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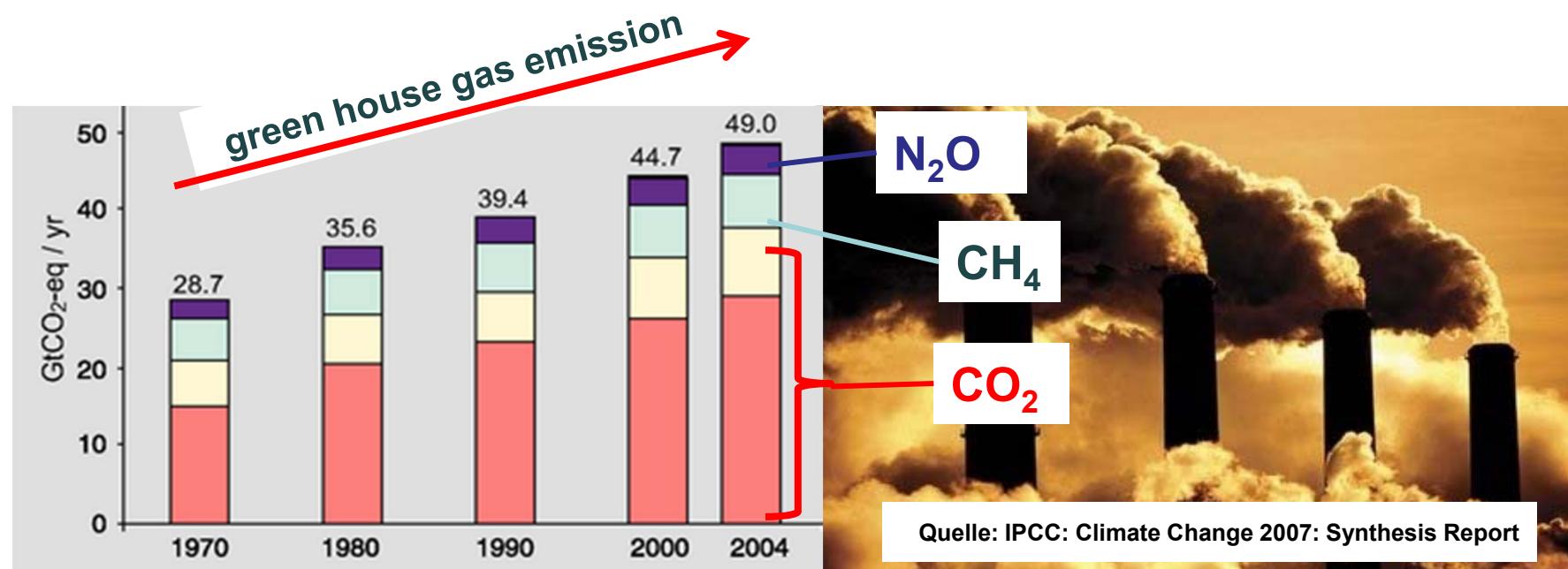
# Tests der Wirkung von PCE-Fließmitteln auf Stoffe für Ressourcen-effizienten, nachhaltigen Beton

## Effect of PCE-Superplasticizers on Powders for Eco-Concrete



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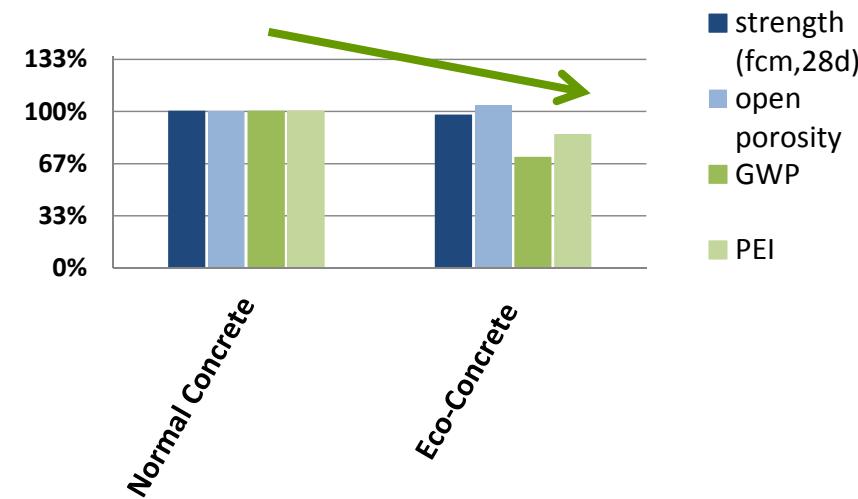
# Motivation Climate Protection and Sustainable Development



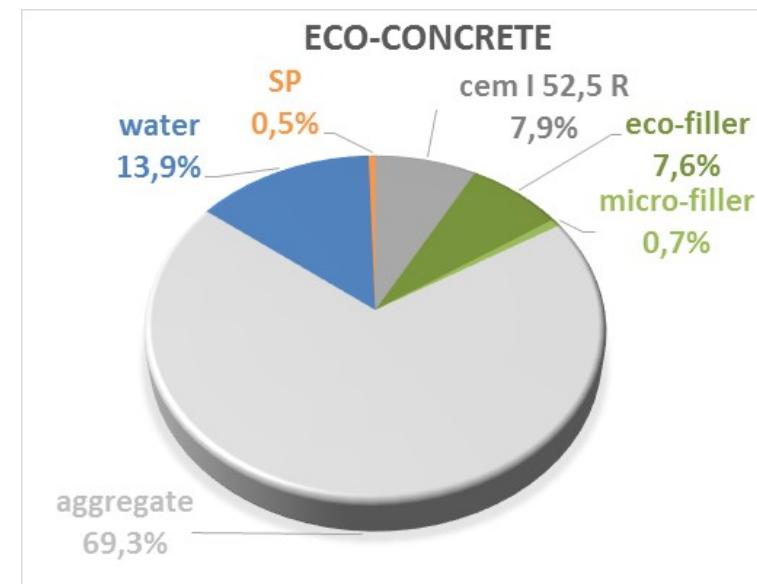
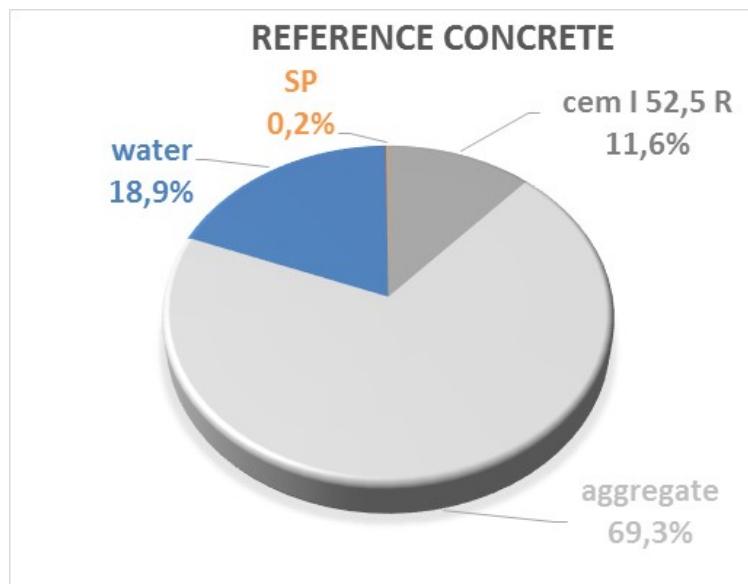
**Cement production causes ~ 5% of world wide CO<sub>2</sub>-emission** [Quelle: VÖZ]

