

Objectives of WP 3 – oxyfuel calciner



- Evaluation of the **role of the flue gas moisture level** in the calciner **to reduce and control the calcination temperature**. Theoretical and experimental calcination tests will be preformed up to pilot-scale in a process relevant environment (TRL 6).
- Based on the results a moisture injection concept and process control strategy for retrofitted and newbuild cement plants will be developed
- The impact of the process conditions and flue gas **impurities like sulfur** and **chlorine** on calcination reaction will be evaluated at technical- and pilot-scales
- Evaluation of oxyfuel calcination process with up to 100% alternative fuel combustion in an oxyfuel calciner

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Technical- and pilot-scales facilities for calcination test



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WP3.1 Technical scale - Influence of moisture content on degree of calcination





- up to 10% increase in calcination with add. water-vapour
- positive influence appears to have certain threshold of moisture content



 with addition of 20% water vapour: 50°C lower calcination temperature to reach same calcination degree







WP 3.2 Pilot scale - Influence of moisture content on degree of calcination

CONCLUSION: The experimental results of both test setups showed that an additional increase in gas moisture, above that already provided by the combustion of coal and alternative fuels (16-24%), is not reasonable.

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WP3.1 Technical scale – Impact of impurities (sulfur and chlorine)





<u>Adding:</u> KCI (4%wt) and SO $_2$ (0.16-vol-%) to calciner environment



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WP3.1 Technical scale – Impact of impurities (sulfur and chlorine)





- Oxyfuel cases show higher mass accumulation than corresponding AF cases, probably relate to temperature
- ~99% SO₂ capture for both cases (AF, OF) with SO₂ load indicated in the diagram
- Sulphur was observed mainly around Ca-rich particles
- Chlorine- or Potassium compounds were not observed in particles



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WP 3.2 Pilot scale - Impact of impurity (sulfur)







SO₃ (LOI free) - %



0.3

Ca_AI_0[O12|SO4]

K2[SO4]

CaSO₄

K₂Mg₂[SO₄]₅

% Yeelimite

% Langbeinite

% Anhydrite

% Arcanite

WP 3.3 Pilot scale – Alternative fuel – oxyfuel calciner



Substitution rate



- \rightarrow Low CO increase, due to CO₂ presence
- \rightarrow NOx decrease
- \rightarrow Combustion **completed**, no AF present in the ashes

WP 3.3 Pilot scale – oxyfuel calciner usage of alternative fuels



 \rightarrow Acceptable temperatures for a precalciner

☑ Thermocouple position at 175 cm to be improved

- → 100% of AF substitution with good condition in the combustion chamber, only a small change in the thermal profile
- \rightarrow Combustion stability

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Conclusions of WP 3 – oxyfuel calciner



- Evaluation of the role of the flue gas moisture level in the calciner is done (TRL 6).
- Moisture injection concept: The experimental results of both test setups showed that an additional increase in gas moisture, beyond the level already obtained by burning coal and alternative fuels (16-24%) is not reasonable.
- The impact of flue gas impurity sulfur:
 - It can be assumed that, for the same degree of calcination, the sulfur incorporation in the calciner in the oxyfuel case is similar to that in the conventional operation.
 - Due to higher calciner temperature in oxyfuel process, the risk of deposit formation increases.
- In industrial oxyfuel plants, the arrangement of the **meal split** and **fuel split** plays an important role in avoiding hot spots and reducing the risk of deposits.
- Up to 100% of AF (RDF) can be used in an oxyfuel-precalciner

 \rightarrow for AF with a lower quality more test have to be done



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