Process characteristics of clinker and cement production

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Cement production and concrete as building material

The properties of concrete make it a primary building material where reliability and durability are required.

Depending on the application ~ 300 kg cement are used for 1 m$^3$ of concrete.

The cement industry emits ~ 7% of global anthropogenic CO$_2$ emissions. China >50%.

Cement plant with rotary kiln, preheater tower and raw material grinding
Cement production process: Thermal energy demand and CO₂ emissions

- Process emissions from calcination of limestone: 60%
- 30% fuel emissions thermal energy prod.
- 10% electric power consumption, indirect emissions
Continuous high temperature process in the cement industry: Calcination and cement clinker burning

Calcination of raw material
\[ CaCO_3 \rightarrow CaO + CO_2 \]

- Process emissions of raw material: 
  \[ = 0.54 \text{ t CO}_2/\text{t clinker} \]
- Endotherm reaction at 950 °C
  ca. 1700 MJ/t clinker
  \[ \approx 50\% \text{ of energy} \]

Cement clinker burning at 1450 °C
- formation of hydraulic properties of clinker

Thermal energy requirement:
ca. 3510 MJ/t clinker
(CSI GNR-2014)

Electrical energy requirement:
ca. 110 kWh/t cement (VDZ)
CEMCAP – first experimental results and conclusions

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CEMCAP ambition

- CEMCAP will deliver strategic conclusions for how to progress CO\textsubscript{2} capture from cement plants from pilot-scale testing to demonstration
- Recommendations will be given for different scenarios (i.e. different types of cement plants at different locations in Europe)
- Focus is on retrofit – very few new cement plants are foreseen to be built in Europe

• CEMCAP oxyfuel results will be directly exploited in the ECRA CCS project
• Ca-looping results in H2020 CLEANKER project
• Exchanges with LILAC project: Direct separation technology
Experimental CEMCAP research

Oxyfuel capture
Oxyfuel cement burner tests

Oxyfuel burner design by ThyssenKrupp for cement plant operating conditions

Measurements of incident total heat flux to the furnace wall during second test campaign.

Result from the SINTEF CFD simulation of the oxy-fuel case tested in the second campaign showing streamlines coloured by temperature.
Calciner technology for oxyfuel capture

- Purpose is experimental investigation of suspension calcination under industrially relevant oxy-fuel conditions
- Aim is to verify sufficient calcination of the raw material before its entering into the rotary kiln
- Experimental work is concluded, final analysis ongoing
Oxyfuel clinker cooler – designed, built, tested

Clinker cooler prototype and recirculation system installation at HeidelbergCement in Hannover

Clinker analysis is ongoing

Hot commissioning of the oxyfuel clinker cooler and first oxyfuel clinker samples
WP 9 – Experimental results

• Considerably high false air ingress through the cold clinker discharge system outlet.
• No leakages of CO$_2$–rich gas occurred during the trials.
• Cooling gas recirculation contributed to a phenomenon of moisture enrichment.
• The clinker microstructure of the clinker samples indicate fast cooling.
• Cooling rate was enhanced by the extraction of finer clinker granules from the kiln and high false air ingress.
WP 9 – Relevant findings for the industry

WP9 researchers concluded that...

- ... if high water contents in the cooling medium prove to affect product quality, special attention shall be given to the design of the condenser, whose installation in future oxyfuel cement plants has been already envisaged by ECRA.

- ... cold clinker discharge system shall get special attention regarding minimisation of false air in-leakage in industrial scale projects.

- ... equipment sealing proved to be effective at pilot scale. The use of similar sealing technology in industrial scale shall be regarded with caution:
  1) operation conditions are more severe in industrial scale.
  2) sealing’s durability and efficiency over time were not assessed during the experiment.
Experimental CEMCAP research

Post combustion capture
Chilled ammonia for cement plant CO\textsubscript{2} capture

- ETHZ has simulated and adapted the CAP system to different cement-plant flue gases;
- New rate-based model was developed and used to validate full-scale CAP simulations for cement plants. Upcoming work: CAP optimization
- The Absorber and Direct Contact Cooler (DCC) units were tested under cement-like conditions at GE Power Sweden, Water wash section will be tested later in 2017
Membrane-assisted CO₂ liquefication

