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CO₂ transport, utilization and storage study

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Overview:

Start-End date: Full project duration

Work package leader: **Tallinn University of Technology**

Participant(s): **BUZZI UNICEM, ITC-Heidelberg Cement**

- The main objective of this study was to explore local and regional transport, utilization and storage needs, options and solutions in the vicinity of the demo system Vernasca Cement Plant in Italy, and some cement plants in the Baltic Region.



Objectives:

- Developing common methodology for modelling of local and regional CCUS scenarios in Europe using international expertise;
- Modelling local and regional CCUS scenarios, relevant for cement plants owned by the end-users, in particular: a Baltic regional scenario including Kunda Cement Plant in Estonia and Slantsy Cement Plant in Russia (both of ITC-HCG); a local Italian scenario including BUZZI Vernasca Cement Plant in Italy;
- Assessing regulatory issues for transport, utilization and storage in the selected scenarios;
- Defining of suitable BUZZI and ITC-HCG cement plants for CO₂ capture in Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific region based on transport and storage opportunities of CCS clusters already well documented in the literature;

Public Deliverables:

Deliverable D 7.1. Definition of a methodology for the development of a techno-economic study for CO₂ transport, storage and utilization. 56 pp. A. Shogenova and K. Shogenov, <http://www.cleanker.eu/downloads/cleanker-public-deliverables/d71-definition-of-a-methodology-for-the-development-of-a-techno-economic-study-for-co2-transport-storage-and-utilization.html>

Deliverable D7.2 Techno-economic modelling of selected local and regional CCUS scenarios for Vernasca, Kunda and Slantsy cement plants.

A. Shogenova, K. Shogenov, M. Uibu and R. Kuusik. <http://www.cleanker.eu/downloads/cleanker-public-deliverables/d72-techno-economic-modelling-of-selected-local-and-regional-ccus-scenarios-for-vernasca-kunda-and-slantsy-cement-plants.html>

Deliverable D7.3 Regional and national regulations, gaps and recommendations for CCUS scenarios, 72 pp. Authors: A., K. Shogenov and J. Ivask. <http://www.cleanker.eu/downloads/public-deliverables/d73-regional-and-national-regulations-gaps-and-recommendations-for-ccus-scenarios.html>



Techno-economic modelling of the Baltic CCUS onshore scenario

- Proposed scenario:
- 6 CO₂ emission sources
- CO₂ use: Mineral Carbonation Plant (CO₂ + Oil Shale Ash)
- Pipeline transport (700 km)
- North-Blidene Storage site in Latvia
- Cambrian saline aquifer: Deimana Formation sandstones
- CO₂ emissions and EEAP: 2019



Mineral Carbonation Plant

- 110 kg of CO₂ /t OSA
- 250 kg of PCC (precipitated CaCO₃) from one t OSA
- 0.42 Mt CO₂+3.8 Mt OSA= 0.95 Mt PCC/year

Revenues

- avoided EEAP 40 Euro/t CO₂
- 3 €/t OSA for OSA disposal
- 50 €/t PCC

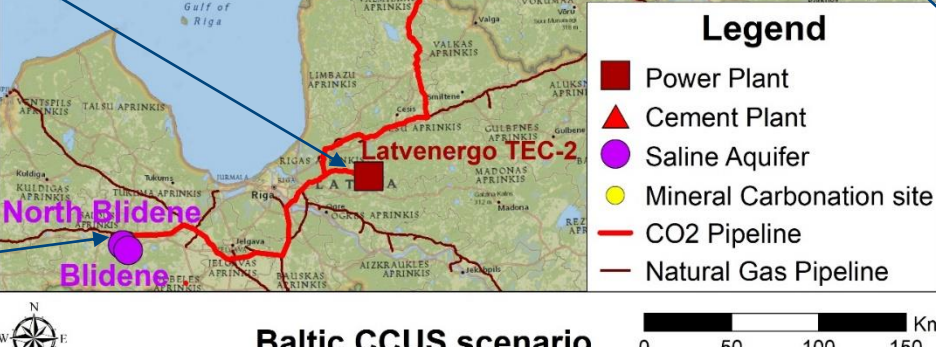
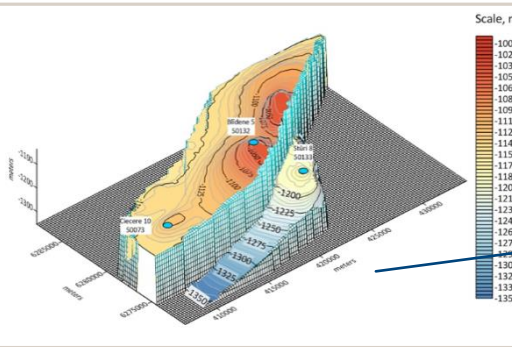
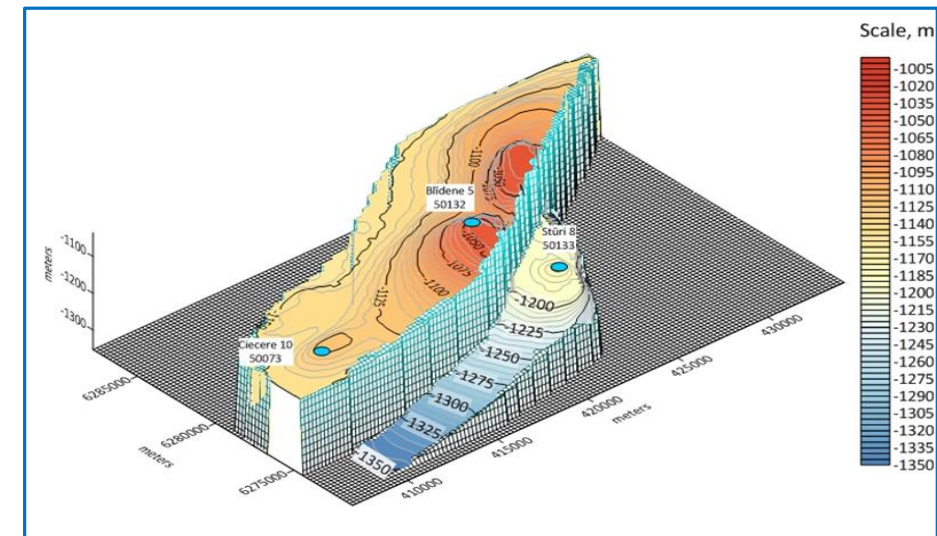
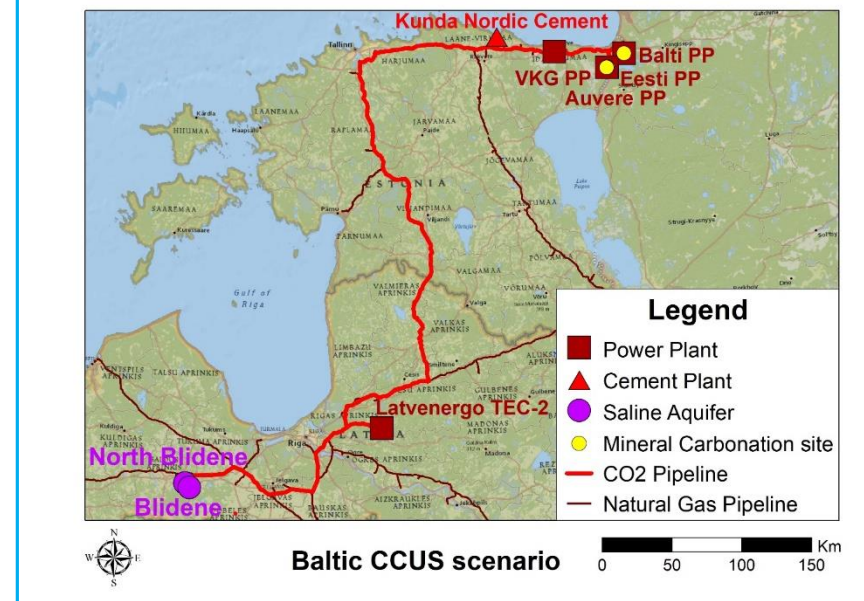


