



Cleaner process analysis and retrofitting

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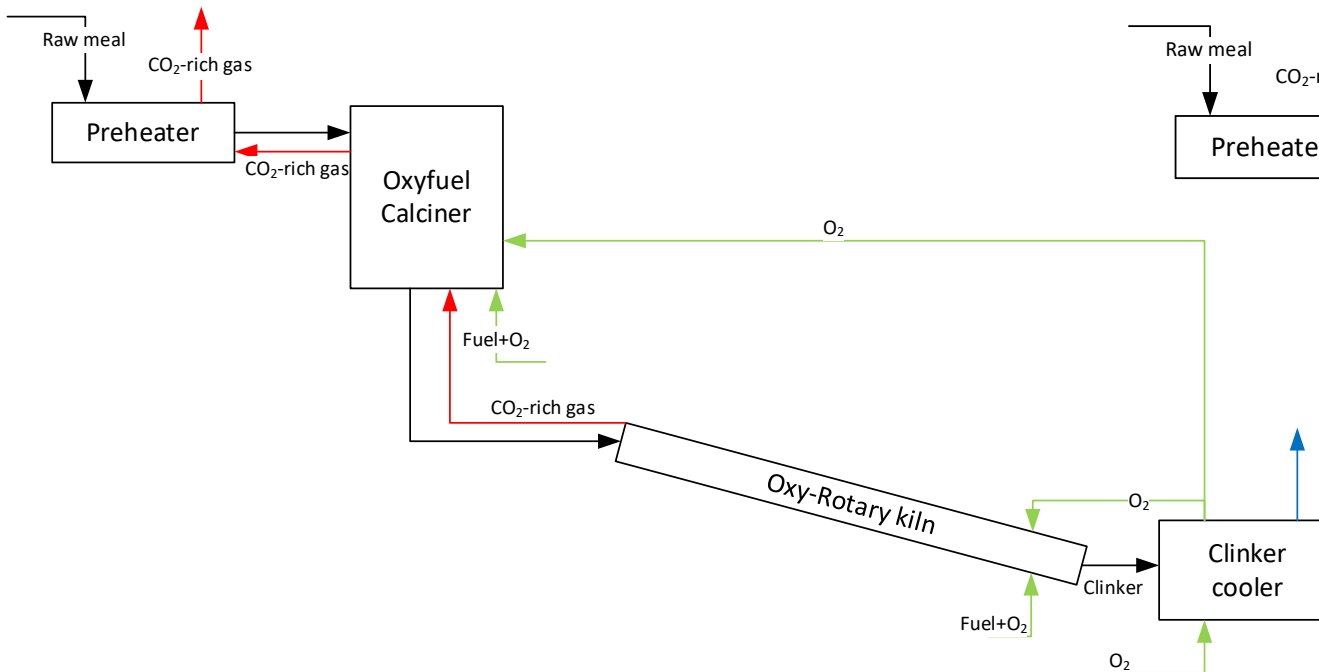


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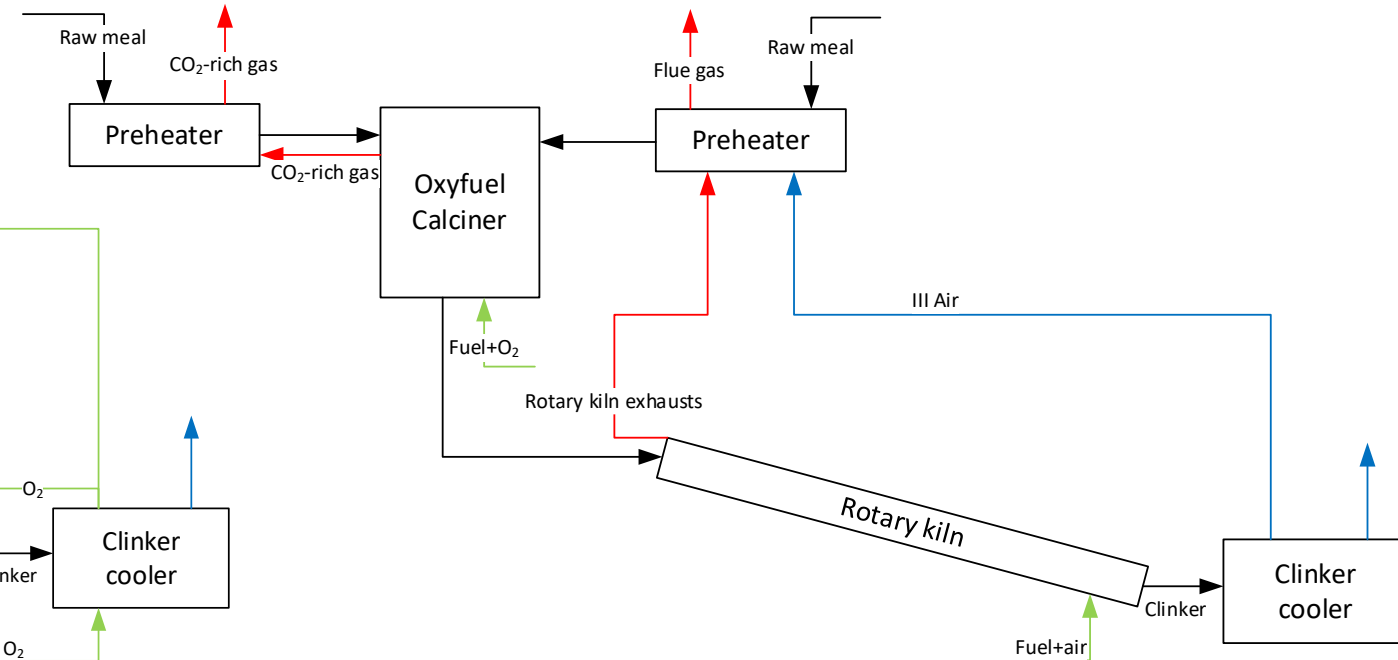
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Benchmark technologies

Full oxyfuel process



Partial oxyfuel process



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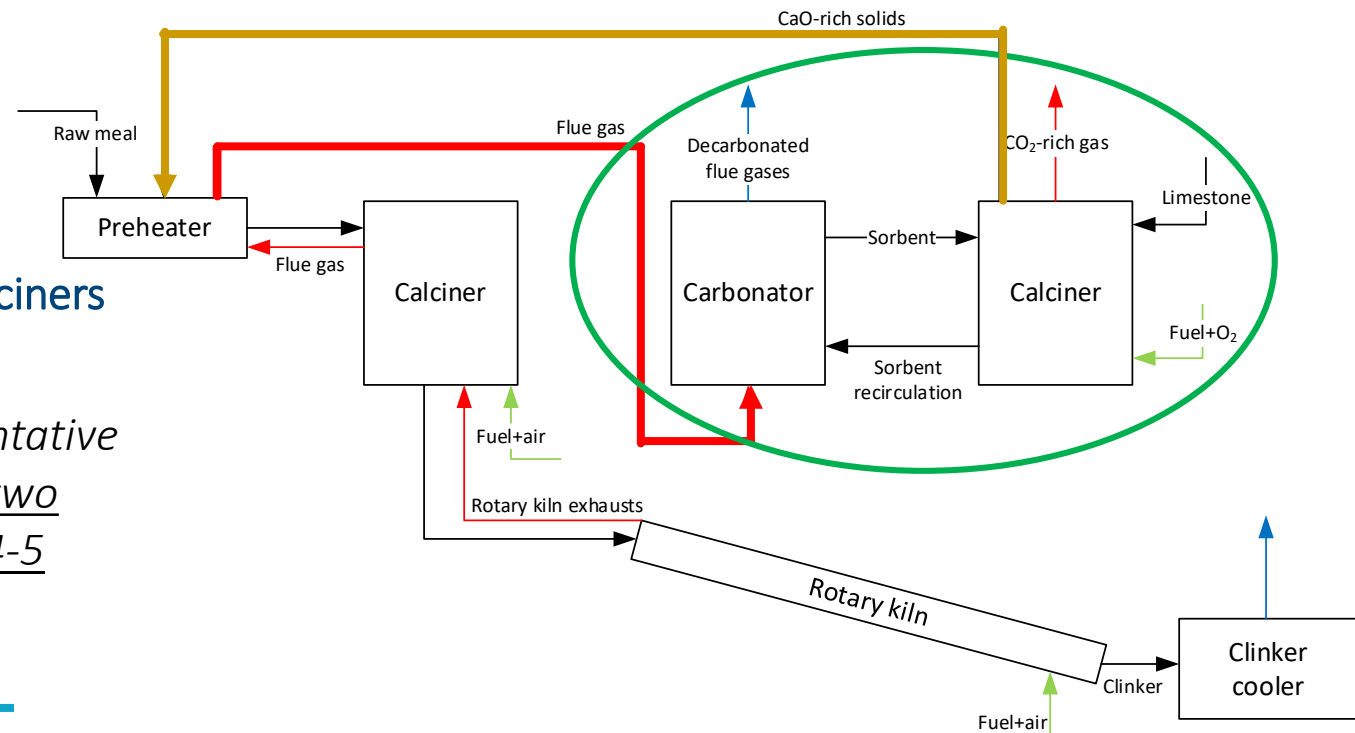
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Benchmark technologies

End-of-pipe process: all cement plant exhaust gas are treated in the carbonator

- ✓ Easily retrofittable
- ✓ Minimal interactions with the clinker burning process
- ✓ Exploitation of CaL purge (use for clinker production)
- ✗ High fuel consumptions, due to the presence of two calciners

The operation of the CaL process in conditions representative for this process has been recently demonstrated in two different facilities at 30 kW_{th} and 200 kW_{th} at TRL 4-5

