

# New Approach to analyze cement hydration data using TAM Air



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# Microcalorimetry Product Line

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**MCDSC**

**NanoDSC - AS**



**8 Channel**



**3 Channel**

**TAM Air**

**NanoITC**  
**Std Vol & Low Vol**



**Affinity ITC AS**



**TAM IV / 48**

# History of TAM Air

## 1<sup>st</sup> TAM Air

- 8 channels
- Data logging
- 5-60 ° C
- External steady state calibration

2000

## 3<sup>rd</sup> TAM Air

5-90 ° C

2005

## 3-channel calorimeter block

2010

## 5<sup>th</sup> TAM Air

- New design

Software  
Cement Analysis

2015

## 2<sup>nd</sup> TAM Air

Internal steady state calibration

Admix ampoule  
for early reactions

## 4<sup>th</sup> TAM Air

- TAM Air Assistant
- Internal pulse calibration



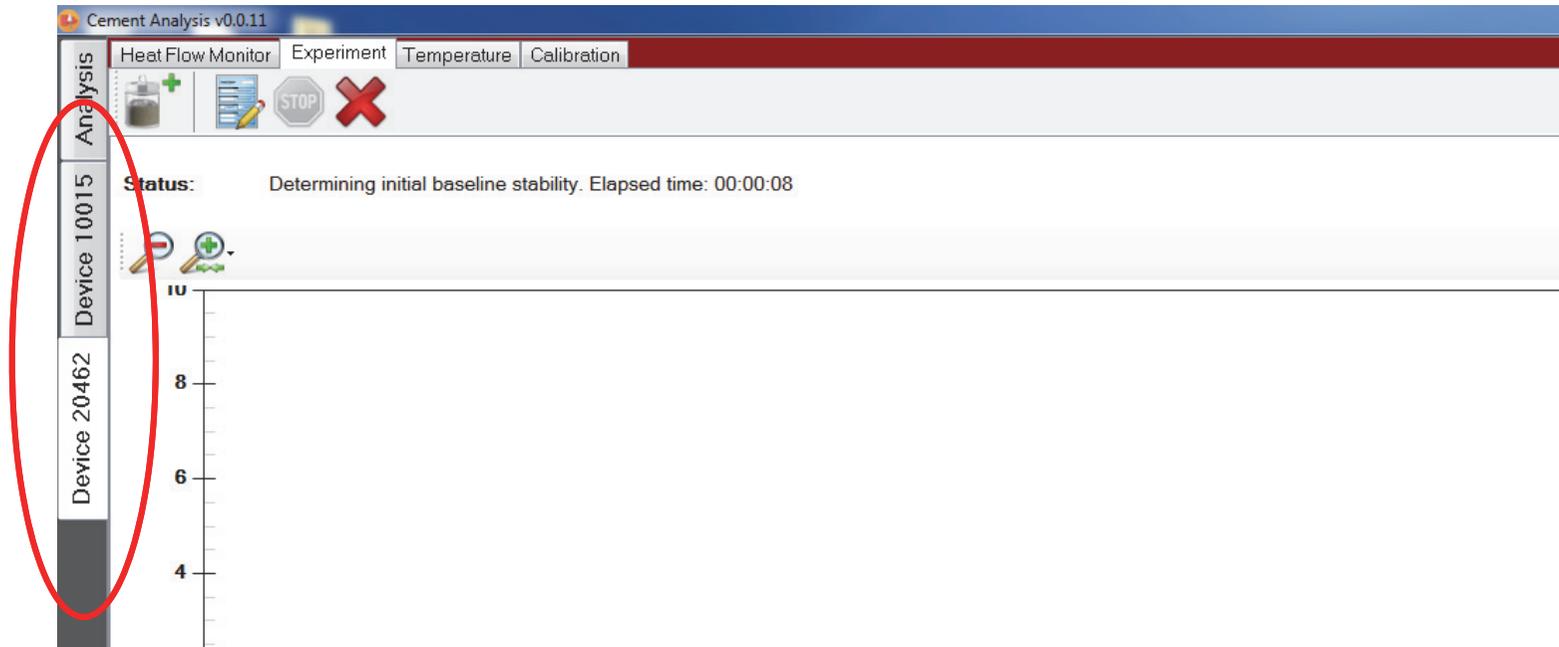
# Cement Analysis Software



Released soon... Expected for Q1/19



# Connect to Multiple Calorimeters



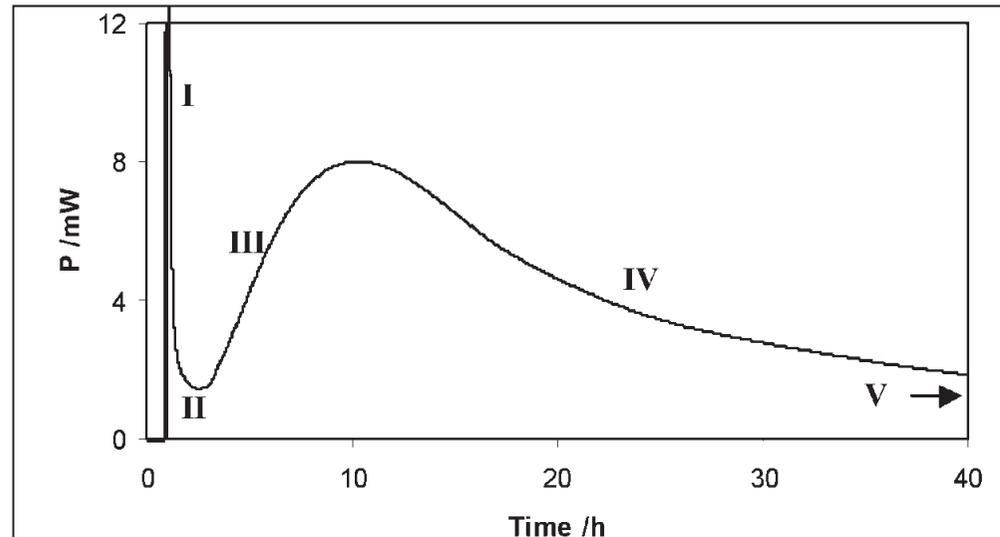
Easily connects to multiple TAM AIR units, older with Omron controller and new Discovery Style TAM AIR

# Cement Hydration (Portland)

Dr. Sandberg, Grace Construction Products, US (2002)

The hydration process undergoes a number of phases (*Young, 1985*)

