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# THERMOPHYSICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF GRANITE, BASALT AND MARBLE ORNAMENTAL STONES IN BENIN ORNAMENTAL STONES THERMOPHYSICS: CASE OF GRANITE, BASALT AND MARBLE

### ABSTRACT

**Aim:** This work aims to evaluate the thermophysical characteristics of the local ornamental stones in order to facilitate their choice as efficient flooring materials more efficient.

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**Methodology:** Three varieties of the most known and requested ornamental stones on the market, have been selected for this work. This is which include granite, marble and basalt extracted from the Beninese ground and subjected to. This study allowed us to use the asymmetric hot plane method to determine their thermal effusivity, thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity and volumetric heat capacity of these materials. The parallelepiped-shaped samples of 10 cm × 10 cm × 3 cm have been were performed for measurements.

**Results:** Investigations have shown that granite has the lowest thermal conductivity value (3.22 W.m<sup>-1</sup>.K<sup>-1</sup>); effusivity (2470.51 J.m<sup>-1</sup>.K<sup>-1</sup>.s<sup>-1/2</sup>) and diffusivity (1.70. 10<sup>-6</sup> m<sup>2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>) and the highest value of the volumetric heat capacity (2362.73 KJ.K<sup>-1</sup>.m<sup>-3</sup>) is obtained with marble.

**Conclusion:** Therefore granite is seems to have a character more insulating and the marble has better a strong ability to store heat, than the other two materials.

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**Keywords:** ornamental stones, Thermophysical properties, less energy-intensive, and energy storage material.

#### BOM

$\lambda$ : Thermal conductivity (W.m<sup>-1</sup>.K<sup>-1</sup>)

$\lambda_L$ : Value of the thermal conductivity derived from the literature (W.m<sup>-1</sup>.K<sup>-1</sup>).

$a$ : Thermal diffusivity (m<sup>2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>)

$a_L$ : Value of the thermal diffusivity derived from the literature (m<sup>2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>).

$E$ : Thermal effusivity (J.m<sup>-1</sup>.K<sup>-1</sup>.s<sup>-1/2</sup>)

$\rho C$ : Volumetric heat capacity (KJ.K<sup>-1</sup>.m<sup>-3</sup>)

$T_{mod}$ : Temperature given by the model

$T_{exp}$ : Temperature given by experience

$u_x$ : Standard uncertainty of x

$u_c(y)$ : Composite standard uncertainty of y  
OBRGM: Office search Benin geological and mining.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

~~The~~ Benin has huge deposits of ornamental stones with a wide variety of products ~~to consider an expansion of domestic production~~. These stones, after having been worked, ensure the aesthetic aspect of finishing ~~and can in this case to be used for covering tiling~~ floors and walls. ~~But it is clear that this wealth is unfortunately very little exploited particularly in the area of the building to residential tenancies. This~~ The low level of exploitation is indicative of a multitude ~~many~~ of problems ~~that prevents the ornamental stone sector to take off. We can mention among other things. The following were identified as some of the challenges :~~

- The Thermophysical performance of these ornamental stones ~~are not yet known to~~, ~~which does not encourage investors to engage in buildings for which there do not have a technical guarantee of energy saving.~~

- A lack of alliance ~~The relationship~~ between 'aesthetic aspect of these stones and their abilities ~~potential for~~ a use as materials for insulation in the modern architecture.
- Artisanal mining methods ~~do not have much care for~~ with irregular shapes and a bad provision of these stones ~~in to preserve their~~ the coatings ~~hence it. So the appearance of finishing that present these stones shapes no national built heritage, which limits their fields of application (Figure 1).~~

~~On the bibliography on the topic, it is important to note that few~~ Not many studies devoted to the ~~are on~~ characterization of ornamental stones in the literature. Thus, 11 Moroccan varieties of building stones ~~have been were~~ subjected to of a Petrographic study ~~esy~~ [1]. ~~The study of t~~ The influence of the petro-structural feature on the mechanical properties of the quartzites of atacorá in Benin revealed that the Micro-Deval coefficients obtained at the level of the sites of Berecingou and are respectively 6.4% and 8.3% ~~respectively~~ [2]. Furthermore, the characterization of bi-layer mineral material helped showed that 20% of rate of coarse sand, the Bilayers offer is good resistant ~~toe~~ in bending three points ~~at~~ (9.875MPa), compression ~~at~~ (22.083MPa) with a normal water absorption rate normal [3]. Other works ~~are were~~ devoted to the origin and evolution of the term "small granite" [4]. ~~However, n~~ No study is addressed thermophysical characterization of local ornamental stones ~~of such as granite, marble, and basalt was undertaken. Which explains the interest on these stones which can be used in the coating of buildings when their thermophysical characteristics are known. This study carefully is therefore part of a logic of addressed valorization of these stones with regards to their energy efficiency, coating materials, for durability, aesthetic appearance and finishing for in the building as more energy efficient coating materials, offering both durability and aesthetic appearance of the finishes.~~

