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Zero-Emission Circular Concrete

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Low-T Cement Clinker (1000°C)

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RC-Cement + Carbonated RC-Aggregate

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Processing of low temperature RC-Cement Clinker

Objective

Substitution of Portland Cement by RC-Cement in accordance to cement standards

Clinkering at 1000°C in concentrated CO₂ (TRL 4)

- \Rightarrow Processing of waste concrete fines
- \Rightarrow Capturing of concentrated CO₂
- \Rightarrow Electrical heating
- \Rightarrow 30% reduced process emissions

Hydrothermal sequestration of process CO₂

Objective

Carbonation of cement matrix in crushed aggregates. Used sequestration capacity > 80% in 6h

Semi-dry, pressurized carbonation (TRL 3)

 $\Rightarrow Processing of waste concrete aggregate$ $\Rightarrow Use of CO_2 on site for carbonation hardening$ $\Rightarrow Use process heat from cement process$ $\Rightarrow Upgrade of recycled aggregate$

Recycling of cement and aggregate to reduce its 8% share of global CO₂ emissions

Background Low-T Cement Clinker

Calcination: $CaCO_3 \leftrightarrow CaO + CO_2$ ↑

Increase of p(CO₂) increases calcination temperature