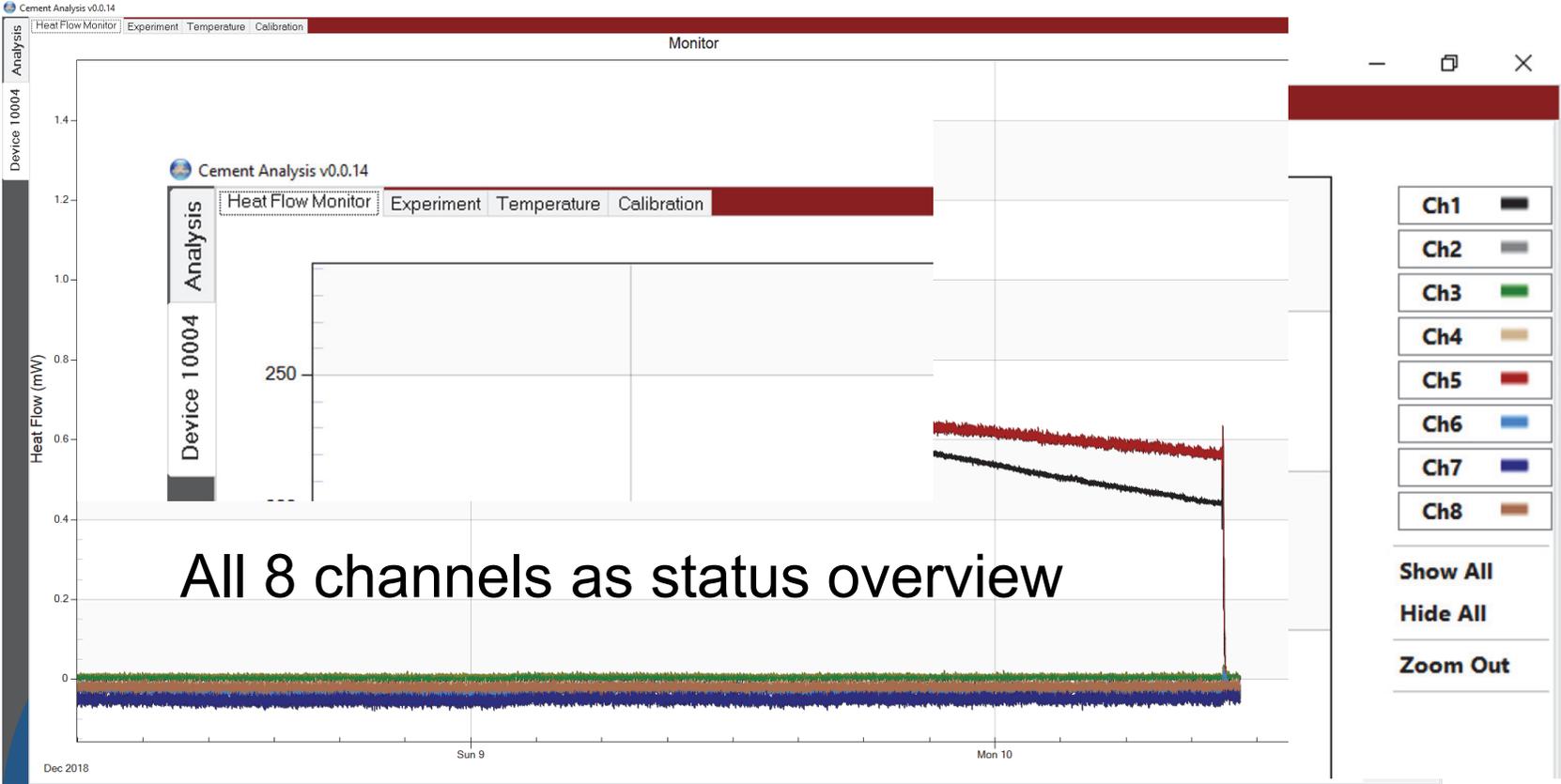
- (I) Rapid initial processes
- (II) Dormant period
- (III) Acceleration period
- (IV) Retardation period
- (V) Long term reactions



The phases has been described in more detail (*Sandberg, 2002*)

- (I) Dissolution of ions and initial hydration
- (II) Formation of ettringite
- (III) Initiation of silicate hydration
- (IV) Depletion of sulphate

# Real-time Monitor All Channels



All 8 channels as status overview

# Calibration



Completed in TAM Assistant. Cement Analysis automatically imports values

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Heat Flow Monitor | Experiment | Temperature | Calibration

Analysis

Device 10004

Calibration Gains

Current

Ch 1	Ch 2	Ch 3	Ch 4	Ch 5	Ch 6	Ch 7	Ch 8
1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
N/A							

Custom

Ch 1	Ch 2	Ch 3	Ch 4	Ch 5	Ch 6	Ch 7	Ch 8
<input type="text" value="1.00"/>							
N/A							

You can adjust values 'custom' if channels are run with an admix accessory.

# Start A New Experiment

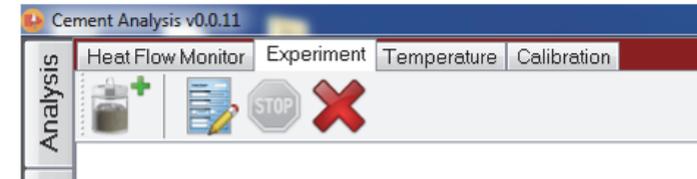


Experiment Name: Experiment 2

Folder: C:\Users\ApsLab\Documents

Operator: cfq

OK Cancel



Choose where to save the data

Select the channels.  
Channels already running experiments are greyed out

Choose one or more calorimeters:

<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

Select All Available

# Enter Sample Information at Any Time



**Sample Information Editor**

Channel: 1 Normalization Units: [dropdown]

Sample Total

Total mass: [input] g  Use Total mass to normalize data

Name: [input]

ID: [input]

Additional Info: [input]

Component: [dropdown] [green +] [green +] [red -]

Mass: [input] [dropdown]  Use this component to normalize data

Name: [input]

ID: [input]

Physical Shape: [input]

Preparation: [input]

Additional Info: [input]

Cancel OK

Select what parameter to normalize data to (units & component)

**Quick Component Setup**

Name	Units	Ch1 Amount	Ch2 Amount	Ch5 Amount	Ch6 Amount
Cement	g				
Water	g				
Aggregate	g				
SO <sub>2</sub>	g				
SCM 1	g				
SCM 2	g				
Admixture 1	g				
Admixture 2	g				

Table already populated with common components

Add New Component OK Cancel

# Collect baselines



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### Baseline Information

Initial Baseline

Stability Conditions: Moderate Maximum Time (min): 120

Baseline Duration (min): 30

Experiment Main

Collection Time (hr): Leave blank for indefinite.