Fig 2. Baltic CCUS scenario.CO₂ emissions produced in 2019 are shown in yellow colour (Shogenova et al, 2021)

Techno-economic modelling of the Baltic CCUS onshore scenario

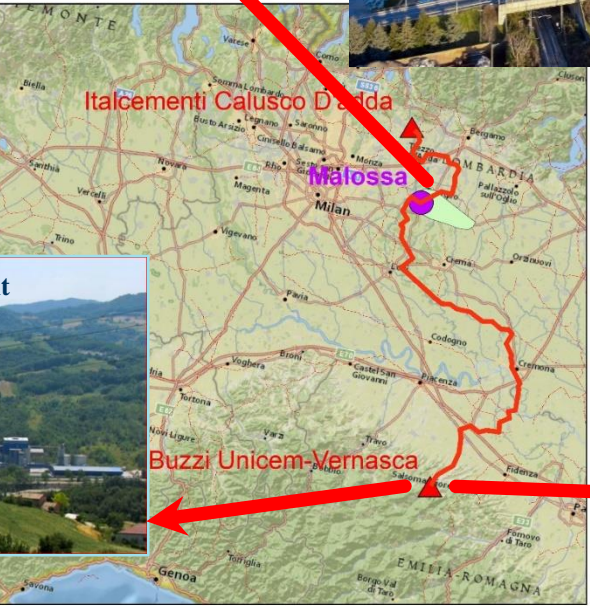
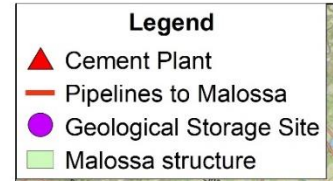
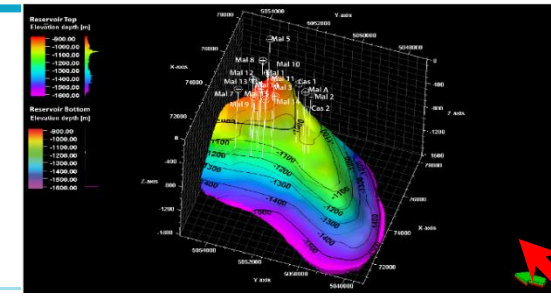
- Annually 6.8 Mt CO₂ could be captured, transported and injected, including 6 Mt CO₂ avoided using transport and storage and 0.42 Mt avoided using MC of Estonian OSA.
- During 30 years nearly 204 Mt CO₂ will be captured, used and stored
- CCUS scenario includes CO₂ use of 0.47 Mt CO₂ produced at Eesti PP and using 3.8 Mt of fresh OSA produced during combustion of OS at three Eesti Energia power plants.
- 6.4 Mt of captured and compressed CO₂ will be transported annually for onshore CO₂ storage site in Latvia (North Blidene) via pipelines. CO₂ will be injected into the 50 m thick Cambrian Series 3 Deimena Formation reservoir sandstones at the depth of 1035-1150 m.
- The total average transport and storage cost of the scenario is 18.4 €/tCO₂ injected.
- The cost depends on the transport distance, and it is the most expensive for the Eesti Energia PPs.
- The lowest T&S cost of 5.54 €/tCO₂ injected will have Latvenergo TEC2 PP with closest location to the storage site.
- At the present EEAP* (2021-2023) of about 90-100 €/t CO₂ the full chain CCUS and post-closure monitoring scenario is beneficial to all participated plants.



* EEAP – European Emission Allowance Price

NORTH-ITALIAN CCUS SCENARIO FOR THE CEMENT INDUSTRY

- The objective of this research - a techno-economic assessment of the CO₂ transport and storage scenario in the vicinity of the demo plant at Vernasca Cement Plant (CP) and estimate the feasibility of the full value chain Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) scenario.
- Techno-economic modelling of the CCS scenario for the Northern Italy includes the two largest cement plants with a total of 1.2 Mt CO₂ emissions produced in 2020.
- It is possible to capture, transport and store annually **23 Mt CO₂ during 20 years** of the project into the Malossa structure in **Sergano Gravel conglomerate Formation** (average depth 1240 m and thickness 200 m) considering the optimistic CO₂ storage capacity of the Sergano Gravel Reservoir Formation (24 Mt).
- Considering 5% of additional emissions produced during CCS operations, only 21.8 Mt of CO₂ could be avoided during 20 years of the project.



One of the largest cement plants in Europe



CO₂ capture pilot cement plant opened in October 2020 at Vernasca Cement plant

Table 1: Clinker and cement produced in 2018 and CO₂ produced in 2018–2020 by cement plants

Cement Plant	Company	Location	Clinker (kt)	Cement (kt)	CO ₂ emissions (kt/yr)		
					2018	2019	2020
Vernasca	Buzzi Unicem	Emilia Romagna	575.5	786.1	445.4	504.9	521.8
Italcementi Calusco d'adda		Bergamo	1097	955	903.6	818.9	688.2

CLEANER WP7 GIS

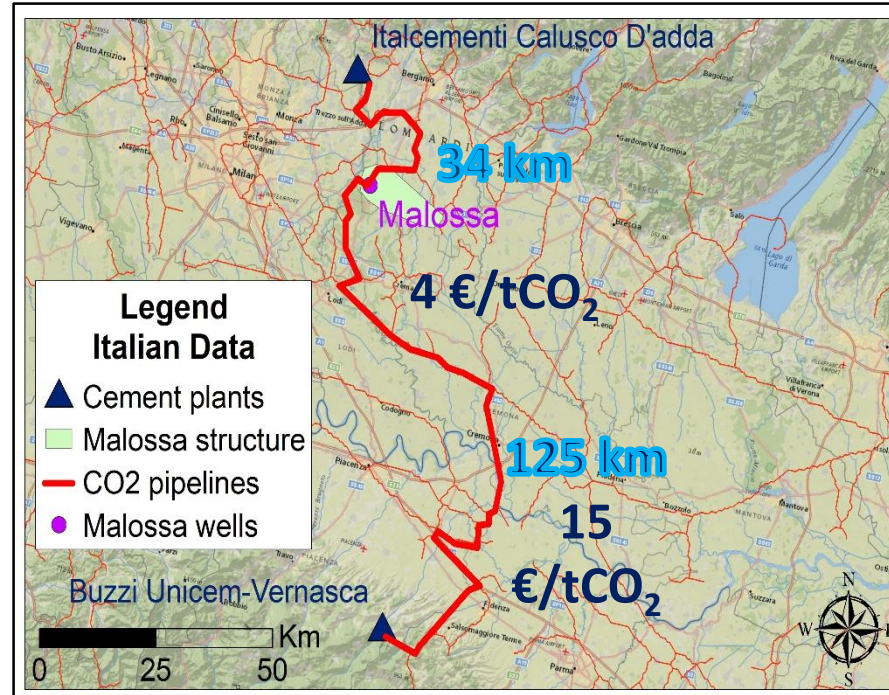
Buzzi Unicem is the second largest industry player in the country

Total costs for CO₂ transport and geological storage for 20 years project

- The total transport, storage and monitoring cost:
- 15 €/tCO₂ avoided for Vernasca CP ,
- 4 €/tCO₂ avoided for Italcementi Calusco D'adda CP.
- This difference is explained by about 4 times shorter pipeline distance and not needed booster for recompression for this plant compared to Vernasca with 125 km pipeline and needed recompression.

