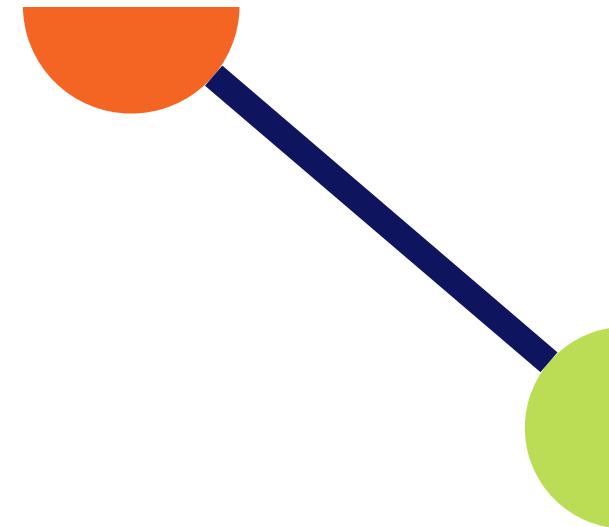


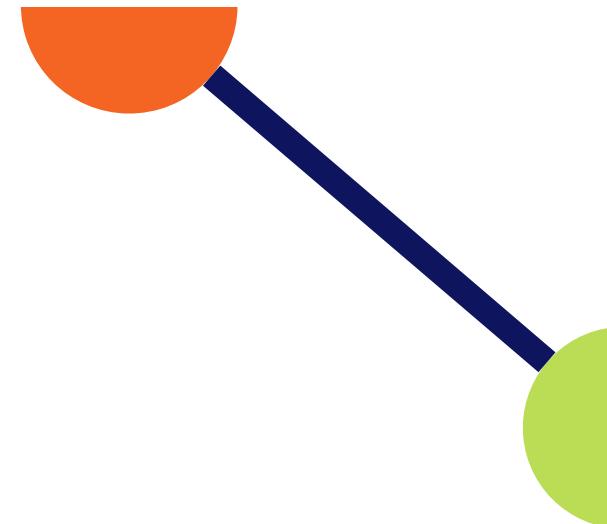
## Key thermal properties of materials

- Thermal conductivity
- Thermal resistance
- Thermal inertia
- Albedo ( reflectance )
- Emissivity



Impact on inner comfort and satellite signature





## Définitions :

Thermal conductivity : ability to allow heat transfer

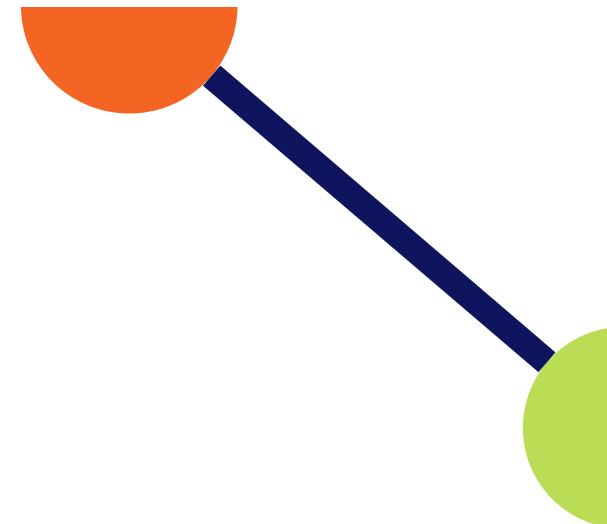
Thermal resistance : ability to resist heat flow

Thermal inertia : ability of a material to store and release heat

Albedo : fraction of solar energy reflected by a surface

Emissivity : ability of a material to emit heat as infrared radiation

( important for thermal sensors ). It varies from 0 ( for a perfectly reflective surface) to 1 (for a perfect blackbody )



## thermal properties / behavior

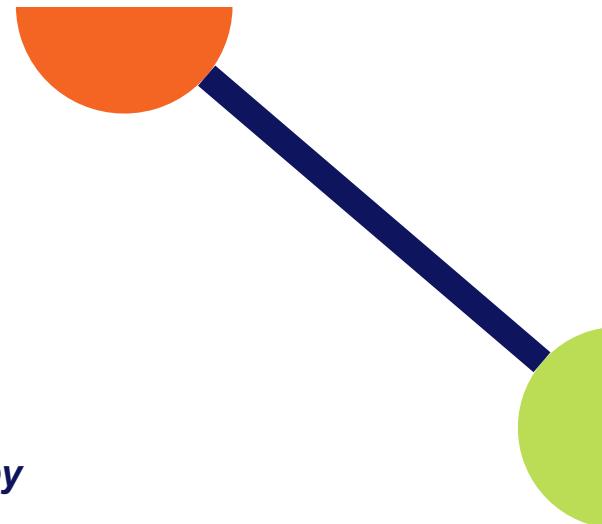
Examples : Concrete : heats up slowly, cools down slowly

