# thyssenkrupp PolysiusNext generation Oxyfuel technology and SCMs

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#### Expert Blog **California Companies Secure \$700 Million for Cement Decarbonization**

The Department of Energy recently announced that 33 industrial projects, including two California-based companies, will receive federal funding to decarbonize.

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#### Innovation Fund, one of the world's largest funding programmes for the demonstration of innovative low-carbon technologies. CAPTURE PRESS RELEASE Directory Reports Members Live EU Innovation Fund Backs GeZero Carbon New supplementary cementitious materials delberg Materials France to trial carbon capture installation at Airvault cement plar Capture Project With €191M By Arthur Harrisso B Heidelberg Materials France to trial carbon capture Published 19 August 2019 👔 by Petya Trendafilova - December 20. 2023 - 🛇 3 minute read installation at Airvault cement plant Tagged Under: slate Quarry SCM supplementary cementitious materials pozzolana reactivity cement chemistry Written by Global Cement staff The search for new supplementary cementitious materials (SCMs) is ongoing. A recent 13 March 2024 review of existing SCMs and the potential for new ones caught the eye of Arthur Print Harrisson and provided further potential for investigation. Heidelbe France: Heidelberg Materials France plans to install a 1Mt/yr carbon capture system at its Airvault cement plant in the New Aquitaine. The Airvault cement plant is undergoing an upgrade, Materials including the replacement of two pre-existing semi-dry lines with a new dry line and pre-calciner. This will reduce the plant's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 30% per tonne, reduce its energy consumption by Hedropen Group 10% per tonne, reduce its clinker factor and raise its alternative fuel substitution rate to 90%. CO2 capture is set to commence in 2030. The project is one of several, under the GOCO2 carbon AL C188.3 71 +0.49% capture, storage and utilisation (CCUS) cluster, which also includes installations at Holcim France's Saint-Pierre-La-Cour plant and Lhoist France's Réty lime plant. Chair Dominik von Achten said "We started an ambitious modernisation programme for our sites Air Liquide and Holcim to in France several years ago, with a planned investment of more than €400m. With the integration collaborate on a project to of AirvaultGOCO2, we are now adding a cutting-edge project in the field of carbon capture to our previous efforts, which will enable a further, massive reduction of Heidelberg Materials' carbon decarbonize cement production footprint in France. in Belgium

Chief sustainability officer Nicola Kimm added "Our approach in Airvault is a perfect example of Heidelberg Materials' strategy to implement dedicated carbon reduction roadmaps. We are taking every possible step to reduce CO2 emissions: Phasing out fossil fuels, reducing the clinker content of our cements, and improving energy efficiency. To mitigate the remaining residual emissions, we rely on CCUS - as part of an integrated scheme and with our strong partners in GOCO<sub>2</sub>"

### Cement Australia backs carbon capture tech

Paris, France, May 02, 2023 (Press Releases) (Industry

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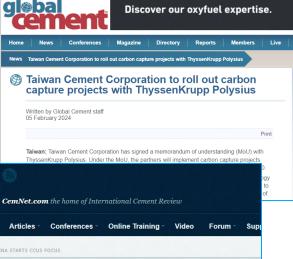
The newest batch of highly innovative clean technology projects will receive funding from the







project. The Olympus project aims to transform Heracles Group's plant in Milaki, Greece, into a zero carbon cement plant through the use of innovative carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies. The project marks an investment of over EUR300m, of which the EU Innovation Fund will grant EUR124.5m.