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**Fig. 1.** ~~Picture~~ Photograph of the ~~a~~ building of the ~~a~~ prestigious ~~s~~School of the ~~T~~trades of the ~~E~~future

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## 2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

### 2.1 Origin of raw materials

~~Rock samples~~The raw materials used in the ~~present work are were~~ extracted from the ~~ground of~~ Benin in West Africa. ~~Selected g~~Granite and basaltic rocks ~~are were~~ from the Marian Grotto of Dassa-Zoumé and of the basin volcano ~~—~~sedimentary rocks of Idahomahou in Savalou, respectively. ~~As for m~~Marble, it was ~~extracted were taken from a pile~~reserve of marble at Bagbononhou in Abomey (see location in Figure 2).



Fig. 2. Geographical location map of Benin showing of rock sampling sites

## 2.2. Method of Determination of Estimating Thermophysical Properties

In this work, we used an asymmetric hot plane device [5] was used for sample characterization. In the process, a section probe (10 cm × 10 cm) is placed below the sample. As shown in (Figure 3), a section probe (10 cm × 10 cm) is placed below the sample. The device has a A type K thermocouple consisting of wires of  $5 \cdot 10^{-3}$  mm in diameter, is placed below the probe. This The set is placed between two blocks of extruded polystyrene foam of 5 cm and on the other hand two aluminum blocks of thickness 4 cm to impose the generate temperature on at the contact surfaces. A flow step is sent into the heating element and the temperature is recorded in at the center. This system is modeled with a unidirectional heat transfer hypothesis (1D) at the center of the sample during measurement.

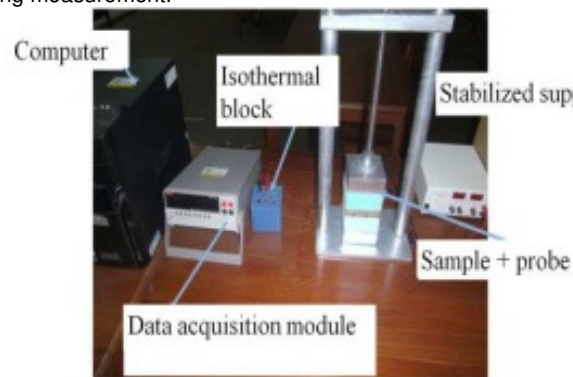


Fig. 3. Experimental mechanism of thermal characterization of experience test

## 2.3 Measurement procedure

To begin the measurement, there are two parameters:

- The data acquisition time
- The intensity of the heating current.

At a given Thus, we choose the values of time and intensity sensitivity allowing for pc, there is and a rise in temperature of about 10 °C required for a model of one-way transfer (1 d) with the, assumption that the will be checked afterwards by an analysis of residue: difference between the temperatures given by the Tmod model and the one given by the Texp experience.

The operation is made for each sample. As illustration, we present fFigure 4 shows temperatures of the front and back curves and of residues obtained for granite.

Where there is We are seeing a rise in temperature of the front, 10 °C 180 nearby for an intensity of 0.625A. By referring to the model and experimental curves, we see that the two curves overlap perfectly. The residues are also flat.

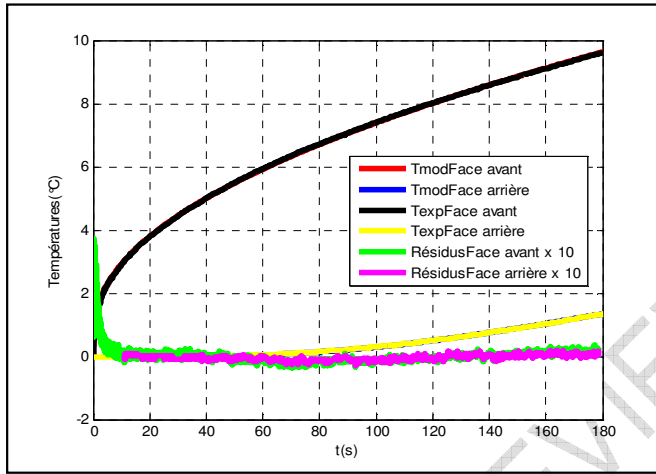


Fig. 4. Curve-Mmodel curvesand for experimental and test on the granite waste

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#### 2.4- Assessment of uncertainties