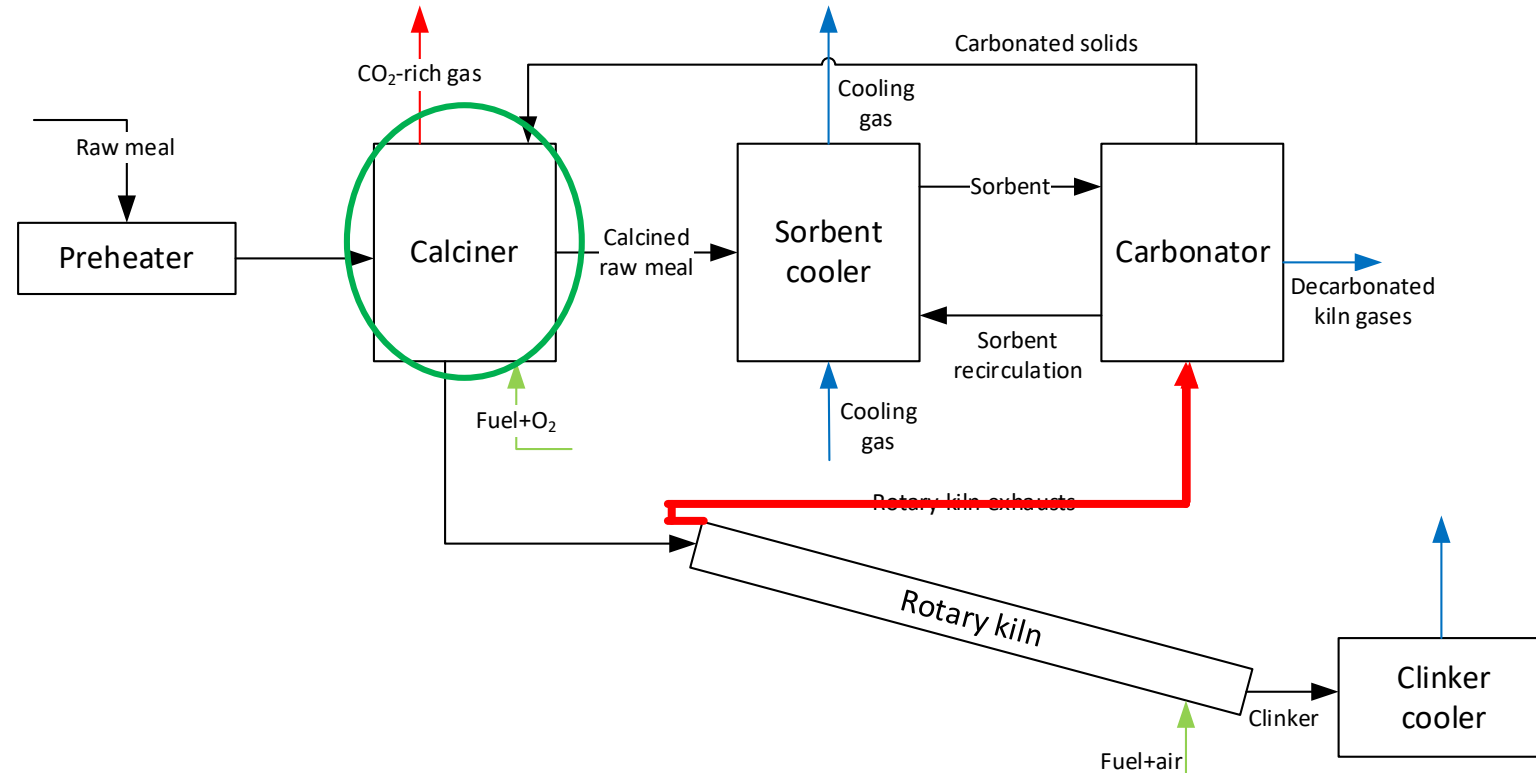


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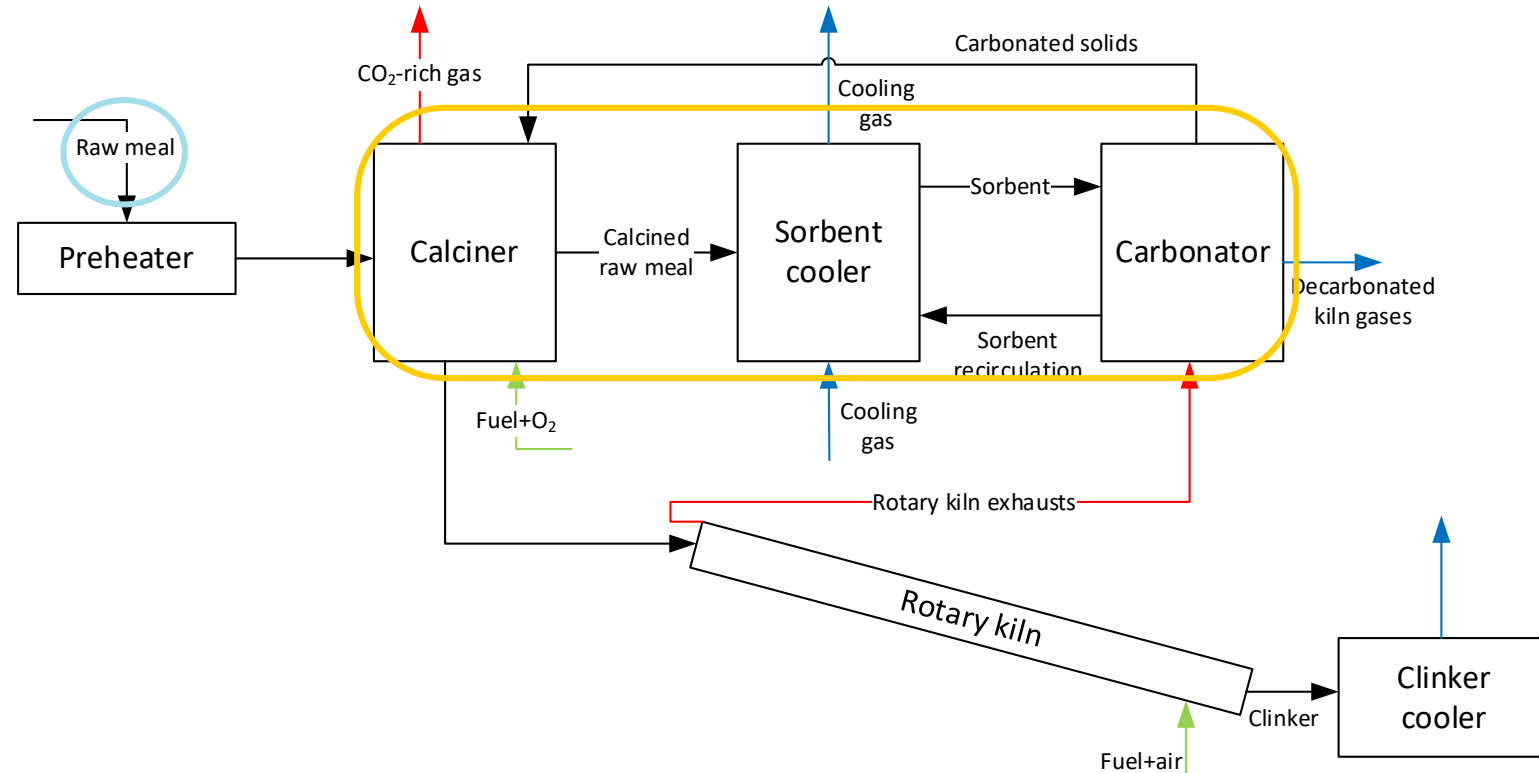


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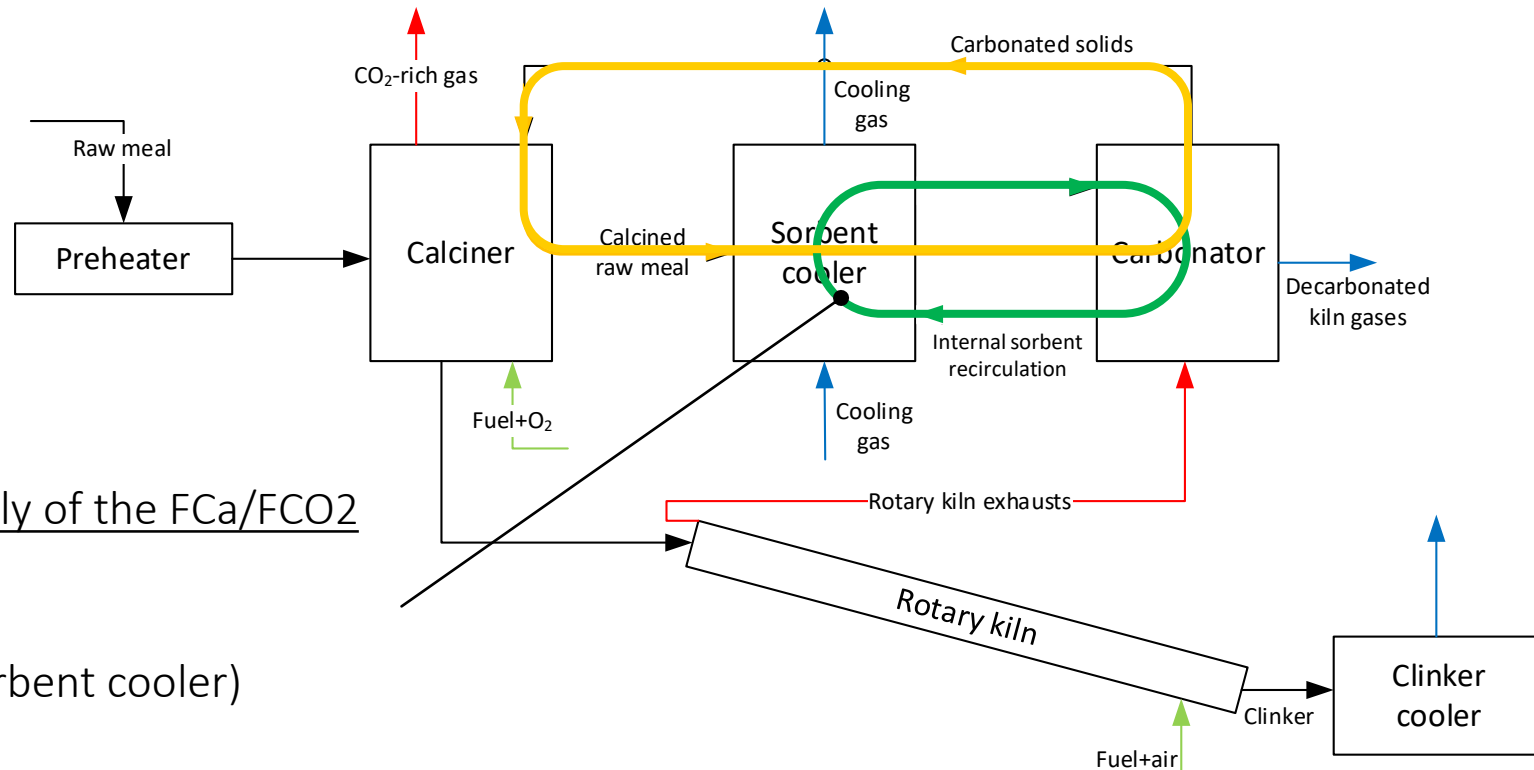
- ✓ One single oxy-calciner (instead of CaL calciner + cement plant calciner)
- ✓ Potentially more efficient
- ✗ Technologically uncertain (type of reactors and raw meal used as CO₂-sorbent)



➤ Integrated CaL technology: process configuration

The Integrated EF CaL system has two recirculations of solids:

- a **first recirculation** between the carbonator and the calciner (which represents the FCa/FCO₂ of the system)
- a **second recirculation** between the carbonator and the sorbent cooler, which is therefore a recirculation within the carbonator



Carbonator inventory independently of the FCa/FCO₂

Cooling of the carbonator (with sorbent cooler)

➤ Definition of Key Performance Indicators

In order to evaluate the performances of the cement kiln with and without CO₂ capture, the following KPIs are used:

Direct indicators

Direct primary energy consumption (q) [MJ_{LHV}/t_{clk}]: the primary energy consumed through fuel in the plant per unit of clk produced

Direct CO₂ emissions (e_{CO_2}) [kg_{CO2}/t_{clk}]: the amount of CO₂ directly emitted at the stack per unit of clk produced

Indirect indicators

Indirect primary energy consumption (q_e) [MJ_{LHV}/t_{clk}]: the primary energy consumption associated to the net electric consumption

$$q_e = \frac{P_e}{\eta_{ref,e}}$$

Indirect CO₂ emissions ($e_{CO_2,e}$) [kg_{CO2}/t_{clk}]: the CO₂ emissions associated to the production of the electricity consumed in the process

$$e_{CO_2,e} = P_e \cdot e_{ref,e}$$

Average EU-28 non-CHP energy mix of year 2015	Reference electric efficiency, %	45.9
	Indirect CO ₂ emissions factor, kg _{CO2} /MWh _e	262



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Equivalent indicators

Equivalent primary energy consumption (q_{eq}) [MJ_{LHV}/t_{clk}]: the sum of direct (q) and indirect primary energy (q_e) consumptions

$$q_{eq} = q + q_e$$

Equivalent CO₂ emissions ($e_{CO_2,eq}$) [kg_{CO₂}/t_{clk}]: total CO₂ emissions, defined as the sum of direct (e_{CO_2}) and indirect ($e_{CO_2,e}$) emissions

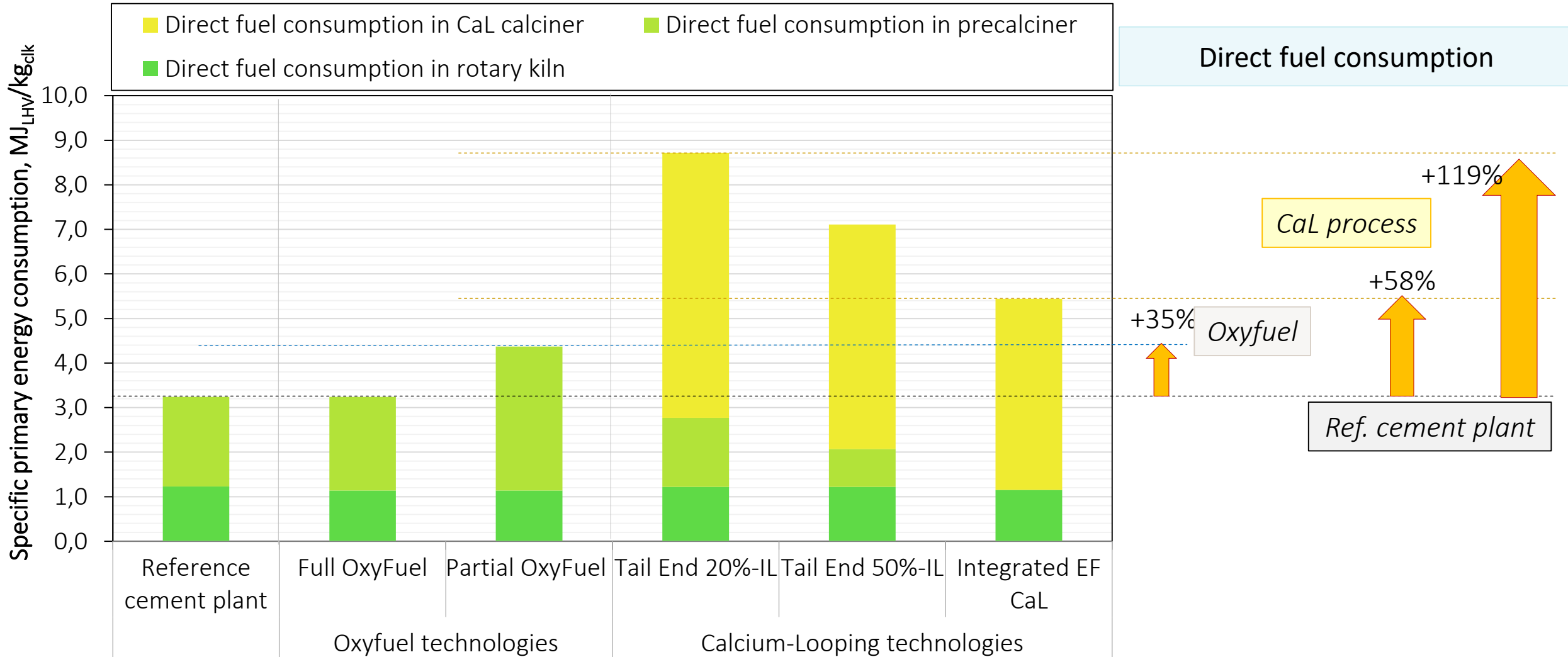
$$e_{CO_2,eq} = e_{CO_2} + e_{CO_2,e}$$

Specific Primary Energy Consumption for CO₂ Avoided (SPECCA) [MJ_{LHV}/kg_{CO₂}]: the additional equivalent primary energy consumption to avoid a unit of mass of equivalent CO₂ with respect to the reference plant without a CO₂ capture system (ref)