Conclusions

- The total costs for the CCS scenario will depend on the final costs of Ca-looping CO₂ capture at the Vernasca CP at the end of the CLEANKER project.
- Although the reference Ca-looping capture cost is 58 €/t CO₂ avoided, it will be cheaper for the CLEANKER demo system at BUV CP.
- The **maximum** total CCS cost for Vernasca CP with the transport and storage into the Malossa site could be 73 €/t CO₂ avoided, the **maximum** CCS cost for HCICD CP is 62 €/t CO₂.
- These costs are already feasible and beneficial now considering EEAP 90-100 €/t CO₂ reached in EU ETS in 2021-2023.



Shogenova, A.; Shogenov K.; Mariani, M.; Gastaldi, D.; Pellegrino, G. (2022). North Italian CCS Scenario for the Cement Industry. Chemical Engineering Transactions, 96, 115–120. DOI: [10.3303/CET2296020](https://doi.org/10.3303/CET2296020).

Table. Total costs for CO₂ transport and storage for 20 years project in the Lombardy Region

Company	Buzzi Unicem	Heidelberg Cement	Total costs/(average per t CO ₂) for 2 Italian cement plants
Plant			
Parameters	Vernasca	Italcementi Calusco D'adda	
CO ₂ injected per year, Mt	0.50	0.65	1.15
Total pipeline CAPEX, M€	34.96	6.87	41.83
Total CAPEX for all wells, M€	5.71	5.71	11.41
2Booster CAPEX, M€	3.53	-	3.53
Storage facilities CAPEX, M€	0.05	0.05	0.09
BEC (for pipeline, wells and storage facilities), M€	44.24	12.62	56.86
Decommissioning cost (DC) 25% from TPC, M€	11.06	3.15	14.21
Interest (1.5%) for 2 years of constrycion	1.33	0.38	1.71
FOM (annual fixed O&M cost) M€	0.61	0.18	0.79
TPC (Total Plant Cost), M€	57.23	16.34	73.56
CAPEX, €/tCO ₂ injected	10.46	2.28	5.81
OPEX total (40% from BEC), M€	17.70	5.05	22.74
OPEX, €/tCO ₂ injected	2.86	0.62	1.58
MVEX (annual monitoring and verification cost), M€	0.50	0.56	1.06
MVEX, €/tCO ₂ injected	1.01	0.85	0.92
COSTtotal, €/tCO ₂ injected	14.32	3.75	8.31
COSTtotal, €/tCO ₂ avoided	15.1	3.95	8.74

Integration of Buzzi and Heidelberg cement plants into the first operating and planned CCUS cluster projects worldwide

- Technical and geological parameters of the 12 large CCUS cluster projects worldwide were included into the CLEANER ArcGIS Database and integrated with 12 HCG and BU CPs prospective for CLEANER Ca-looping technology exploitation.
- CO₂ transport distance from the CP to the CO₂ storage site and maturity of the projects permitted to propose priority for the possible CPs integration (recommendations sent to HeidelbergCement in 2020).
- The **HCG Norcem Brevik CP** is the first worldwide CP already included into the Longship project with Northern Lights infrastructure for CO₂ storage.
- The second world candidate CP for integration into the cluster project is **HCG Edmonton CP** located at the **170 km** from the Clive DOF of the **ACTL** project in Alberta State in Canada. The CO₂ capture pilot is already developing now at the Edmonton CP.
- Among three CPs proposed for UK clusters, the **Padeswood CP** has the closest location to offshore storage site (about **60 km onshore and offshore**).
- **In December 2020 CLEANER WP7 sent an abstract to HeidelbergCement with proposed cement plants to be included into the CCUS clusters.**
- **In 2021 HeidelbergCement's British subsidiary Hanson UK has become a partner in the HyNet North West consortium with Padeswood cement plant.**
- All the proposed CPs are producing clinker and cement and suitable for exploitation study of the CLEANER project Ca-looping capture technology.

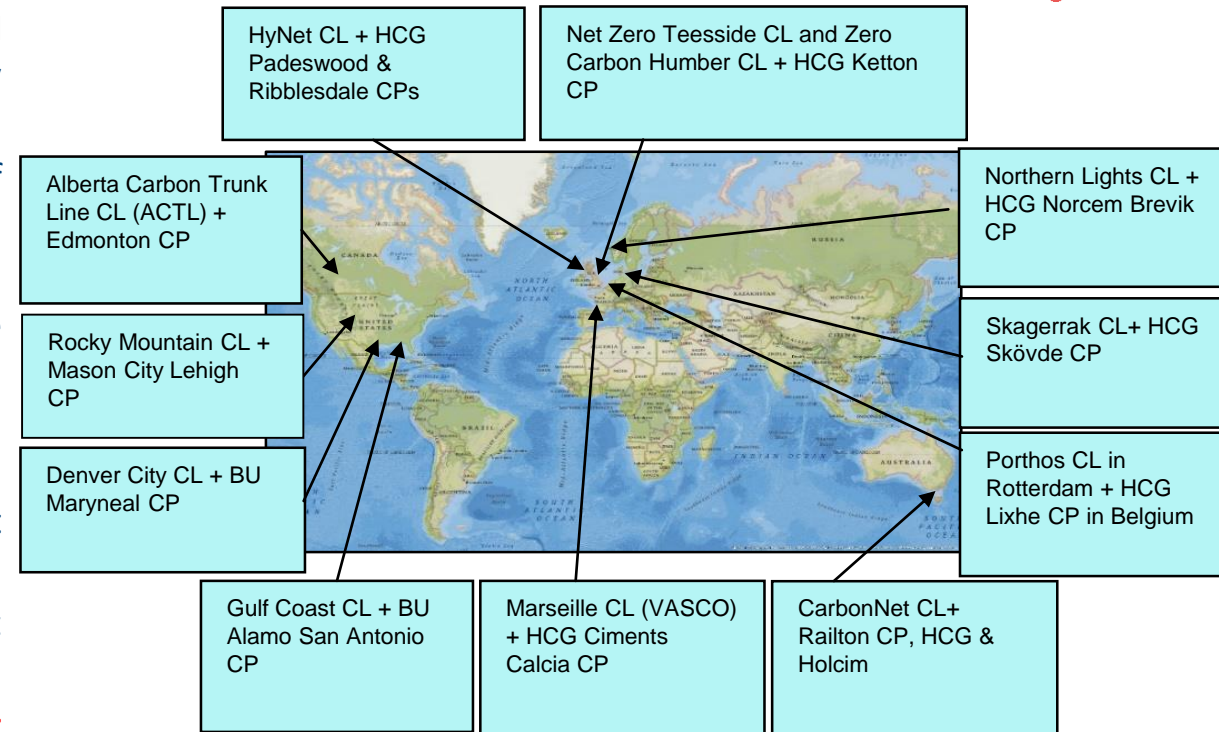


Fig.1. 12 CCUS Cluster Projects (CL) with Cement Plants (CP) proposed for Buzzi Unicem and HeidelbergCement

