



ACOUSTIC EMISSION AND GAS PERMEABILITY CONTRIBUTION TO STUDY ROCKS BEHAVIOUR

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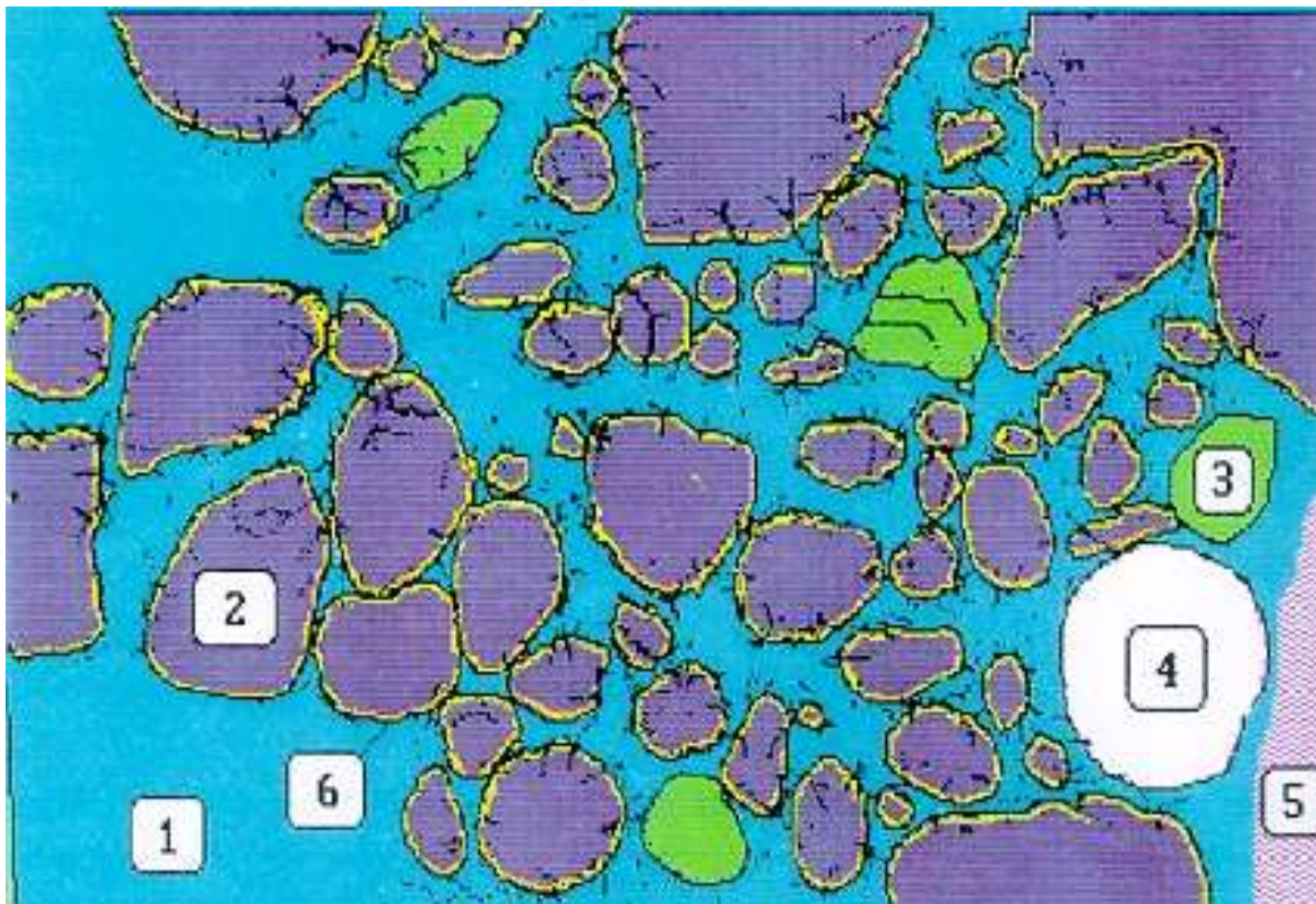


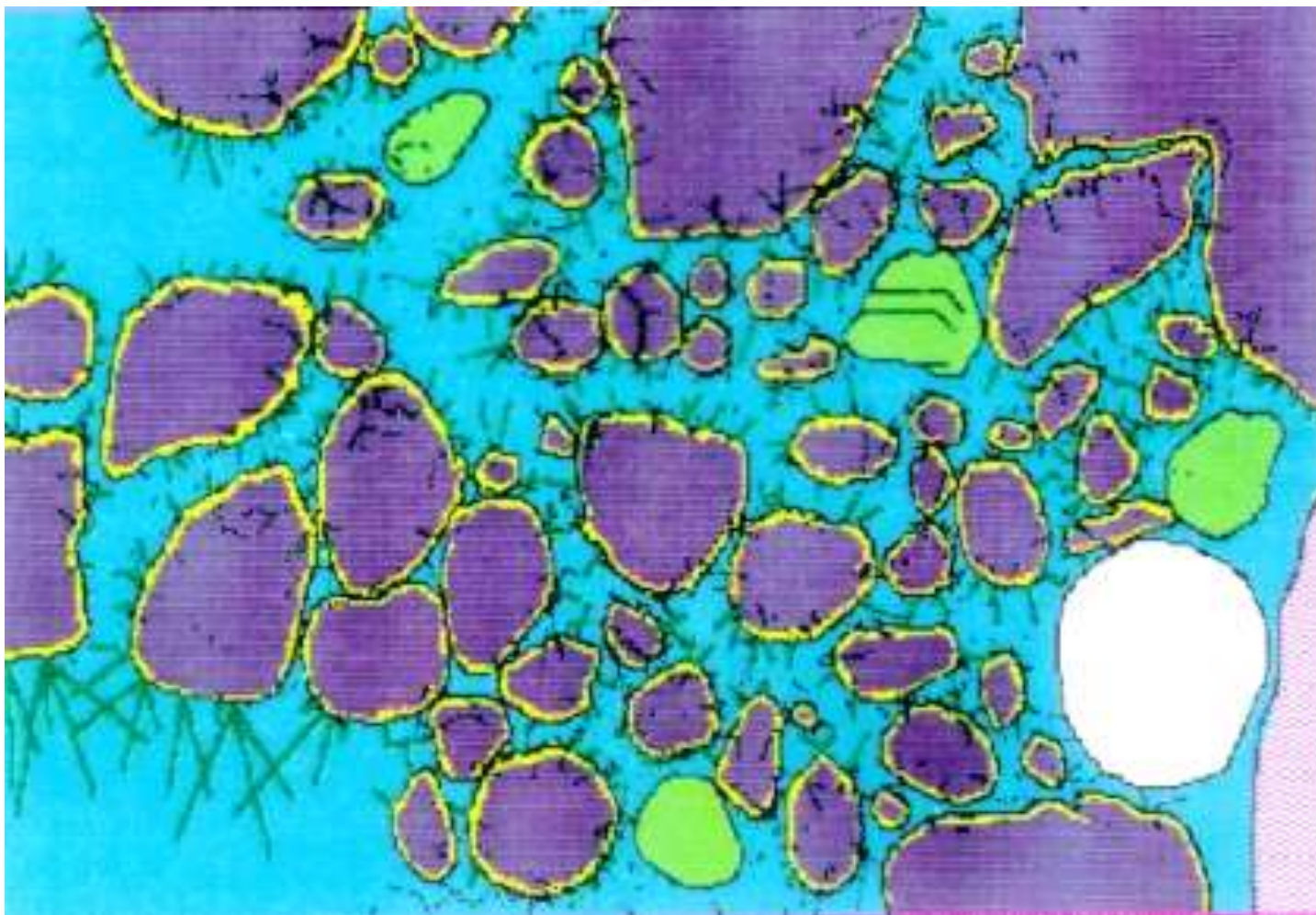
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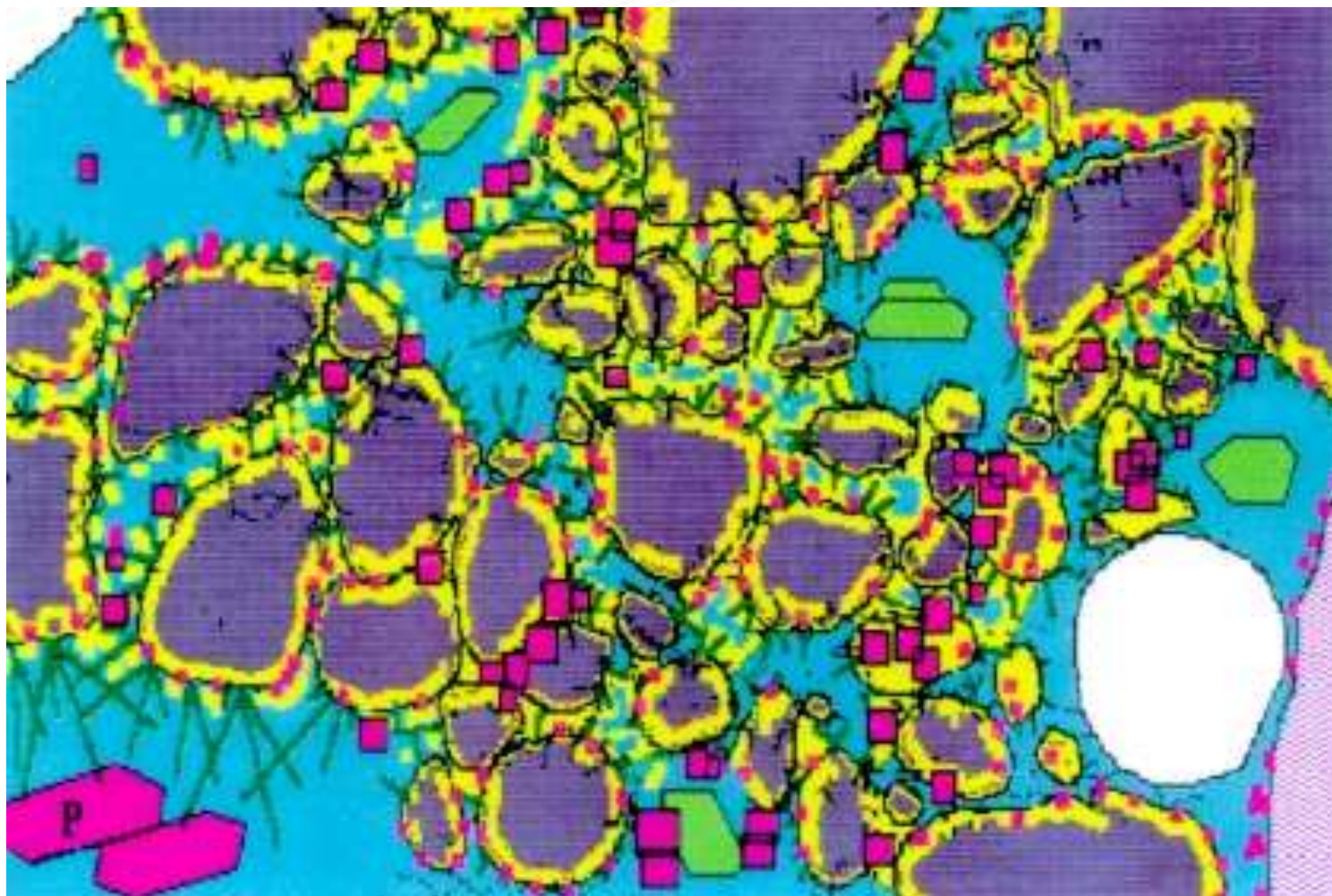


