

# A fresh approach on low CO<sub>2</sub> binders

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- Behavior of complex fluids
  - Heterogeneities
  - Rheology
- Mechanics of soft materials
- Fracture of concrete



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- Mechanical testing
- Structural damage
- Precast concrete
- Wood-concrete composites
- Mercury Porosimetry Analysis



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J. Kirnbauer

- Design and optimization of:
  - UHPC, SCC
  - fiber reinforced concrete
- Mechanical testing
- Durability



Asst. Prof. PhD  
T. Liberto

- Rheology of dense suspensions
- Particle interactions
- Sustainable cementitious materials
- Cement chemistry





Small and large high intensity concrete mixers



Isothermal calorimetry



Hg Porosimeter



Mechanical testing



Particle analysis



Rheology + Imaging (PIV)

From fresh cementitious materials to solid set structures





Renovation & reinforcement of old mortars



Cement bonded wood-particle panels



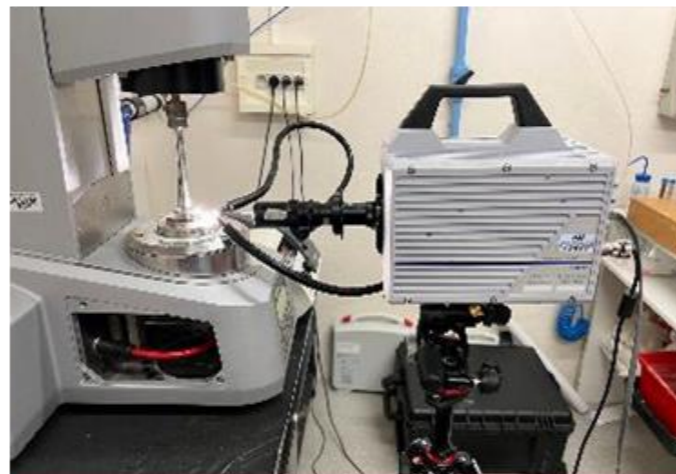
Characterization of the concrete to concrete interface



Milled clay concrete



Water permeable pavers



Global and local rheology of cement slurries



Infiltration in porous media



Alkali activated slag mortar

From fresh cementitious materials to solid set structures



Motivation



CO<sub>2</sub>!

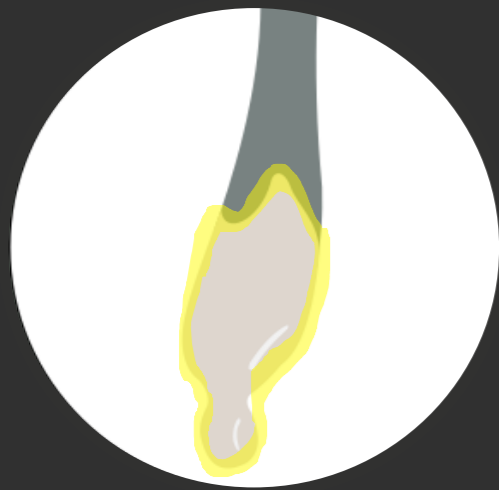
# Future scenario

for a more sustainable construction industry

locally sourced alternative cementitious materials with variable chemical compositions

