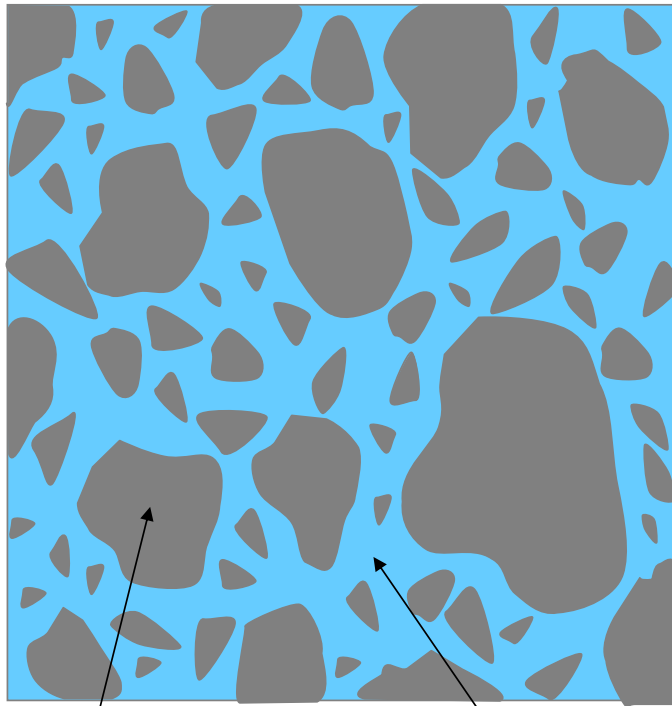


Chimie d'hydratation

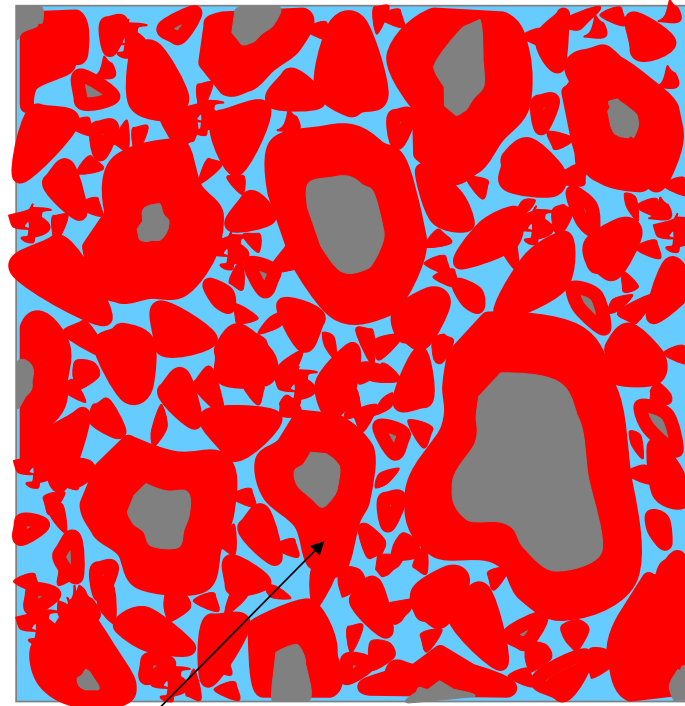
Hydratation

transformation de pâte fluide
en solide rigide



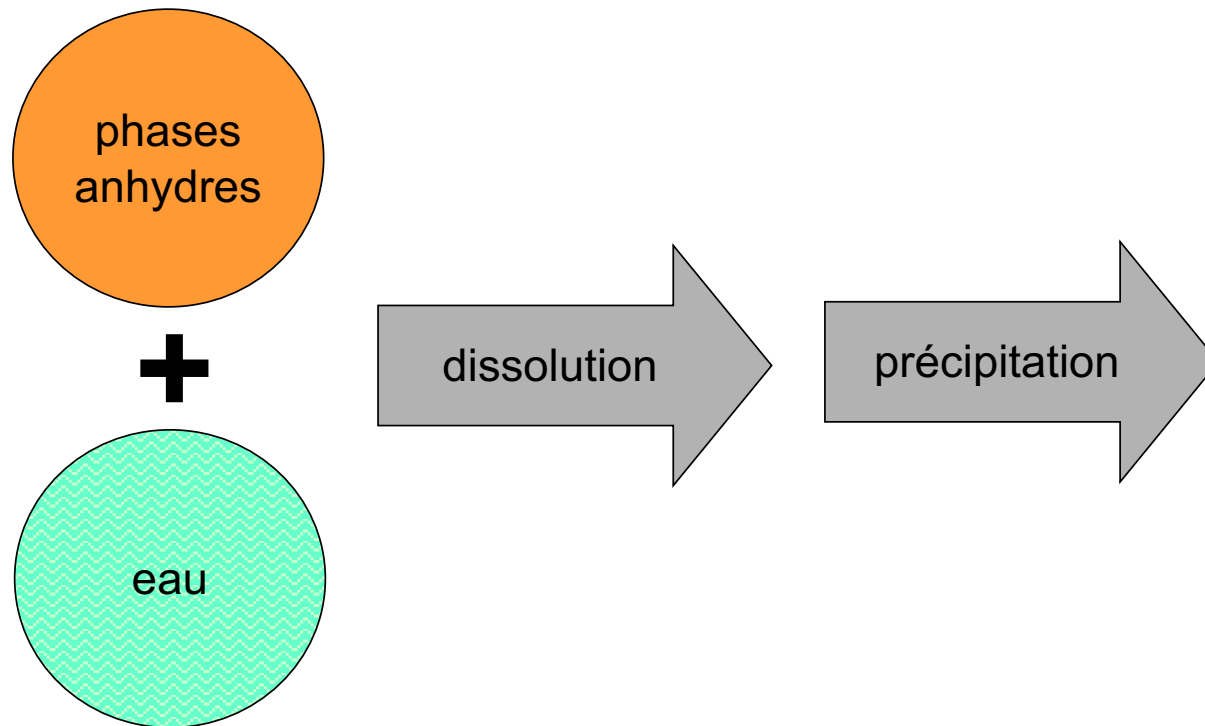
Grain de ciment

eau



hydrates

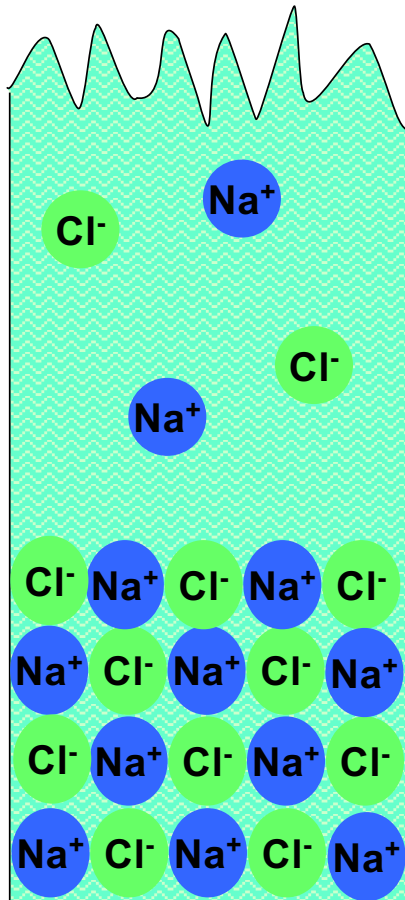
Hydratation



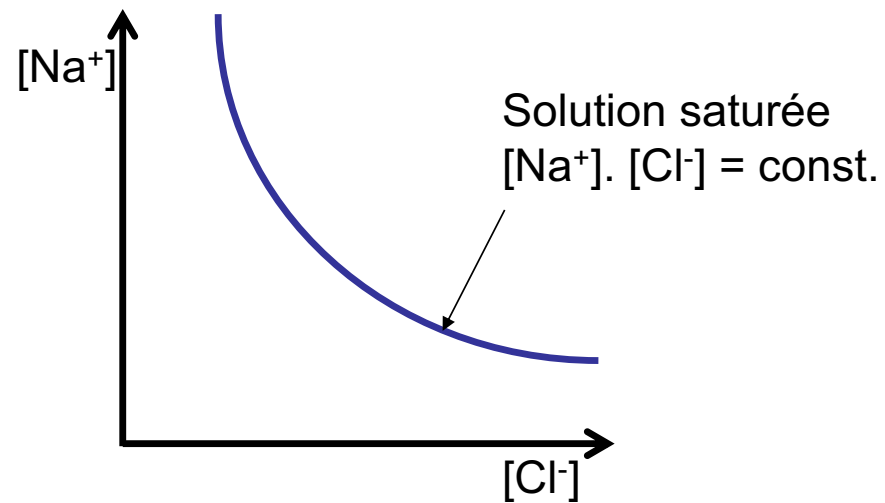
Dissolution

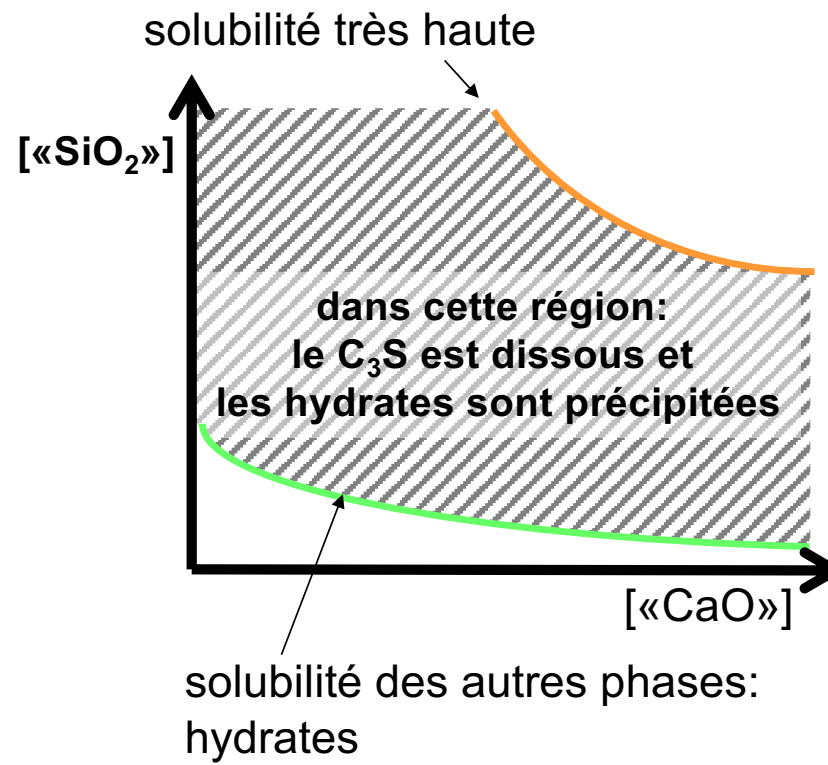
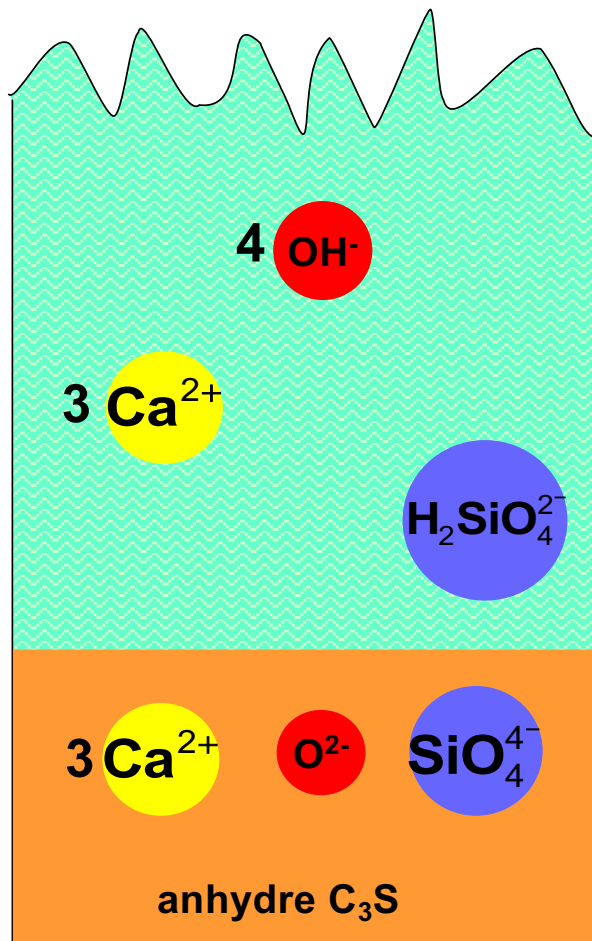
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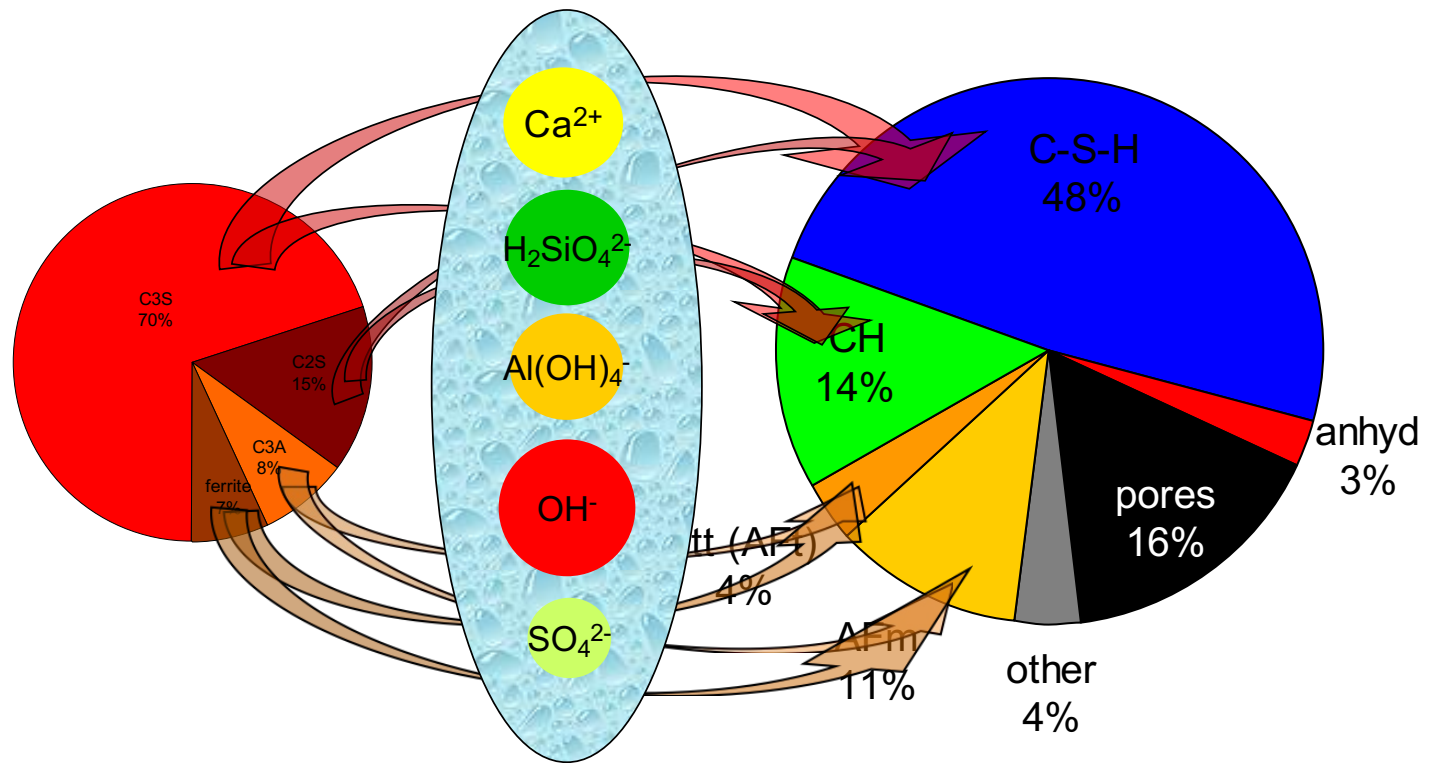
les ions dans un solide entré en solution.



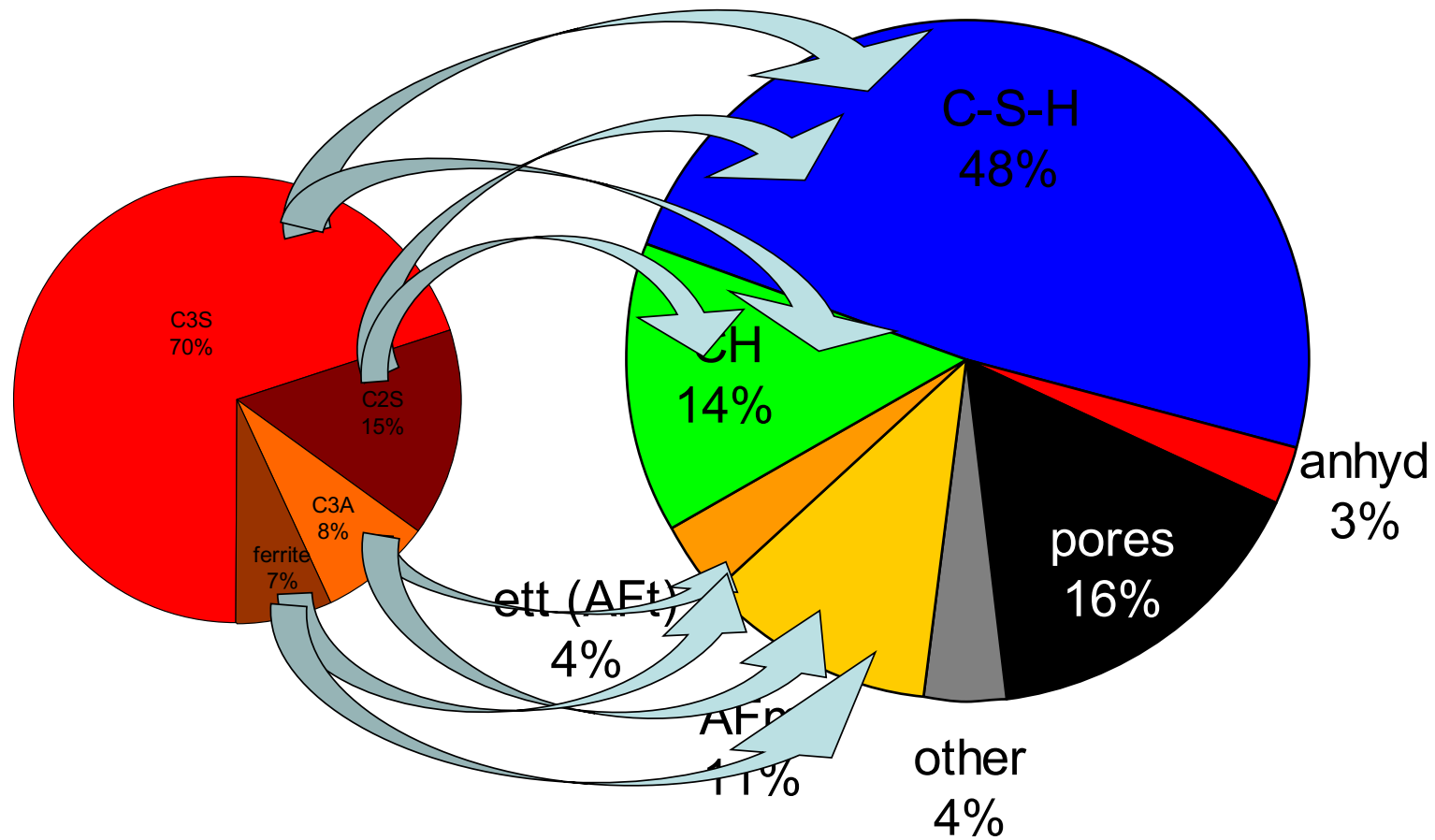
Il y a une « *limite de solubilité* »
au-delà de laquelle la solution est
« *saturée* »







Phases present – 14 month paste from Taylor



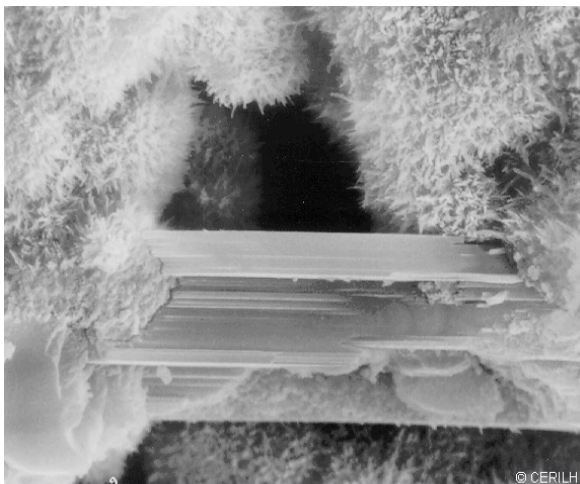
Hydration of calcium silicates : C_3S and C_2S



calcium hydroxyde
Hydrated lime
portlandite
 $Ca(OH)_2$
CH

crystalline
hexagonal morphology

~ 25-28% of hydrated paste



hydrated calcium silicate
C-S-H

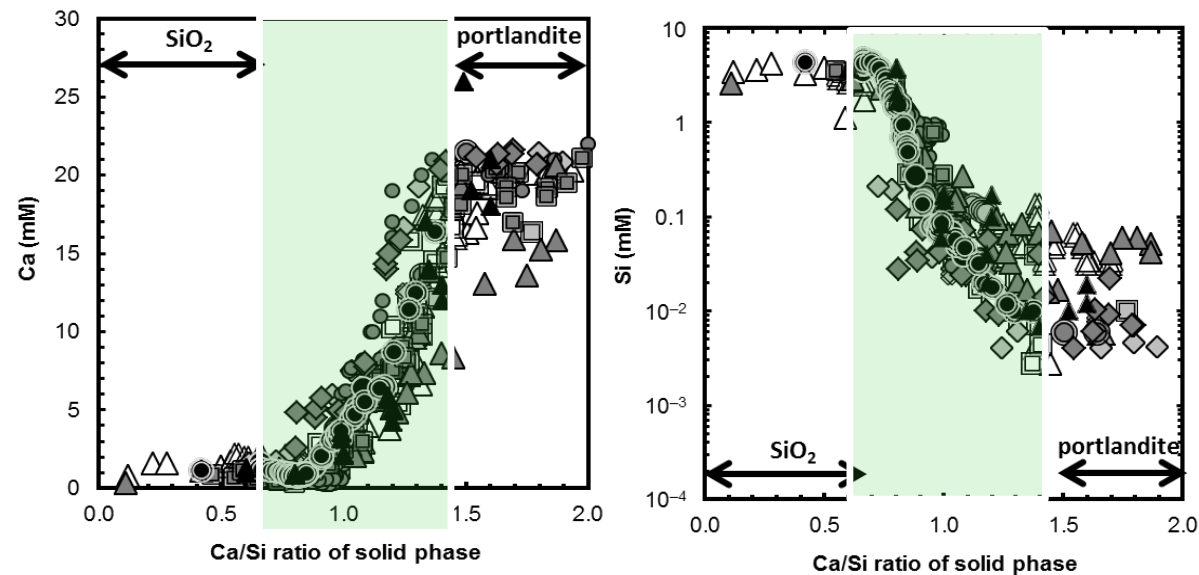
Mainly amorphous
multiple morphologies

~ 60-65% of hydrated paste

C-S-H

Definite phase, reproducible behaviour

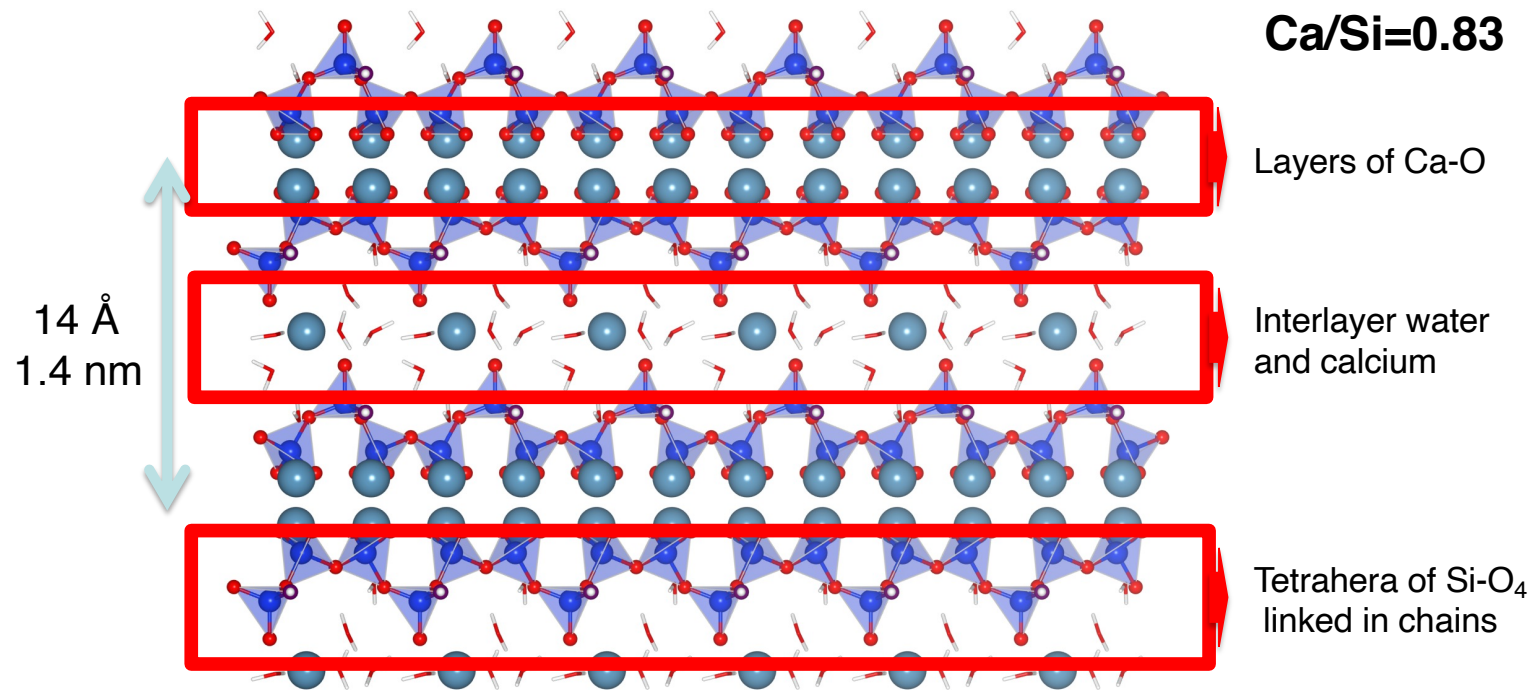
Variable calcium to silicate ratio, depending on composition of solution



**Ca/Si =
0.7 to 1.5**
for “synthetic” C-S-H

1.7-2 PC pastes

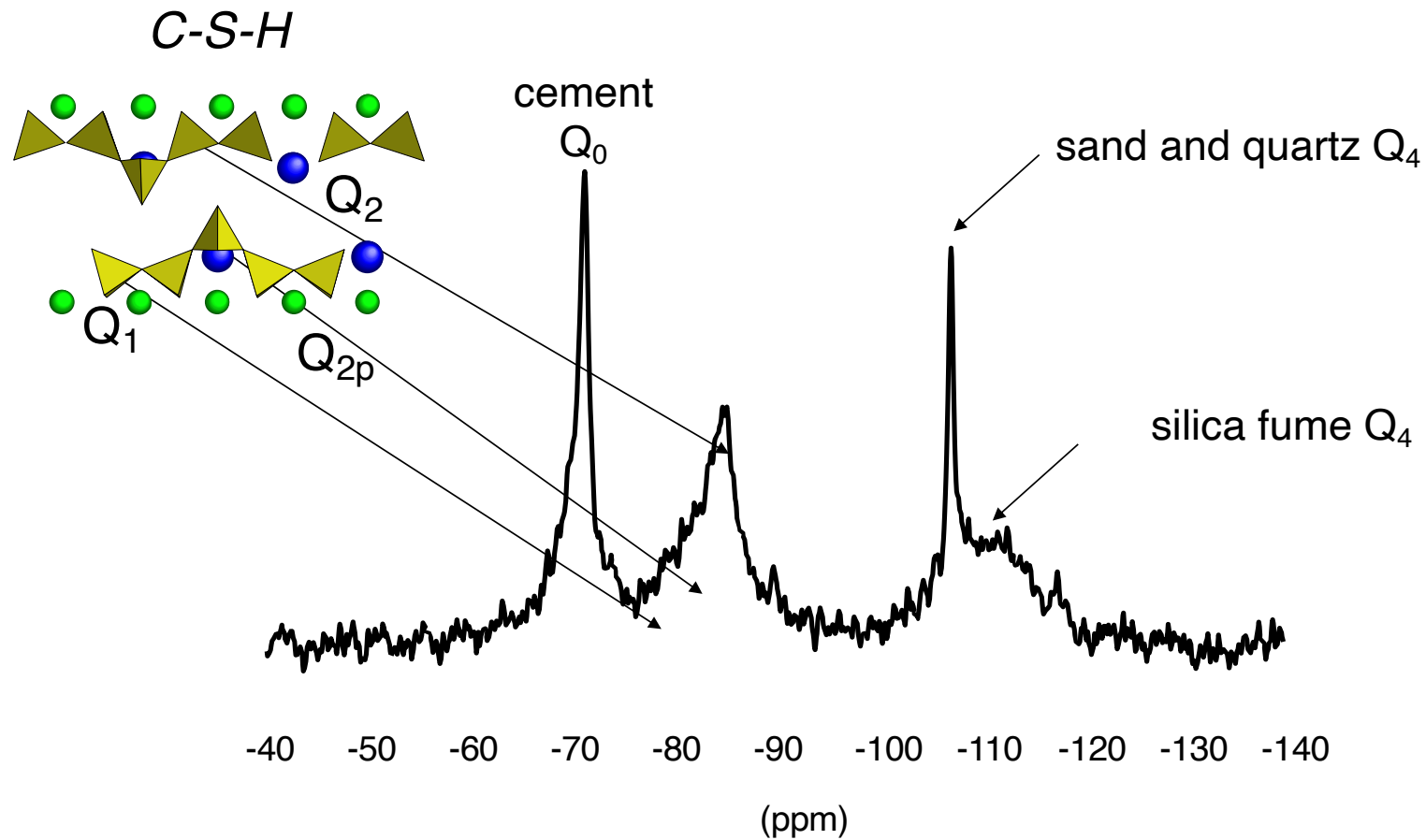
Structure based on natural mineral tobermorite



