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## Design of a 2 MW<sub>th</sub> Indirectly Heated Carbonate Looping Demonstration Facility at a Lime Plant in Germany

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**300 kW<sub>th</sub> IHCaL CO<sub>2</sub> capture**  
pilot plant (2014)  
and corrosion testing facility

Laboratory and mechanic  
workshop

**1 MW<sub>th</sub> pilot plant for CO<sub>2</sub>**  
**capture** and gasification (2010)

Gas cleaning pilot plant with  
amine scrubbing (2021)

Fuel and chemicals synthesis  
facility (2021)



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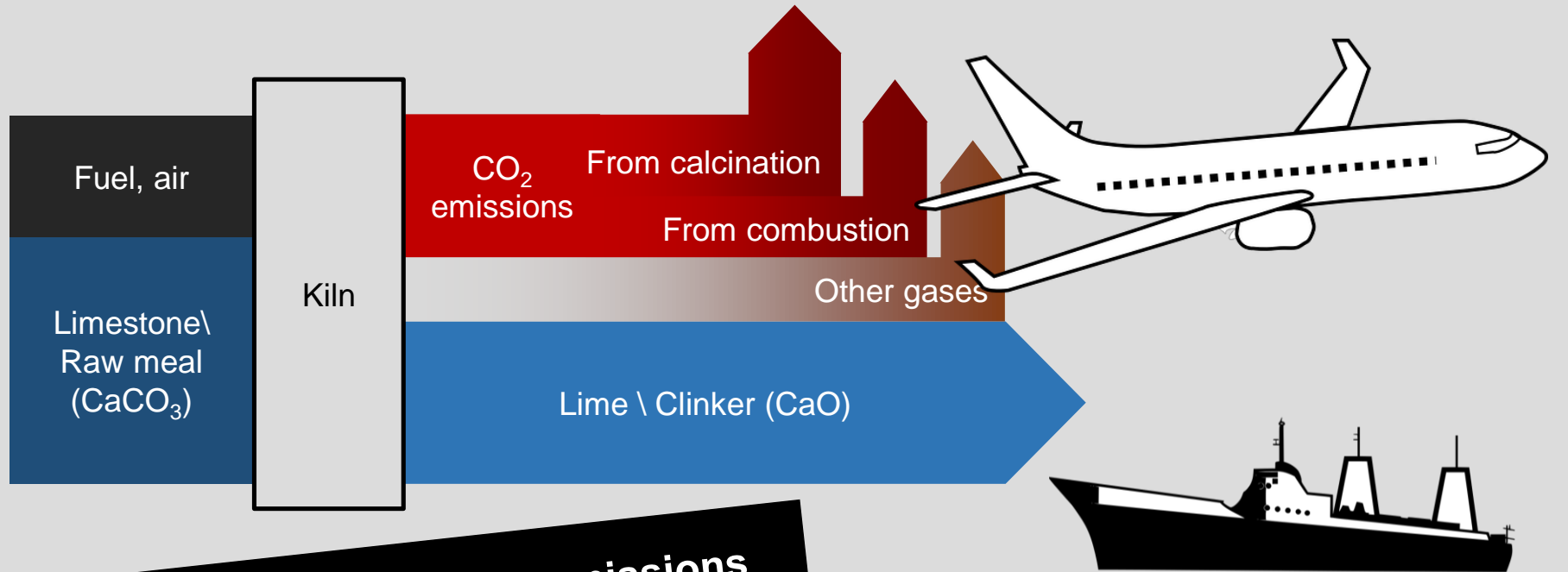
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**Conclusions and Outlook**