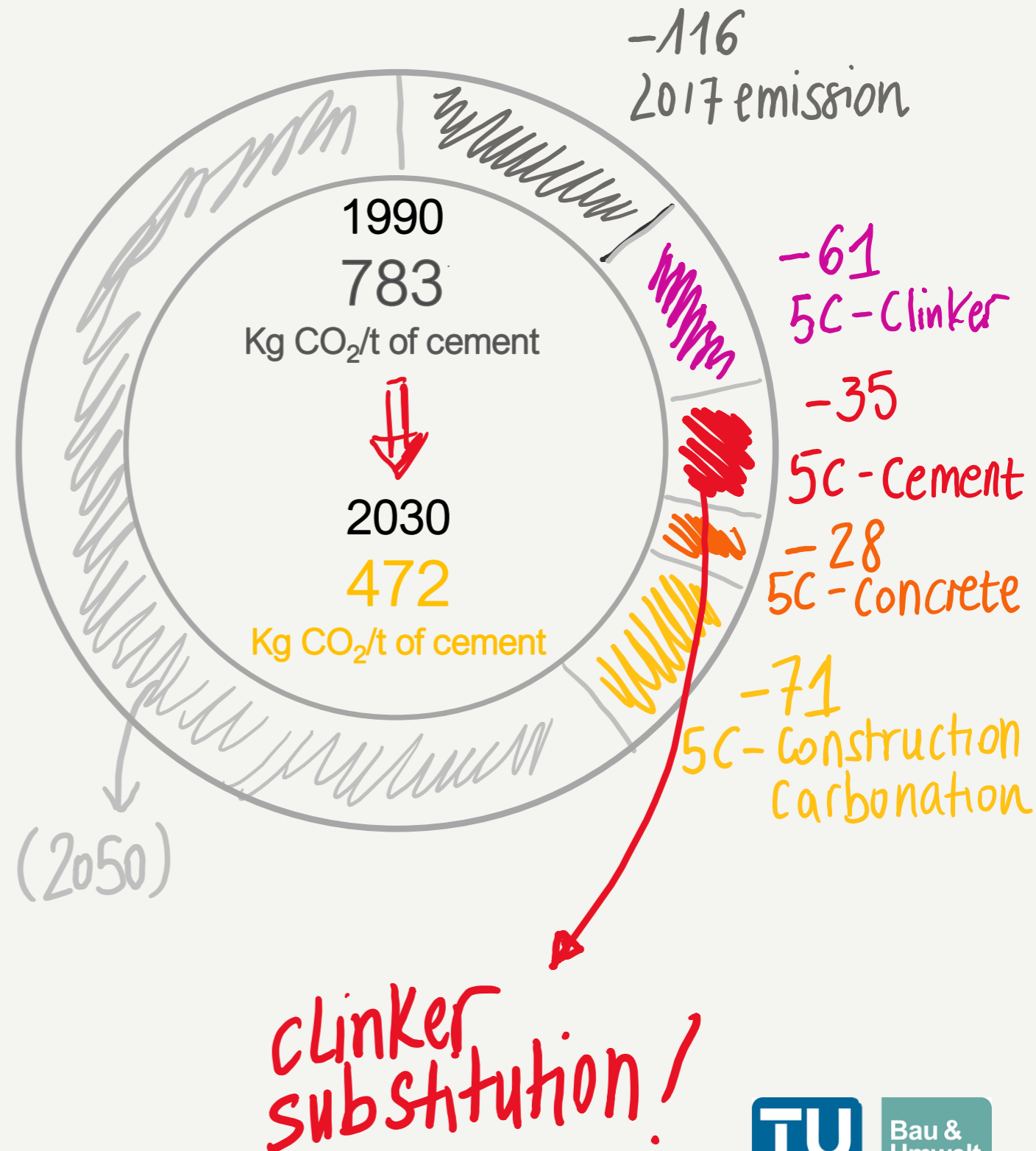


# Rheology of dense cementitious suspensions



study of  
the *fresh*  
properties  
of pastes

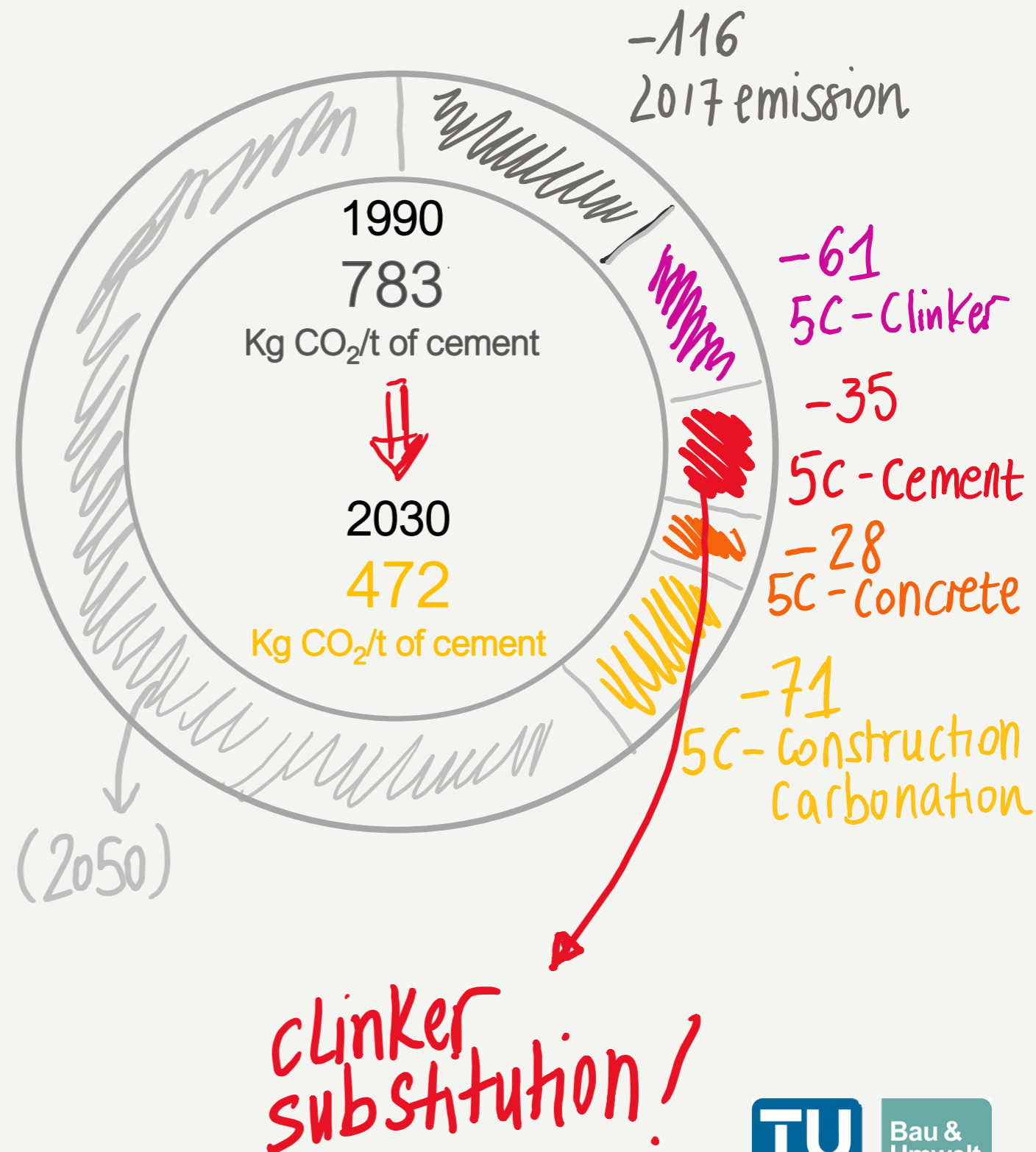
## CEMBUREAU 2030 Roadmap





Rheology  
to study the  
cohesion  
evolution  
(reactivity) of  
sustainable  
cementitious  
materials

