KHD Technologies For The Decarbonization Of The Cement Industry

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Cement And Concrete Are Eco-Friendly And Will Remain Indispensable



Karen Scrivener: LC2 & LC3 Major Mitigation Leavers For The Cement Industry, RMI Webinar 2023

- Cement and concrete have the lowest embodied carbon & energy of many materials
- The total carbon footprint of cement and concrete is only as high because of the big mass produced and utilized
- Alternative building materials are neither lower in CO₂ footprint, nor are they sustainably appropriate to substitute cement at scale



Cement beyond Carbon

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KHD's Vision of a prosperous cement industry of the future:

- → There is no future without cement but also no cement without decarbonization
- → The cement industry will transform into a future beyond carbon
- → KHD will provide the solutions for a successfull transformation:
 - → Less fuel and electricity consumption
 - → Use of alternative fuels and raw materials
 - → Capture and use the remaining CO2 emissions at low cost





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KHD Transformation Roadmap

Step-by-step

Until 2030



The road to 2030 will use existing solutions or those close to commercialization. Things like roller presses for energy-efficient grinding; the Pyrorotor® to maximize alternative fuels; advanced digital solutions that optimize process efficiency, such as our KHD ProMax suite; and clay calcination.

These technologies and approaches are available today to reduce CO_2 emissions.





KHD Transformation Roadmap



The next chapter

After 2030

The road after 2030 will take use to complete decarbonization of the cement process with the help of future solutions, including carbon capture and storage. Alongside strategic partners in the industry, we are already working hard to develop and bring these important new technologies to commercial viability.



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KHD ProMax^e

KHD **ProMax**[®] – The Digital Twin Suite For Optimized Production



- + Digital Twin Suite for optimized
 - + Asset management
 - + Maintenance
 - + Operation
- + Configuratable functionality
- + Flexible for edge and cloud data
- + Real Time Optimizer powered by:
 - + Double ML online optimization
 - + Process knowledge guidance
 - + Self tuning technology
- + VR/AR tutorials
- + Extended Remote Services







KHD **ProMax**[®] RTO – Continuous Self Adaptation

1st run with initial models





KHD **ProMax**[®] RTO – Optimization Results: Instant And Sustainable Improvment





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Increasing Use of AF is Reducing CO₂ Emissions AND Cost

Ambitious reference scenario

- Thermal efficiency: +13%
- Alternative fuels: 85% (of which 35% biomass)
- 15% conventional fuels
- Without CCUS



Climate neutrality scenario

- Thermal efficiency: +13%
- Alternative fuels: 90% (of which 35% biomass)
- 10% hydrogen
- Use of CCUS

Excerpt from VDZ Roadmap: "Decarbonizaing Cement and Concrete", VDZ 2020



KHD Equipment For AF Utilization from 0 - 100%

	Pyrojet Kiln Burner	Pyroclon R Calciner	Pyroclon R with Pyroincinerator	Pyroclon R with Combustion Chamber	Pyroclon R with Pyrorotor
	AF Pre-Proce	ssing Depth	Fuel Particle Size		
Waste Oil / Animal Meal / Sewer Sludge	~	*	~	~	~
Biomass	max. 2×1×1 mm (3D)	max. 5×5×2 mm (3D)	max. 20×20×5 mm (3D)	max. 40×40×10 mm (3D)	max. 100×100×15 mm (3D)
Plastics	max. 2×1×1 mm (3D)	max. 5×5×2 mm (3D)	max. 20×20×5 mm (3D)	max. 40×40×10 mm (3D)	max. 300×100×100 mm (3D)
RDF / Fluff	max. 10×10 mm (2D)	max. 30×30 mm (2D)	max. 70×70 mm (2D)	max. 100×100 mm (2D)	max. 300×300 mm (2D)
Tire Chips	×	max. 40×40×25 mm (3D)	max. 50×50×25 mm (3D)	max. 70×70×25 mm (3D)	max. 300×300×25 mm (3D)
Whole Tires	×	×	×	×	~



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KHD Pyrorotor[®] - The World's Most Flexible AF-Reactor