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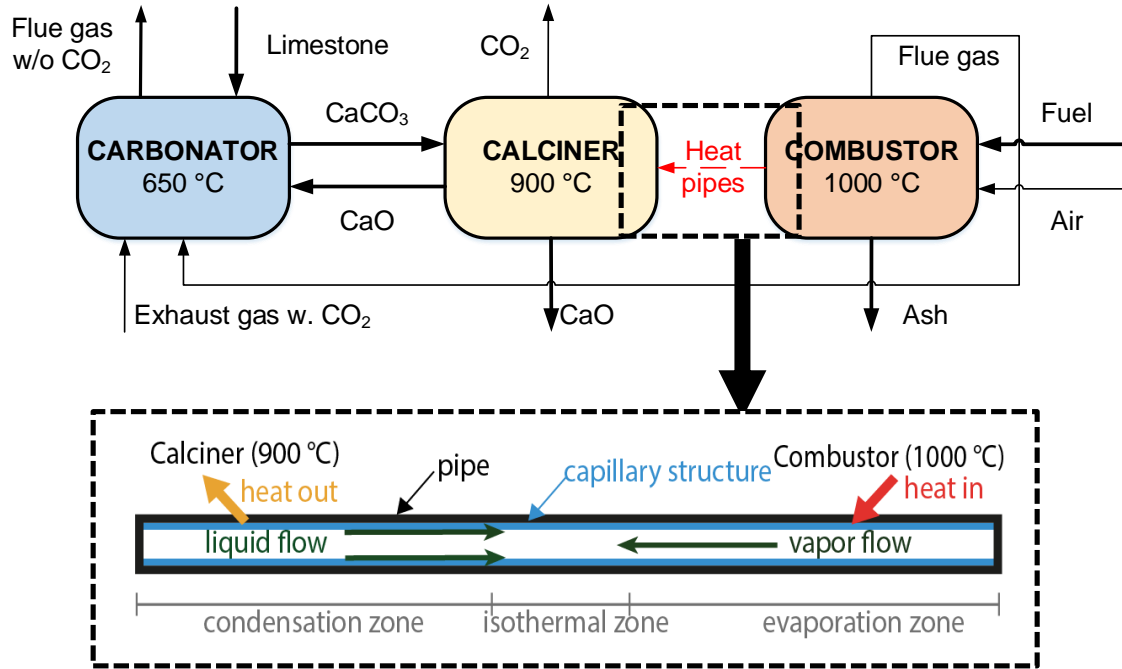
# Motivation

## The Lime and Cement Industry



**8% of global fossil  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions**

## 2 Indirectly Heated Carbonate Looping



### Indirectly heated Carbonate Looping

- **No air separation unit** is necessary
- **Few impurities** (sulfur, ash, O<sub>2</sub>)
- **Synergies** with cement & lime
- **Validated** in the pilot scale: 300 kW<sub>th</sub>



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## Pilot Testing (300 kW<sub>th</sub>)



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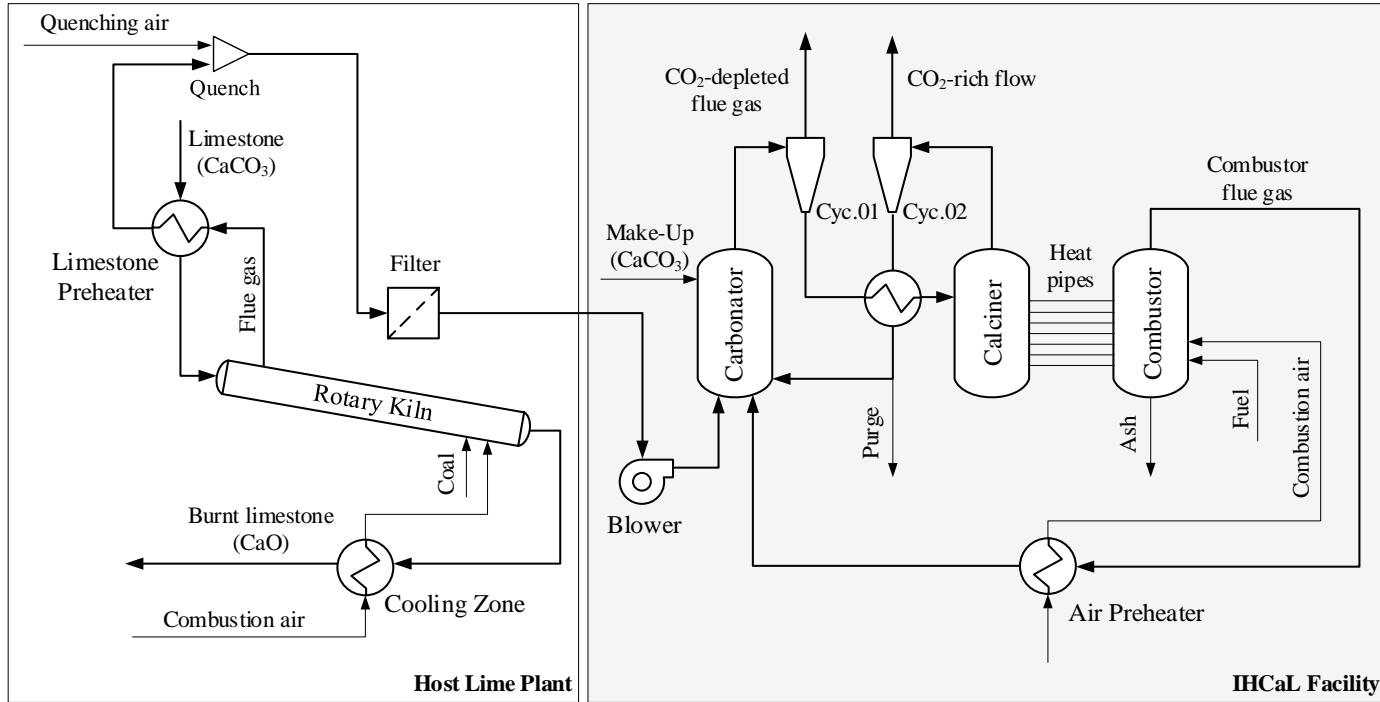
## The ANICA Project Pilot Testing (300 kW<sub>th</sub>)