**Concrete demand worldwide ~ 7 billion m<sup>3</sup>/year** [KIT 2012]

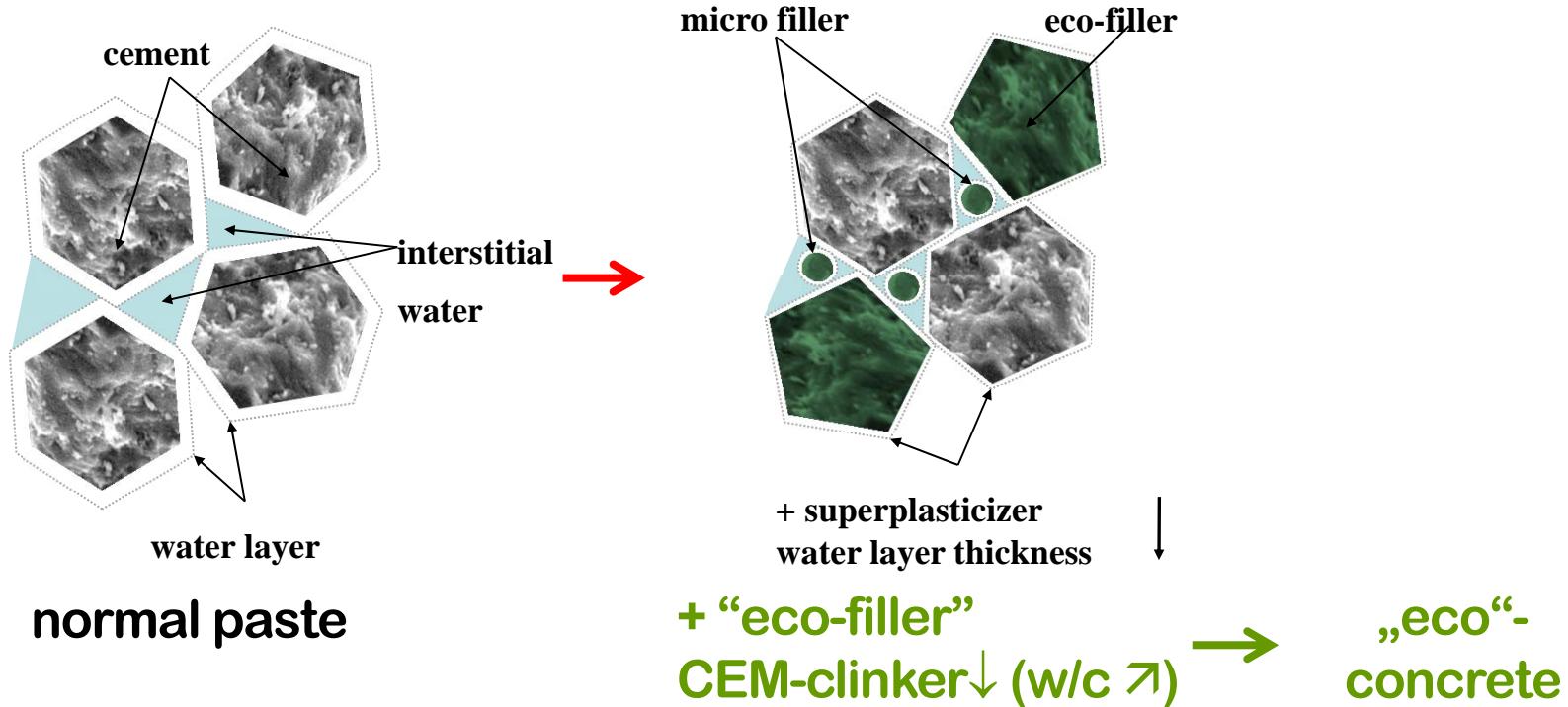
## Development of Eco-concrete



- reduction of GWP and PEI by - 10-30% is possible
- equal concrete performance



# Packing Optimization & Effect of Fillers



→ Same workability/strength/ durability  
of eco-concrete and normal concrete

# Flowability of Different Powders

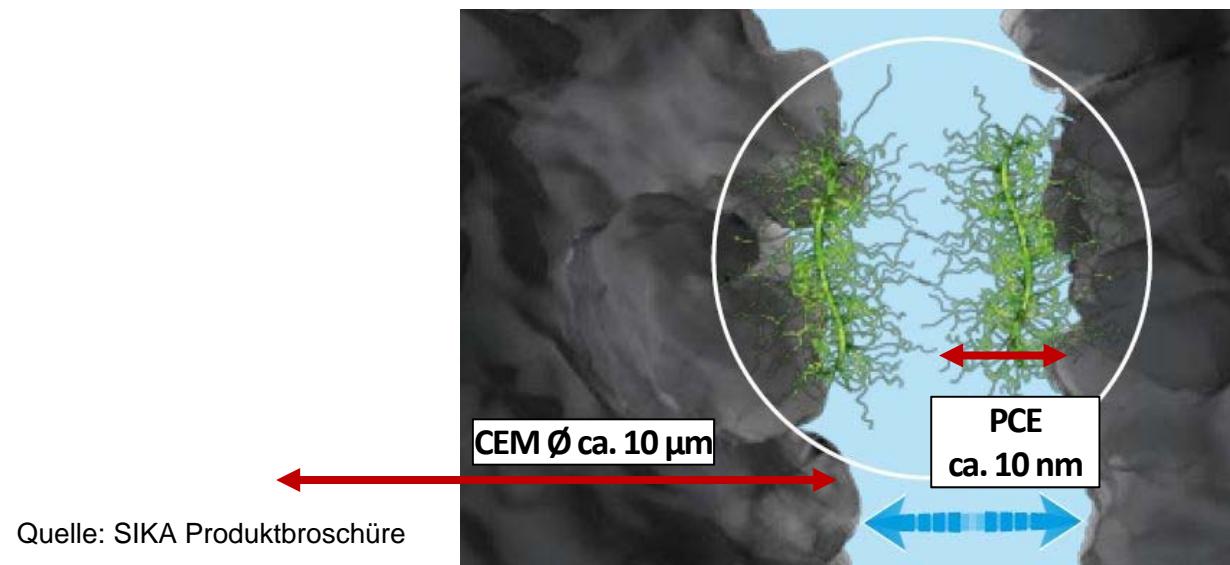
Which SP do you recommend for eco-concrete and what performance will we reach with different fine powders ?

## Spread flow test



## Superplasticizers PCE

superplasticizer [PCE]	application	bulk density g/cm <sup>3</sup>	PCE content (solid) M.%
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<b>SP 55</b>	<b>ready-mixed concrete</b>	1,07	30
<b>SP 108</b>	<b>ready-mixed concrete</b>	1,08	29
<b>SP 109</b>	<b>precast concrete</b>	1,09	40
<b>SP 110</b>	<b>precast concrete</b>	1,06	30
<b>SP 144</b>	<b>precast concrete</b>	1,06	28
<b>SP 147</b>	<b>precast concrete</b>	1,06	30
<b>SP 170</b>	<b>precast concrete</b>	1,06	25
<b>SP 182</b>	<b>precast concrete</b>	1,07	30



## Powders

**Portland Cement**  $d_{50} = 7,5 \mu\text{m}$

**Micro-filters**  $d_{50} < 4 \mu\text{m}$

**Eco-filters**  $5 \mu\text{m} < d_{50} < 15 \mu\text{m}$

} **inert stone powders**

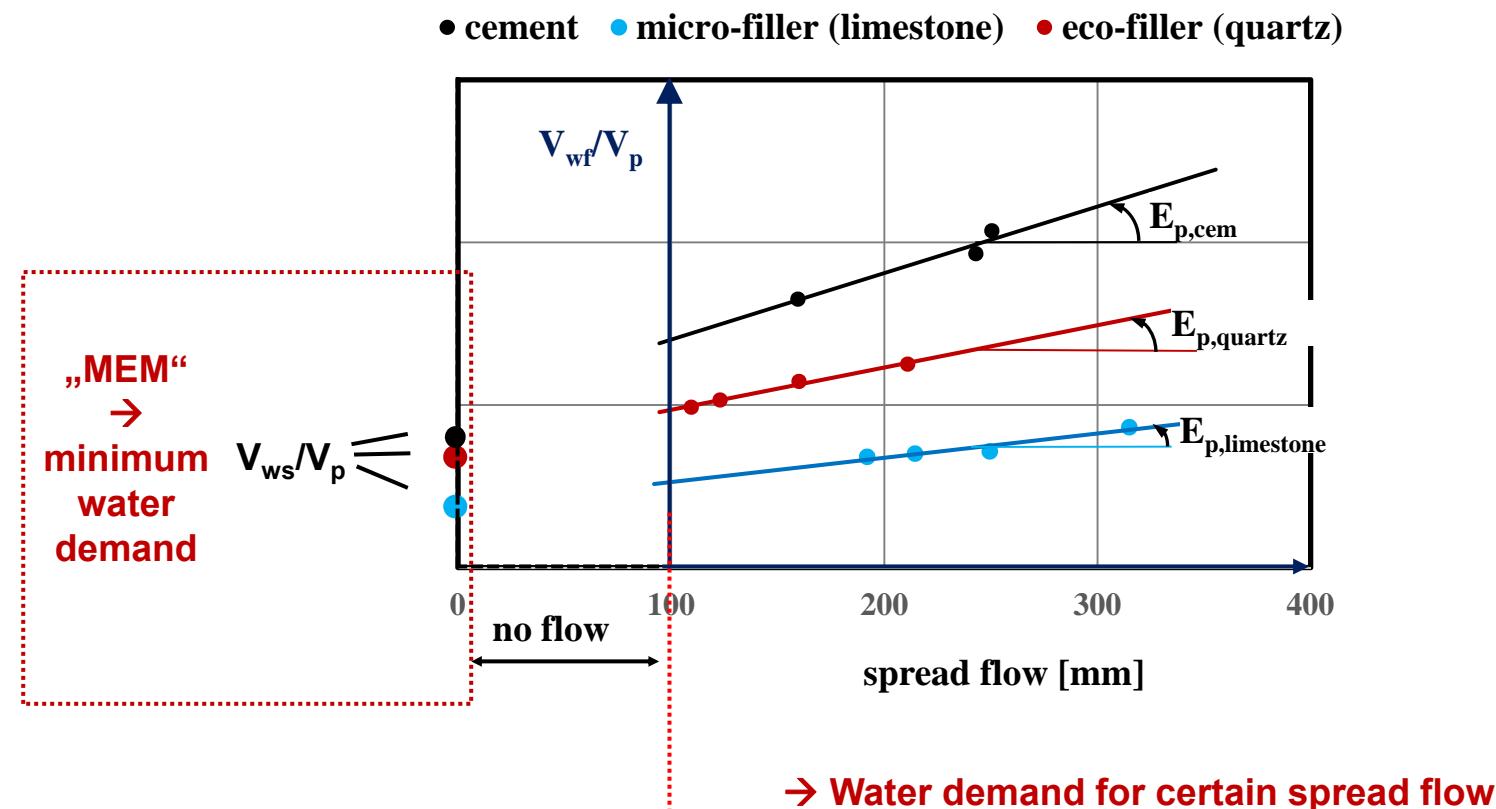
type	true density $\rho_0$	grain size $d_{50}$	location parameter $x'$	slope $n$	Blaine-value	water demand (MEM) $V_{ws}/V_p$	sensitivity to addition of water $E_p$	GWP	PEI
	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	μm	μm	-	cm <sup>2</sup> /g	-	-	kgCO <sub>2</sub> /t	MJ/t
cem I 52,5 R	3,14	7,50	8,50	0,90	5110	0,92	0,0041	831	100
quartz eco	2,65	13,80	18,60	1,00	4640	0,85	0,0026	41	133
quartz micro	2,65	3,26	4,60	1,10	(12680)	0,83	0,0005	57	178
microsilica	2,20	0,20			(34908)	1,28	0,0033	(0)	(0)
limestone micro	2,73	2,20	3,50	1,20	9314	0,61	0,0015	36	100
limestone eco 1	2,70	9,00	15,80	1,20	5630	0,59	0,0028	25	717
limestone eco 2	2,70	12,00	20,40	1,00	3689	0,69	0,0026	25	717
dolomite micro	2,90	3,30	4,30	1,30	8300	0,85	0,0030	36	1006
dolomite eco	2,86	15,00	33,50	0,80	2962	0,61	0,0021	25	717