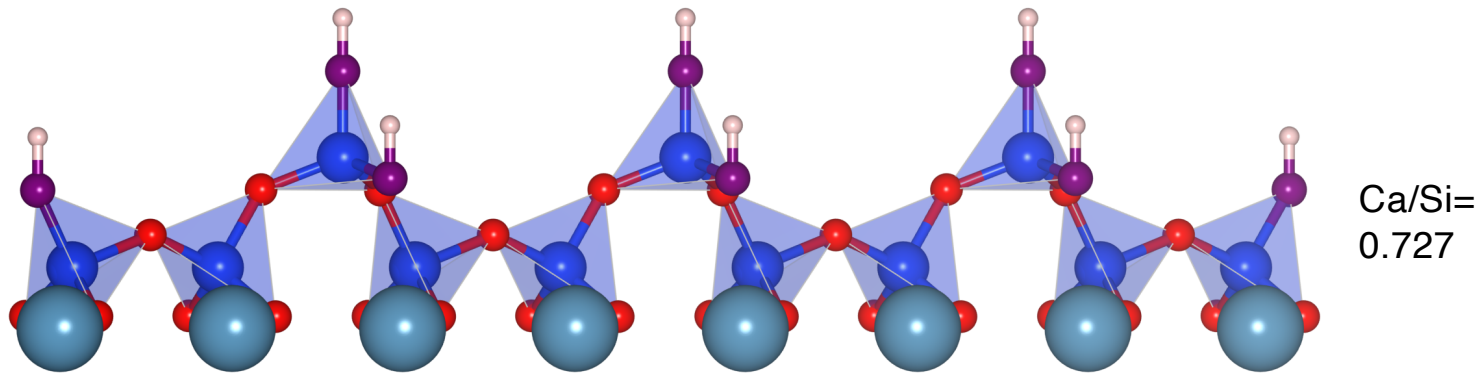
Images by Aslam Kunhi
Mohamed

Tremendous progress in understanding C-S-H in last 20 years due to use of NMR

Silicate structures : Q groups and NMR

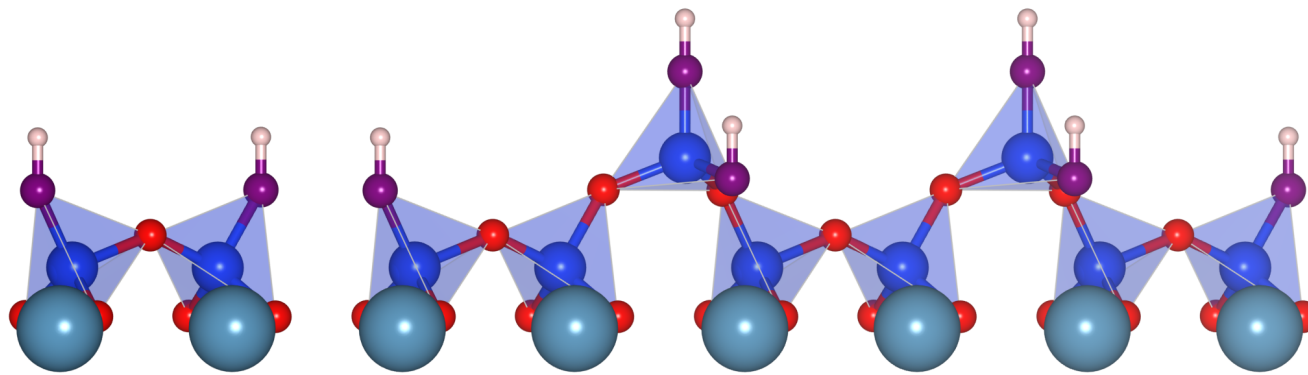


Ways to vary C/S



Full chains, terminating hydroxides

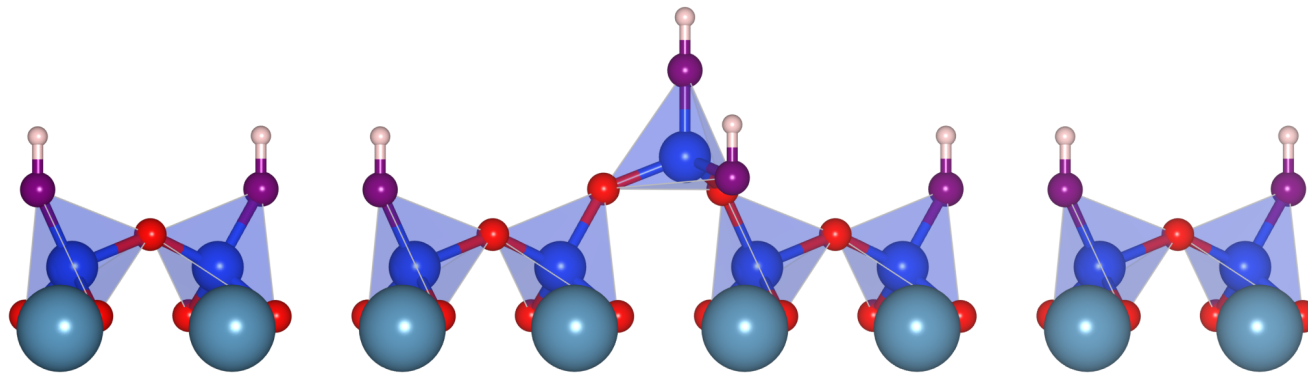
Ways to vary C/S



Ca/Si= 0.8

Missing bridging tetrahedra

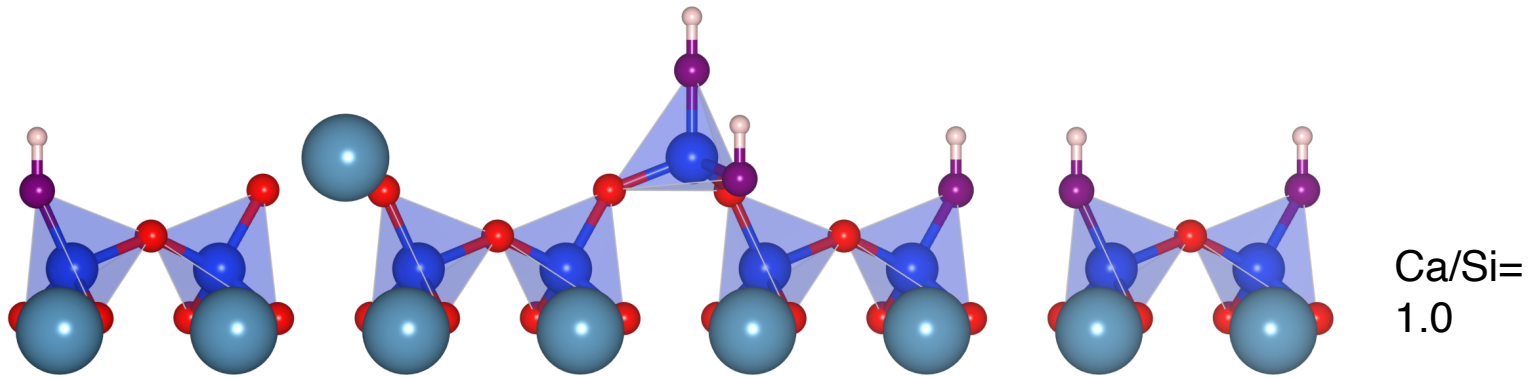
Ways to vary C/S



Ca/Si=
0.9

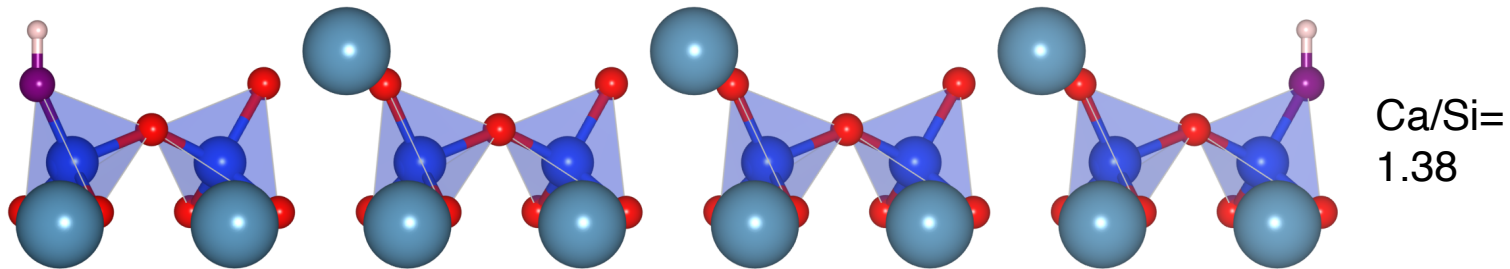
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Ways to vary C/S



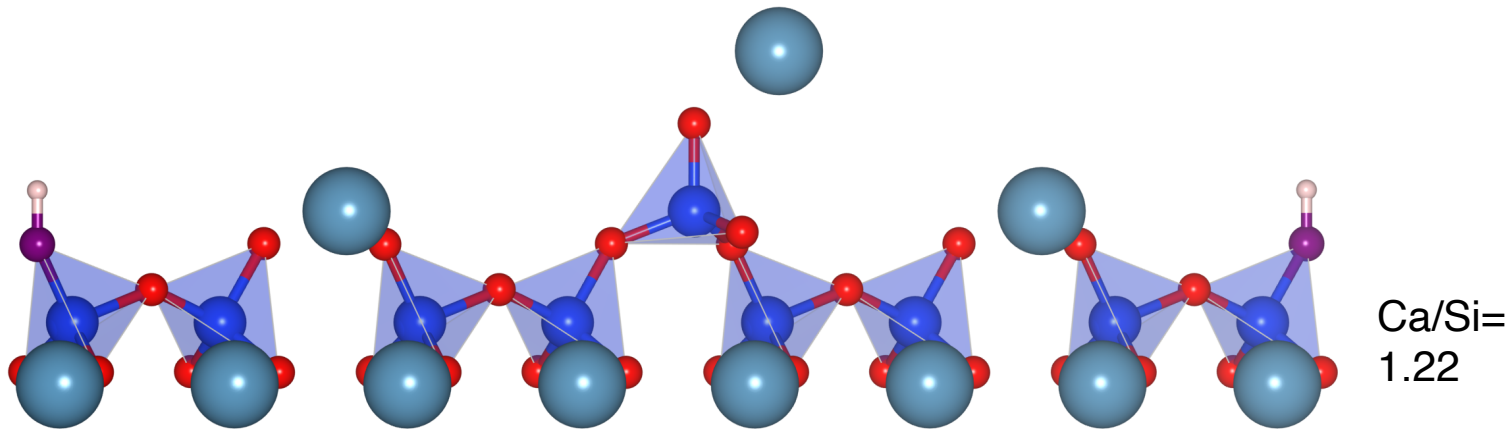
Calcium replacing two terminating hydroxides

Ways to vary C/S



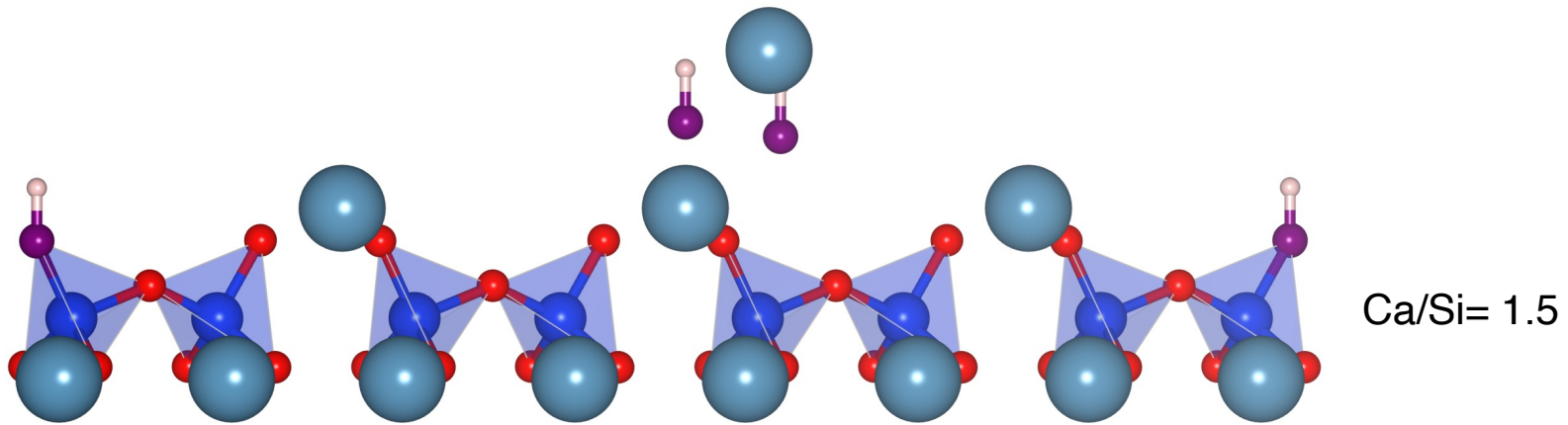
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Ways to vary C/S



Calcium in interlayer

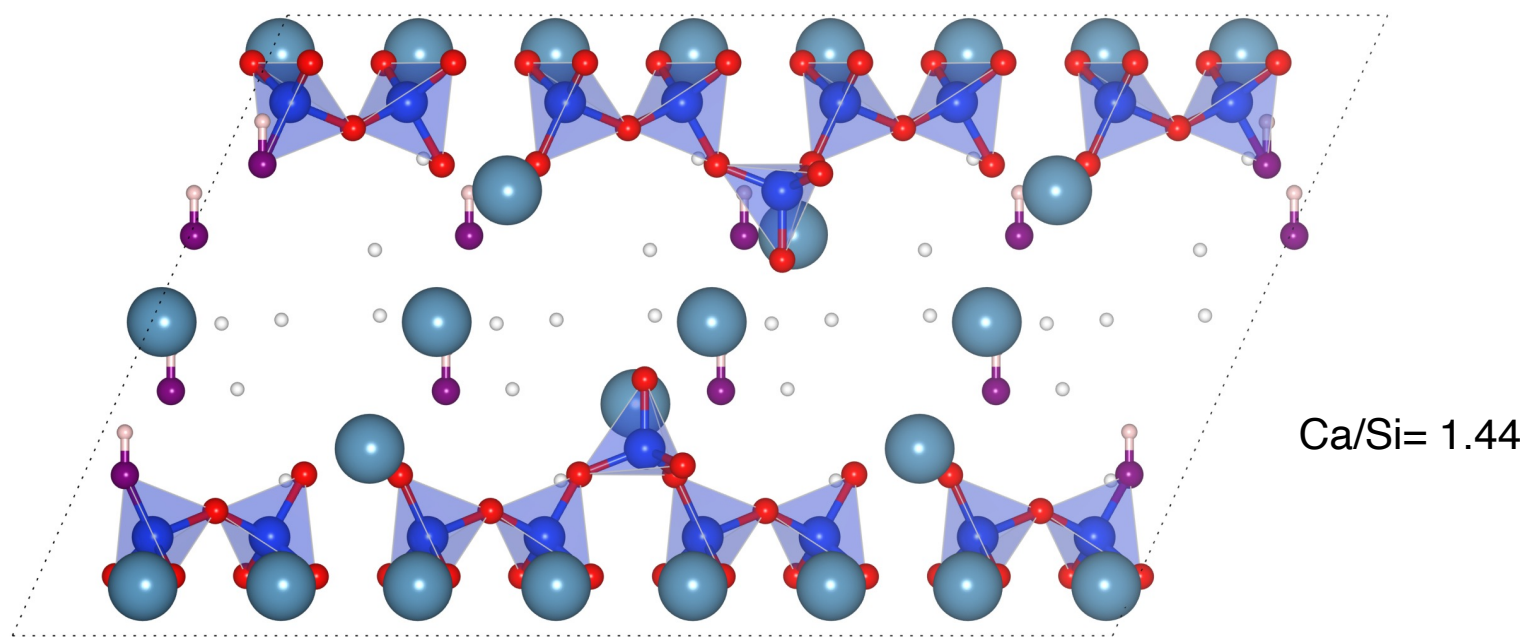
Ways to vary C/S

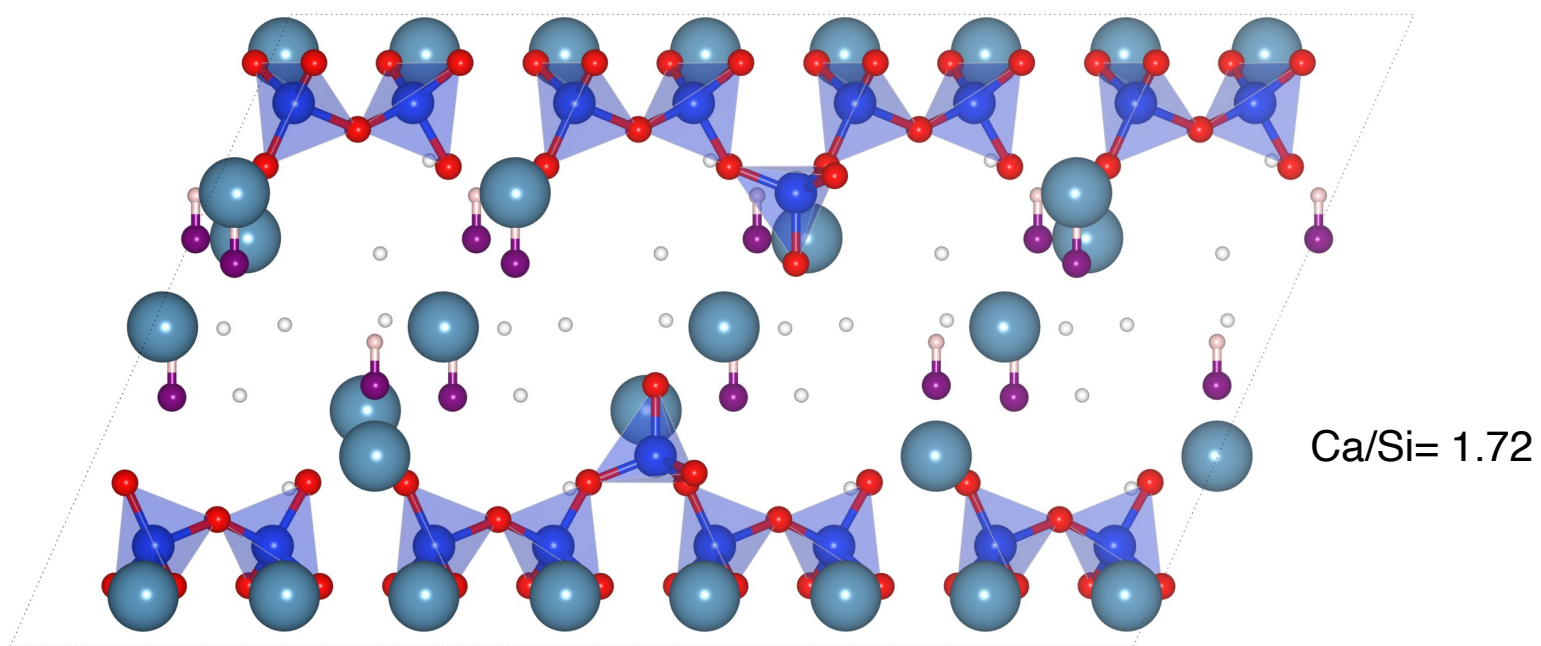


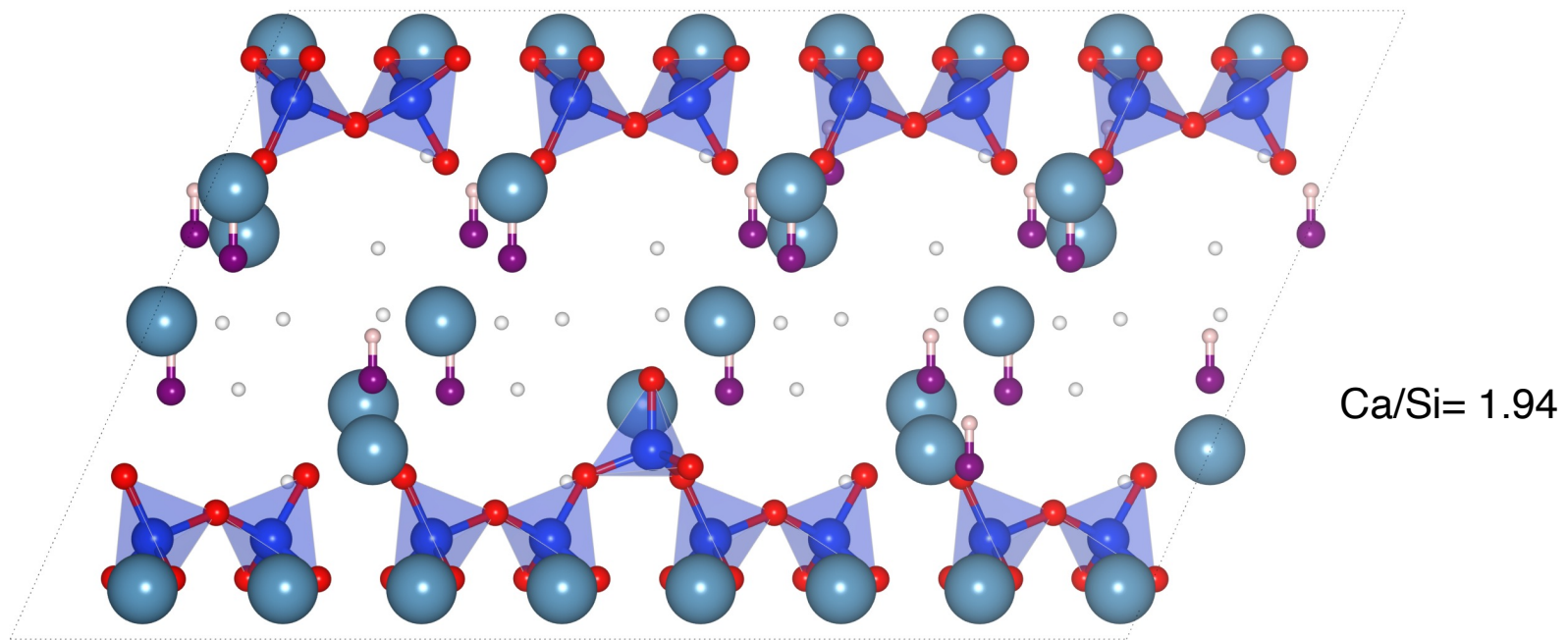
Calcium in interlayer

3 mechanisms

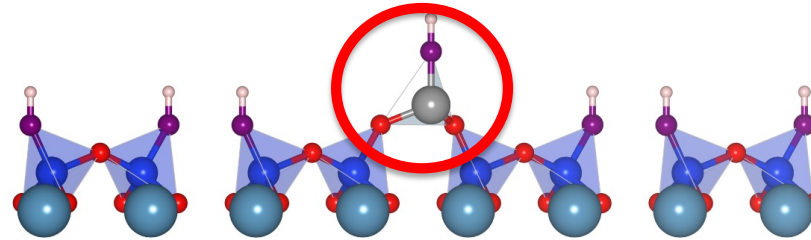
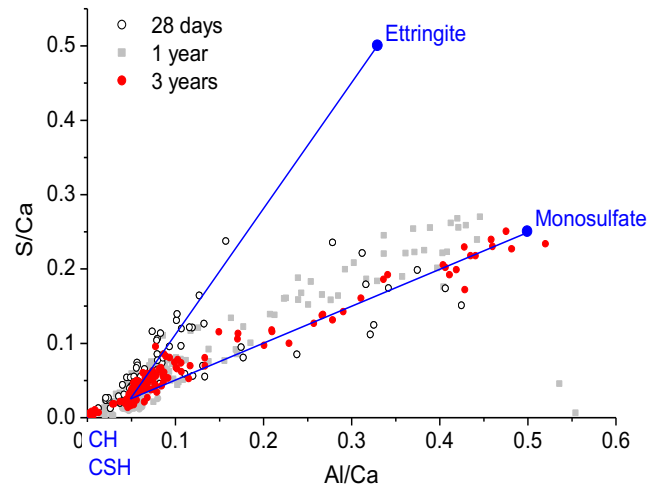
- Missing bridging tetrahedral
 - Calcium replacing terminating hydrogens
 - Calcium in interlayer
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- No unique way to get a given C/S
 - Structure probably has random organisation of these defects:
 - One reason for low crystallinity by X-rays







C-S-H: Si substitution by Al



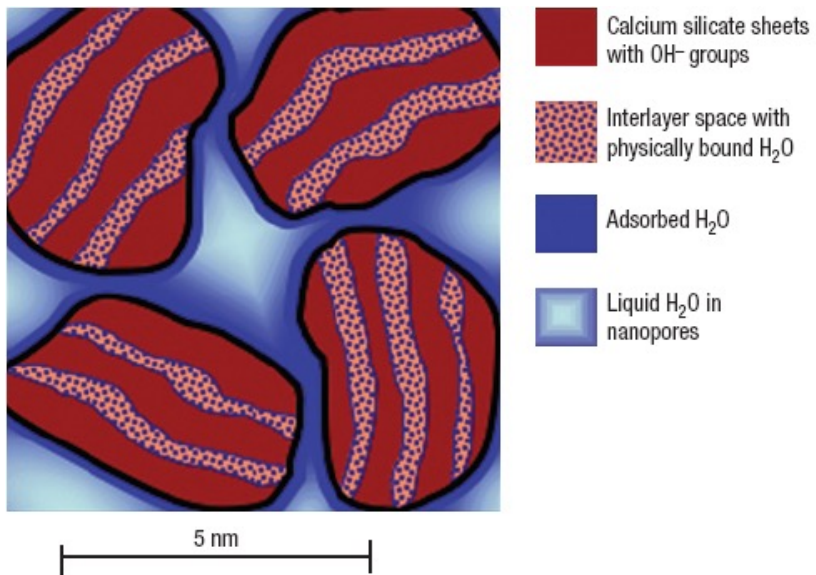
OPC pastes: $\text{Al/Ca} \sim 0.05$; $\text{Al/Si} \sim 0.1$
Higher with Al rich SCMs

Location in bridging sites

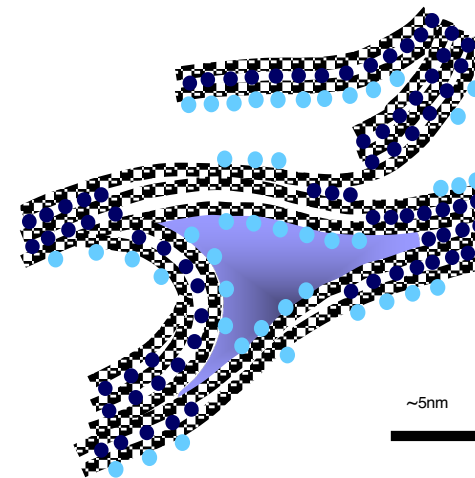
Structure at “meso” level

- No long range order
- “intrinsic” porosity of 26-28% (Powers)
 - “*gel porosity*”
 - from drying – therefore upper limit
- Scattering experiments (neutron, X-ray) and proton NMR indicate “characteristic size” of about 4-5 nm

