## Supplementary Information for

# Phase and microstructure evolutions in LC<sup>3</sup> binders by multi-technique approach including synchrotron microtomography

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# Raw data availability and description

Tomographic reconstructed raw data (6 tomograms) are available from the authors upon request. Interested researchers in the synchrotron tomographic reconstructed data should be aware of the size of these files which are given in the following table. A hard drive could be necessary.

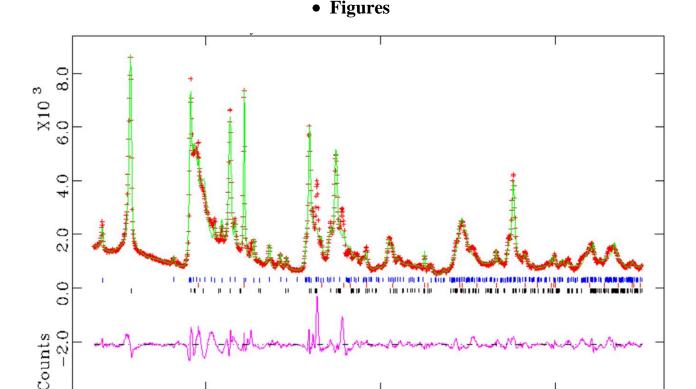
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33_PC-FC35-Cc-G-7d (Absorption)	21.8Gb	
15_PC-FC35-Cc-G-28d (Paganin)	21.6Gb	PC-FC35-Cc-G-Hydration Age
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<sup>\*</sup>Original file size for every single dataset is 27.4GB

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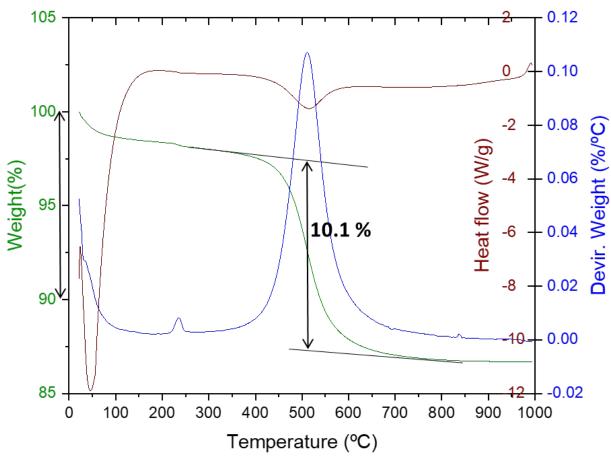
Additionally, the raw data for calorimetry, MIP, LXRPD, NMR and PSD are uploaded on Zenodo in text file or excel format. The thermal analysis files are also on Zenodo and can be open using the TA Universal Analysis software. Data can be accessed at: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4473084.



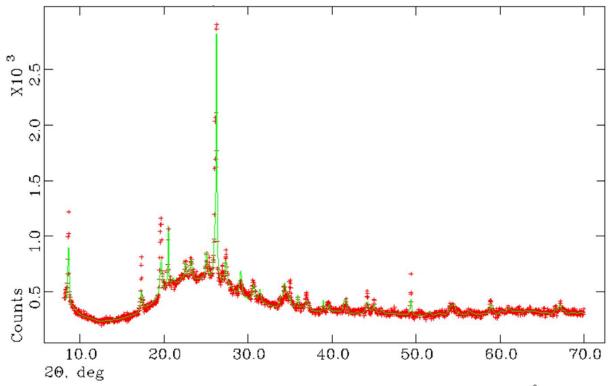
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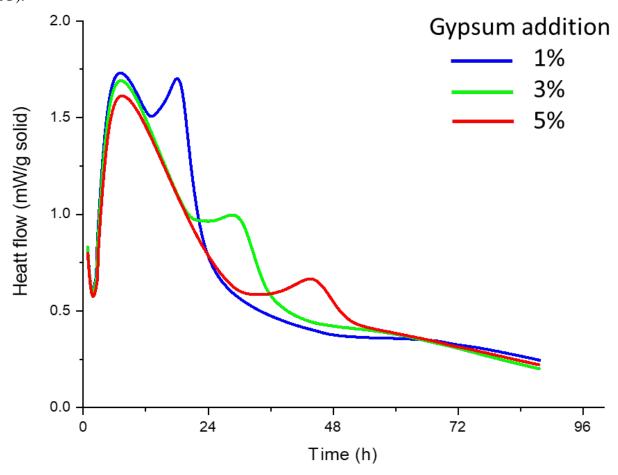