factor 1/20

# Water Demand and Flowability of Powders

## New combination-method “MEM-ST”

- **Mixing energy method (MEM)** → water demand at saturation ( $V_{ws}/V_p \triangleq$  void content)
- **Spread flow test ST (Okamura)** → water demand for certain spread flows ( $V_{wf,i}/V_p$ )



## Sequence of Testing of Water-Powder mixes with SP

- water/powder mixes at minimum water demand (MEM)  
→ constant starting consistency
- addition of superplasticizers / mixing



**spread flow tests**

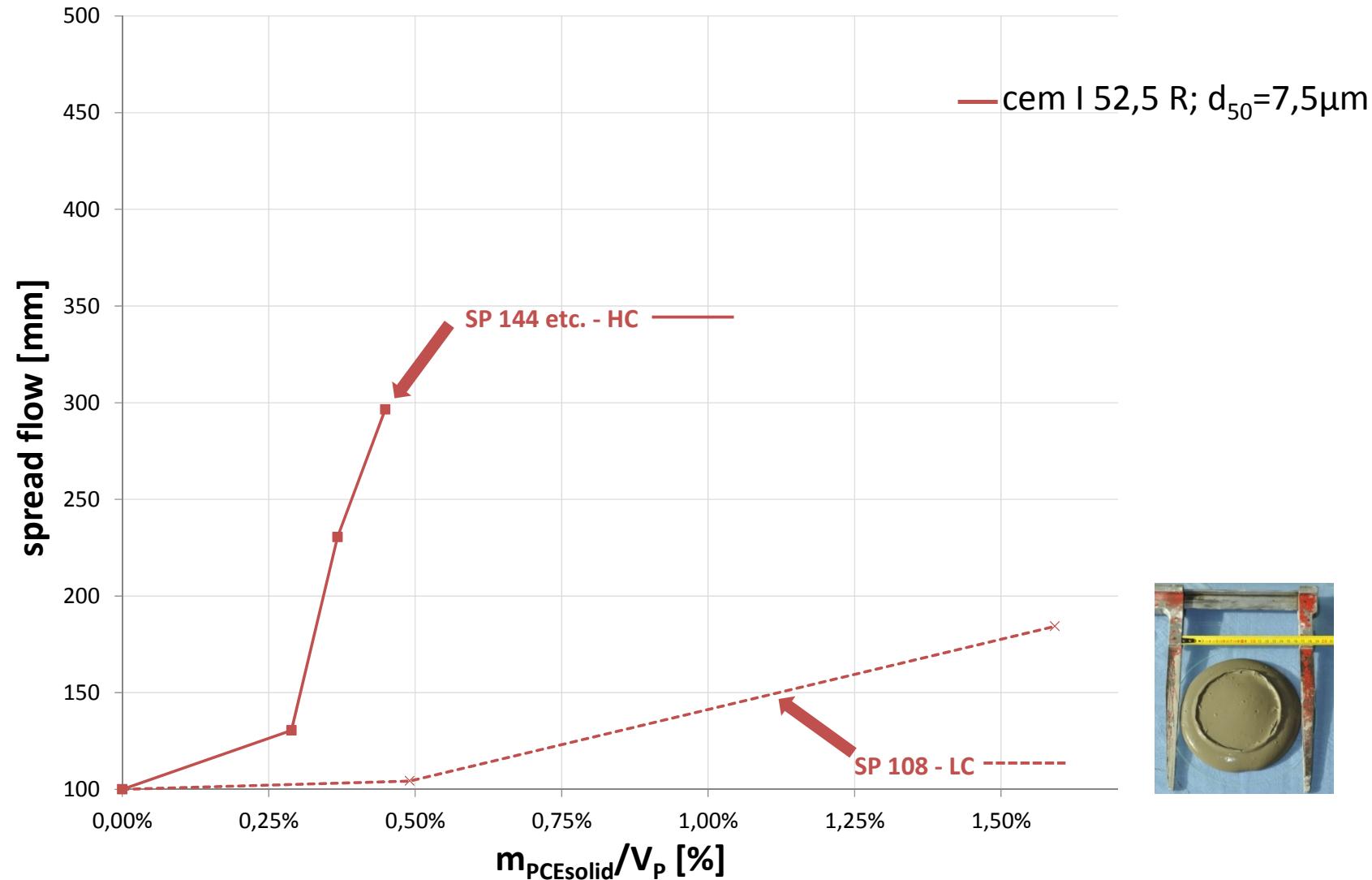


**rheometer test**

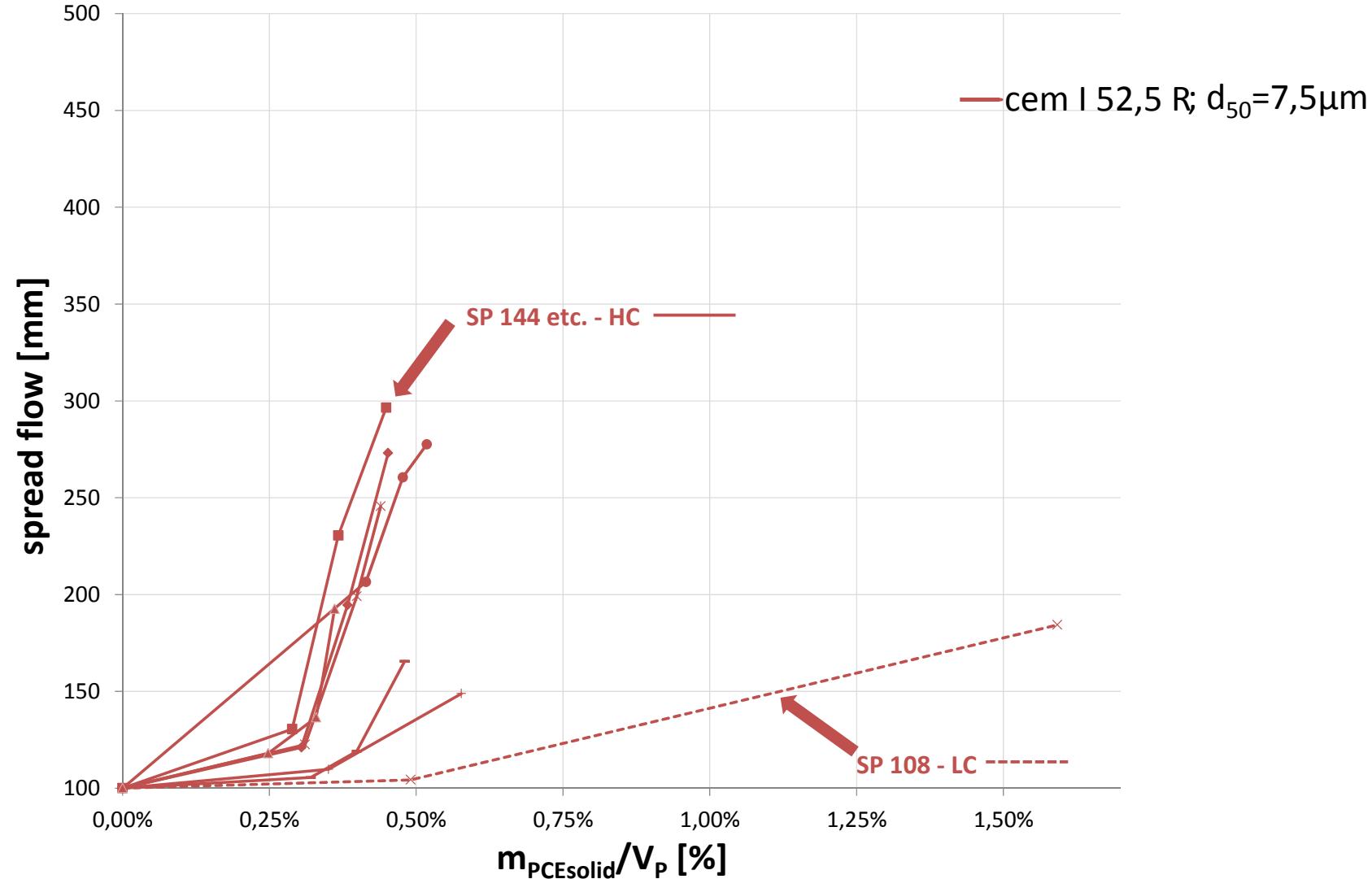


$$SP - dosage = \frac{m_{PCE\_solid}}{V_{powder}} = \frac{m_{PCE\_s}}{V_p}$$

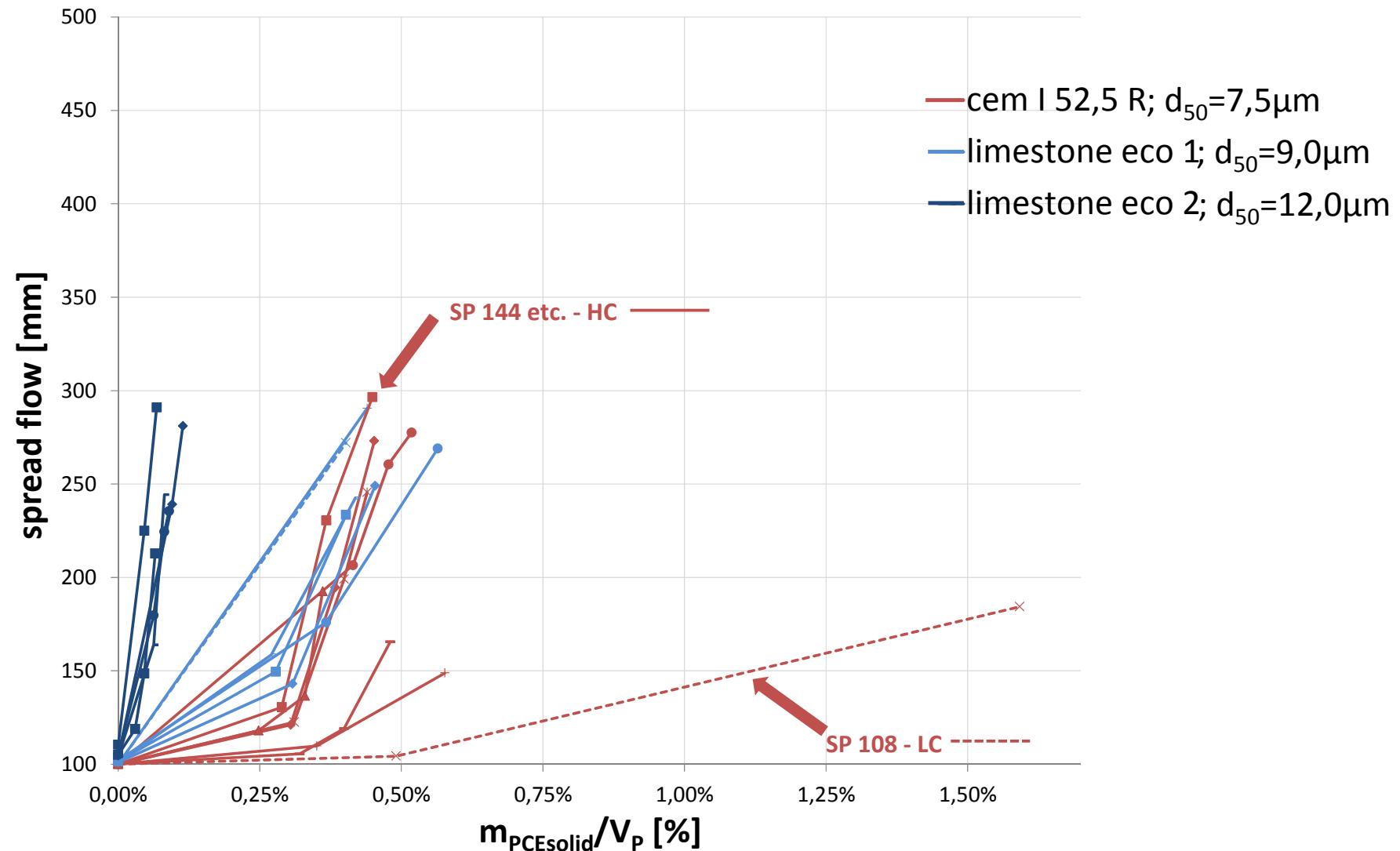