$$SPECCA = \frac{q_{eq} - q_{eq,ref}}{e_{CO_2,eq,ref} - e_{CO_2,eq}}$$

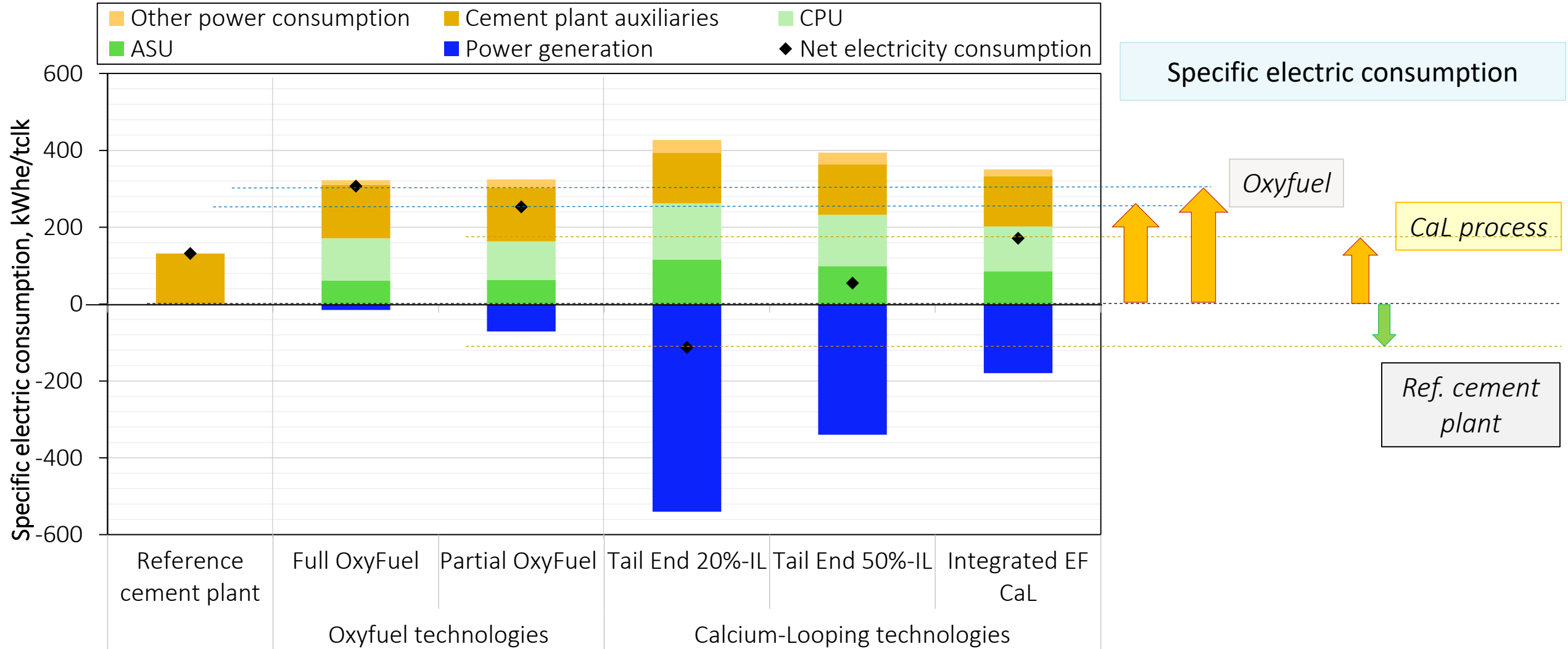


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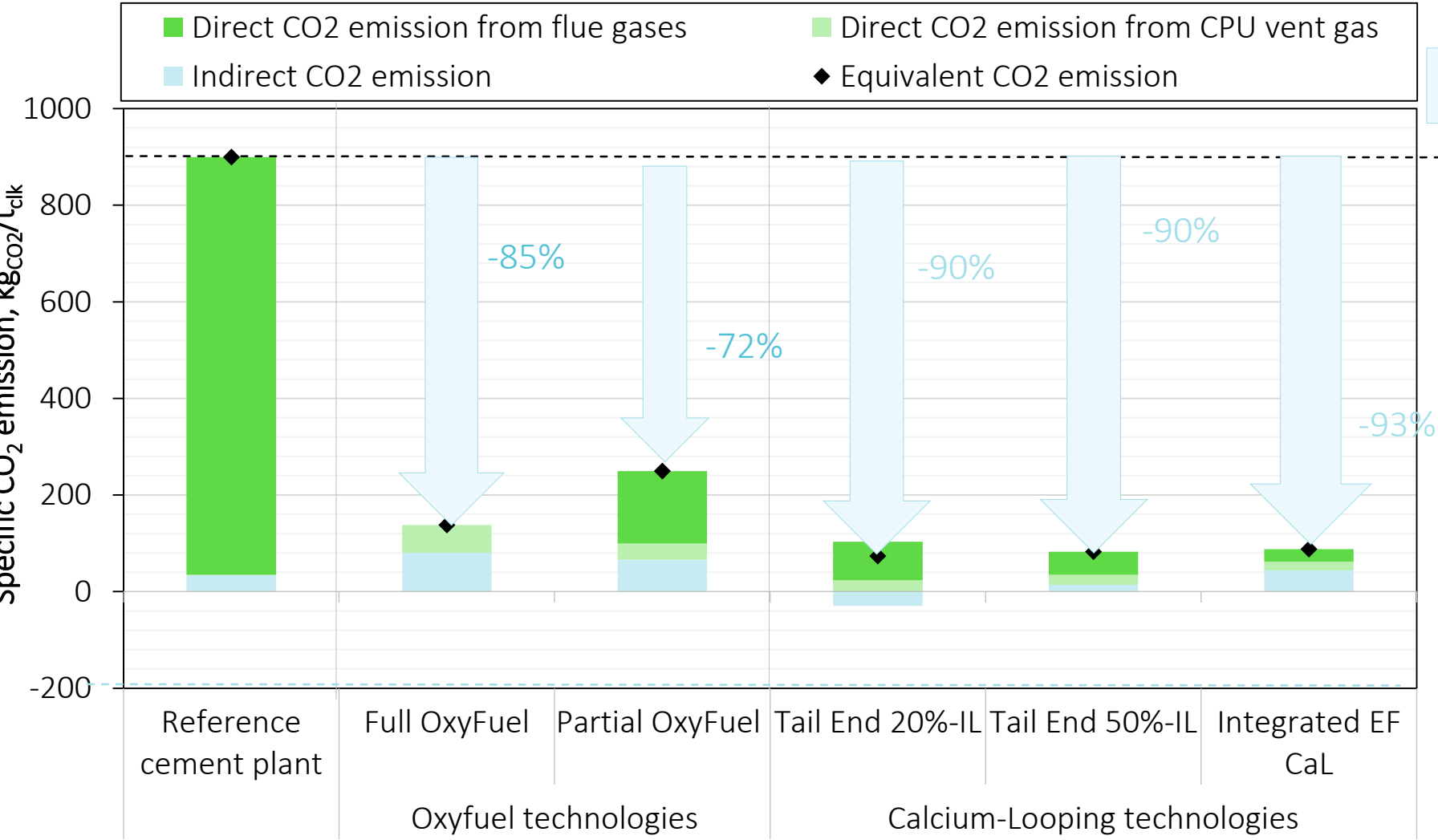


Performances of CaL technologies for low carbon cement production processes

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Equivalent CO₂ emission

The **Oxyfuel processes** achieve equivalent emission reductions of about 85% (Full) and 72% (Partial)

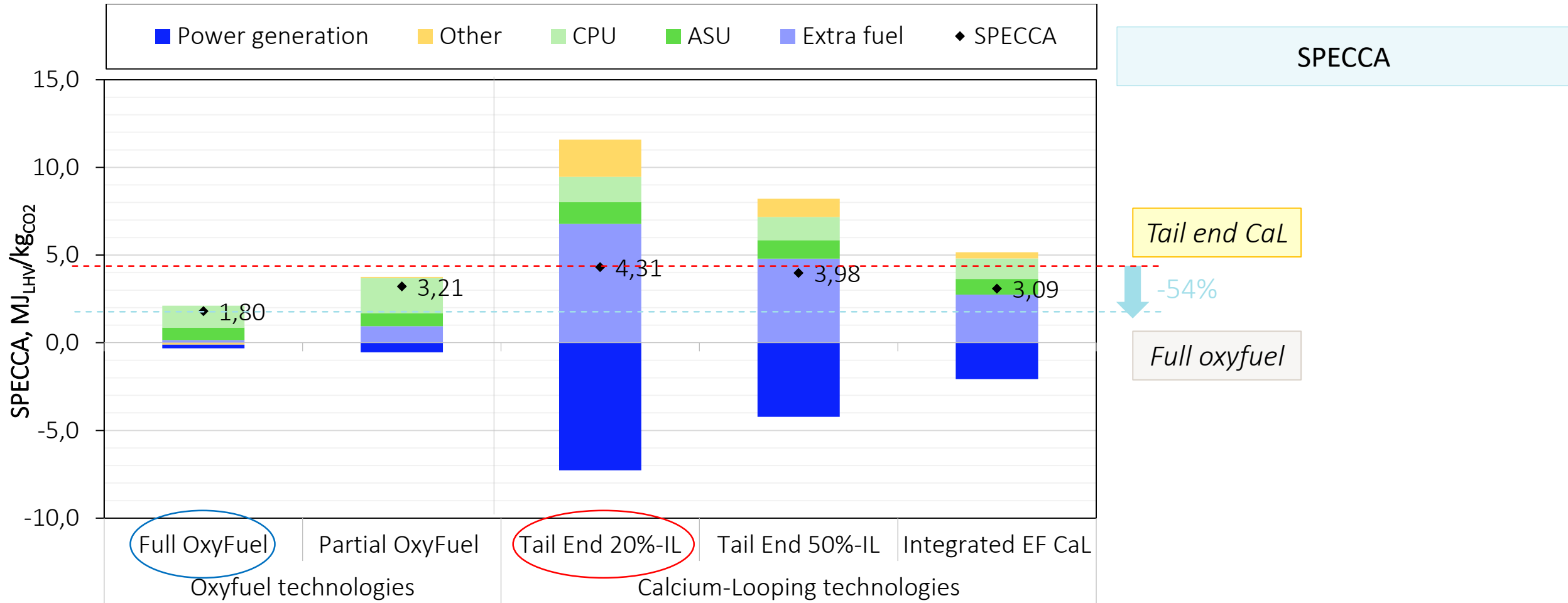
- **Partial oxyfuel** configuration is the system with the **highest equivalent CO₂ emissions** (most of them direct)

All **CaL technology processes** achieve equivalent emission reduction of about 90-93%

- **Integrated EF CaL** results as the system with the **lowest equivalent CO₂ emissions** (most of them indirect)



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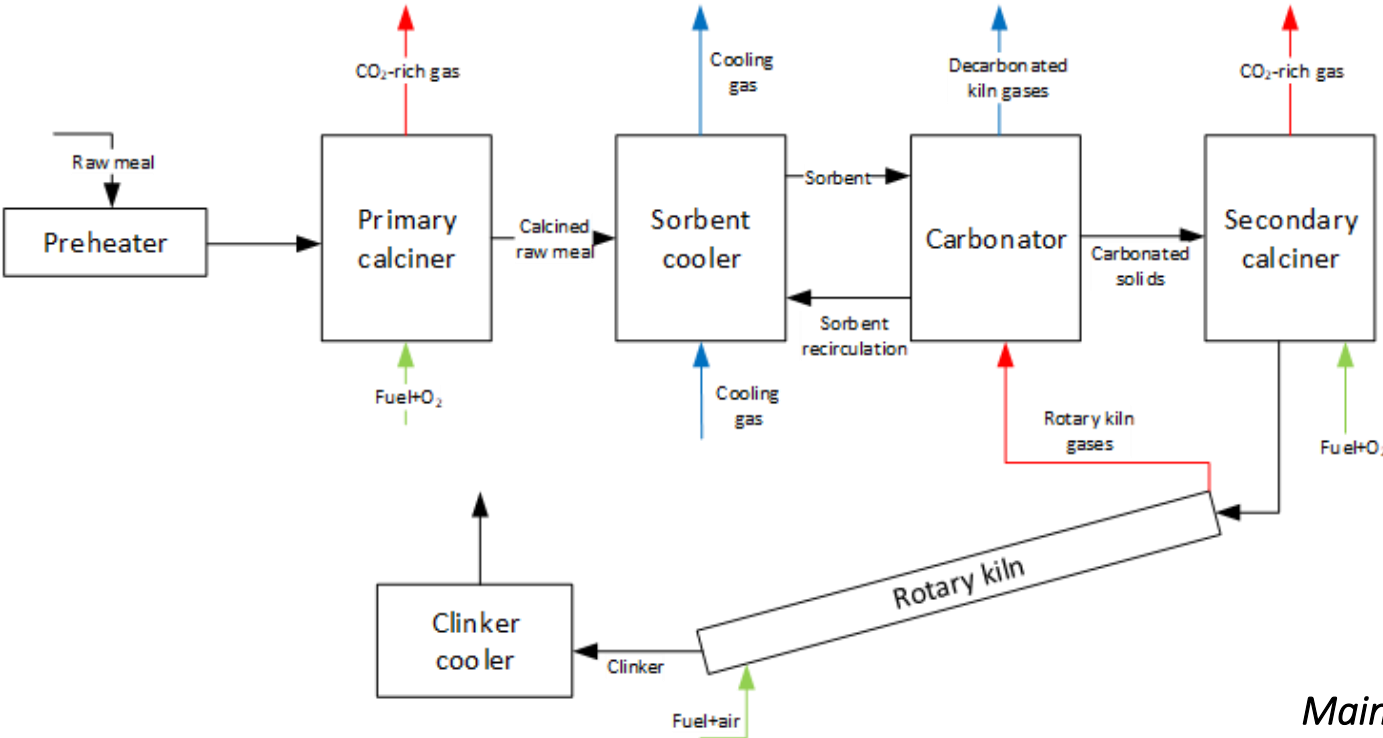
➤ Integrated CaL technologies: Retrofit vs Greenfield solutions

	Integrated CaL - Greenfield	Integrated CaL - Retrofit
Direct fuel consumption (q) [$MW_{LHV} - MJ_{LHV}/kg_{clk}$]	157.9 – 4.84	177.2 – 5.44
Direct CO ₂ emission (e_{CO_2}) [$kg/s - kg_{CO_2}/t_{clk}$]	1.7 – 51.4	1.4 – 44.2
Net electricity consumption (P_e) [$MW_e - kWh_e/t_{clk}$]	23.4 – 199.7	20.1 – 171.0
EU-28 non-CHP energy mix (2015) ($\eta_e=45.9\%$, $e_{CO_2,e}=262 kg_{CO_2}/MWh_e$)		
Indirect primary energy consumption (q_e) [$MW_{LHV} - MJ_{LHV}/kg_{clk}$]	51.1 – 1.57	43.7 – 1.34
Equivalent primary energy consumption (q_{eq}) [$MW_{LHV} - MJ_{LHV}/kg_{clk}$]	208.9 – 6.41	221.0 – 6.78
Indirect CO ₂ emission ($e_{CO_2,e}$) [$kg/s - kg_{CO_2}/t_{clk}$]	1.7 – 52.3	1.5 – 44.8
Equivalent CO ₂ emission ($e_{CO_2,eq}$) [$kg/s - kg_{CO_2}/t_{clk}$]	3.4 – 103.7	2.9 – 89.0
Equivalent primary energy consumption increase [%]	50.0	58.6
Equivalent emission reduction [%]	88.5	90.1
SPECCA [MJ_{LHV}/kg_{CO_2}]	2.68	3.09