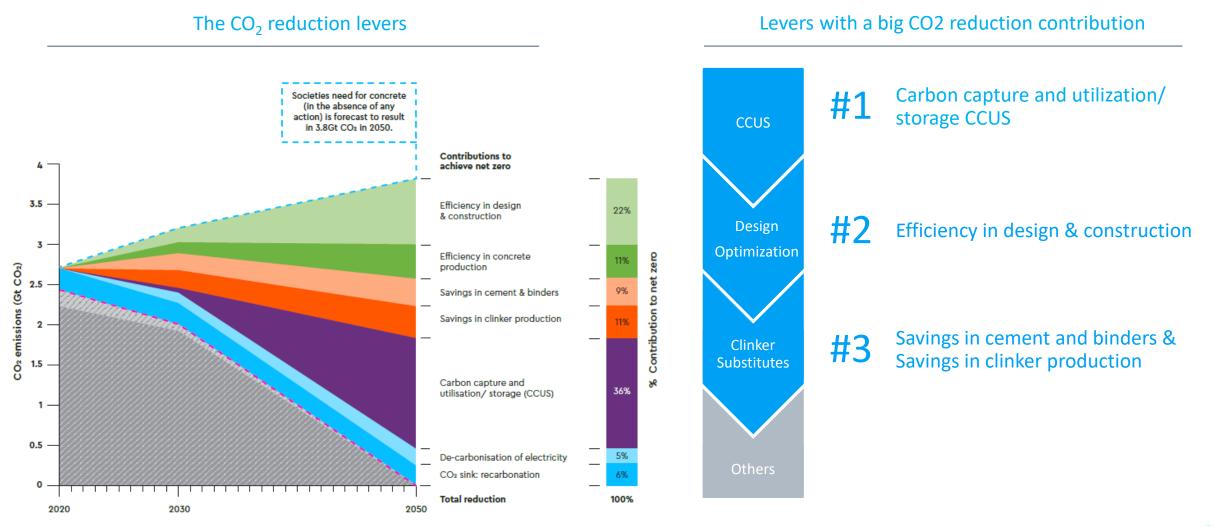
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There are multiple levers that will be implemented to reduce CO2 emissions at different stages of the whole life of cement and concrete





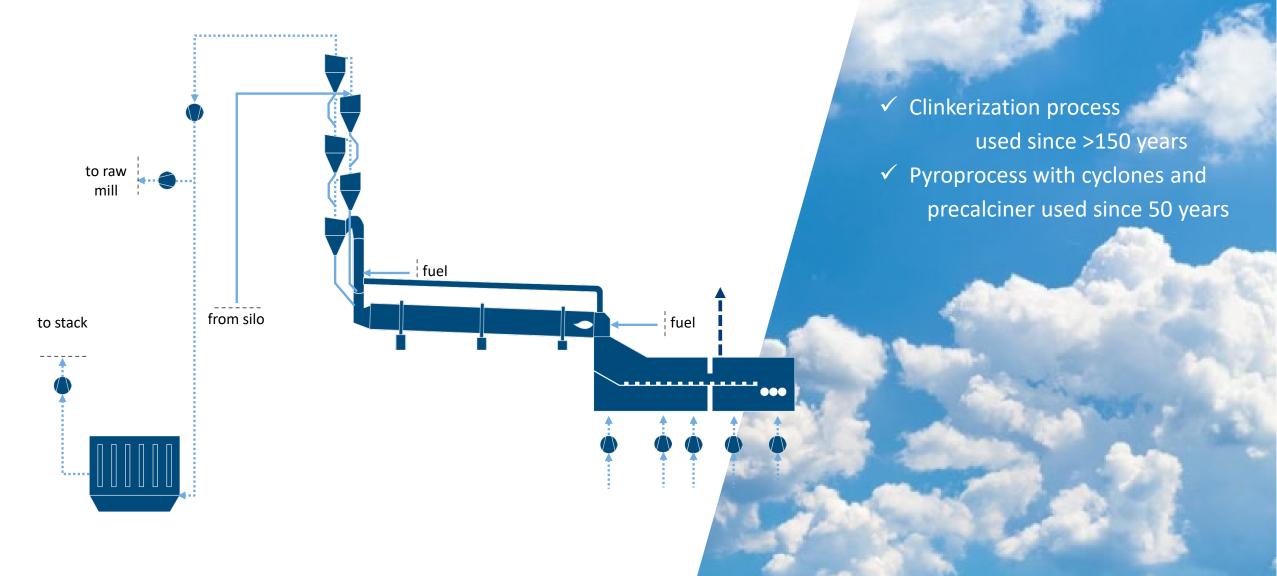
# #grey2green – the green polysius<sup>®</sup> cement plant

polysius<sup>®</sup> pure oxyfuel polysius<sup>®</sup> activated clay polysius<sup>®</sup> booster mill

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## Standard clinker burning process