Two schools of thought

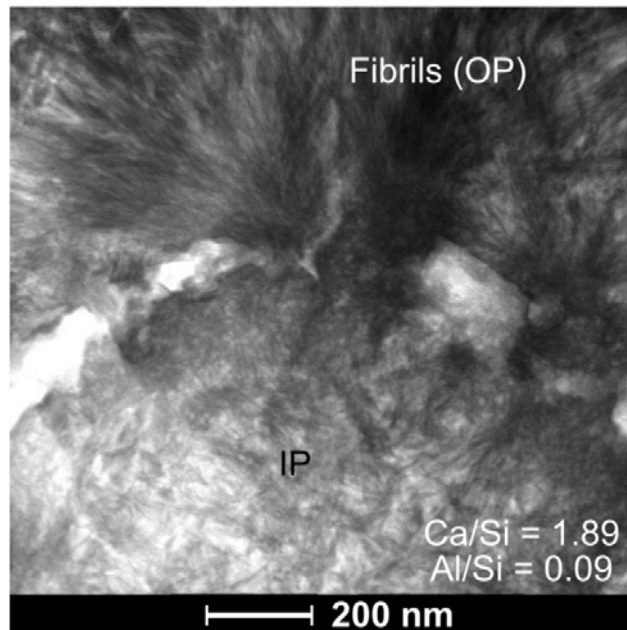


“Jennings” model
Discreet colloidal nanoparticles

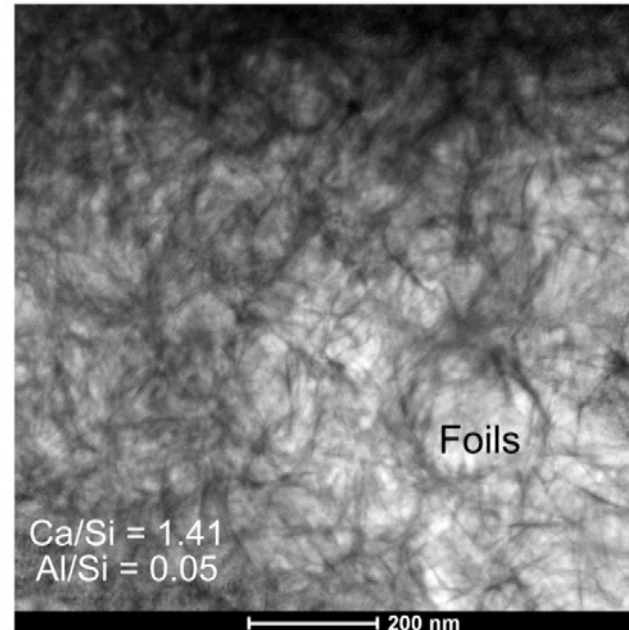


“Feldman-Serada” model
Linked nanocrystalline regions

C-S-H in cements



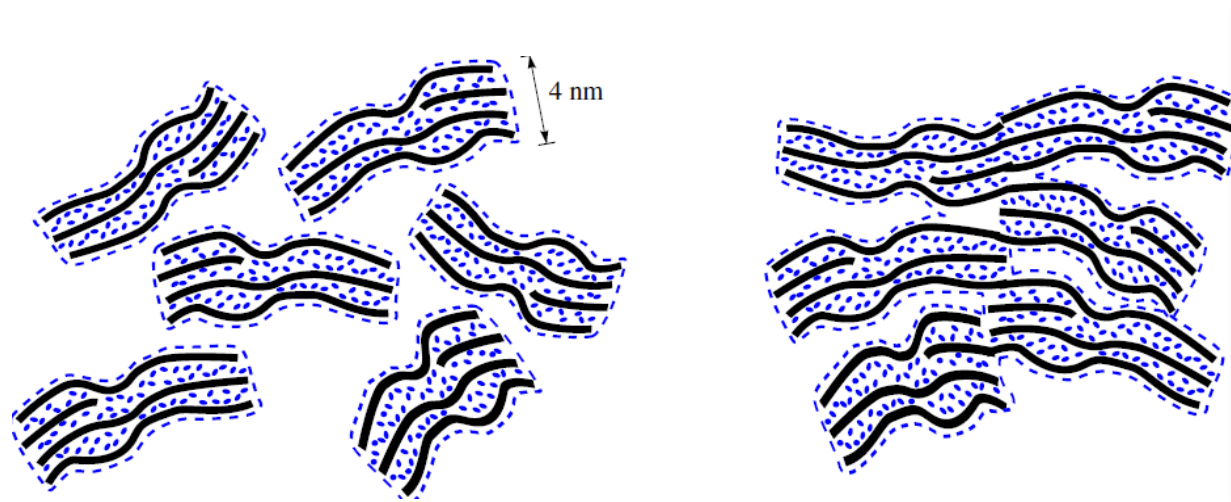
(a) Plain cement (PC), 90 days, 20°C



(b) PC 10SF, 90 days, 20°C

Meso structure

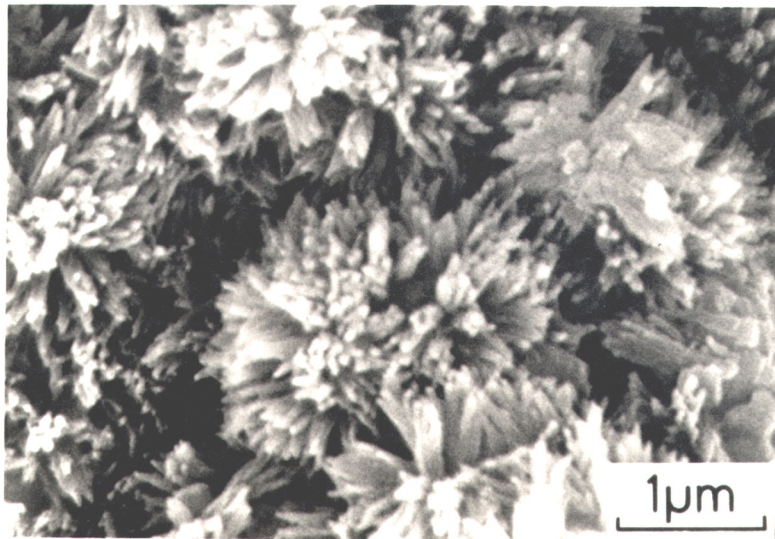
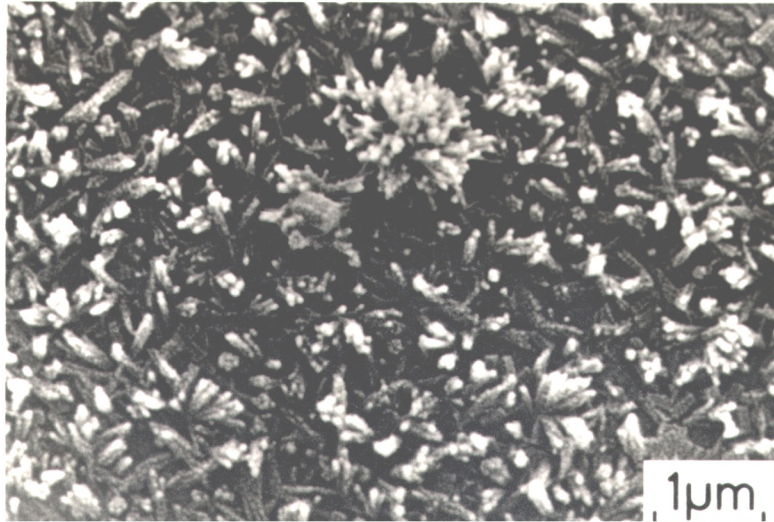
- Two interpretations of nanocrystalline nature
- The main open question is whether they are discrete or linked by sheets



C-S-H: microstructure

SEM fracture surface

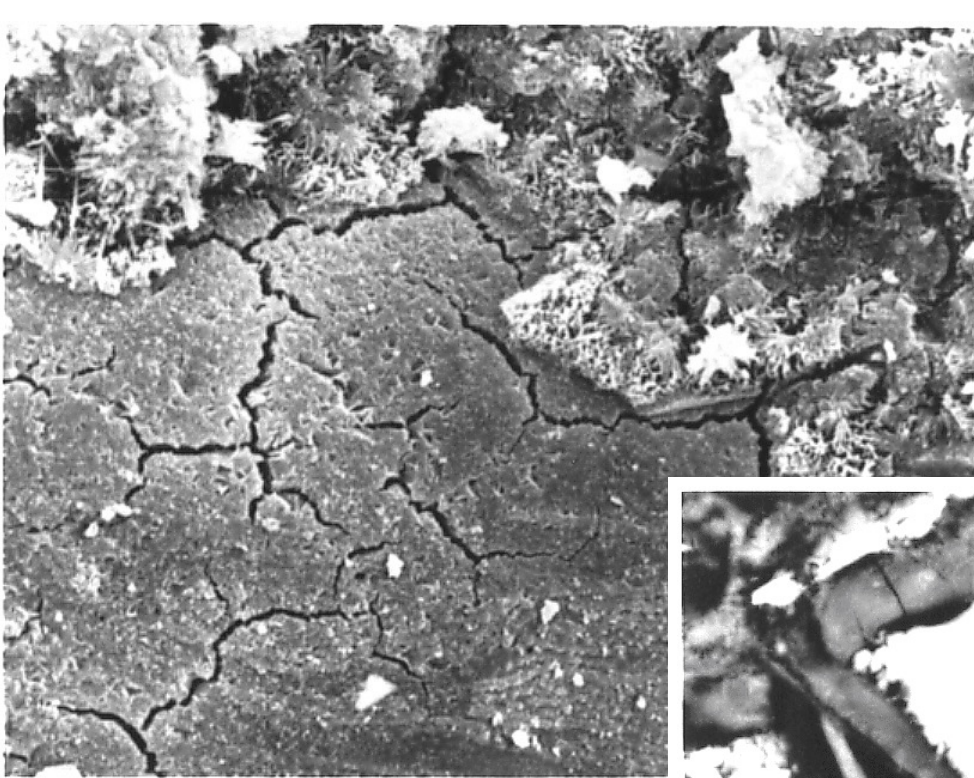
3 hrs



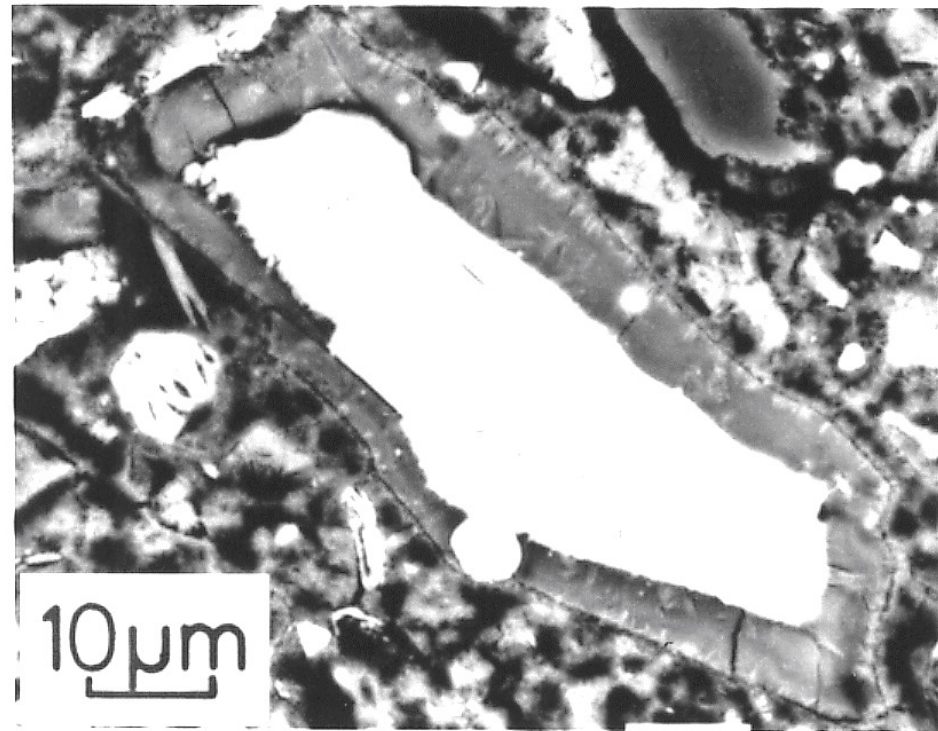
10 hrs

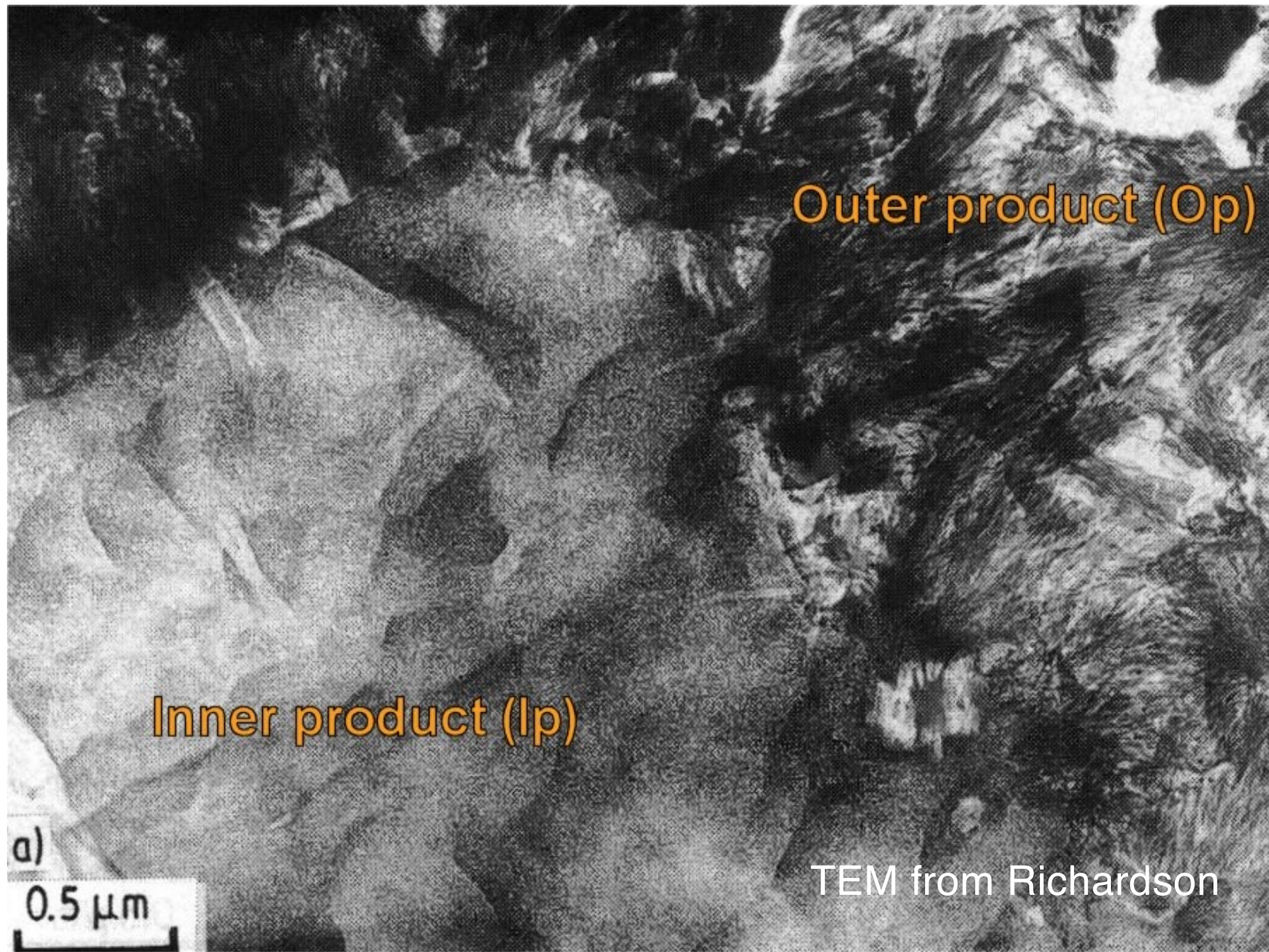


HVEM, wet cell, C₃S, 24hrs



Two microstructurally
distinct forms:
“Outer” or “early”
“inner” or “late”





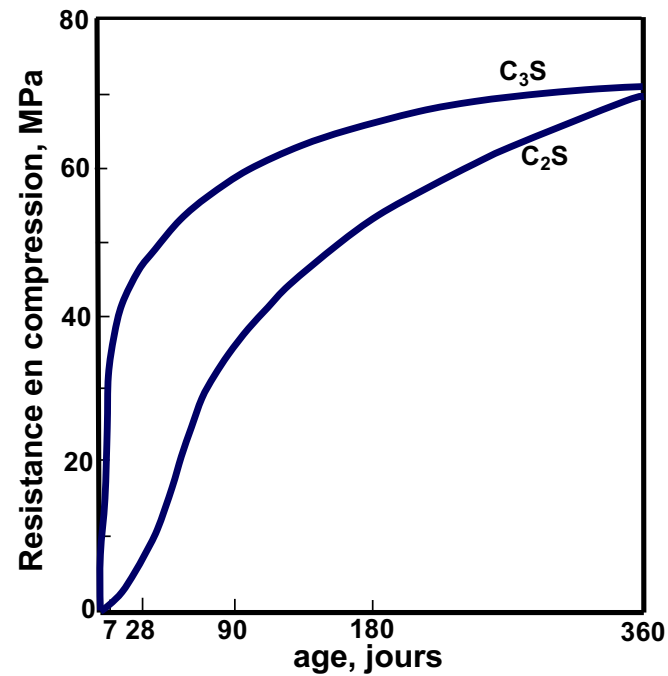
C-S-H summary

- Atomic level structure fairly well understood:
 - CaO sheets with chains (dimers) of SiO_4 tetrahedra attached
 - Al substitutes for Si, in bridging sites
- Meso level structure less clear
 - Nanocrystallites or nanocrystalline regions with characteristic scale of about 5nm
- Microstructure
 - Outer, formed early through solution
 - Inner formed later

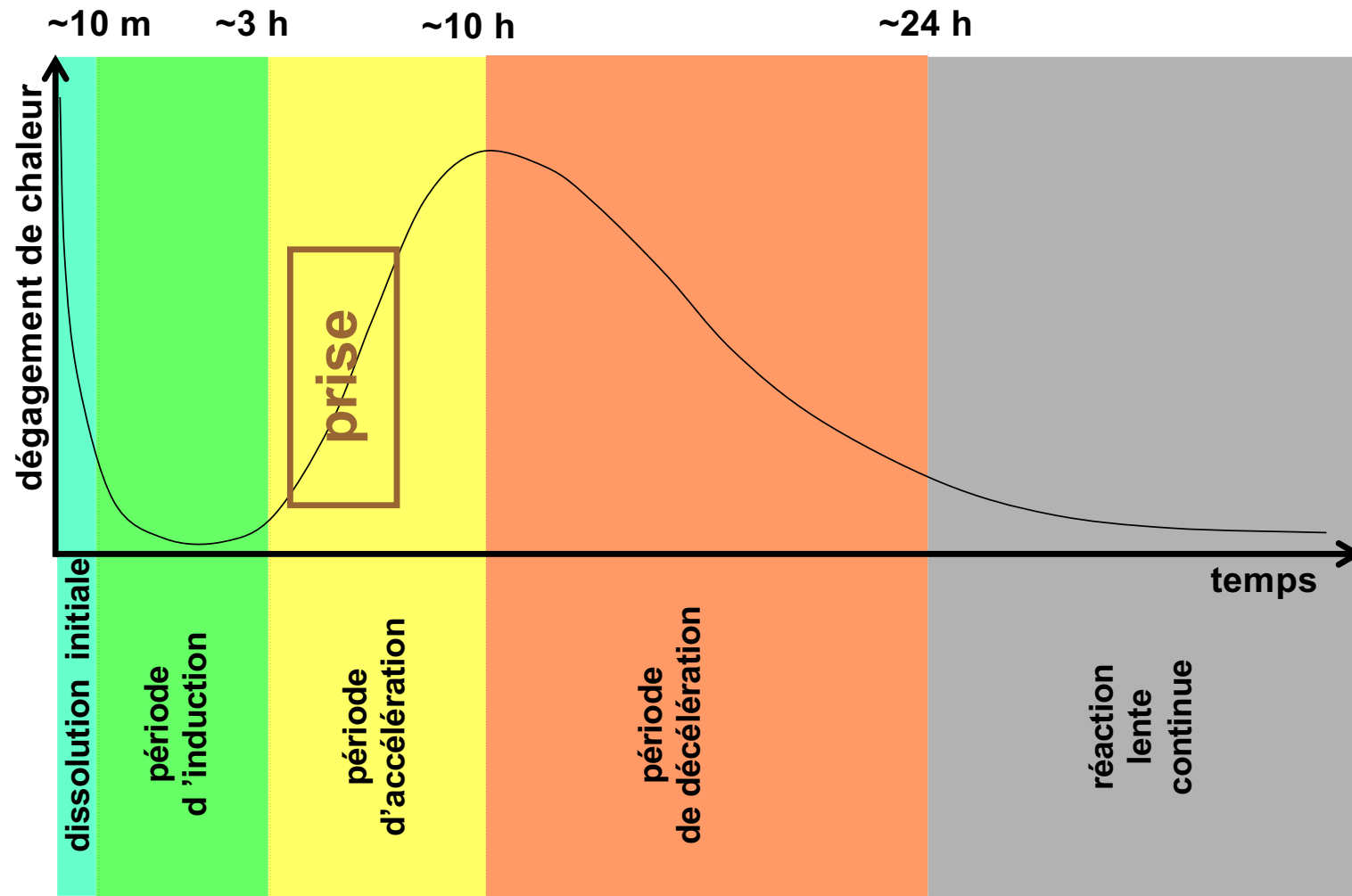
Open question

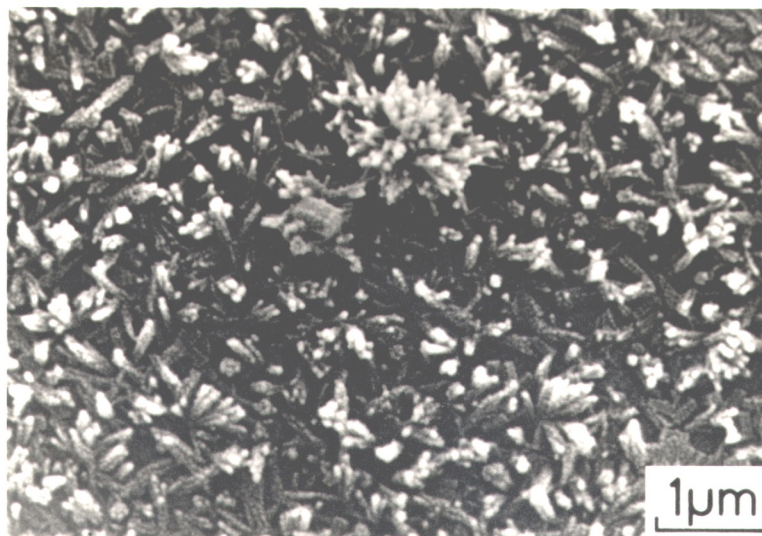
- General agreement that C-S-H consists of nanocrystalline regions:
- The main open question is whether they are discrete or linked by sheets

Réactions globales

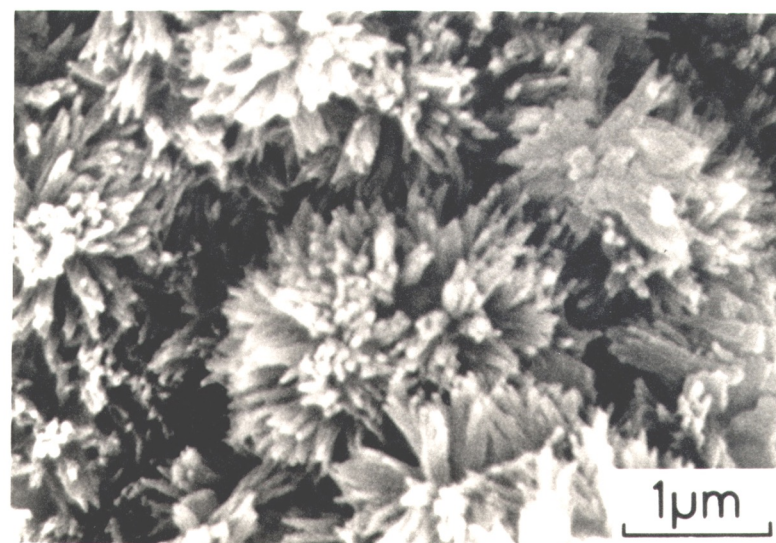


Cinétique



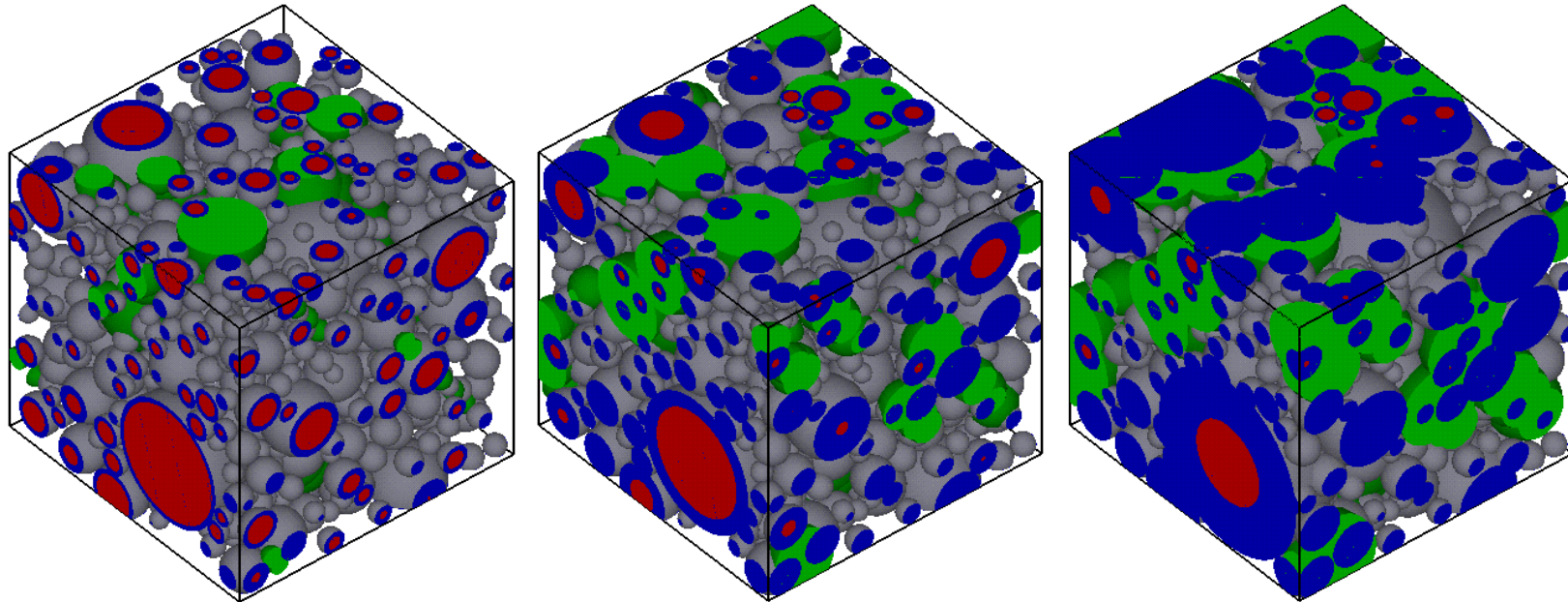


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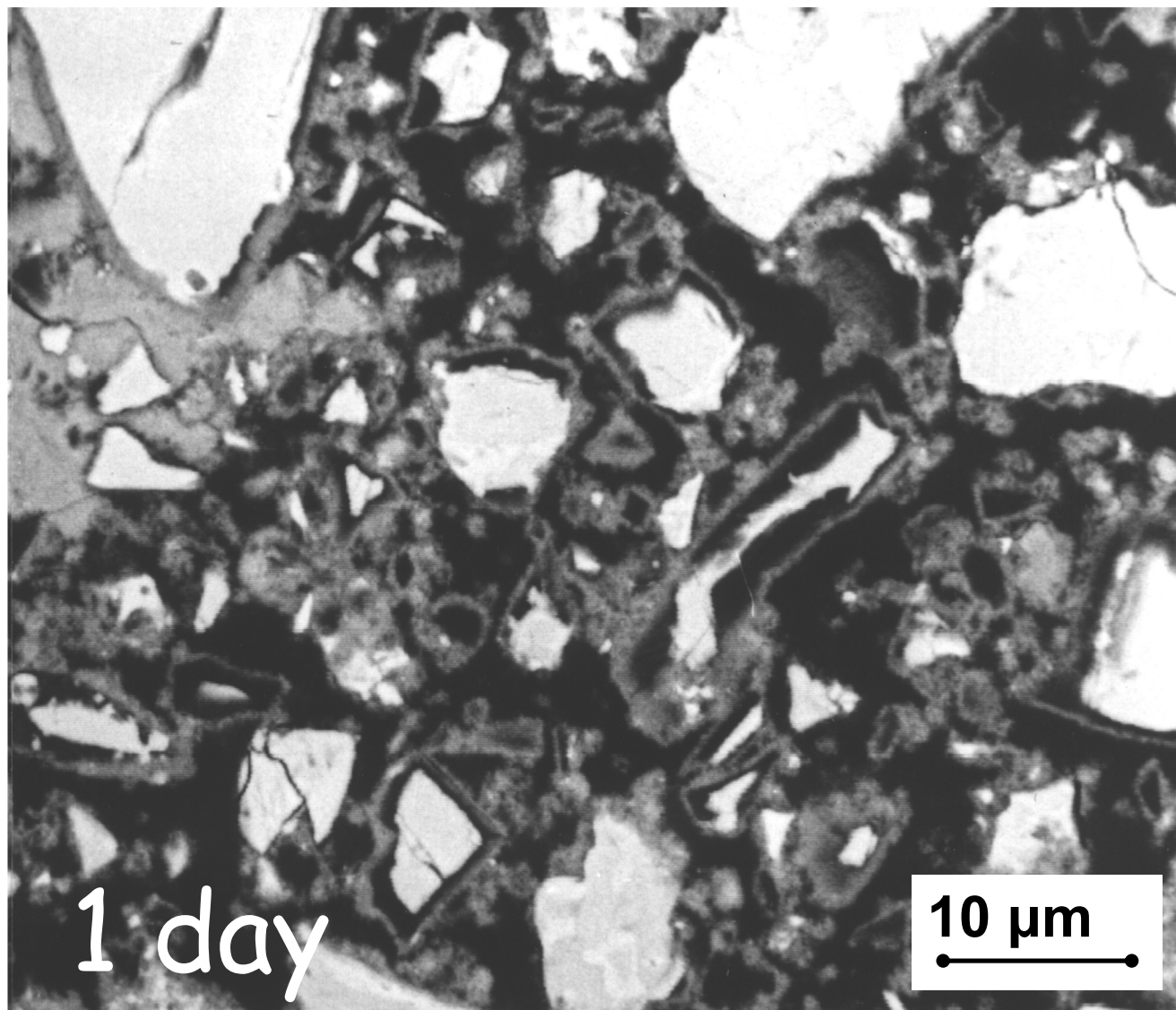