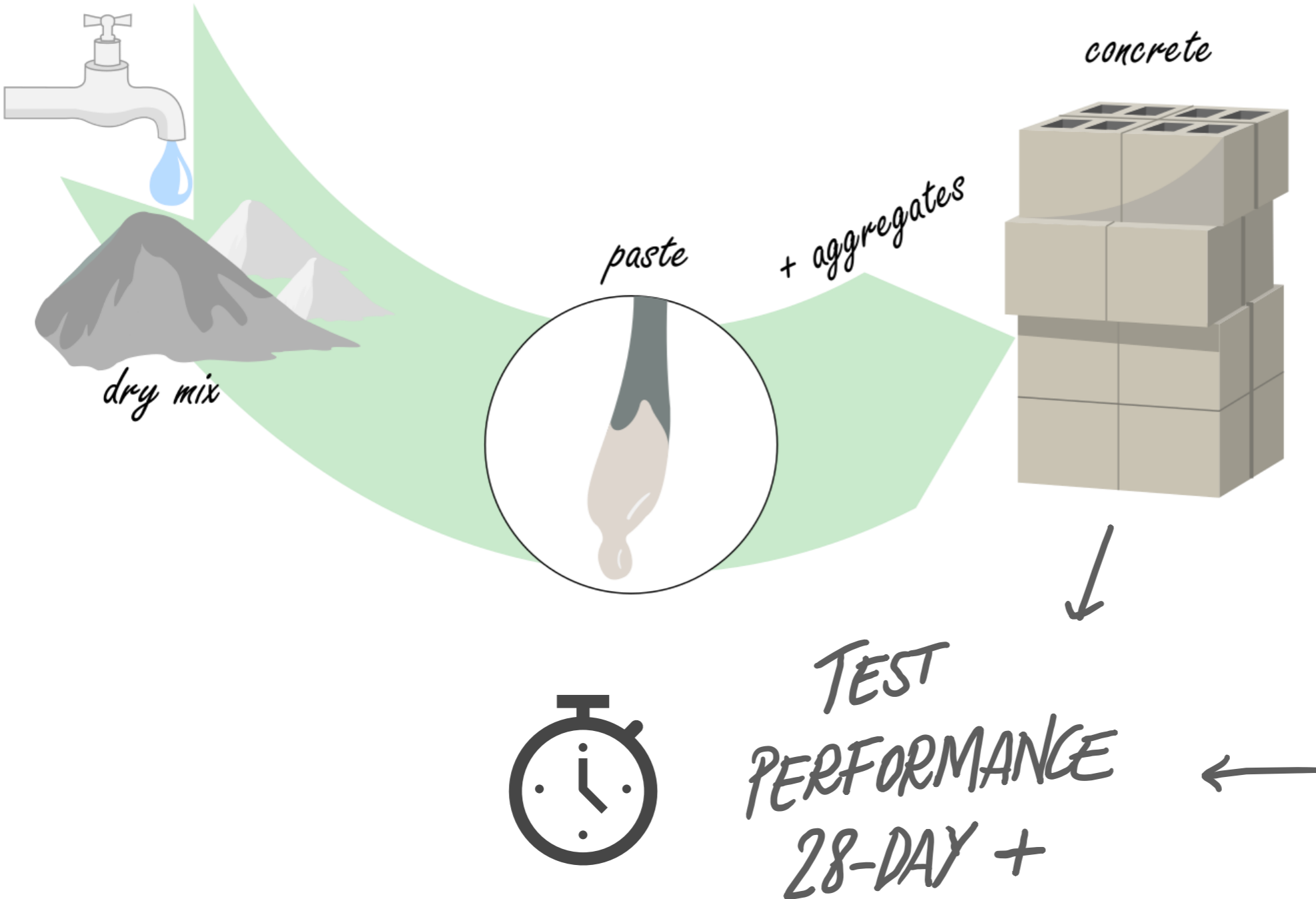
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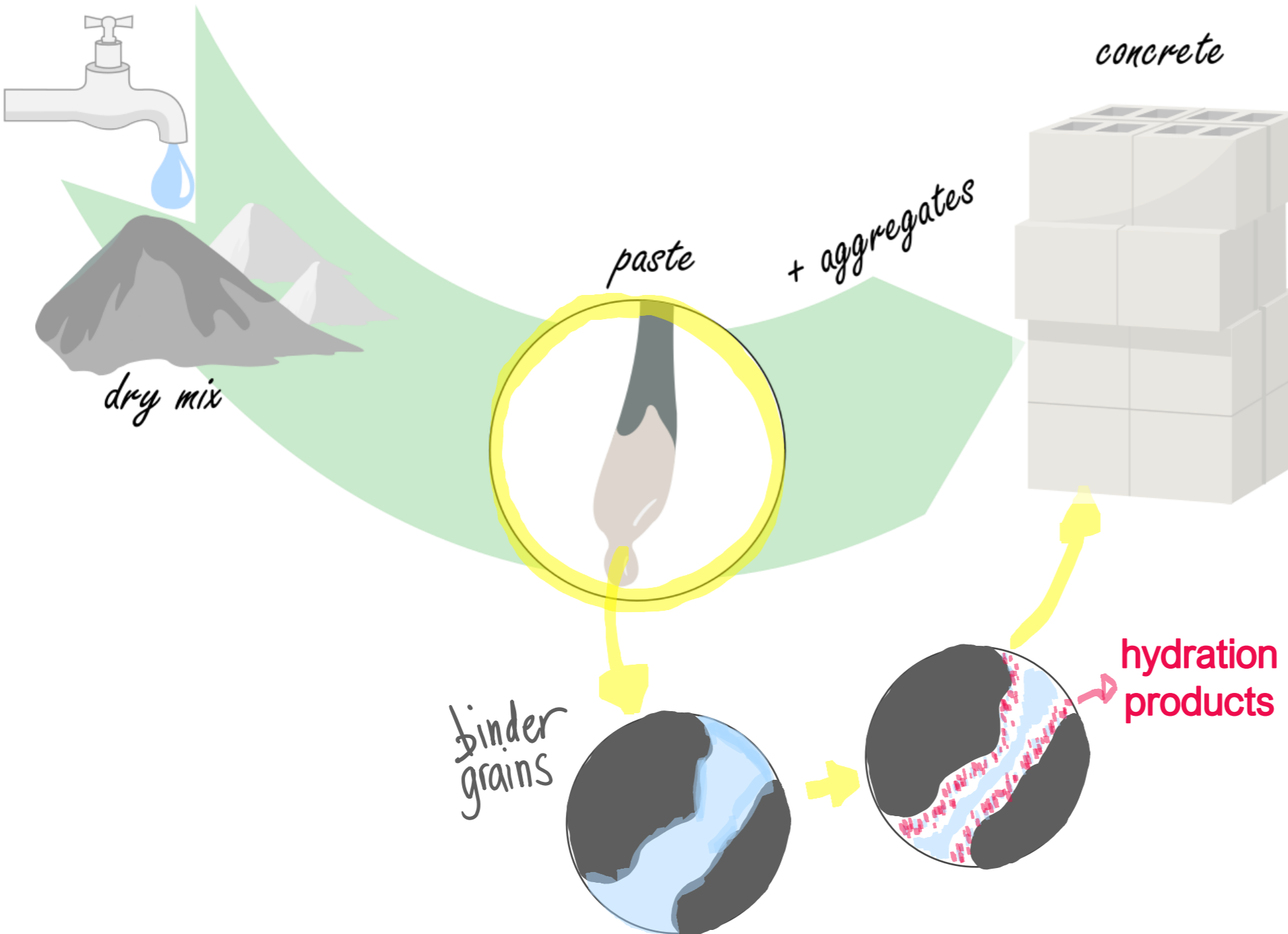
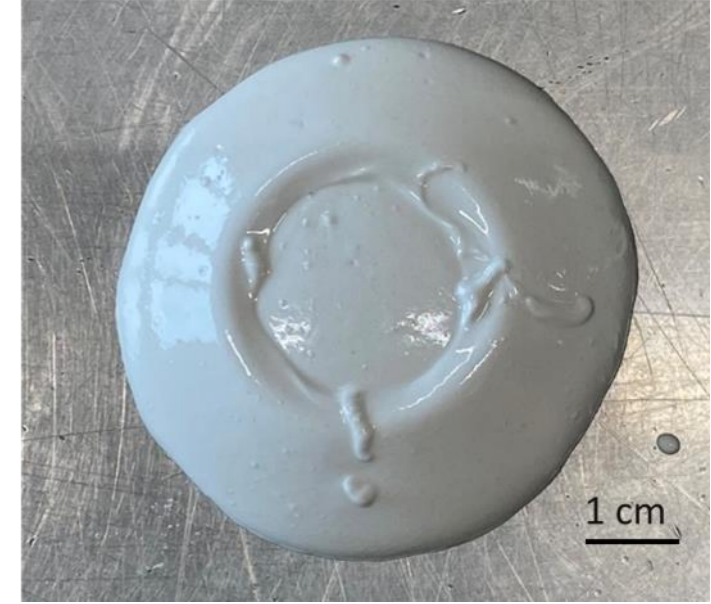
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slag, fly ashes, clay...