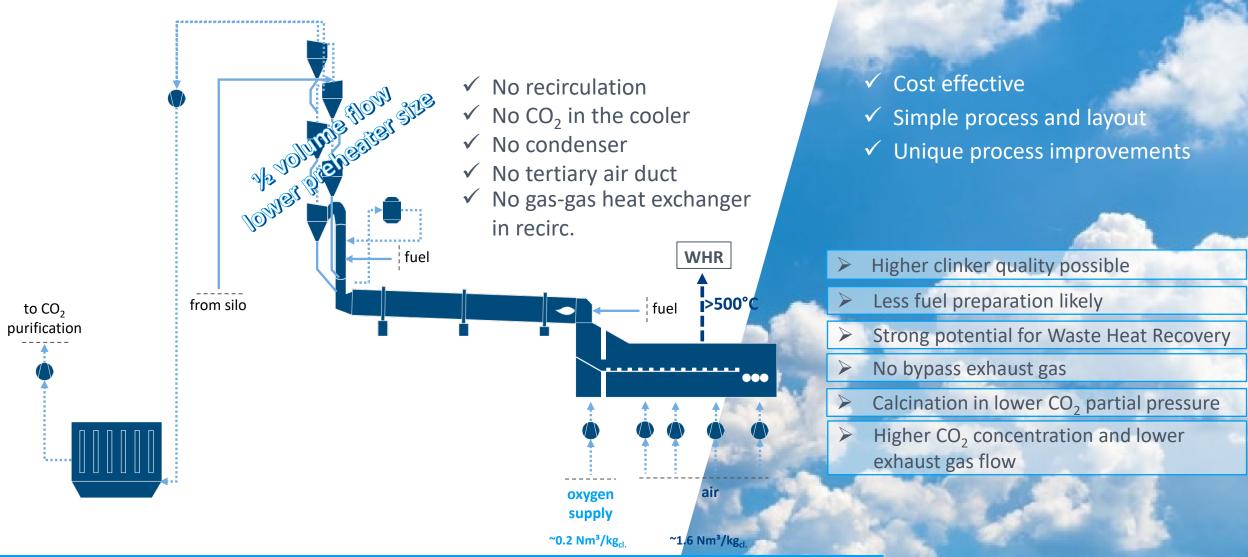
## polysius<sup>®</sup> pure oxyfuel / Oxyfuel 1<sup>st</sup> Gen

The best of oxyfuel

..... Adaptation of well-known oxyfuel principle to raw ¦ ✓ Revamp solution for existing lines **4**.... mill ✓ Free use? Patent situation to be watched air 🕌 🛶 fuel from silo fuel to CO<sub>2</sub> purification пп Recycle ~0.6 Nm<sup>3</sup>/kg<sub>cl</sub> oxygen air supply water discharge ..... ~0.2 Nm<sup>3</sup>/kg<sub>cl</sub> ~1 Nm<sup>3</sup>/kg<sub>cl</sub>

# polysius<sup>®</sup> pure oxyfuel / Oxyfuel 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen

The best of oxyfuel



#### Evolution of Oxyfuel / basic process patented

## Comparison between Polysius Pure Oxyfuel (2<sup>nd</sup> generation) and Oxyfuel 1 technology

Dimension	Oxyfuel 1 <sup>st</sup> gen	Main difference relating to	Polysius Pure Oxyfuel
Characteristic approach	Flue gas recycle to comply with solid to gas ratio of ~1 kg Gas/ kg Solids in the calciner		No or minimum flue gas recycle to comply with solid to gas ratio of ~2 kg Gas/ kg Solids in the calciner
Amount of equipment	More	Heat exchanger, fan, PH, condenser, tertiary air duct, recirculation sys.	Less
CAPEX 5	Higher	15-20%	Lower
OPEX Clinker	Higher	2-4 USD/t <sub>ck</sub> *	Low
OPEX Cement	Higher	5-10 USD/t <sub>CEM</sub> **	Low
Electr. pwr consumption	Higher	~+620 kWh/tCO2 ***	Lower
Electr. pwr consumption CPU	Higher	+24% ****	Lower
Volume of PH and calciner	100%	Factor 2	50%

\*All figures are estimated, \*Model / Assumption: Maintenance costs are <u>partially</u> CAPEX related, i.e. the bigger the machines / plant complexity, the higher the OPEX, \*\*Estimating that clinker substitution is based on increase Alite content only, \*\*\* Assumption for the additional equipment, \*\*\*\* Assumption due to lower CO2 concentration



## We started to transform the industry – with five pure oxyfuel projects.



Pilot plant CI4C Mergelstetten

- 450 t / day semi-industrial scale
- >>€100 million investment by customer consortium
- Start: May 2022
- Operation from 2025