10 hrs

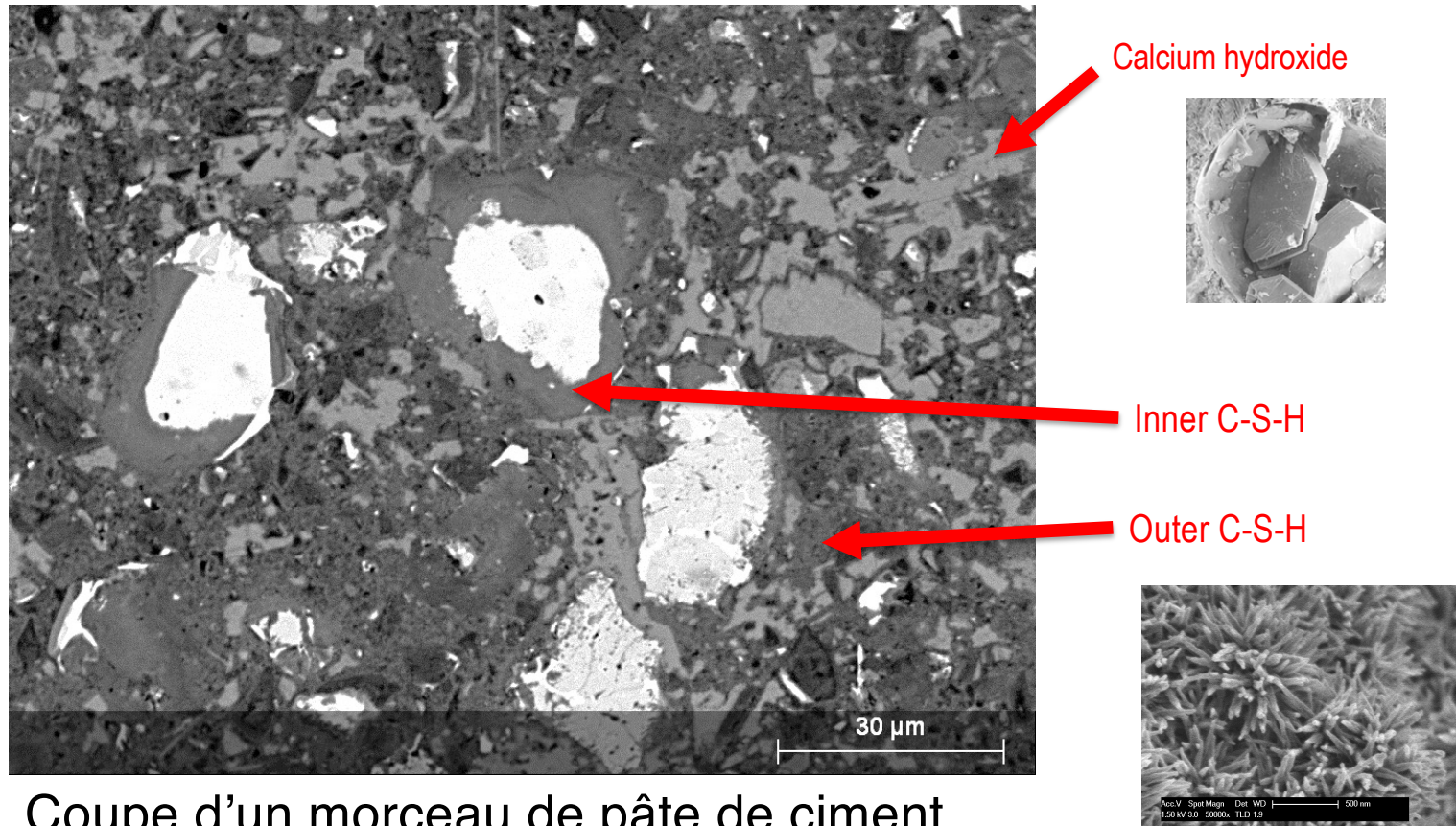
Level of connection is deceptive in 2D images



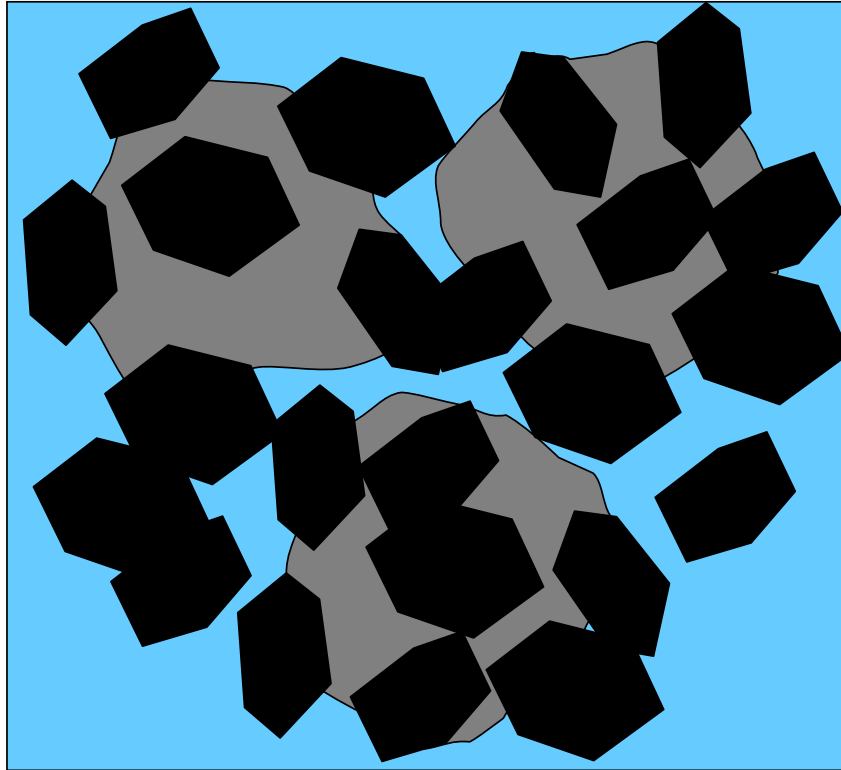
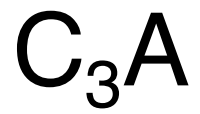
Due to close proximity of grains,
setting occurs at very low degrees of hydration $\sim 2-4\%$



Quelque mois



Coupe d'un morceau de pâte de ciment hydratée



+

eau

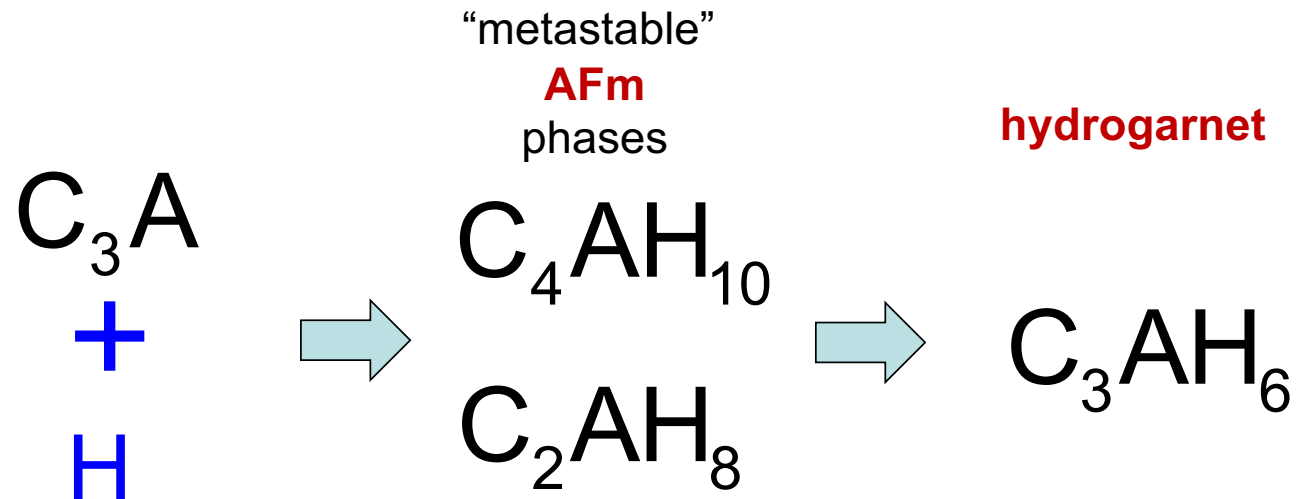


**réaction rapide
grandes plaques
d'hydrates**

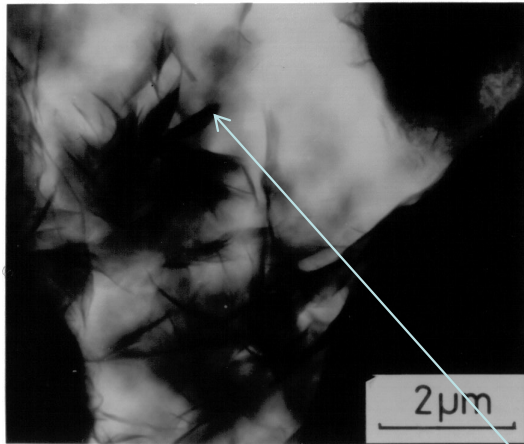


**rigidification
« prise flash »
« flash set »**

Hydration C_3A without sulfate



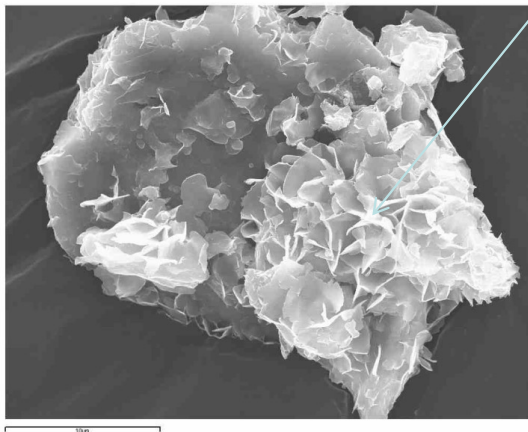
Hydration C₃A without sulfate



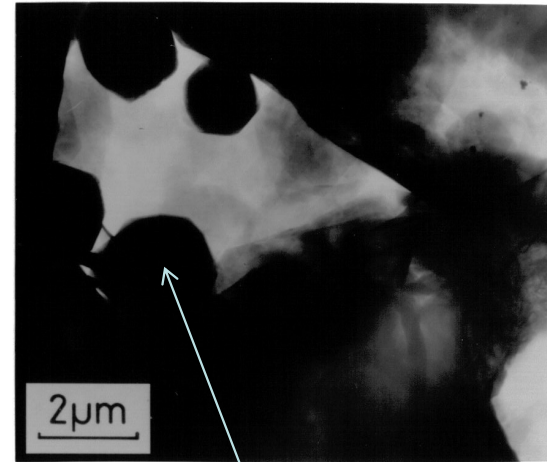
“wet” TEM
Thesis
Scrivener
1984

10 minutes

AFm

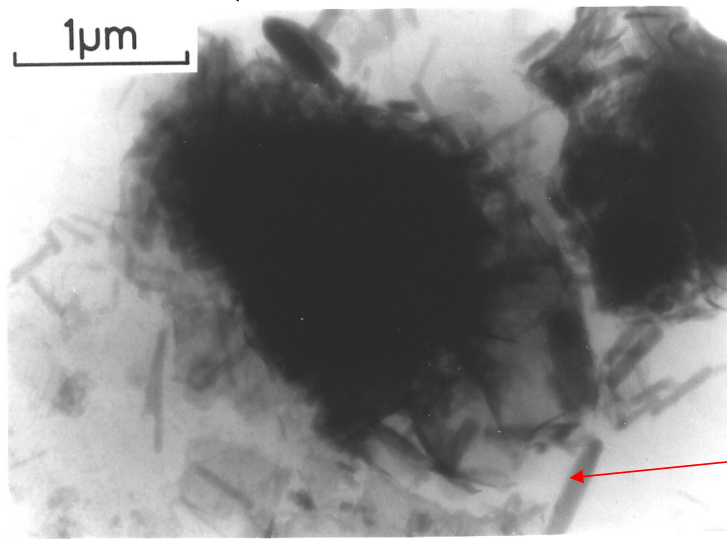
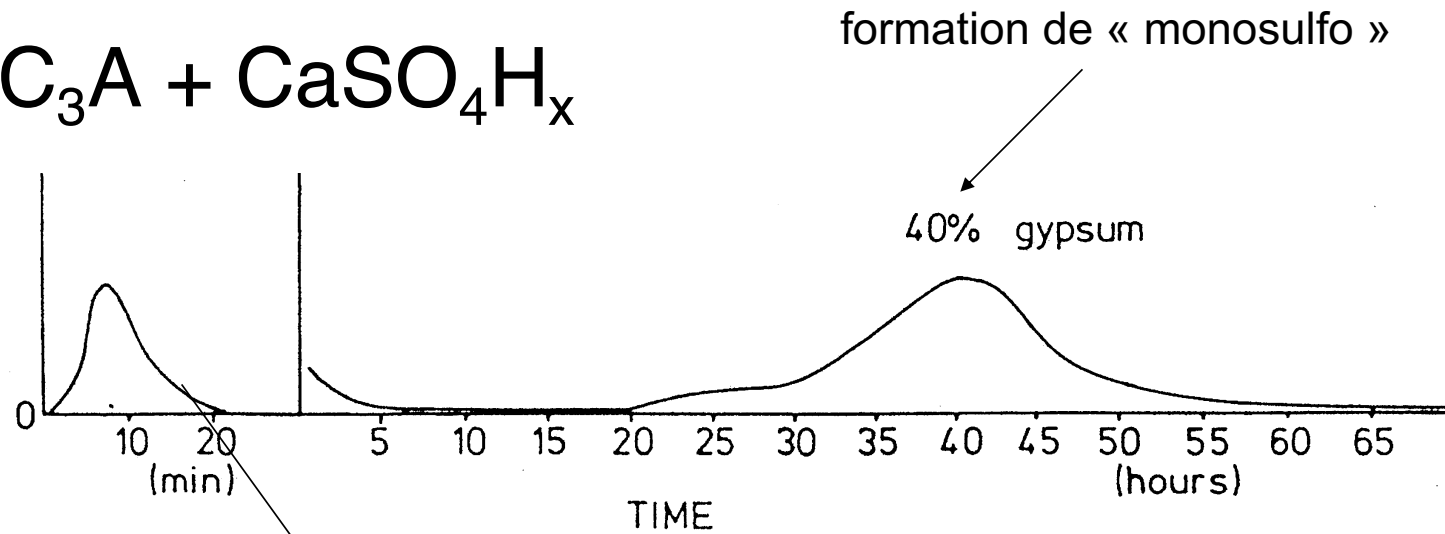


SEM
Thesis
Minard
2003



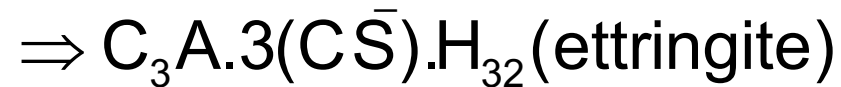
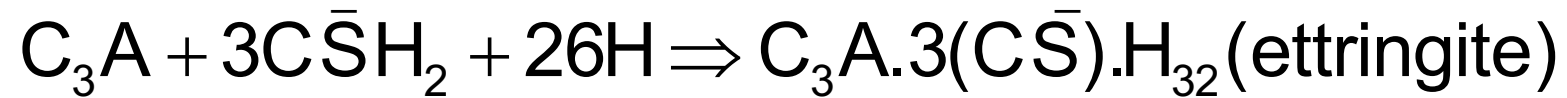
120 minutes

hydrogarnet

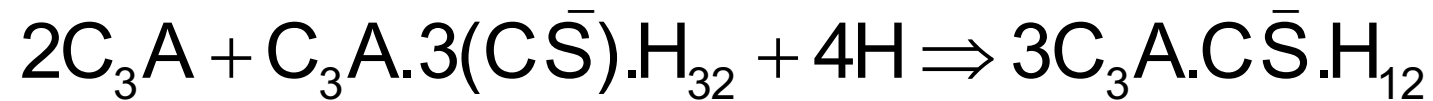


Le ralentissement
de réaction est liée
à l'absorption des
ions sulfates sur
le surface du C_3A

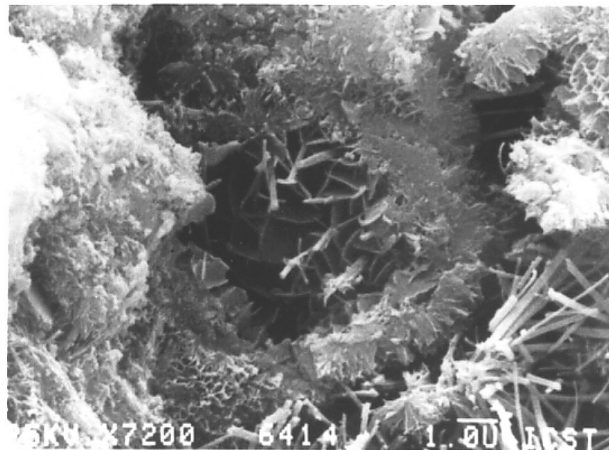
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Épuisement du sulfate



Calcium monosulfo aluminate
Monosulfo aluminate de calcium
"AFm"

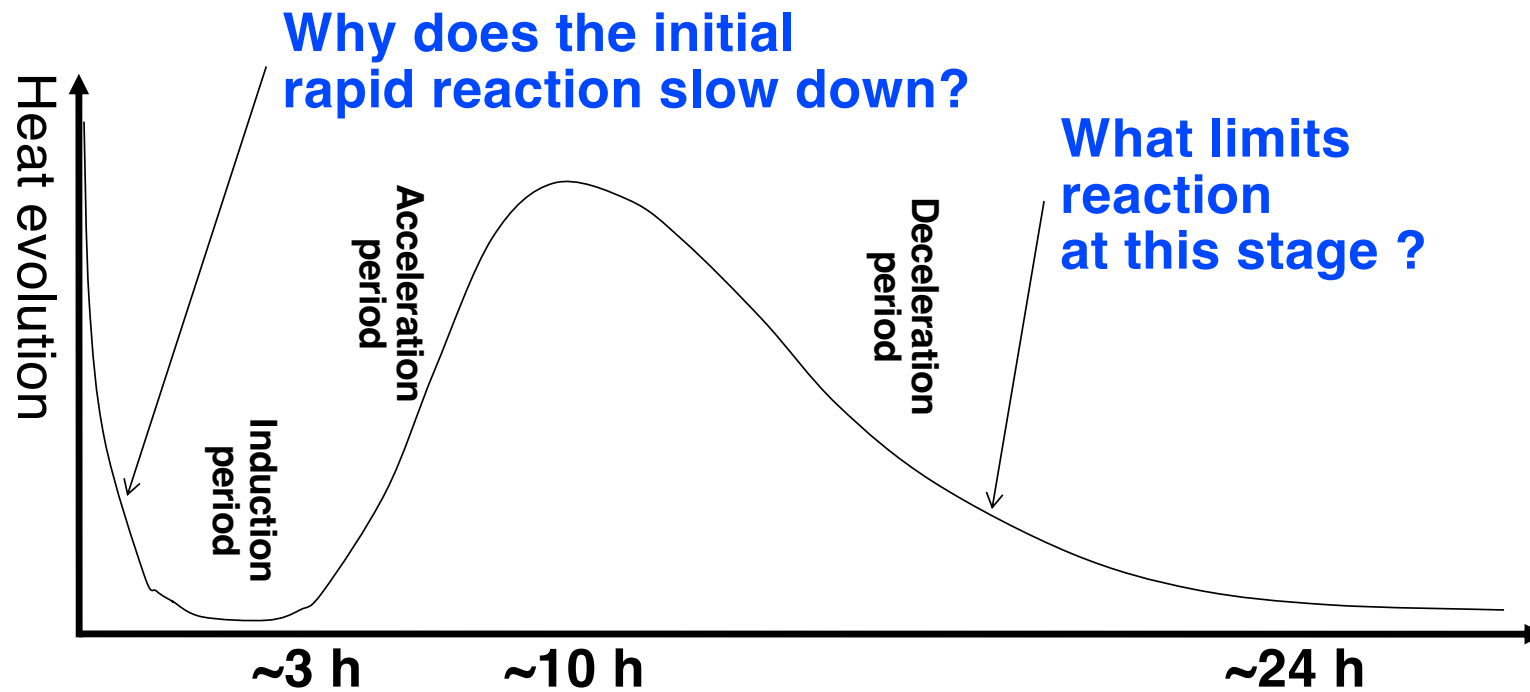


Pâte à 7 jours

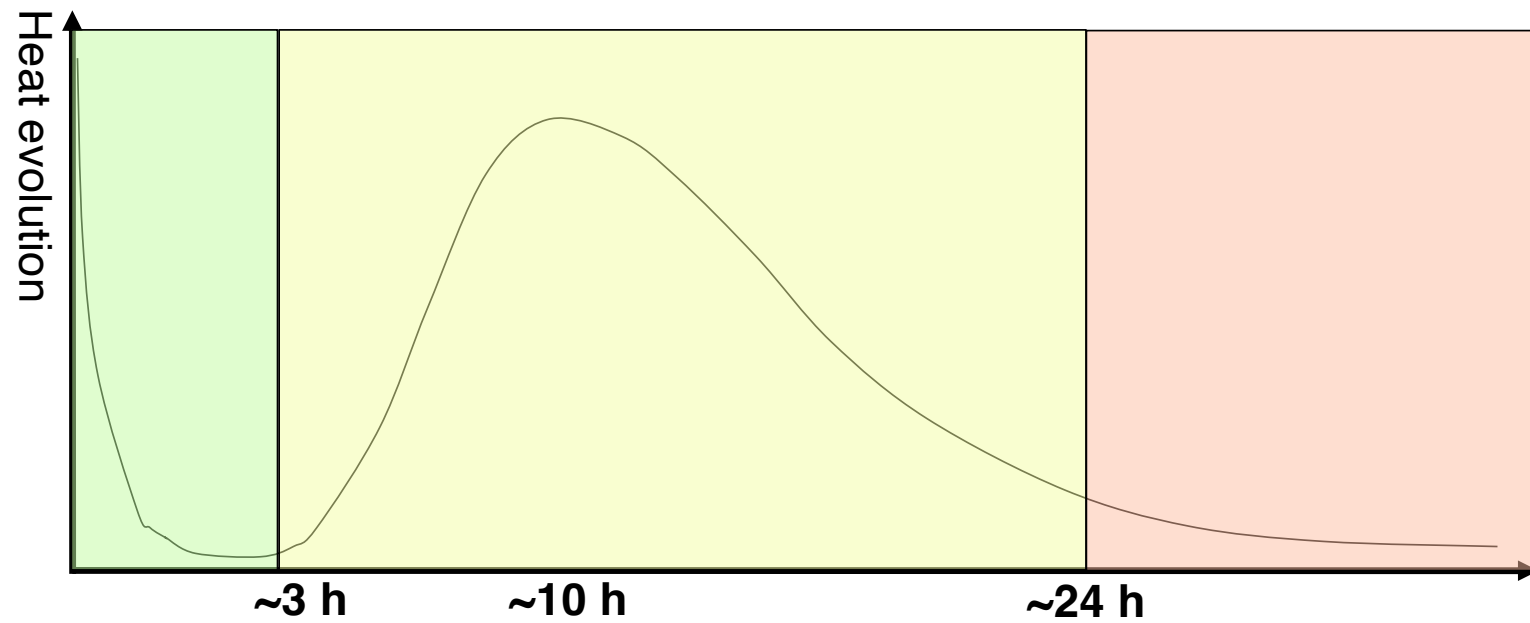
Formation local de monosulfo à l'intérieur des couches de C-S-H ou il y a du C_3A disponible.

L'ettringite reste à l'extérieur du grain.