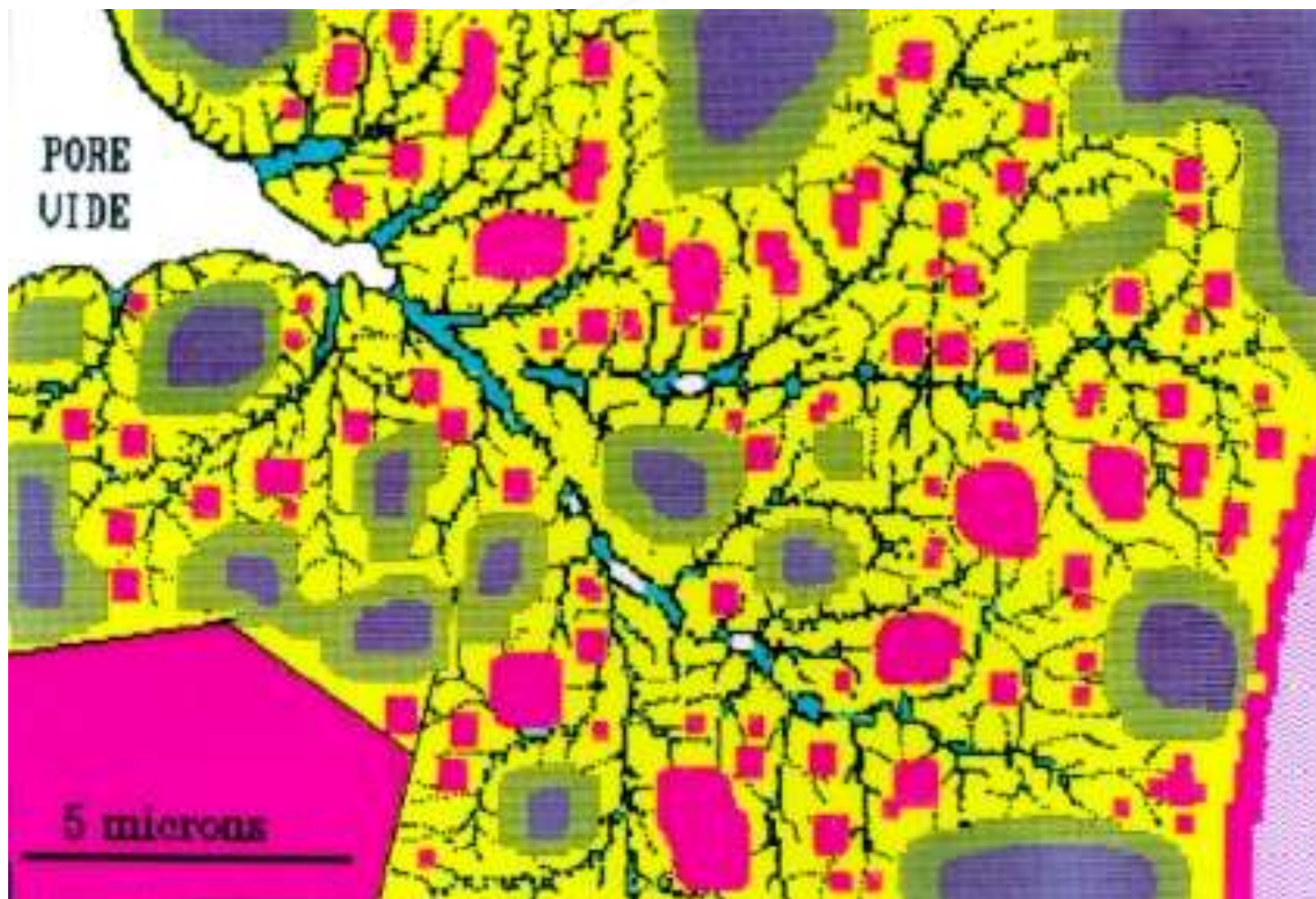




















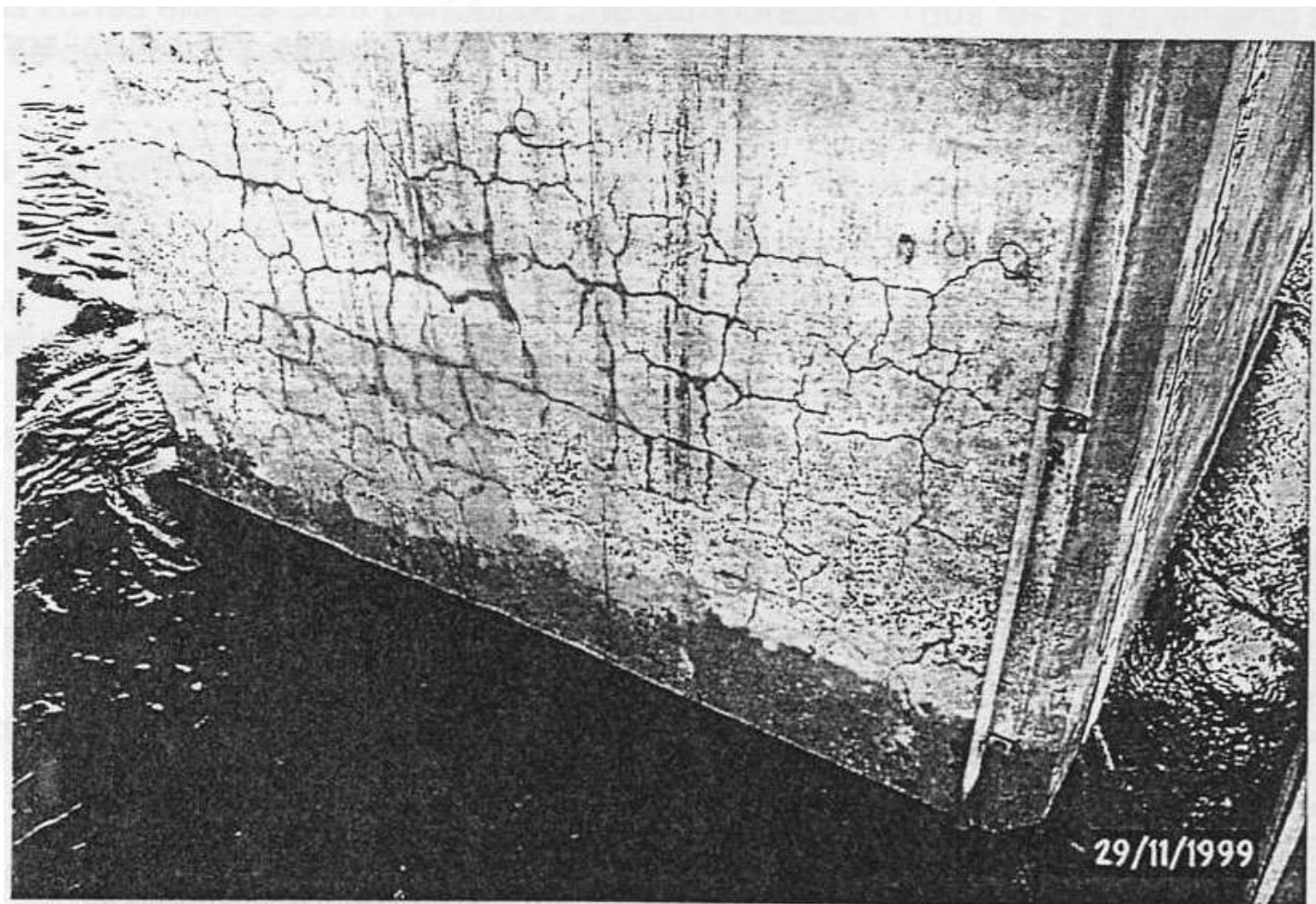


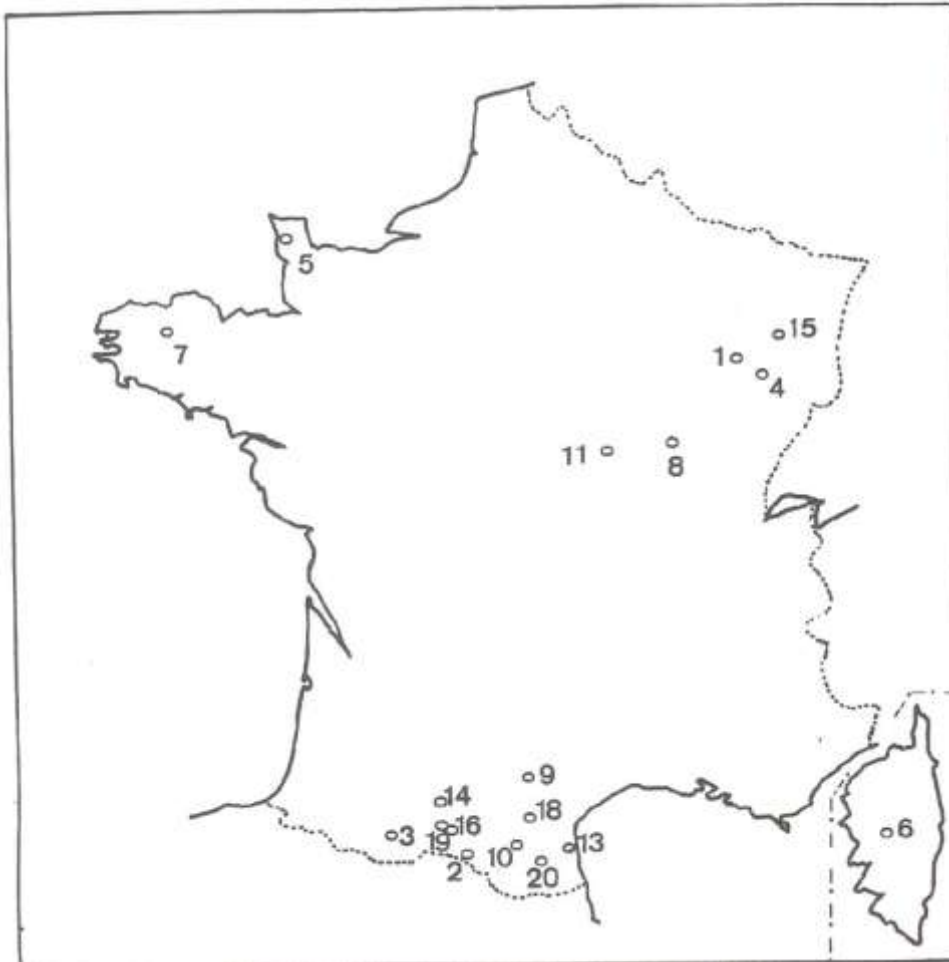










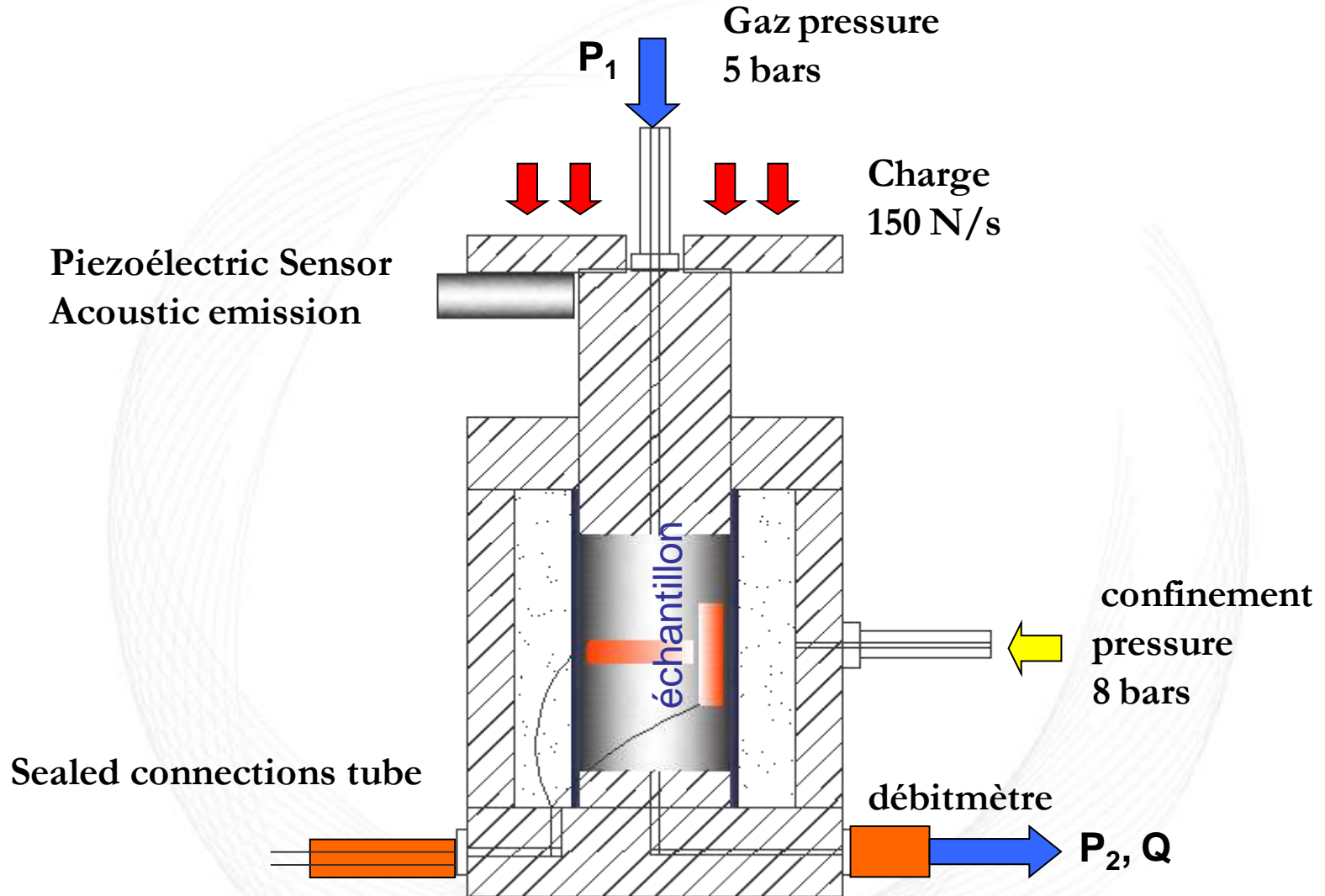


PREMIER GROUPE : ROCHES MINÉRALOGIQUEMENT HÉTÉROGÈNES

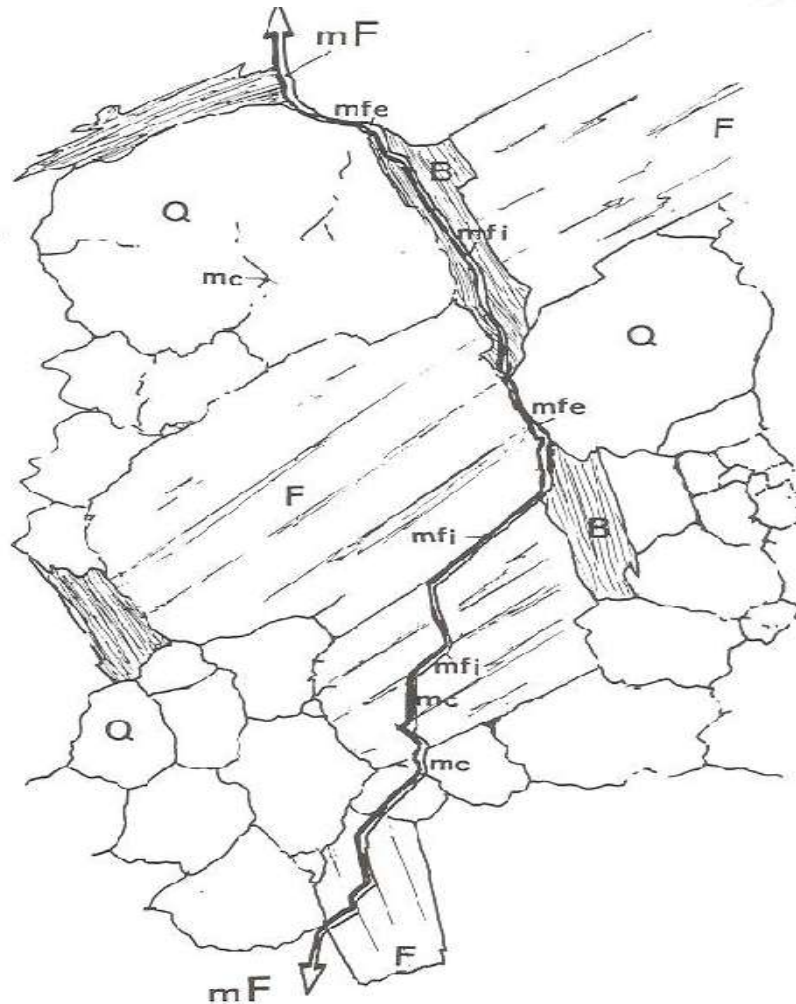
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| 1 Granite de LA FORGE | (A.C.) |
| 2 Granite de SALAU | (L.M.) |
| 3 Granite de CAP DE LONG | (A.C.) |
| 4 Granite de LA BRESSE | (A.C.) |
| 5 Granite de FLAMANVILLE | (A.C.) |
| 6 Granite de CALACUCCIA | (L.M.) |
| 7 Granite de HUELGOAT | (A.C.) |
| 8 Granite de SAINT GERMAIN | (A.C.) |
| 9 Granite du SIDOBRE | (L.M.) |
| 10 Granite de QUERIGUT-MILLAS | (L.M.) |
| 11 Rhyolite de CORBIGNY | (A.C.) |
| 12 Syénite alcaline (Laurwickite) | (L.M.) |
| 13 Syénite néphélinique de FITOU | (L.M.) |
| 14 Ophite de SALIES DU SALAT | (A.C.) |
| 15 Basalte de RACN L'ETAPE | (A.C.) |

SECOND GROUPE : ROCHES MINÉRALOGIQUEMENT HOMOGÈNES

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| 16 Calcaire microcristallin de SAINT BEAT | (L.M.) |
| 17 Calcaire granu de SAINT BEAT | (L.M.) |
| 18 Calcaire à gros grain de MOSSET | (A.C.) |
| 19 Dolomie microcristalline de SAINT BEAT | (L.M.) |
| 20 Dolomie grenue de SAINTE COLOMBE sur GUETTE | (L.M.) |







mc : microcracquelure

mfi : microfissure intracrystalline

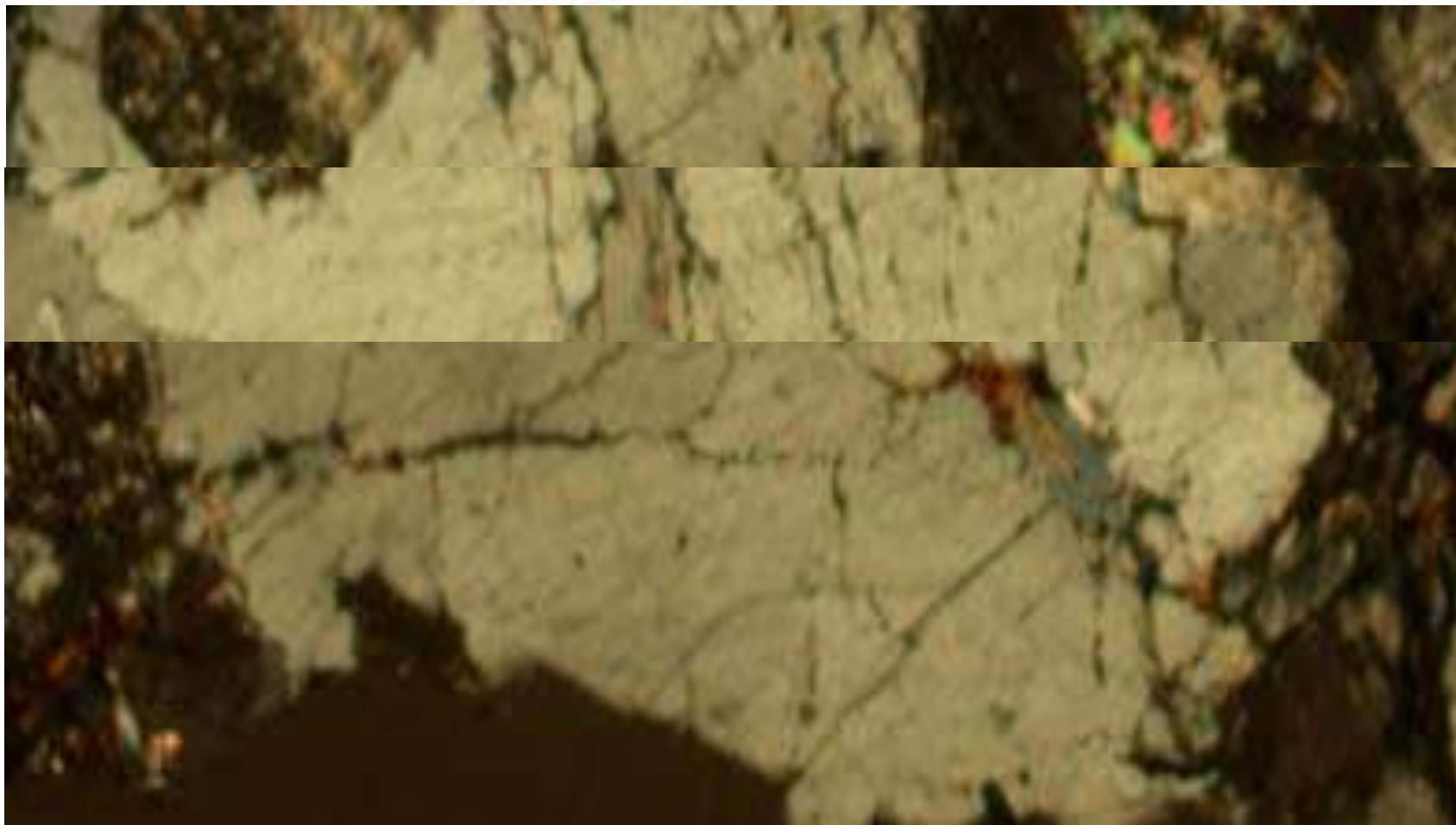
mfe : microfissure intercrystalline

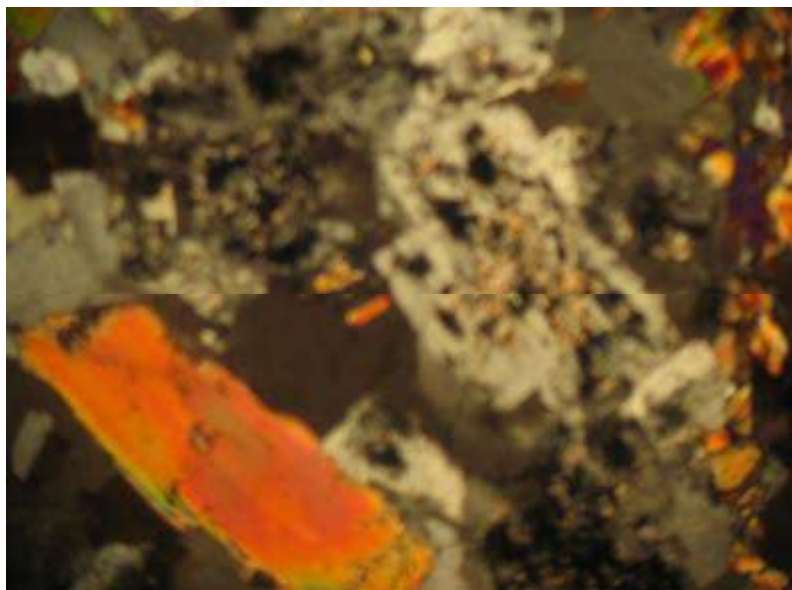
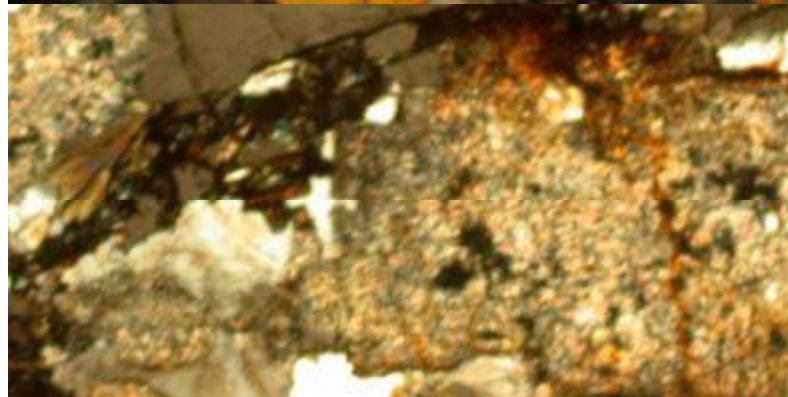
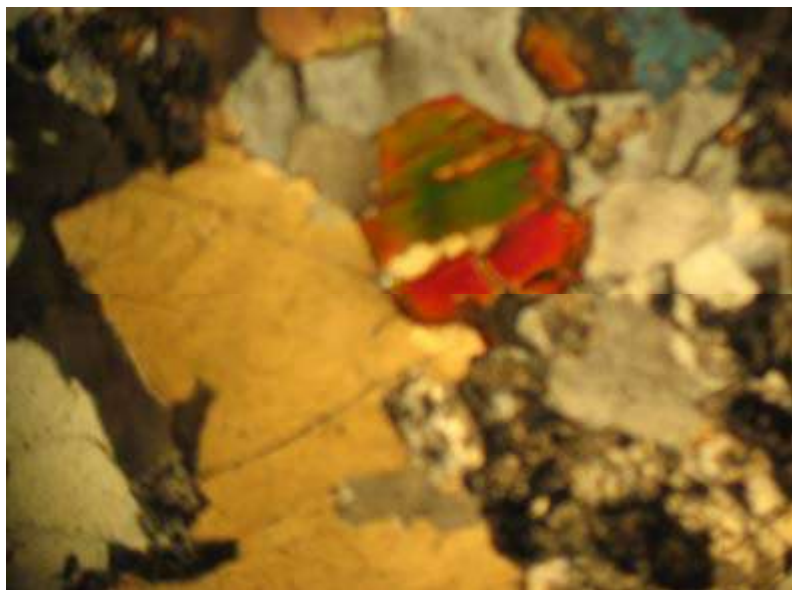
mF : microfracture

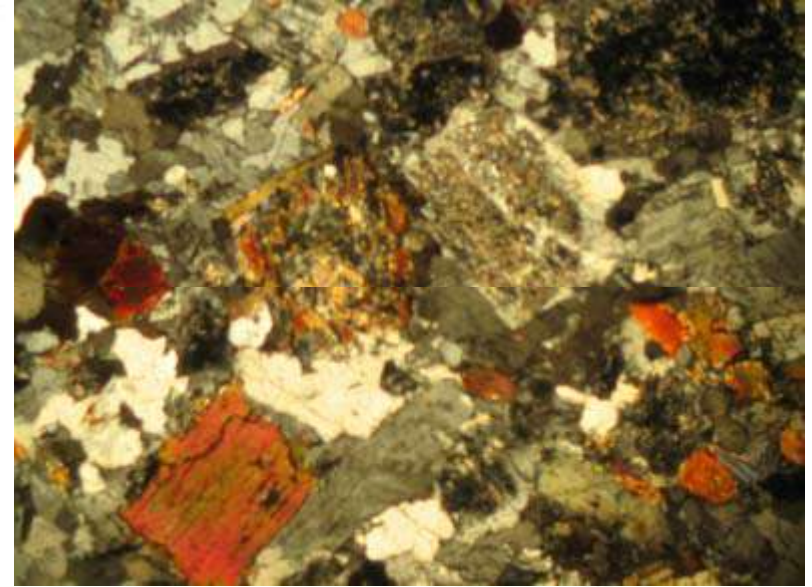
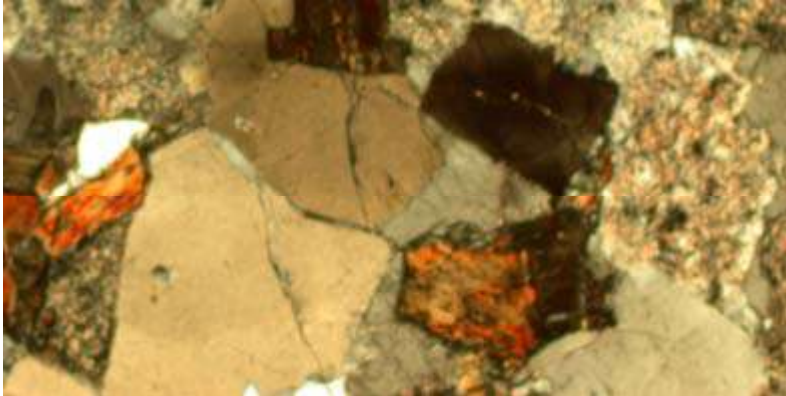
Q : Quartz