Pure oxyfuel kiln line C2B Holcim Lägerdorf

- Capture of 1 million tons of CO2 p.a.
- Construction phase start: 2025
- Operation and optimization: 2027



#### Pure oxyfuel kiln line Contessa Nexe Croatia

- Capture of 0.7 million tons of CO2 p.a.
- Construction phase start: 2026
- Operation + optimization: 2028



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#### Pure oxyfuel kiln line Heidelberg Geseke - GeZero

- 2800 t / day semi-industrial scale
- >0,7 million tons of CO2 p.a.
- Start: May 2022
- Planned operation from 2029

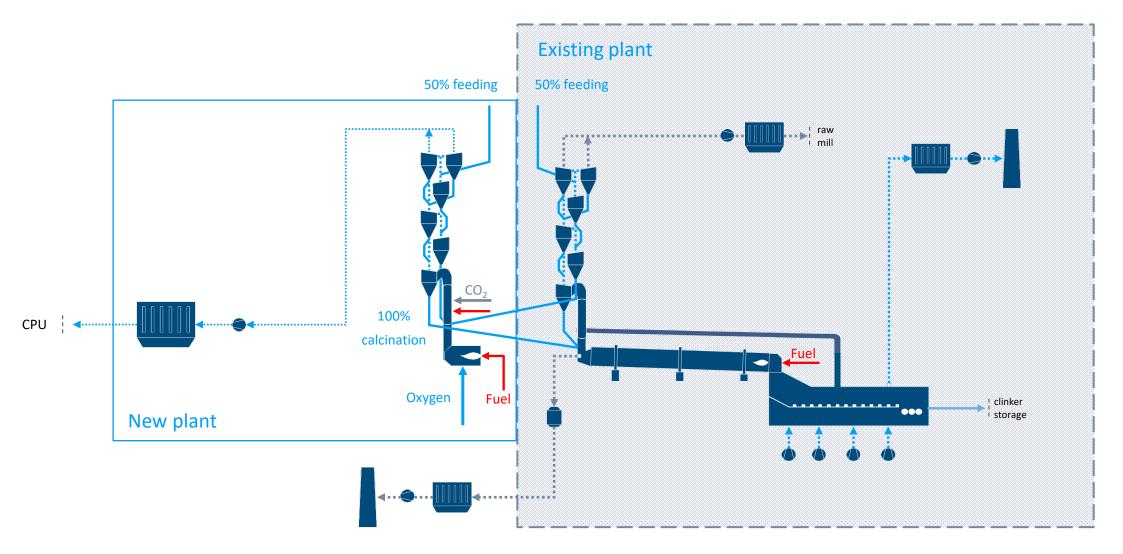


#### Pure oxyfuel & Oxyfuel kiln line Titan Cement IFESTOS Project

- 1,9 million tons of CO2 per year (biggest carbon capture project in the EU)
- Start: May 2022
- Planned operation from 2029



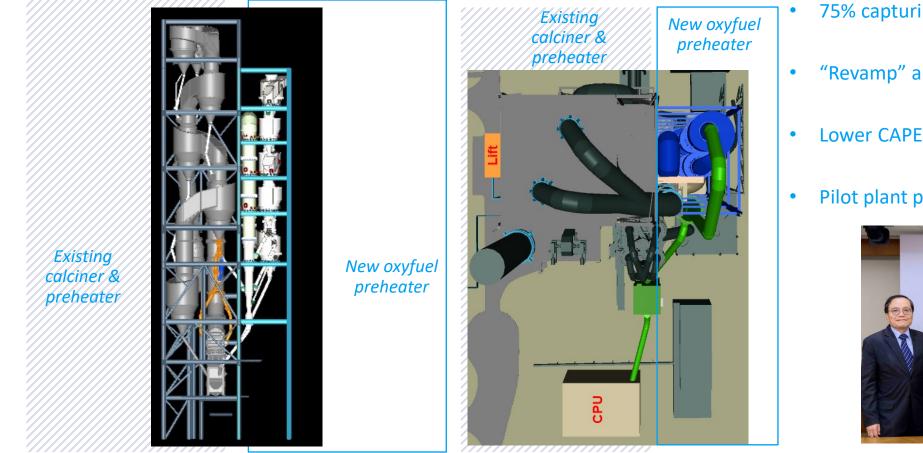
#### Polysius Separate Oxyfuel Calciner – A perfect revamp solution for existing plants



