Cement oxyfuel technology from a supplier perspective

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"Oxyfuel clinker burning – substitute nitrogen by carbon dioxide, everything else stays the same..."

"We are ready to build a plant and everything will be a bit different."



Oxyfuel clinker kiln





Preheater and calciner



- Increased heat capacity alters the preheater temperature profile
- Retrofitted plants require a flue gas recirculation for temperature control and to ensure the material lifting
- Calciner temperature is raised by 50...100 K due to increased CO₂ partial pressure
 - Acceptable sulphur and chlorine levels will change
 - Bypass rate needs to be adjusted
 - Bypass gas should be returned to the process



Rotary kiln and main burner





- Existing burner design can be used for oxyfuel as well
- Recirculated flue gas is used for fuel conveying
- Reduced recirculation rate could require fuel shift from the main burner to the calciner



Clinker cooler

- Cooler vent air is utilized for raw grinding
- Grate area of cooler is separated into CO₂ and air compartment.
- Air must not enter the CO₂ section
- Modified control loop for cooling fans







Flue gas treatment and recirculation



baghouse

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- Excess heat from the raw gas is transferred to the raw mill or WHRPG via heat exchanger
- Recirculated flue gas is cleaned and dried

oxygen supply

flue gas recirculation

- Additional fans reduce air inleakage
- Recirculation gas cooling reduces the plant efficiency





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Process control and utilities

- Oxyfuel clinker line requires two grids for pressurized air and pressurized CO₂ (for air cannons, baghouse cleaning, fuel conveying etc.)
- For startup, fresh air is used until sufficient flue gas can be recirculated
- Reducing the recirculation rate will increase CO₂ concentration and make the process control easier
- Necessary auxiliary equipment is state-of-the-art and available on market





CO₂ utilization

- CO₂ utilization often cause strict limits on certain gas components (SO_x, HCI, HF, heavy metals)
- Subsequent utilization may have an impact on the oxyfuel process design due to
 - Possible heat integration
 - Hydrogen production also releases oxygen which could be used in the oxyfuel kiln
- Overall optimization of the CCU chain could cause increased energy use or fuel cost for clinker burning due to



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- Higher bypass rates
- Flue gas limits



Integration potentials



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Summary and outlook

- Retrofitting existing plants is technically viable
- All unit operations are well proven technology
- As the complete plant is affected by the oxyfuel operation, the experience from a first demonstration plant will be quite important
- Demo Plant experience will enable to test optimization approaches and will be beneficial for the layout of new oxyfuel project.







Let us make the next step towards CCU

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