Final Baseline

Stability Conditions: Moderate Maximum Time (min): 120

Baseline Duration (min): 30

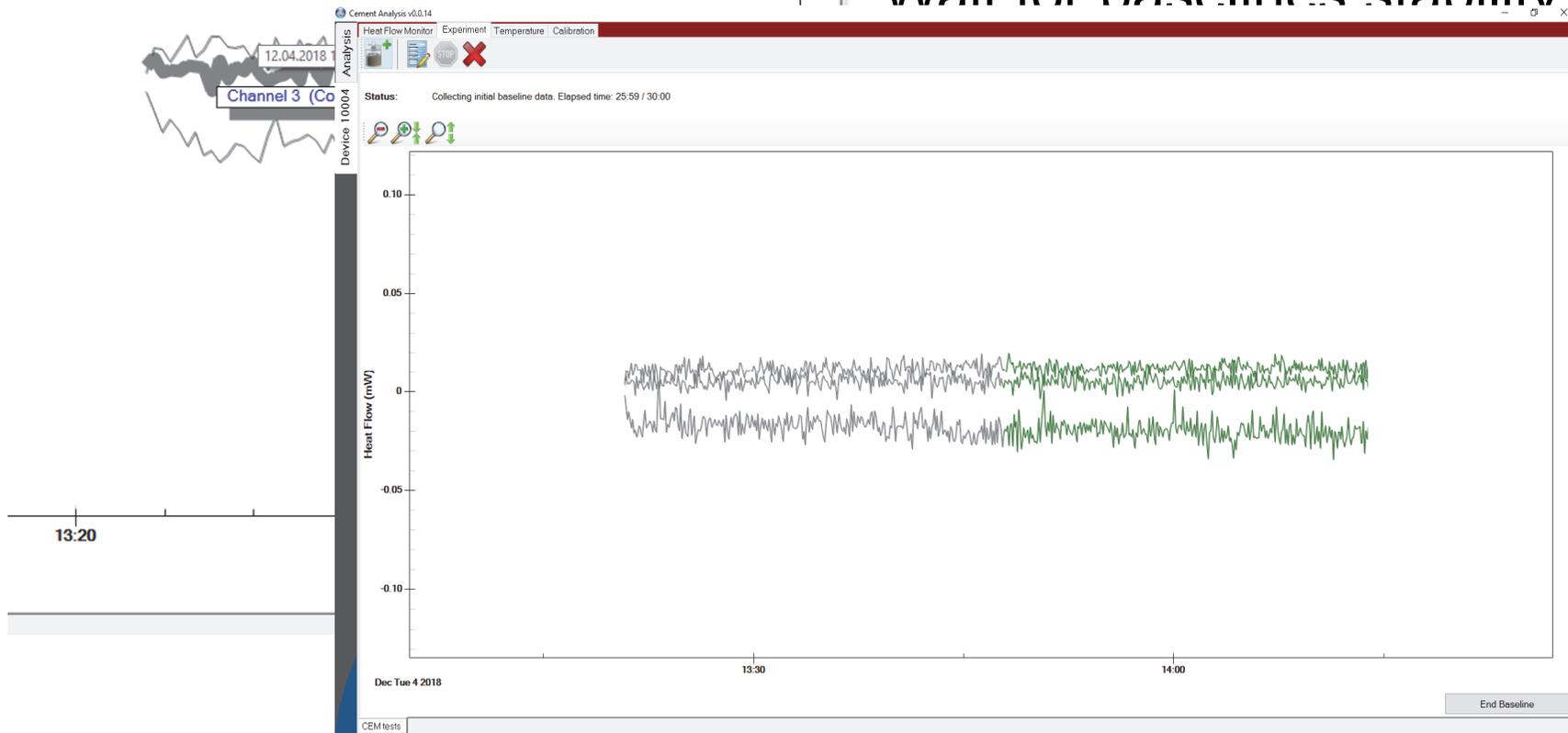
Decide about baselines once

Decide about specific experimental duration

# Collect baselines



Wait for baselines stability



# Let Software Track Times



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### Mix Start Times

Make sure to click on a Now button immediately after lowering the ampoule into the measuring position.

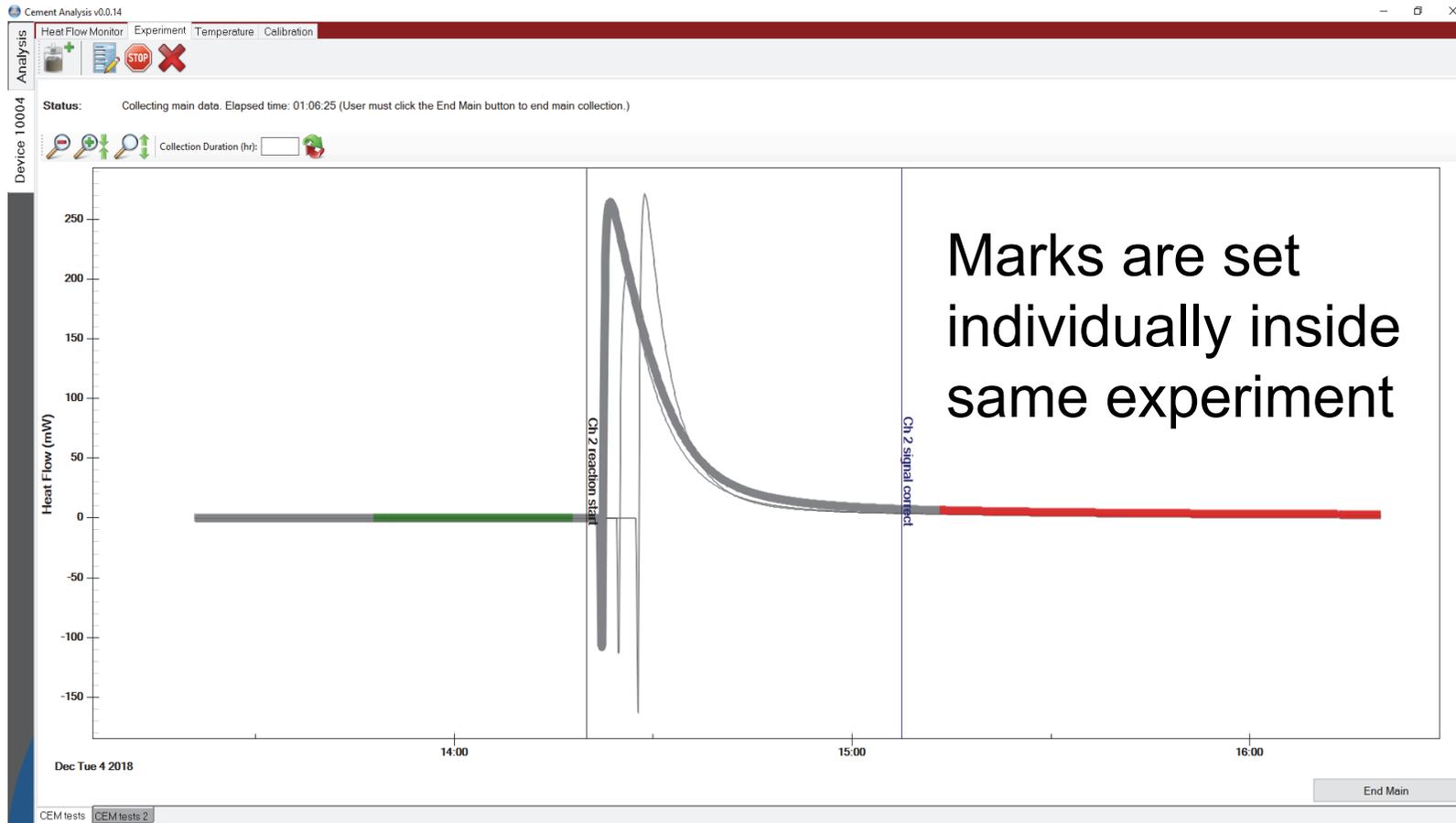
Channel 2 mixing was before 14:22:29 00:05:27

