

CO₂ capturing in cement production

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Workshop CO₂-Infrastructure in NRW

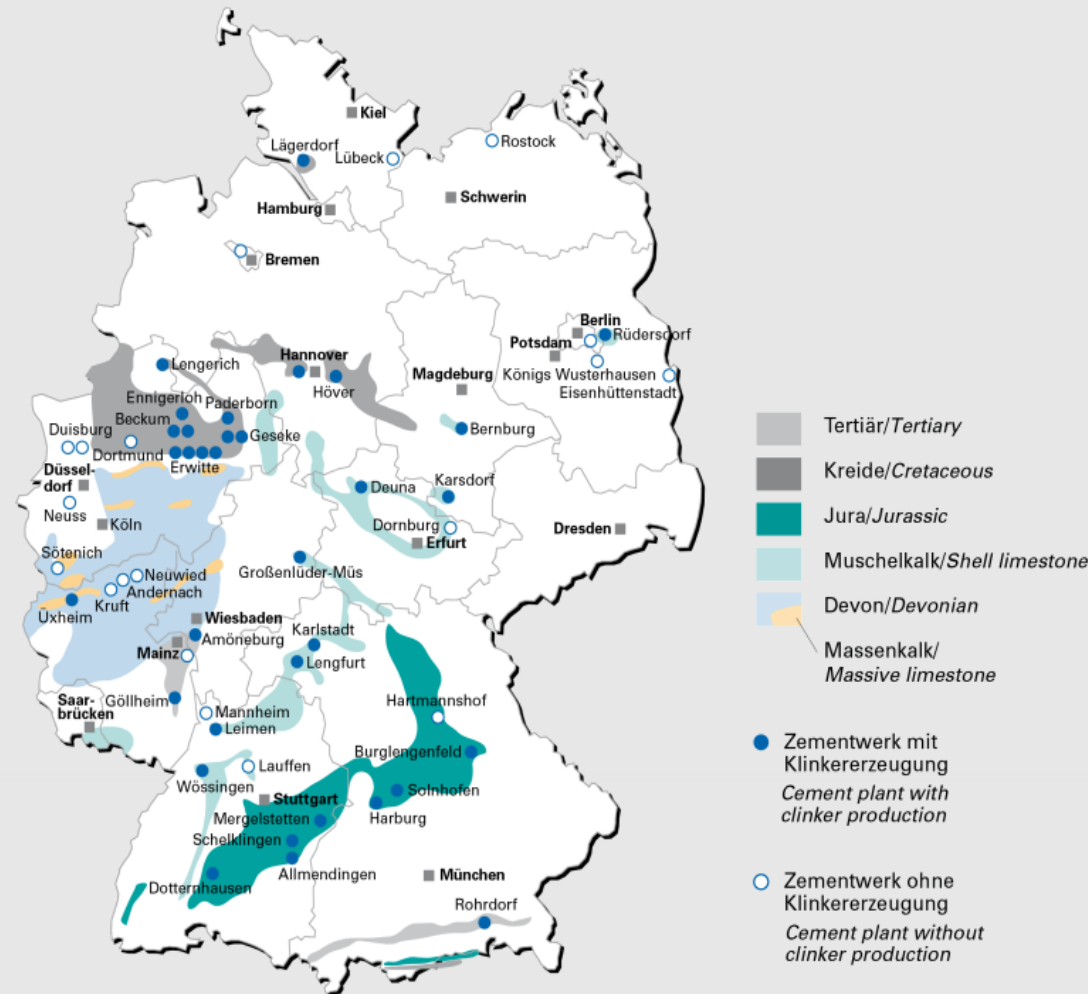
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The German cement industry