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## IHCaL in the Lime Production: Tail-End



Dried lignite  
21.5 MJ/kg

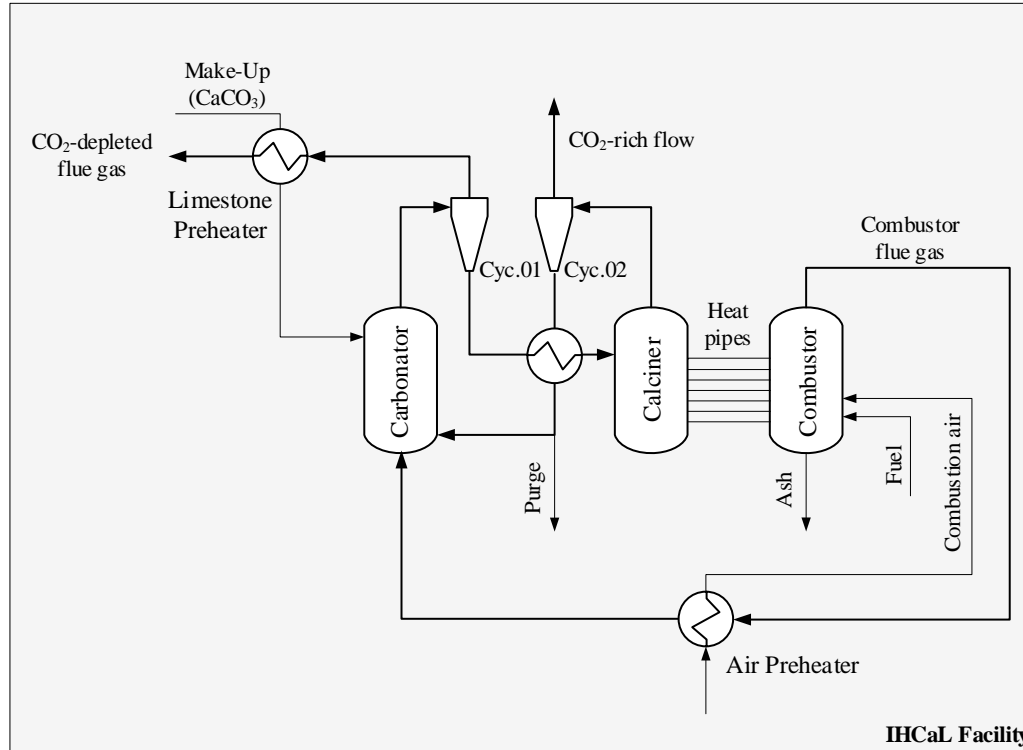


Solid Recovered Fuel  
21.5 MJ/kg



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## IHCaL in the Lime Production: Integrated