Channel 3 mixing was

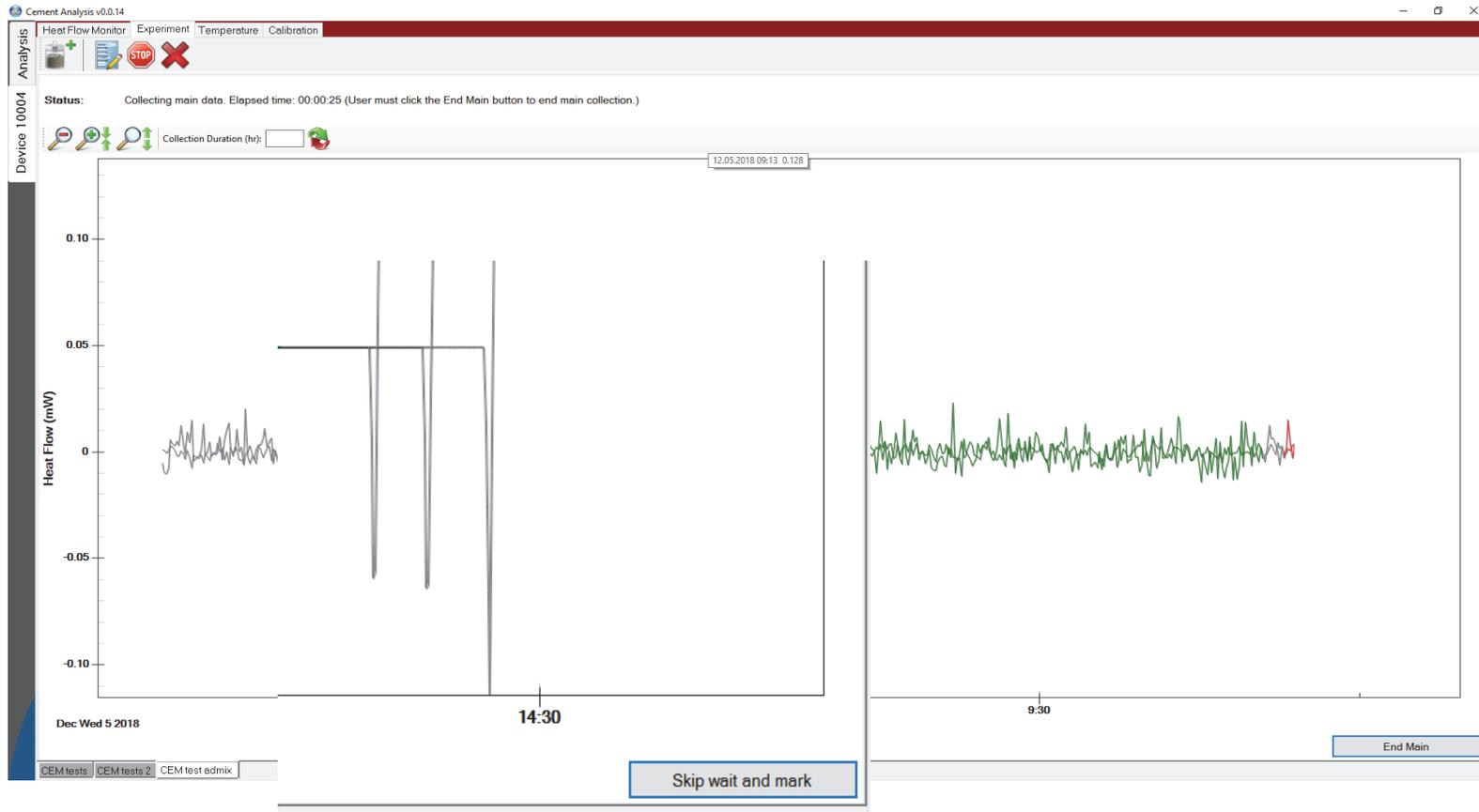
Channel 4 mixing was before 14:24:57 00:03:01