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concrete

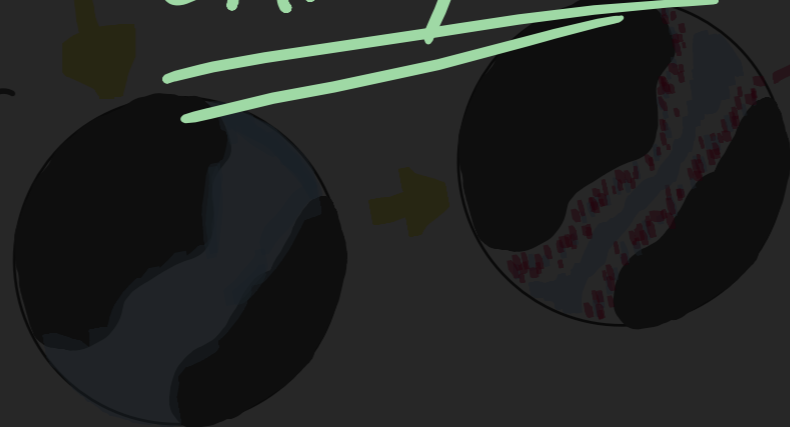
dry mix



track hydration  
products  
formation

EARLY STAGE

binder  
grains



hydration  
products



1 HOUR

PASTE  
COHESIVITY  
(t)

28  
DAYS



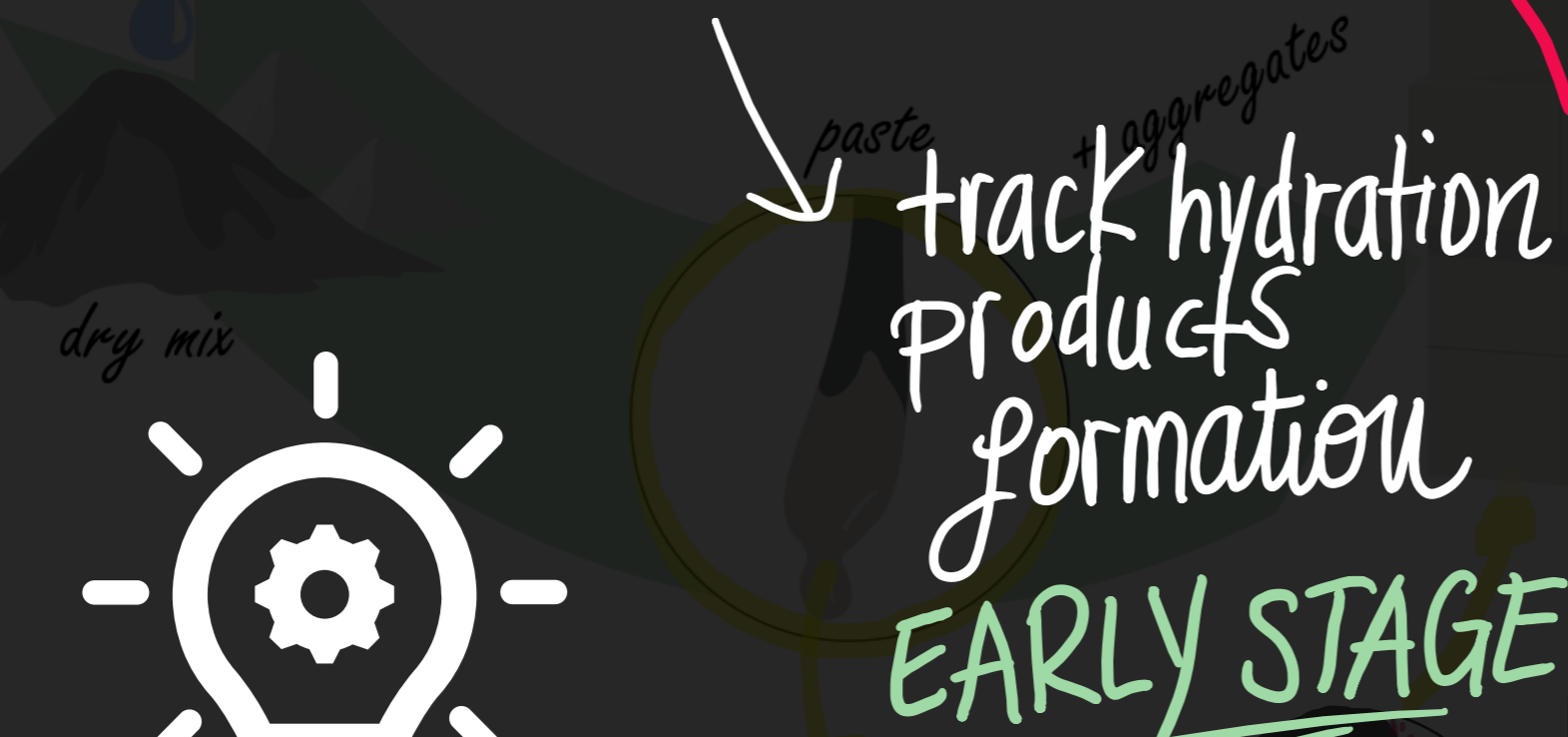
Bau &  
Umwelt  
wbb

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# Measure the paste cohesion in time

early reactivity  
concrete



1 HOUR

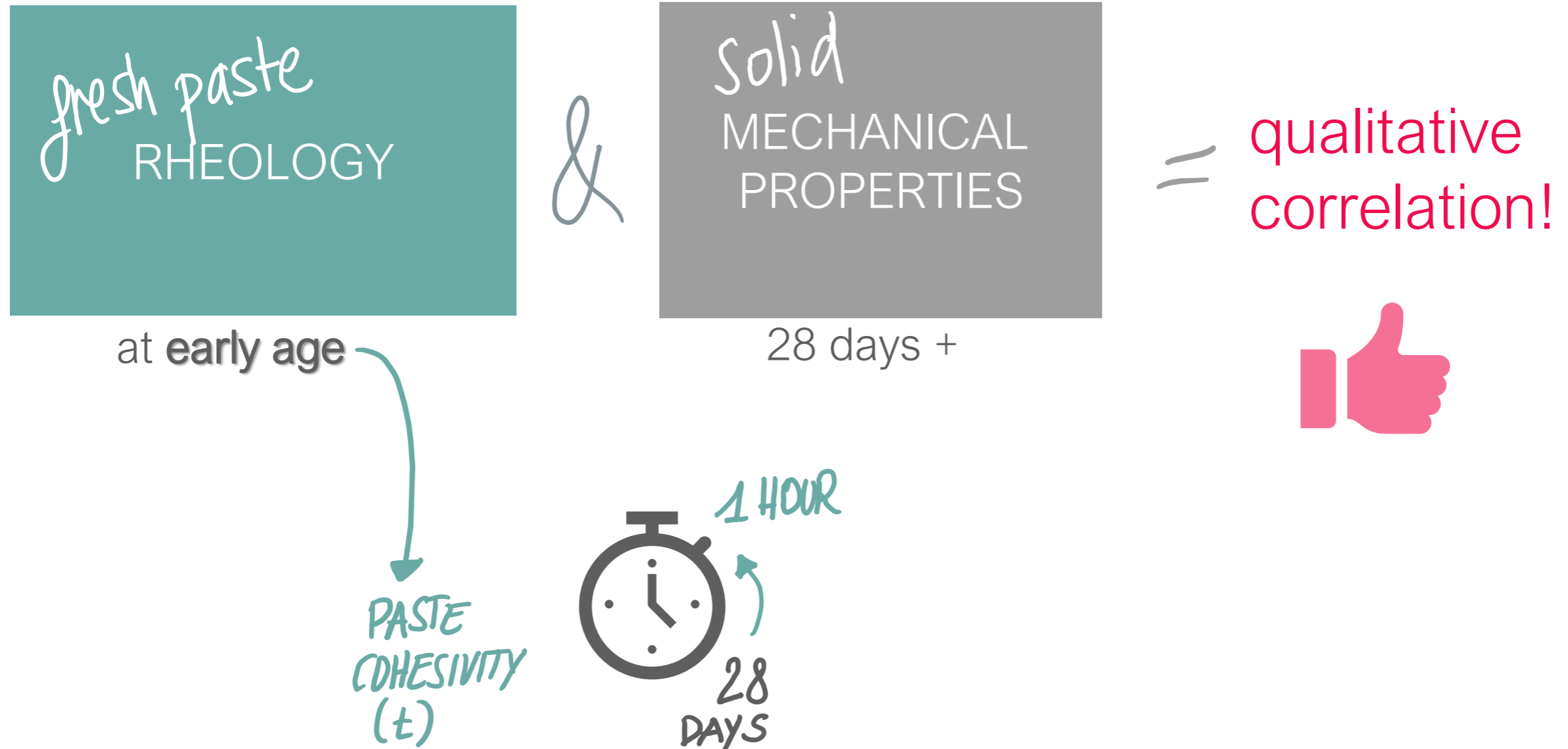
PASTE COHESIVITY (t)