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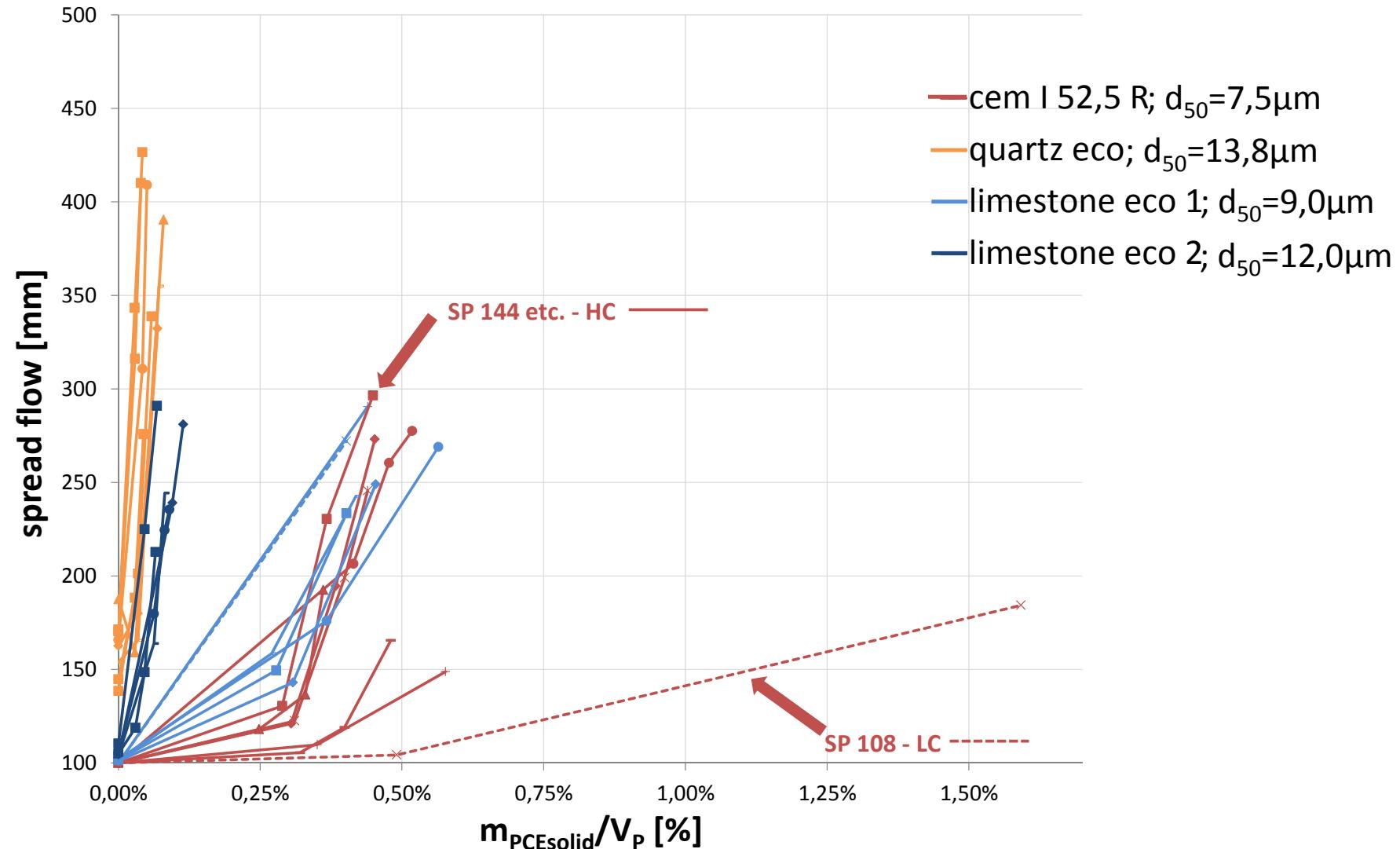
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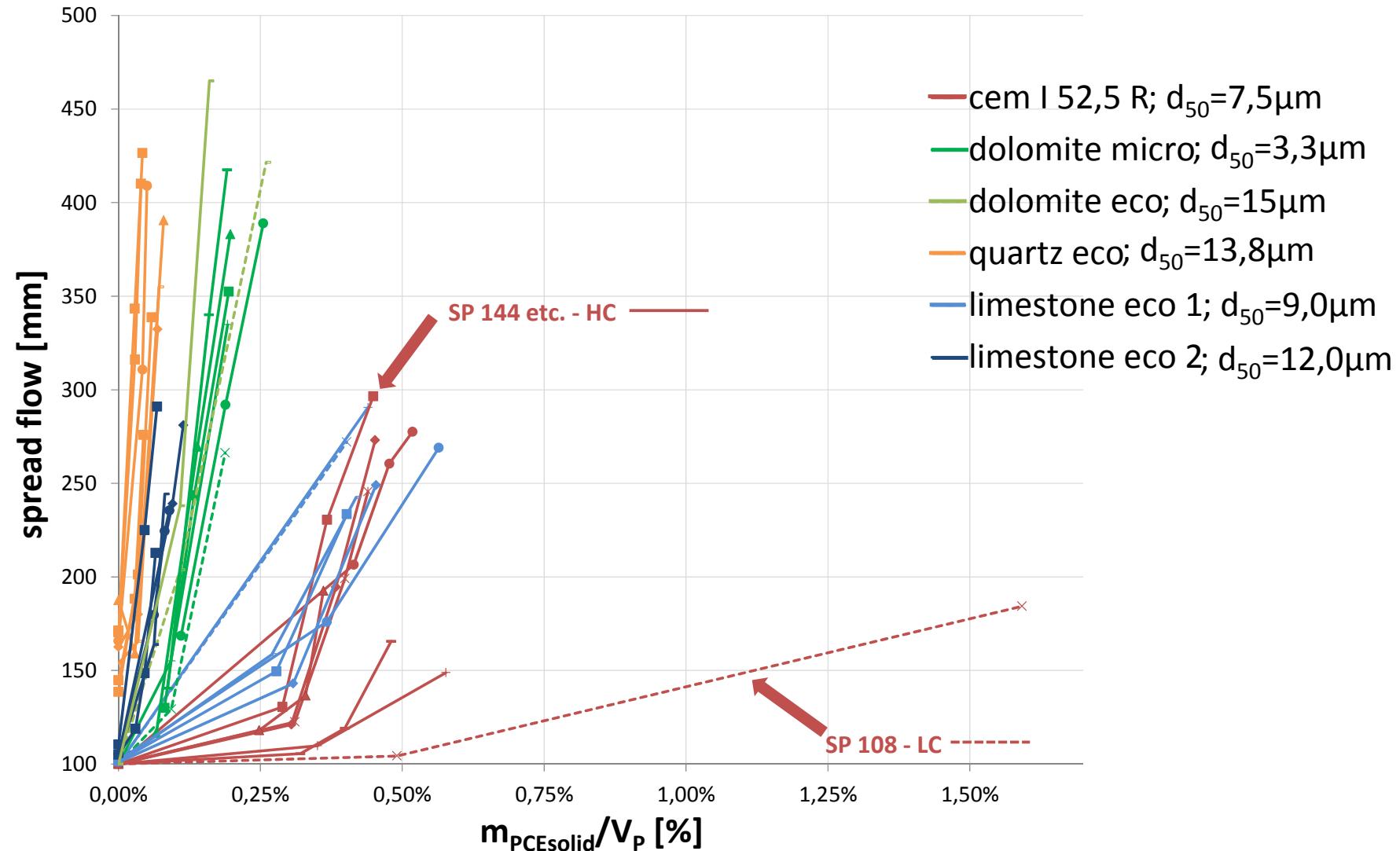
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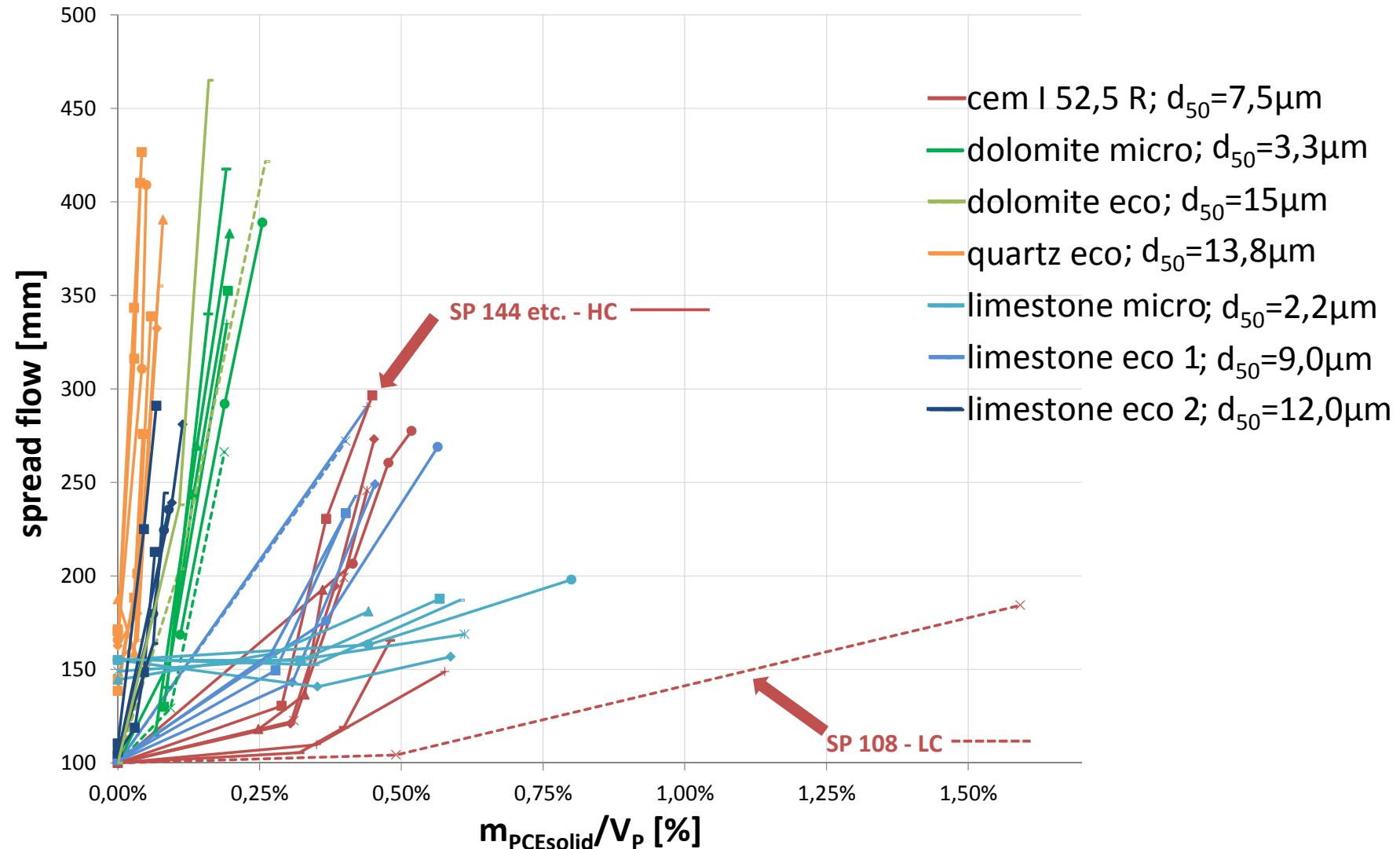
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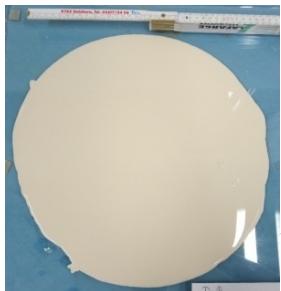