before Now 00:00

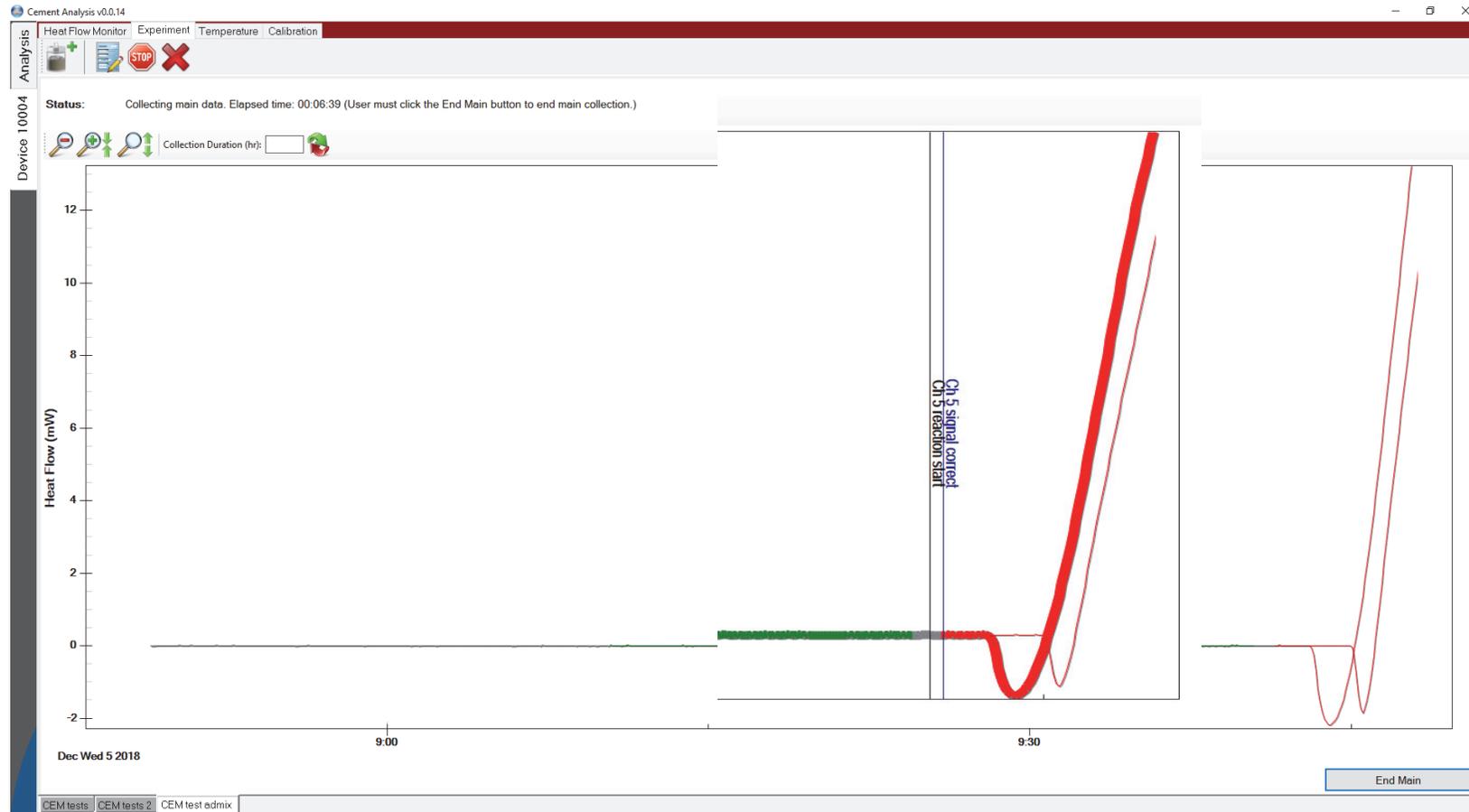
# Let Software Track Times



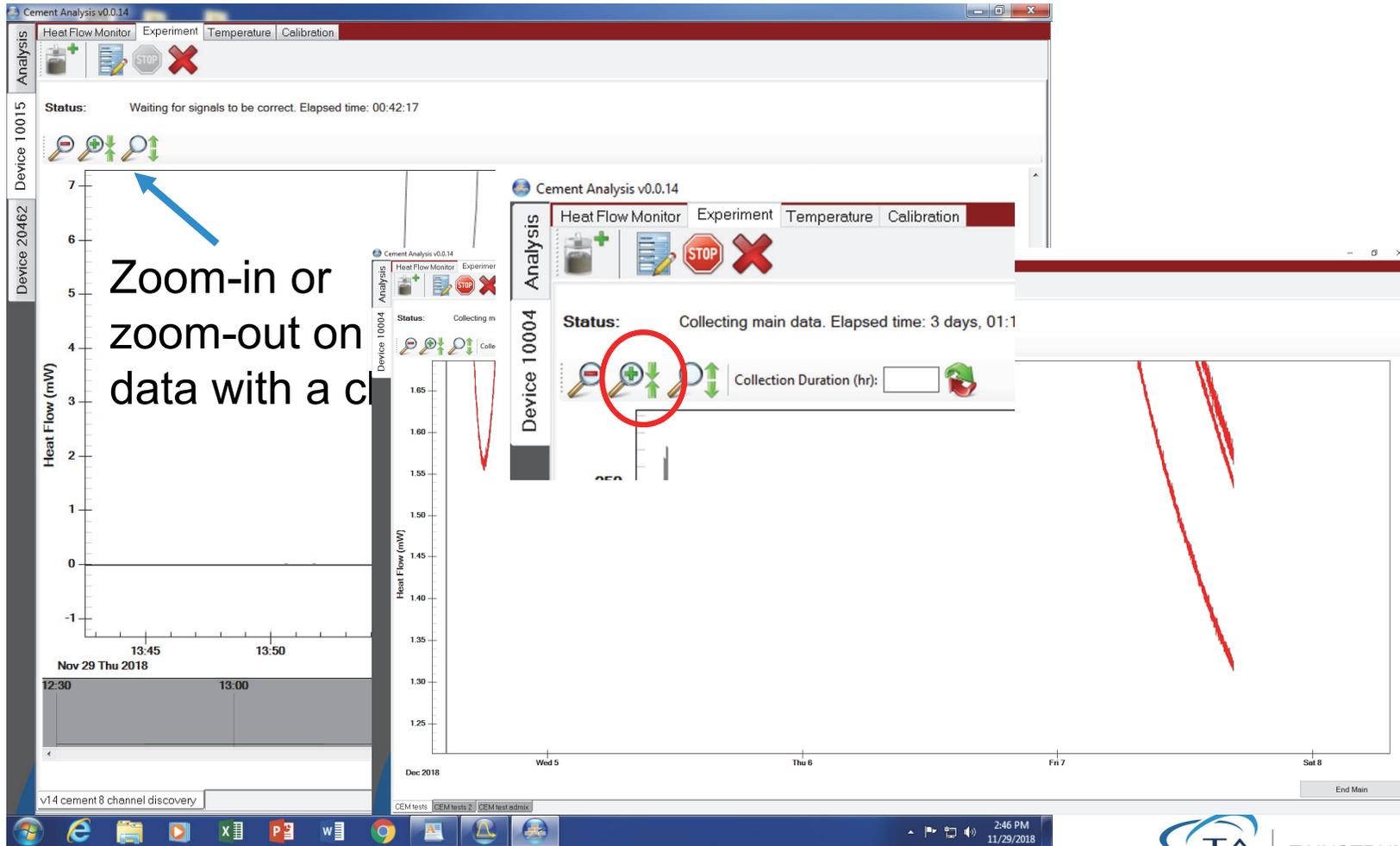
# Admix ampoules – ‘complete integration’