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# Ongoing studies on low CO<sub>2</sub> binders

Measurements of hydration products



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Measurements of hydration products



at **early age**

&



28 days +

= qualitative correlation! 



Slag  
(GGBS)



(local)  
CLAY



Recycled  
Bricks



Recycled  
Concrete



Biochar

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# A novel approach toward a sustainable construction industry to select promising low CO<sub>2</sub> binders

at early age

28 days +

Key knowledge transfer for

Slag (GGBS)

(local) CLAY



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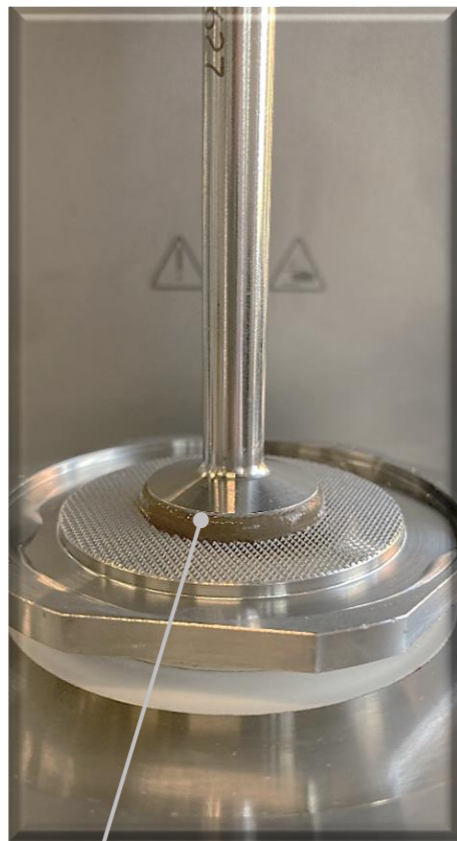
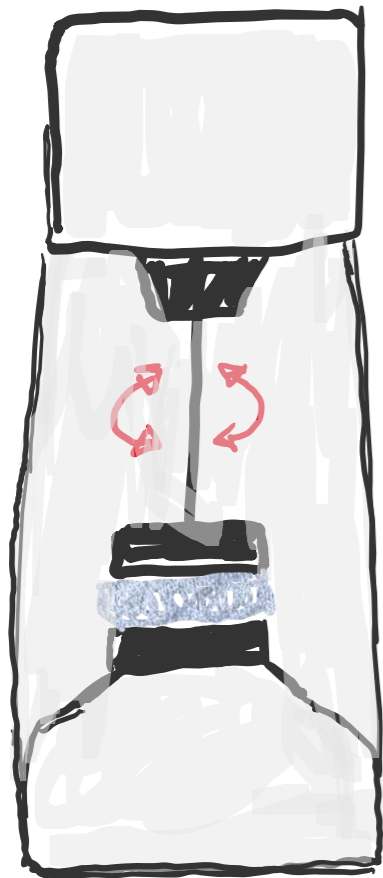
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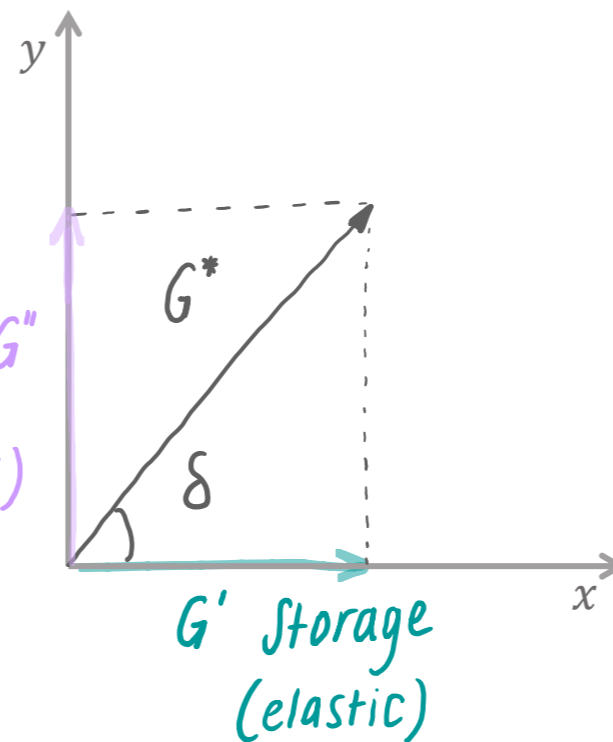
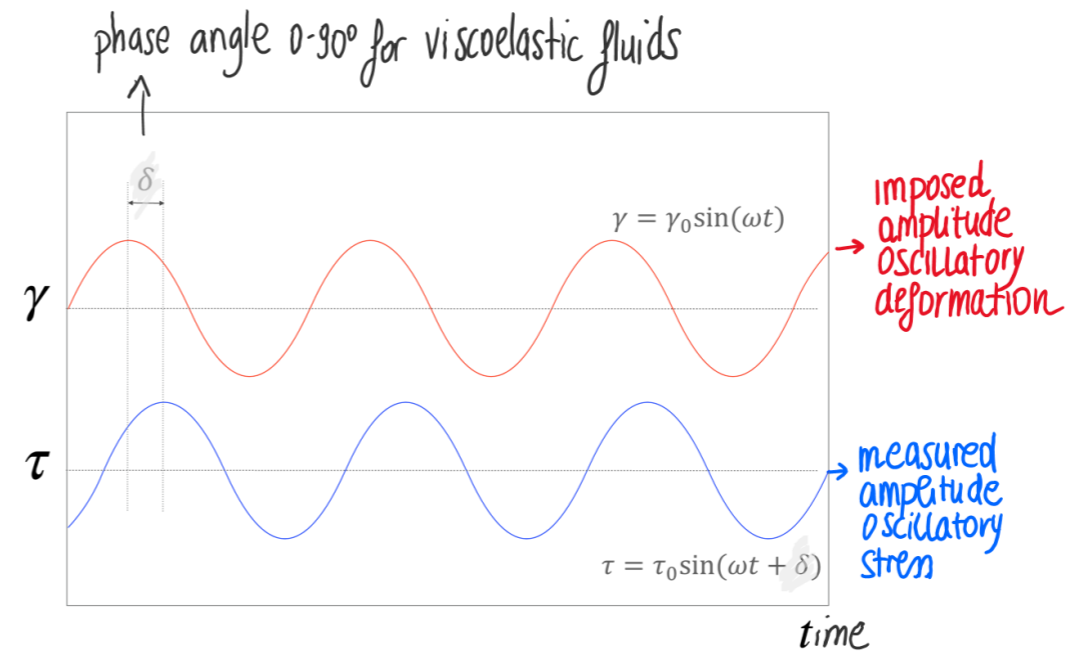
# SAOS: small amplitude oscillatory shear