Results and recommendations from this study was sent to HeidelbergCement Group in December 2020

Shogenova, A., Shogenov, K. and Ivask, J., Habicht, G., Gastaldi, D., Pellegrino, G., *Integration of Buzzi and Heidelberg Cement Plants Into the First Operating and Planned CCUS Cluster Projects Worldwide, Using CLEANER Project GIS Database.*

SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3813982> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3813982>



Table 1. The most prospective clusters and cement plants for exploitation study

Country	Cluster Name	Website	Main project partners	Storage sites, Off-shore/ Onshore	Pipeline/ Ship/ Onshore/ Offshore, km	Cement Plant, Heidelberg/ Buzzi (H/B)	Development Phase
Canada	Alberta Carbon Trunk Line	https://actl.ca/	Enhance Energy Inc.; Wolf Carbon Solutions Inc.; Nutrien Inc.; Northwest Redwater Partnership	Depleted oil fields, Onshore	P, On /240	EdmontonLehigh Hanson, Canada (H)	Operating
The Netherlands	PORTHOS	https://www.rotterdamccus.nl/	EBN, Gasunie and the Port of Rotterdam Authority	Depleted Gas fields, Offshore	P, On/ 21; P, Off/33	Maastricht (H)	Development
UK	HyNet	https://hynet.co.uk/	Cadent, Progressive Energy, CF Fertilisers, Essar, Peel and the University of Chester	Depleted Gas fields, Offshore	P, On/ 27+31; P, Off/ 33; Ship	Padeswood Works & Ribblesdale Works, Hanson UK (H)	Development
UK	Zero Carbon Humber	https://www.zerocarbonehumber.co.uk/	Drax Group; Equinor; National Grid Ventures; Phillips 66 Ltd; px Group; SSE Thermal; Saltend Cogeneration; VPI-Immingham LLP; etc	Depleted Gas fields, Offshore	P, Off /160; 250	Ketton Works, Hanson UK (H)	Development
Denmark and Sweden	SKAGER-RAK	link	GEUS, SINTEFF, NORDICCS partners, Maersk, INEOS Oil & Gas Denmark and Wintershall Dea	Saline aquifer, Offshore	P/On, 110; S/700	Skövde (H)	Development

Abstract sent to HeidelbergCement (07.12.2020):

- **Abstract:**
- **Integration of Buzzi and Heidelberg cement plants into the first operating and planned CCUS cluster projects worldwide, using CLEANKER project GIS database – recommendations for exploitation study**
- *Alla Shogenova^a, Kazbulat Shogenov^a, Jüri Ivask^a, Guido Pellegrino^c, Daniela Gastaldi^b and Glea Habicht^a*



The best-known CCUS clusters in the world: 3 UK clusters studied by the Cleanker project

HeidelbergCement is a partner of HyNet!

- From Press Release 2.03. 2021:
- “HeidelbergCement’s British subsidiary Hanson UK has become a partner in the HyNet North West consortium
- HyNet North West covers the largest concentration of advanced manufacturing and chemical production in the UK, including Hanson’s Padeswood cement plant
- As a first step, a feasibility study will be conducted to provide a clear design basis and cost estimate for a capture facility at the Padeswood plant, and connection to the proposed HyNet North West CO₂ network and storage system.
- The project will reduce regional CO₂ emissions by up to 10 million tonnes every year by 2030 – including up to 800,000 tonnes from the Hanson plant in Padeswood. This is the equivalent of taking four million cars off the road.”
- Padeswood CP is located at 8 km onshore to the River Dee and 50 km offshore to the Hamilton gas field.

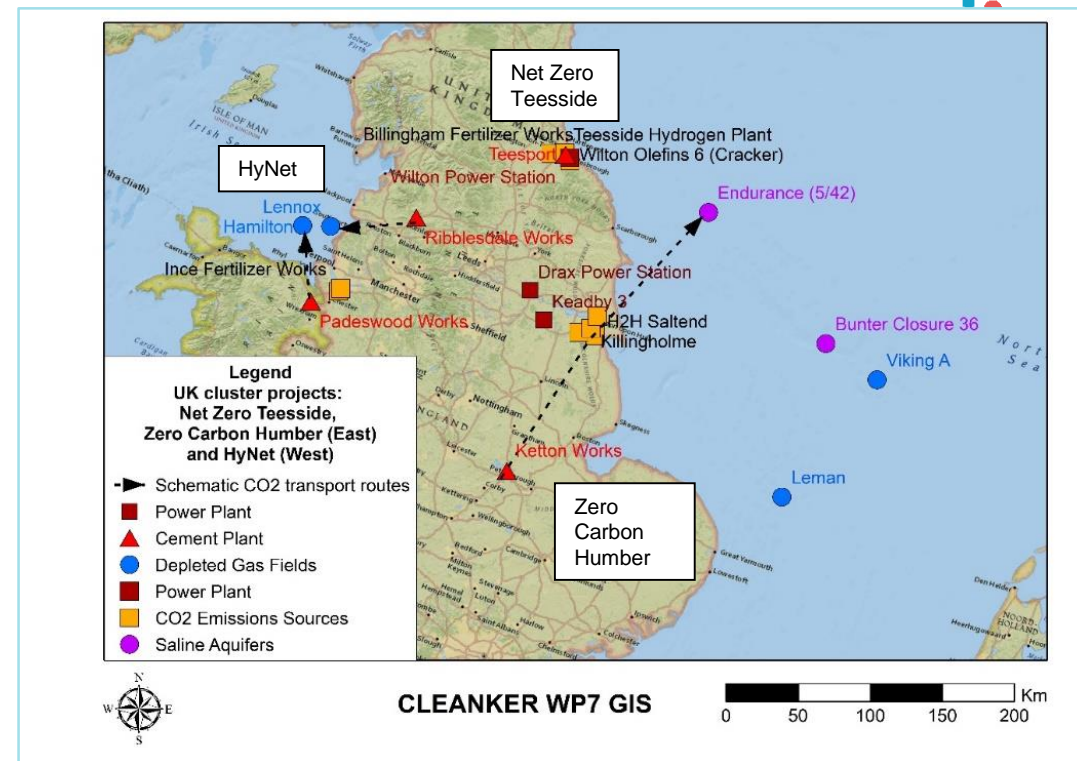


Fig. 7. Three CCUS cluster projects in UK.
 HyNet North West cluster can integrate two CPs: Padeswood Works and Ribblesdale Works, Hanson UK.
 Zero Carbon Humber can include HCG Keadby 3, Hanson UK CP with CO₂ storage in Endurance SA (in cooperation with Teesside cluster).