➤ Integrated CaL technologies: Use of alternative fuels

	Integrated CaL process	
	60% RDF – 40% coal	100% RDF
Direct fuel consumption (q) [$MW_{LHV} - MJ_{LHV}/kg_{clk}$]	202.0 – 6.3	215.9 – 6.7
Direct CO ₂ emission (e_{CO_2}) [$kg/s - kg_{CO_2}/t_{clk}$]	-1.5 – -47.9	-4.2 – -130.0
Net electricity consumption (P_e) [$MW_e - kWh_e/t_{clk}$]	14.8 – 127.0	11.9 – 102.1
EU-28 non-CHP energy mix (2015) ($\eta_e=45.9\%$, $e_{CO_2,e}=262 kg_{CO_2}/MWh_e$)		
Indirect primary energy consumption (q_e) [$MW_{LHV} - MJ_{LHV}/kg_{clk}$]	32.2 – 1.0	25.9 – 0.8
Equivalent primary energy consumption (q_{eq}) [$MW_{LHV} - MJ_{LHV}/kg_{clk}$]	234.2 – 7.3	241.8 – 7.5
Indirect CO ₂ emission ($e_{CO_2,e}$) [$kg/s - kg_{CO_2}/t_{clk}$]	1.1 – 33.3	0.9 – 26.8
Equivalent CO ₂ emission ($e_{CO_2,eq}$) [$kg/s - kg_{CO_2}/t_{clk}$]	-0.5 – -14.6	-3.3 – -103.2
Equivalent primary energy consumption increase [%]	62.0	62.6
Equivalent emission reduction [%]	102.0	116.1
SPECCA [MJ_{LHV}/kg_{CO_2}]	3.62	3.86

Du-CaL process



Dual-calciner CaL (Du-CaL) configuration

once-through process
w/o carbonator-calciner recirculation

PCT patent filed WO/2023/002430

Matteo C. Romano, Edoardo De Lena, Maurizio Spinelli: ASSEMBLY FOR REDUCING CO₂ EMISSION IN PLANTS FOR CLINKER PRODUCTION
<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/detail.jsf?docId=WO2023002430&cid=P20-LEVPST-80572-1>

Main advantages: ✓

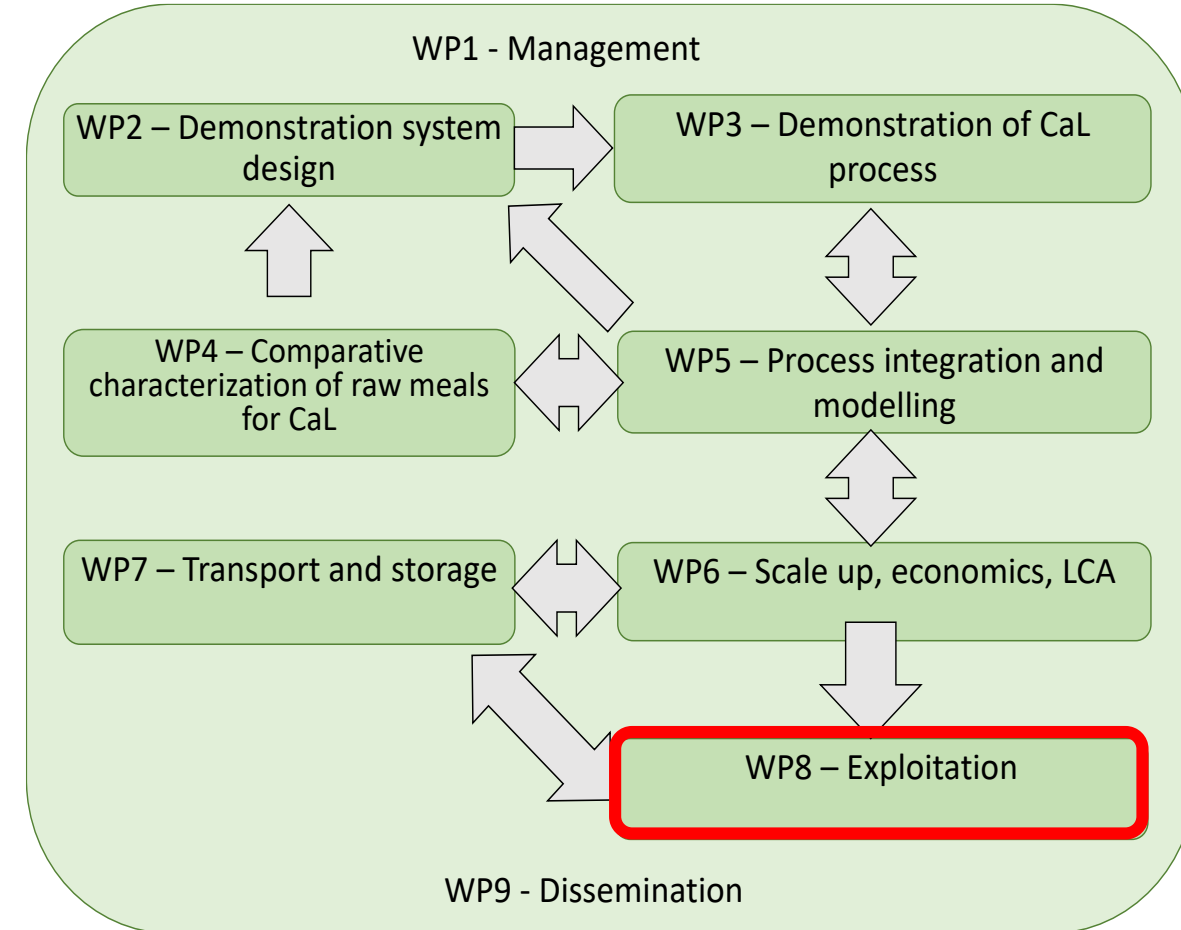
1. Improved process controllability (once-through)
2. Improved sorbent activity (1 single calcination experienced) and sufficient availability ($F_{Ca}/F_{CO_2} \approx 4$)
3. Increased reliability for clinker production, by disconnecting carbonator and secondary calciner, if needed.

	Du-CaL		Integrated EF CaL
	60m-long	120m-long	
Direct fuel consumption (q), MJ _{LHV} /kg _{clk}	5.11	5.04	5.44
Direct CO ₂ emission (e _{CO₂}), kg _{CO₂} /t _{clk}	44.0	45.3	44.2
Direct emission reduction, %	94.9%	94.8%	94.9%
Energy mix (2015) EU-28 non-CHP			
Indirect fuel consumption (q _e), MJ _{LHV} /kg _{clk}	1.48	1.50	1.34
Equivalent fuel consumption (q _{eq}), MJ _{LHV} /kg _{clk}	6.59	6.54	6.78
Indirect CO ₂ emission (e _{CO_{2,e}}), kg _{CO₂} /t _{clk}	49.3	50.1	44.8
Equivalent CO ₂ emission (e _{CO_{2,eq}}), kg _{CO₂} /t _{clk}	93.3	95.4	89.0
Equivalent fuel consumption increase, %	54.1%	53.1%	58.6%
Equivalent emission reduction, %	89.6%	89.4%	90.1%
SPECCA, MJ _{LHV} /kg _{CO₂}	2.87	2.82	3.09

The framework of the following study lies within the **exploitation work package of the CLEANKER project: conceptual scale-up of the integrated Calcium Looping system (CaL)**

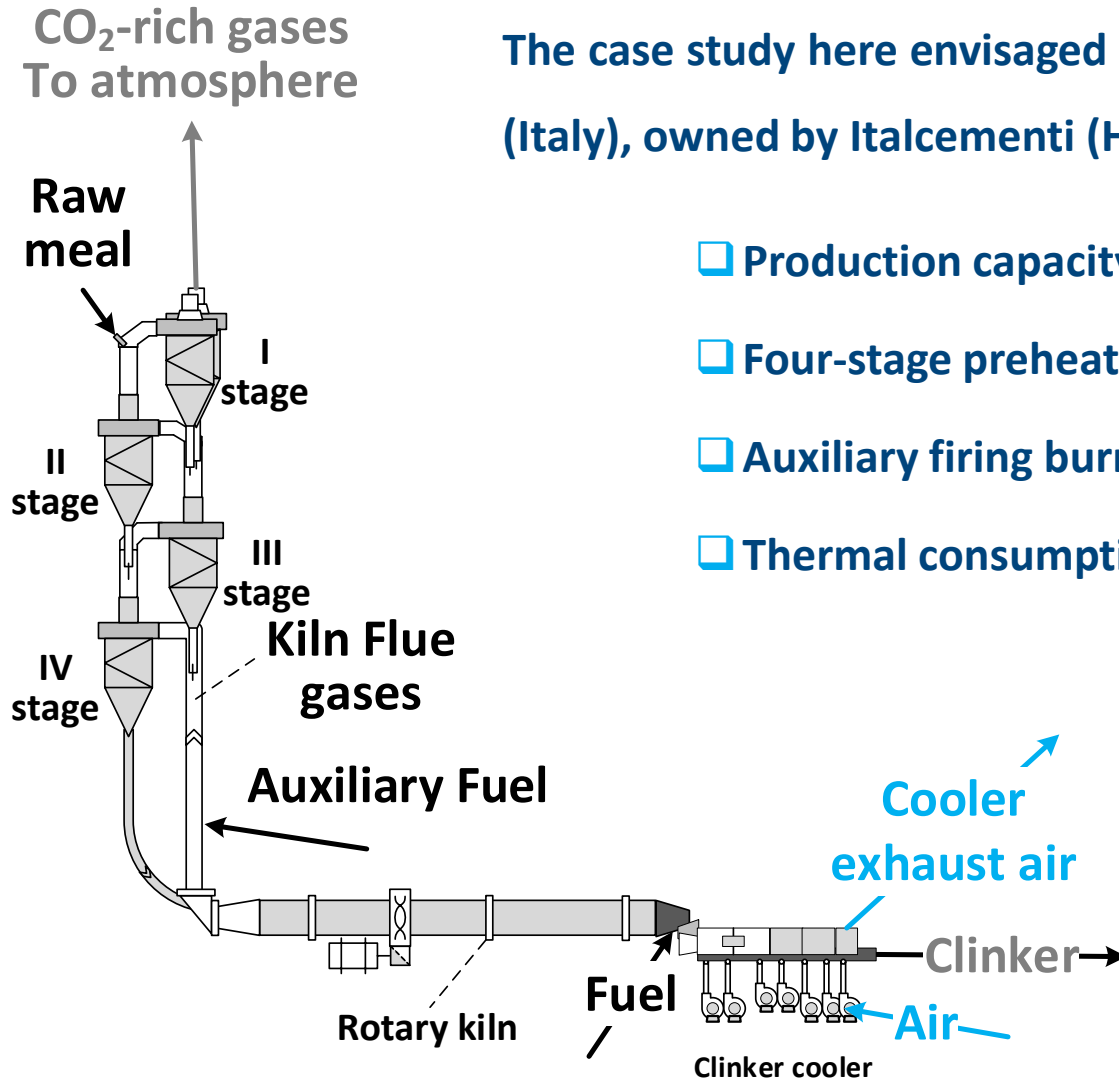
The present work describes the potential retrofit of an **existing cement plant with carbon capture technologies** applied in two sequential steps:

- Implementation of the partial oxyfuel concept
- Final retrofit of the integrated calcium looping (CaL) process

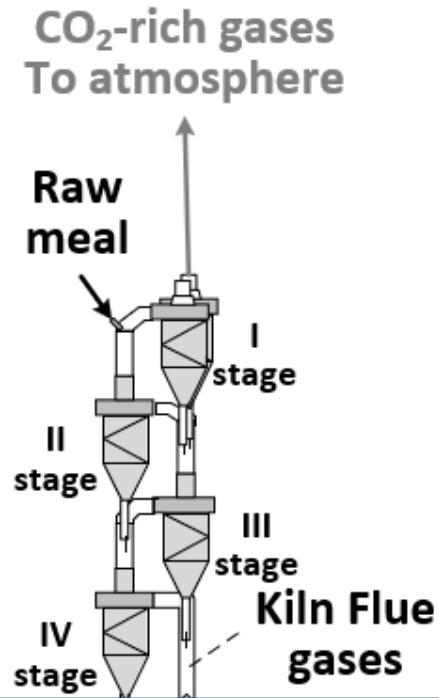


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- Four-stage preheater (I stage double) tower without precalciner section
- Auxiliary firing burner at kiln back end
- Thermal consumption of 3544 MJ/t_{clk}