Min torque 0.5 nNm  
(Max 230 mNm)

$$G^* = \frac{\tau^*(t)}{\gamma^*(t)} = G' + iG''$$

$G''$   
Loss  
(viscous)



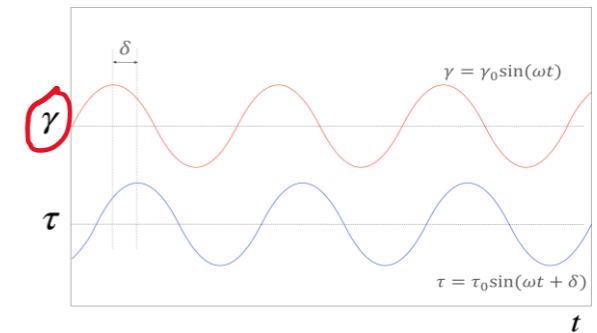
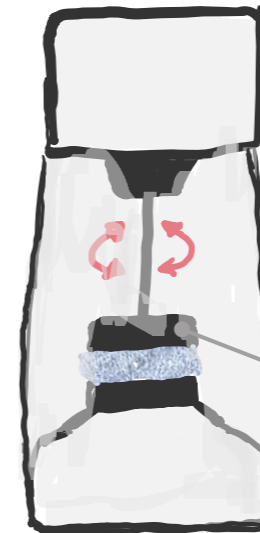
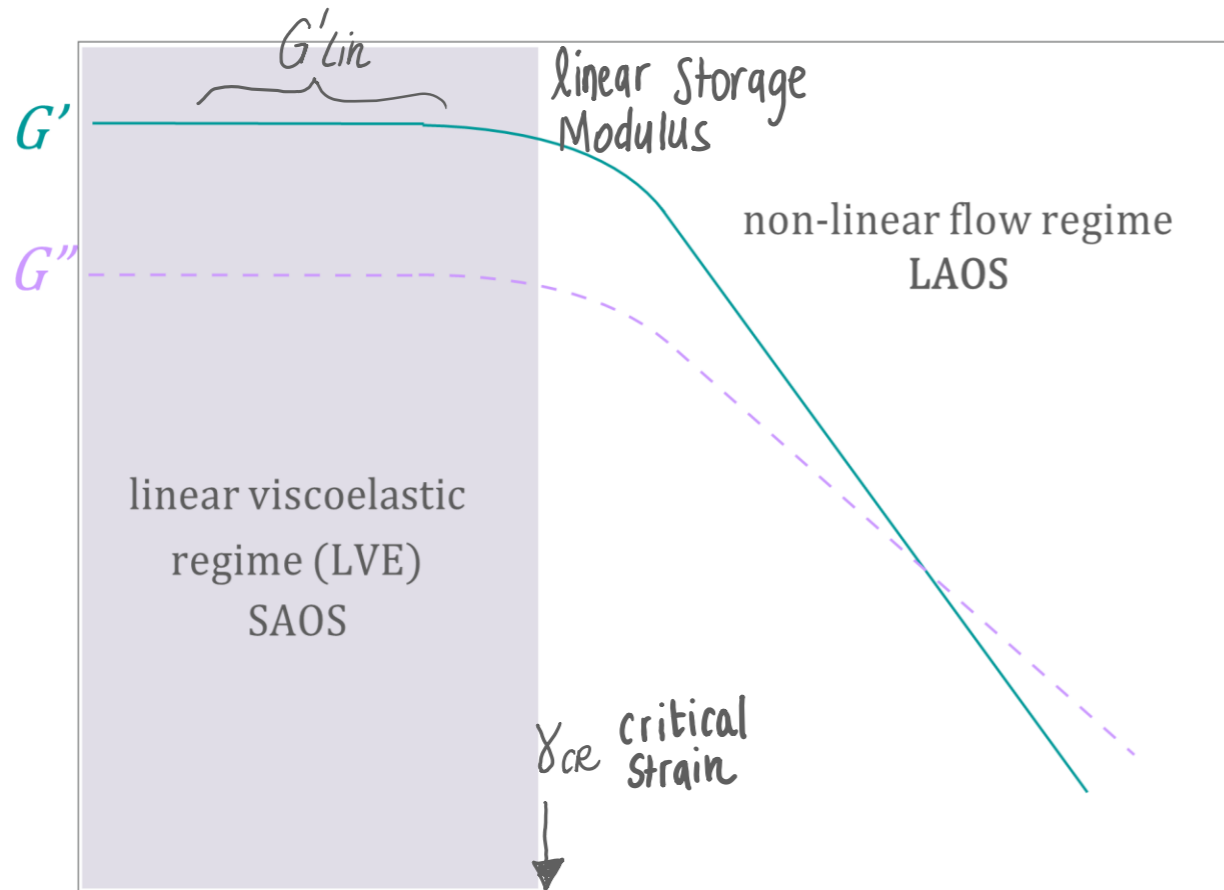
$$G' = \frac{\tau_0}{\gamma_0} \cos(\delta)$$

$$G'' = \frac{\tau_0}{\gamma_0} \sin(\delta)$$



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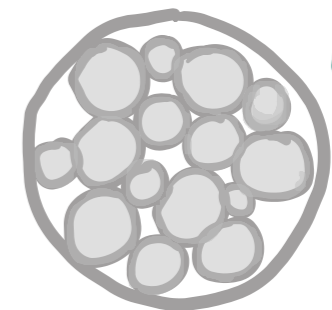
- Amplitude Sweep



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to probe the interaction at the nanometer scale