2.03. 2021: HeidelbergCement’s British subsidiary Hanson UK has become a partner in the HyNet North West consortium with Padeswood Cement Plant (one the recommended plants by CLEANER WP7)



Operating North-America cluster projects

- **Alberta Carbon Trunk Line (ACTL) project in Canada** has the world's largest capacity pipeline for CO₂ from human activity.
- **Agrium Fertilizer Facility and North West Redwater Refinery**, producing in 2018 about **0.3 and 1.3 Mt CO₂** correspondingly will transport captured CO₂ emissions using **240 km of 16 inches pipeline to CO₂-EOR and storage site in Clive field in Alberta**, which includes Leduc Formation and Nisku reservoirs at the depth of 1900 m.
- **The CO₂ pipeline with annual capacity of 14.6 Mt CO₂ will be open access to all CO₂ producers in Alberta's Industrial Heartland and central Alberta.**
- HCG's North American subsidiary Lehigh Cement in November 2019 announced a feasibility study of a full-scale CCS project.
- The plant located at 170 km to the **Clive storage site**. Integration of the Lehigh Hanson CP in Edmonton into the ACTL project will increase its annual capacity from **1.6 to 2.4 Mt CO₂**.

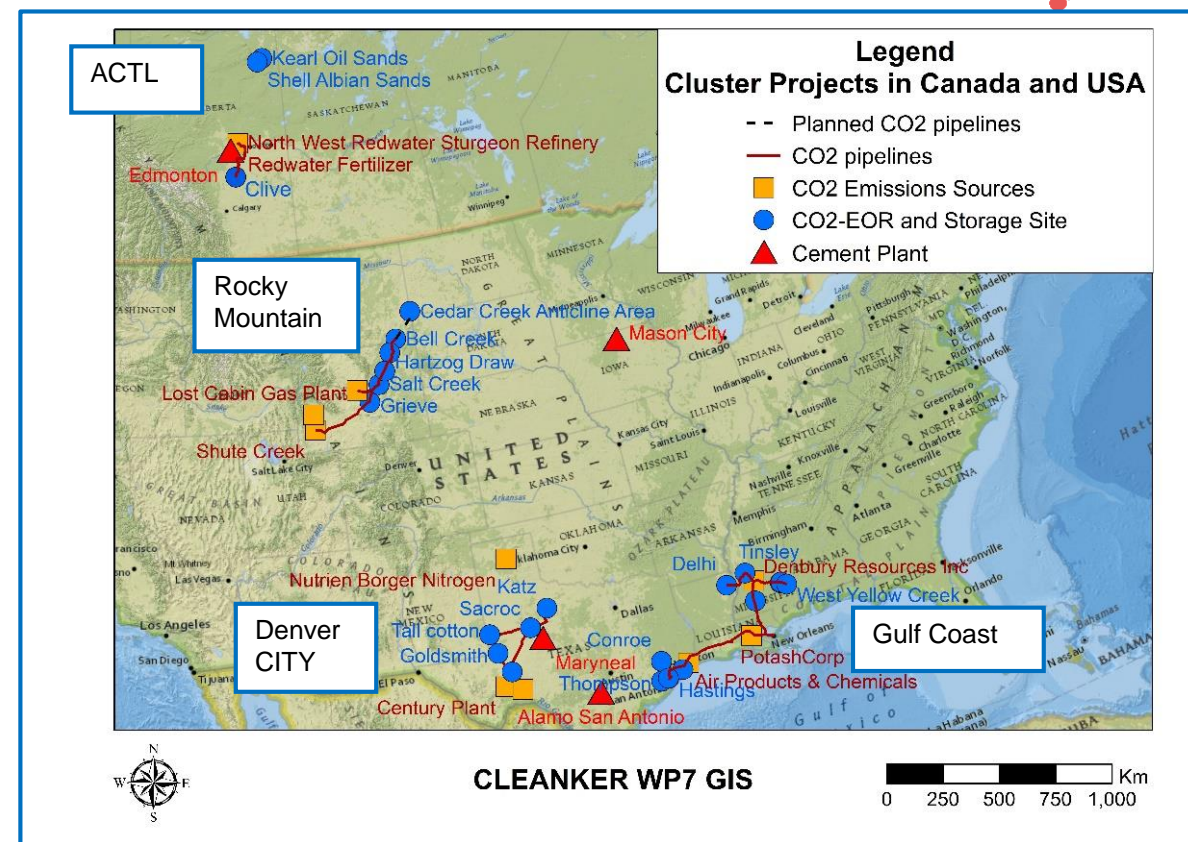


Fig. 1. North American Cluster projects: (1) ACTL project in Canada with HCG Edmonton CP included; 2) Rocky Mountain project with HCG Mason City Lehigh Portland CP proposed; 3) Denver CITY Cluster project in Texas with BU Maryneal CP; 4) The Gulf Coast cluster with BU Alamo San Antonio CP.

The most recent results from BUZZI UNICEM Vernasca Cement Plant

CO₂ UTILIZATION

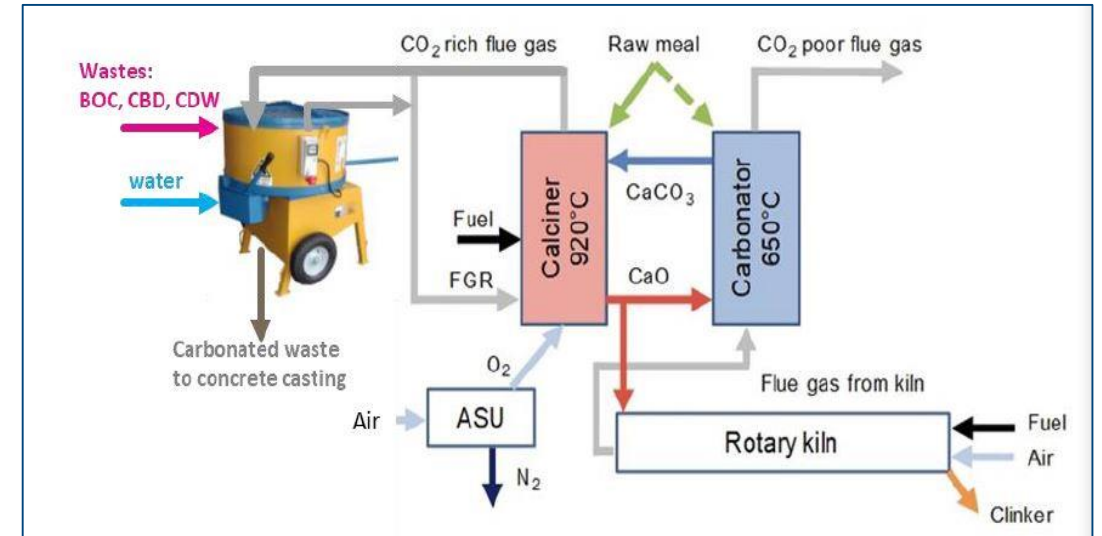
Objective: Demonstrating mineral carbonation of CaO-rich waste ash from Estonia and concrete demolition waste (CDW) from cement plants with CO₂ captured from the demo system in Vernasca BUZZI plant.

