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Oxyfuel Cooler Prototype (and upscaling)

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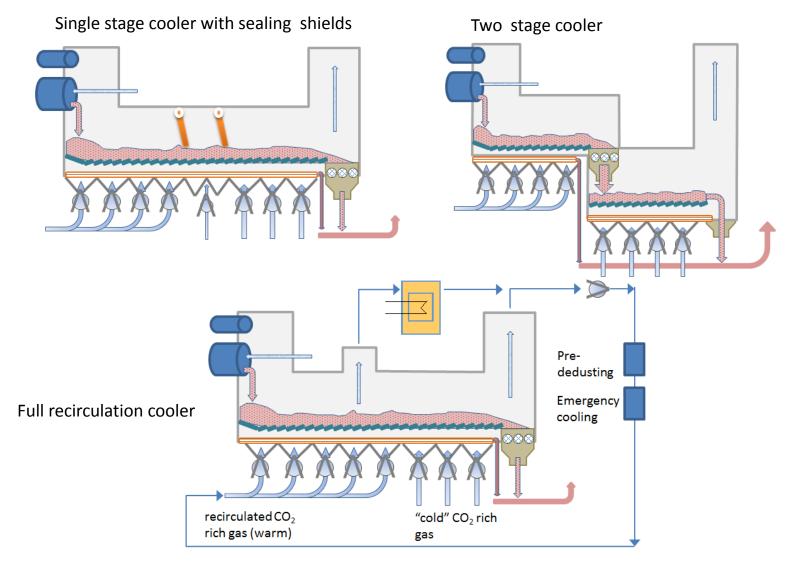
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Cooler behind an existing low capacity kiln

Cooler attached to an existing cooler

Decision for
HC plant
Hanover

Lab kiln with labscale cooler

Pilot Cooler ideas

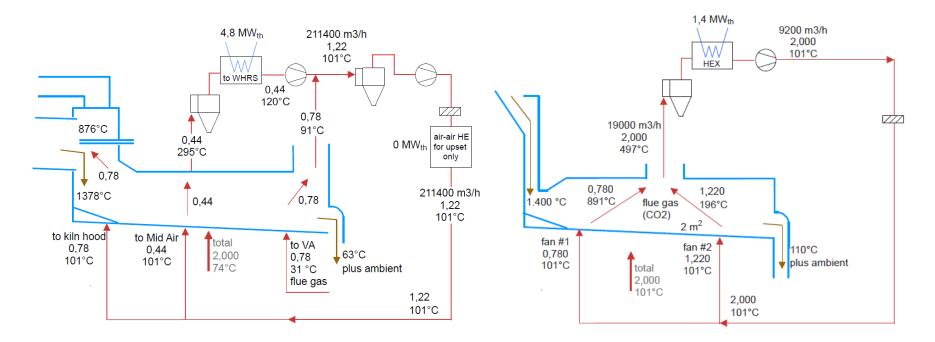






Heat balance cooler @ 3000 t/d

Heat balance Pilot cooler @ 80 t/d



Heat balances – recirculation cooler





Pilot cooler system:

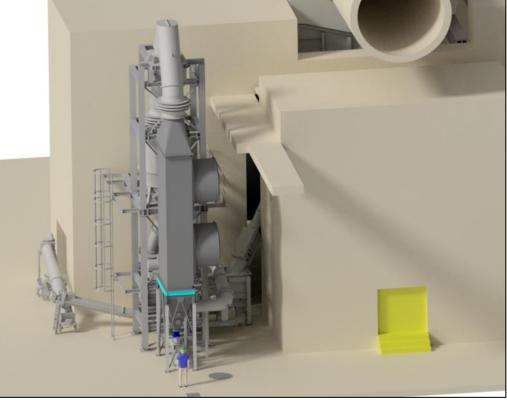
- Extraction tube
- Cooler
- Pre-dedusting cyclone
- Gas to air HEX
- Fans
- Clinker transport system











Pilot cooler system:

- Container for control system
- CO₂ Injection system

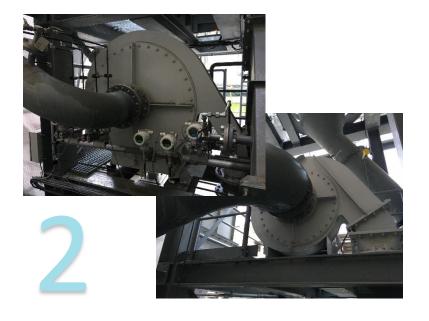












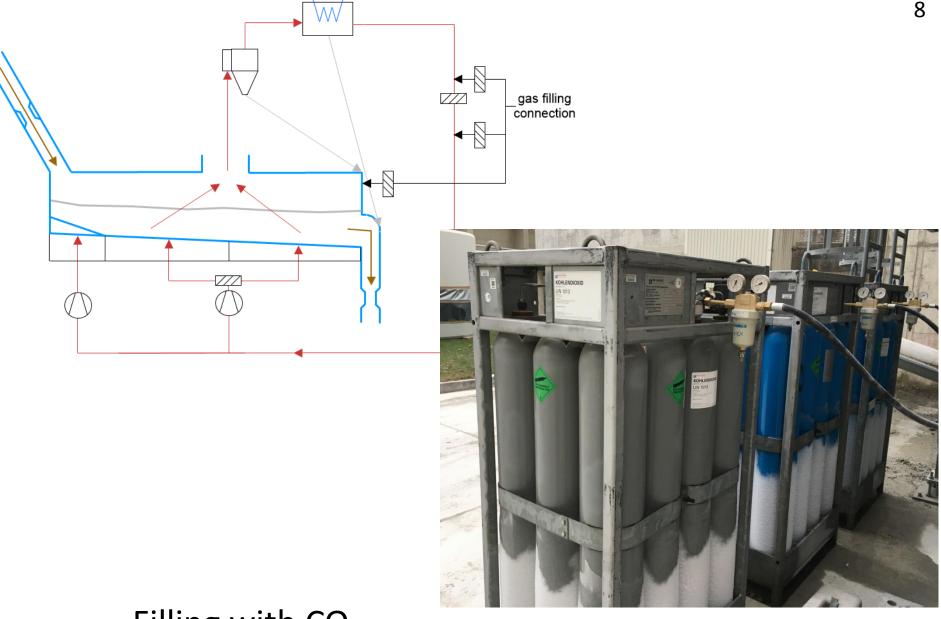


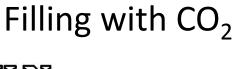






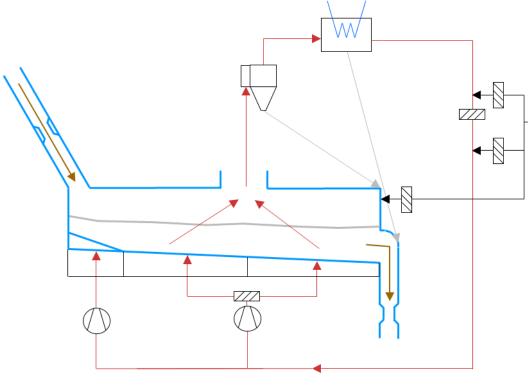
















Determination Mass flow





Challenges:

- How to extract 1400°C hot clinker?
- How to control mass flow?
- Adjustable tube inserted to the stream of falling clinker
- Rotating device since the inclination was not sufficient for a static tube
- Insertion depth adjustable
- Progressive rotating to "catch" clinker

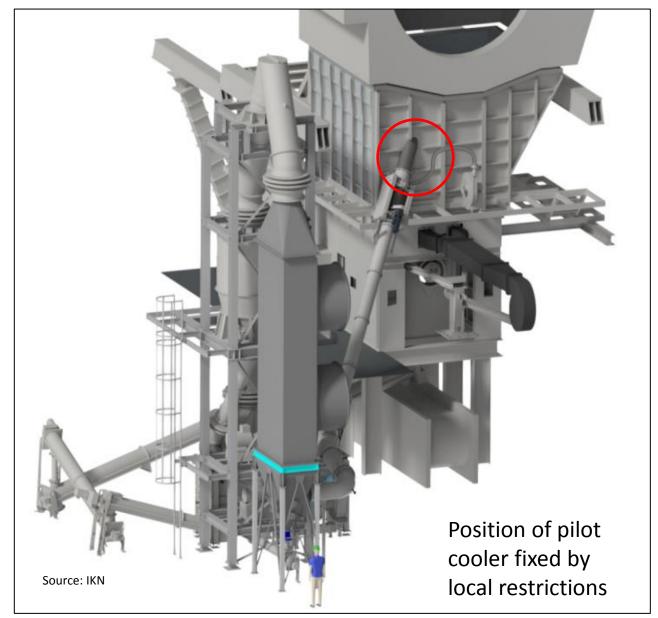
Problems:

- Clinker dropping point changed with chemistry, production and AF rate
- Big clinker balls and coating pieces destroyed the tip by mechanical impact

Challenge Clinker extraction















Extraction tube







Damages by mechanical impact

Max. size passes lumps



Repaired tube



Damage & repair of tube









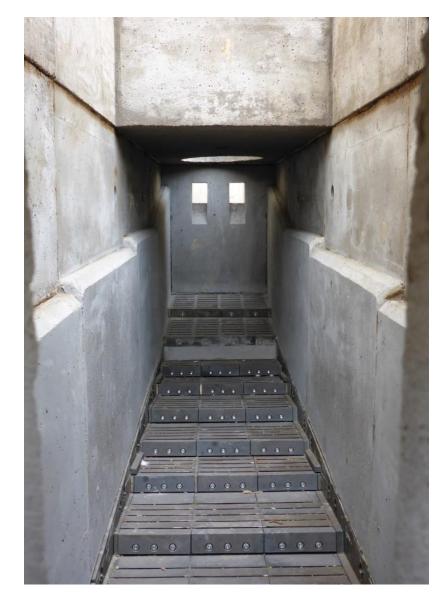
- Amount of received clinker adjustable and comparable stable
- Due to routing of rotating tube no proper landing zone

Received Clinker



















Cooler consists of

- Static inlet
- Moveable grate
- Mechanical drive
- 0,6m width
- Cooling area 2m²
- Max. 80 tpd











Screws for clinker transport:

 Strong false air intake observed

Clinker transport system





- 1. Downscaling and simplification of a pilot is a challenge
- 2. Simplifications limit the flexibility to react to unforeseen events
- 3. Influence from "main Pyroline" were stronger than expected (in regard to process and time schedules)
- 4. 100% recirculation is critical in regard to false air \rightarrow air in leakage is more critical than CO₂ escape to ambient
- 5. Position of measuring ports should have higher priority during design phase
- 6. Moisture as potential issue during operation was not forecasted
- 7. CO₂ escape via extraction tube and CO₂ demand was not expected in such extend
- 8. False air via Hex & fans etc. was minor than expected (leakage test with closed system and running fans successful)





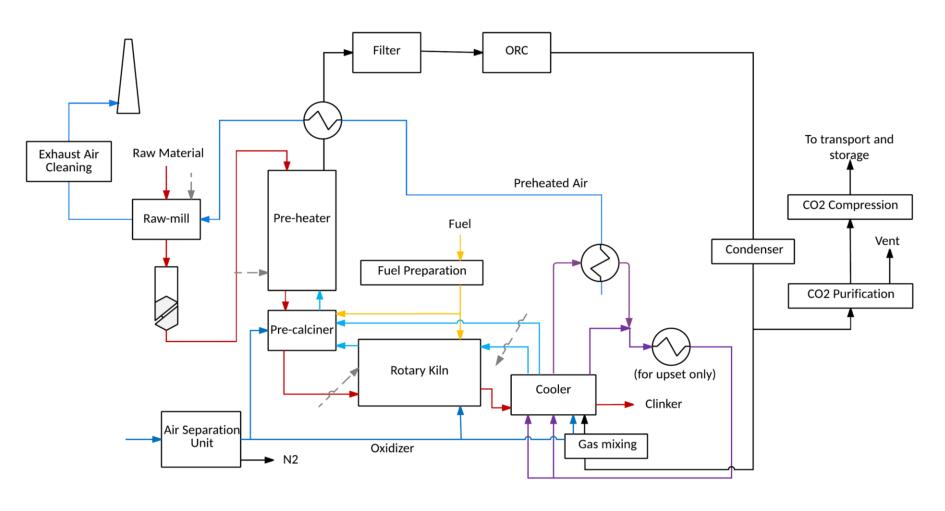


- 1. The Cemcap Pilot cooler trials were one important step in regard to scale up to an industrial Oxyfuel cooler
- 2. The industrial Oxyfuel cooler will most likely be a full recirculation cooler
- 3. Cooler size can be smaller compared to an air cooled cooler
- 4. Air leakage in the entire Oxyfuel system (cooler, kiln, preheater, heat exchangers, transport systems etc.) needs special attention
- 5. Sealing the clinker outlet against false air intake remains a challenge
- 6. High moisture content in the flue gas should be avoided (increase of volume, risk of clogging and possible influence to mineralogy); concept with condenser preferred

From Pilot to Industrial Scale







Flowsheet by ECRA







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