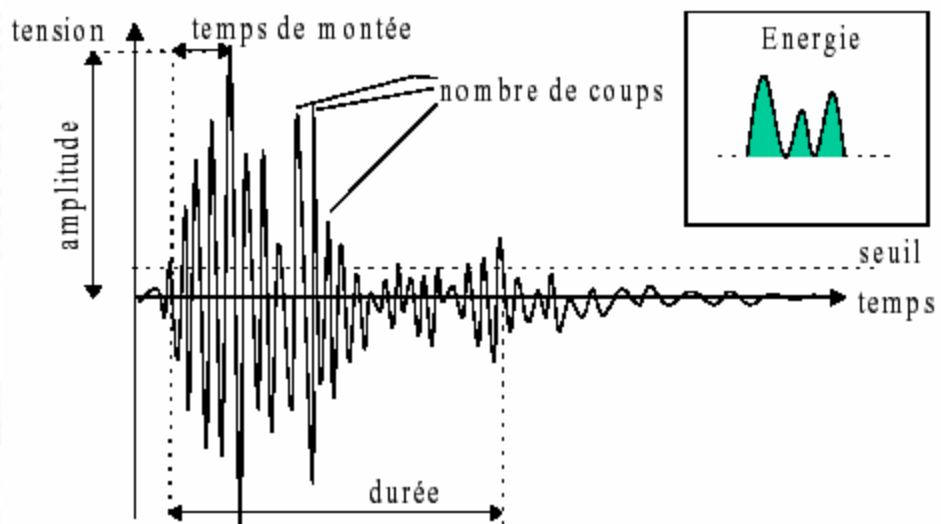
F : Feldspath

B : Biotite

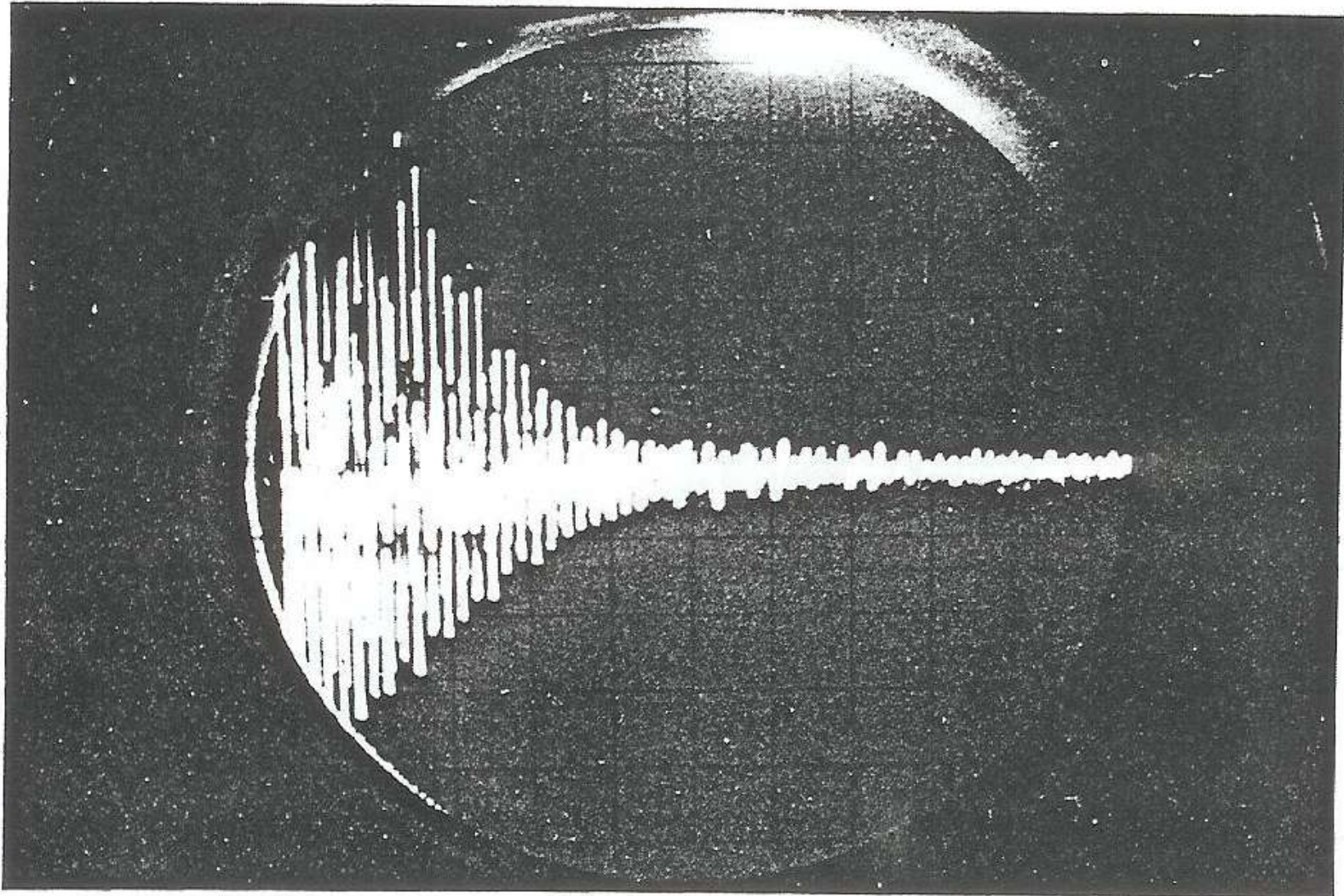




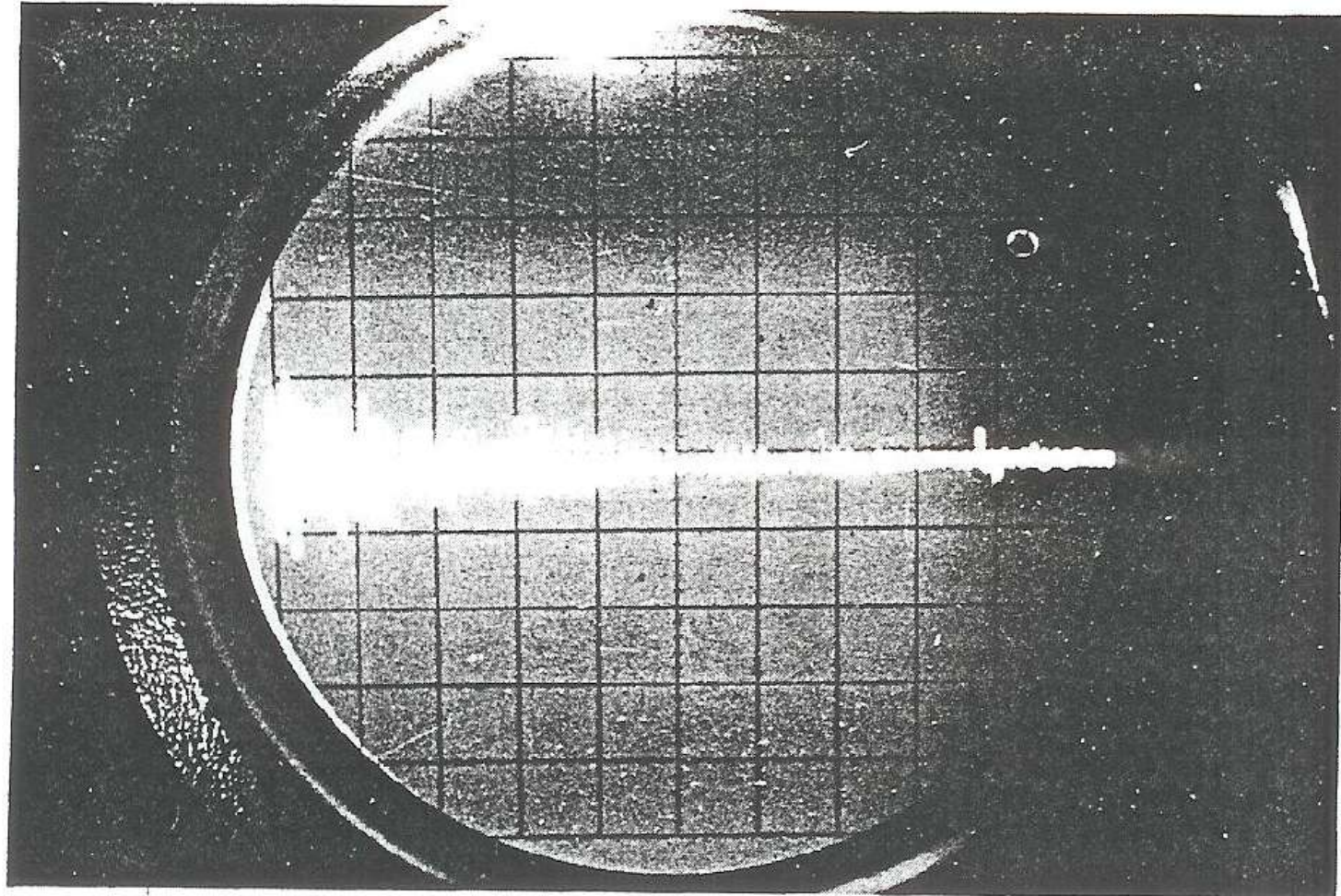




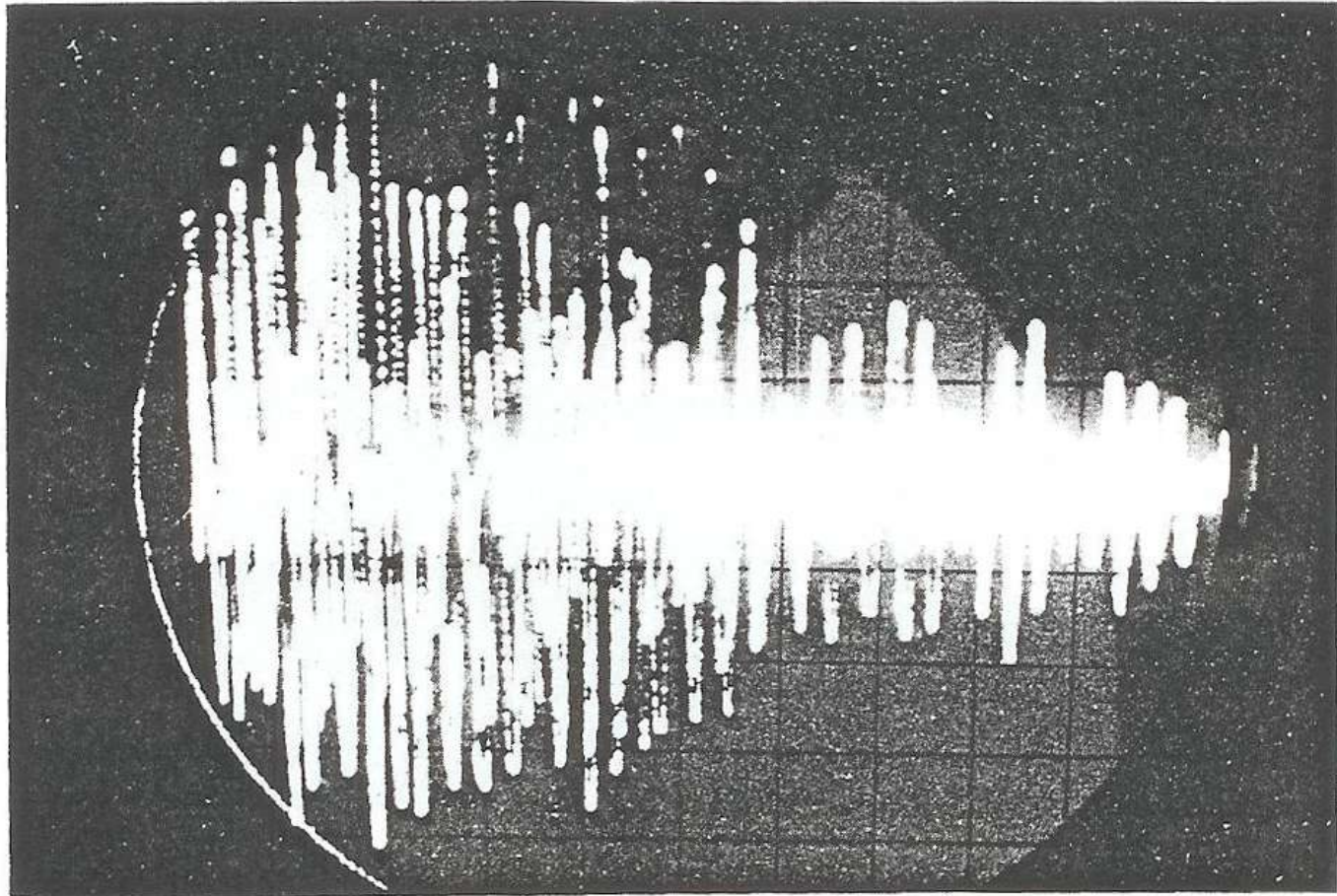
Stiff front and fast damping vibration
due to quartz cracking and grain borderies opening



Very weak and slow damping vibration
due to mineral cleavage

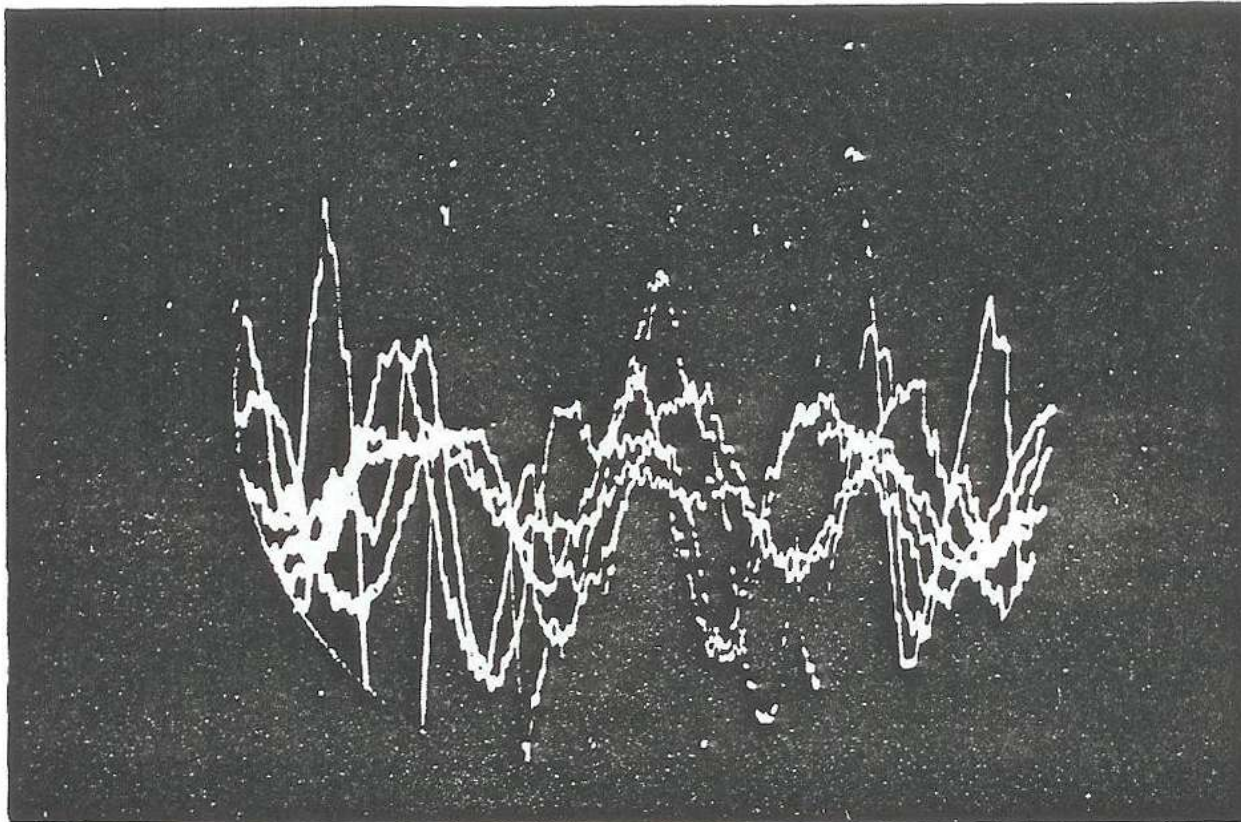


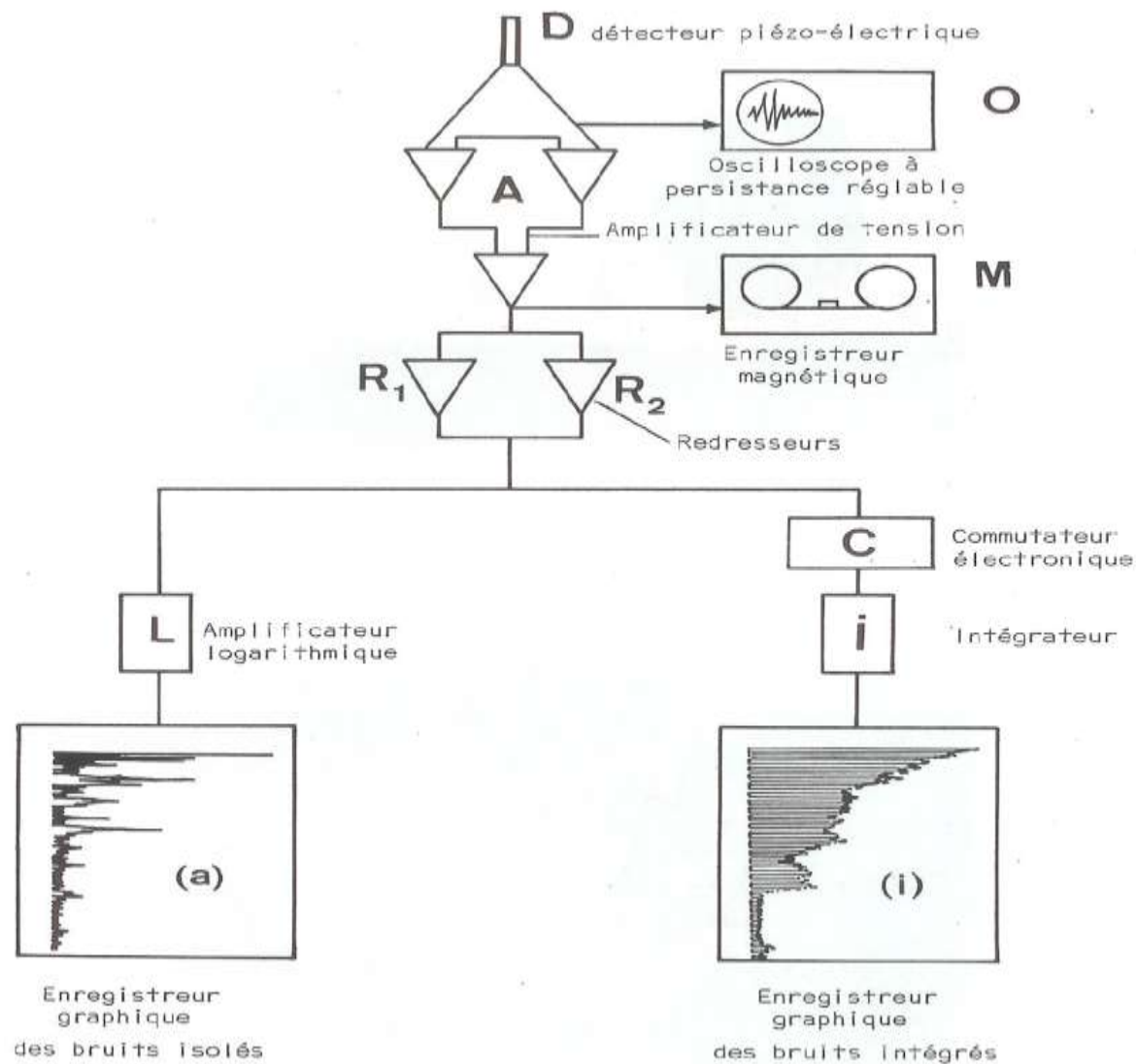
Long and complex vibration; simultaneous vibrations due to microfractures





Complexe justaposition of simultaneous vibrations due to microfractures



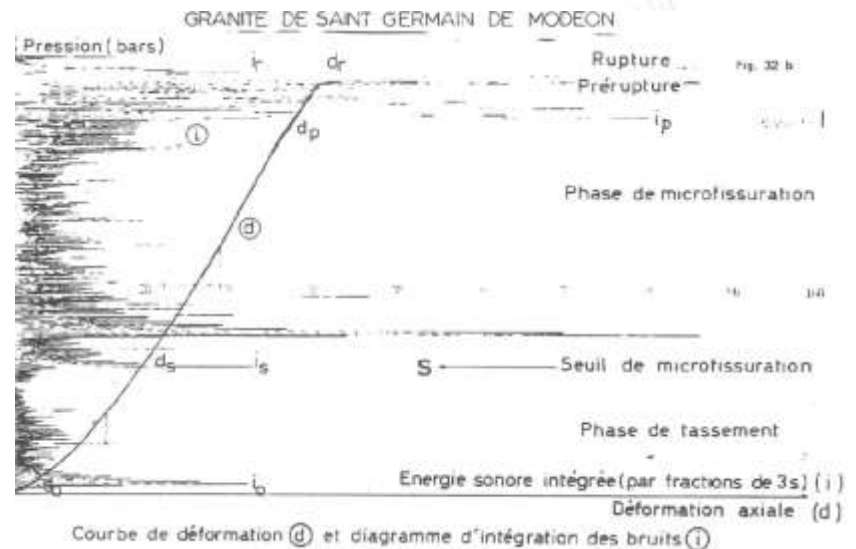
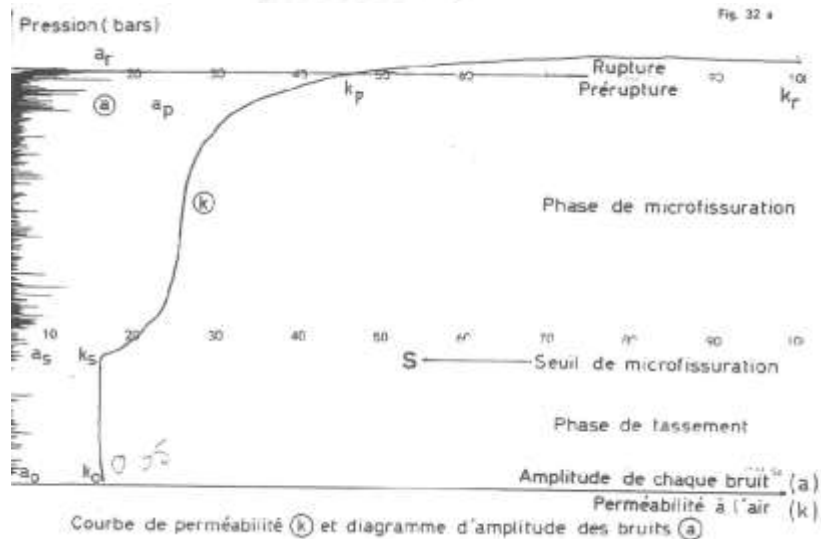




- ❑ **Strain-stress curve**
- ❑ **Strain– Permeability curve**
- ❑ **Strain–Microcracks intensity**
- ❑ **Colored thin plates**

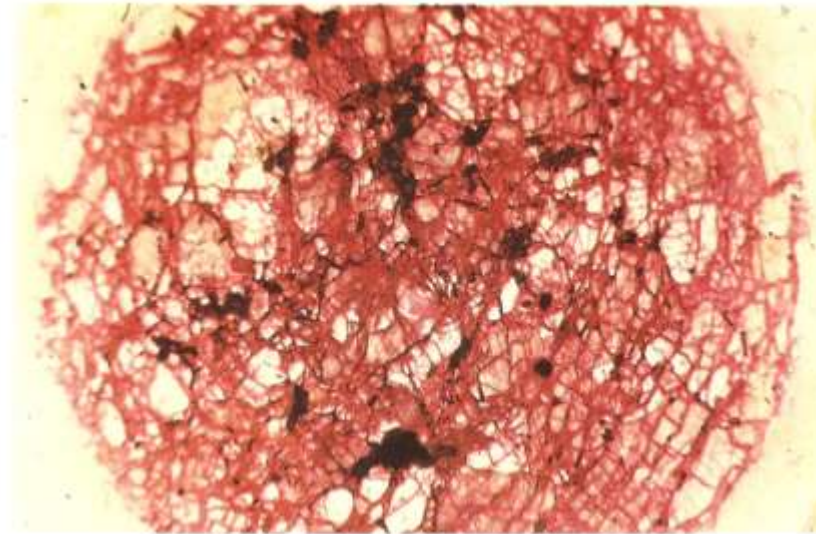
1st Example : Granite St germain de Modéon (Côte d'or)

- Permeability curve (k) and isolated noises (a)
- Déformation curve (d) and integrated noises (is)



Rocks microcracks caused by compression loading

Inter and intracrystalline microcracks; cleavage microcracks





First conclusions

The two techniques are complementary: **gas permeability** represents the fluids transfer space but does not make difference between the opening of preexistent cracks and the creation of new cracks. Acoustic emission detects new cracking as well as the vibration generated by the internal crushing of the rock.

There exists a **threshold** beyond whose the rock ceases contracting and begins cracking and expansion.