SOC can be built during operation, target is to capture 75 percent of  $CO_2$  with a concentration of >90 percent



## Polysius Separate Oxyfuel Calciner – A different approach



- 75% capturing ration
- "Revamp" approach for existing lines
- Lower CAPEX against full carbon capture approach
- Pilot plant planned with Taiwan Cement in Taiwan





## Comparison between Polysius SOC and standard SOC

Dimension	Standard SOC solution	Main difference relating to	Polysius SOC
Characteristic approach	Flue gas recycle to comply with solid to gas ratio of ~1 kg Gas/ kg Solids in the calciner		No or minimum flue gas recycle to comply with solid to gas ratio of ~2 kg Gas/ kg Solids in the calciner
Heat consumption	Higher	Less heat radiation, only half of the recycle gas needs to be reheated	Lower
Heat exchanger	High dust, cleaning required		Low dust, no cleaning required
False air intake until CPU	High	+25%	Low
CO2 concentration @CPU	Lower (<90%)	+25%	Higher (>90%)
Electr. pwr consumption (PH+Calc.)	Higher		Lower
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CAPEX	Higher	relating to Heat exchanger, fan, preheater and calciner	Lower

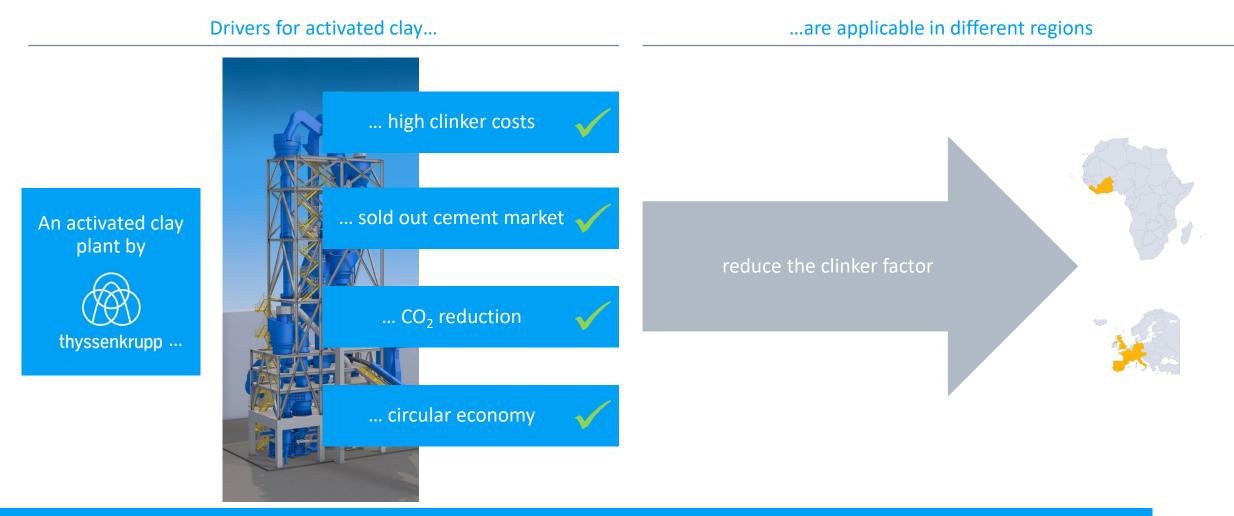
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# **Activated Clays**