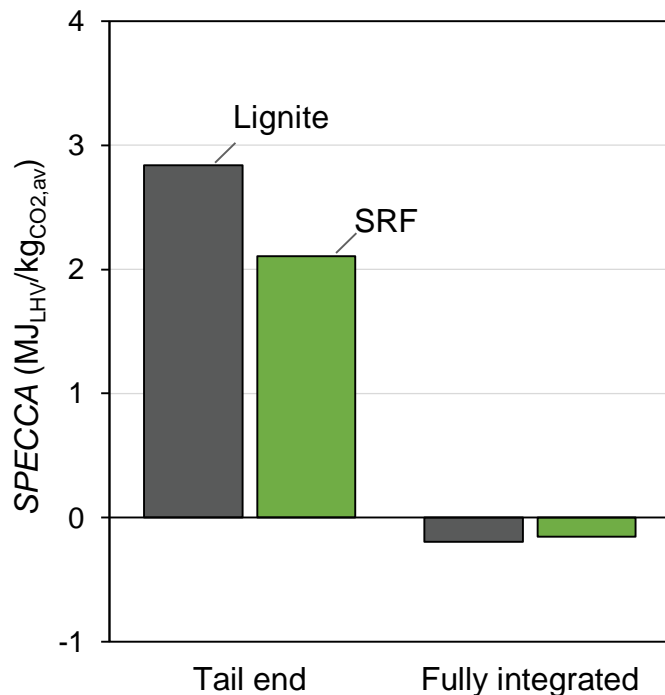
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Solid Recovered Fuel  
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## IHCaL in the Lime Production: Energy



- KPI: Specific Primary Energy Consumption per CO<sub>2</sub> avoided
- Low values compared to benchmark technologies
- Efficient heat utilization
- Best SPECCA for fully integrated solutions

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### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Negative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the lime production using an indirectly heated carbonate looping process

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### Abstract

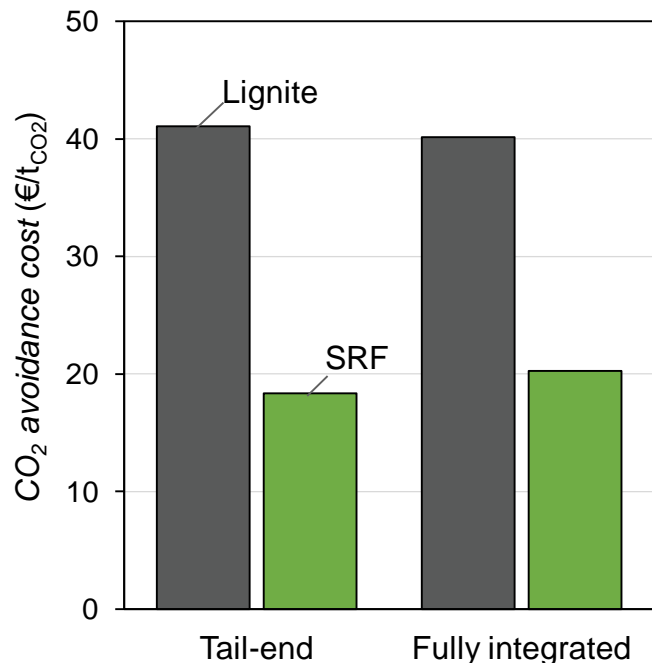
Lime is an essential raw material for iron and steel production, in construction and agriculture, in civil engineering, in environmental protection, and in manifold chemical manufacturing processes. To address the problem of unavoidable process CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with the production of lime, efficient capture technologies need to be developed and implemented. The indirectly heated carbonate looping (IHCaL) process is an efficient candidate for this application because it utilizes lime as the sorbent for the CO<sub>2</sub> capture. In this work, a retrofit configuration of this process is presented and analysed for net negative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This is done considering different facts that provide the heat required for the regeneration of the sorbent. The different scenarios were simulated with an Aspen®/Helm model, key performance indicators were calculated, and the process was compared with other post-combustion capture methods. The results show that net negative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as high as -180 kg<sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>/t<sub>CaO</sub> (calculated with a state-of-the-art coal power plant energy scenario (η<sub>g</sub> = 44.2, η<sub>g+cc</sub> = 77.9 kg<sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>/MW<sub>th</sub>)) can be obtained. This represents an equivalent CO<sub>2</sub> avoidance of more than 230% with respect to the reference plant without capture (1360 kg<sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>/t<sub>CaO</sub>). A specific primary energy consumption for CO<sub>2</sub> avoided (SPECCA) lower than 1.5 MJ<sub>SP</sub>/kg<sub>CO<sub>2</sub>,av</sub> was achieved for the same energy scenario. Particularly promising results can be accomplished when applying fuels with high biogenic fraction and low specific CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, such as solid recovered fuels (SRFs) with a high calorific value.