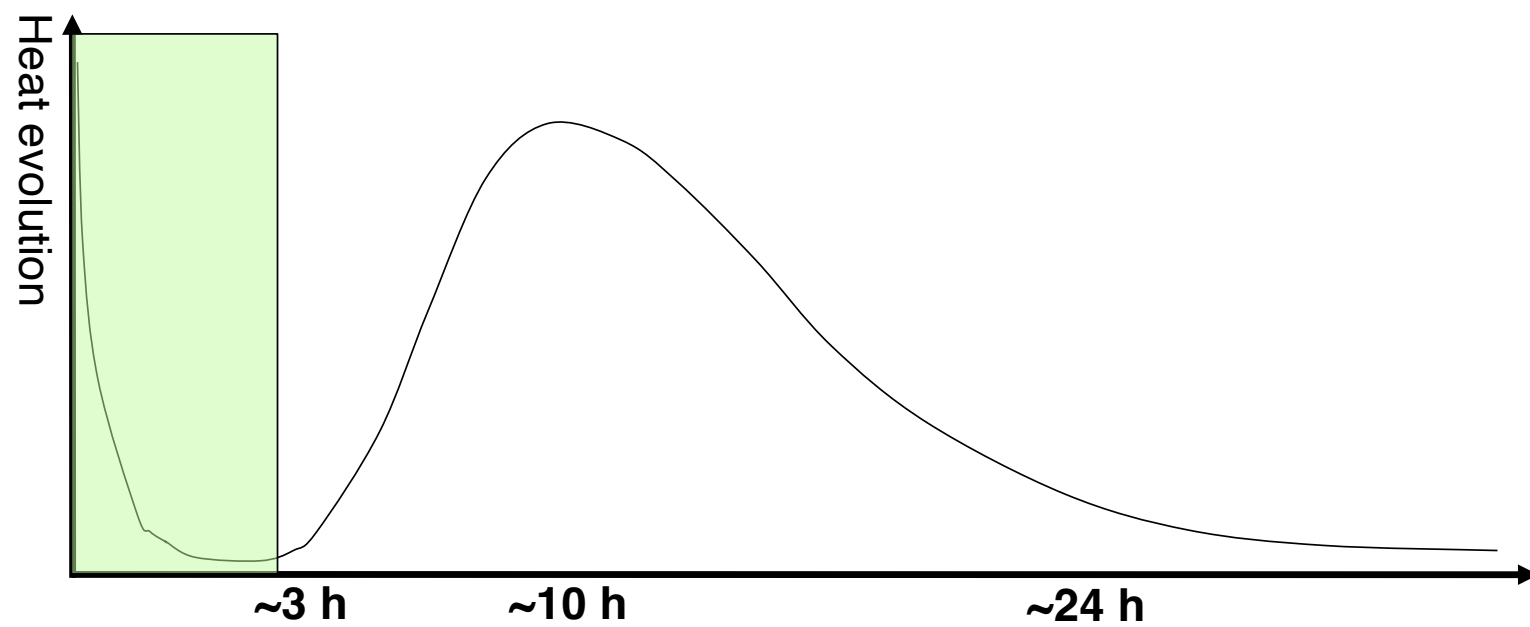
underlying mechanisms



Three periods



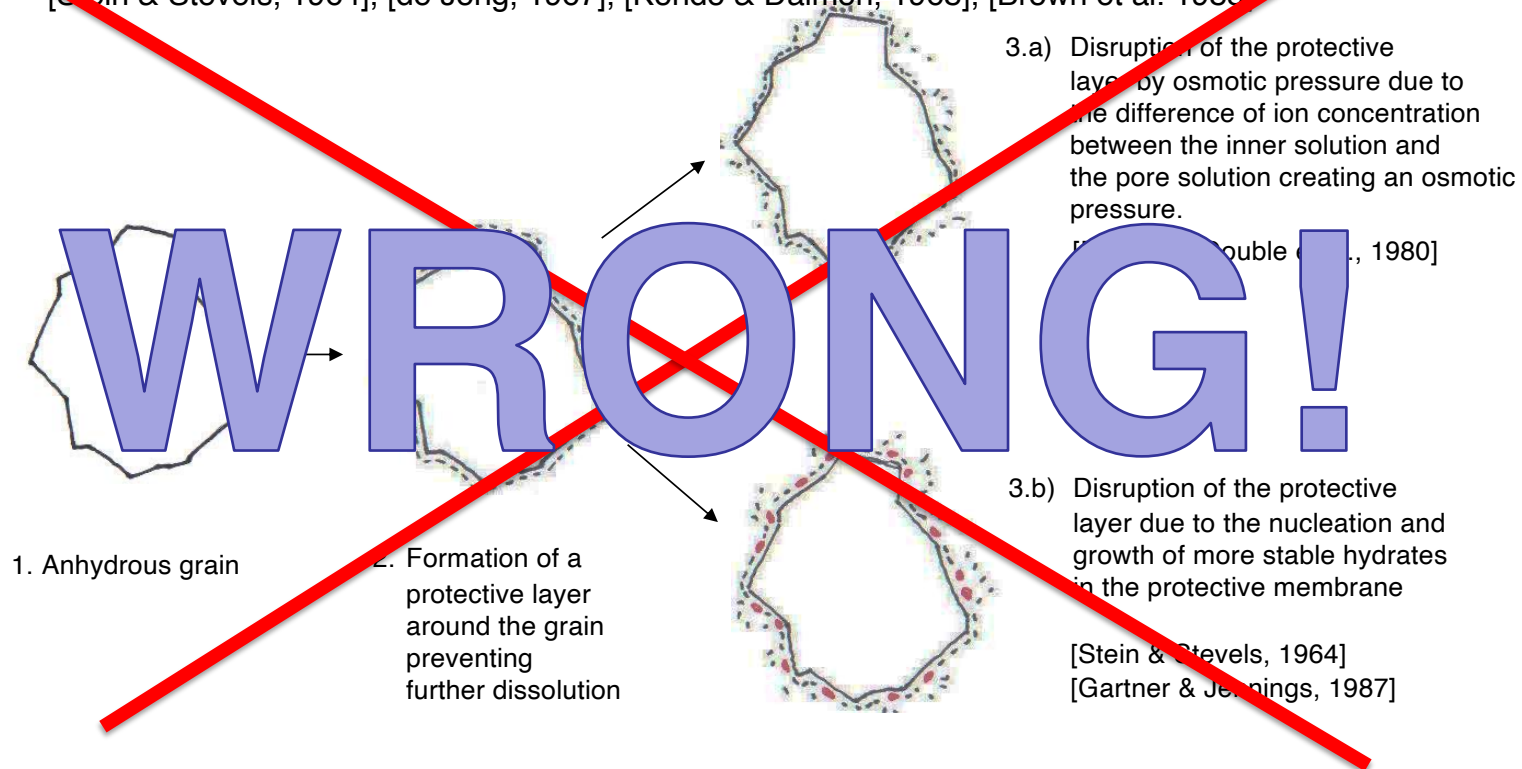
Induction period



A) PROTECTIVE MEMBRANE THEORY

Most wide spread idea

[Stein & Stevels, 1964], [de Jong, 1967], [Kondo & Daimon, 1968], [Brown et al. 1985]



No direct evidence

Portland cement observed in the cryo SEM

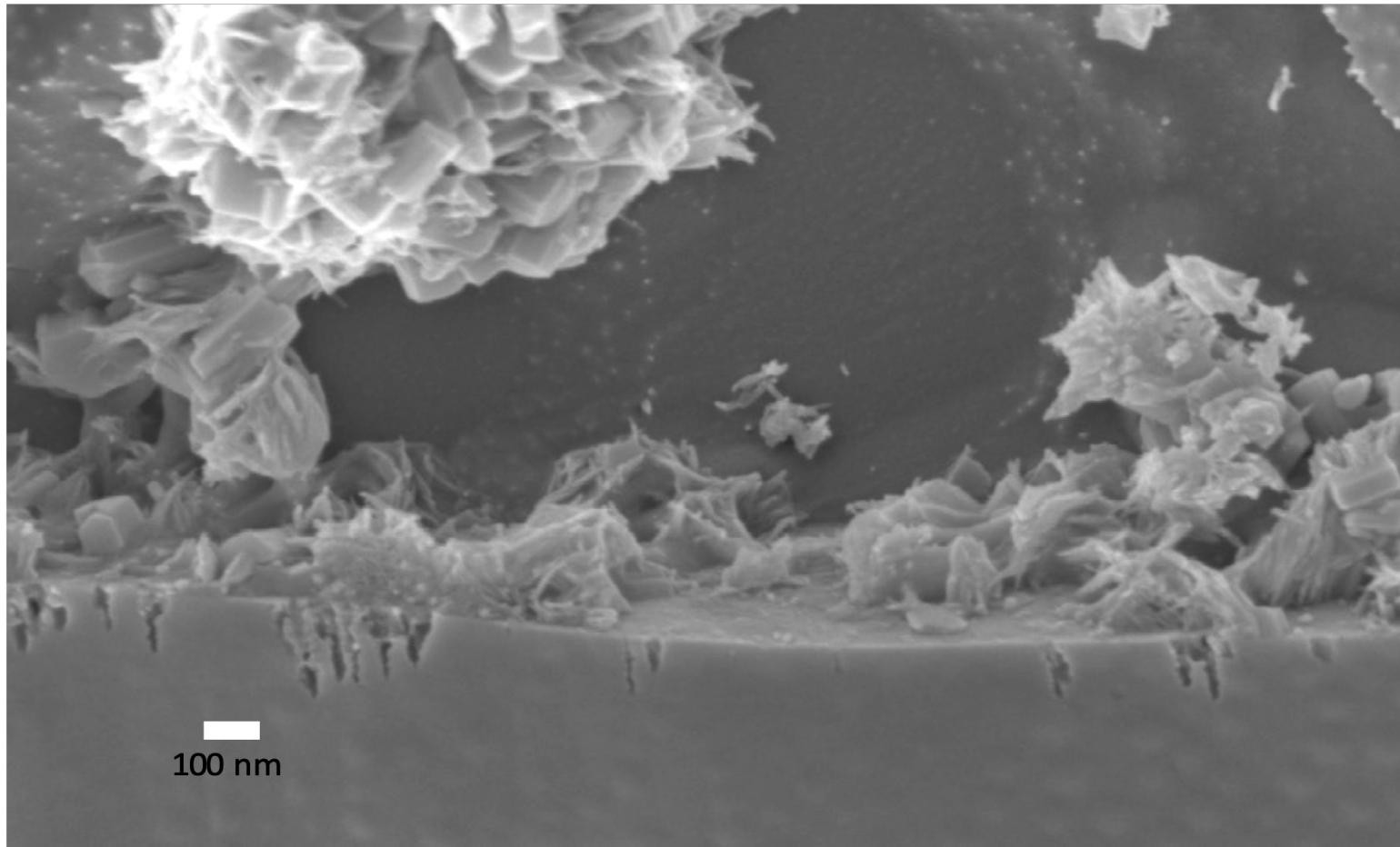


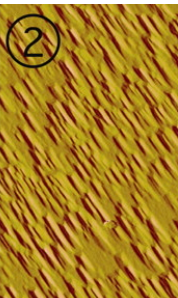
Image from Luc Nicoleau

Theories of dissolution from Geochemistry

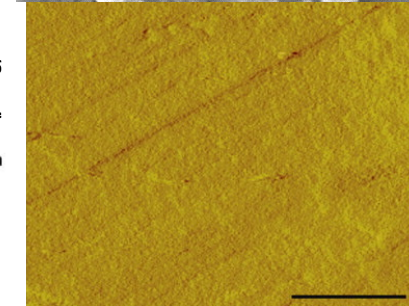
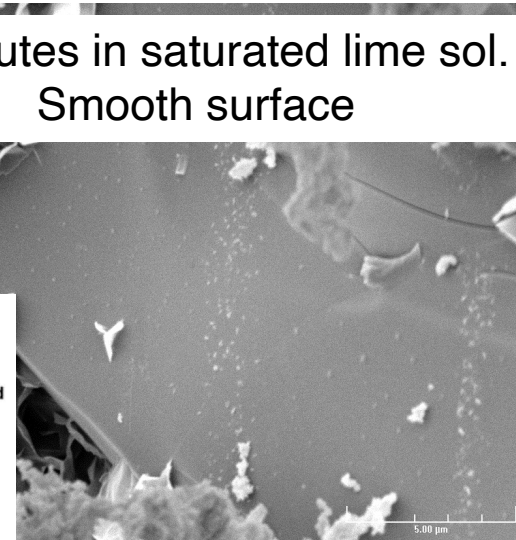
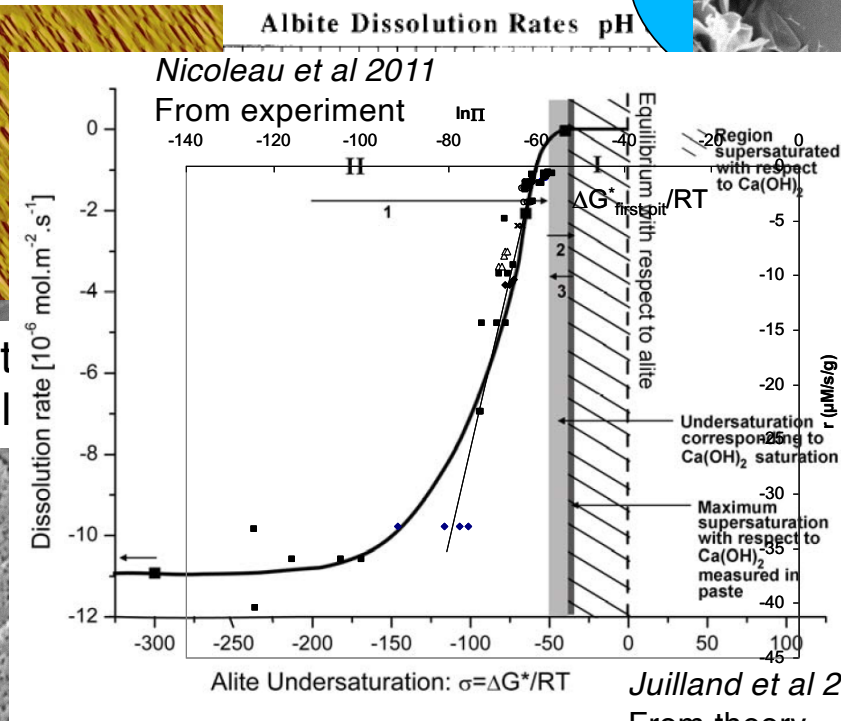
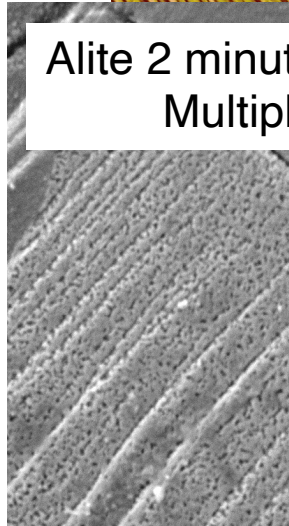
dissolution as negative growth

2 minutes in saturated lime sol.
Smooth surface

Dove et al. 2005

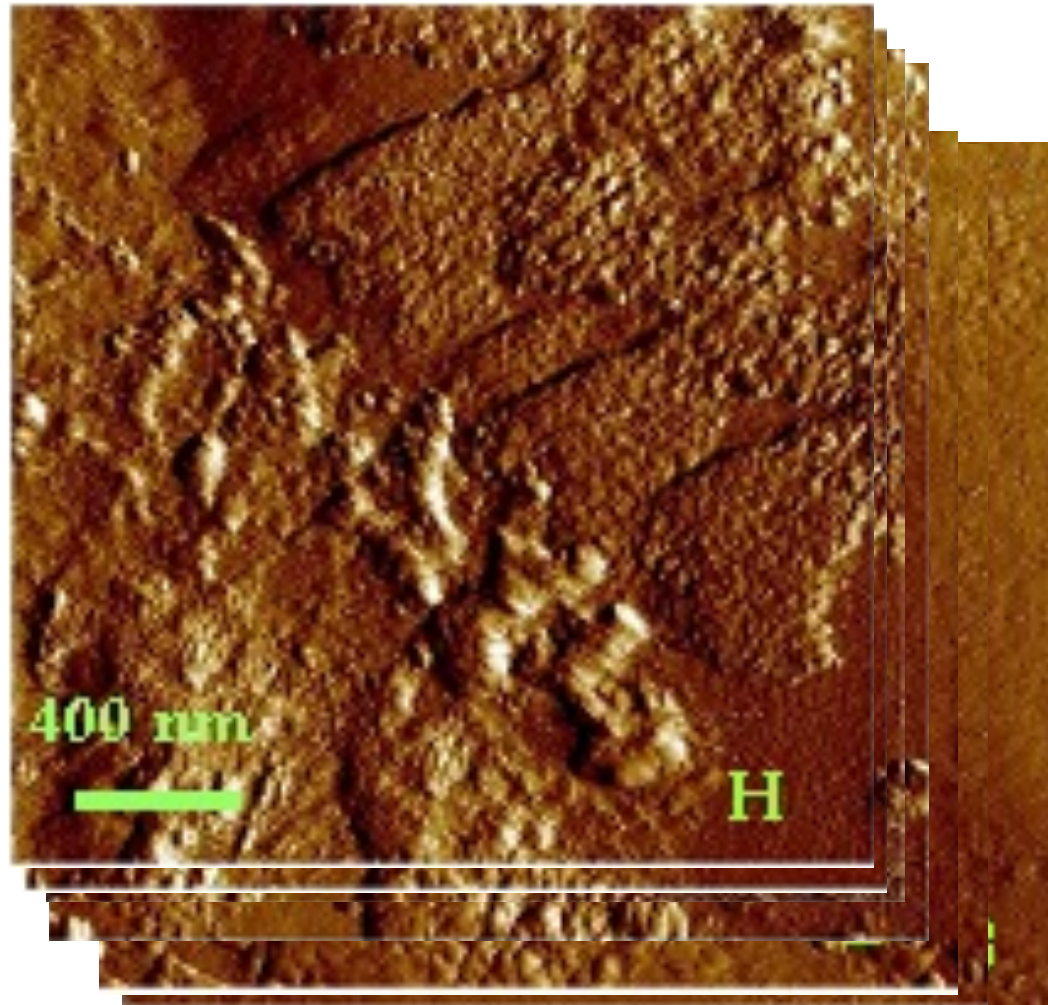


Alite 2 minut
Multipl



Dove et al. 2005

AFM wet cell



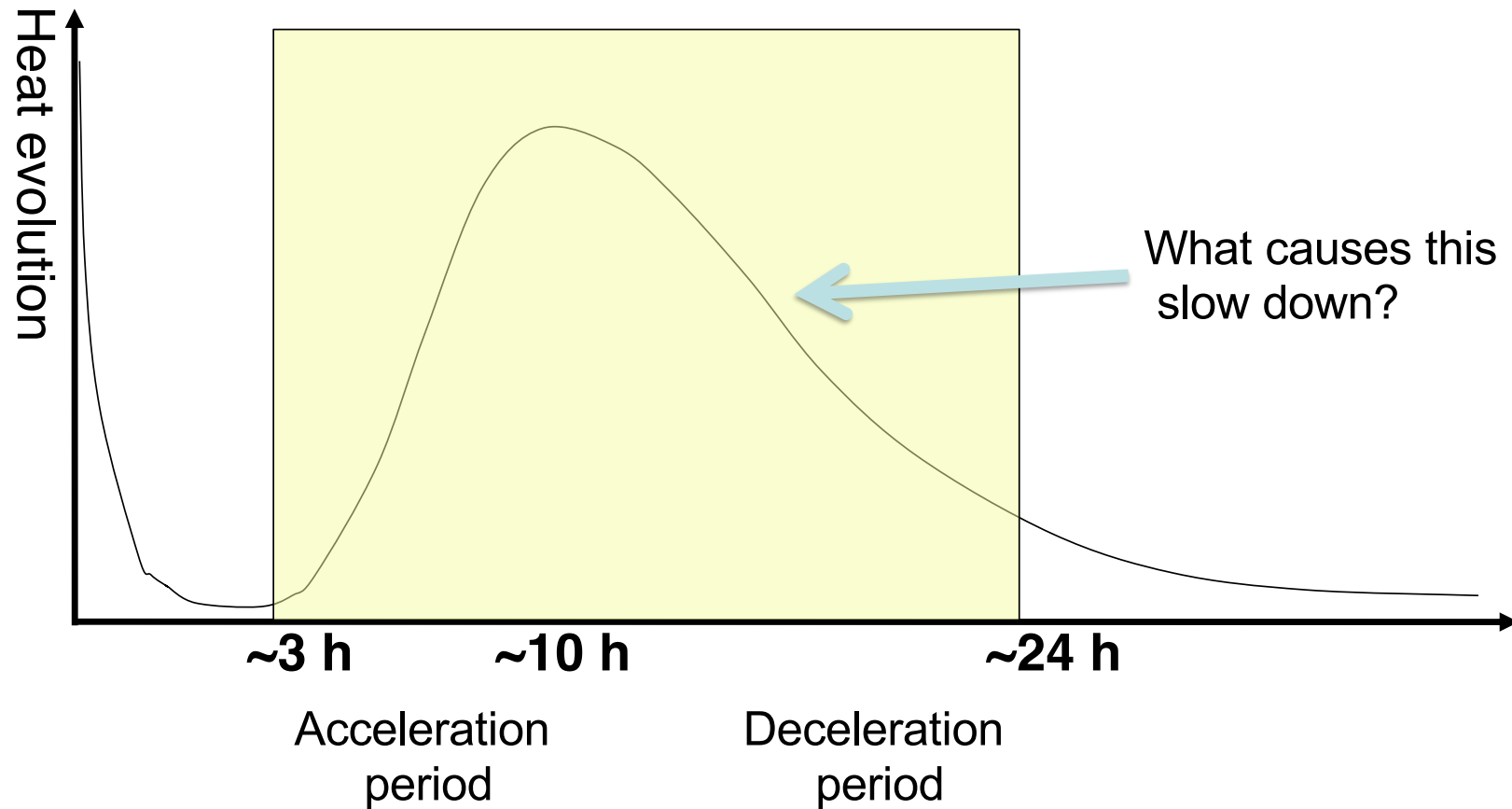
Thesis Helène di Murro U. Bourgogne

Induction period, summary

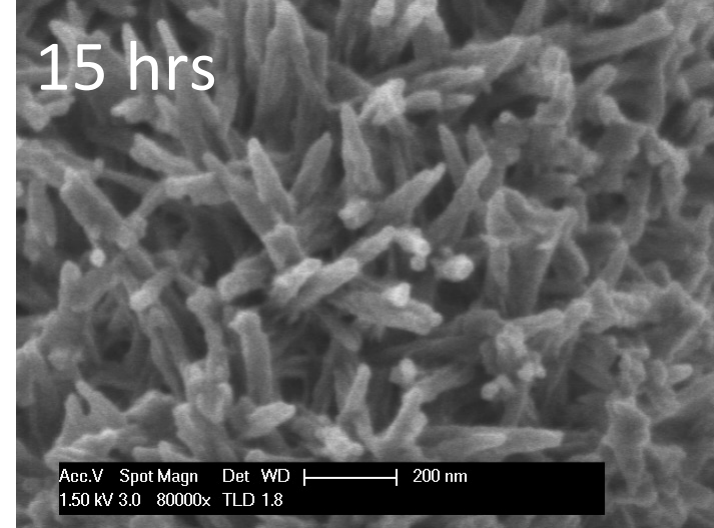
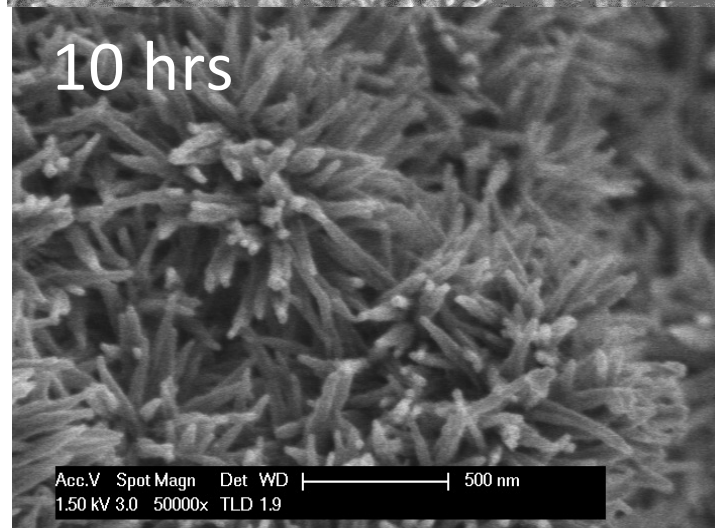
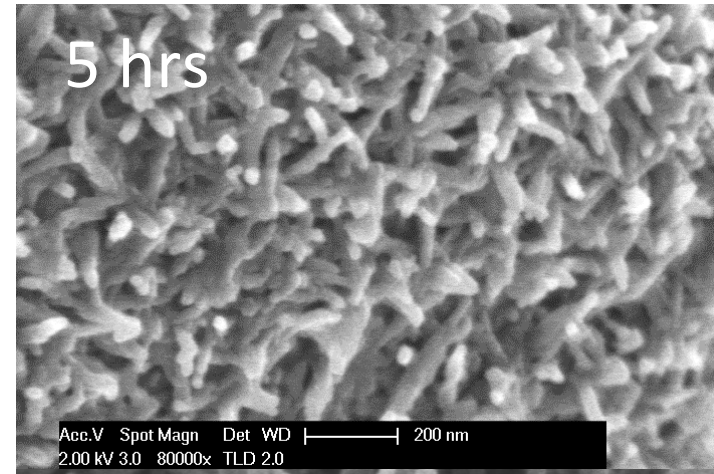
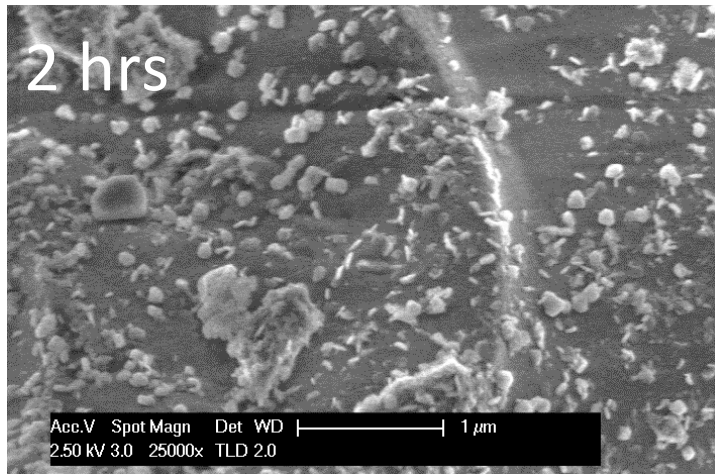
- No evidence for protective layer,
cannot explain many experimental results
- Dissolution as a function of undersaturation:
 - Based on solid theoretical foundation from geochemistry;
 - Excellent agreement between, theory, experimental measurement of dissolution and modelling;
 - Can explain all experimental observations.

The Main Hydration Peak

Period II, main heat evolution peak



End of induction period: growth of C-S-H (& CH)



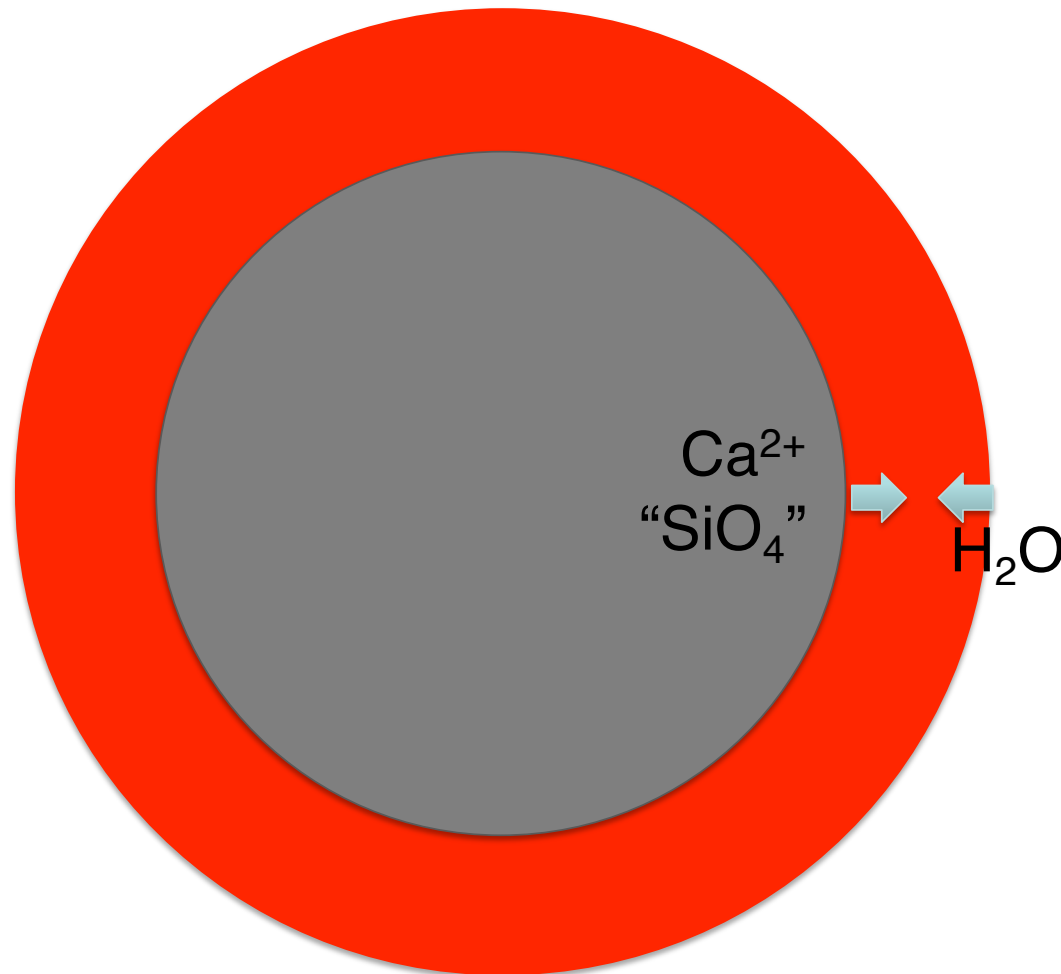
Beware of fitting!