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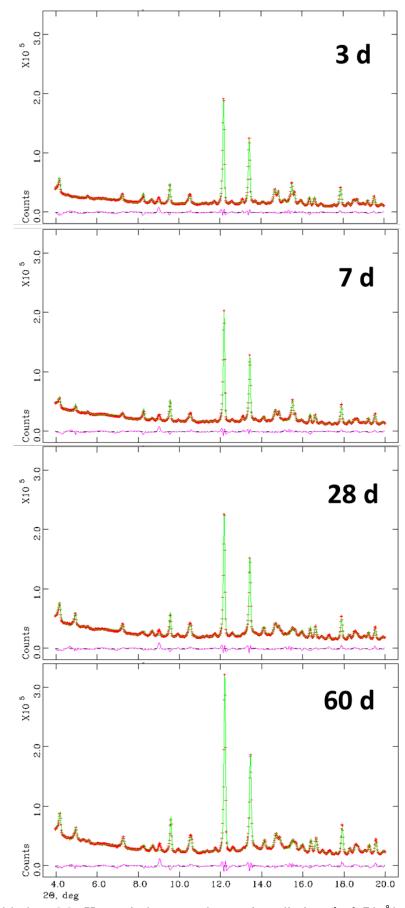


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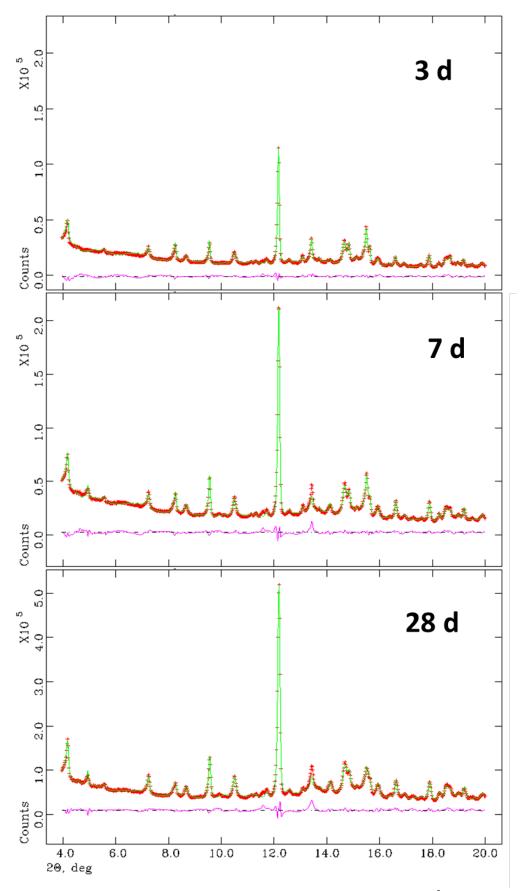
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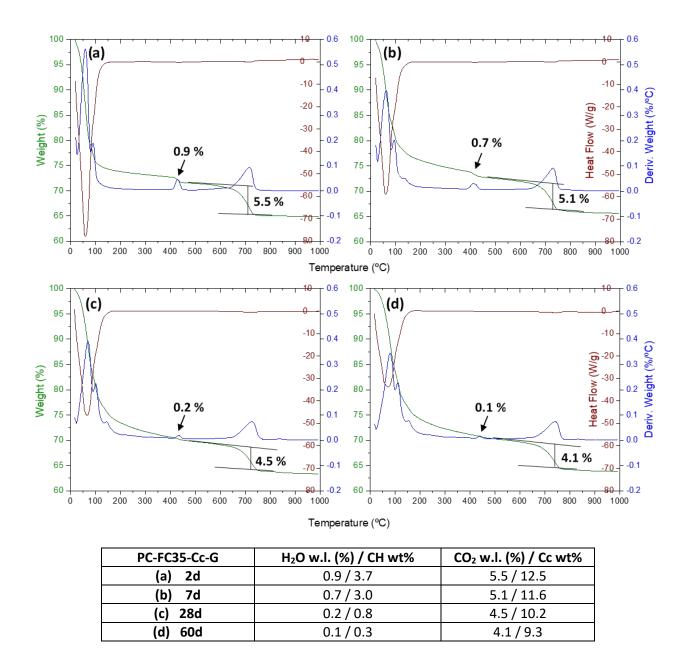
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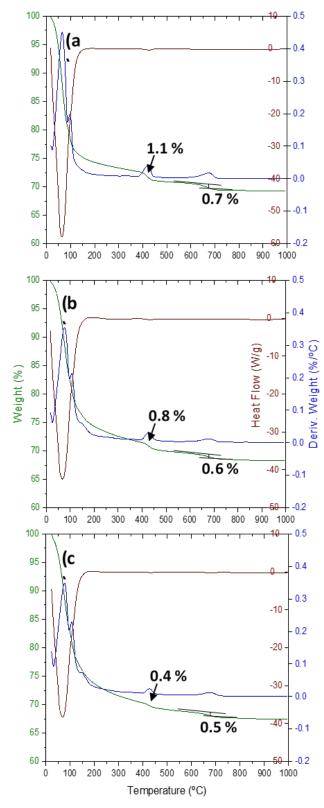