**Keywords** Negative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions · Carbonate looping · Indirectly heated · Carbon dioxide removal · Refuse-derived fuels · Solid recovered fuels · Lime production



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## IHCaL in the Lime Production: Cost



- **Alternative fuels** are key to reduce costs
- **Low operation costs**
- Tail-end and fully integrated have **similar specific costs**, but tail-end requires higher investment
- Low values compared to **benchmark technologies**

- Industrially-relevant operation
- Real flue gas from lime plant
- Post-combustion capture
- 2 MW<sub>th</sub> combustor heating power

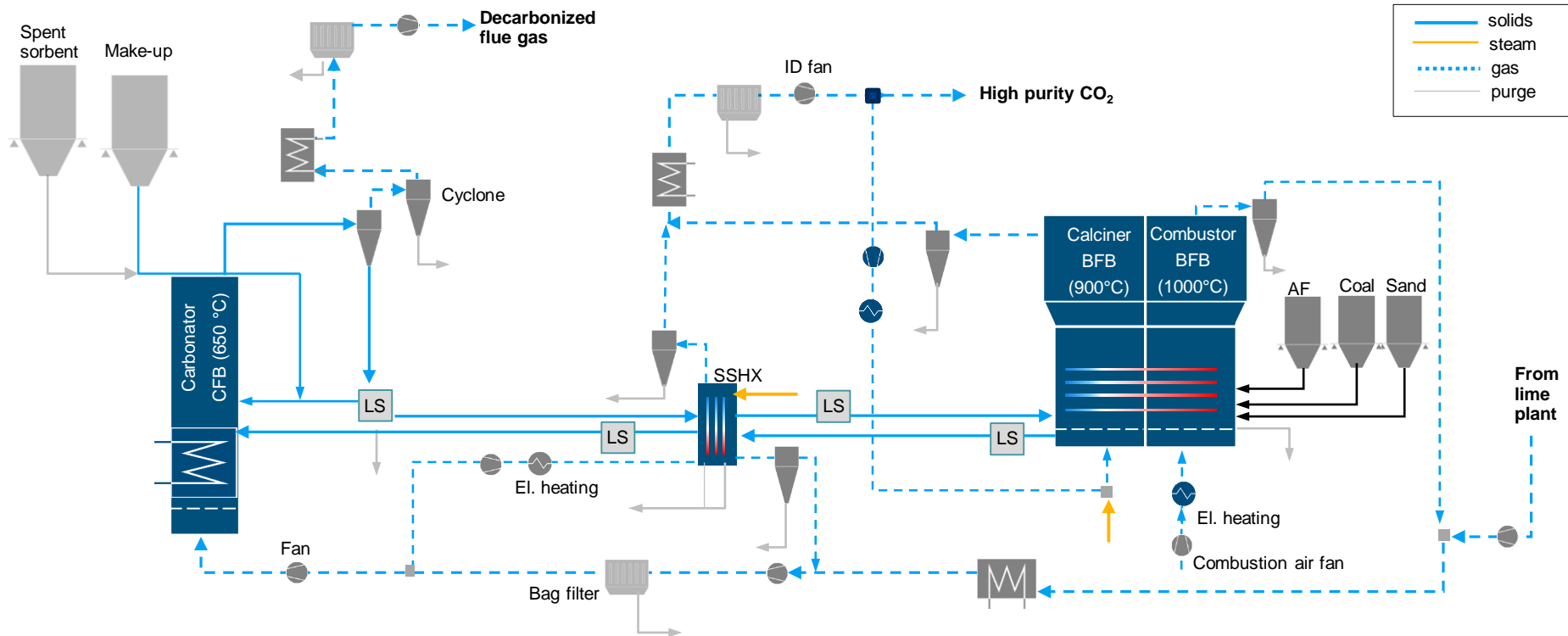
Host lime plant:

- Preheated rotary kiln
- 600 tonne of lime per day



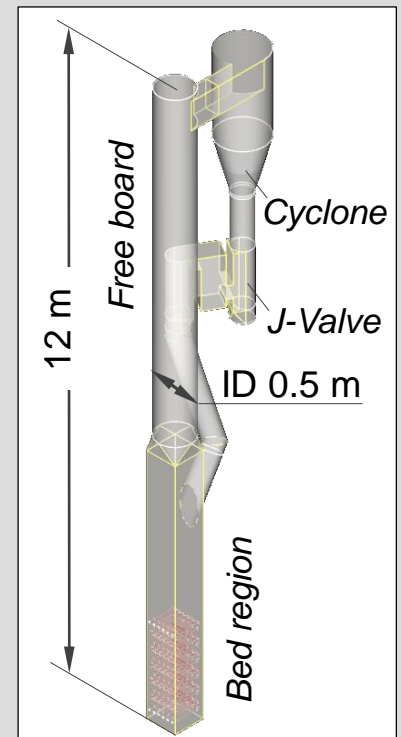
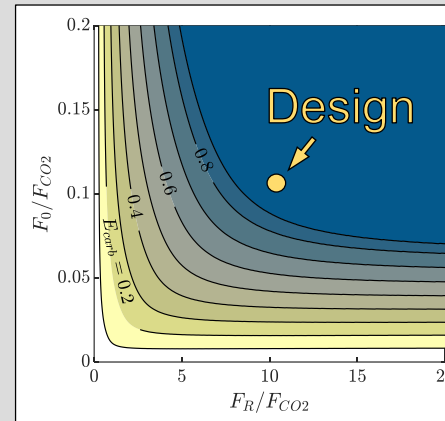
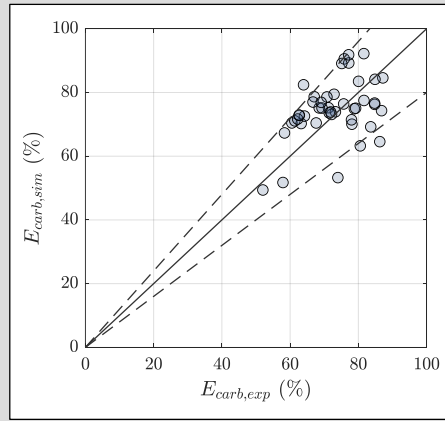
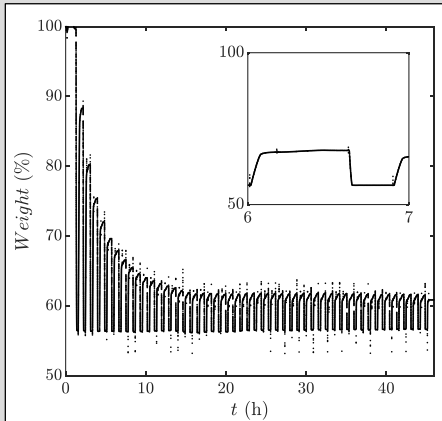


# Demonstration Plant Flowsheet



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# Demonstration Plant Carbonator