Even in the **elastic domain**, and well before the rupture, some **irreversible** processes of microcracking occur in the sample whereas the curve of deformation still coarsely remains linear



LEXICON

A rock is said mineralogically **homogène** when it has only one minéral component (Example :calcaire or Dolomie)

It is said mineralogically **hétérogène** if it has différent minéral components (Example granite components are : quartz, feldspath, mica, etc)

A rock is said « **initially microfissurée** » when the initial permeability is high

It is said **microfissurable** if many microscopic cracks occur beyond the microcracking threshold

Tassement occured when the Compression loading closes the initial microcracks of the rocks and reduces it's gas permeability

Ecrasement : microcracks due to the internal crusching of the poral network

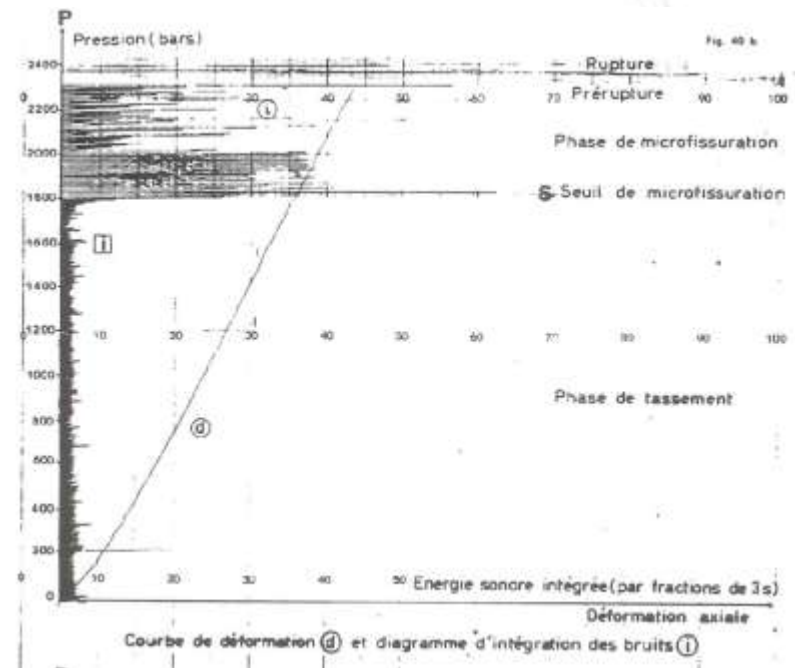
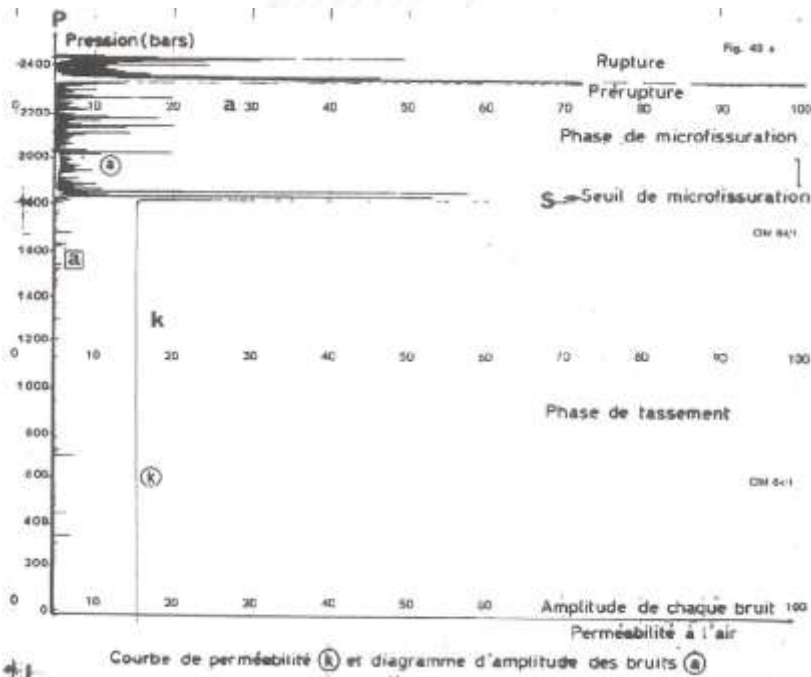
Behaviour of heterogeneous rocks submitted to uniaxial compression test (Granites)

Type I

Granite of La Forge (Vosges) : very fine grains 1/10 mm.

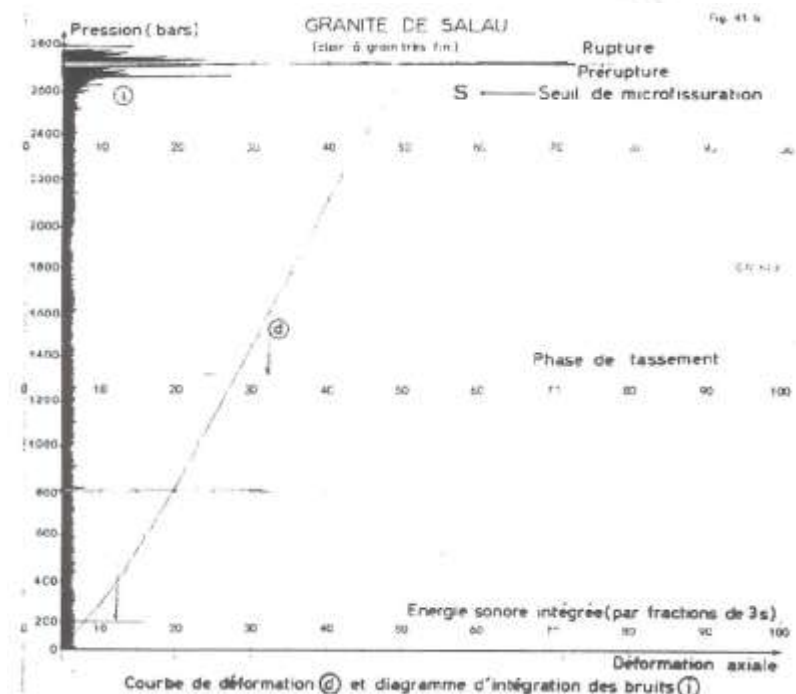
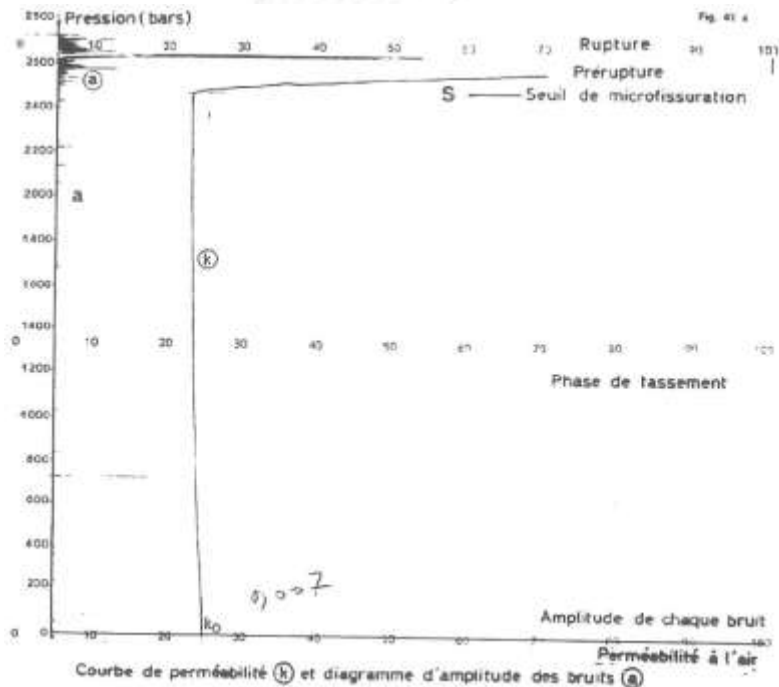
Not microfissured initially **No closing, no crushing.**

Brutal increase of the permeability by **macrofissures formation.**



Type I

Granite of Salau (Ariège). Very fine grains **1/10 mm**. Fewly microfissured initially and no microfissurable. Brutal increase of the permeability.. **Fragile behaviour (microfragmentation).**





Type II

Granite of Cap de long (Htes Pyrénées). Fine grains (mm). Low initial permeability. Closing but no crushing. Progressive increase of the permeability by microfissuration;

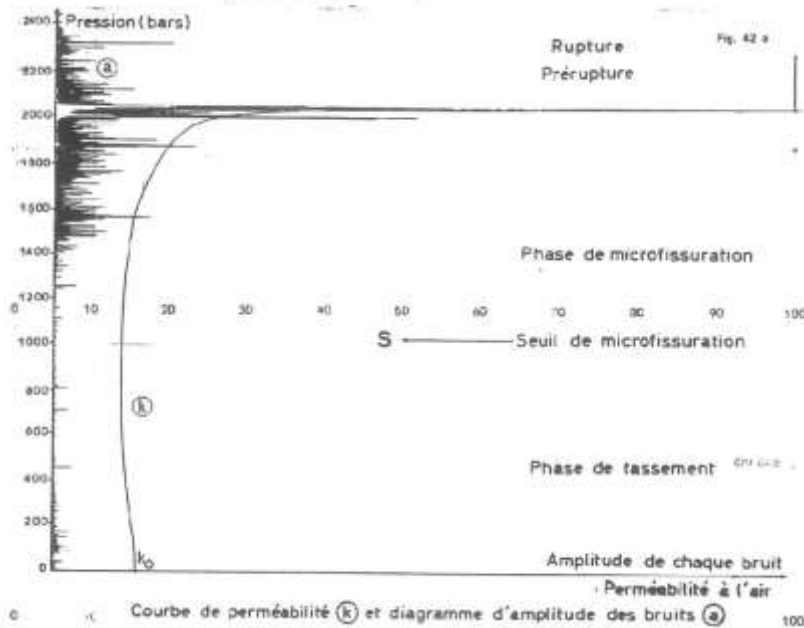


Fig. 42 a
Courbe de perméabilité (k) et diagramme d'amplitude des bruits (a)

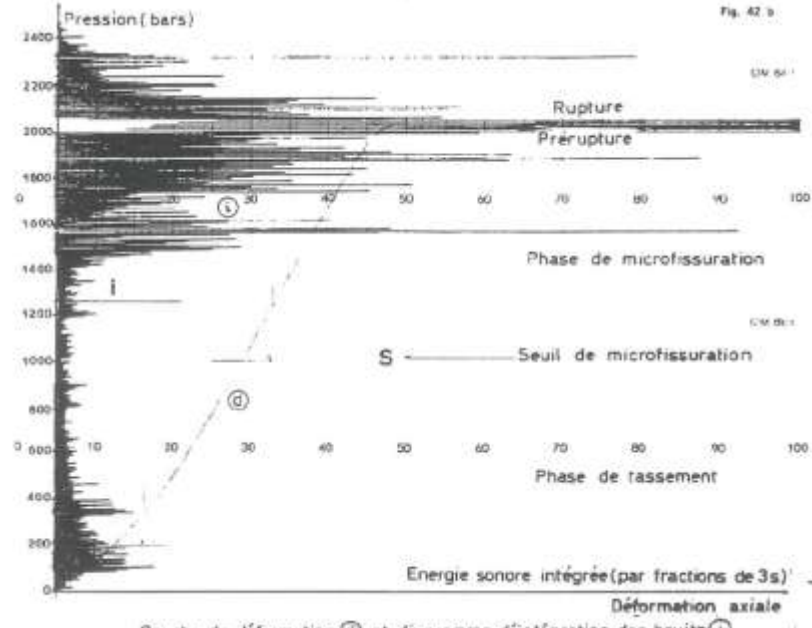
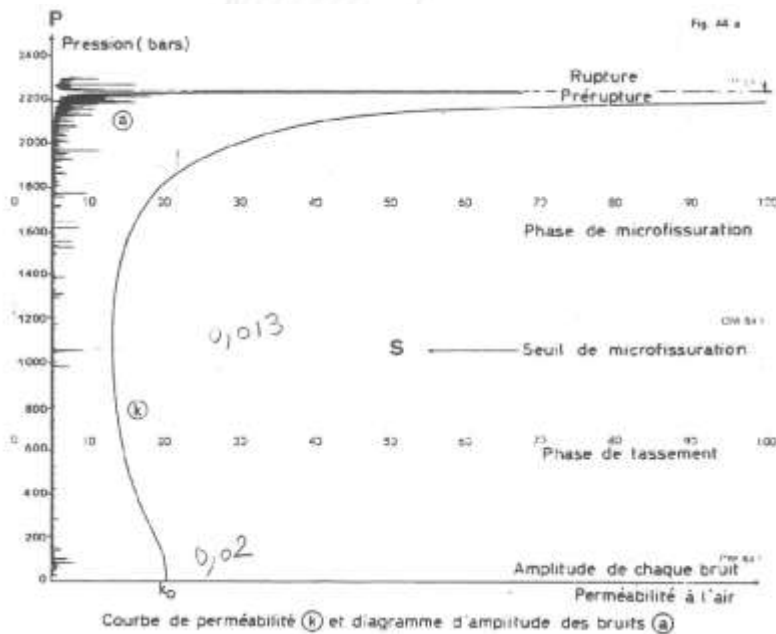


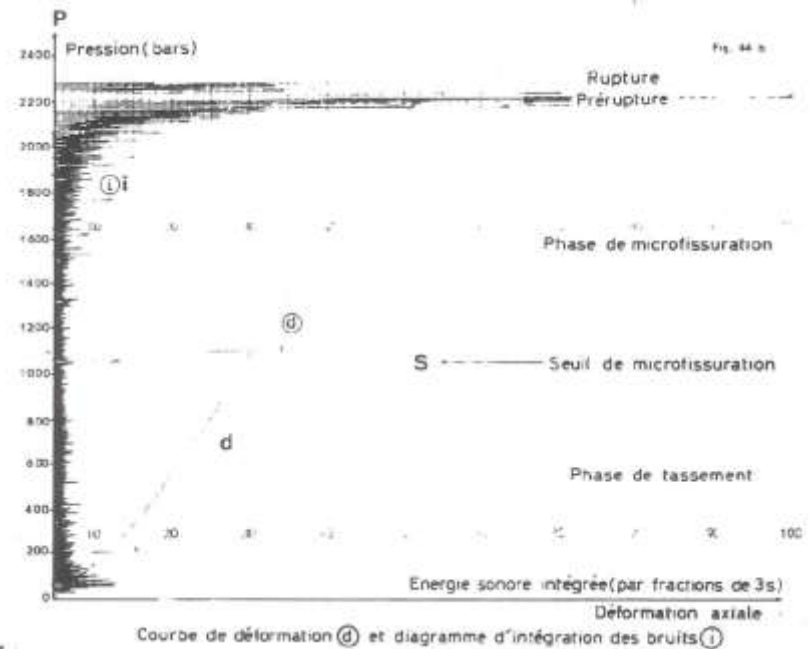
Fig. 42 b
Courbe de déformation (d) et diagramme d'intégration des bruits (l)

Type II

Granite of Flamanville (Manche). Coarse grains (**cm**) of feldspar associated with very fine quartz grains; low initial permeability; **closing** but **no crushing**; **progressive** increase of the permeability by microfissuring



Courbe de perméabilité (k) et diagramme d'amplitude des bruits (a)



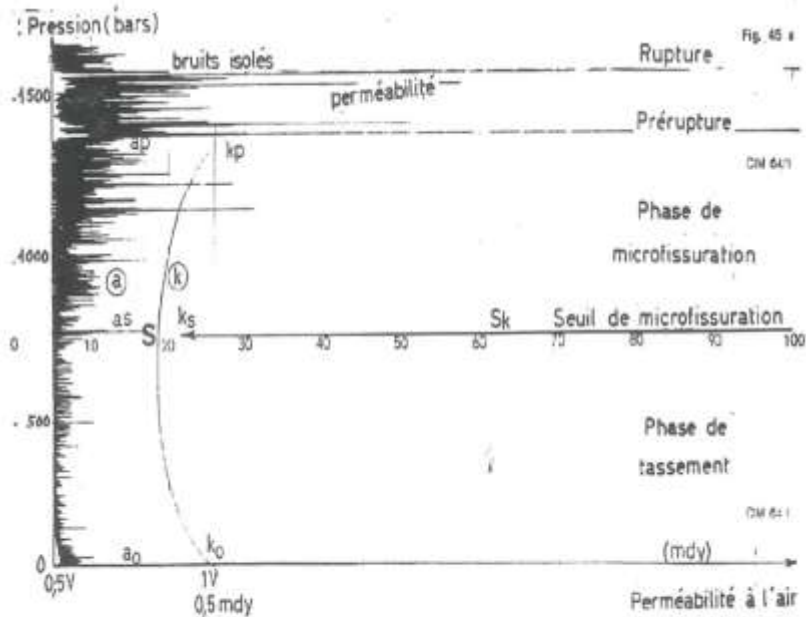
Courbe de déformation (d) et diagramme d'intégration des bruits (i)



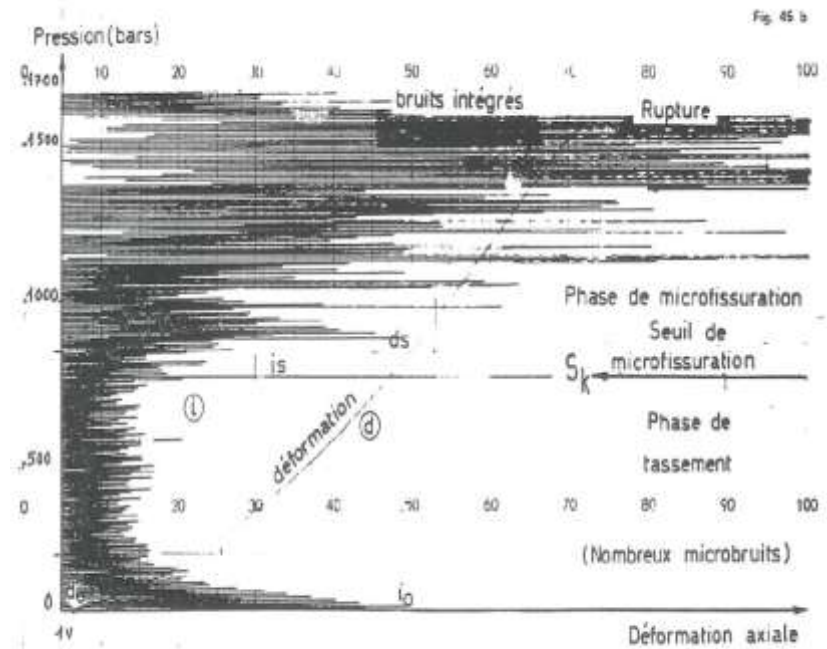
Type III

Granite of Calaccucia (Corse) : porphyroïde granite; coarse grains.

Initially microfissured; **Closing and crushing**. Progressive increase of the permeability by **microfissuration**;



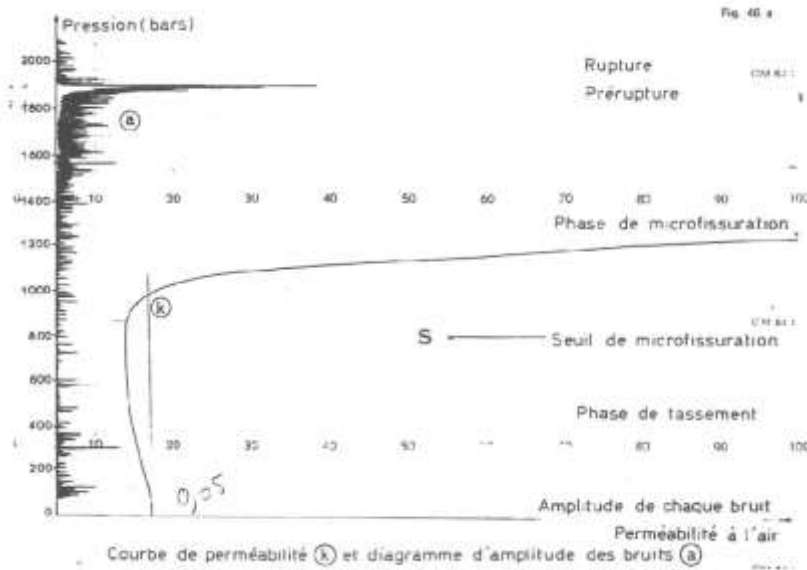
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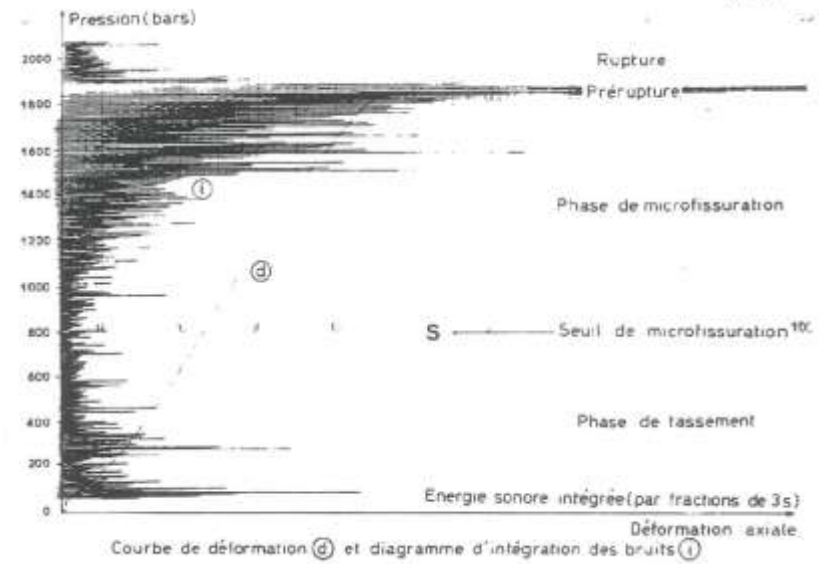
Courbe de déformation (d) et diagramme d'intégration des bruits (i)

Type III

Granite of Huelgoat (Finistère). Coarse grains ; quartz abundant (35à40%) initially microfissured; **closing but no crushing; progressive** Increase of the permeability by **microfissuration**;