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PC-MK-G	H <sub>2</sub> O w.l. (%) / CH wt%	CO <sub>2</sub> w.l(%) / Cc wt%
(a) 2d	1.1 / 4.3	0.7 / 1.7
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(c) 28d	0.4 / 1.7	0.5 / 1.2

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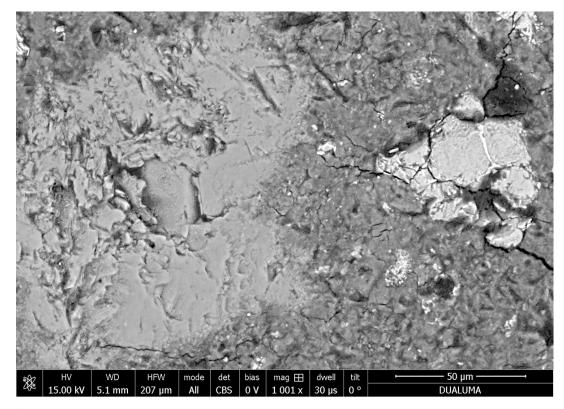
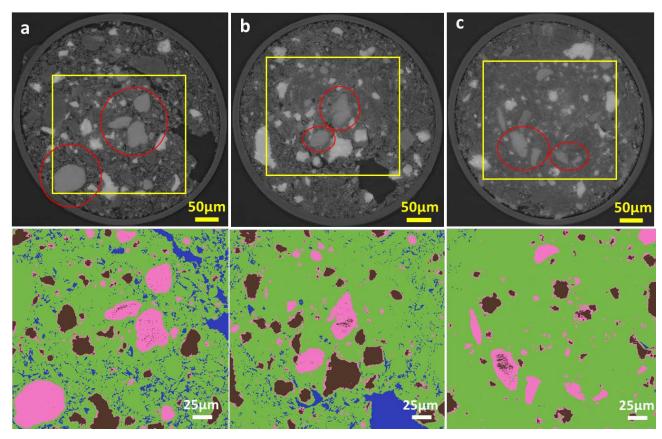


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