Conceptual scheme of the Colleferro cement plant in the current configuration



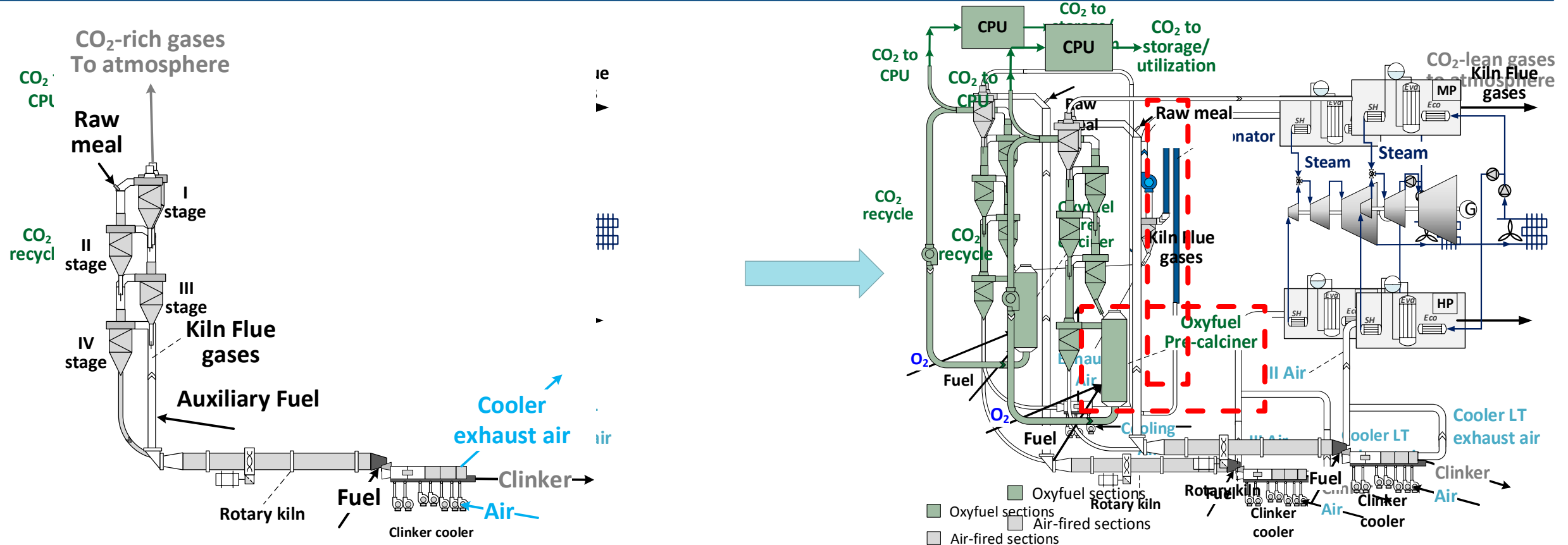
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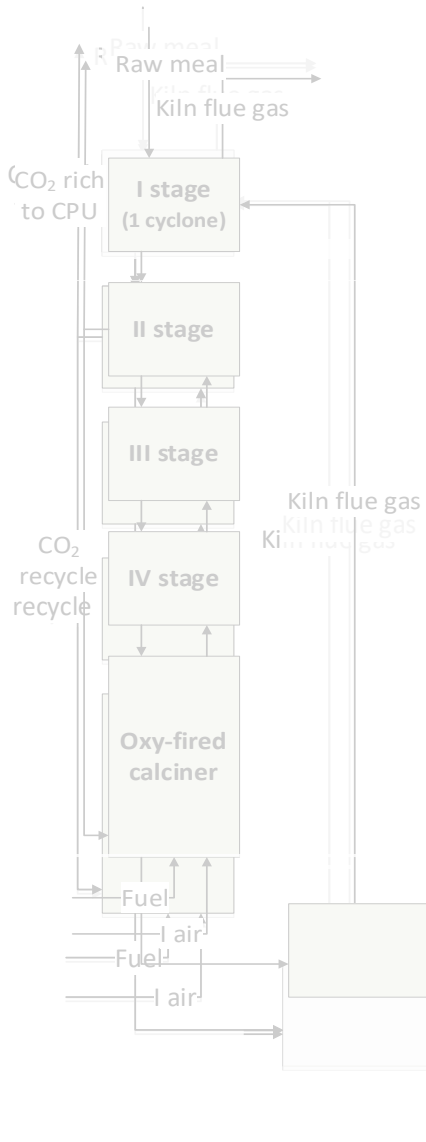
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- This reference case has been implemented and simulated in Aspen Plus V10.0®
- Mass & energy balances of the process model have been calibrated with real data from the plant
- The validated reference case served as starting point for the assessment of the partial oxyfuel and integrated CaL configurations in the process simulation software

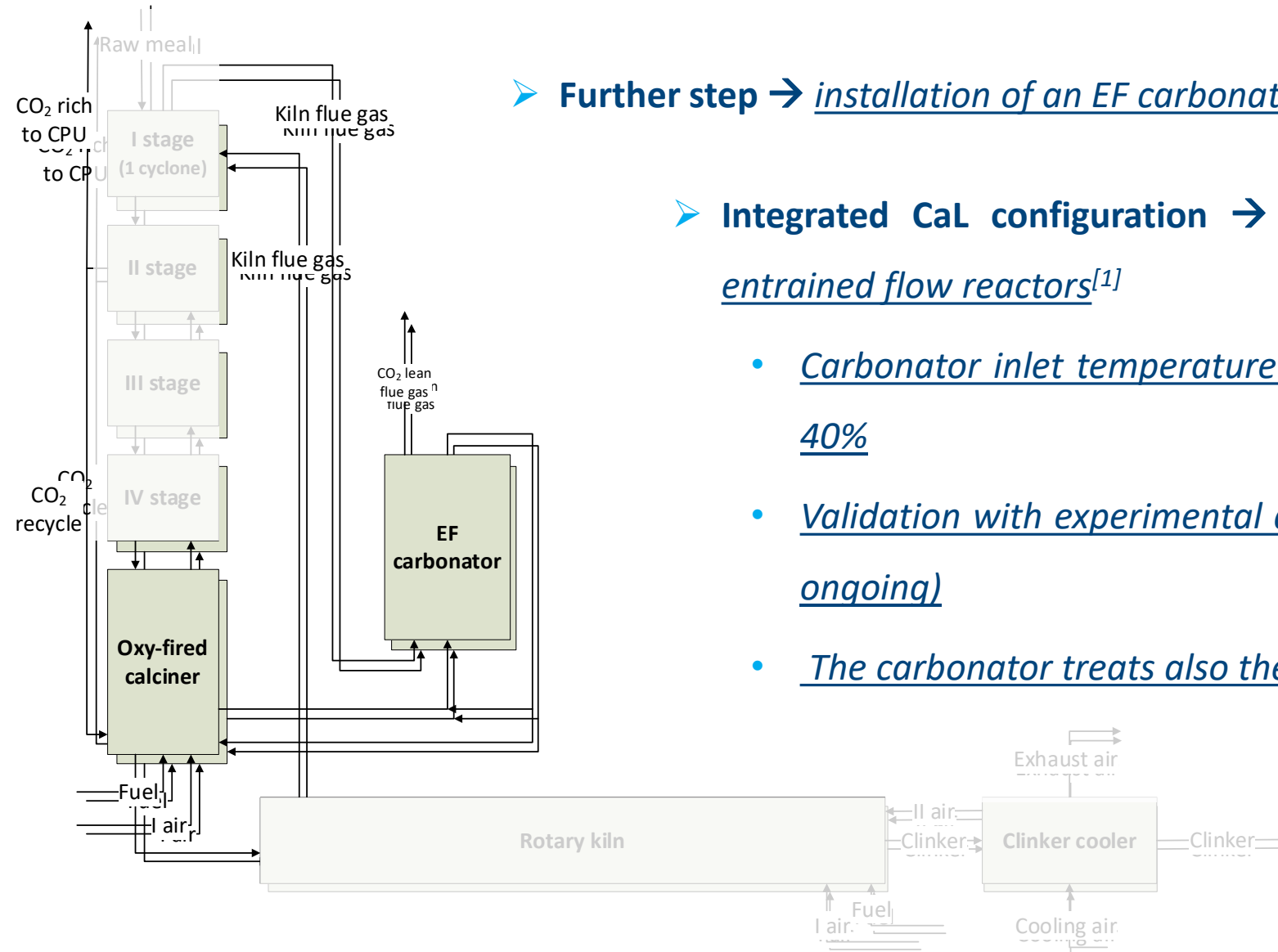
Introduction – The retrofit pathway

- The first retrofit step requires installation of an oxy-fired entrained flow (EF) calciner, a CO₂ recirculation duct, an Air Separation Unit (ASU), a CO₂ purification unit (CPU) and a heat recovery power plant
- Subsequently, the integrated CaL configuration is assessed via the installation of an EF carbonator





- Revamping with an oxy-fired calciner → cement plant productivity increased by 30%
- Raw meal preheating is carried out in the existing four-stage tower (hybrid set up):
 - Three cyclone stages are supplied with the CO₂ rich gas from the oxy-calciner (cyclone efficiency controlled by CO₂ recycle)
 - The I stage (1 cyclone) receives the kiln off gas (avoiding CO₂ dilution)
- A full replacement of the clinker cooler is foreseen to face the increased productivity



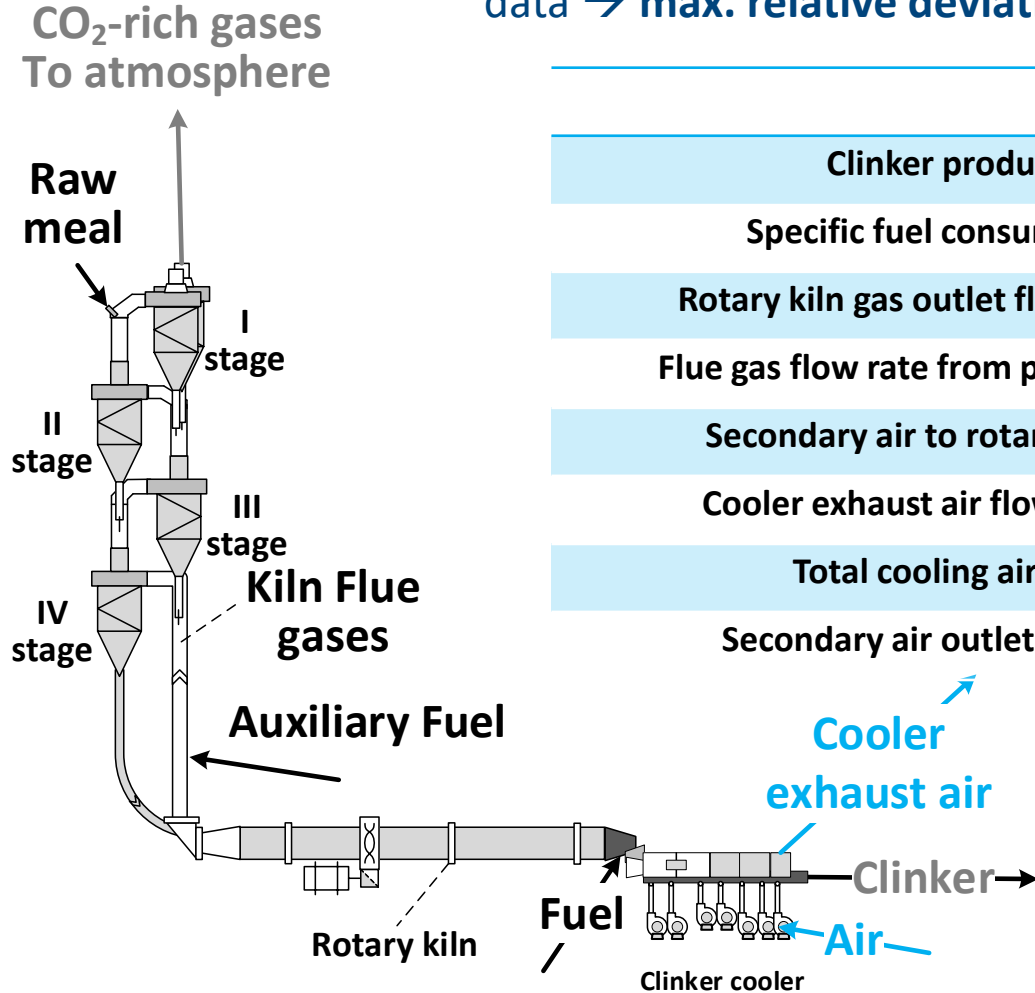
➤ Further step → installation of an EF carbonator (decarbonize kiln effluents)

➤ Integrated CaL configuration → simulated with 1D models of the entrained flow reactors^[1]

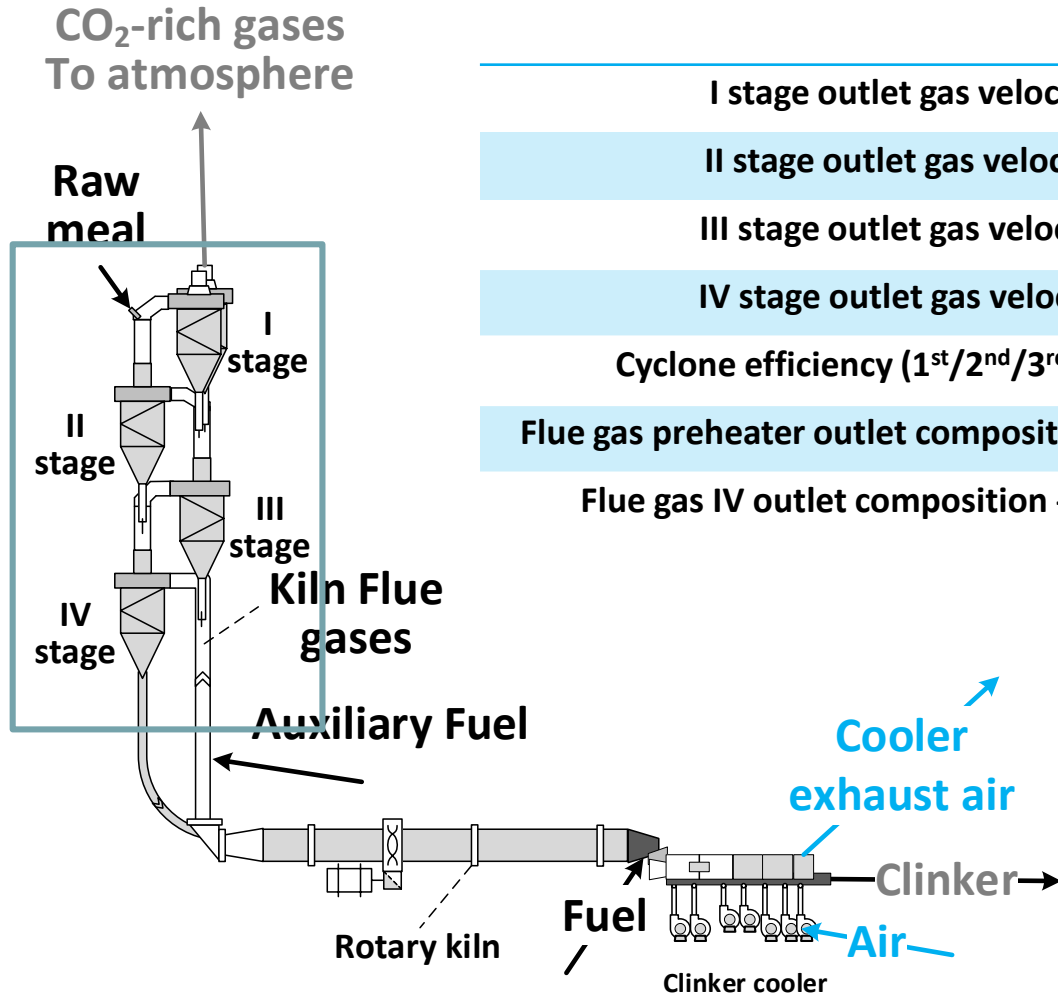
- Carbonator inlet temperature of 600 °C (controlled), X_{MAX} equal to 40%
- Validation with experimental data from CLEANKER campaigns (still ongoing)
- The carbonator treats also the vent gas from the CPU