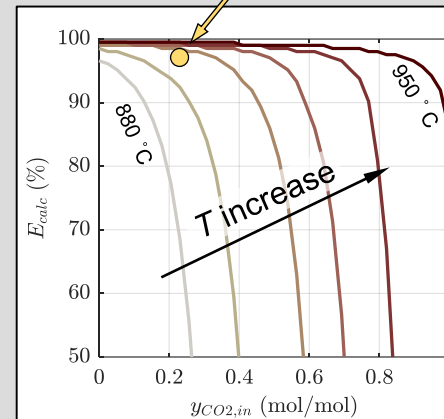
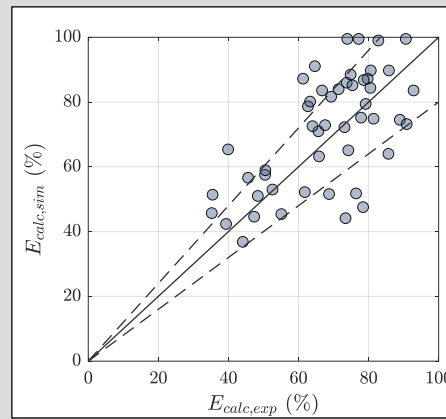
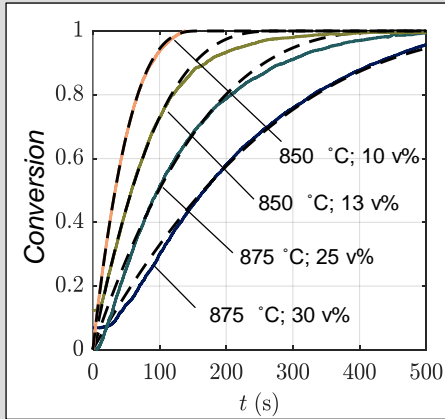


- Cooling duty: 540 kW<sub>th</sub>
- Circulation rate: 8.0 t/h
- Make-up rate: 260 kg/h

Expected absorption  
in carbonator:  
90%+

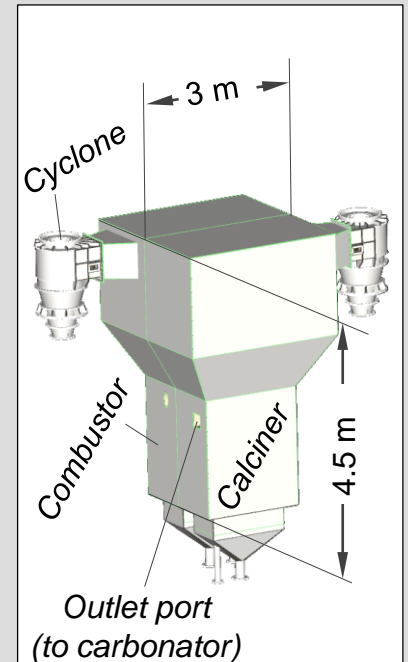
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# Demonstration Plant Calciner



- Operating temperature: 900°C
- Steam fluidization: 380 kg/h
- Heat pipes duty: 1.4 MW<sub>th</sub>

Expected calcination  
in reactor:  
90 – 100%



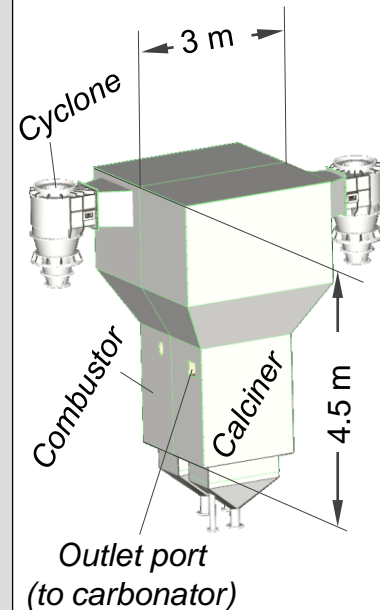
- Air preheating:  $800^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Air flow rate:  $4200 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$
- Nominal load:  $2 \text{ MW}_{\text{th}}$
- Circulation of flue gas to carbonator



Dried lignite  
 $21.5 \text{ MJ/kg}$



Solid Recovered Fuel  
 $19.6 \text{ MJ/kg}$



Expected  
outcomes

- Long term heat-pipe behaviour
- Sensitivity to fuel variation
- Sorbent deactivation

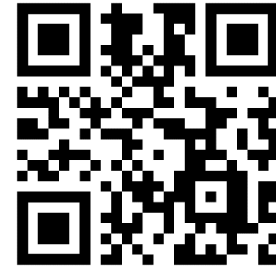


## The IHCaL Technology

- Energy efficiency
- Low CO<sub>2</sub> avoidance costs (<20 EUR/t<sub>CO2</sub>)
- Lime and cement plants
- Demonstration plant is key for validation

## The ANICA Project

- Publications available (more coming up)
- Project completion: September 2023



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