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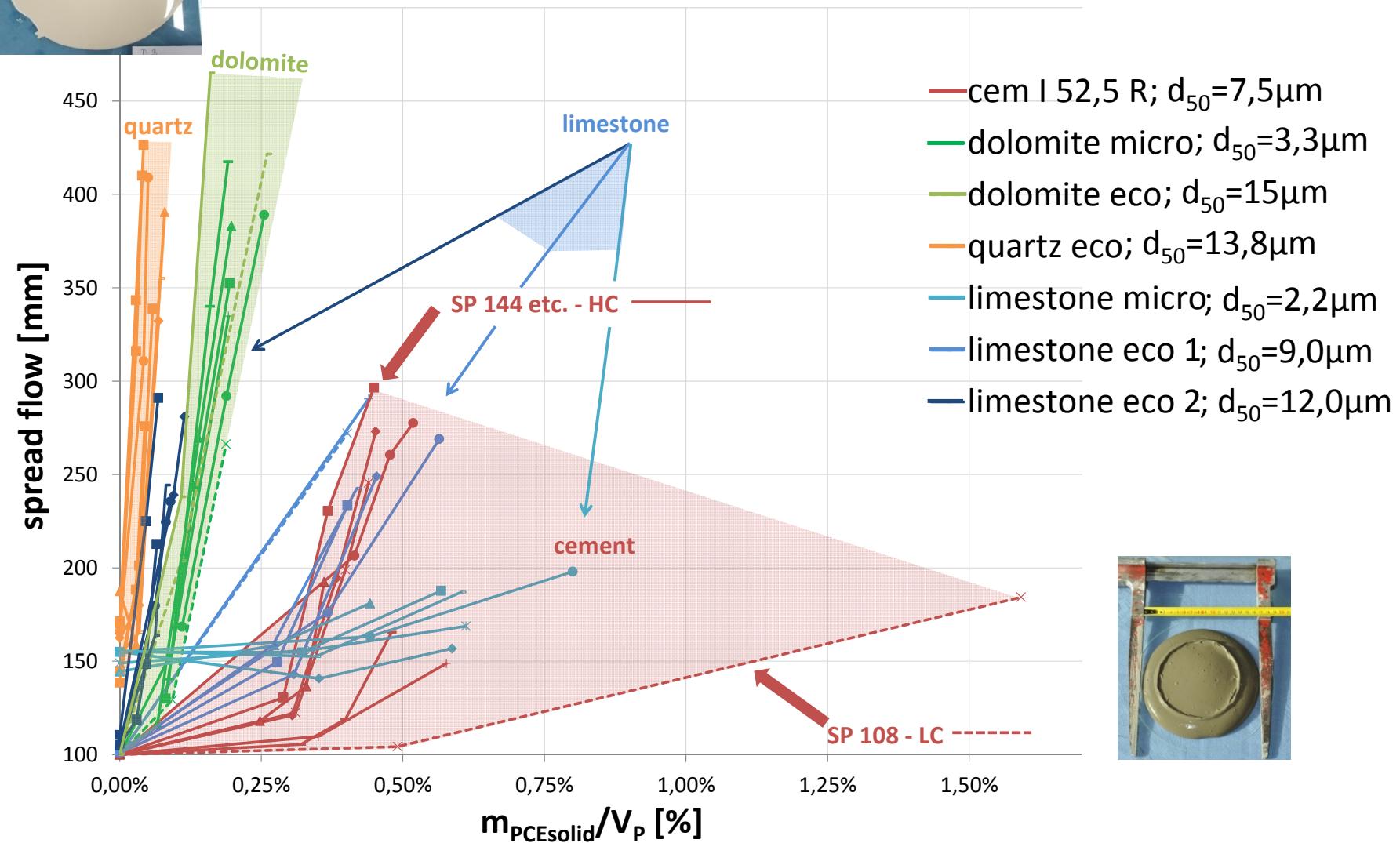


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# Rheometer –Tests

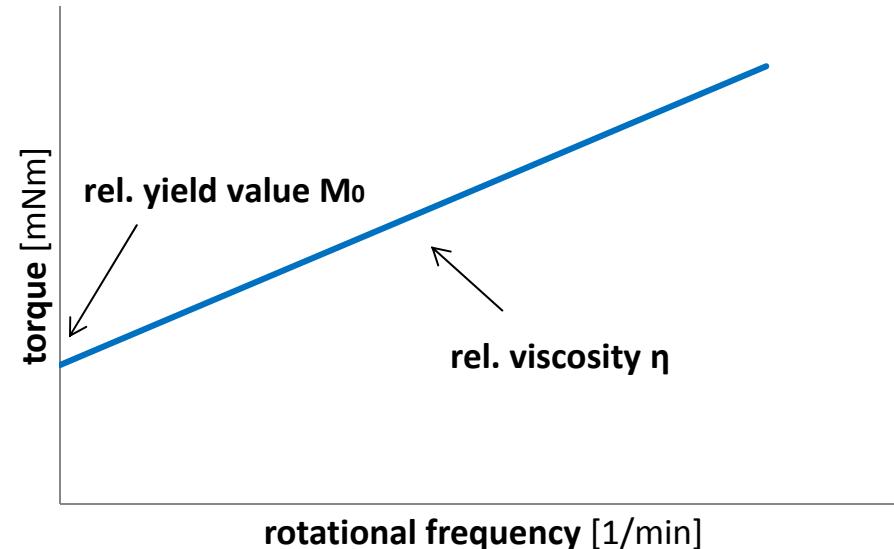
**water/powder mixes with constant starting consistency**

(near minimum water demand, spread flow= 130 mm)

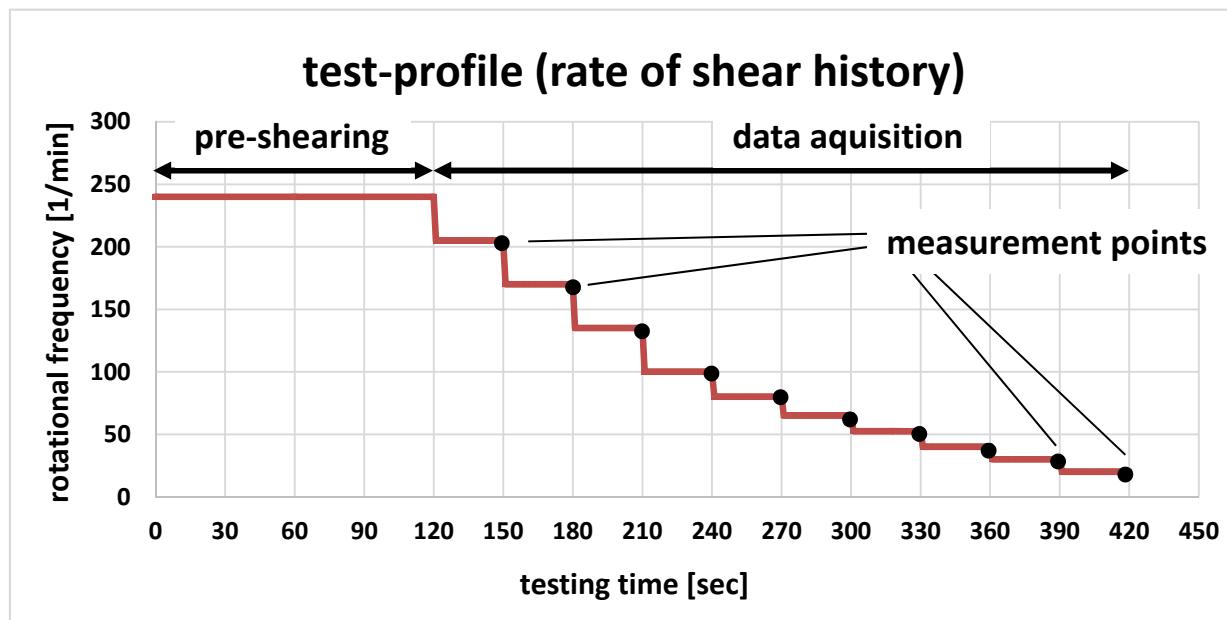
**addition of superplasticizers + external pre-mixing**