[1] Spinelli et al., 2018, Chem Eng Sci 191

- Good agreement between the Aspen model of the reference case and the plant data → **max. relative deviation < 6%** between main KPIs



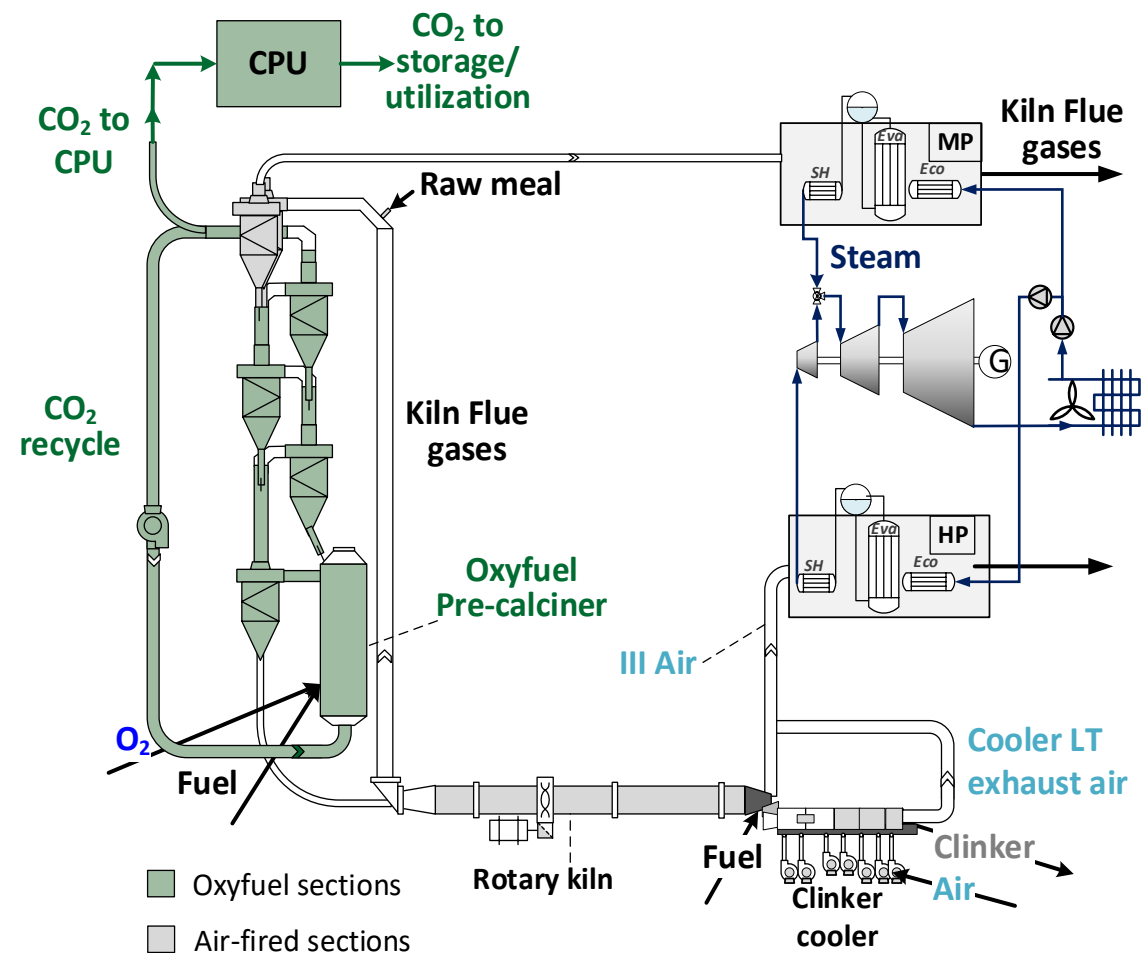
	Colleferro plant	Model results	Relative deviation
Clinker production [tpd]	1252	1260	0.64%
Specific fuel consumption [MJ/t _{clik}]	3544	3680	3.7%
Rotary kiln gas outlet flow rate [Nm ³ /kgclik]	0.98	1.29	31.38%
Flue gas flow rate from preheater [Nm ³ /kgclik]	1.61	1.62	0.92%
Secondary air to rotary kiln [Nm ³ /kgclik]	0.80	0.78	-3.1%
Cooler exhaust air flow rate [Nm ³ /kgclik]	1.21	1.21	0.58%
Total cooling air [Nm ³ /kgclik]	2.14	2.12	-0.8%
Secondary air outlet temperature [°C]	798	750	6.6%



	Colleferro plant	Model results	Relative deviation
I stage outlet gas velocity [m/s]	14.1	14.8	4.6%
II stage outlet gas velocity [m/s]	21.9	23.1	5.7%
III stage outlet gas velocity [m/s]	15.5	15.6	0.86%
IV stage outlet gas velocity [m/s]	15.7	16.0	2.01%
Cyclone efficiency (1 st /2 nd /3 rd /4 th stage) [%]	-	92.0/80.1/77.1/75.6	-
Flue gas preheater outlet composition - CO ₂ [% mol,dry]	29.7	29.7	-0.14%
Flue gas IV outlet composition - CO ₂ [% mol,dry]	33.4	33.4	-0.08%

Model results – Partial oxyfuel

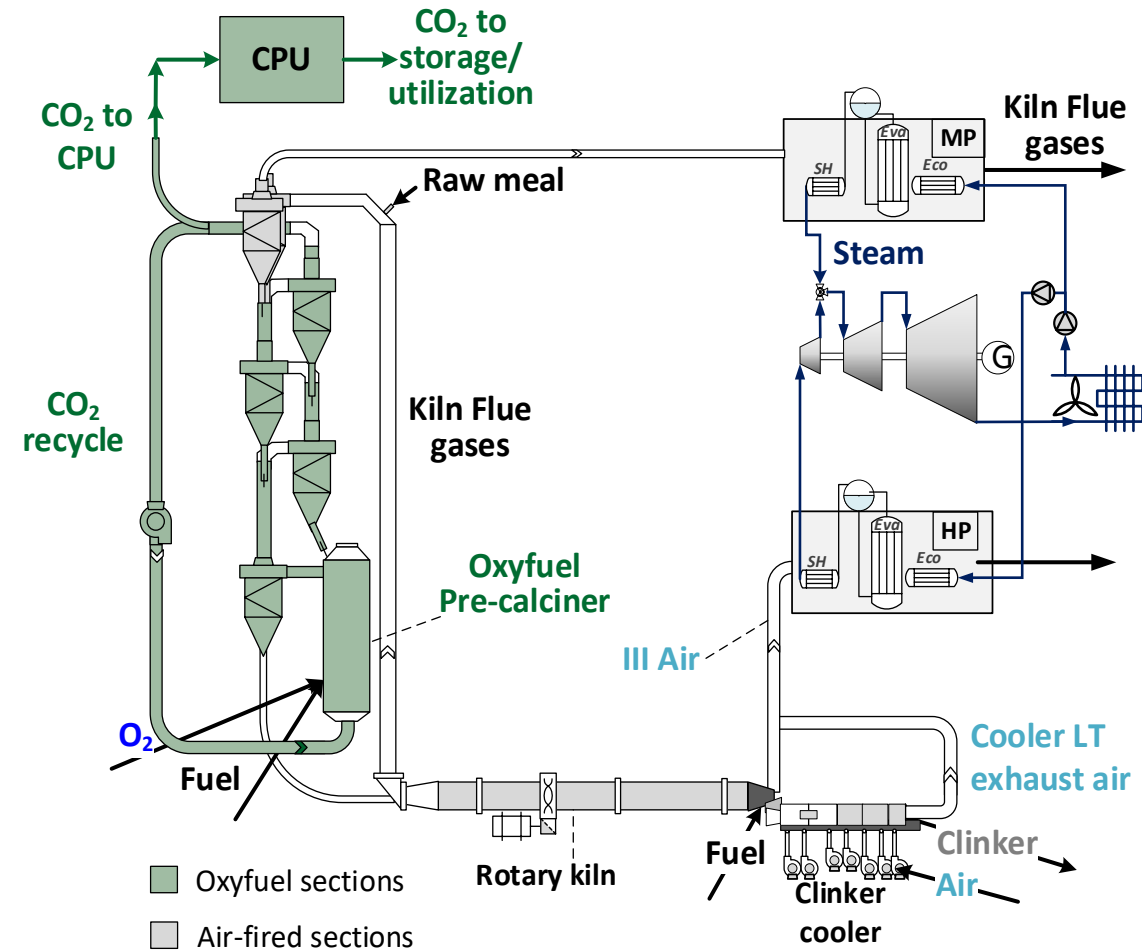
- The increased productivity of the plant due to the installation of the calciner results in a clinker production of **2541 tpd** (almost 100% increase)
- The specific fuel consumption from the model corresponds to **4308 MJ/t_{clk}** (**17.05% more**)
- Partition fuel calciner – rotary kiln **69% – 31%**
- Rotary kiln effluents have been reduced, resulting in an outlet gas velocity of **6.5 m/s** (**31% reduction**)
- **CO₂ emission are reduced by 73.6%** (from 905 kgCO₂/t_{clk} to 239 kgCO₂/t_{clk})



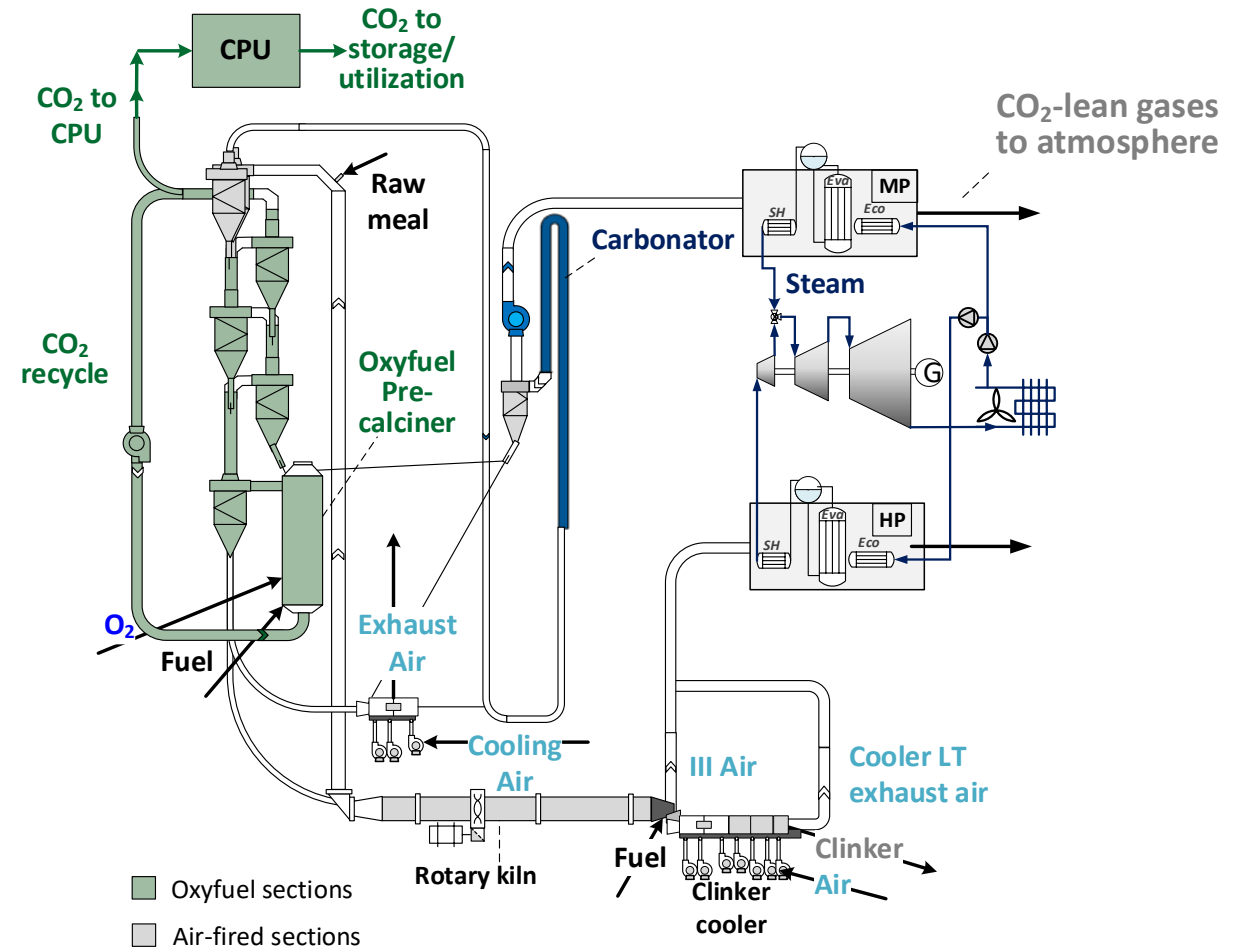
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	Reference case	Partial oxyfuel
Cyclone efficiency (1 st /2 nd /3 rd /4 th stage) [%]	91.9/80.0/77.0/75.4	96/84/79/80
I stage outlet gas velocity [m/s]	14.6	17.1
II stage outlet gas velocity [m/s]	22.8	23.2
III stage outlet gas velocity [m/s]	15.4	15.8
IV stage outlet gas velocity [m/s]	15.9	18.1

- Specific electrical consumption for CO₂ capture (ASU and CPU) = **148.1 kWh/t_{clk}**
- Waste heat available (T > 250°C) = **21.9 MW_{th}**
- Gross electricity production ($\eta_{el,gross} = 29.1\%$) = **6.3 MW_e**
- Net electricity demand for CO₂ capture = **88 kWh/t_{clk}**
- Electricity demand is increased by **169%** (51.9 kWh/t_{clk} base case)