- At least 4 very different mechanisms have been fitted to the data set of Costoya!
- They cannot all be right!
- Get 4 pictures from papers

Main hypotheses for slow down

- Diffusion controlled through layer
- Impingement of product
- Neither of these
is supported by the experimental data

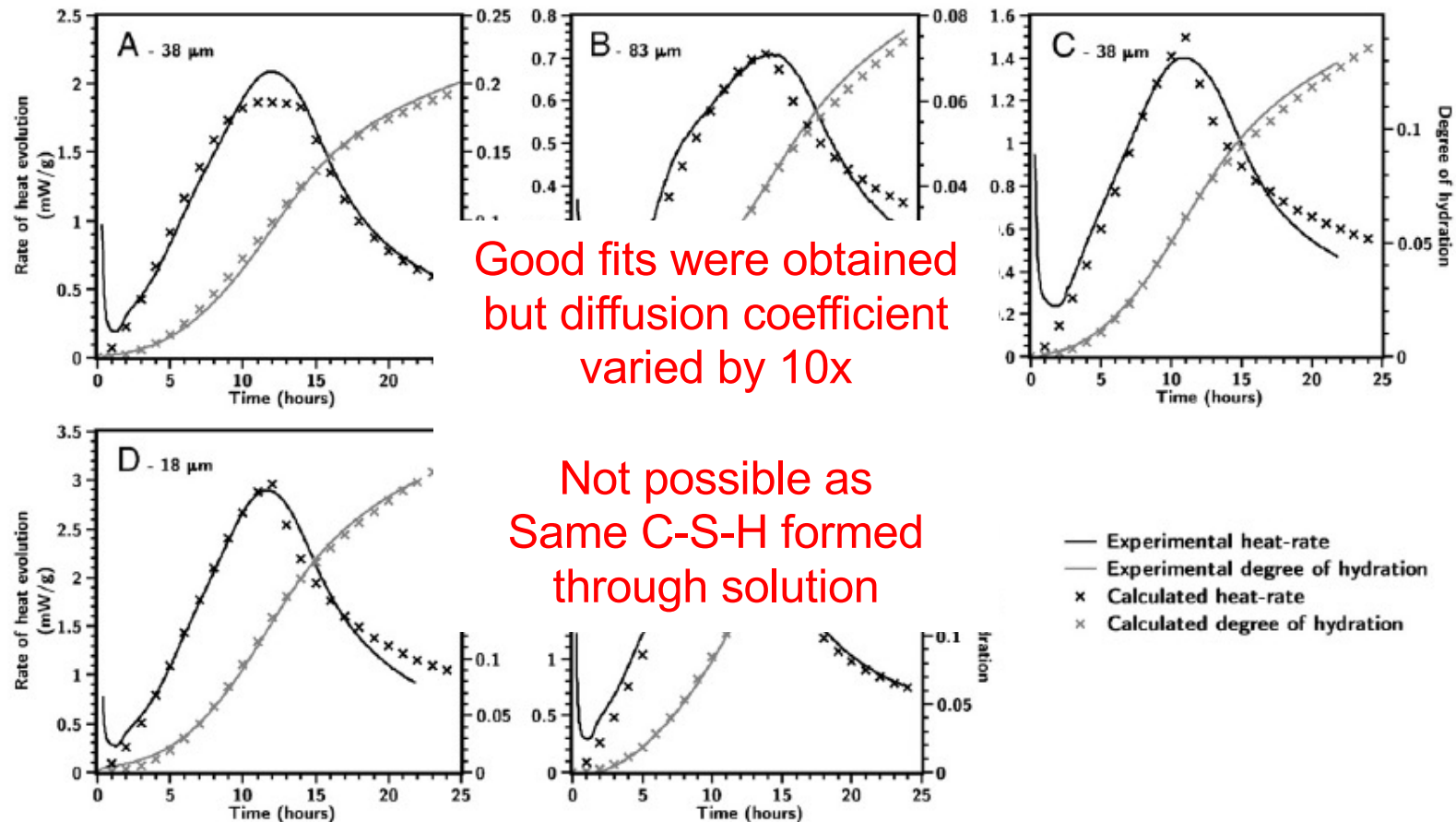
Diffusion



The layer of hydration products provides a barrier to the reaction.

Rate limiting step is the diffusion of species through this layer

Bishnoi 2008 : Post-peak “Diffusion”

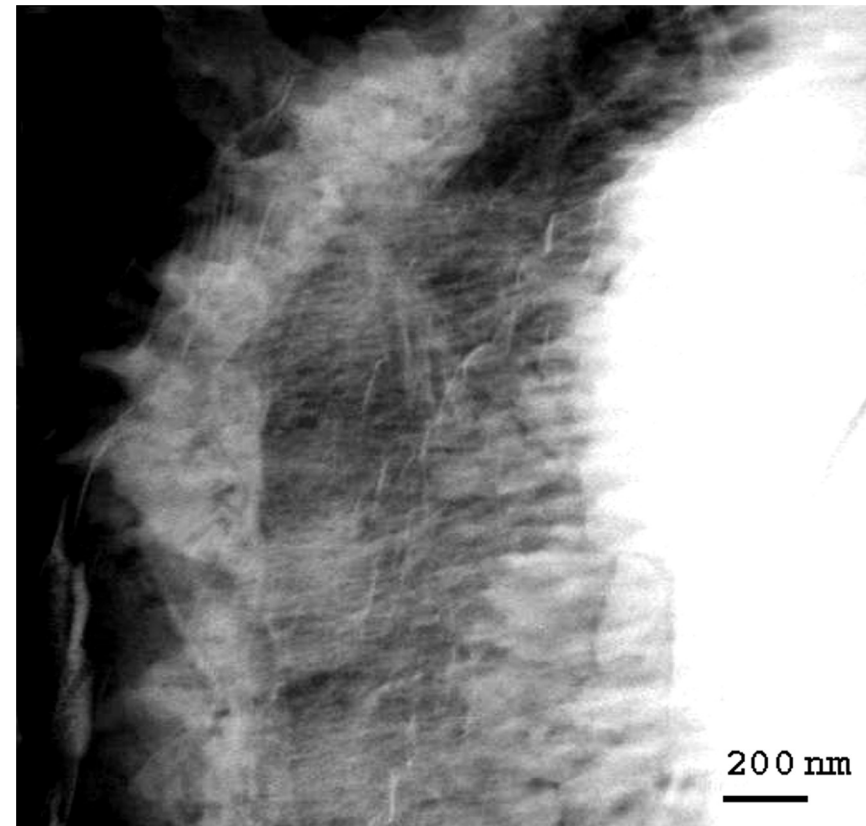


Good fits were obtained
but diffusion coefficient
varied by 10x

Not possible as
Same C-S-H formed
through solution

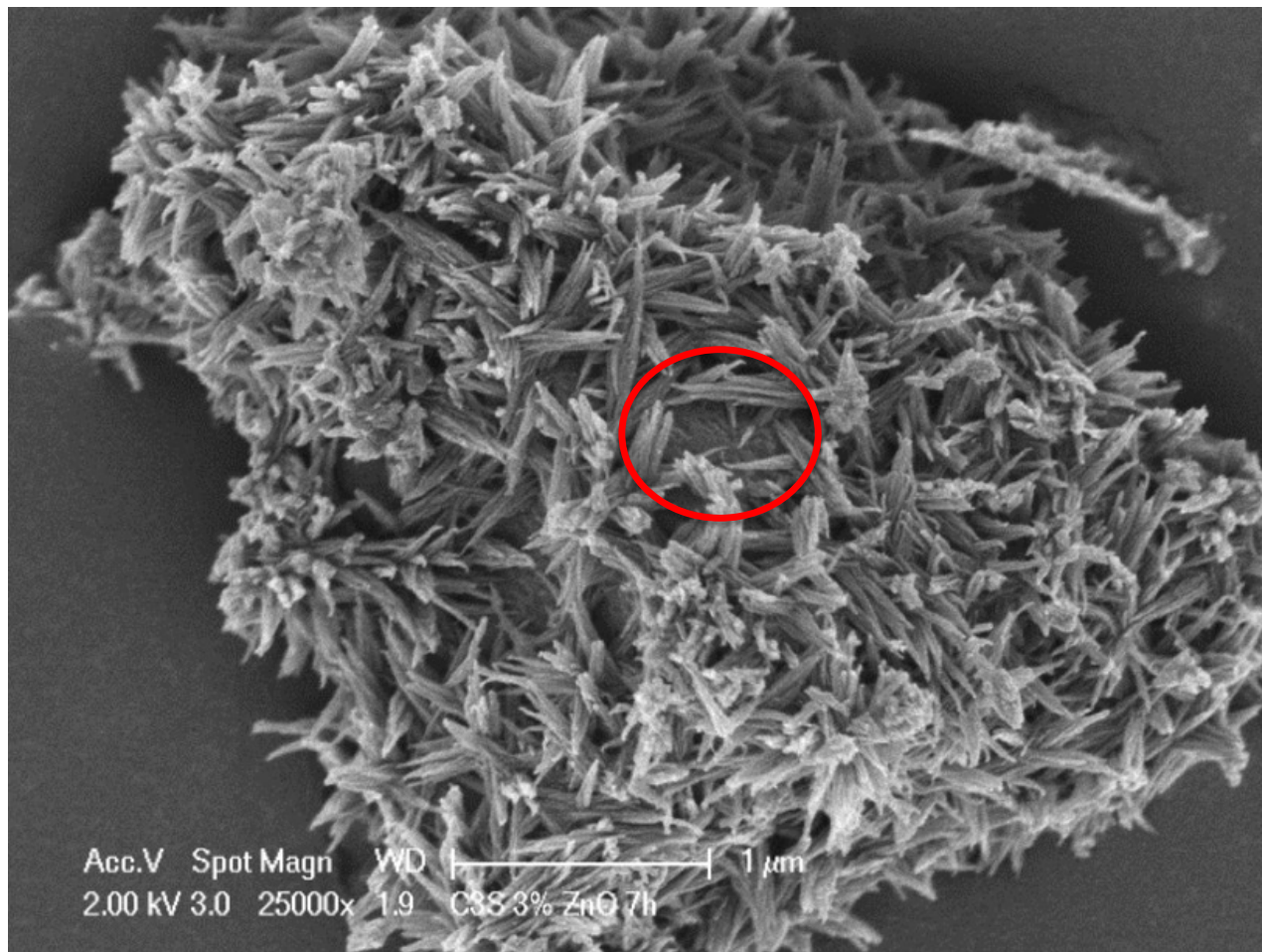
Evidence against diffusion

- Same C-S-H for different particle sizes, why should diffusion coefficient vary by 10X
- Success of maturity approaches: same activation energy throughout main hydration peak
 - Bond breaking / making processes typically have $E_a > 40$ kJ/mol
 - Transport controlled processes have $E_a < \sim 20$ kJ/mol
- Low density region inside “shell” does not fill in until much later

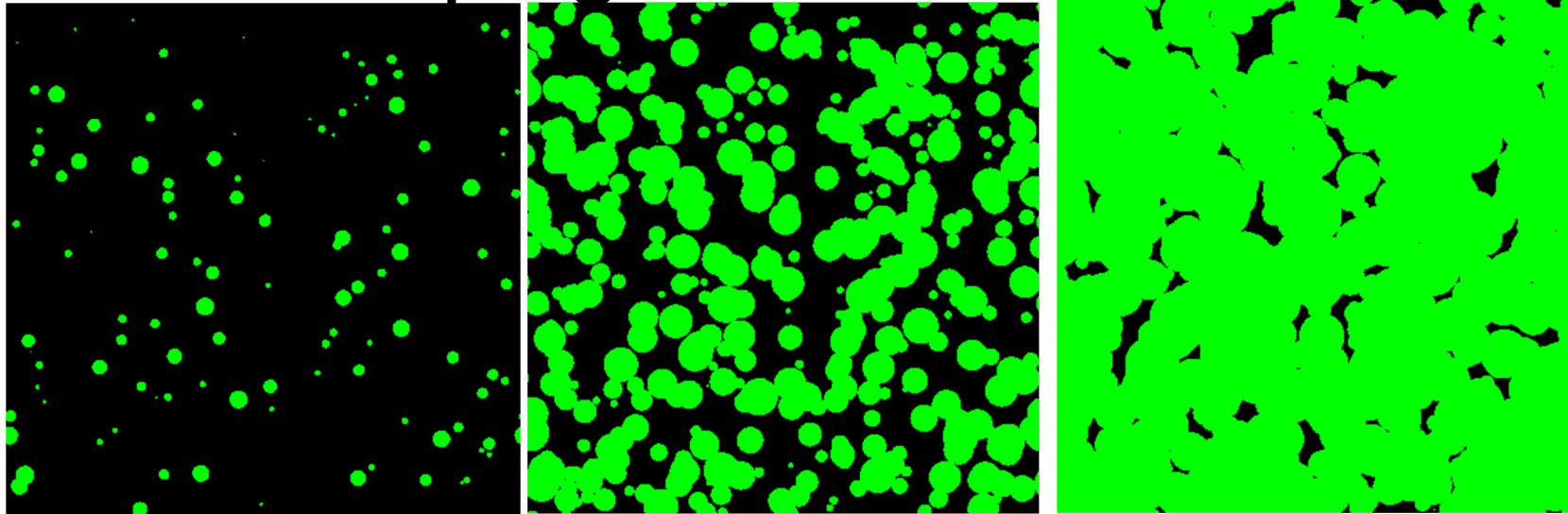


Gallucci et al. 2010

The “layer” is incomplete



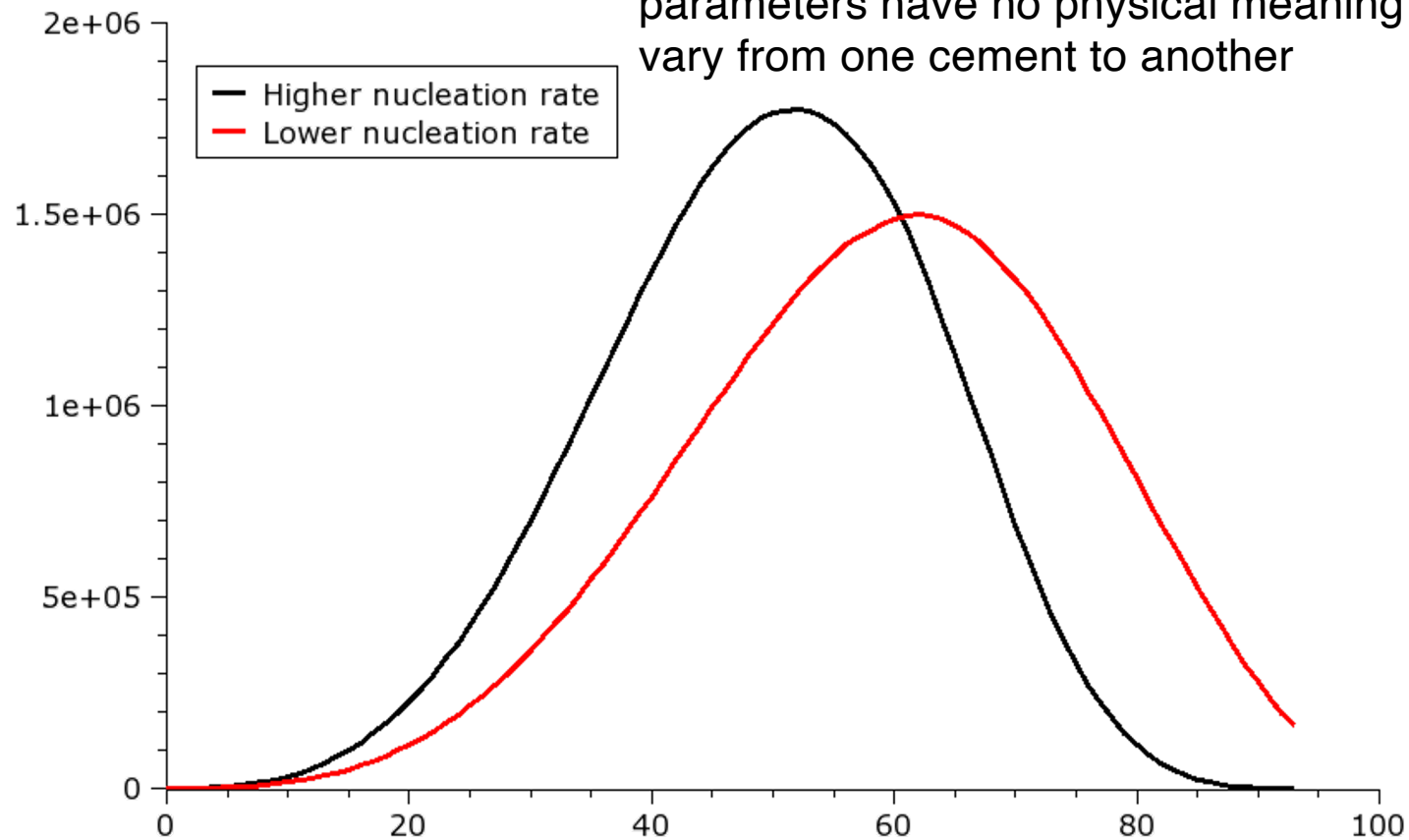
Impingement: Avrami



Developed for solidifying metals
Simple 3D nucleation and growth:
 $\text{growth} \propto \text{surface available}$

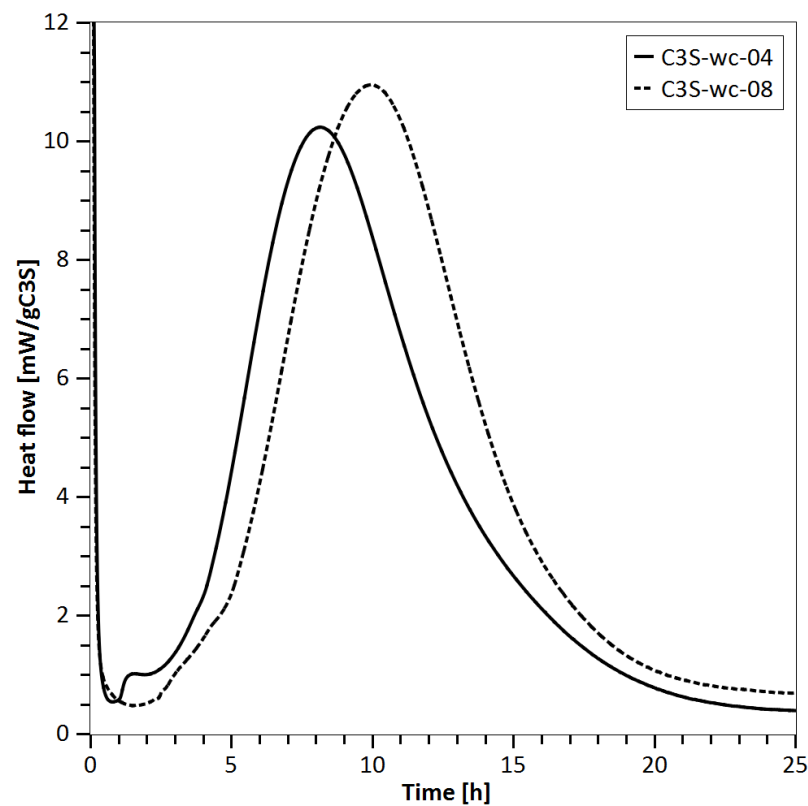
Avrami equation gives the right kind of peak

It can be FITTED to cement hydration, but parameters have no physical meaning and vary from one cement to another

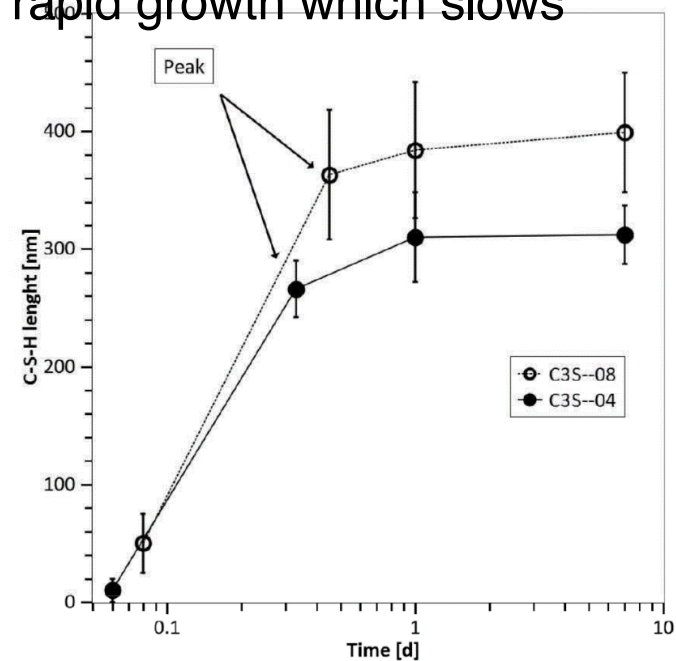


Impact of w/c

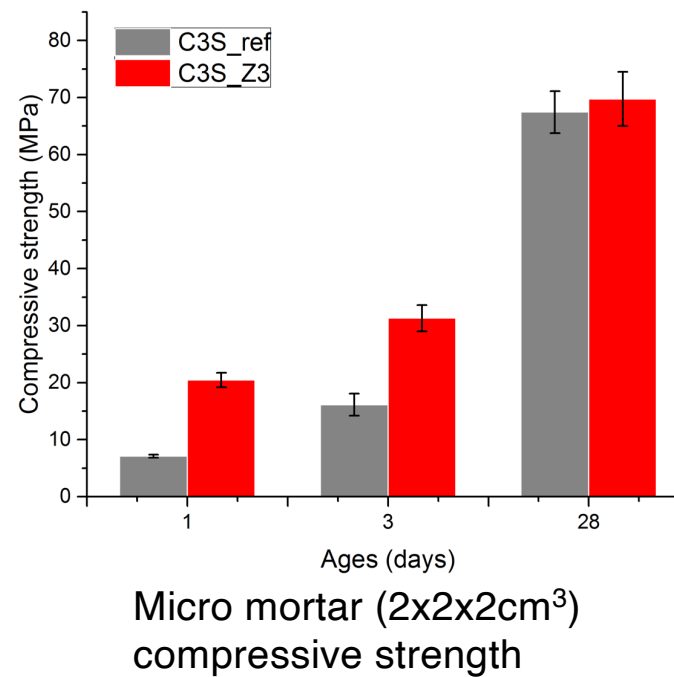
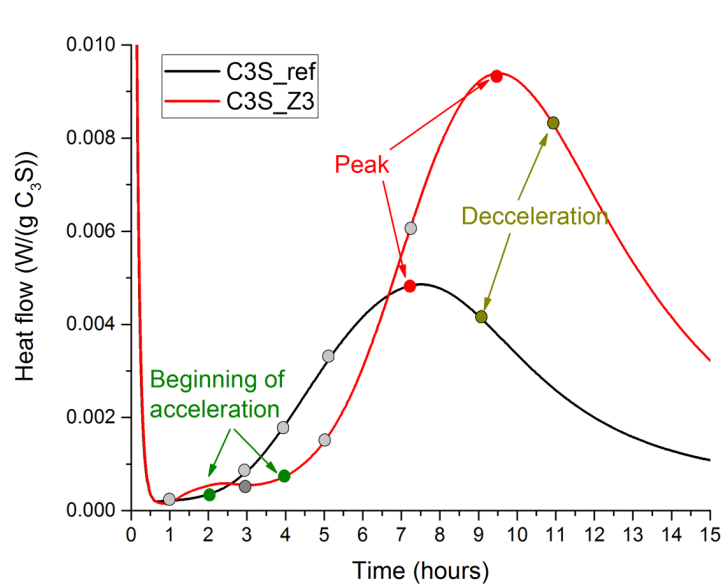
- Very low impact of W/C
 - this negates impingement as possible cause for deceleration



Measurement of length of C-S-H needles shows initial rapid growth which slows



Small concentrations of zinc, huge impact on main peak



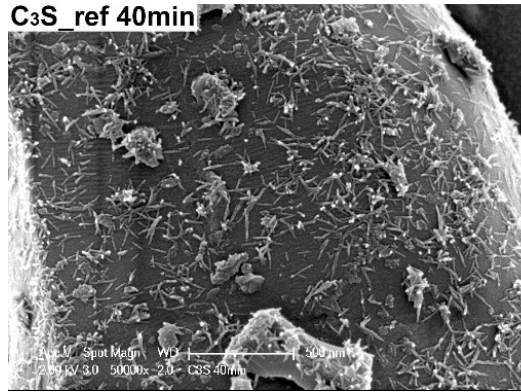
Growth of C-S-H “needles”, dramatic effect of Zn

Induction period

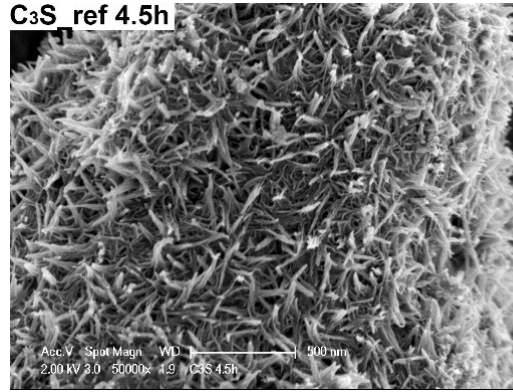
Acceleration period

Peak

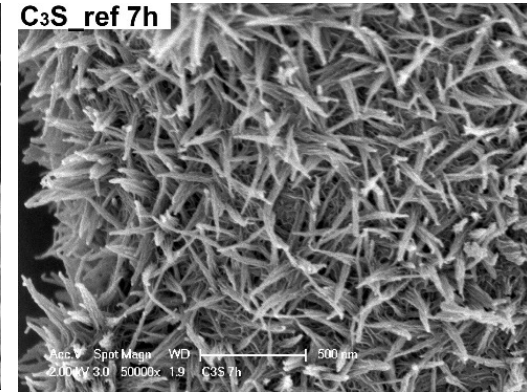
C3S_ref 40min



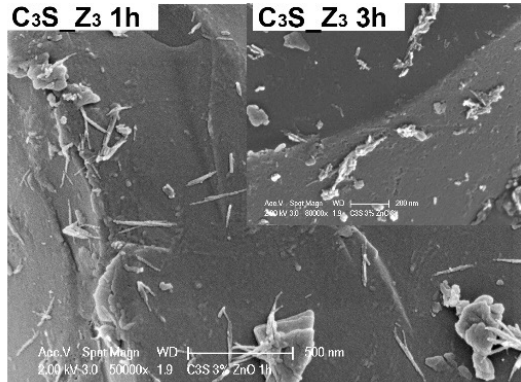
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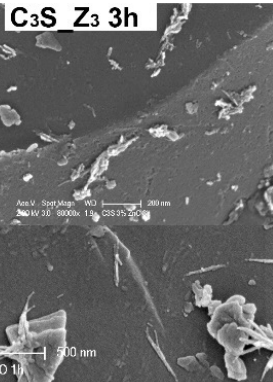
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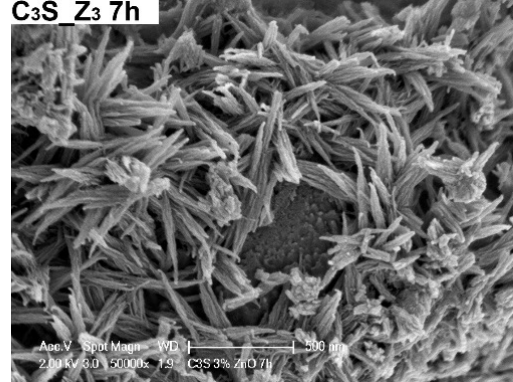
C3S_Z3 1h



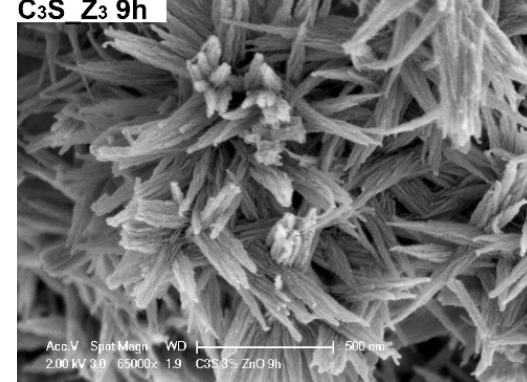
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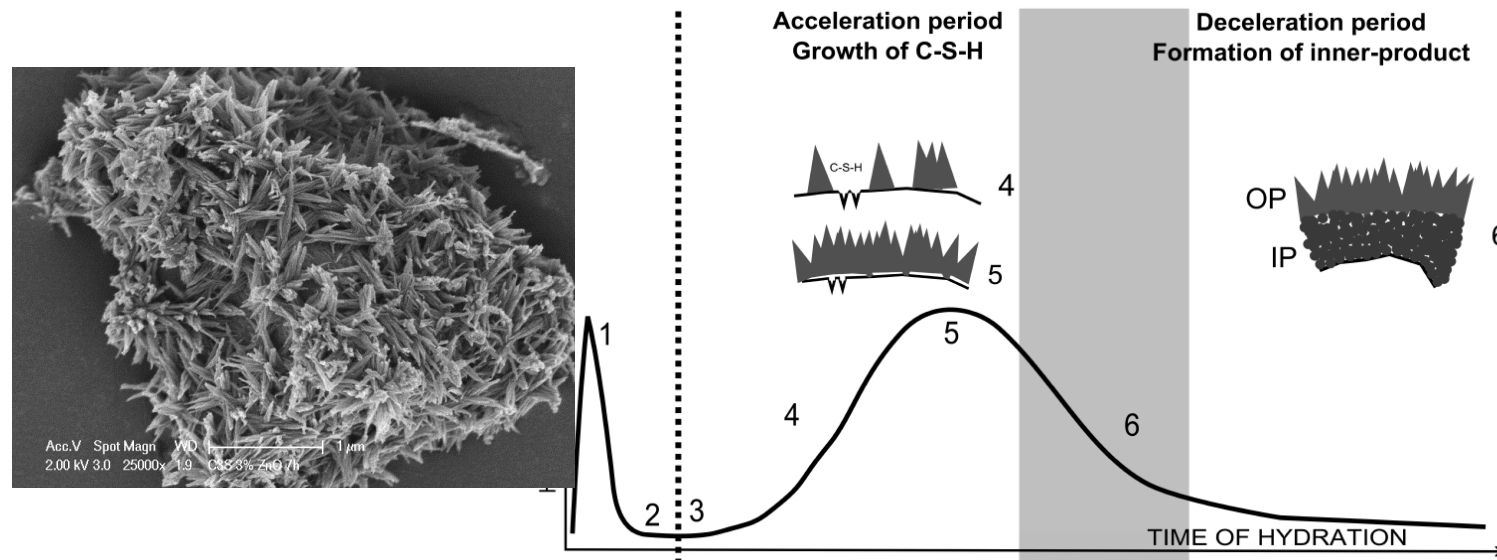
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C3S_Z3 9h