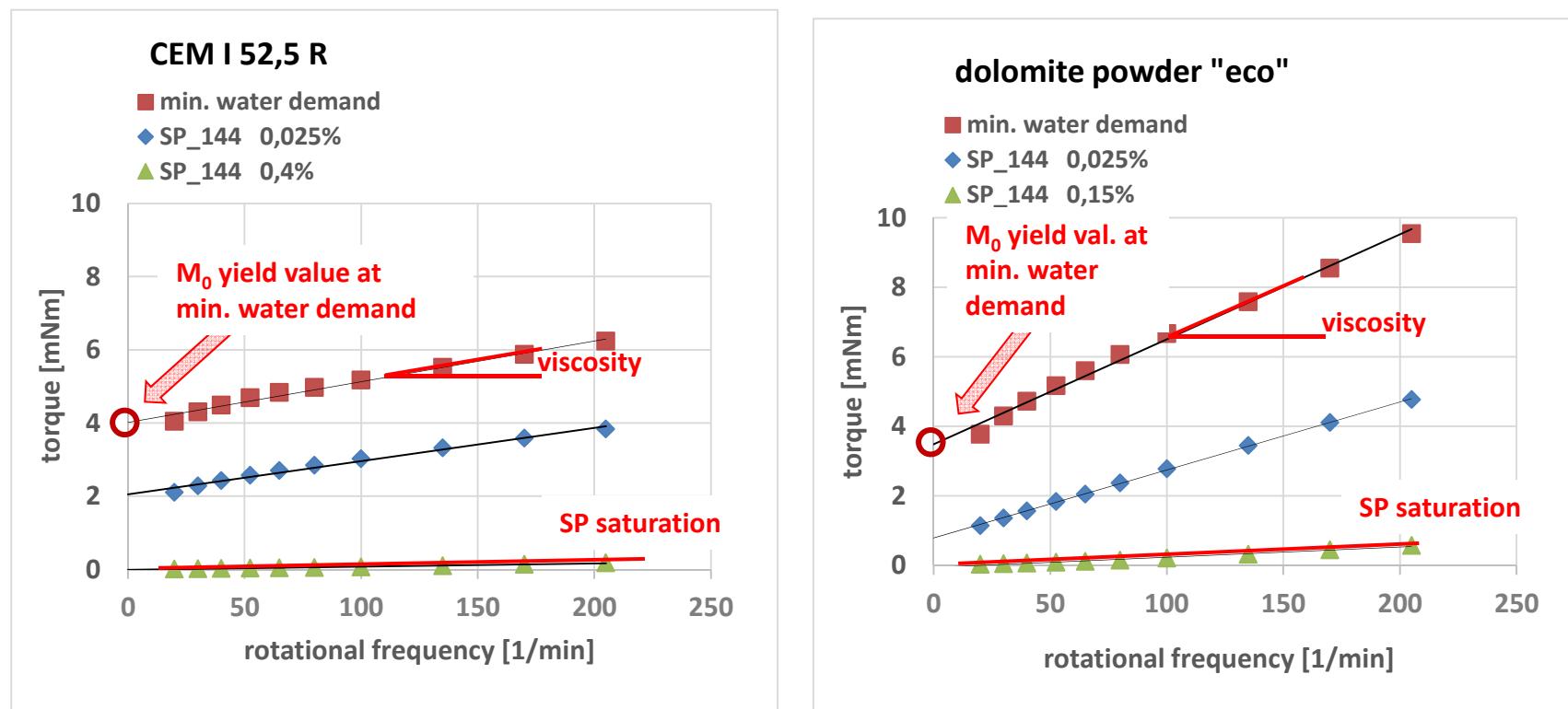
assumption: **linear Bingham flow-curve**