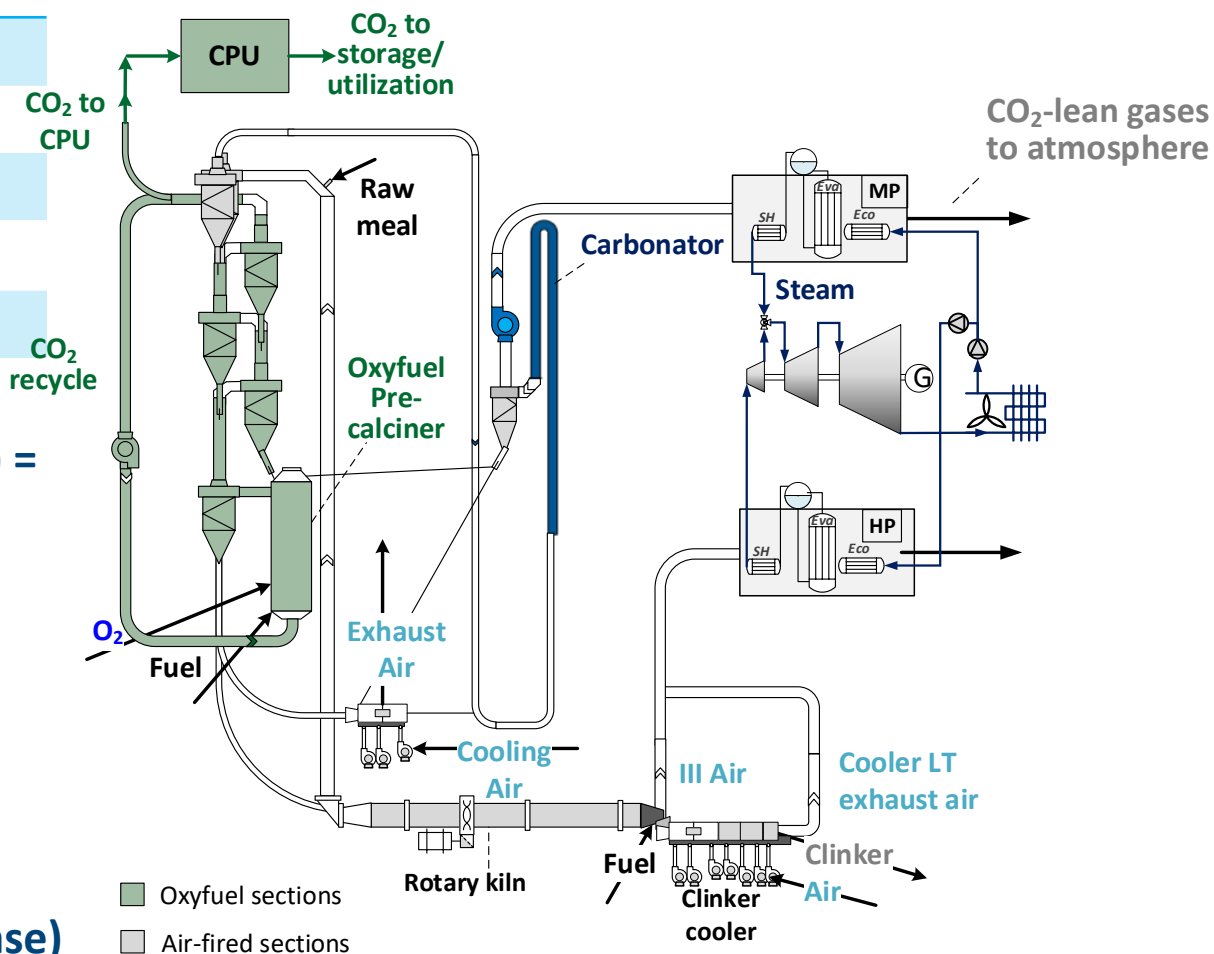


- The clinker production resulting from the model is **2539 tpd** (almost 40% increase)
- The specific fuel consumption increases by **50.5% (5538 MJ/t_{clk})**
- Partition fuel calciner – rotary kiln **75% – 25%**
- The flue gas velocity at rotary kiln outlet is **6.5 m/s (31% reduction)**
- **CO₂ emission are reduced by 89.4%** (CO₂ capture efficiency in the carbonator of 70% from 1D model)



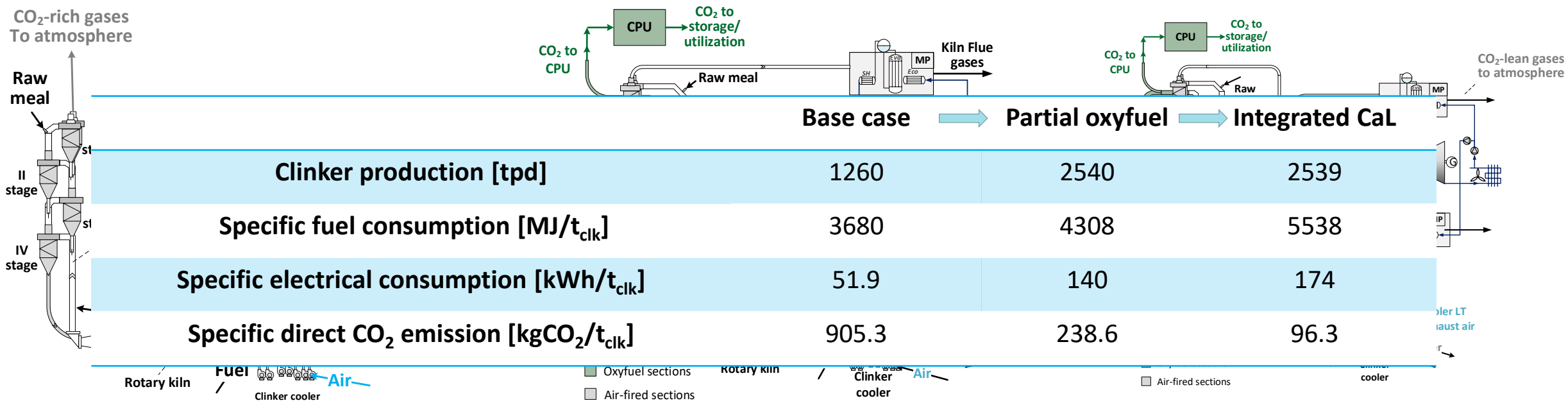
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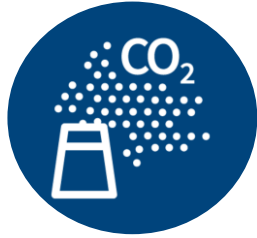
	Reference case	Integrated CaL
Cyclone efficiency (1 st /2 nd /3 rd /4 th stage) [%]	91.9/80.0/77.0/75.4	97/86/82/85
I stage outlet gas velocity [m/s]	14.6	16.5
II stage outlet gas velocity [m/s]	22.8	23.3
III stage outlet gas velocity [m/s]	15.4	15.8
IV stage outlet gas velocity [m/s]	15.9	18.4



- Specific electrical consumption for CO₂ capture (ASU and CPU) = **213 kWh/t_{clk}**
- Waste heat available (T > 250°C) = **33.4 MW_{th}**
- Gross electricity production ($\eta_{el, gross} = 29.1\%$) = **9.7 MW_e**
- Net electricity demand for CO₂ capture = **122 kWh/t_{clk}**
- Electricity demand is increased by **234%** (51.9 kWh/t_{clk} base case)

- ❑ The Aspen Plus simulation calibrated with real plant data provides a solid basis for the development of the two cement plant configurations with CO₂ capture
- ❑ The off-design simulation of the preheater tower indicates the technical feasibility of the retrofit applications described for the Colleferro cement plant
- ❑ The two CO₂ capture technologies guarantee a CO₂ emission reduction of about 74% (partial oxyfuel) and 89% (integrated CaL), with an increase in thermal (17% – 50%) and electricity consumption (169% – 234%) compared to the base case





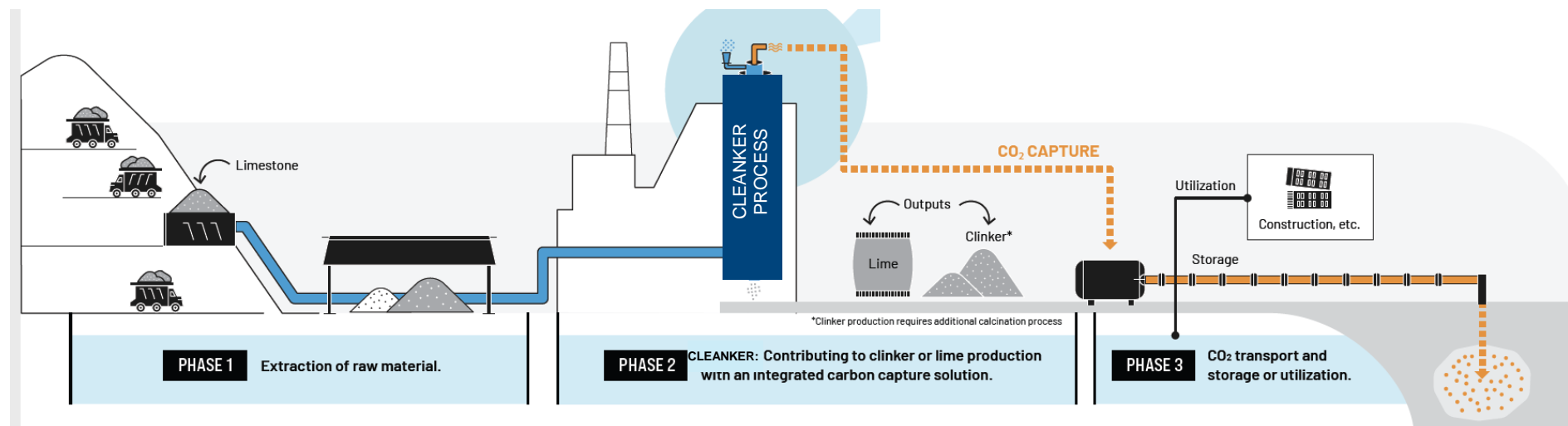
With the current electricity and fuel mixes, the CLEANKER technology allows a reduction of **70%** in net CO₂ eq. emissions for cement production



The carbon transport and storage in a potential storage site could increase the overall net positive climate emissions of producing 1 t of cement by **1% to 10%**, depending on the storage site.



The carbon capture technology leads to an **increase in the energy footprint of 50% and water footprint of 10%** for cement production compared to the reference current technology, either during the fuel production phase (energy footprint) or in electricity use (water consumption related to hydropower). It is therefore crucial to use alternative fuels in the cement plant with CLEANKER Cal technology. The CO₂ storage generates a minor increase (2%) for these two indicators.



PHASE 1 Extraction of raw material.

PHASE 2 CLEANKER: Contributing to clinker or lime production with an integrated carbon capture solution.

PHASE 3 CO₂ transport and storage or utilization.

Data inputs

- Energy carriers production
- Raw material production
- Raw material transportation

Data sources

- BREF document
- Ecoinvent 3.8
- WBSCD-CSI tool

Data inputs

- Electricity consumption
- Diesel consumption
- Direct emissions to air
- For cement:** gypsum, ethylene glycol, electricity, heat

Data sources



Data inputs

- Pipeline construction
- Energy

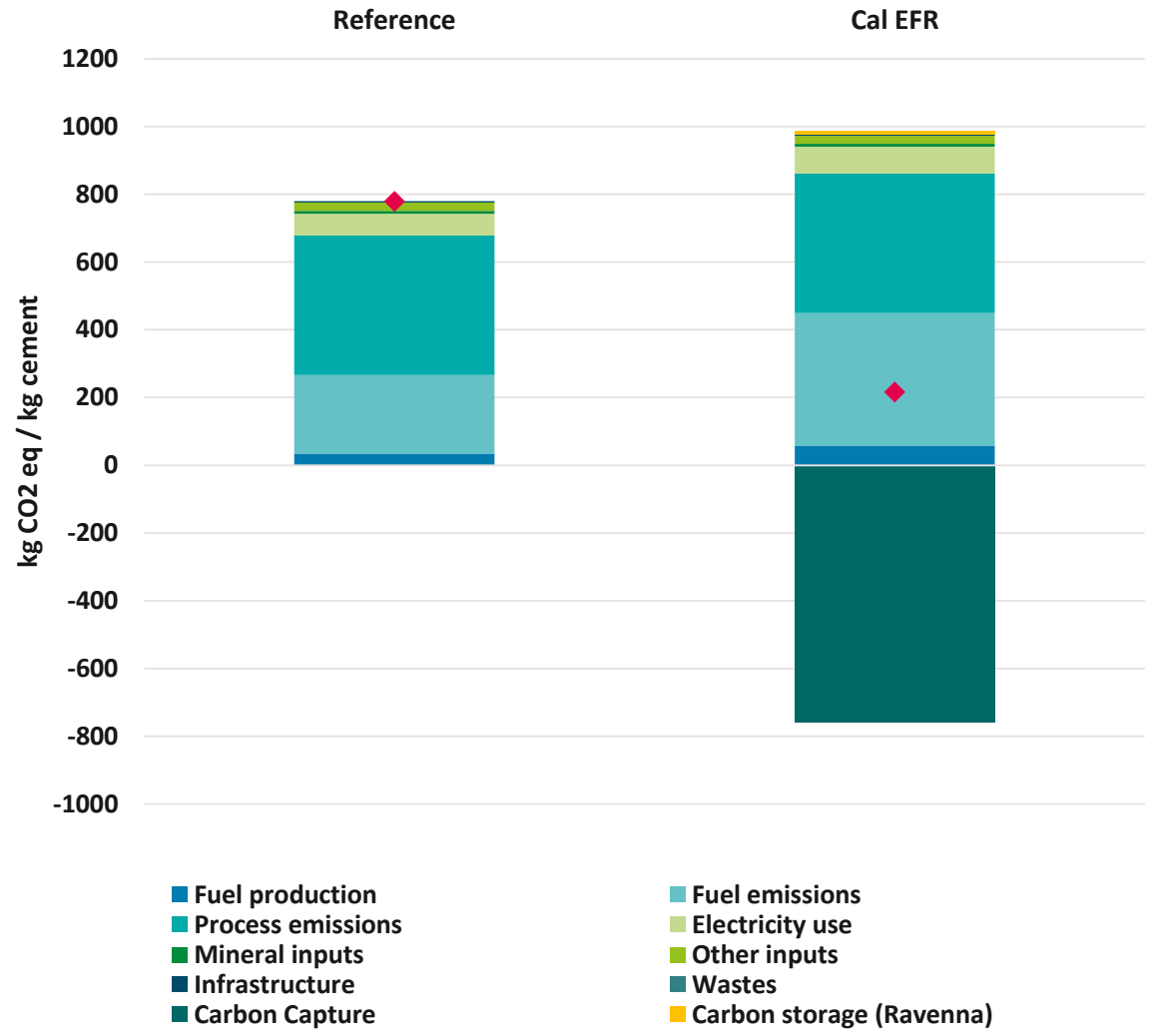
Data sources

- Wilbotz (2007) for LCI on pipeline, storage in saline aquifer and depleted gas field
- CLEANKER for distances by pipeline, average depth of reservoirs