- End-of-pipe technology (requires De-SOx, De-NOx, dehydration)
- No fuel input, only power
- Membrane testing: TNO
- Liquefaction testing: SINTEF
Calcium looping for cement plants

- Tail-end CO₂ capture: tests at 200 kW Ca-looping CFB test facility at IFK/Stuttgart University
- Entrained-flow (integrated) Ca-looping: tests at CSIC
- Experimental results on CaL CO₂ capture efficiency versus equilibrium CO₂ capture (IFK/USTUTT)

- Process simulations/sizing of full-scale Ca-looping conducted alongside exp work (Politecnico di Milano)
- "Spin-off project" H2020 CLEANER
Analytical CEMCAP research
CEMCAP framework document: ready for use!

- For consistent comparative assessment of capture technologies for cement plants
- Provides information relevant for experimental and simulation work

- Defines:
  - A reference cement clinker production line
  - Specs for standard process units
  - Utilities description, cost and climate impact
  - Extent of capture and CO\textsubscript{2} specs
  - Economic parameters
  - Key performance parameters

Download from www.sintef.no/cemcap/results
Comparative capture process analysis (benchmarking)

- Concluded and available on the CEMCAP website:
  - A BAT reference cement plant report, relying on the CEMCAP framework
  - A cement plant reference case with MEA (also poster/paper at GHGT13)

- Work in progress, not published:
  - Process simulations with comparison of CO₂ capture
  - Costing methodology

- Remaining work:
  - Final process simulations of all capture technologies
  - Retrofitability study
  - Final techno-economic comparison
Process analysis example: Oxyfuel modelling

**Purpose:** Optimization of the oxyfuel clinker burning process based on process modeling verified by prototype results

Oxyfuel principle: Air is replaced by recirculated CO$_2$ in the plant, to enable capture of highly concentrated CO$_2$

Oxyfuel research in CEMCAP is closely connected to the ECRA CCS project

1. Pre-calciner, 2. burner and 3. clinker cooler tested in CEMCAP
Oxyfuel modelling: CPU electrical energy demand depending on air in leakage
Possibilities for power generation by fuel feed variation
Modelling results and relevant findings for the industry

Effect of false air ingress variation: +4% false air = +13% CPU power demand

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Effect of increased fuel input for Waste Heat Recovery (WHR)

• Fuel feed variation
  – Increase in fuel thermal energy input of 2150 kW
  – The electricity output from the ORC increased by 450 kW
  – This represents an high ORC efficiency of 21 %, however lower than power plants
Post capture CO₂ management

(what to do with the captured CO₂ if you are in the cement industry?)

- Cement-production post-capture CO₂ management routes investigated in CEMCAP:

  1. CCS: Geological sequestration: option to be defined (TNO)
  2. CCS: Mineralization to MgCO₃ (ETH Zurich)
  3. CCU: CO₂ hydrogenation to ethanol (TNO)
  4. CCU: CO₂ polymerization to Poly(propylene carbonate) (TNO)
  5. CCU: food-grade CO₂ (TNO)

- Product fact sheets for different CCU routes are being prepared and will be published in October
Oxyfuel experimental workpackages are concluding their work in 2017

- Oxyfuel clinker cooler experiment in HeidelbergCement plant Hannover until 3/2017
- Oxyfuel calciner and burner experiments at University of Stuttgart: 8/2017, 12/2017
Carbon Capture Technologies in the Cement Industry
2nd ECRA/CEMCAP Workshop, Düsseldorf, 6-7 November

- 90 participants, 50% industry
- Poster session: Draft conclusions from CEMCAP research work packages

Presentations and discussions
- Oxyfuel clinker cooler technology and experiment film
- Calcium looping capture in the cement industry
- Geological CO₂ storage
- Membrane-assisted CO₂ liquefaction
- Commercial use of captured CO₂ and CCU options for the cement industry
- Direct separation technology for capturing process CO₂ emissions, H2020 project LEILAC
- The full-scale CCS project at Norcem Brevik: Can it be realized?
- EU CCS policy and possibilities for R&I funding

https://ecra-online.org/seminars-and-events/overview/
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- cement industry, ECRA members: 30
- technology providers: 12
- NGOs, industry associations: 13
- research inst., universities: 9
- CEMCAP researchers: 26

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- Public deliverables are uploaded to our website: www.sintef.no/cemcap/results
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  - Oxyfuel clinker cooler film
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