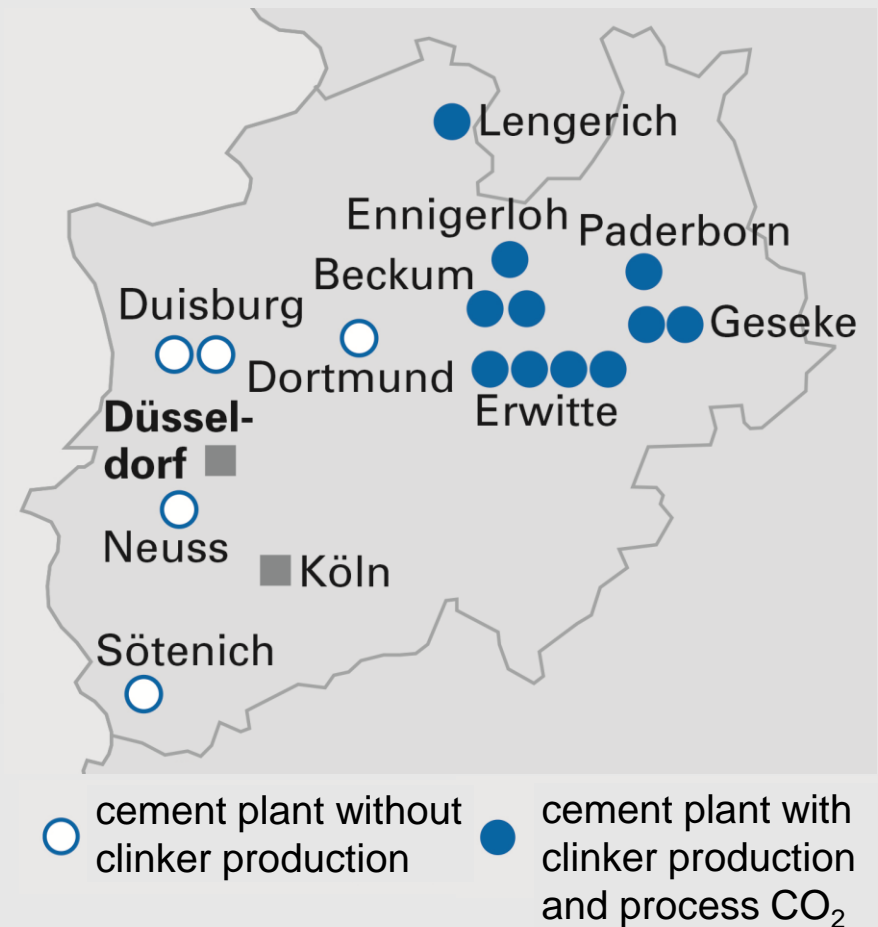
- 20 companies, 53 cement works
 - cement clinker production 34
 - grinding stations 19
- Cement production: 34 Mt *
- CO₂ emissions: 20 Mt CO₂
- Cement sales in Germany: 29 Mt *
- Turnover: 2,8 Bn €
- Employees: ca. 8.100



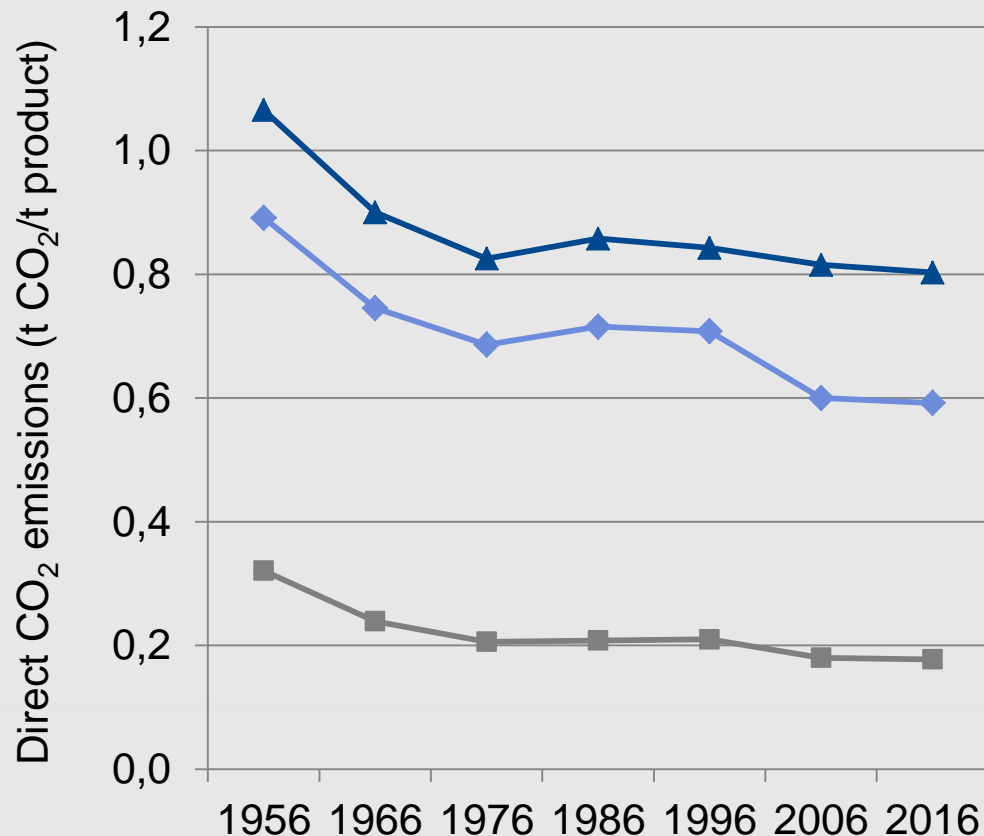
Sources: VDZ, Statistisches Bundesamt, DEHSt, * estimate

Cement clinker production in NRW

- 11 plants with production of cement clinker
- Direct relation to especially suitable limestone available in Westphalia
- Ca. 5,2 Mio. t CO₂ / year
- Intensive use of industrial by-products and alternative resources:
 - Blast furnace slag and fly ash as other main constituents in cement
 - Alternative fuels with biogenic carbon content