Scenario	Description	Sources
CCS Malossa – saline aquifer	Transport of CO ₂ in supercritical phase by pipeline from Vernasca to Malossa (Italy) over 125 km, and storage in geological saline aquifer (average depth: 1.2 km).	Transport distance and storage site: Mariani 2021 Transport and storage infrastructure: Wildboltz 2007
CCS Ravenna – depleted gas field	Transport of CO ₂ in supercritical phase by pipeline from Vernasca to Ravenna (Italy) over 200 km, and storage in an offshore depleted gas reservoir (average depth: between 1 and 3.3 km).	Transport distance and storage site: CLEANKER Transport and storage infrastructure: Wildboltz 2007
CCS Northern Lights	Transport of CO ₂ in liquid phase from Vernasca (Italy) to Øygarden (Norway) by pipeline over 500 km and by boat over 4900 km, and storage in an offshore sandstone reservoir (average depth: 2.6 km).	Transport distance and storage site: Northern Lights 2021 Transport and storage infrastructure: Wildboltz 2007
CCU	Transport of CO ₂ in supercritical phase by pipeline over 500 km and reuse.	Transport and storage infrastructure: Wildboltz 2007



CLEANKER reduces the climate footprint by 70%



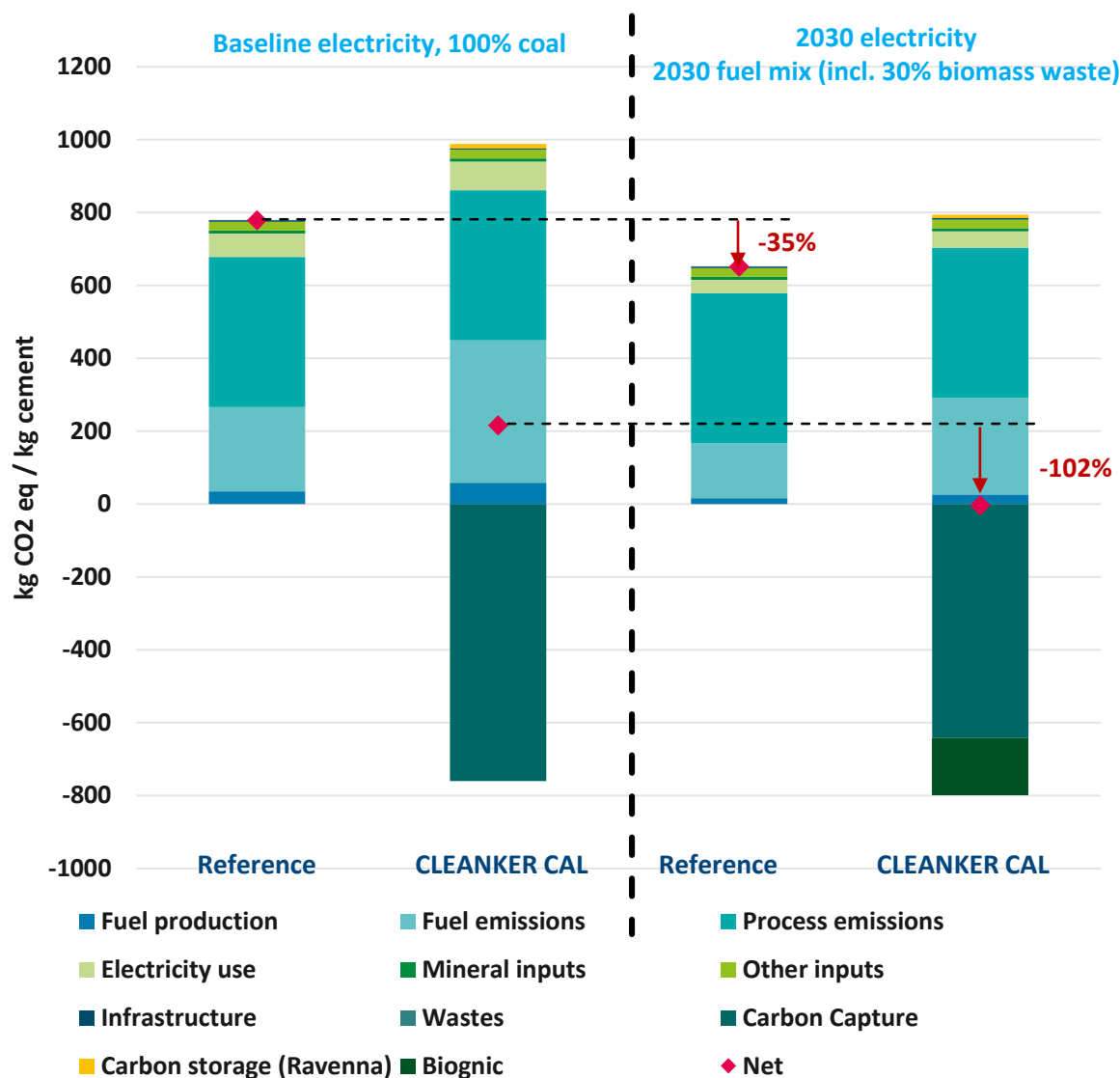
This figure shows the **climate footprint of the baseline technology compared to CLEANKER CaL.**

The main drivers of the climate impacts of 1 t of cement are: **process emissions (53% for the reference scenario)** and **fuel emissions (30% for the reference scenario).**

The CLEANKER CaL technology allows a **70% carbon footprint reduction** associated to 1 t of cement.

The increase in fuel emissions carbon footprint is related to a fuel consumption increase from **3.2 MJ /t clinker in the baseline technology to 5.4 MJ/t clinker for CLEANKER CaL.**

Using alternative fuels further reduces the climate impact



For the baseline technology and CLEANER CaL, the **reference scenario with a 2020 electricity mix and 100% coal fuel mix** is compared to a **2030 projection with an electricity mix based on 35% renewable electricity and a fuel which includes 30% of fuel from biomass waste**.

For the **baseline technology**, the switch to the 2030 projection leads to a **16% carbon footprint reduction** to produce 1 t of cement.

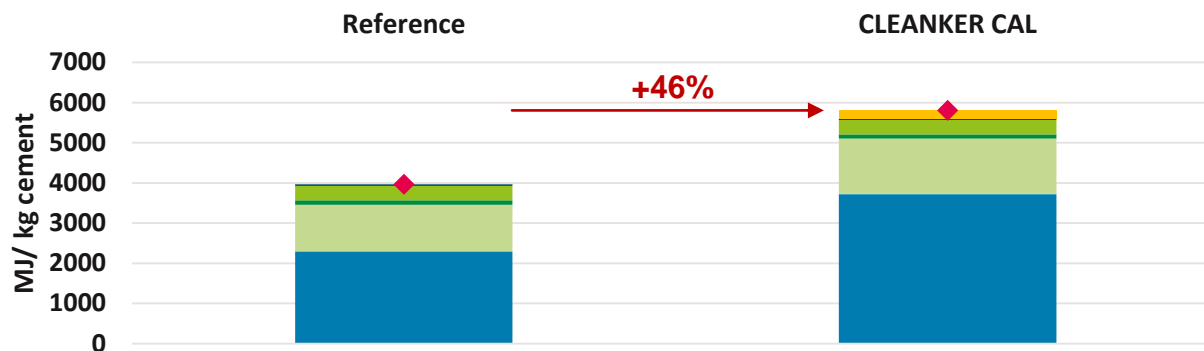
For the **CLEANER CaL technology**, the carbon footprint reduction is greater: **102%**. This is due to a greater reduction of fuel emissions, as more fuel is required in order to capture the CO₂ and the inclusion of biogenic emissions.

Therefore, the CLEANER CaL carbon capture technology should be used with alternative fuels to mitigate the increased use of fuel.

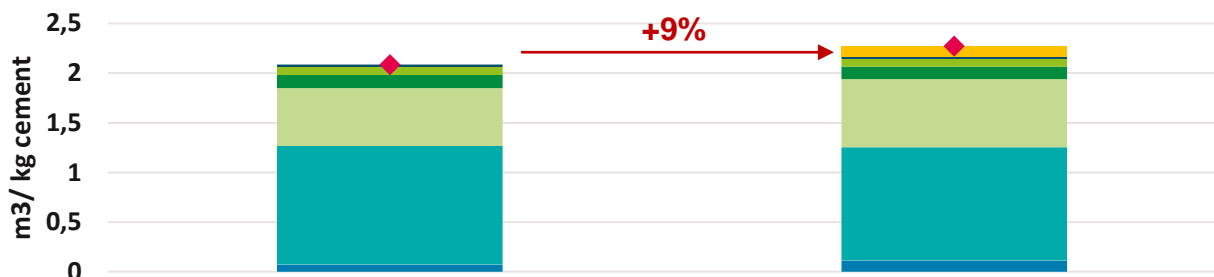




Energy footprint



Water footprint



- Fuel production
- Fuel emissions
- Process emissions
- Electricity use
- Mineral inputs
- Other inputs
- Infrastructure
- Wastes
- Carbon storage (Ravenna)
- ◆ Net

The carbon capture technology leads to an **increase in the energy footprint and water footprint**, either during the **fuel production phase** (energy footprint) or related to the **electricity use** (water consumption related to hydropower).

The **overall increase in energy footprint is 50%** compared to the reference scenario. This is related to a fuel consumption increase from **3.2 MJ /t clinker in the baseline technology to 5.4 MJ/t clinker for CLEANKER CaL**.

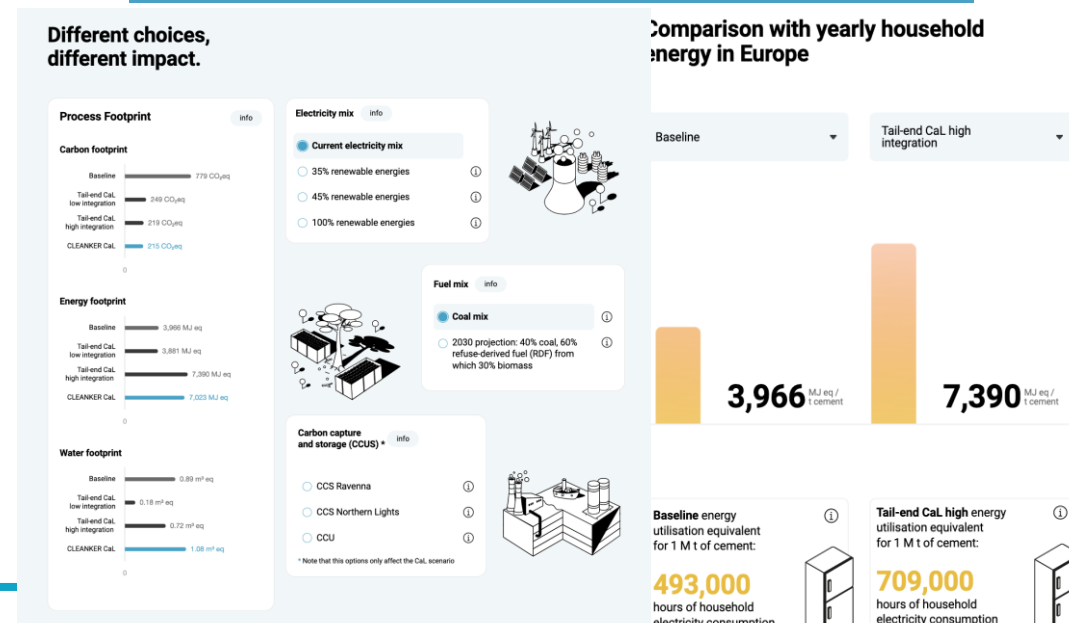
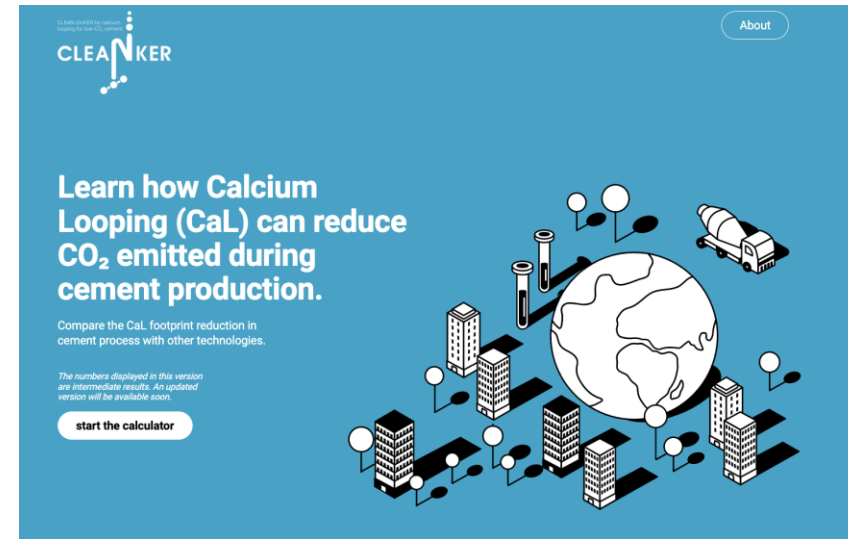
The **overall increase in water footprint is 10%** compared to the reference scenario.

The **CCS scenario in the offshore depleted gas reservoir in Ravenna leads to an increase in the energy footprint and in the water footprint of only 2%.**

- QUANTIS developed a **user-friendly web-based footprinter**, based on these LCA results. Footprinters are easy, user-friendly and robust web-tools allowing users to compare products and technologies (CLEANKER vs. baseline) based on different scenarios.
- The tool is now available to anyone who knows the URL (see below).
- The tool is not yet finished, results, design and equivalency will be updated.
- The tool will be put online in **February 2023**

URL :

<https://footprinter.cleanker.eu/>



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