# Admix ampoules

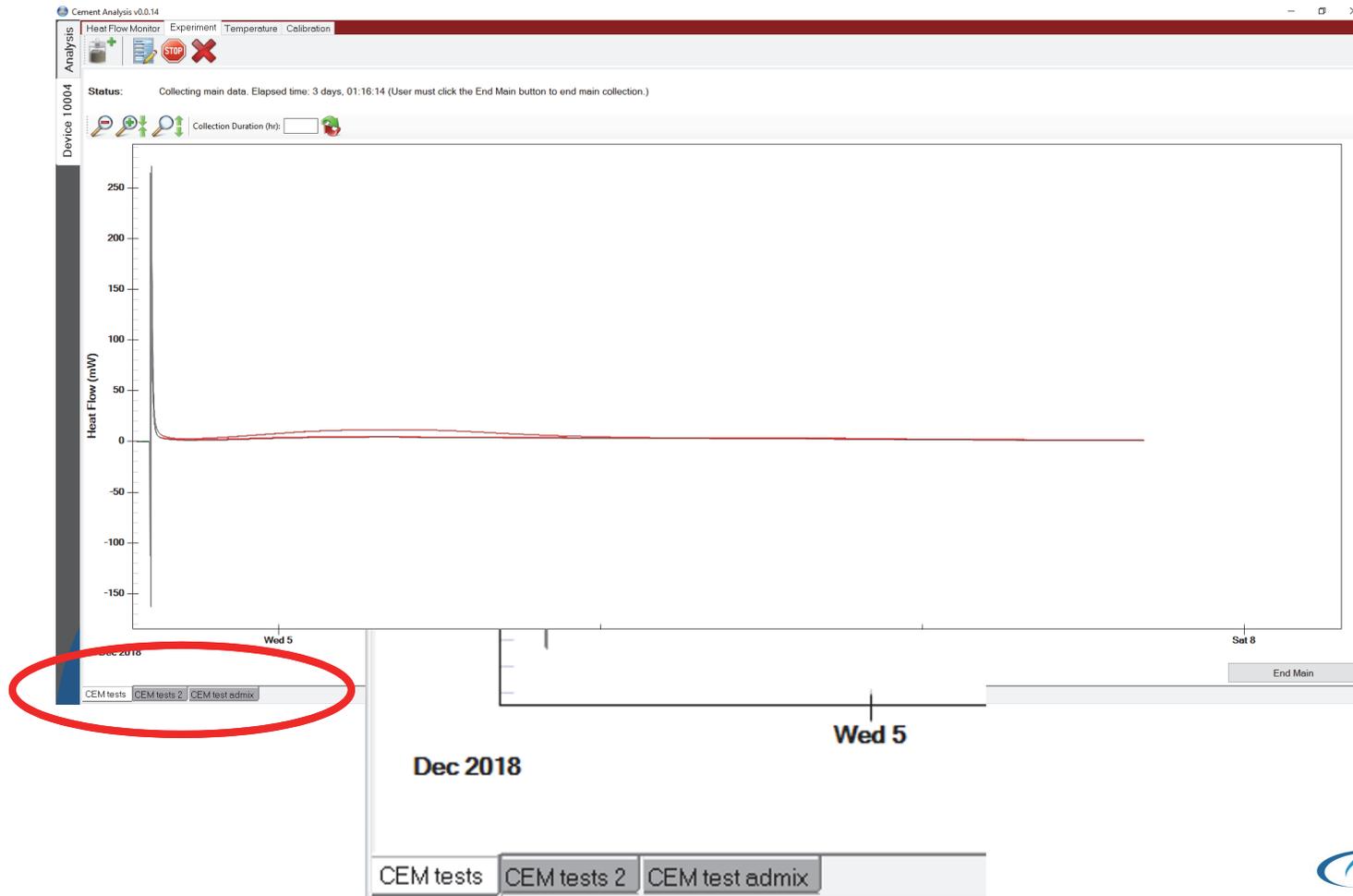


# Smart Zoom features

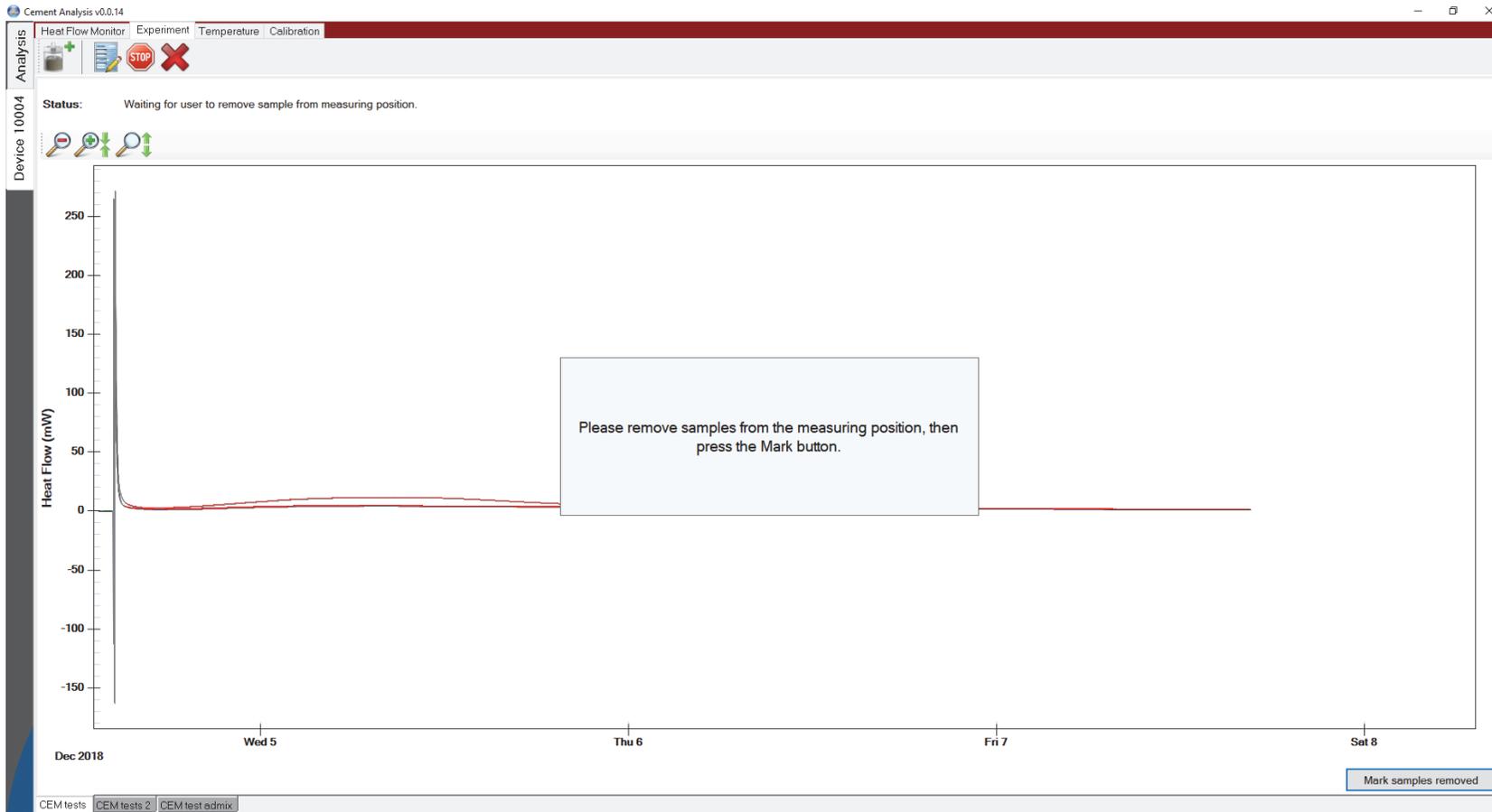


Zoom  
to all

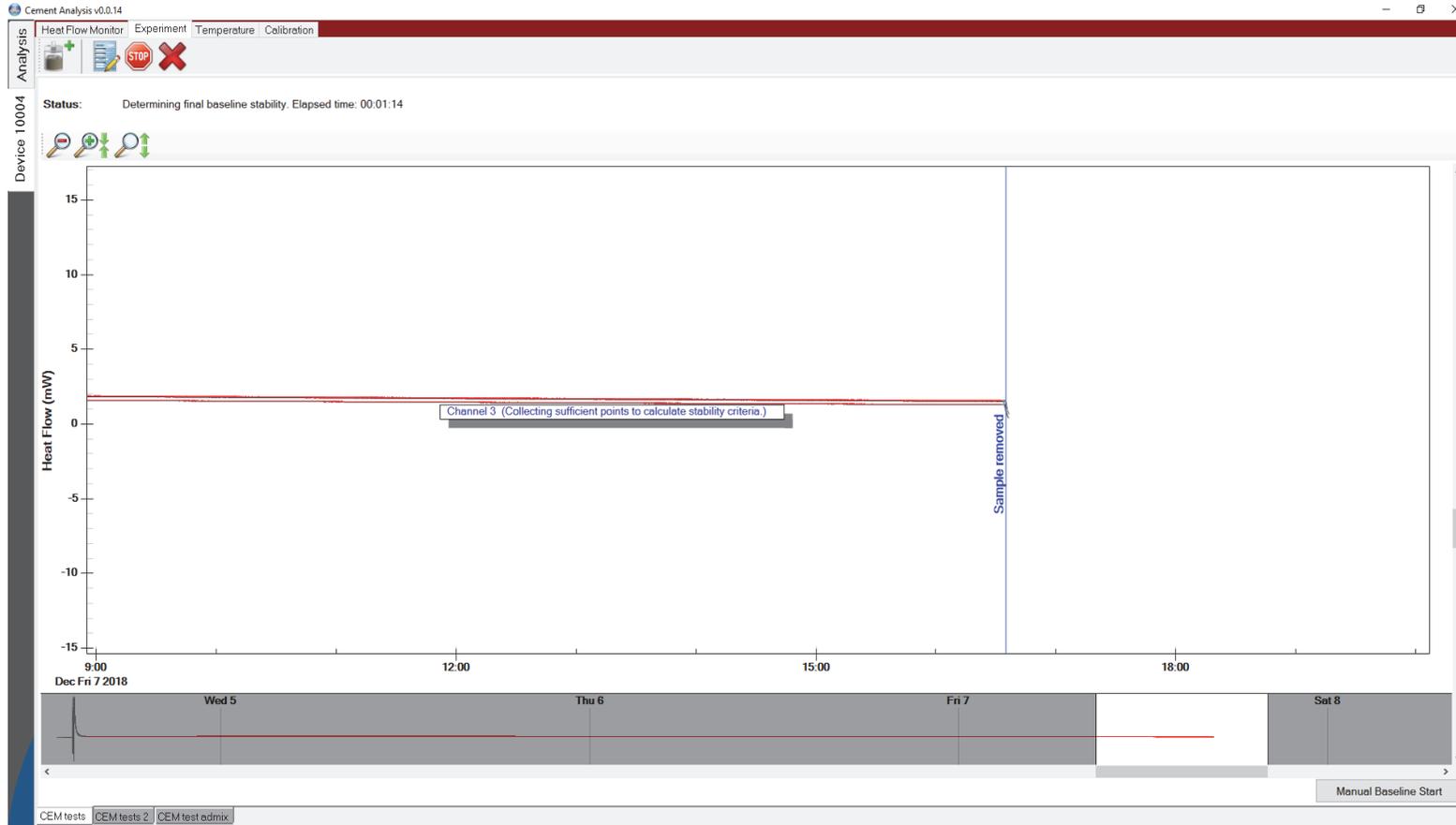
# Main part of experiment



# End of experiment



# Remove samples



# Fast & Simple Analysis



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Experiment

Analysis

Sample Information: Channel 2 Normalization Units g

Export Export All

Sample Total

Total mass 6.9938 g  Use Total mass to normalize data

Name: CEM152.2

ID:

Additional Info:

Component Cement + + -

Mass: 4.9938 g  Use this component to normalize data

Name: Cement

ID:

Physical Shape:

Preparation:

Additional Info:

Sample Info

View Info

Graph

Report

Exit Analysis

CEM tests

# Fast & Simple Analysis



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Experiment

Analysis

Data Series To Include

- Channel 2
- Channel 3
- Channel 4

Data to include in table

- Sample  Sample ID
- Normalized heat after 1 hour
- Normalized heat after 1 day
- Normalized heat after 3 days
- Normalized heat after 7 days
- Normalized heat after 10 days
- Time to peak from reaction start
- Peak max (after minimum)