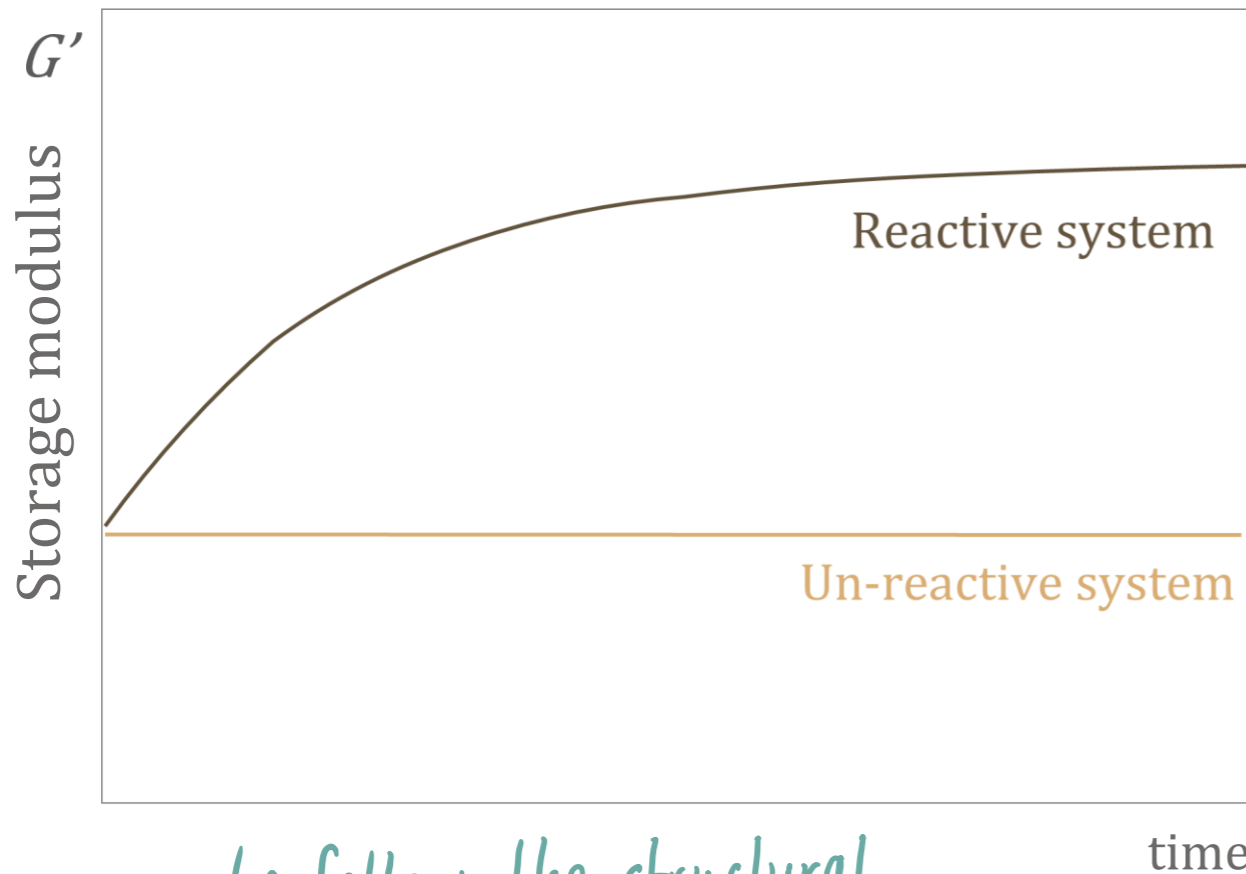
"at rest"  $G'_{lin}, \gamma_{cr}$



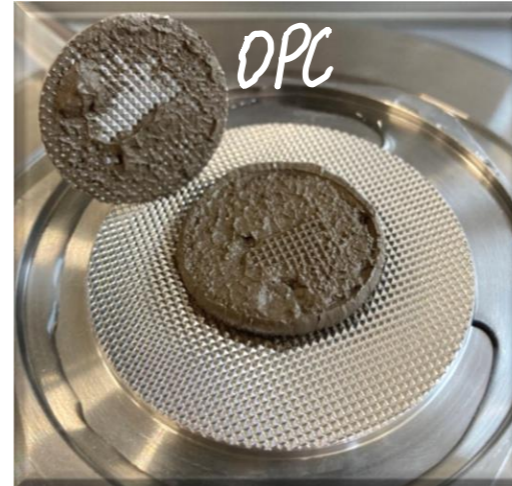
- Range of amplitude oscillatory deformation  $\gamma = 10^{-5} - 1$
- Constant frequency (1Hz)
- Fresh sample (duration <2-3 minutes)

# SAOS: small amplitude oscillatory shear

- Time Structuration



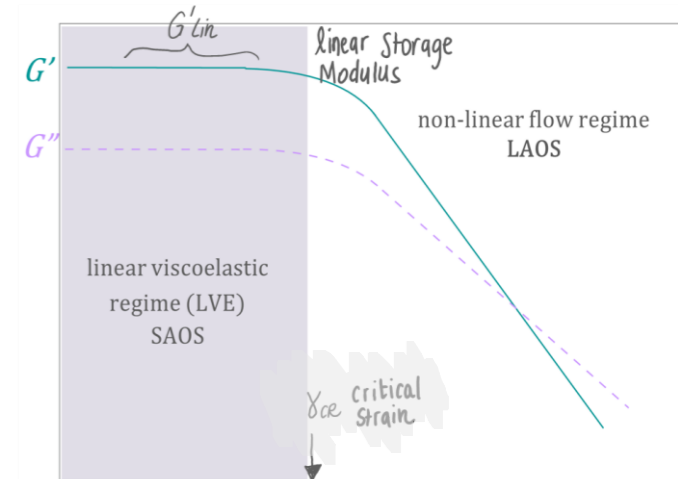
after 1h of testing:



to follow the structural buildup of the paste (physico-chemical evolution)