The asymmetric hot plan method to determine experimentally  $\lambda$  thermal conductivity and the thermal effusivity  $E$  with their respective uncertainties. Has the thermal diffusivity and volumetric heat capacity  $\rho C$  ~~are-were~~ determined from the following formulaes:

$$a = \frac{\lambda}{\rho C} = \frac{\lambda^2}{E^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\rho C = \frac{E^2}{\lambda} \quad (2)$$

The uncertainty in the calculation of "a" and "pC" are evaluated by the propagation method of uncertainties.

$$[u_c(a)]^2 = \left(\frac{\partial a}{\partial \lambda}\right)^2 (u_\lambda)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial a}{\partial E}\right)^2 (u_E)^2 \quad (3)$$

$$u_c(a) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial a}{\partial \lambda}\right)^2 (u_\lambda)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial a}{\partial E}\right)^2 (u_E)^2} \quad (4)$$

By integrating the partial derivatives, we find:

$$u_c(a) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2\lambda}{E^2}\right)^2 (u_\lambda)^2 + \left(-\frac{2\lambda^2}{E^3}\right)^2 (u_E)^2} \quad (5)$$

In addition:

$$[u_c(\rho C)]^2 = \left(\frac{\partial(\rho C)}{\partial \lambda}\right)^2 (u_\lambda)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial(\rho C)}{\partial E}\right)^2 (u_E)^2 \quad (6)$$

$$u_c(\rho C) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial(\rho C)}{\partial \lambda}\right)^2 (u_\lambda)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial(\rho C)}{\partial E}\right)^2 (u_E)^2} \quad (7)$$

By integrating the partial derivatives, we find:

$$u_c(\rho C) = \sqrt{\left(-\frac{E^2}{\lambda^2}\right)^2 (u_\lambda)^2 + \left(\frac{2E}{\lambda}\right)^2 (u_E)^2} \quad (8)$$

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1 shows the results of the thermal characteristics of the three samples. It can be seen that the values of volumetric heat capacity and thermal conductivity of three granite samples ~~three~~ are in agreement with those reported in the literature [6-7]. On the other hand, values of the thermal conductivity of the marble and basalt appear to contradict ~~the~~ values of literature workers [6]. There are two possible hypotheses ~~and probable~~: the first is that the

tests ~~are were~~ not carried out at the same temperature and the second is that ~~our the current~~ samples ~~used for this work~~ and those used ~~by previous workers for the bibliography results~~ have the same ~~properties of~~ chemical, ~~and~~ physical ~~properties and as well as~~ mineralogical composition. The second seems more likely. Moreover, the thermal diffusivity and conductivity ~~values~~ obtained with granite seem to contradict other values ~~of literature~~ [8]. This observation seems to confirm the second hypothesis.

Table 1: Results of the Thermophysical ~~s~~ measures.

Parameters	Average values		
	Marble	Basalt	Granite
$E(\text{J.m}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}.\text{s}^{-1/2})$	3416.34±0.009	2744.22±0.004	2470.51±0.006
$\lambda(\text{W.m}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1})$	4.94±0.02	3.85±0.008	3.22±0.01
$\lambda_L(\text{W.m}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1})$	2.3-3.2[6]	1.2-2.3[6] and 1.7-2.5 [7]	2.6-3.1[6];2-4[7] and 2.8[8].
$a(10^{-6} \text{ m}^2.\text{s}^{-1})$	2.09±0.01	1.967±0.008	1.70±0.01
$a_L(10^{-6} \text{ m}^2.\text{s}^{-1})$			1.07[8].
$\rho C(\text{KJ.K}^{-1}.\text{m}^{-3})$	2362.73±7.90	1956.49±4.07	1892.88±6.86

#### 4. CONCLUSION

The thermophysical properties of granite, marble and basalt ~~were have been~~ determined ~~in the present work~~ by the asymmetric hot plane method.

The results obtained showed that ~~the~~ granite has the lowest value of thermal conductivity, effusivity and diffusivity respectively equal to 3.22 W.m<sup>-1</sup>.K<sup>-1</sup>; 2470.51 J.m<sup>-1</sup>.K<sup>-1</sup>.s<sup>-1/2</sup> and 1.70.10<sup>-6</sup> m<sup>2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup> while the highest value of the thermal capacity is ~~obtained with~~ marble, 2362.73 KJ.K<sup>-1</sup>.m<sup>-3</sup>. ~~It is t~~herefore, ~~deduced that~~ granite ~~is seems to have~~ a more insulating ~~while character and~~ marble has a strong capacity to store heat than the other two materials.

~~Further research, based on a larger number of rock varieties, particularly of magmatic origin, is conceivable to support the results of this study.~~

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