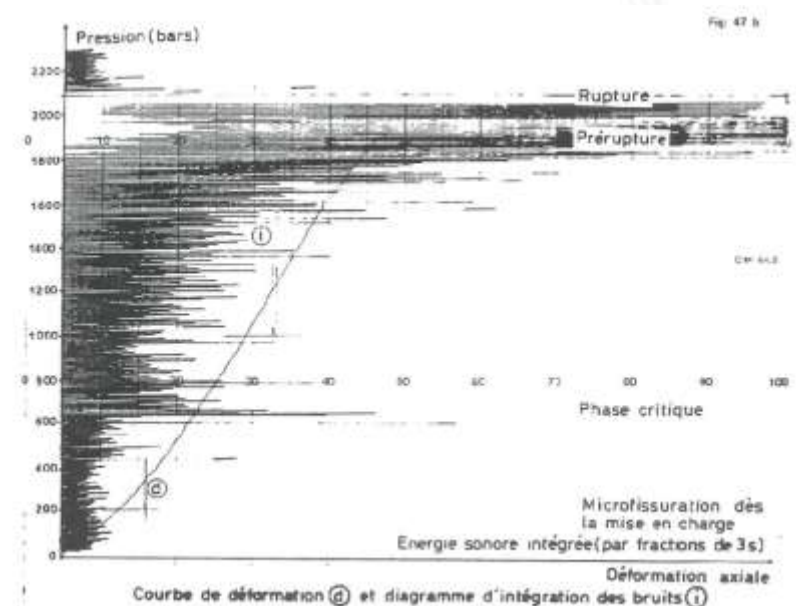
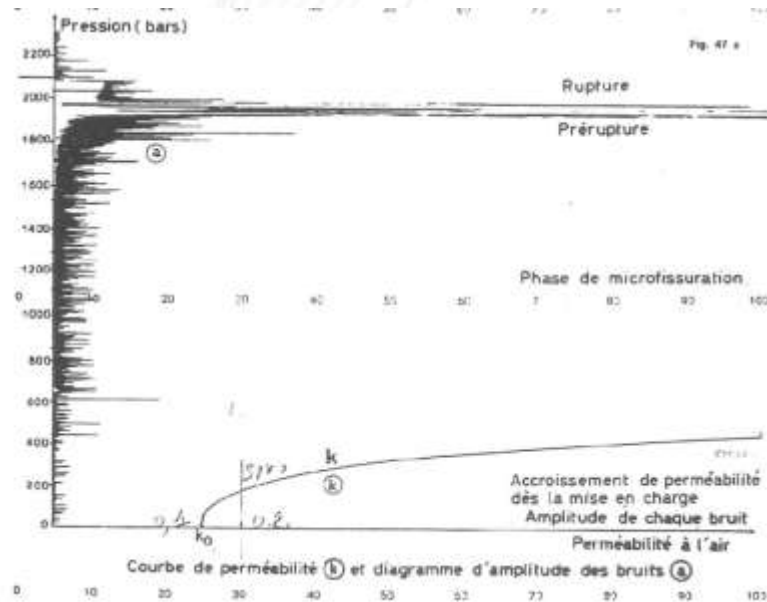
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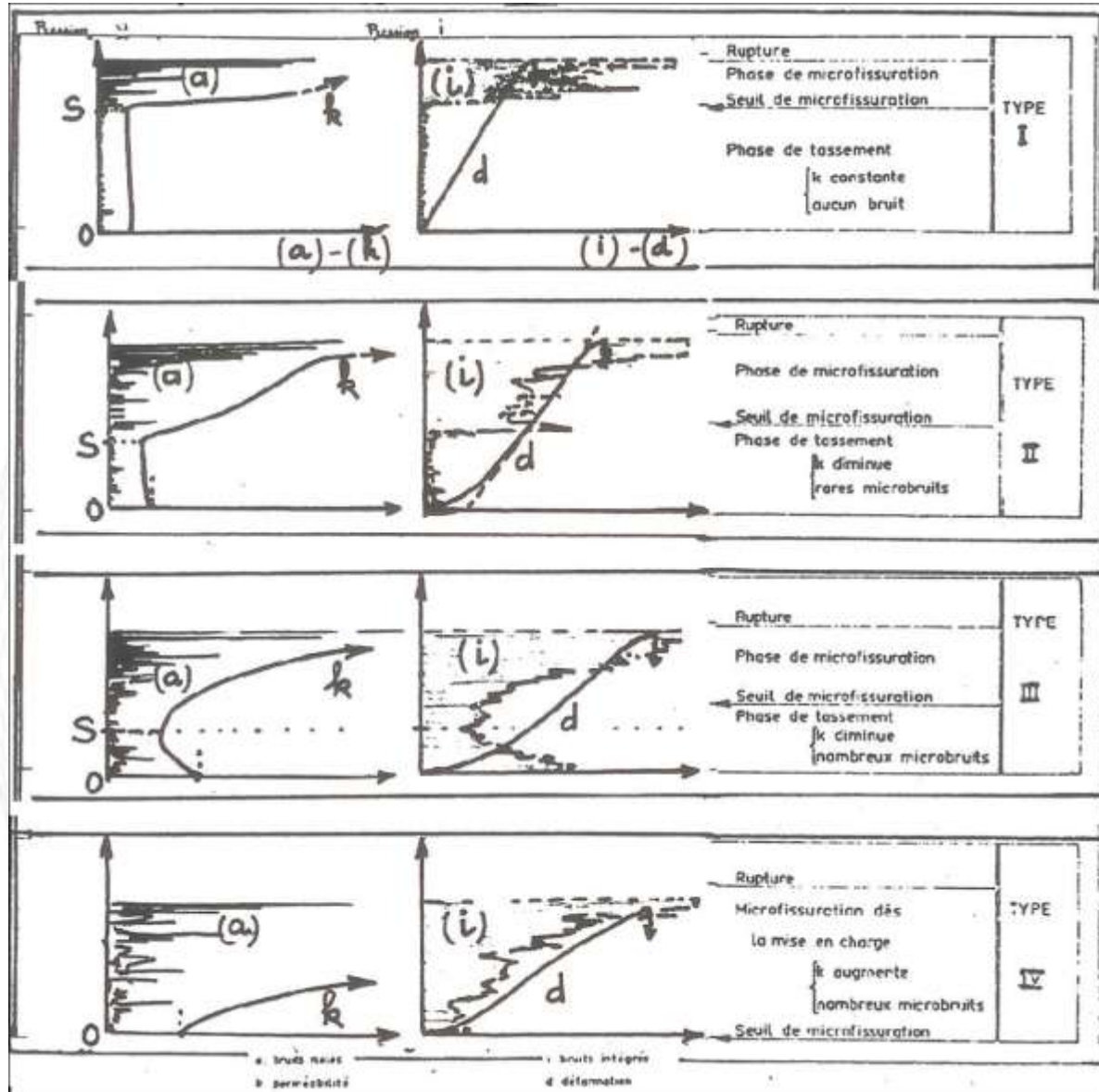
Courbe de déformation (d) et diagramme d'intégration des bruits (l)

Type IV

Granite of St Germain de Modéon (Côte d'Or). Coarse grains; quartz abundant (35à40%). Initially microfissured; increase of the permeability since the beginning of the loading; **expansion of the existing fissures parallel to the compression axis**.



Comportement sous charge uniaxiale des principaux types de granites (Synthèse)

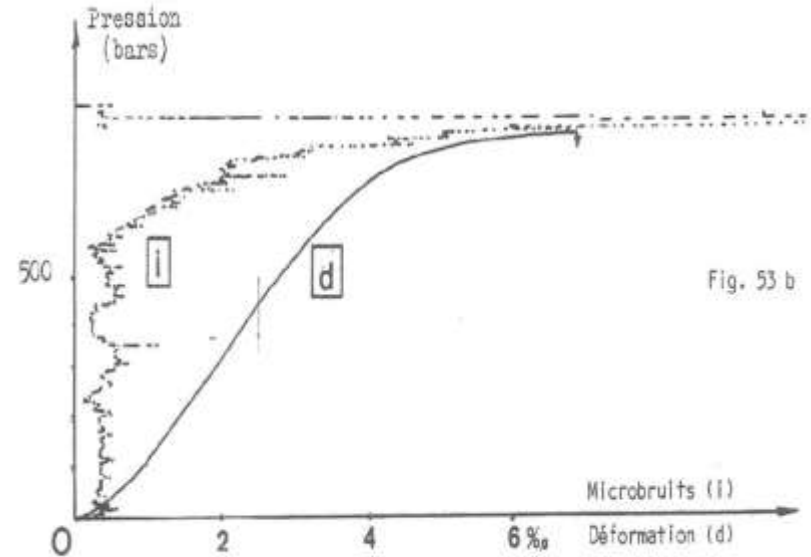
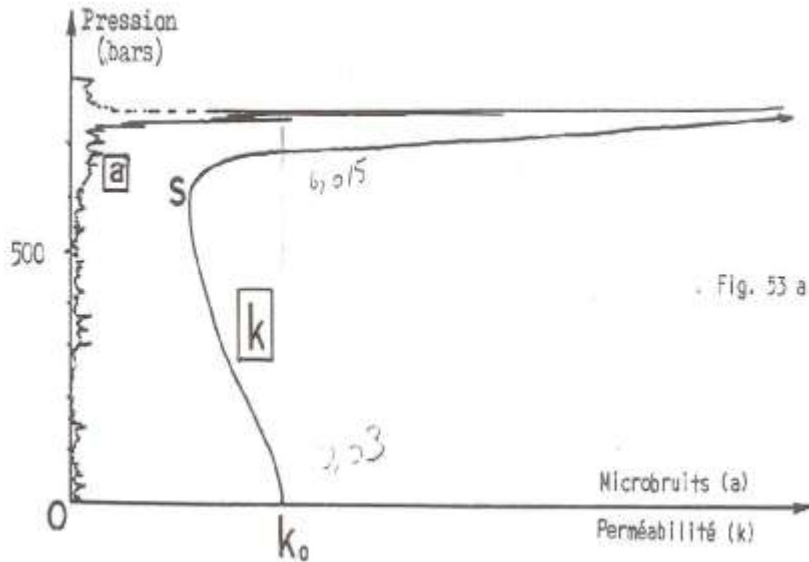




Mechanical behaviour of homogeneous rocks submitted to uniaxial compression test (Limestone and dolomie)

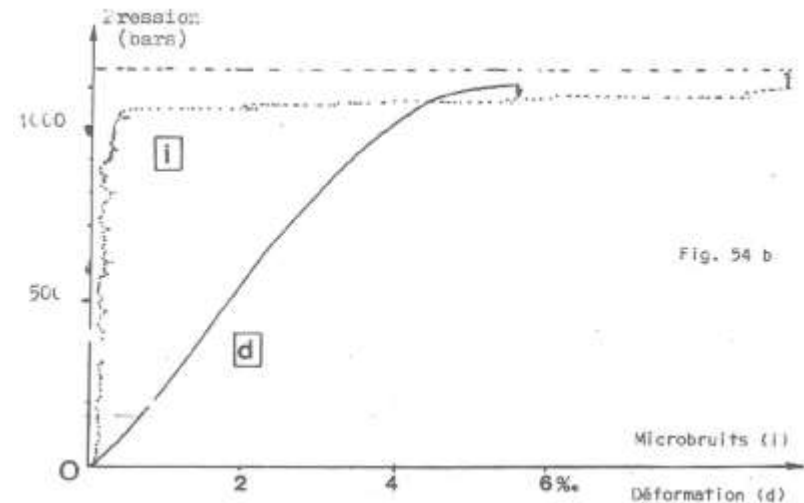
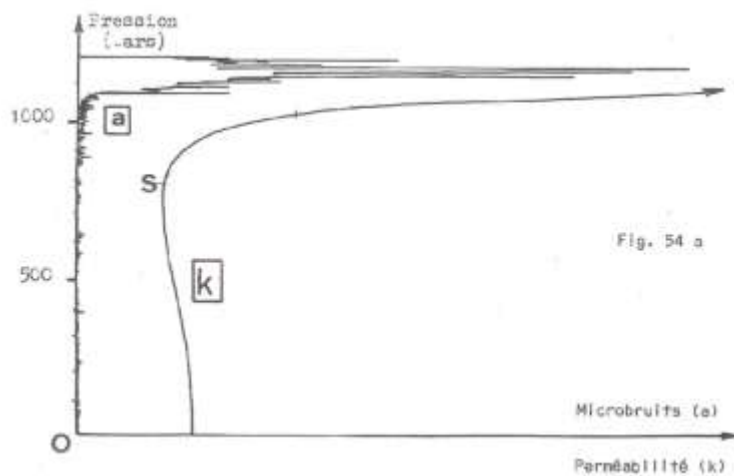


Cristalline limestone of Mosset. Coarse grains (**cm**). Important **closing**. High threshold; brutal increase of the permeability



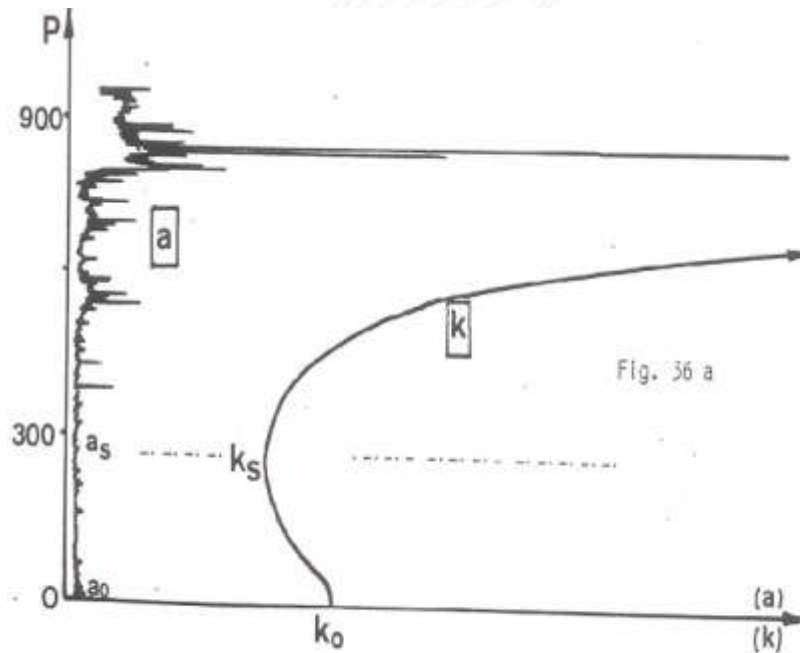
Perméabilité (k) et microbruits isolés (a) Déformations (d) et microbruits intégrés (i)

Limestone of Saint B at : **Fine grains. No crushing.**
Microfracturable, fragmentation.

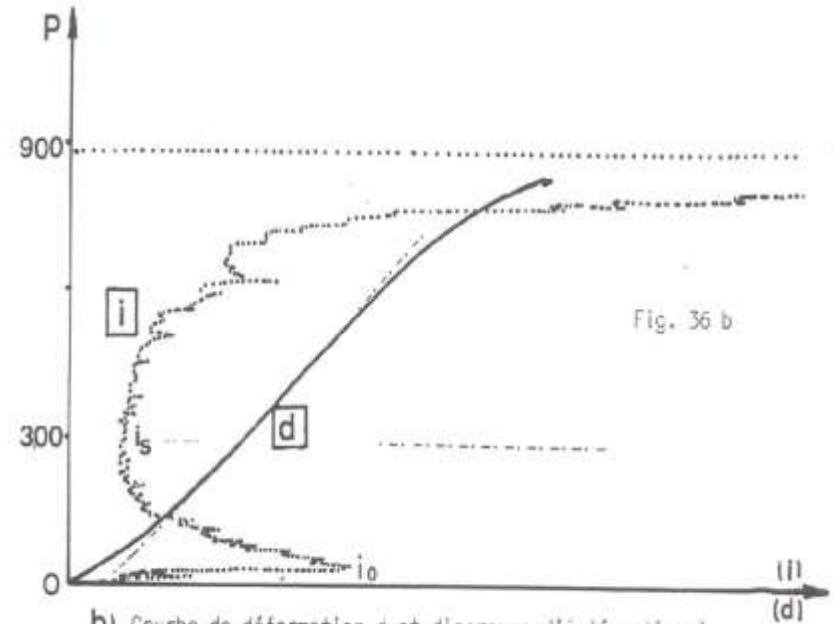


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Dolomie Ste Colombe sur Gvette. Fine grains (mm). Important closing and crushing, microfissurable



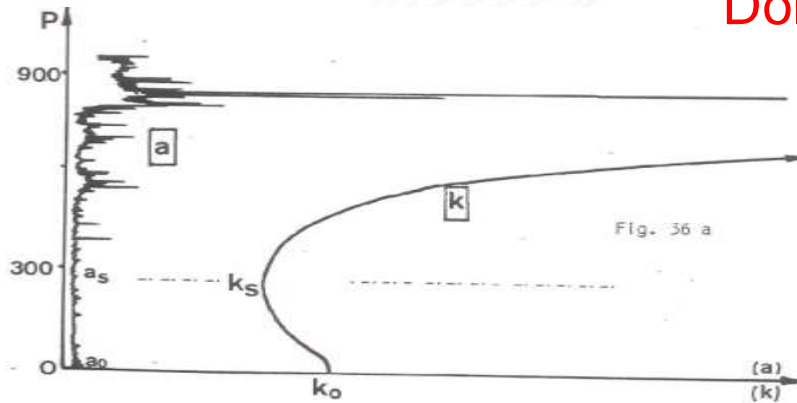
a). Courbe de perméabilité k et diagramme d'amplitude a des microfissures



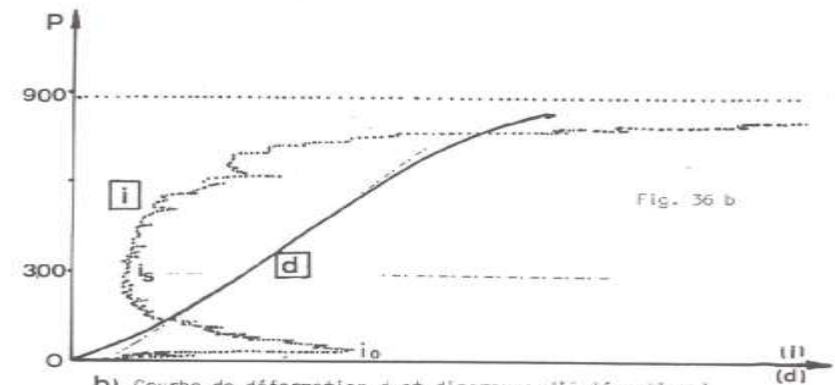
b). Courbe de déformation d et diagramme d'intégration i des microfissures

Comparison of limestone and dolomie: Fine grains mm.
 The grained limestone is more **plastique** est less microfissurable than the grained dolomie more **fragile**.

Dolomie



a) Courbe de perméabilité k et diagramme d'amplitude a des microfissures



b) Courbe de déformation d et diagramme d'intégration i des microfissures

Calcaire

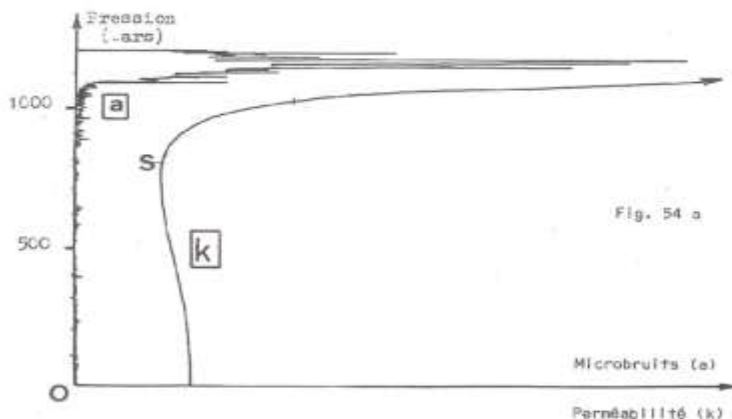


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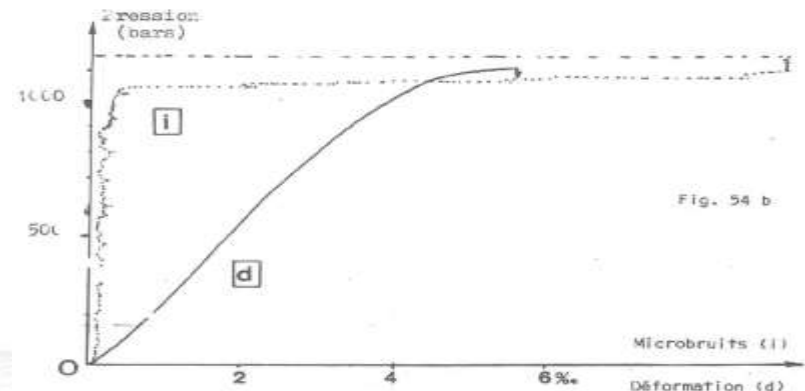
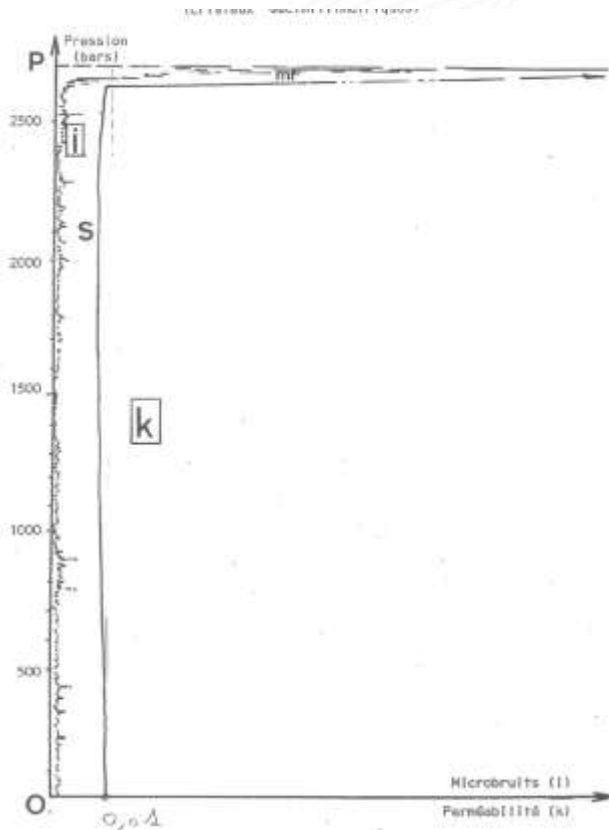
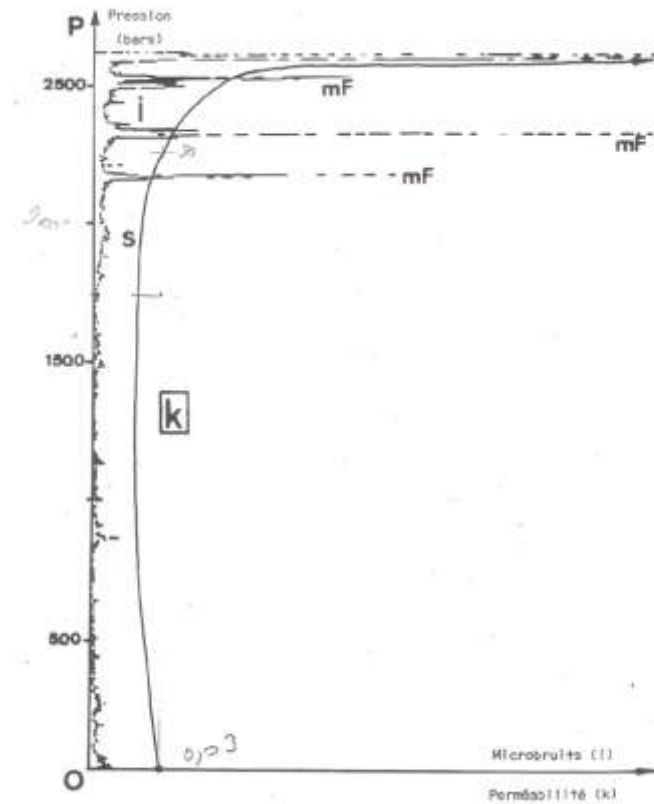