Figures

- Normalized heat
- Normalized heat flow

Integration start time

Dec 04, 2018 15:07:30

At Signal Correct

Integration start time

Dec 04, 2018 15:07:30

At Signal Correct

At Minimum

Onset of integration easily changed

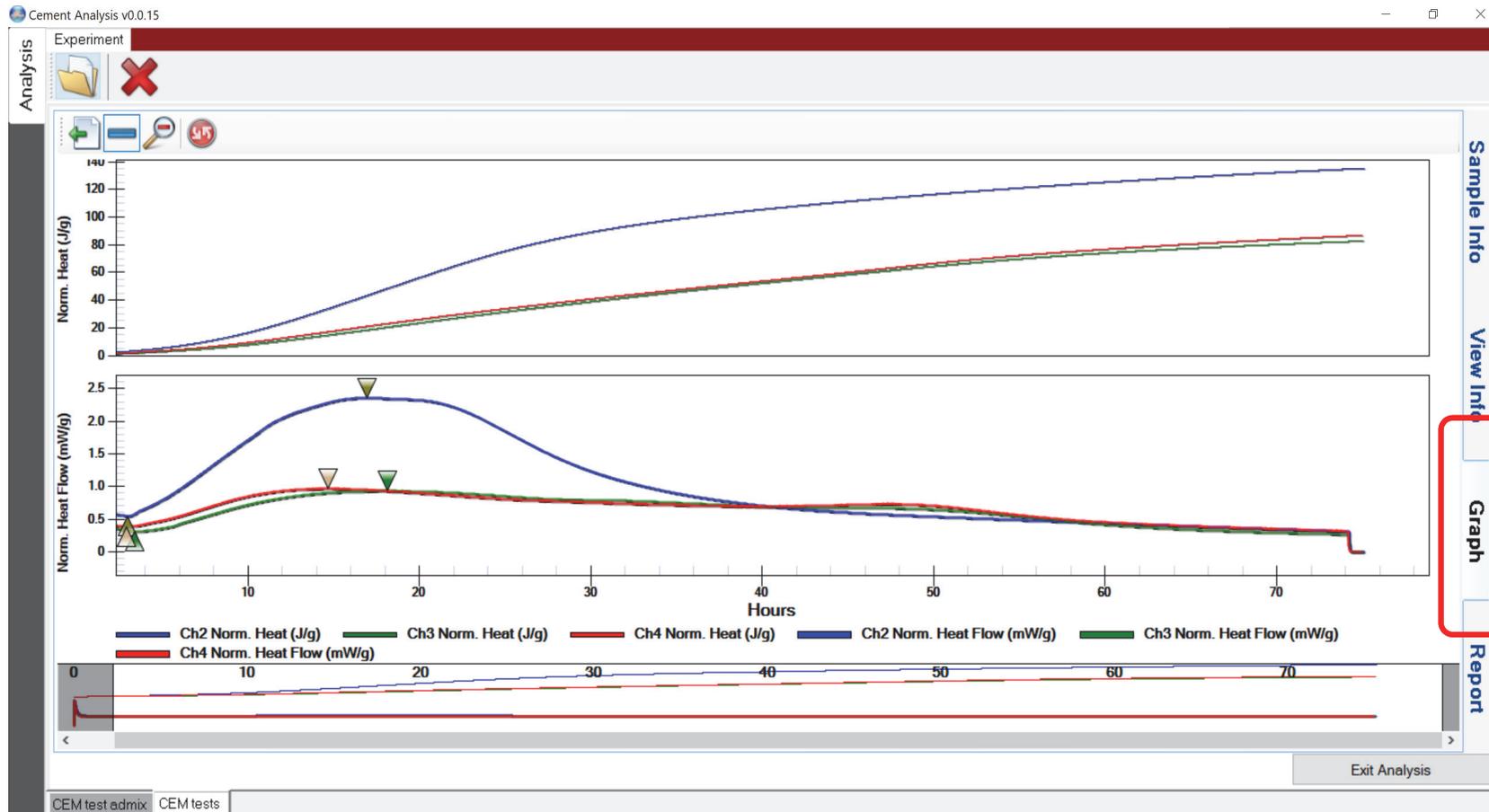
Sample Info

View Info

Exit Analysis

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# Analysis: Graphs



# Analysis: Report



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Analysis Experiment

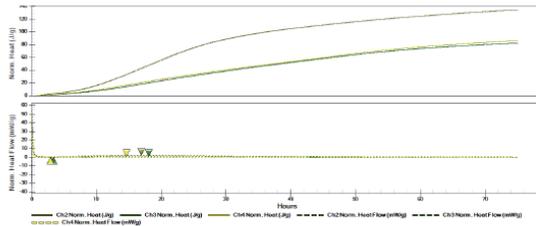
Export results 

Calorimeter Channel	2	3	4
<b>Sample</b>	CEM I 52.2	CEM III / A 32.5	CEM III / B 42.5N
<b>Sample ID</b>			
<b>Norm. Heat after 1 hour (J/g)</b>	0.50303	0.27843	0.26739
<b>Norm. Heat after 1 day (J/g)</b>	72.007	30.074	32.412
<b>Norm. Heat after 3 days (J/g)</b>	133.56	81.416	85.177
<b>Norm. Heat after 7 days (J/g)</b>			
<b>Time to peak (hr)</b>	16.94	18.12	14.67
<b>Peak max (mW/g)</b>	2.3588	0.93416	0.96916

Sample Info View Info Graph **Report**

CEM tests

# Export to a PDF – automatically populates sections



Results			
Calorimeter Channel	2	3	4
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Summary:  
 Channel: 2  
 Name: CEM tests  
 Start time: Dec 04, 2018 13:20:47  
 End time: Dec 07, 2018 17:28:52  
 Operator:  
 Results file path: C:\Users\Exhibition\Documents\TAM Air\cement a  
 Sample: CEM I 52.2  
 Sample ID:  
 Total mass: 6.9938  
 w/c: 0.4005  
 Cement: 4.9938  
 Water: 2

Summary:  
 Channel: 3  
 Name: CEM tests  
 Start time: Dec 04, 2018 13:20:47  
 End time: Dec 07, 2018 17:28:52  
 Operator:  
 Results file path: C:\Users\Exhibition\Documents\TAM Air\cement analysis\CEM tests.cmt  
 Sample: CEM III / A 32.5  
 Sample ID:  
 Total mass: 7.0001  
 w/c: 0.39999  
 Cement: 5.0001  
 Water: 2

## Summary:

Channel: 2  
 Name: CEM tests  
 Start time: Dec 04, 2018 13:20:47  
 End time: Dec 07, 2018 17:28:52  
 Operator:  
 Results file path: C:\Users\Exhibition\Documents\TAM Air\cement analysis\CEM tests.cmt  
 Sample: CEM I 52.2  
 Sample ID:  
 Total mass: 6.9938  
 w/c: 0.4005  
 Cement: 4.9938  
 Water: 2

# Thank You

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# TAM Air – 8 and 3 channel calorimeter

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