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Abstract

- Nowadays, insulating building materials are developed from the valorization of agro-resources. They
- show high ecological and hygrothermal performance. Before making them available on the market,
- 17 there is a need to classify them according to their decay resistance. This paper aims to propose a test
- 18 method that qualifies bio-based composites with respect to their performance. An accelerated aging
- 19 test was carried out on 5 composites made with two different agro-resources (hemp and rape) and
- 20 with different binders. It consists of exposing the specimens to (30 °C; 90% RH) for three months.
- 21 During the test, the specimens are regularly weighed and photographed. The sample mass and the
- 22 percentage of surface contaminated by fungi are measured along the test. Finally, a microscopic view
- allows identifying the species of the developed molds.

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- A. Biocomposite; B. Environmental degradation; D. Non-destructive testing; D. Optical microscopy;
- 27 DIC (Digital Image Correlation).

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