Deliverables:

- **Deliverable D7.5.** Design and full specifications of the pilot facility for mineralization tests in Vernasca (submitted in M25). Fulvio Canonico , Mai Uibu, Rein Kuusik, 13 pp, Public: <http://www.cleanker.eu/downloads/cleanker-public-deliverables/d75-design-and-full-specifications-of-the-pilot-facility-for-mineralization-tests-in-vernasca.html>
- **Deliverables 7.6.** Final report with results of the mineralization tests at Vernasca (ready to submit). Daniela Gastaldi, Francesco Magli, Fulvio Canonico
- **Deliverable 7.7.** Results from casting concrete containing CaLooped CO₂ trapped in the Vernasca demo system Daniela Gastaldi, Fulvio Canonico



- One of the objectives of the Horizon 2020 project CLEANKER is the construction of a CO₂ mineralization reactor that will capture CO₂ emitted by the CaL system.
- CO₂ mineralization consists in the capture of carbon dioxide gas by means of mineral phases: CO₂ is bound in the form of thermodynamically stable carbonate minerals, which, by eliminating the greenhouse effect of CO₂ allows environmentally safe disposal or recycling of CO₂.
- The lab-scale experiment was performed @ TUT in a 46 L reactor with the aim to:
 - Test different materials and select the most performing in terms of CO₂ capture ability;
 - Establish the best test condition (gas flow, CO₂ concentration, wet/dry route);
 - Supply full specification for the realization of the pilot facility



Burnt oil shale (BOS) ashes resulted to be the best material, thanks to the high content of free lime:

- $\text{CaO} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Ca(OH)}_2$
- $\text{Ca(OH)}_2 + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{CaCO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Mineral trapping of CO₂ from the demo system



Upper part (off-line test):

- Flowmeters
- Mixing chambers
- RH/T probes
- CO₂ analyzer
- PC



Bottom part (in-situ test):

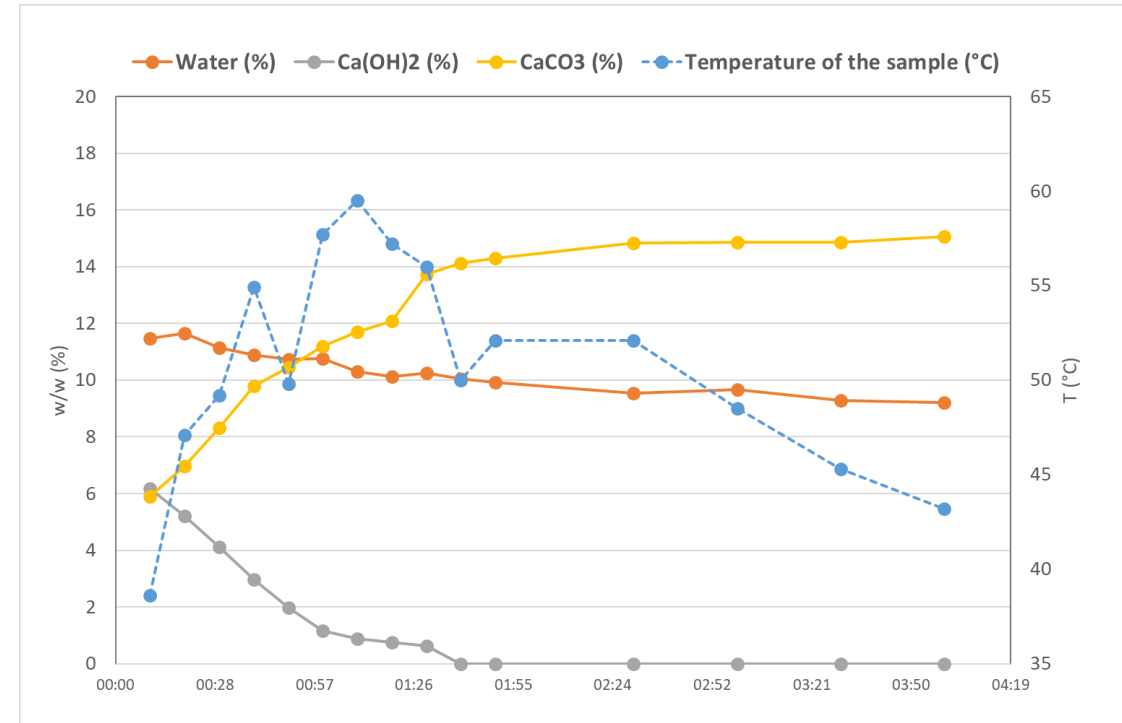
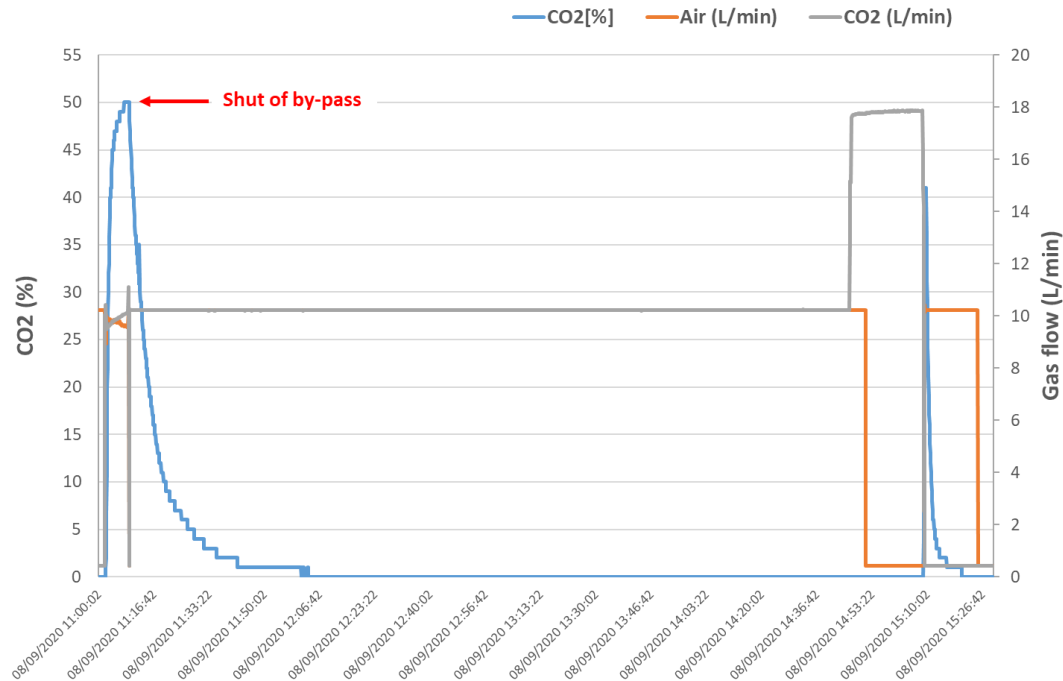
- Cooler
- Suction pump



Mineral trapping of CO₂ from the demo system

«Off-line» test – experimental conditions:

- 40 kg of BOS + 8 kg water (w/s = 0.2)
- CO₂ = 50%
- Gas flow 20 L/min



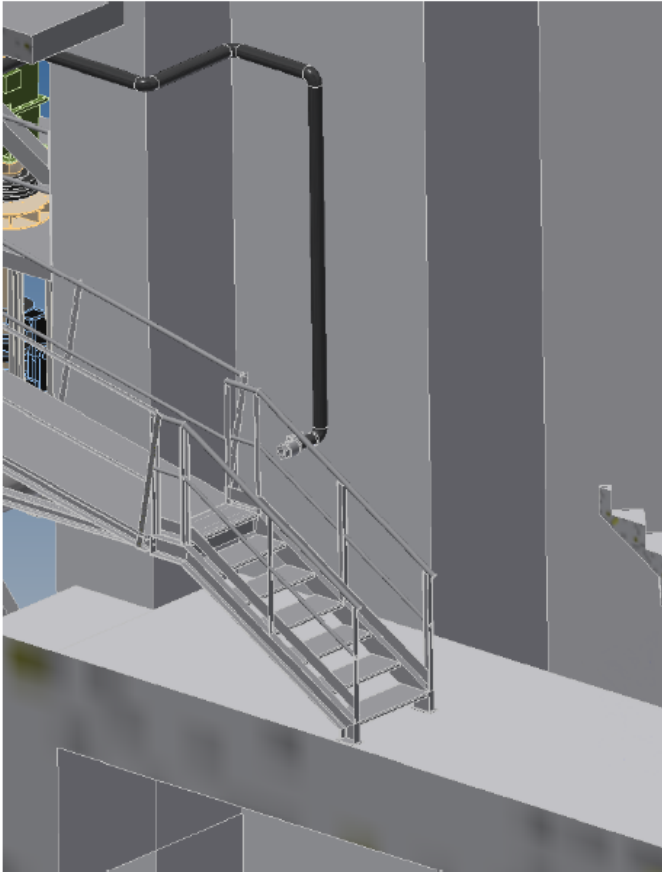
«Off-line» test - results:

- CO₂ saturation of BOS after 2 hours
- Increase in temperature up to 60°C (CaO hydration)
- 1 kg of BOS stores 50 g of CO₂

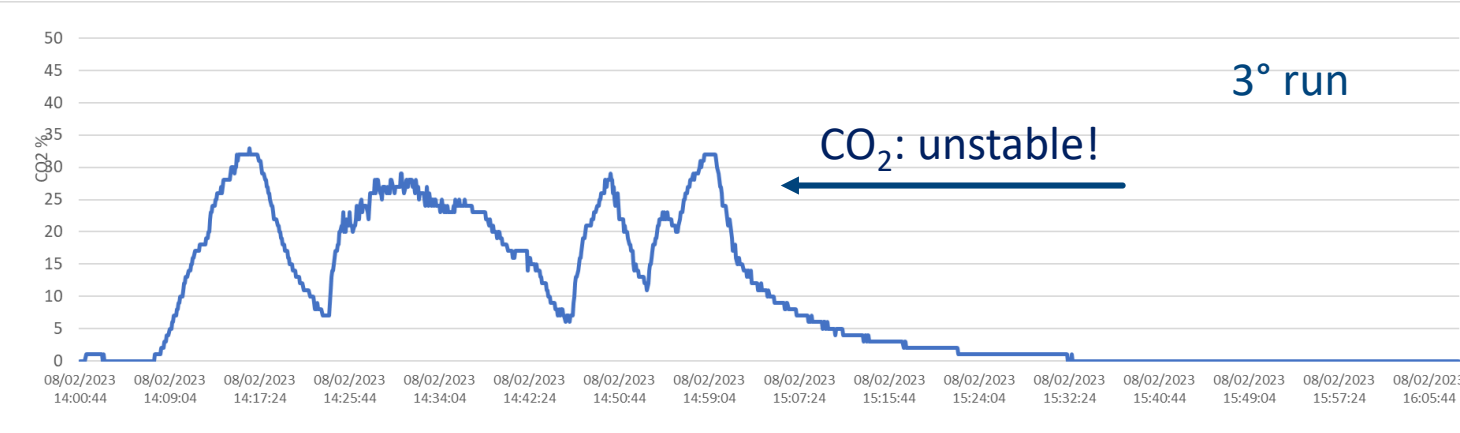
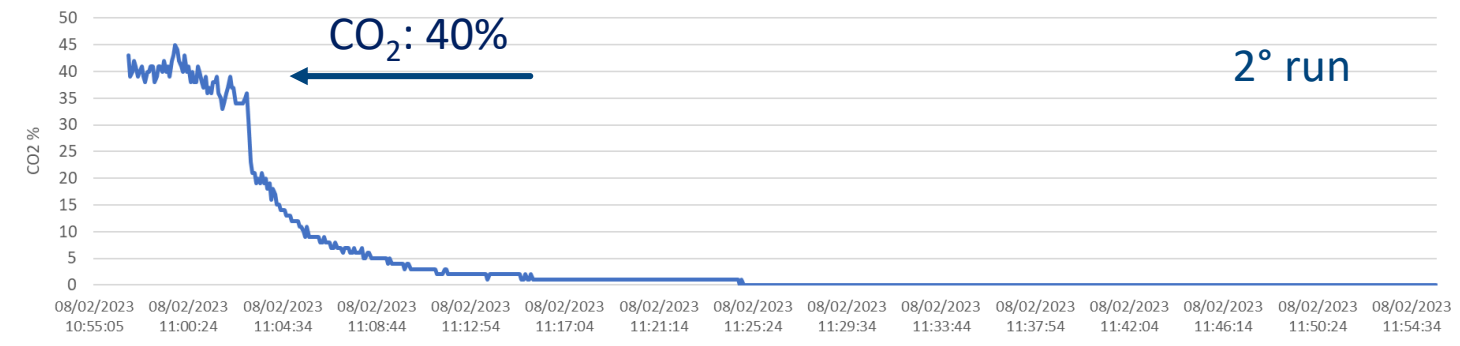
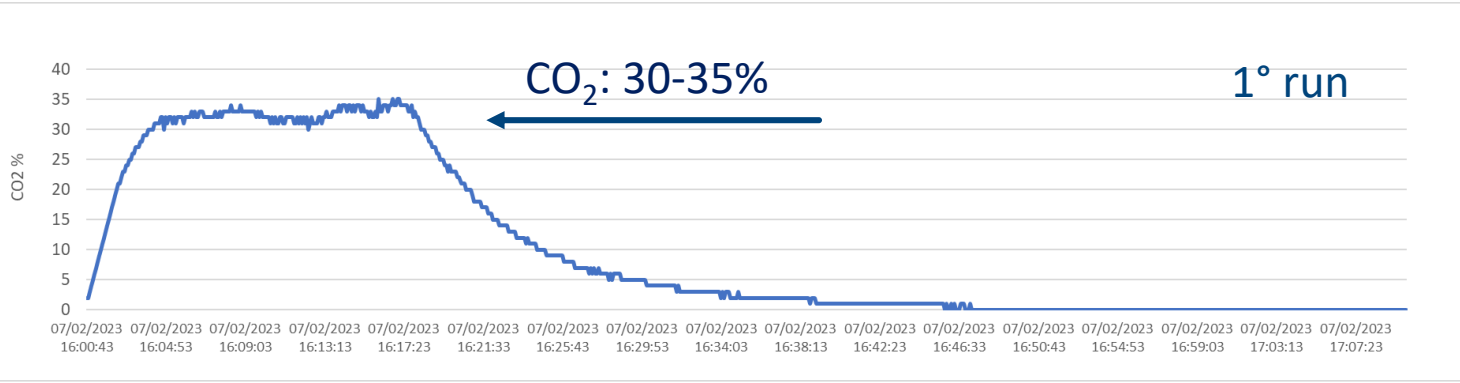