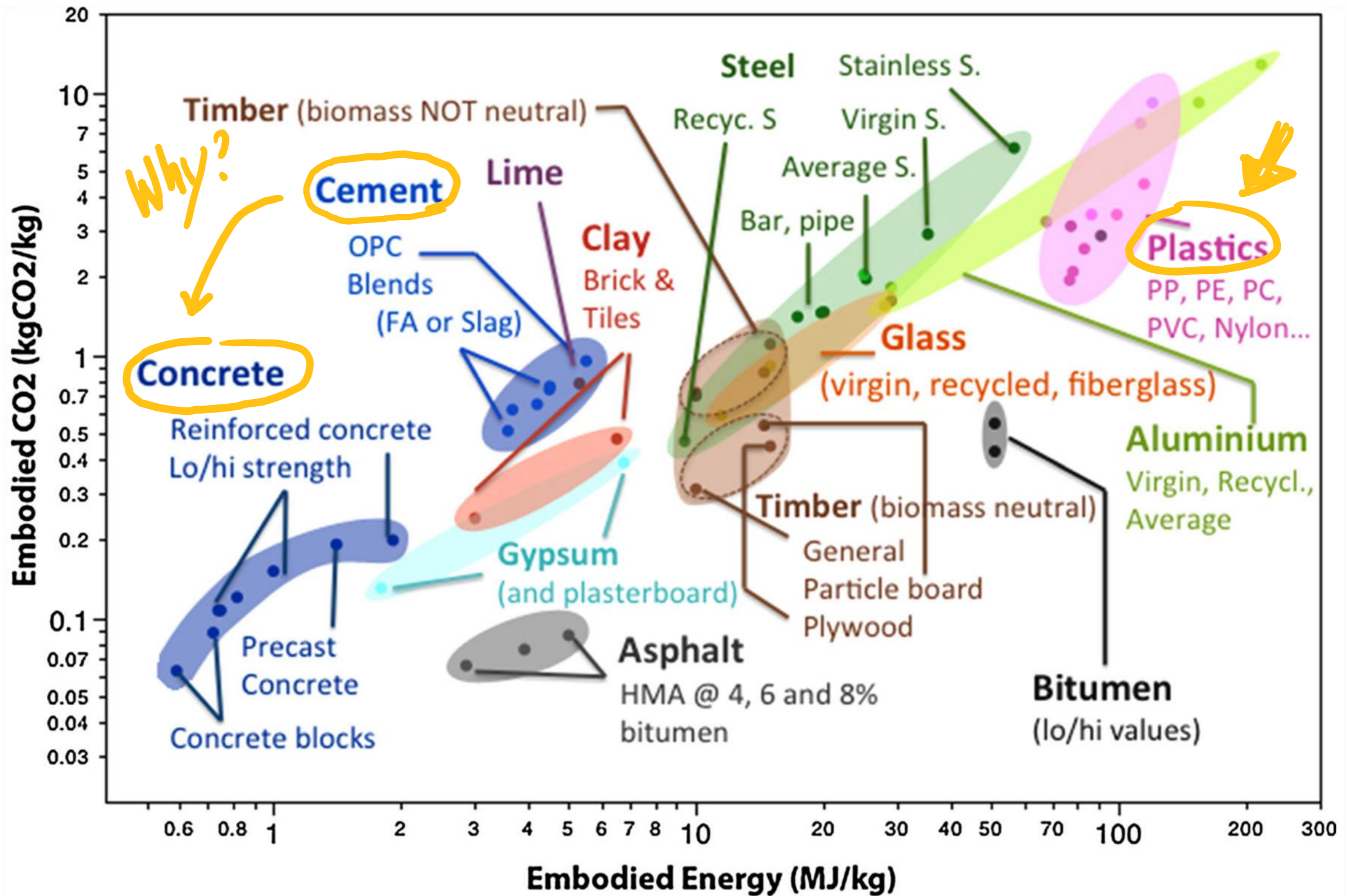
- Imposed (small) amplitude deformation  $\gamma < \gamma_{cr}$  (at a fixed frequency)

- Amplitude Sweep

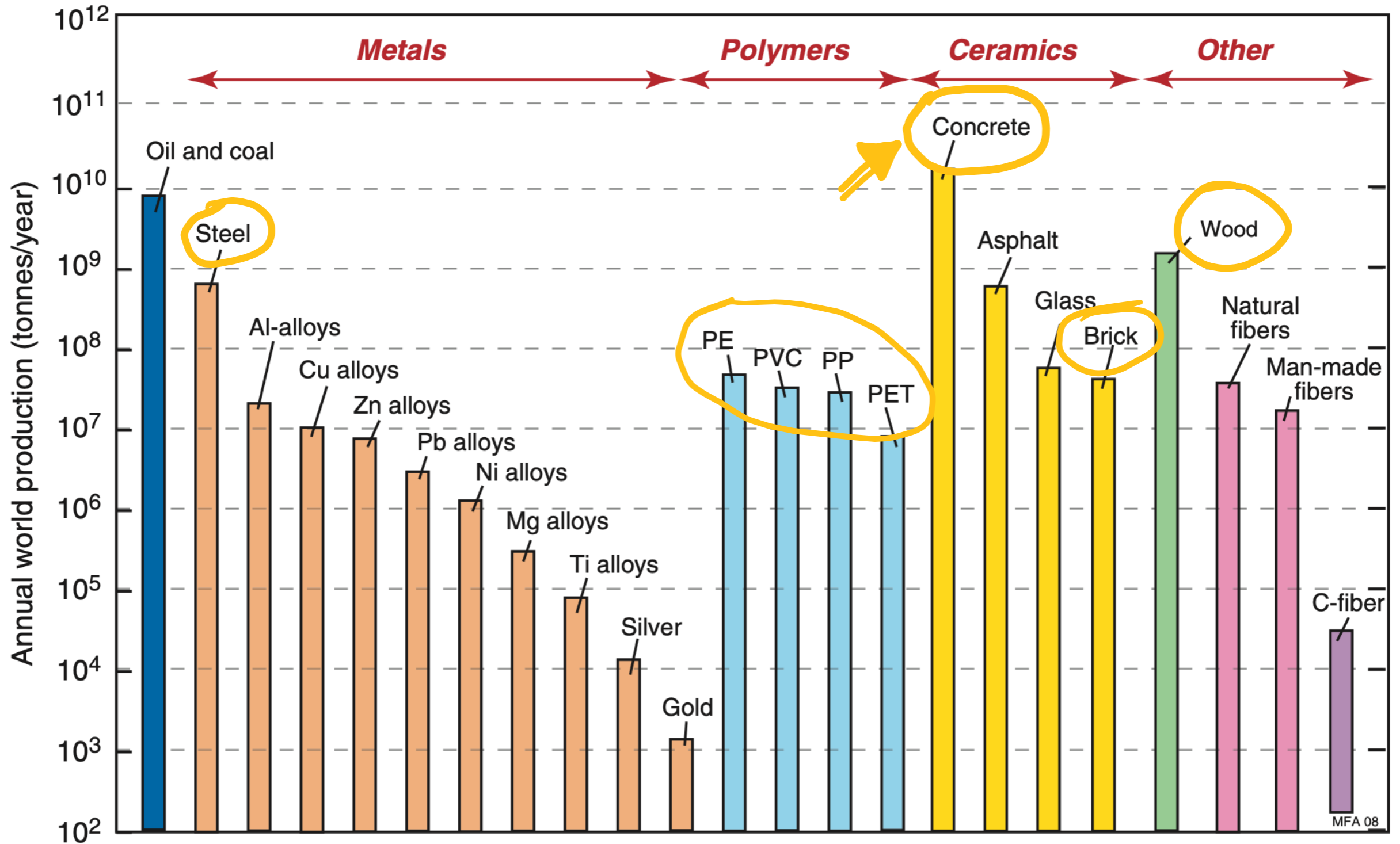




What is the difference?



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