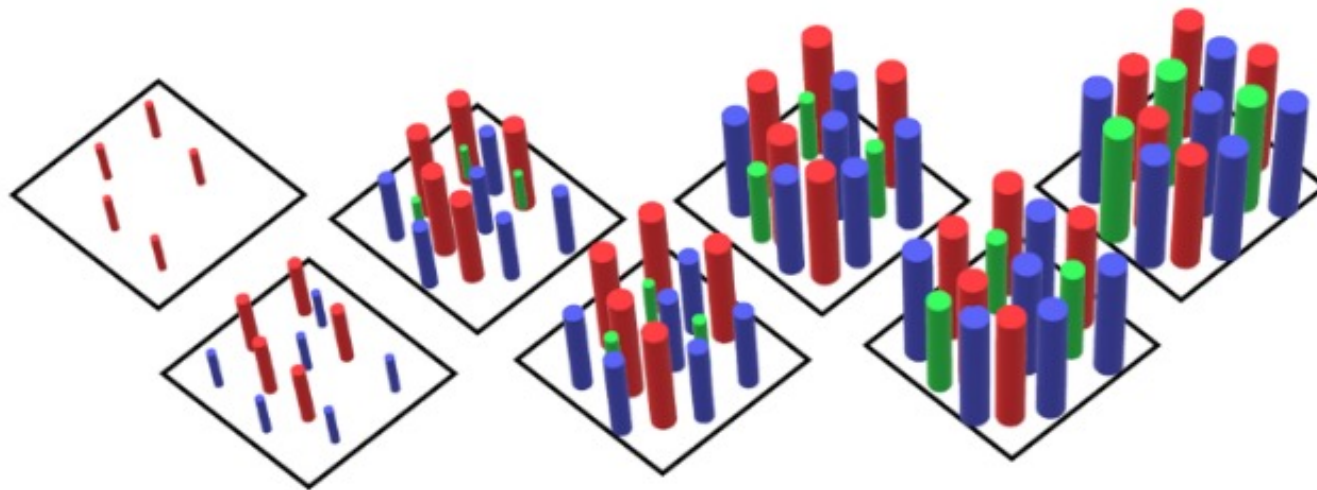
Bazzoni's scenario



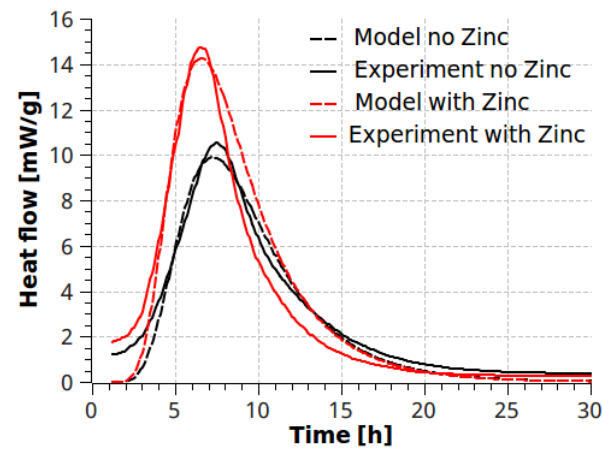
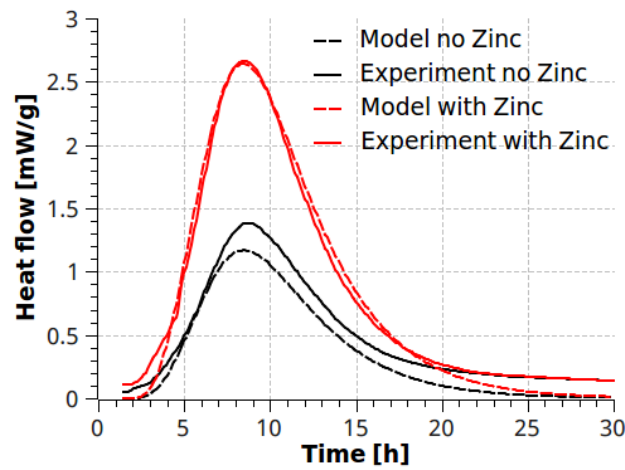
- Needles gradually cover the surface during the acceleration period.
- Needles grow fast to a certain length and then the rate slows dramatically.

Needle model: Ouzia 2017

- C-S-H growth as needles
- ALL parameters from experiment – **NO fitting**



Needle model: Ouzia 2017

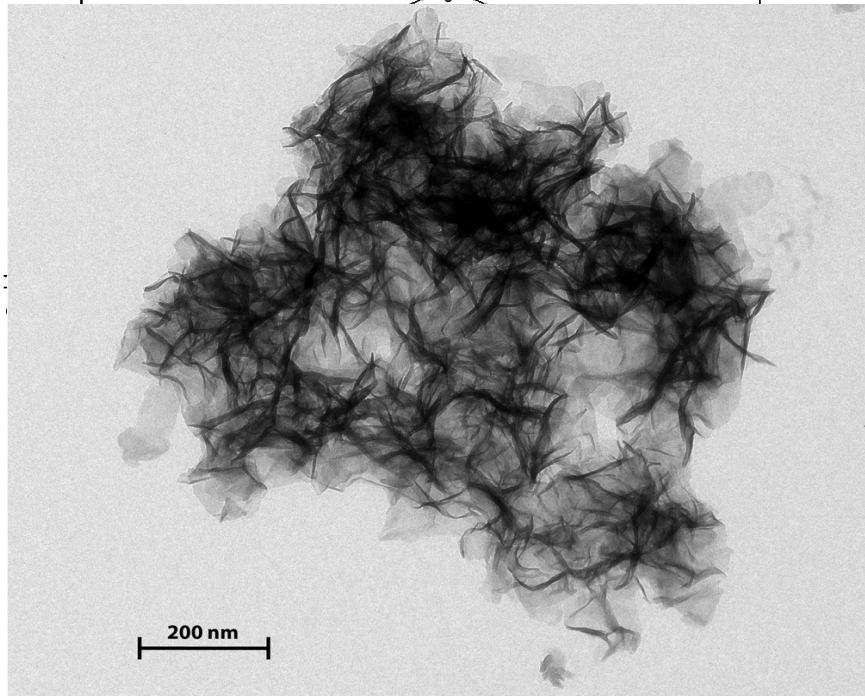


Open question?

- If mechanism is C-S-H growth: What controls this?

Solution composition ?

Build up of defects?

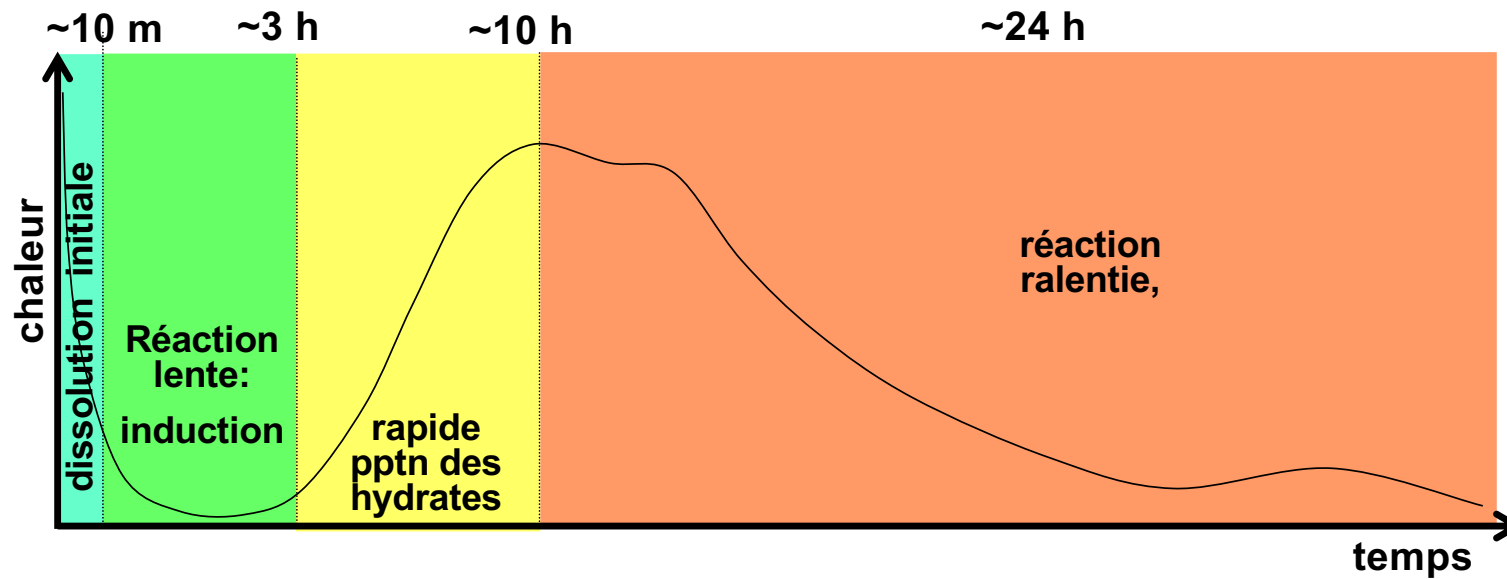
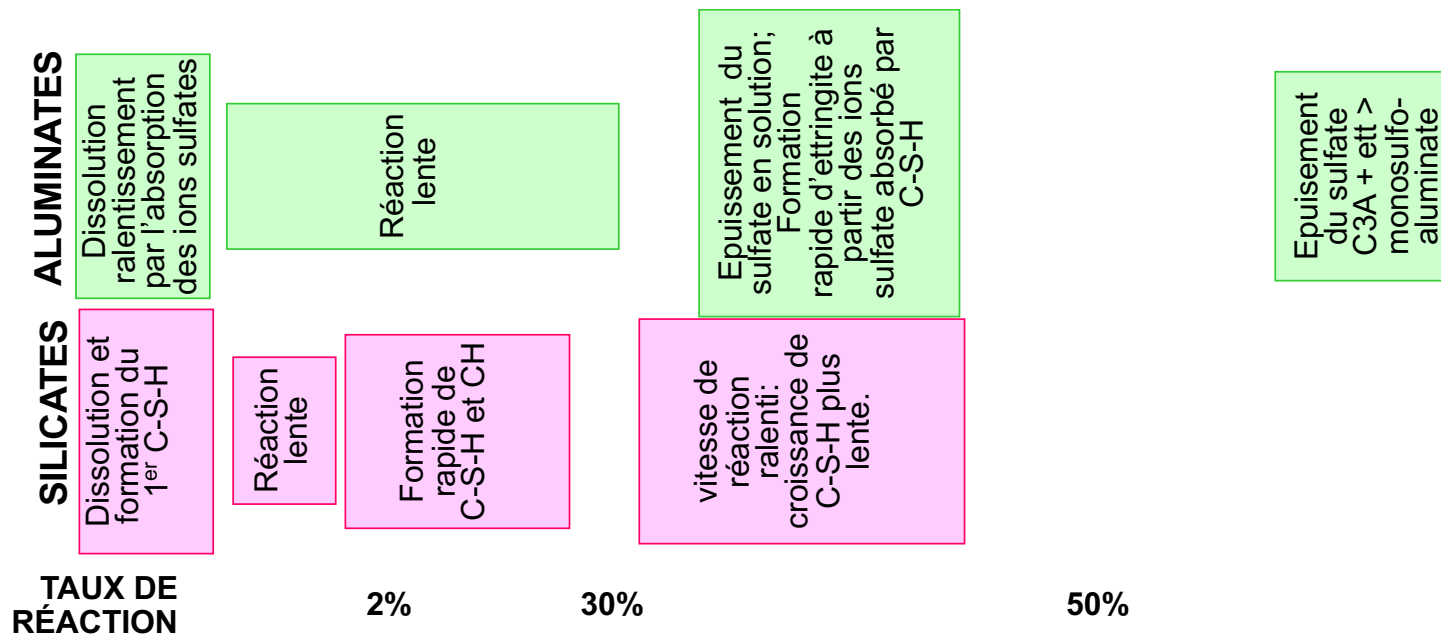


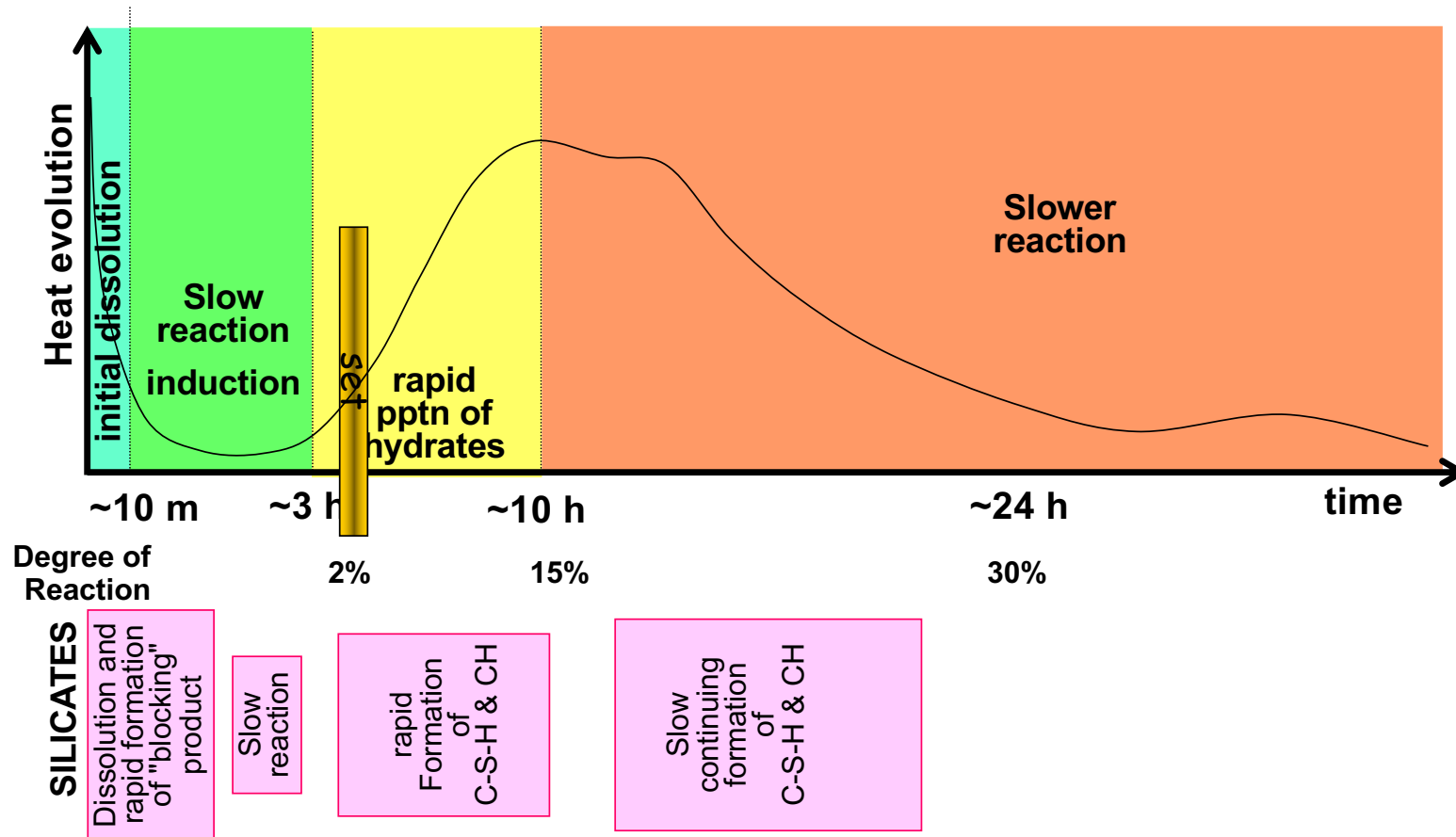
Other?

Main peak, summary

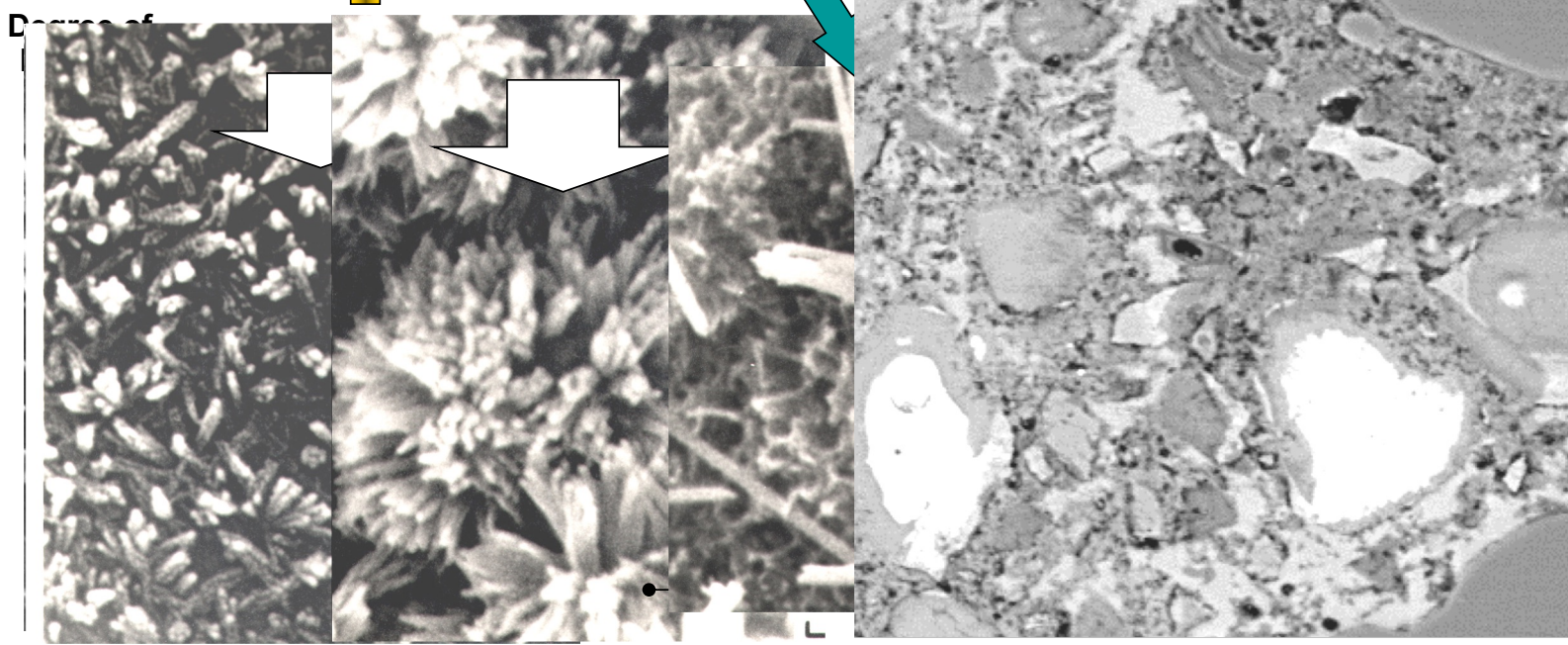
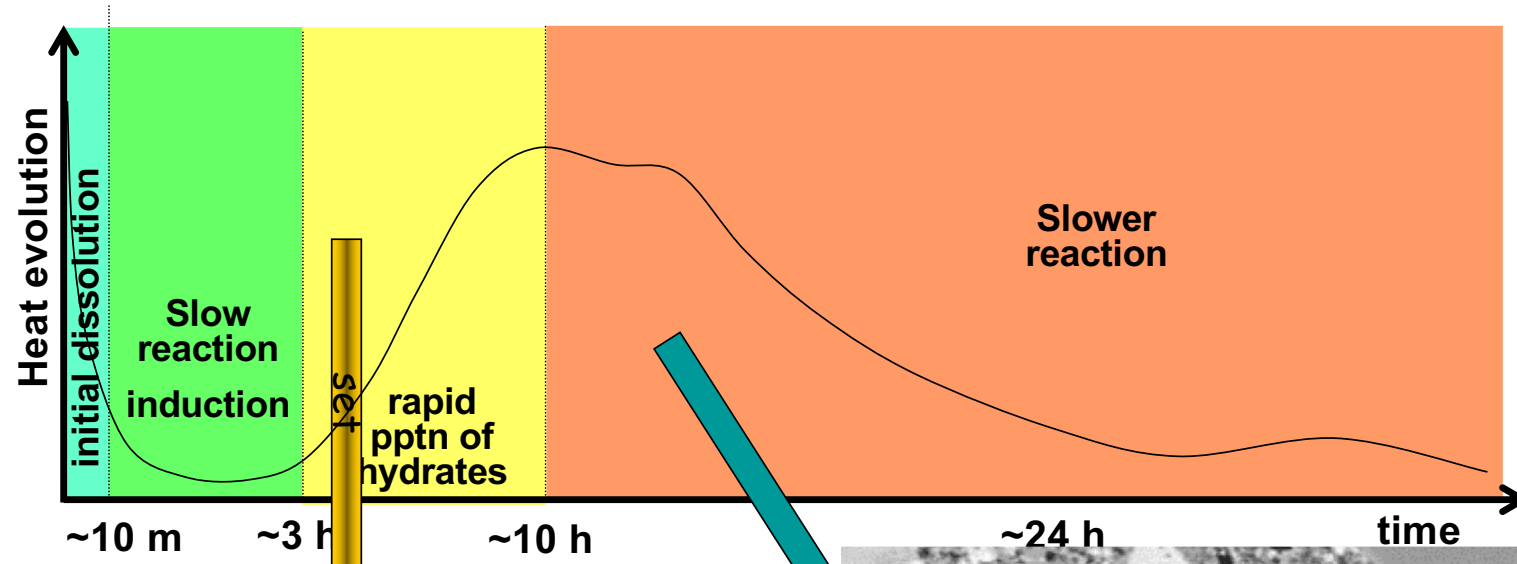
- Many hypotheses can fit the form of the peak
- Need to look at
a wide range of variables and
have physically measureable parameters
- Best hypothesis:
Fast growth of needles to a critical length

Résumé de l'hydratation

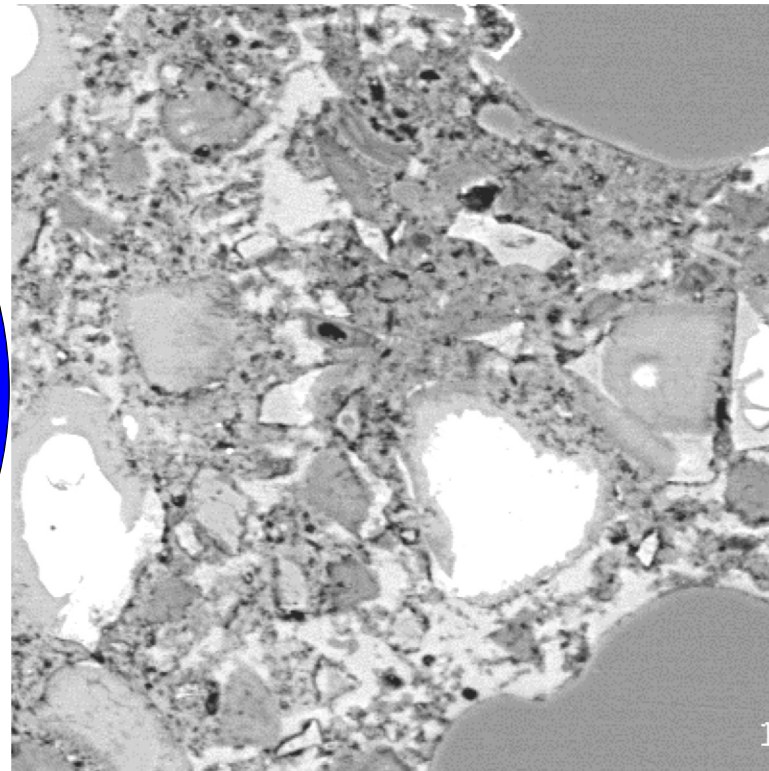
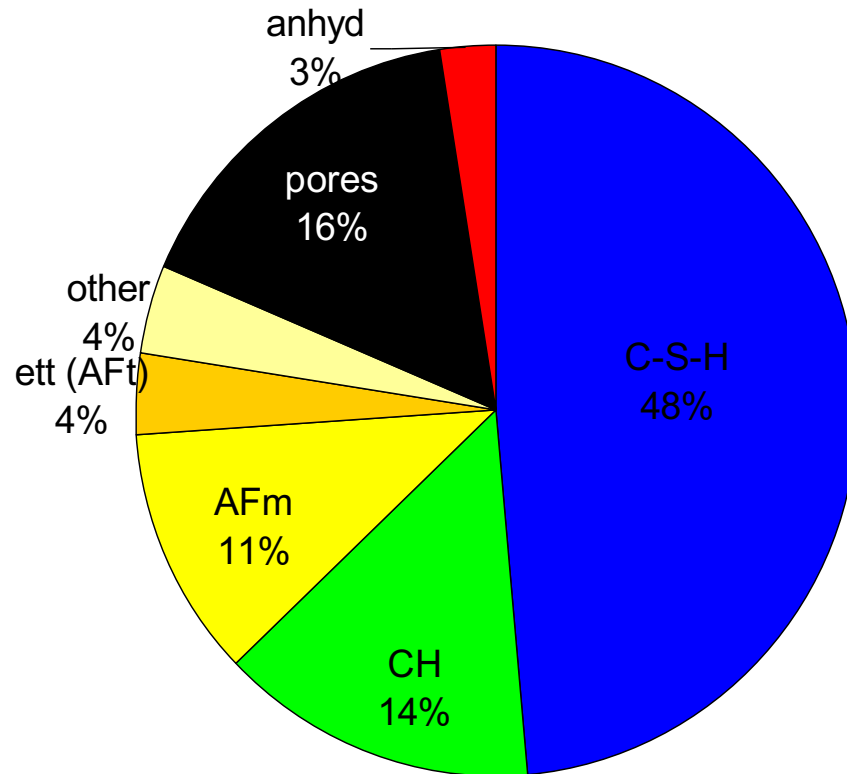