Mineral trapping of CO₂ from the demo system

For in situ test the mineralizing system was installed on the 4° floor of the preheater tower in Vernasca plant
Three runs of mineralization were carried (40 kg + 8 kg water each) – gas flow 60L/min



Mineral trapping of CO₂ from the demo system

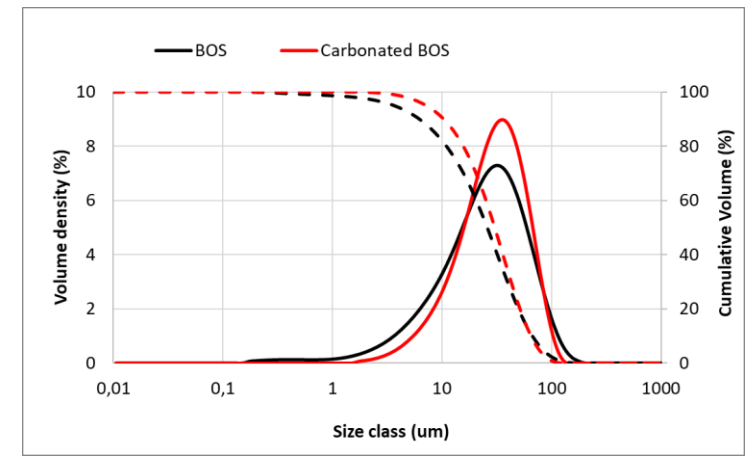
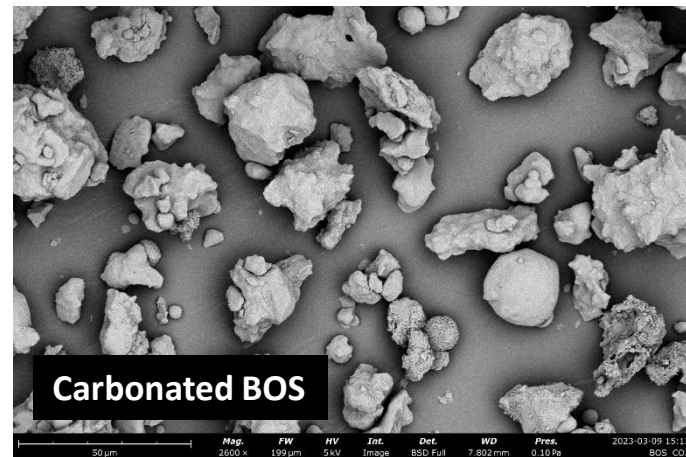
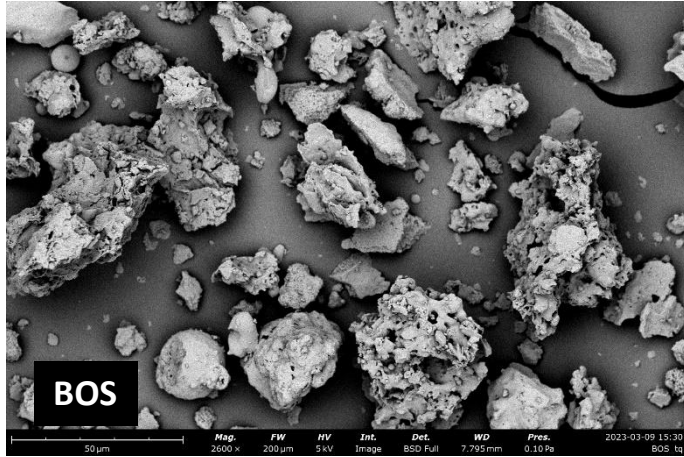


	Ca(OH) ₂	CaCO ₃
BOS (original material)	9,7	4,8
Carbonated-BOS 1° batch	5,0	9,2
Carbonated-BOS 2° batch	4,5	10,7
Carbonated-BOS 3° batch	7,2	6,1

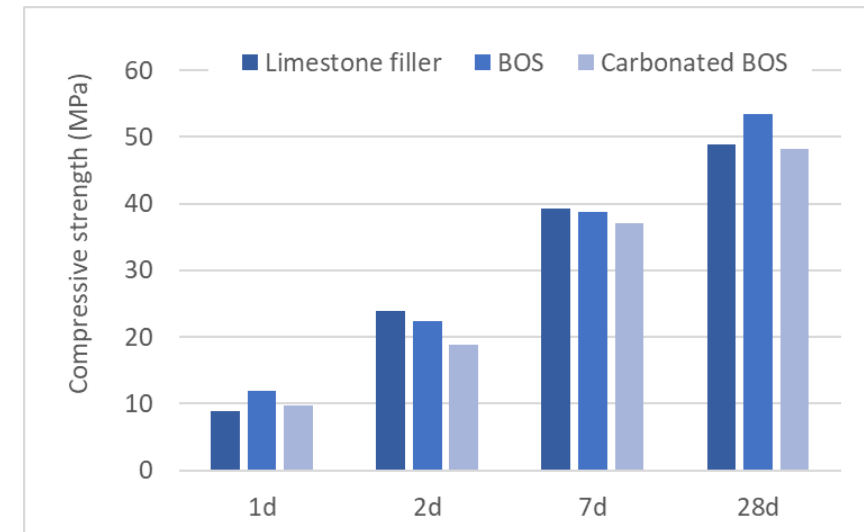
	g CO ₂ in 1kg of BOS	
Carbonated-BOS 1° batch	19,6	
Carbonated-BOS 2° batch	26,2	
Carbonated-BOS 3° batch	6,0	

Unconstant CO₂ concentration in the gas stream (caused by dust glogging of the pipes) significantly reduces the efficiency of the process!!!





- Electron microscopy on carbonated BOS shows rounded particles due to the deposition of carbonation product on the surface of ashes → lower surface and larger particle size!
- Test on mortars (UNI EN 196-1) based on CEM II/A-LL with 8% addition of BOS (only 1° and 2° batches were used)
- Limestone filler used as reference
- Loss of flexural and compressive strength



Casting of concrete containing CaLooped CO₂

Concrete specifications (4 m³):

CEM II/A-LL (340 kg/m³) w/c: 0.59 Strength class: C30/37 Slump class: S5 Max d: 32 mm

2 m³ (half load) of ordinary concrete (according to specifications) were poured in a first hole

60 kg of carbonate BOS were added to the remaining 2 m³ of concrete, homogenized for 5 minutes and poured in the second hole



Casting of concrete containing CaLooped CO₂



260 mm



200 mm

The addition of carbonated BOS results in the lost of 1 class of consistency (S5 → S4)!!!

Workability can be adjusted through increasing the amount of superplasticizer (1/3 more in laboratory tests)

N/mm ²	Reference concrete	Carbonated BOS concrete
1 day	6,3	6,7
2 days	22,6	25,1
7 days	37,3	35,7
28 days		

Conclusions

- BOS ashes can be successfully used as mineralizers for CO₂ storage
- The efficiency of mineralization process is strictly related to the CO₂ concentration in the gas stream
- During the in-situ test performed in Vernasca, 20-25g of CO₂ per kg of BOS were stored
- The use of carbonated BOS in mortar and concrete allows a CO₂ reduction of 4 kg of CO₂/m³ of concrete leads to a loss of workability that can be easily managed using additives, while strength performances are preserved



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