## Specifications Rheometer Measurements



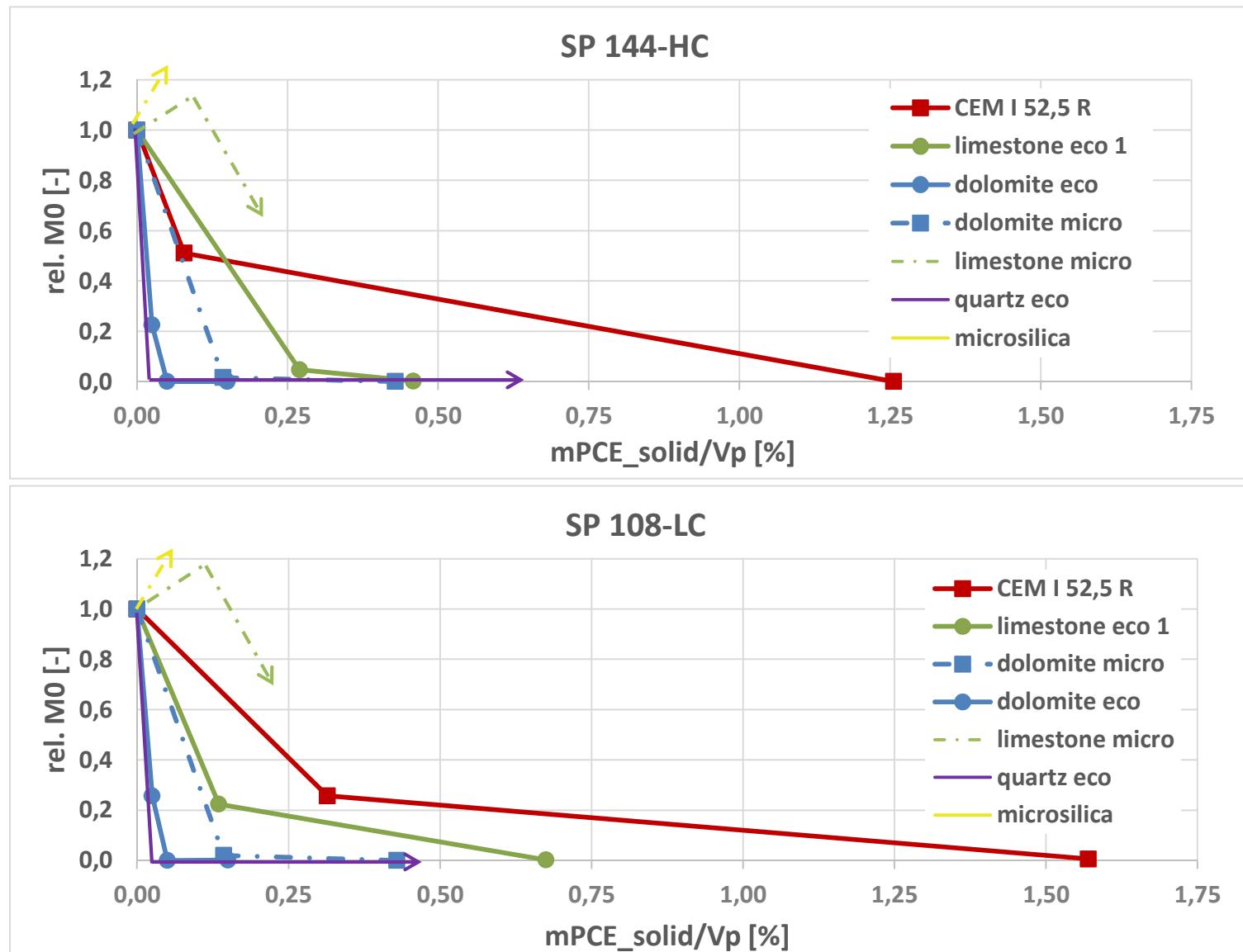
## Results Rheometer – flow curves



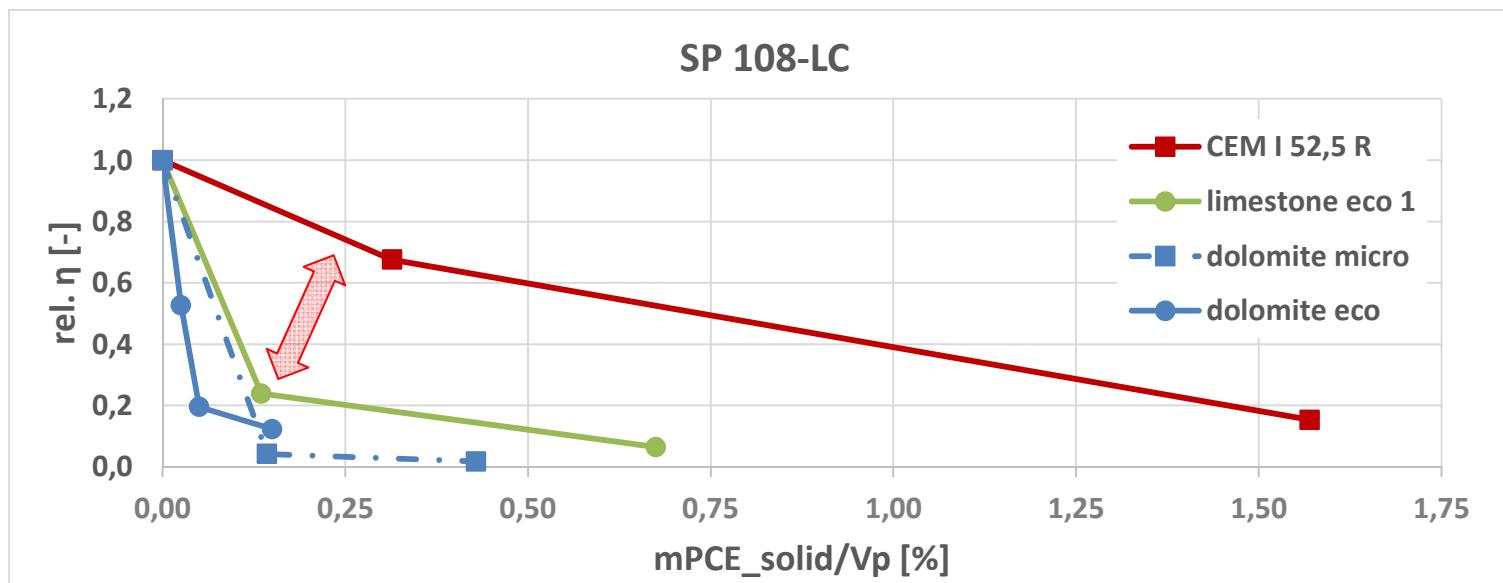
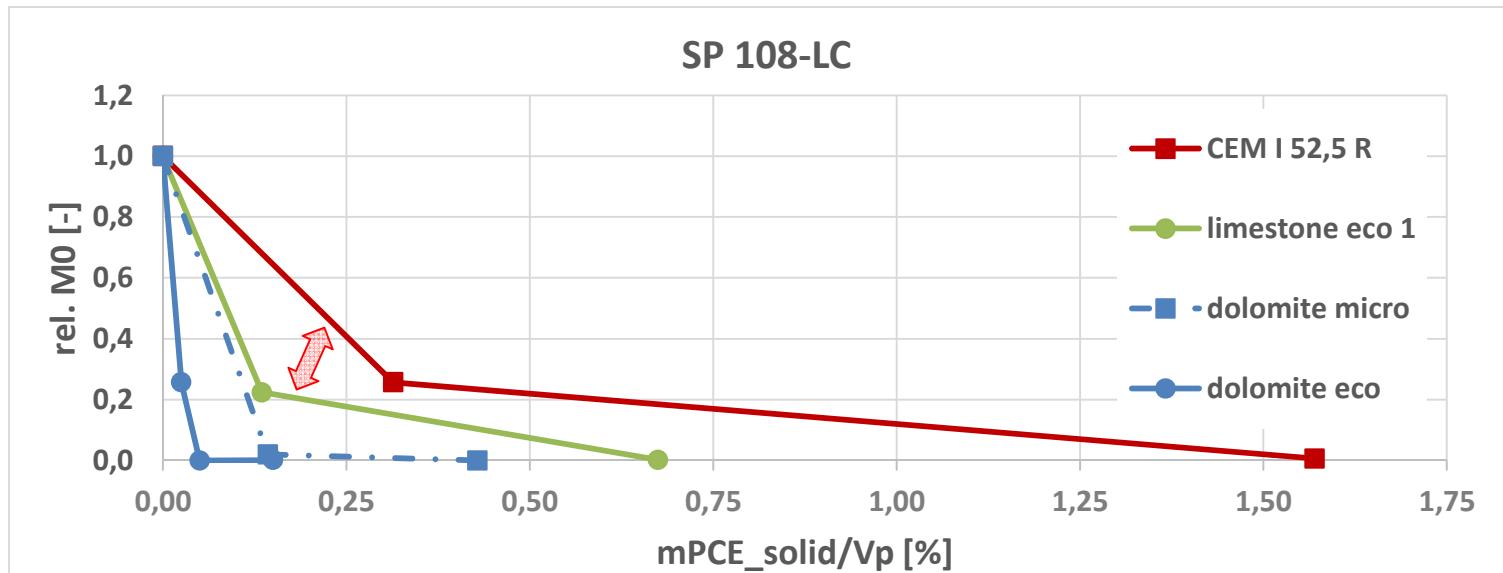
**Yield value min. water demand  $M_{0,mwd} \sim \text{const.}$**   
for all water/powder mixes

$$\rightarrow \text{rel. } M_0 = \frac{M_0}{M_{0,mwd}}$$

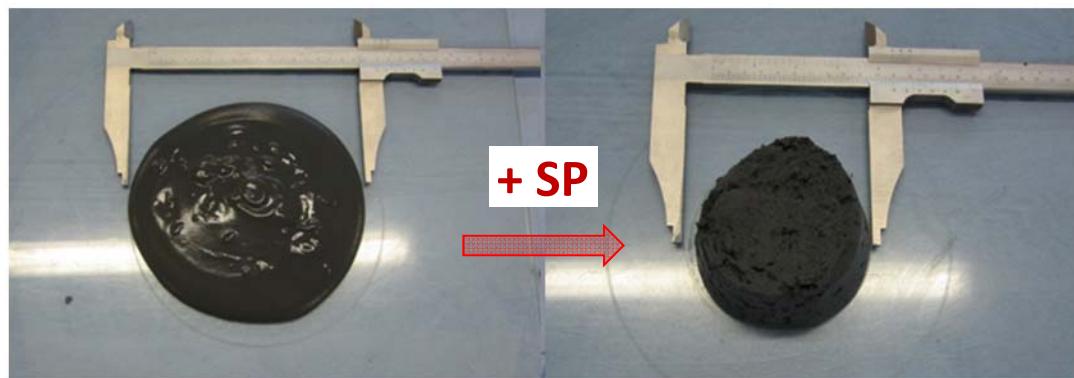
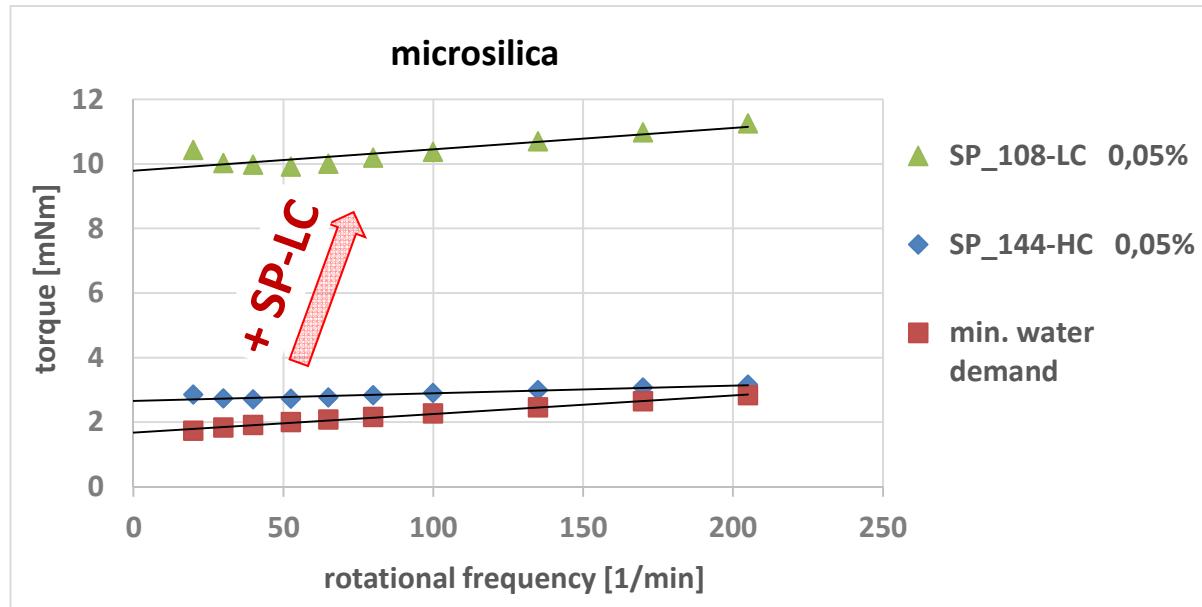
## Results Rheometer –yield stress (rel. $M_0$ ) vs. SP-dosage



## Results Rheometer – rel. $M_0$ vs. rel. $\eta$



## Influence of PCE-SP on Microsilica ( $d_{50} \sim 0,2\mu\text{m}$ )



## Summary and Conclusion

- investigations by spread flow test and Rheometer
- **SP-demand of CEM I > SP-demand of most stone powders**  
with similar fineness to CEM I  
(differs for quartz-dolomite-limestone)
- **viscosity of CEM I mixes > viscosity of most stone powder mixes** of similar fineness
- **„SP-demand“ ↑ with increasing fineness of powders**  
**increase of yield stress & agglomeration of PCE** with very fine powders observed
- **for stone-powders: only small differences between SP-HC and SP-LC**
- **spread flow over time:**  
**decrease for cement (SP-HC ) > decrease for stone powders**  
(almost no decrease over time for stone powders with all SP)
- **estimation of spread flow of powder-mixes is possible when knowing the SP-demand of single ingredients** (by summing up the weighted spread flows)
- **Outlook:** testing of the effect of SP on powders in pore solution of cement-limes is recommended (pre-tests show a big influence of pH-value and ions in pore solution on the interaction of powders and pore solution)

# Thank you for your attention!



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