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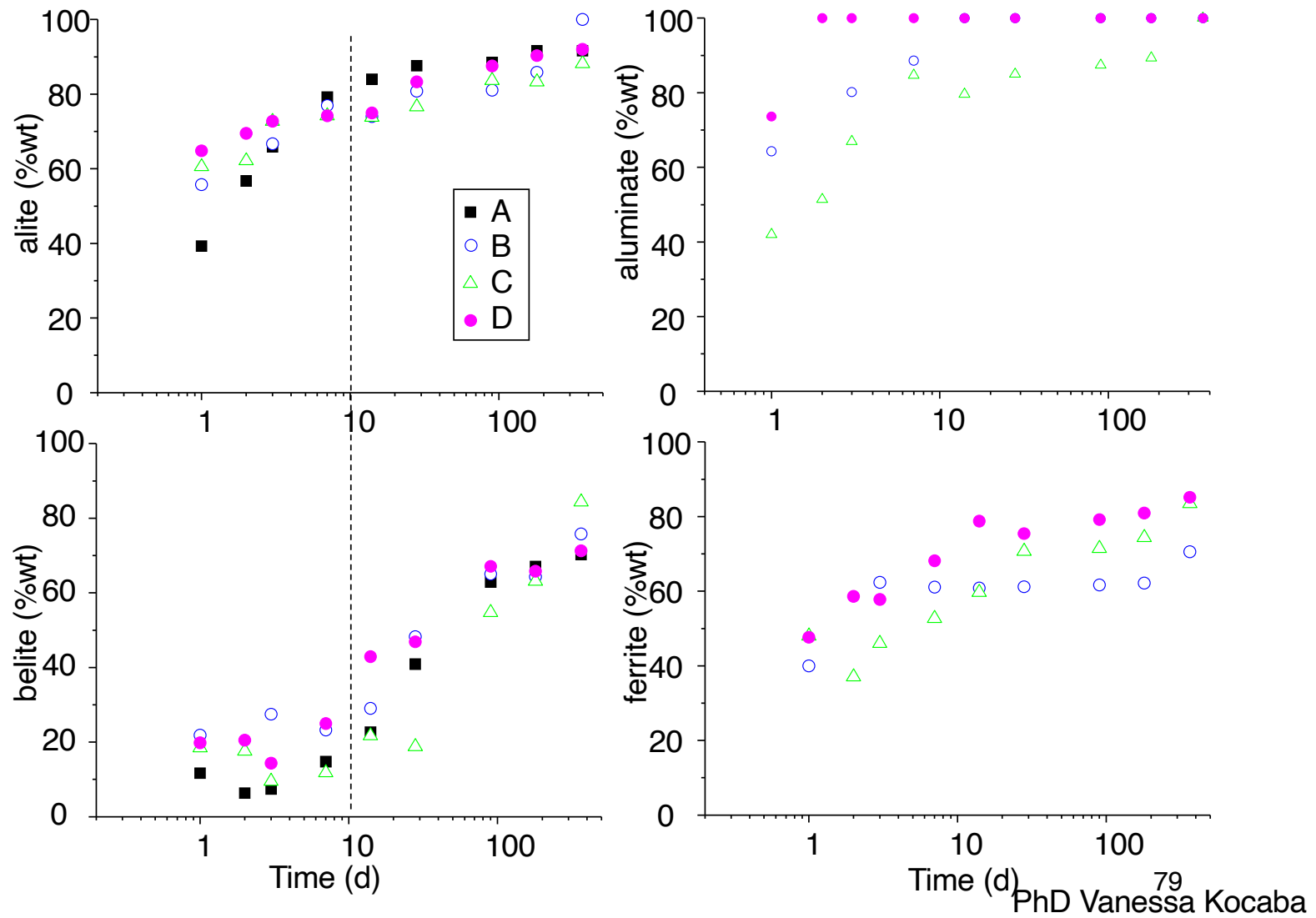


Bilan Volumétrique



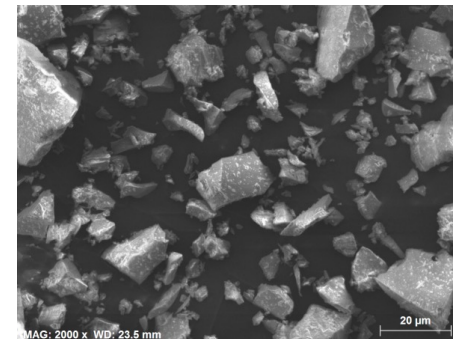
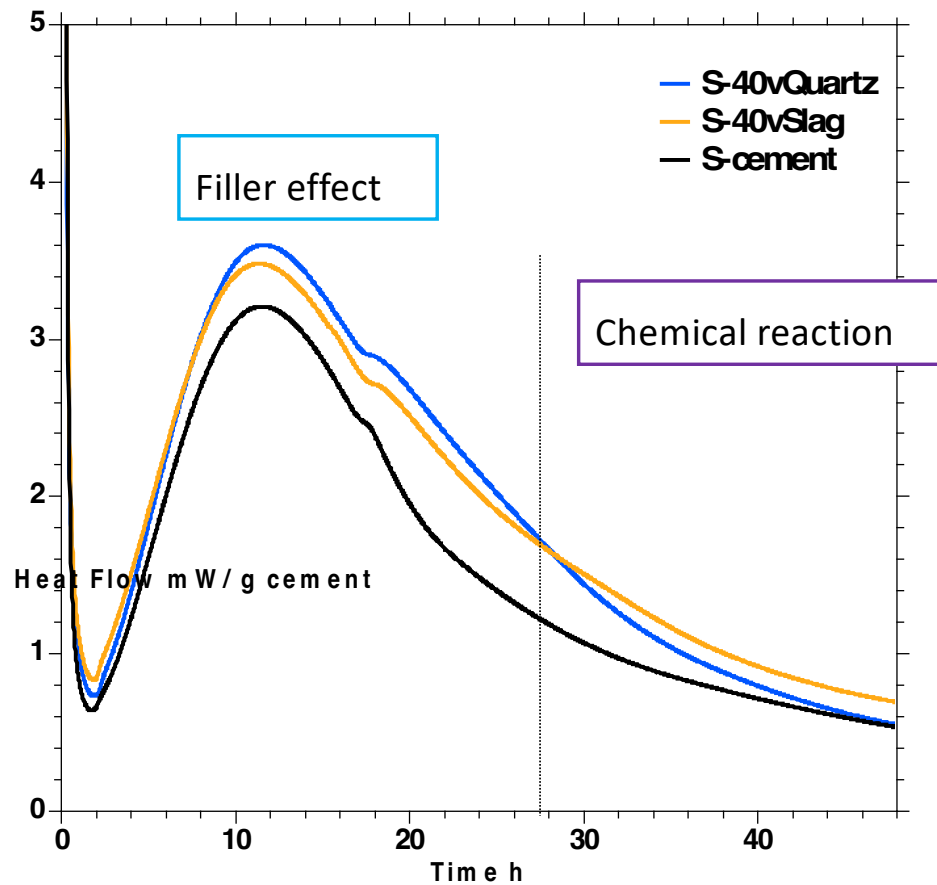
Pâte de ciment Portland, e/c = 0,5, 14 mois

Experimental observations of reaction of different components

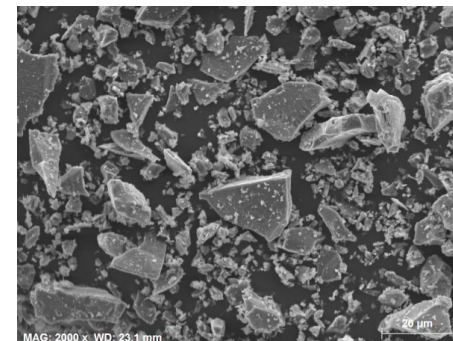


Impact of SCMs on main heat evolution peak

Physical effect on main hydration peak



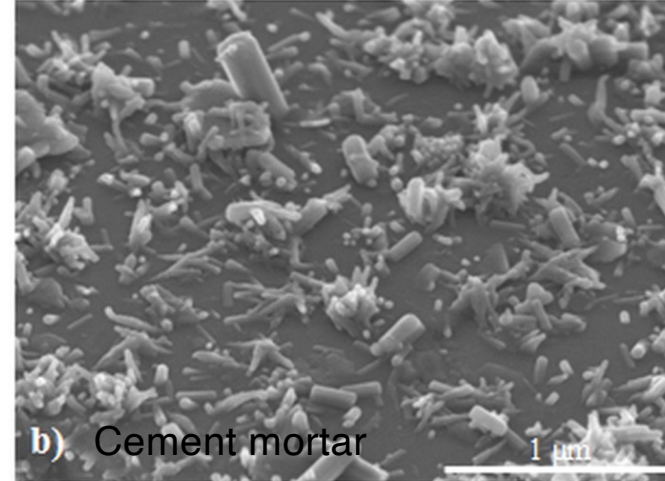
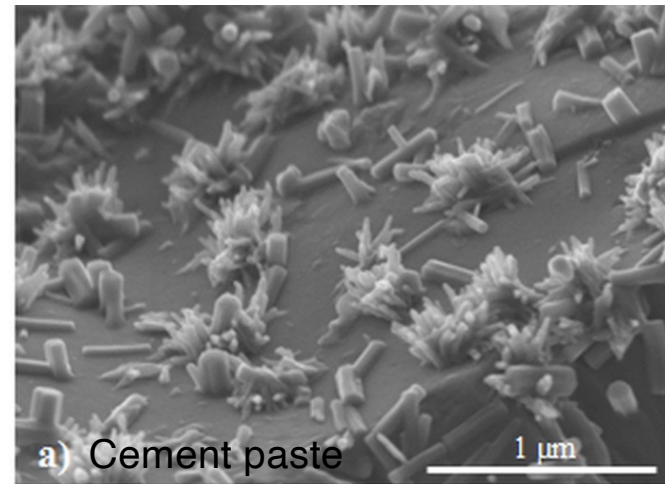
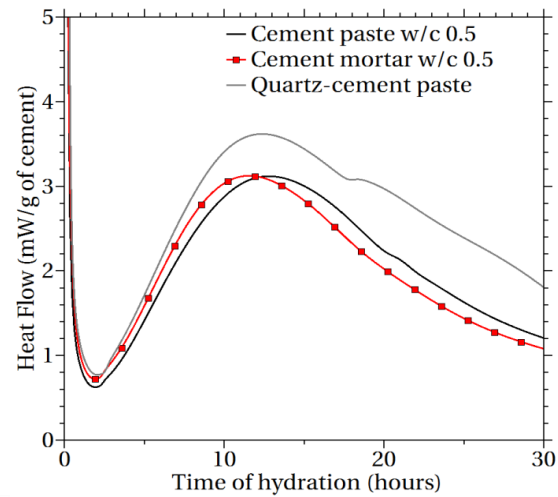
Slag



Quartz

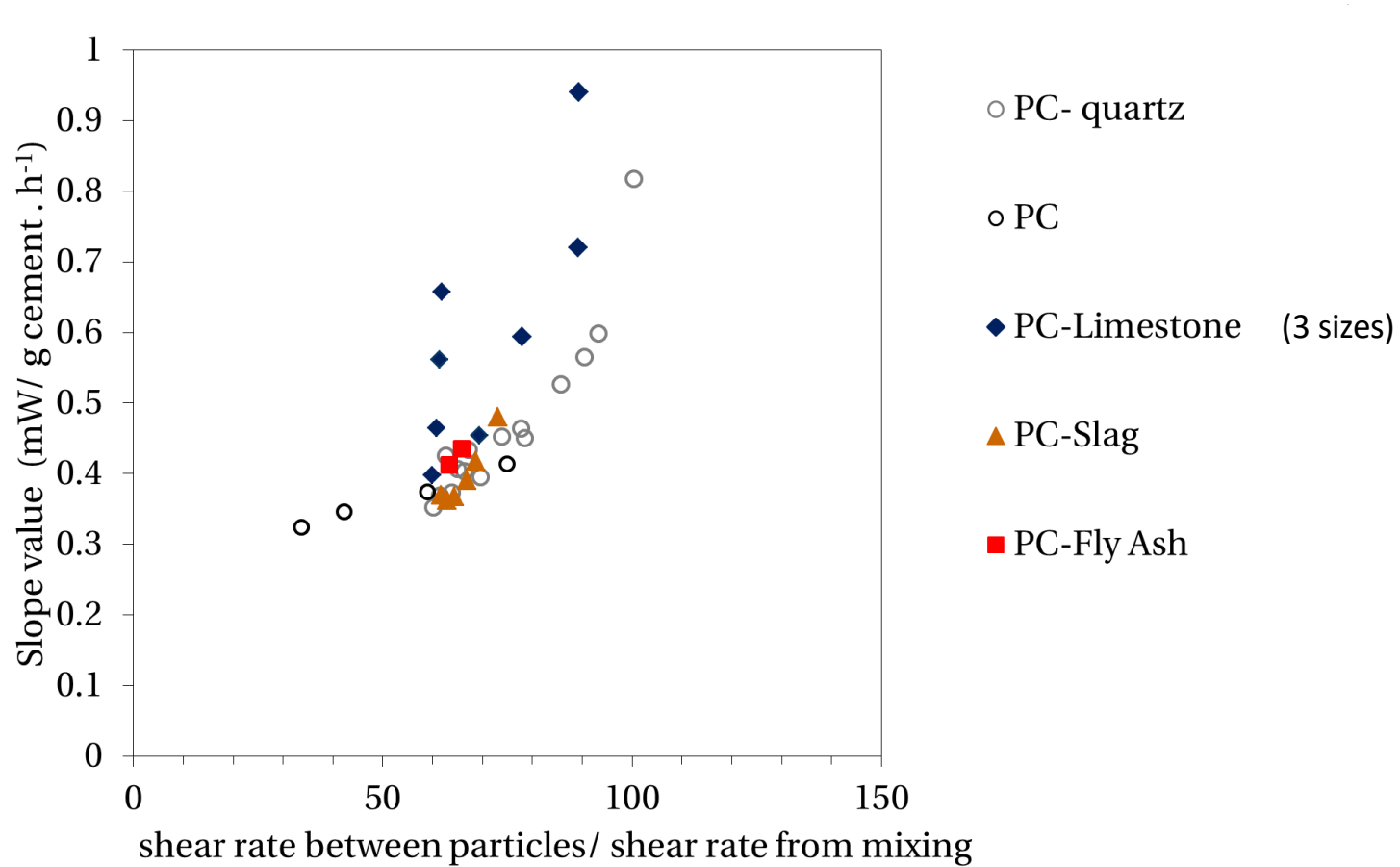
Mortar vs Paste

Berodier et al.

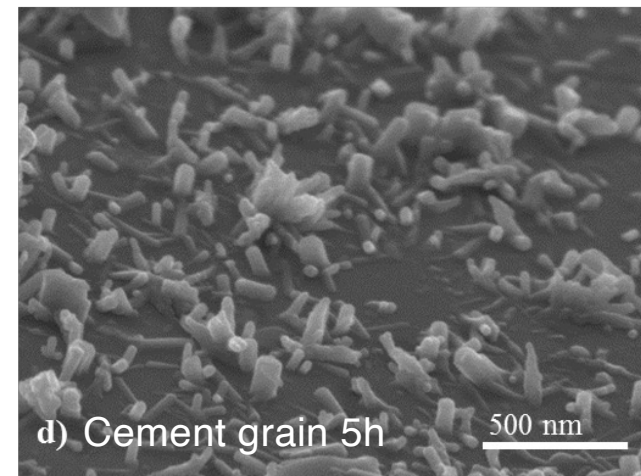
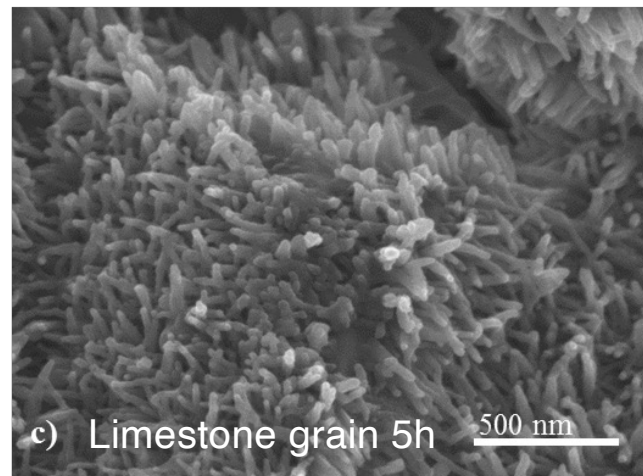
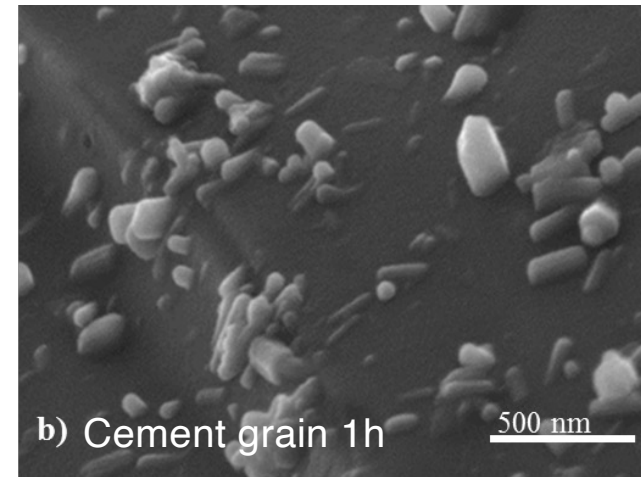
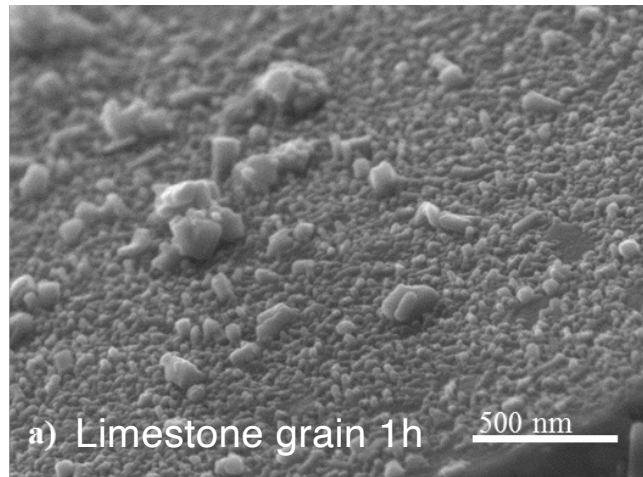


Effect of Slag, Fly ash, Limestone

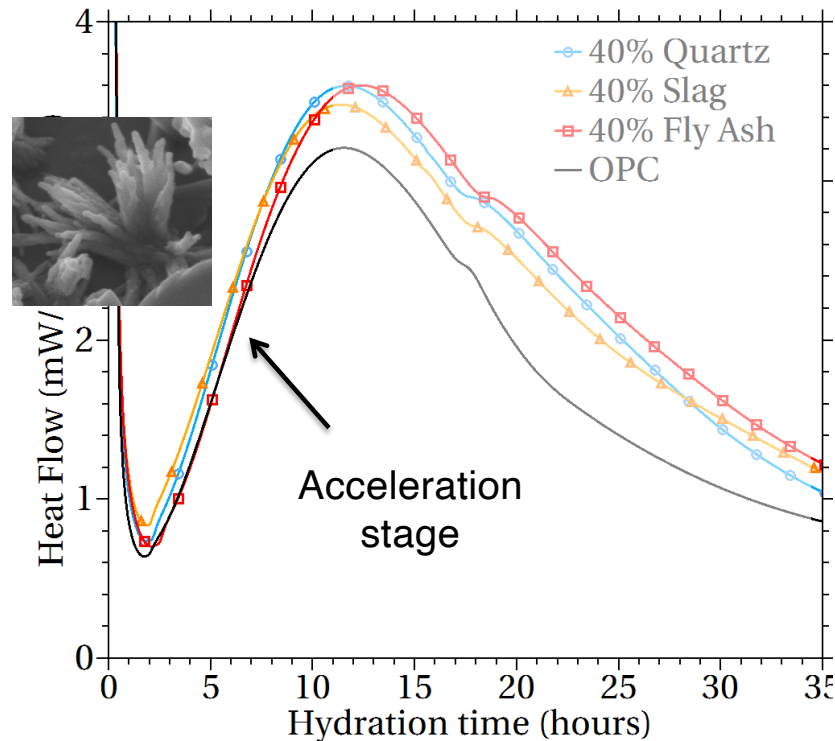
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Micrographs: Cement + 40% Limestone



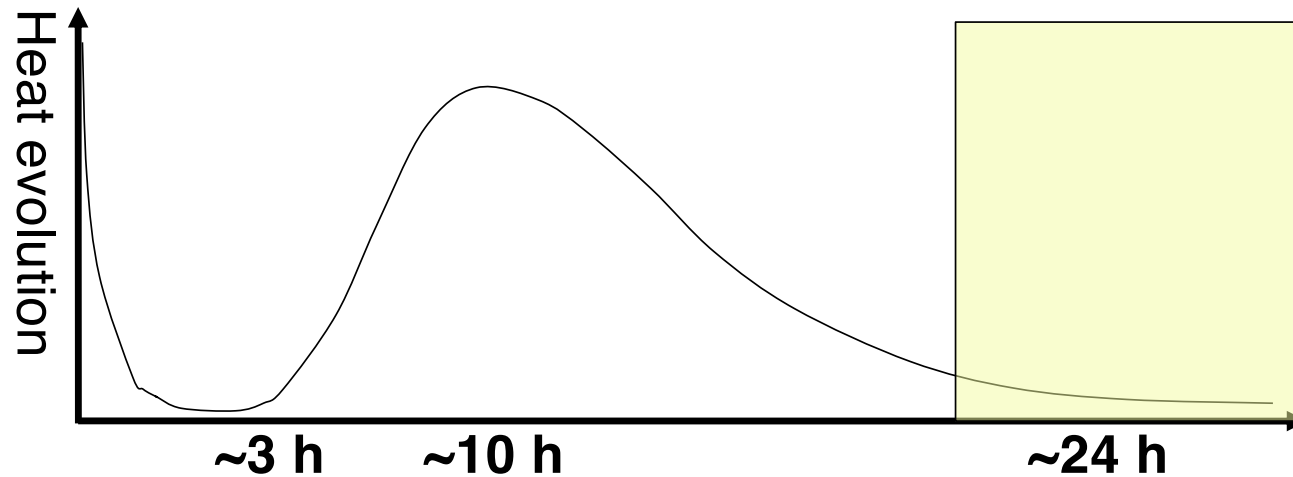
Short summary



Although inert, SCM have a significant effect on the nucleation and growth of C-S-H

- Small increase in nucleation sites ***due to the higher shearing conditions***
- Some surfaces, e.g. calcite might favor the nucleation of C-S-H and also change the growth

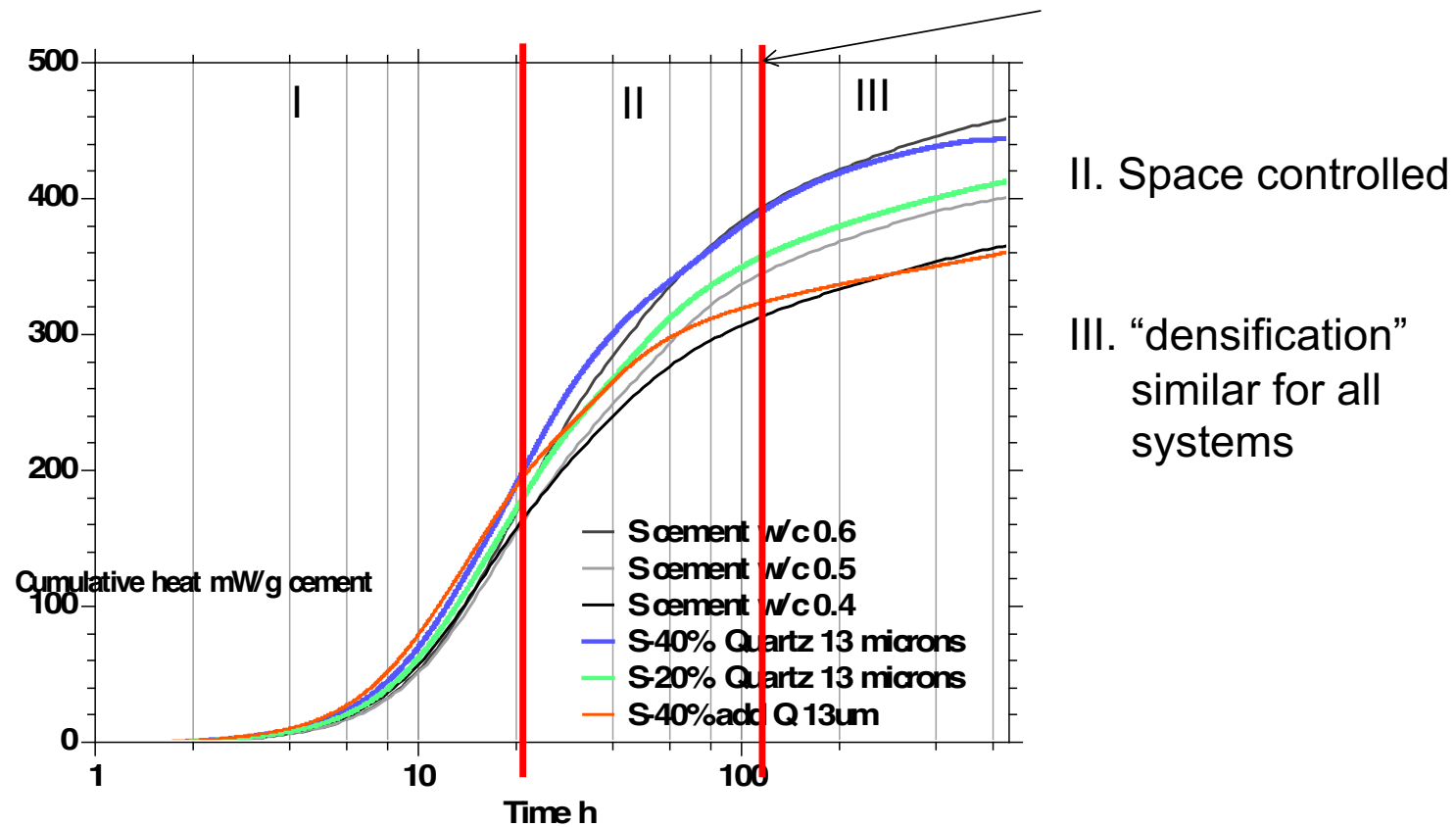
Period III, slow ongoing hydration



- Although this period is most important regarding strength development mechanisms operating have not been studied in detail.

1 or 2 regimes?

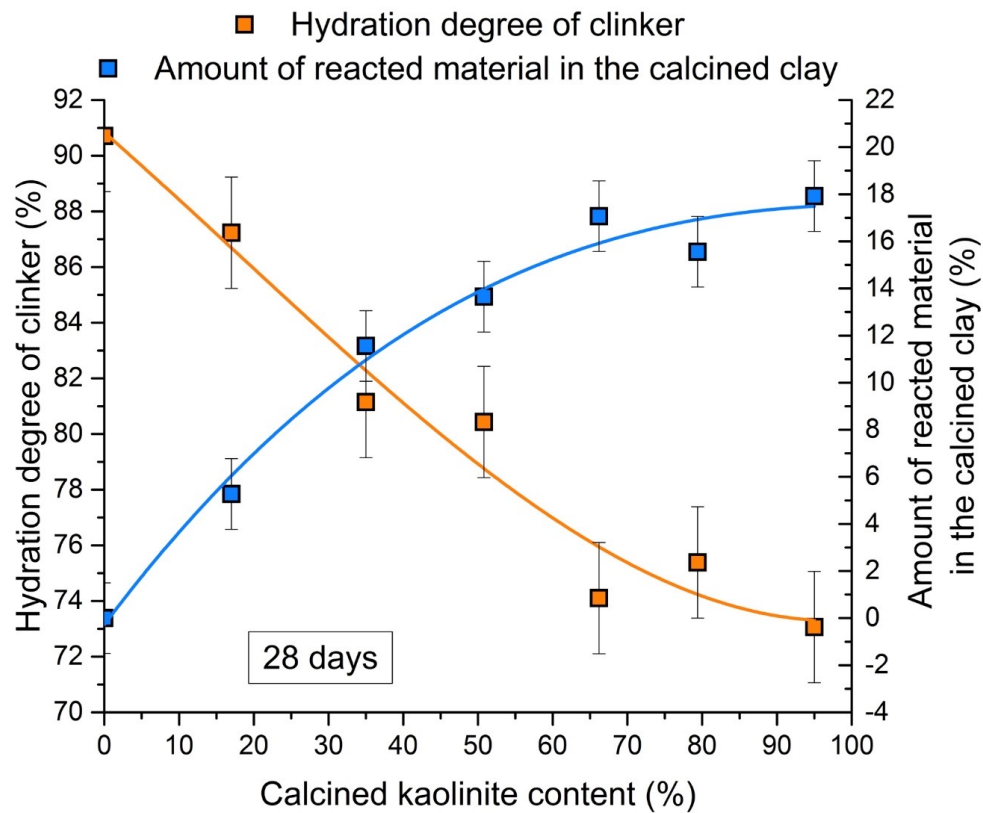
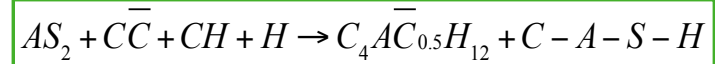
About 6 days for $w/c = 0.4$



Space filling

- In first week or so space filling becomes the dominant mechanism
- “competition” between clinker and SCMs
- Hydration clinker $\approx$ calcined clay $\geq$ slag $\gg$ flyash

Competition with calcined clay



- » Increase of the grade of calcined clay:
- » Global increase of the amount of reacted material in the calcined clay
- » Decrease of clinker hydration degree

Questions

- Quelle phase contribue le plus au développement de résistance du béton de ciment de Portland?
- Quels sont les produits principaux d'hydratation de cette phase?
- Le gypse est ajouté pendant le meulage du ciment pour contrôler l'hydratation de quelle phase?
- Quels sont les produits d'hydratation les plus importants résultant de l'hydratation de la phase C3A?