Fig. 54 b

Comparaison of limestone et dolomie: grains 1/10mm
 Both exhibit similar **fragile behaviour** but dolomie shows **microfractures**

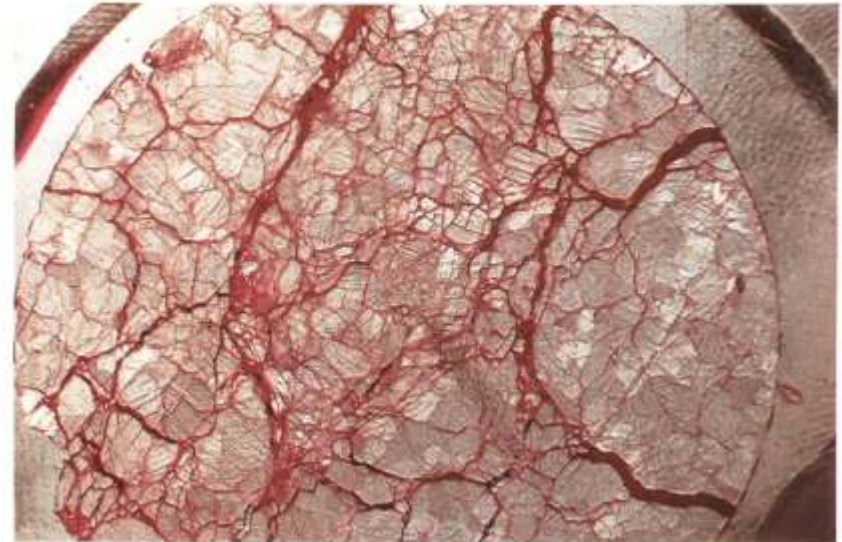


Calcaire microcristallin



Dolomie microcristalline

- Reference sample
- After mechanical compression











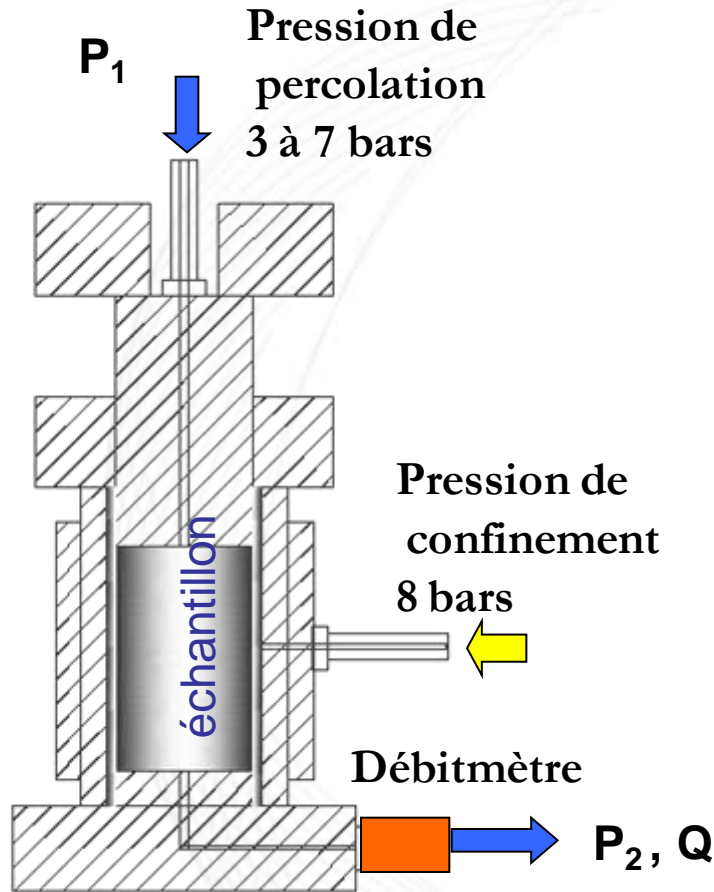
Synthèse des actions mécaniques

En définitive sur le plan mécanique, on peut distinguer trois types de comportements :

- ❑ Les roches à **comportement quasi fragile** caractérisées par l'absence quasi-totale de microruptures jusqu'à la rupture; celle-ci survient de manière brutale et donne un petit nombre de fragments.
- ❑ Les roches **microfracturables** caractérisés par la formation d'un petit nombre de microdiscontinuités importantes qui s'étendent pour former une cassure principale. Celle-ci conduit à la rupture en donnant un nombre limité de gros fragments.
- ❑ Les roches **microfissurables** caractérisés par le développement d'un grand nombre de microfissures qui se multiplient, se rejoignent et conduisent à une rupture avec formation de nombreux éléments fins

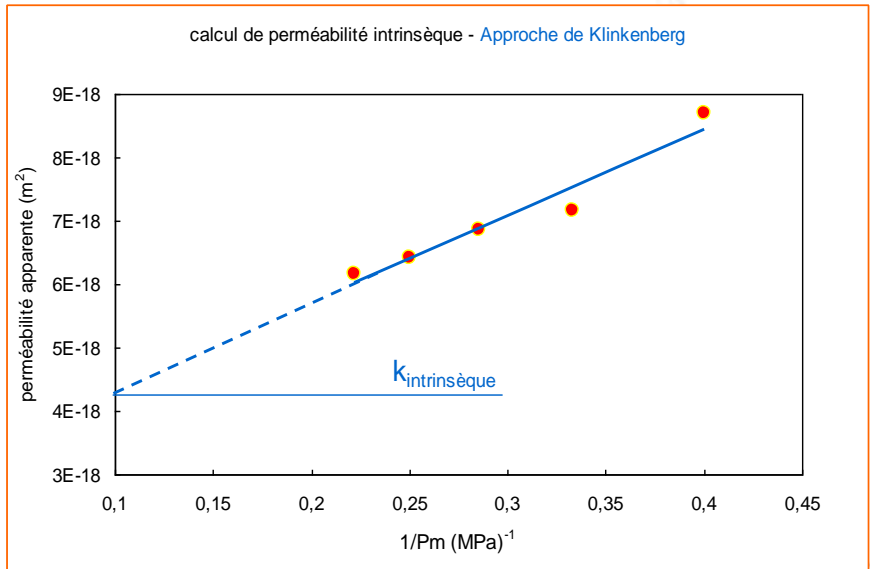


**Rocks thermal microfissuration
(Limestone, dolomie and granite)**



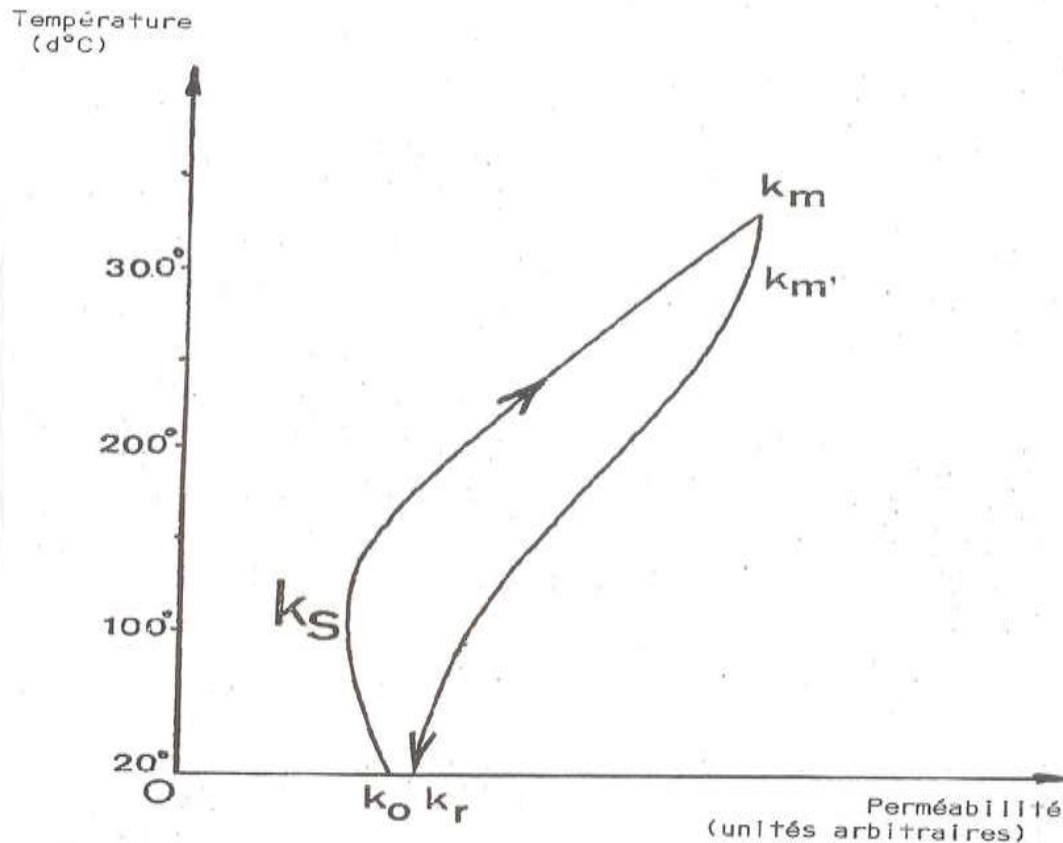
$$K_{apparente} = \frac{2Q\mu LP_2}{S(P_1^2 - P_2^2)}$$

$$\mu_{hélium} = 18,6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Pa}\cdot\text{s}$$



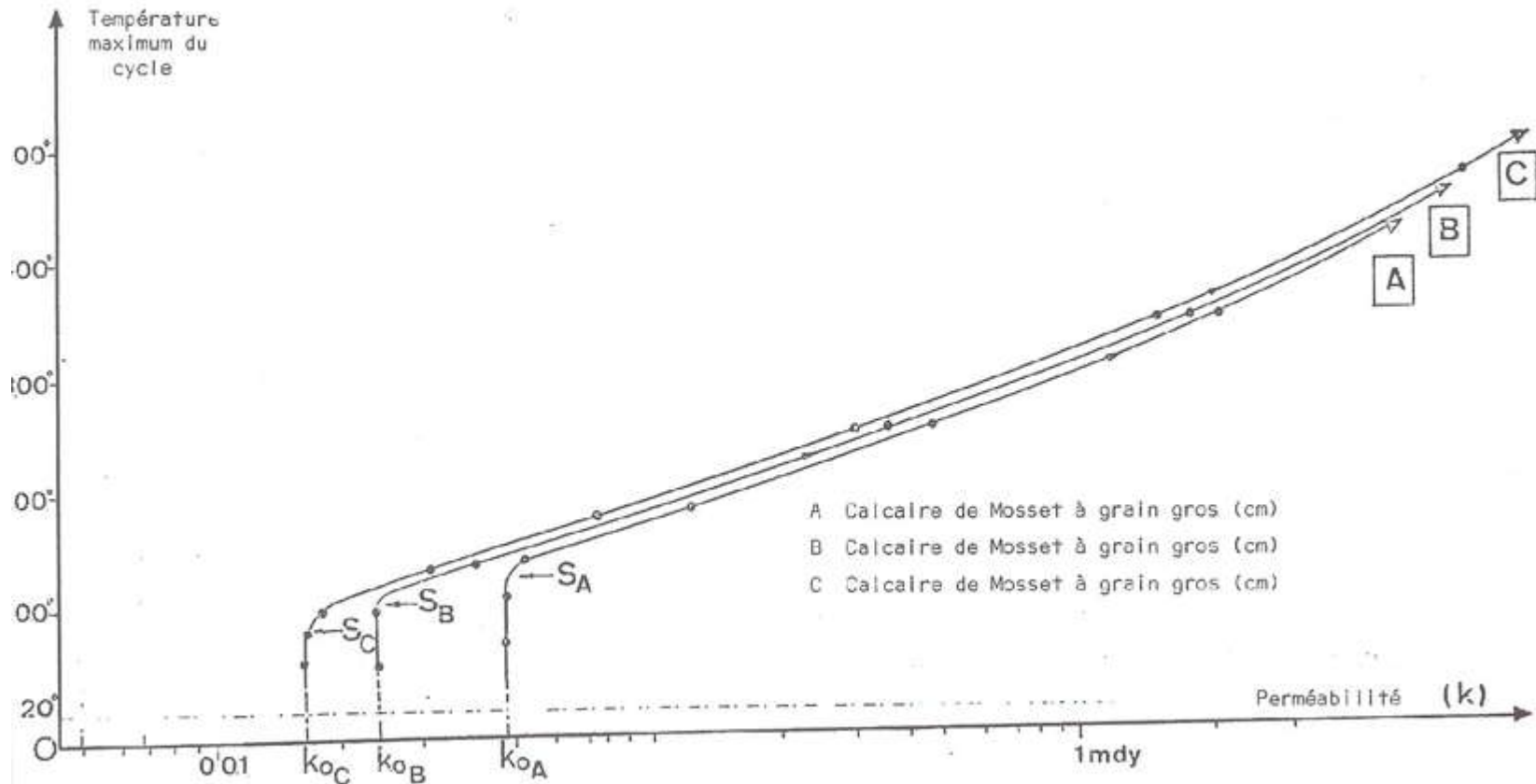
Approche de Klinkenberg

During the heating, **tensions** arise at the boundaries of the grains and cause **microfissuration**; the fissures enlarged and left **residual** permeability when the sample is cooled.

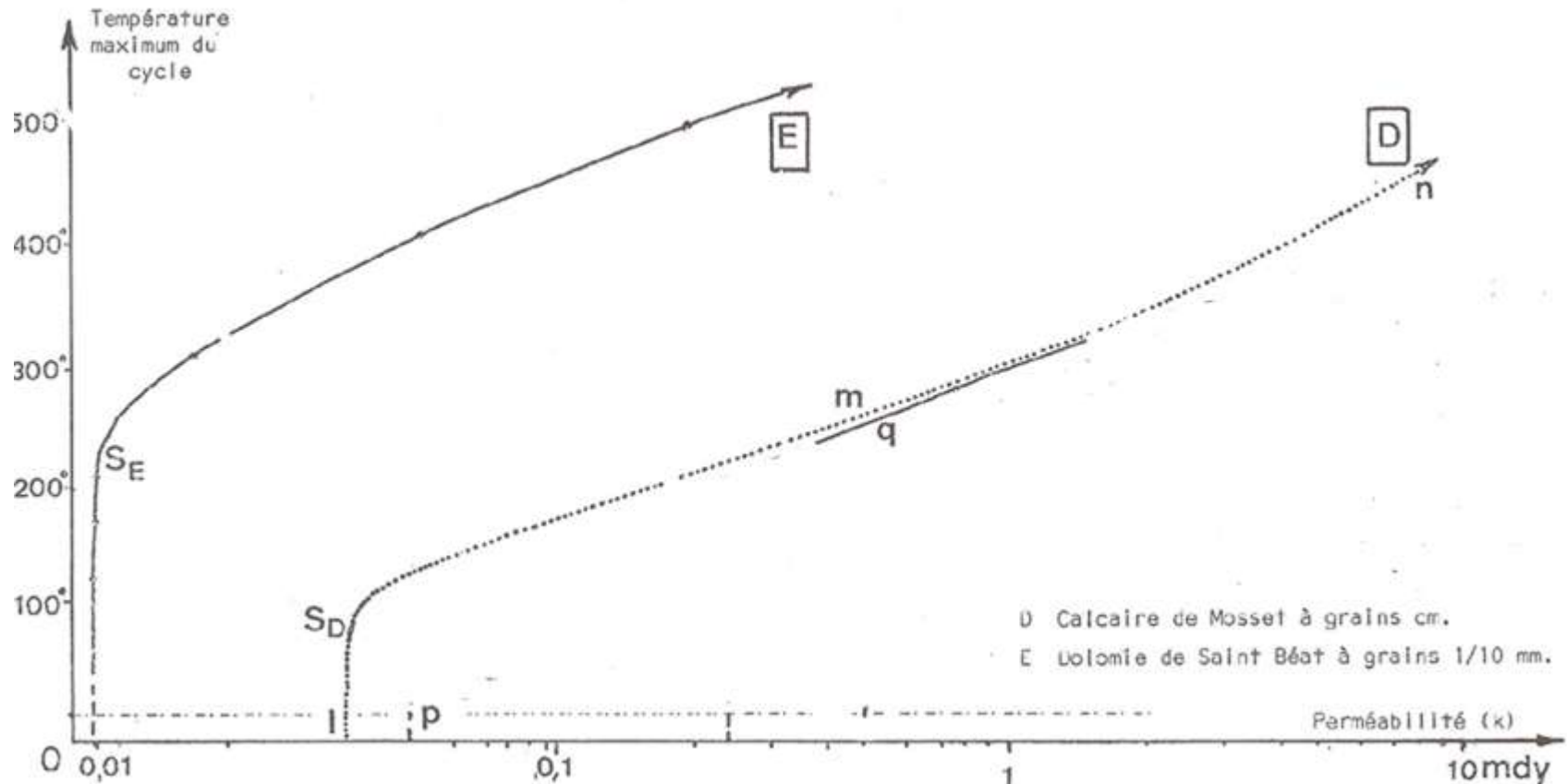


Limestone

Rôle of the initial permeability : limestone of Mosset (cm) grains; The existing fissures reduce tensions accumulation at the boundaries of the grains and delay new microfissuration.

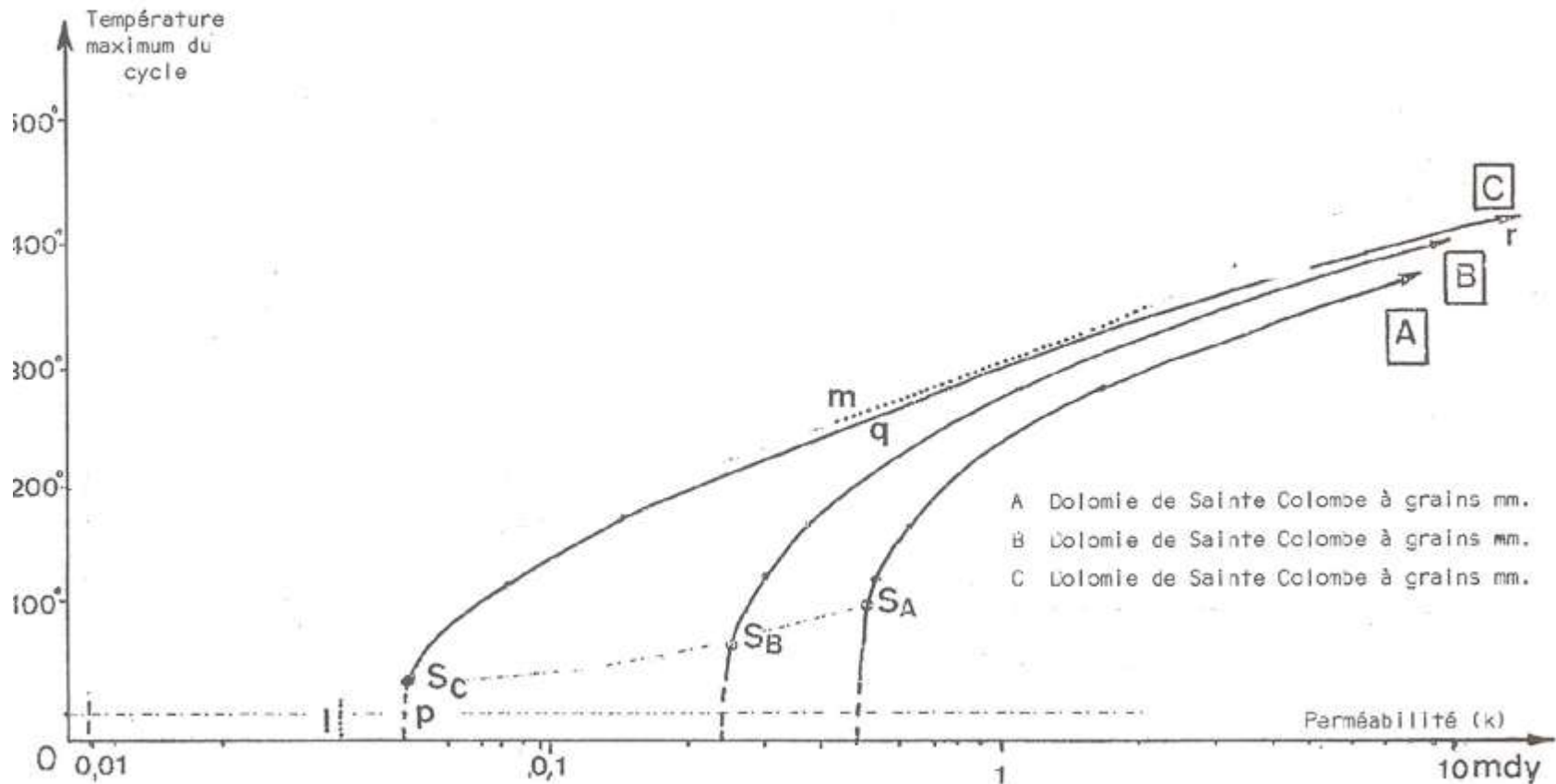


Rôle of the size of the grains : comparaison of two size of grains **mm** (curve D) et **1/10mm** (curve E). Tension at boundaries are lower for fine grains