### Which are the market drivers for the cement industry applying an activated clay plant?

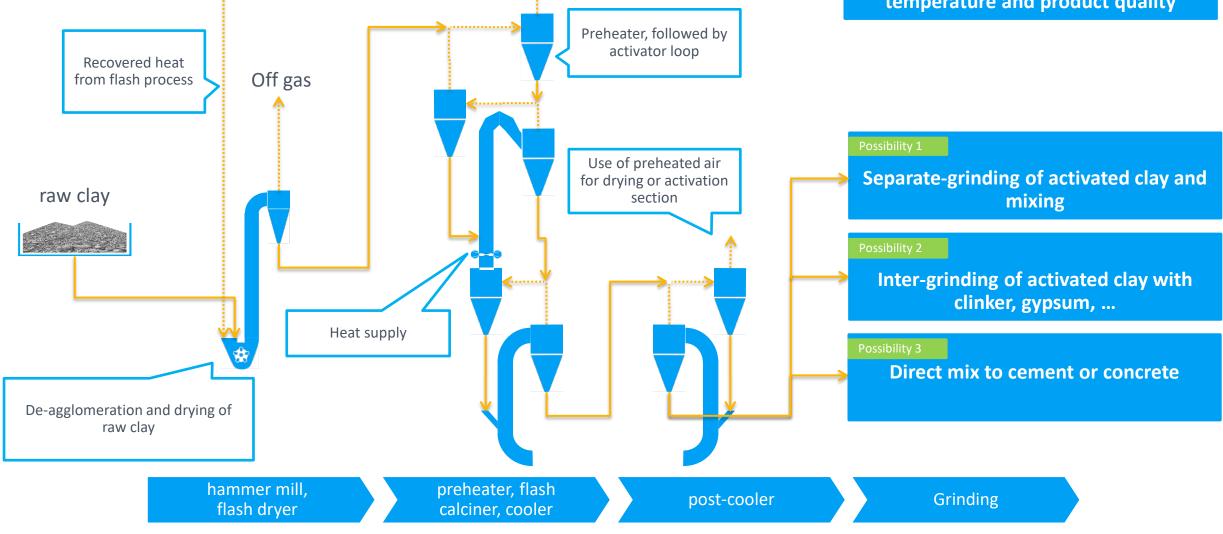


Less coal fired power plants and the transformation of green steel will boost the SCM market significantly!



#### General flow sheet of a flash activation process

Detailed process design based on individual boundaries like raw clay input, emissions, fuels, activation temperature and product quality





#### Grey2Green Projects – First Activated Clay Flash Calciner in the world with Cimpor



#### First activated clay plant on an industrial scale

#### Location: Kribi, Cameroon

- Customer: Cimpor Global Holdings
- Capacity: 720 t/day of activated clay per day
- Activated clay can play a crucial role to reduce the clinker factor for Cement producers. Reduces CO<sub>2</sub> during production process by ~30

#### First quality results are very positive convincing



# meca-clay

#### grinding

minimum energy consumption for maximum surface area

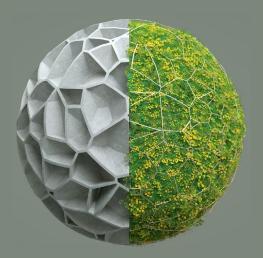
**Mechano-Chemical Activation** maximum energy to create defects for further chemical process

#### Dry agitated bead mill technology

- → High-energy density 250-300 kW/m3 vs ~20 kW/m<sup>3</sup> in a ball mill)
- $\rightarrow$  Scalability



- ✓ Mechanochemistry does not change the laws of thermodynamics!
- ✓ Mechanochemistry is "green chemistry" and replaces thermal energy by mechanical (electric) energy.
- ✓ Mechanochemical clay activation can avoid up to 70 % of the thermal CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from calcining clay (depending on the desired SCM performance and the source of electrical power used)



#### First Reference Plant – for MeCAClay – An industrial break-through in the SCM market





## Comparison between different ways of activating clays

Dimension	Calcined Clay	MeCA Clay 🕞
Method	Thermal activation	Mechano-Chemical activation
Raw material	Feed stock limitation (min. kaolinite share)	Any type of clay
Energy source	Fossil fuels predominantly required	(green) electrical energy
Emissions	Gas cleaning required	Minimal emissions
Process and plant layout	Separate calcining and grinding	All in one, compact and simple
Product quality	Non adjustable	Adjustable, less water demand, high early strength
Heat consumption in [kcal/kg]	525 (= 609 kWh/t)	150 (= 174 kWh/t for drying)
Electrical consumption in [kWh/t]	66 (20 for grinding)	~450* (for activation & grinding)
Overall energy consumption in [kWh/t]	675 ( <b>90% th</b> + <b>10% el)</b>	624 ( <b>28% th + 72% el)</b>

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#### Summary

- Polysius Pure Oxyfuel (2<sup>nd</sup> generation) is has significant CAPEX and OPEX advantages for Carbon Capture against the 1<sup>st</sup> generation of Oxyfuel
- A Polysius Separate Oxyfuel Calciner is the perfect revamp solution for existing production lines capturing 75 percent of the CO<sub>2</sub>
- The demand for more SCMs will strongly grow on a global scale
- meca clay is a technical revolution to further reduce the carbon footprint of activated clays



## Thank you very much for your attention!