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Pyrorotor[®] Solves 3 Challenges

Pyrorotor[®] enables:

- + AF-burning rate of up to 100%
- NO_X emission reduction through high volatiles in AF
- CO₂ emissions reduction thanks to suitability for any kind of alternative fuel, especially humid biogenic wastes
- + Very high thermal substitution rates in general







Pyrorotor[®] - 11 Successful Installations (and counting)

		Reference 1		Reference 2		Reference 3	
		Contract	PG Test	Contract	PG Test	Contract	PG Test
Clinker production	tpd	5000	5058	5000	5096	4060	4133
Heat consumption	kcal/kg	840	760	852	859	825	805
Thermal AF substitution rate at calciner	%	>85	87	>85	85	>85	86
Pyrorotor® fuel amount (PG test average)	tph		18.1		23.5		14.5
Pyrorotor [®] fuel amount (daily operation)	tph		20-25		20-25		14-17
AF mix heat value	kcal/kg	>3500	5110	>3500	4253	>4060	4708
Clinker free lime	%	1.5	0.83	1.5	1.2	1.5	0.75

No negative effect on the kiln process and product quality – stabilization on high TSR operation



Pyrorotor^e

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Calcined Clay in LC3 Reduces CO₂ Footprint Without Reducing Strength



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Calcined Clay

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KHD Clay Calcining – Flash Tube or Rotary Kiln





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KHD Clay Calcining – Optimized solutions for all requirements

Flexible concept for:

- + Highest energy efficiency
- + Colour controlled product
- + Fuel fired and electrically heated
- + Alternative fuel utilization





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Without CCUS The Decarbonization of Cement is Impossible



"Decarbonizaing Cement and Concrete", VDZ 2020

Oxyfuel Is the Most Economic Solution For Carbon Capture



SPECCA= specific primary energy consumption for CO₂ avoided

Volsund, M. et al.: Comparison of technologies for CO2 capture from cement production, Energies 2019



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Oxyfuel Flowsheet





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KHD's Oxyfuel Technology For Cutting Capture Cost



- + Concentration of CO₂ up to 85%
- + Reduces capture costs largely
- + Flexible operation and
- + switchover
- + Retrofittable to existing plants
- + Innovative sealing solutions
- + Oxyfuel kiln burner
- + Available today

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Carbon Capture Behind Cement Plants Adds Conceivably To Cost

The operation of a post combustion amine scrubbing carbon capture plant requires
~ 2500 kJ/kg_{CO2, captured} for the regeneration of the solvent (almost as much as for
clinker production)

- + Additional CAPEX is required to build the CCP plant
- + This significantly increases the production cost per tonne of clinker
 - + approx. 107 €/t CO_{2, cap} * + @ 800 kg_{CO2} / t_{Cli}: 86 € / t_{Cli}

→How can those additional cost be reduced?

* ACCSESS-Project (www.accsessproject.com): techno-commercial evaluation for a Amine-based CCP retrofitted to an existing mid-size cement plant in Germany



Pyroflex Kiln Plant For Energy Autonomous Amine Scrubbing*



- + Maximum possible heat extraction from the pyro process
- + No more preheater
- + Utilization of the hot kiln gases for heating up a portion of meal
- Using the hot meal portion to facilitate ignition of fuel in cold air stream from heat reduced tertiary air
- + 2 subsequent calciners for flexible meal and fuel injection
- + Supply of sufficient heat to the PCC plant

CAPEX and OPEX For Combined Clinker Production And Amine Scrubbing PCC



- + The novel Pyroflex process allows to reduce the OPEX by 10 % *
- + Increasing price differntial between fossil and alternative fuels further increases this cost advantage

*: this novel kiln process has been developed under the ACCSESS-Project (www.accsessproject.com)



CAPEX and OPEX For Combined Clinker Production And Amine Scrubbing PCC



- The total cost per ton of clinker in a combined clinker + capture plant (pyro only) will increase to almost 400%
- The novel Pyroflex process can reduce the total cost per tonne of clinker when fully decarbonized by approx. 5-10 % compared to the conventional kiln line with CC *

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