Dolomie

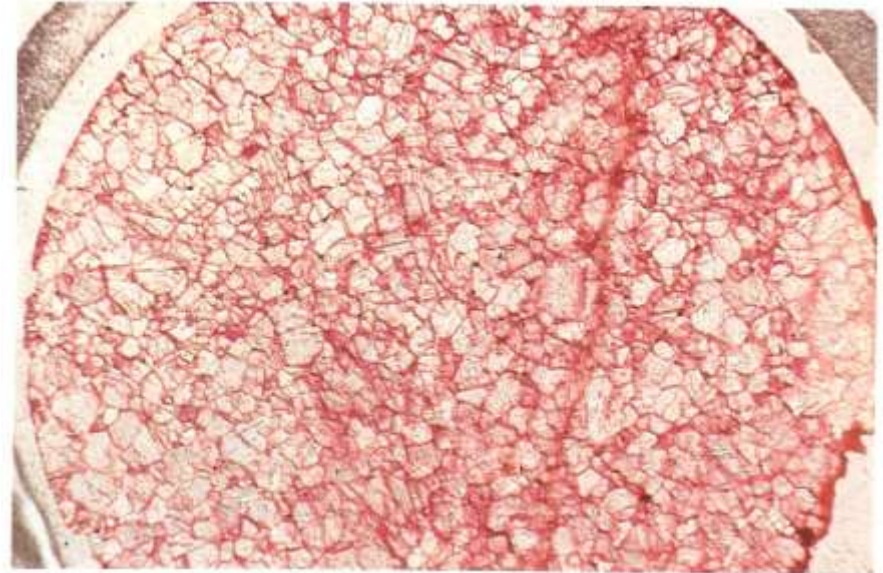
The existing fissures postpone new cracks formation and increase the microfissuration **threshold**





The new microfissures are mainly intercrystalline

- Reference sample
- Sample heated at 300 °C

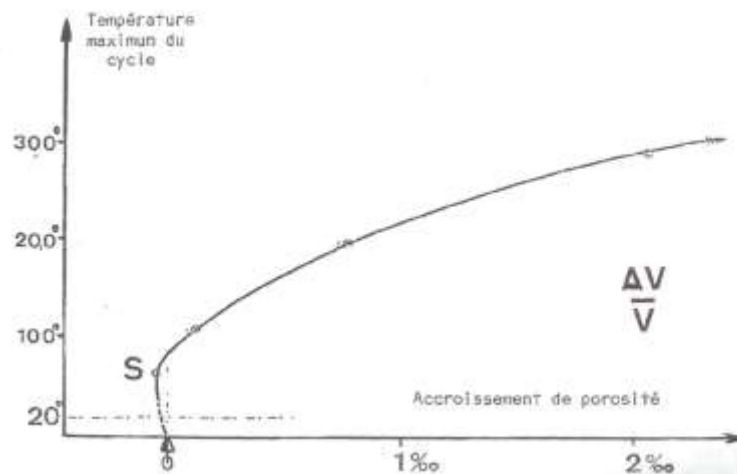
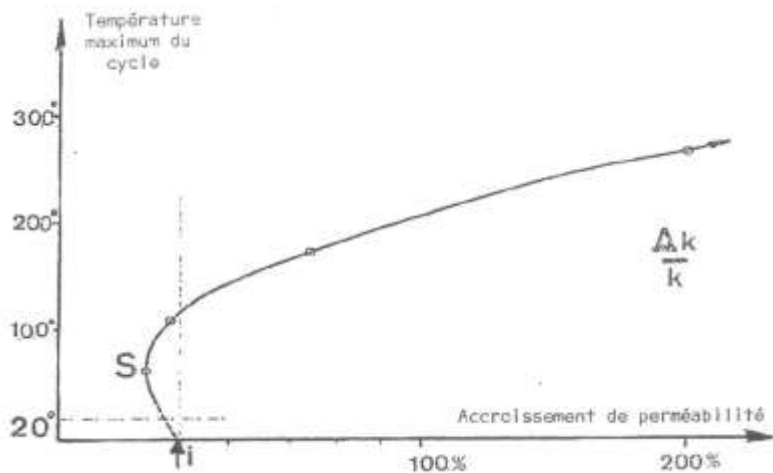




Granite of Querigut Millas

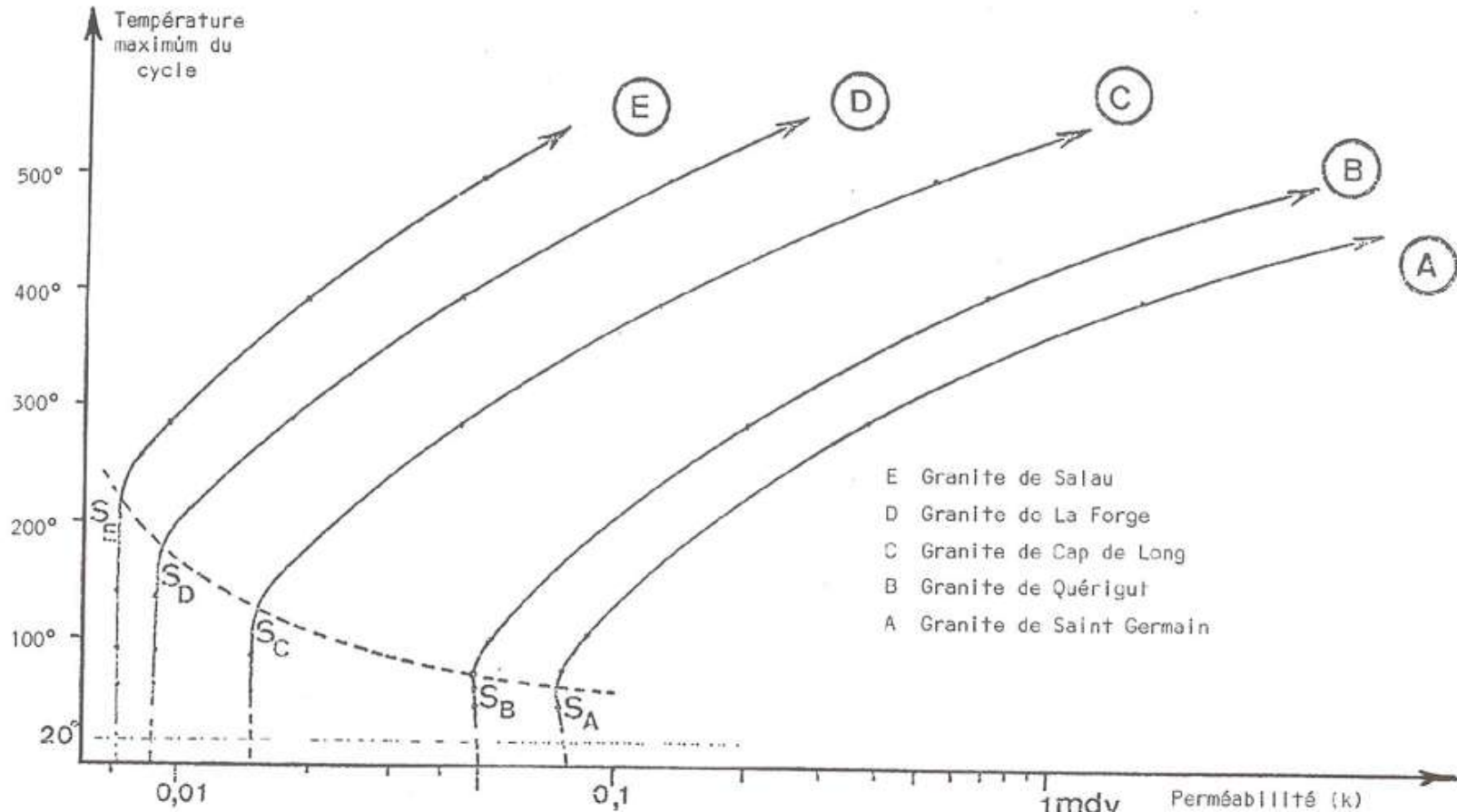
Residual permeability $\Delta k/k$

Residual porosity $\Delta V/V$



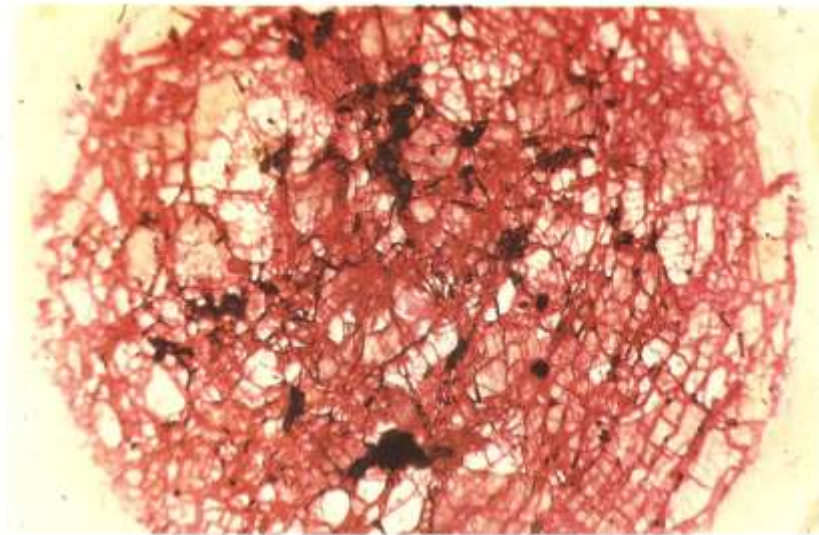
Role of the grain size and the initial permeability

The microfissuration threshold increases when the grains are fine and the initial permeability low. Laforge and Salau (E and D, very fine grains, **1/10 mm**) Cap de Long (C, fine grains **mm**) ; Saint Germain and Querigut (A and B, coarse grains, **cm**)



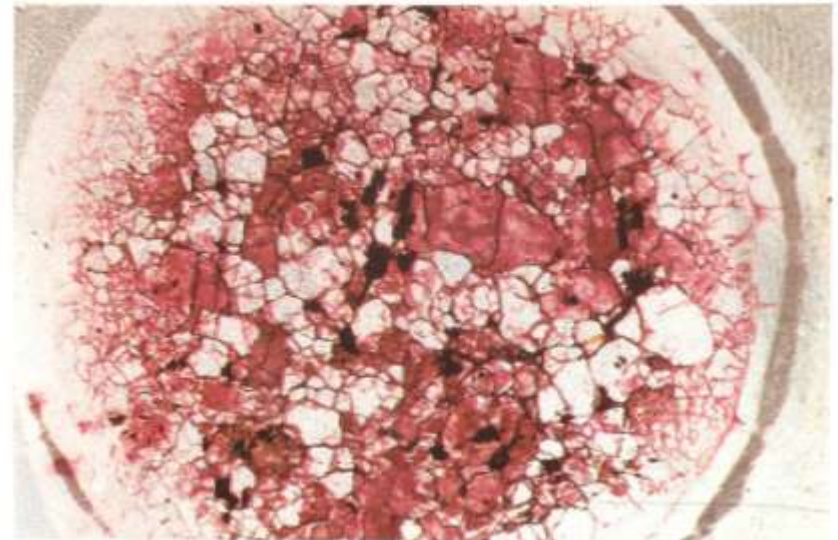
Mechanical action

Intra-cristallines microfissures



Thermal action

Inter-cristallines microfissures





Synthèse

Globally, heat treatment causes mainly **inter-cristalline** fissure compare to mechanical action.

During the heat treatment the limestone mineral more **plastique** than dolomite mineral reduce the residual permeability.

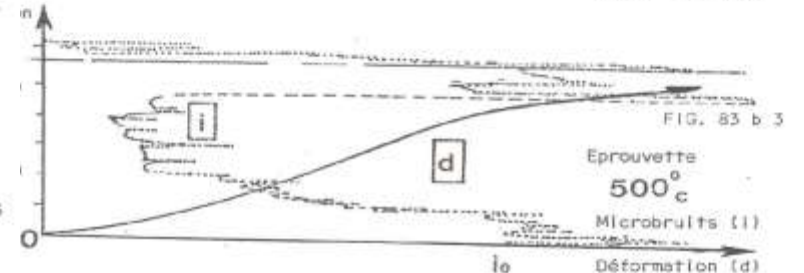
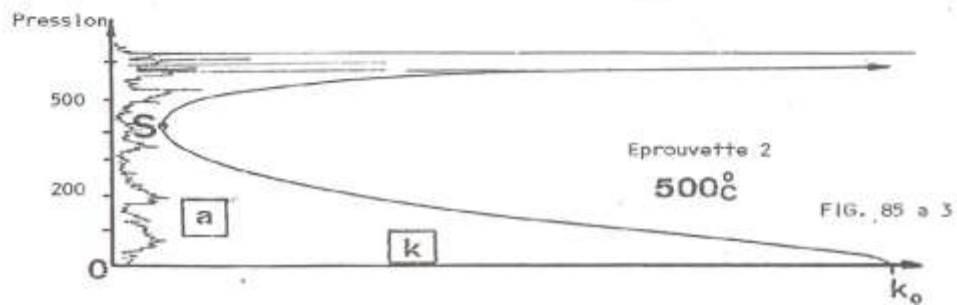
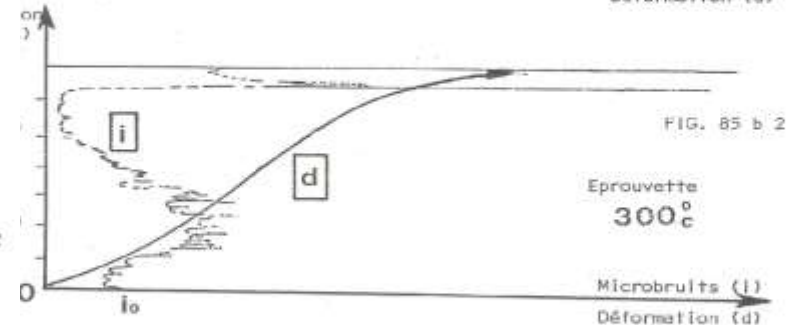
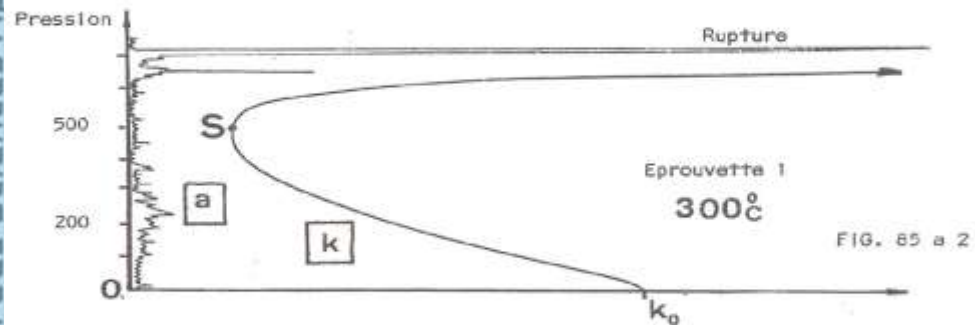
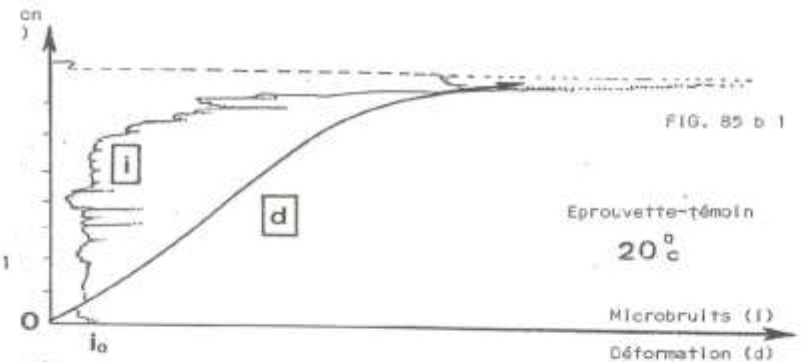
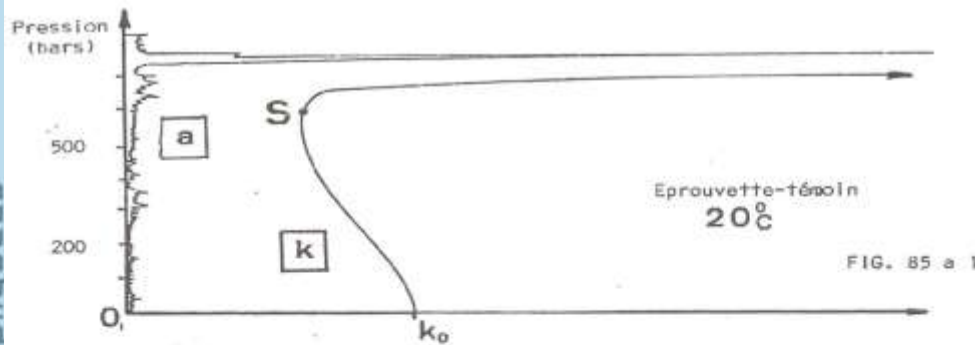
Generally, granites rocks easily microfissurable mechanically are also microfissurable thermally. Indeed, quartz mineral mainly responsible of the mechanical microcracking exhibit also the strongest thermal dilations that causes new cracking.



Successive actions of temperature and mechanical compression (limestone and dolomie)

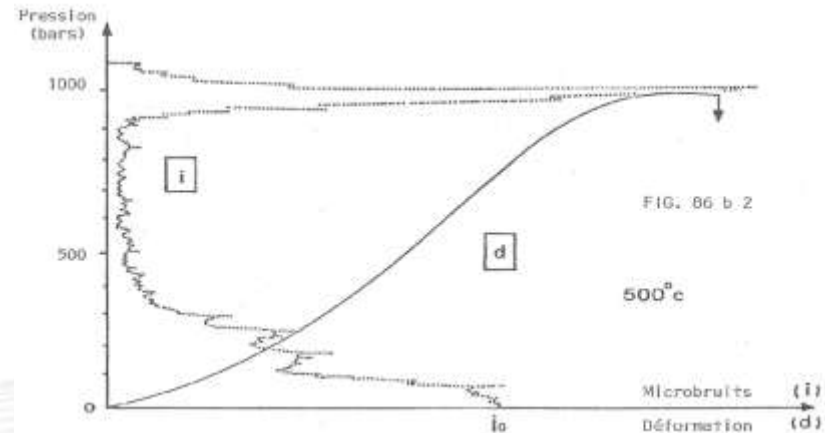
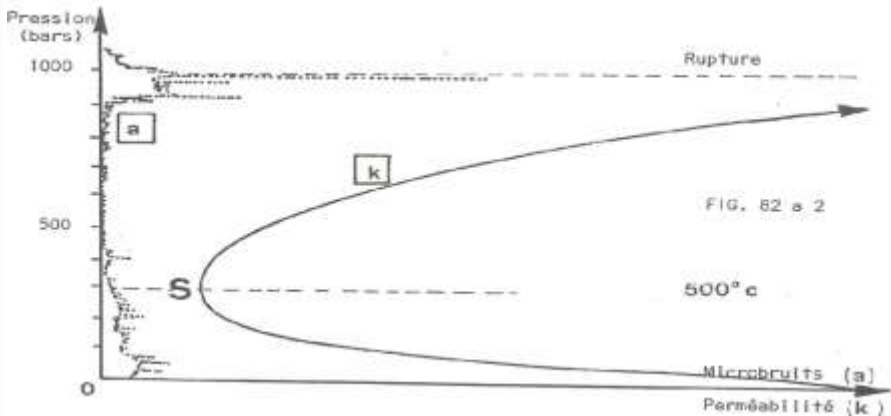
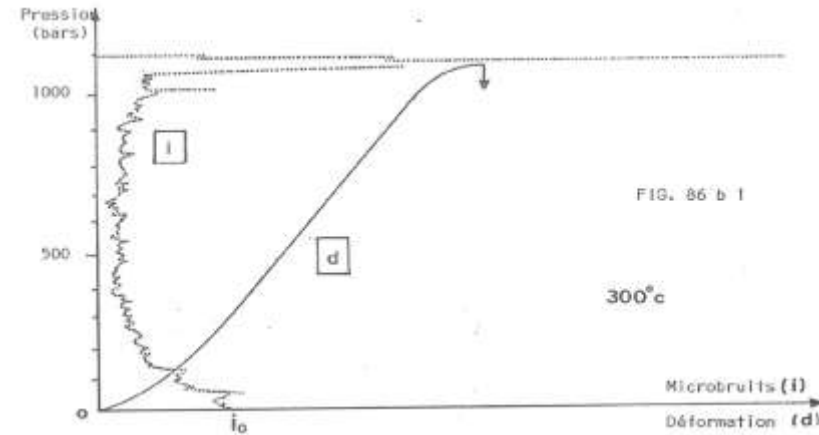
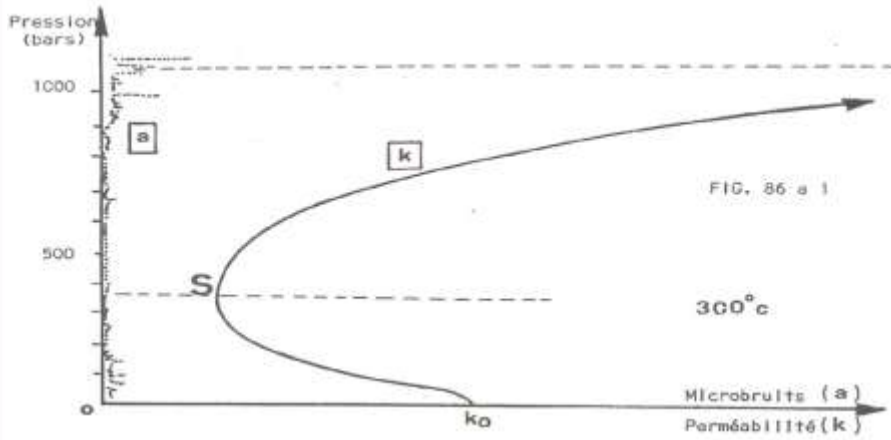
Limestone of Mosset