Wood : natural insulator

Polystyrene : excellent insulator

Metal : rapid heating

Stone : High inertia, bad insulation



## The influence of thermal properties of materials

### Interaction

*Diurnal warming*

### Description

*Absorption of solar radiation by roofs and facades*

*Night cooling*

*Release of the heat accumulated during the day*

*Albedo effect*

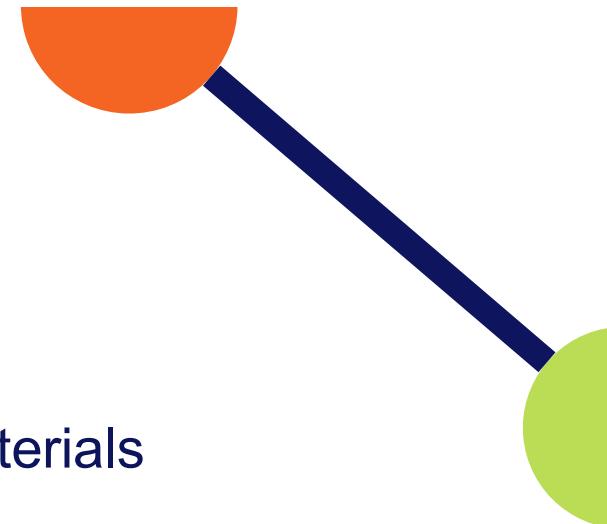
*Light colored surfaces reflect solar radiation*

*Evapotranspiration*

*Cooling through vegetation and soil moisture*

*Urban heat islands*

*Heat accumulation in dense mineral areas*



## Examples of the influence of thermal properties of materials

### Phenomenon

*Diurnal heating of roofs*

*Urban surfaces Albedo*

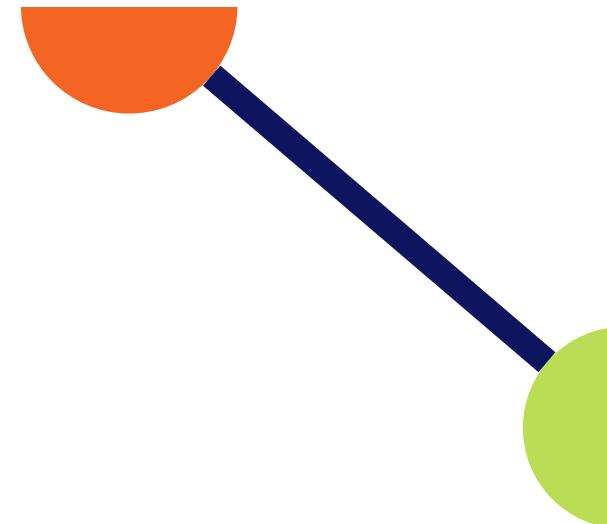
*Vegetation and moisture*

### Ground observation

*High surface temperature ,  
Indoor comfort reduced*

*White roof versus black*

*Evapotranspiration, local coolness*



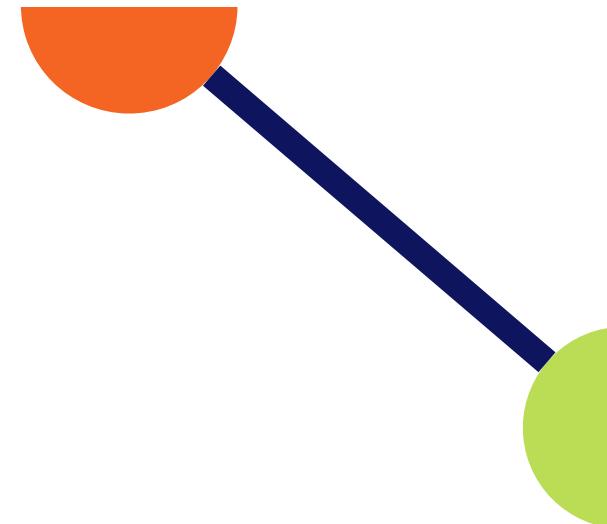
## Architectural impact :

Green roofs : Reduce surface temperatures and improve insulation

Reflective materials : Reduce heating in summer ( light- colored roofs )

Ventilated façades : Promote inner comfort and reduce energy losses

Urban layout : Orientation, density and building height influence airflow and shading



# Conclusion

The building : energy and visual footprint

Shapes +materials+ colors : thermal behaviour and climate impact

- diurnal warming : heat accumulation
- night cooling : release
- evapotranspiration : cooling
- urban heat islands : higher temperatures

Link between building physics and remote sensing.

Satellite observation and the use of BIM can be very beneficial for building management in order to reduce their impact on climate change



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