- 1) Increase of the **closing** and **crushing** phenomena 2) a weak lowering of the **threshold** and the failure load

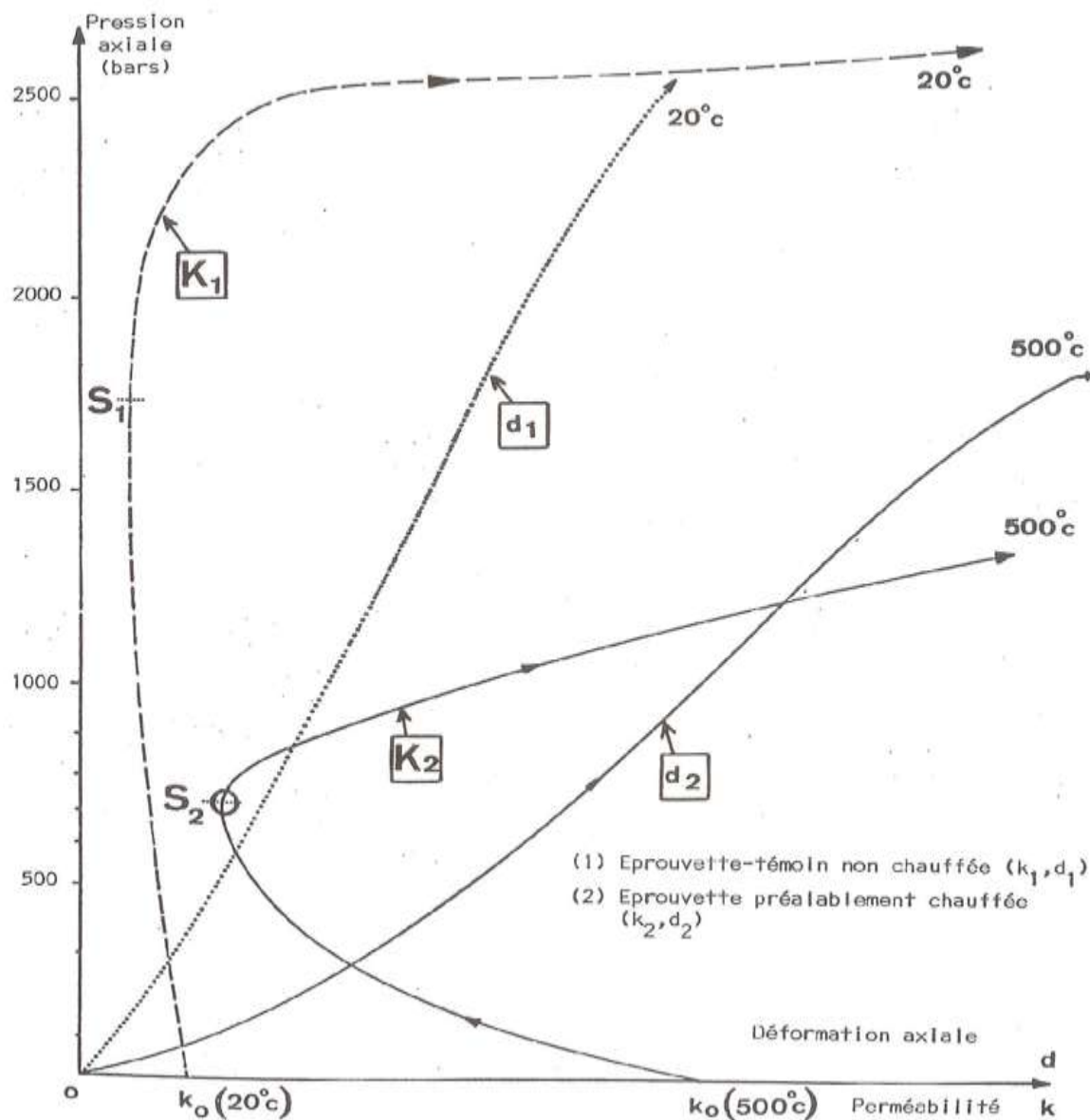


Dolomie de Ste Colombe

1) Increase of the **closing** and **crushing** phenomena 2) lowering of the **threshold** and the failure load.

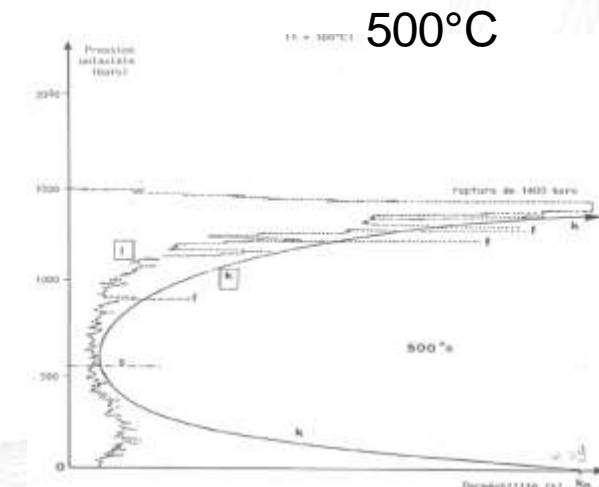
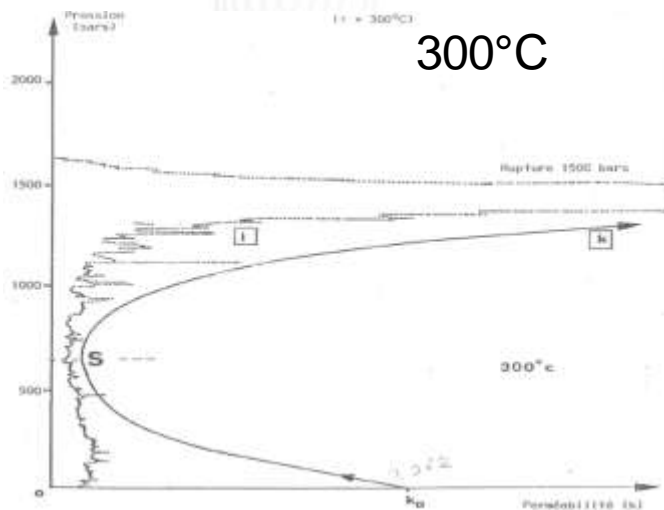
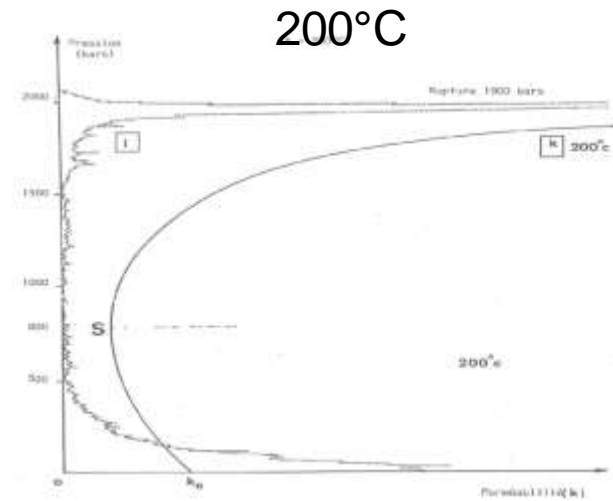
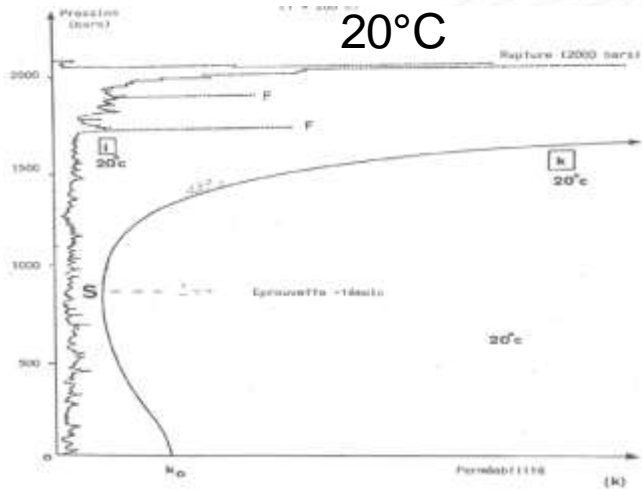


Microcristalline dolomie of St B at



Granite of Sidobre

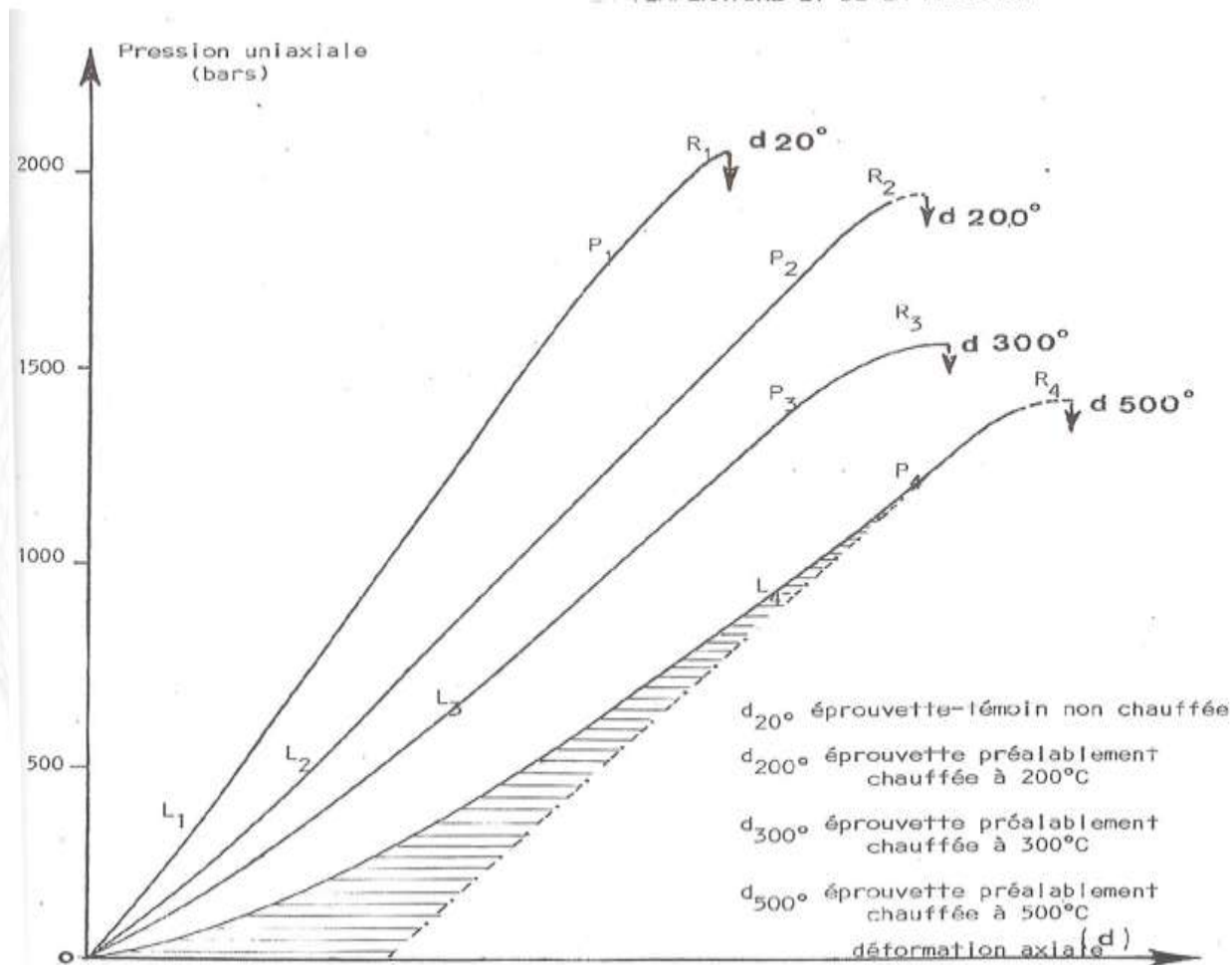
- 1) Increase of the closing and crushing
- 2) lowering of the threshold
- 3) lowering of the failure load



Thermal action followed by mechanical compression

Granite du Sidobre

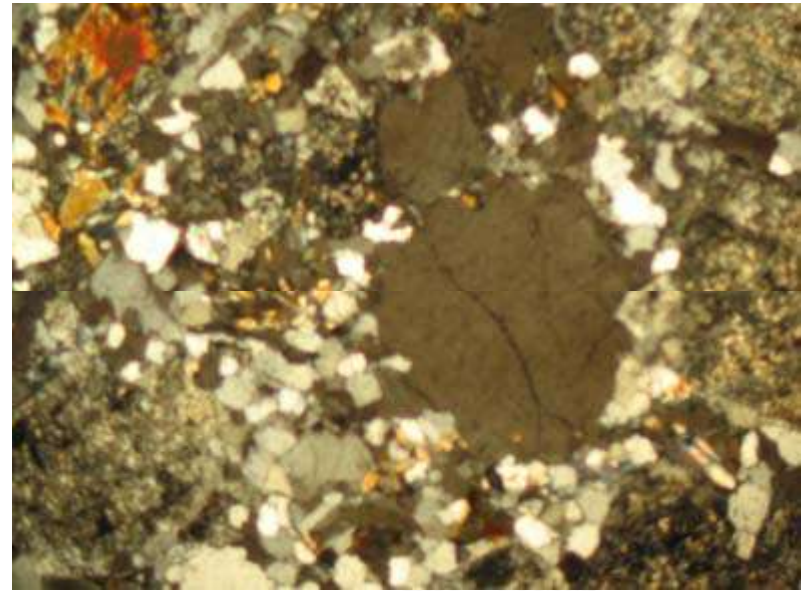
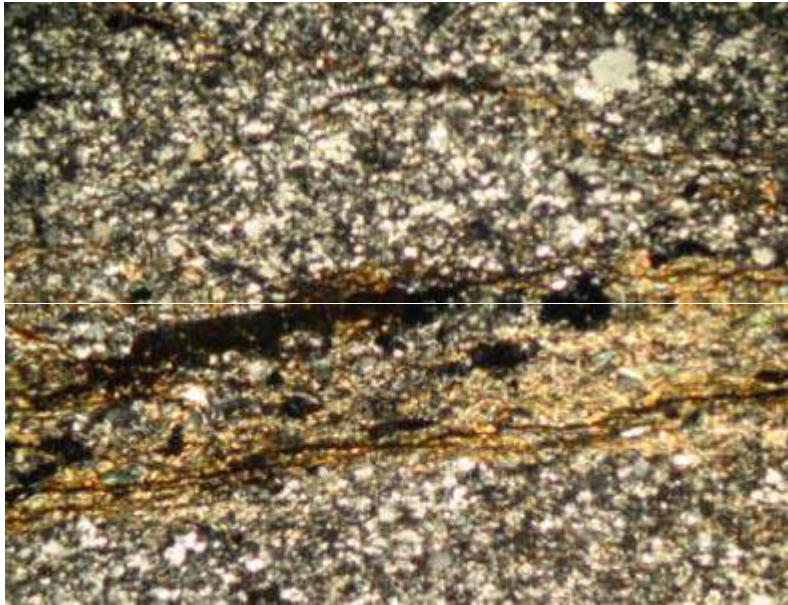
- 1) Decrease of the young modulus
- 2) un accroissement de la **déformation de tassement**
- 3) diminution de la portion rectiligne
- 3) une accentuation de la courbure prérupture
- 3) lowering of the failure load

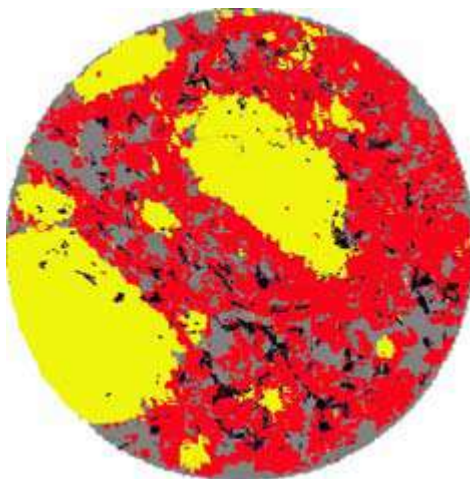
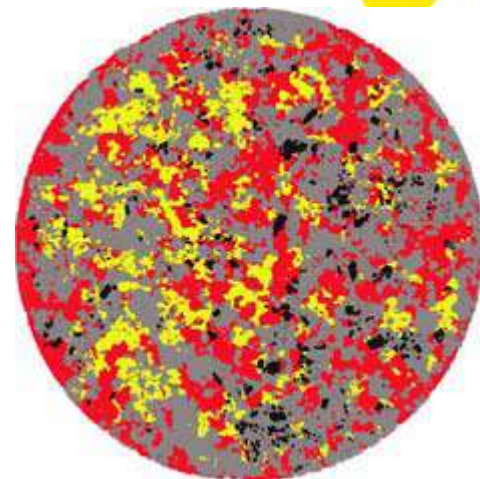
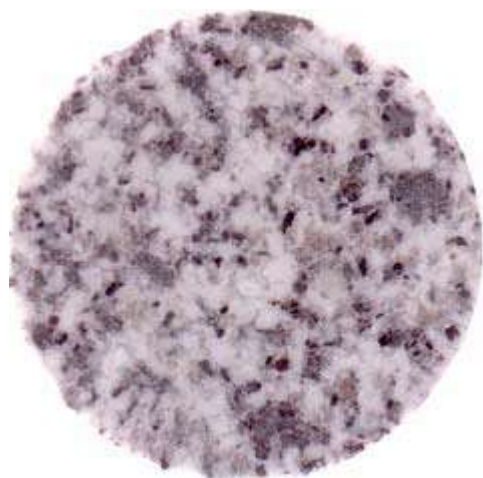


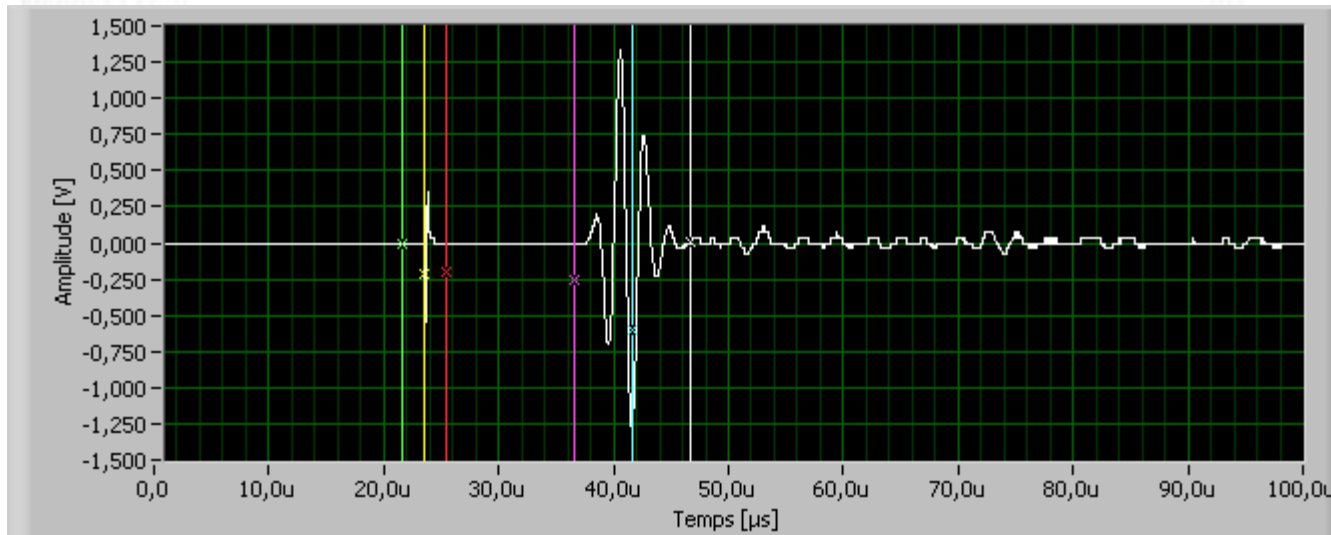
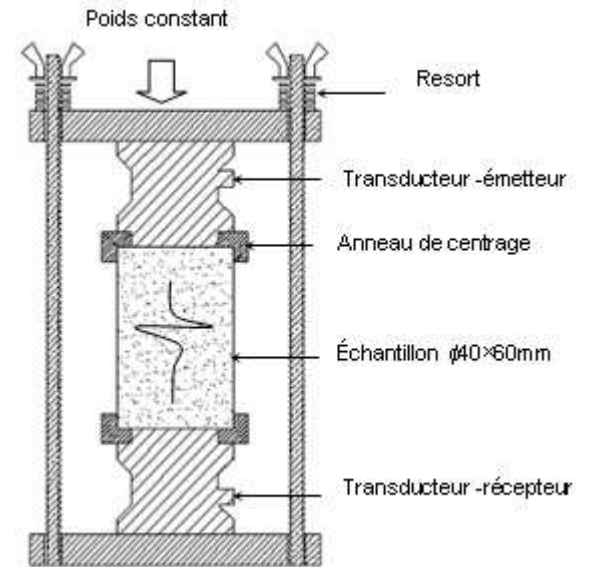
Synthèse

Finally, the heating treatment modifies many mechanical behaviour of the rocks :

- 1) It cause an important **closing** and **crushing** at the beginning of the loading.
- 2) If the rock is made of **fine grains** and is initially **not microcracked**, the heat treatment creates a network of fewly open intercrystalline microcracks which decreases the cohesion of the rock and causes a considerable lowering of the microfissuration threshold and the failing load.
- 3) If on the contrary the rock made of **coarse grains** is already **microcracked**, the heat treatment enlarges the existing cracks and causes increase of the permeability but the microfissuration threshold and the failing load are not modified..
- 4) The initial microcracks due the heating of the rocks absorbs strain concentration at the boundaries of the grains and **postpone** new cracking formation







❖ Ultrasons