Cement is a CO₂ intensive product Concrete is a CO₂ efficient product




Direct CO₂ emissions
estimate for Germany

 t CO₂ / t cement clinker

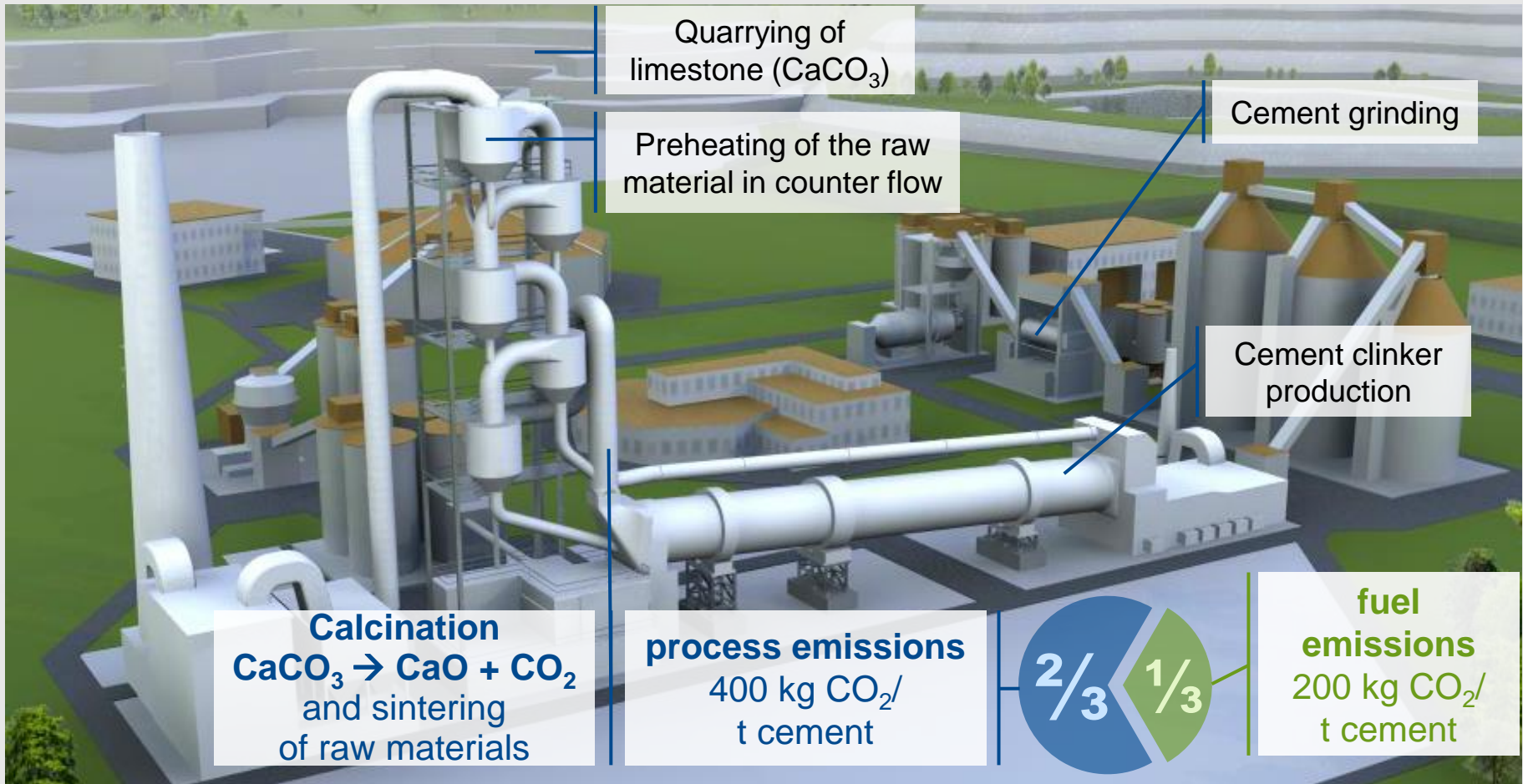
 t CO₂ / t cement

 t CO₂ / m³ concrete

 3 - 10
t CO₂ / house

Share related to the use phase of a building: 2 - 12 %
CEMBUREAU, 2013: <https://lowcarboneyconomy.cembureau.eu/>

Process emissions in cement production



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CO₂ and energy efficiency in the cement industry

CSI/ECRA Technology Paper 2017

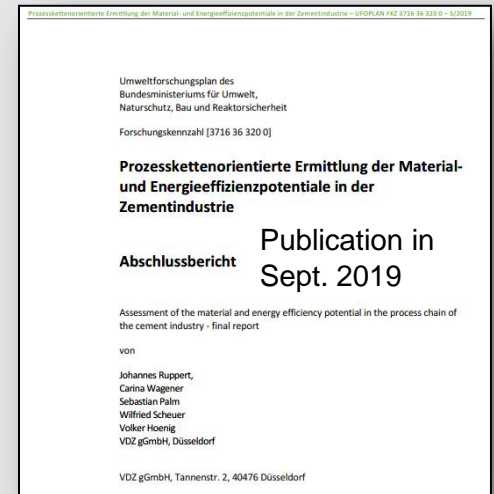
- Thermal
- Electrical
- Grinding
- Alternative fuels and raw materials
- Use of clinker in cement
- New binding materials
- CCS
- CCU



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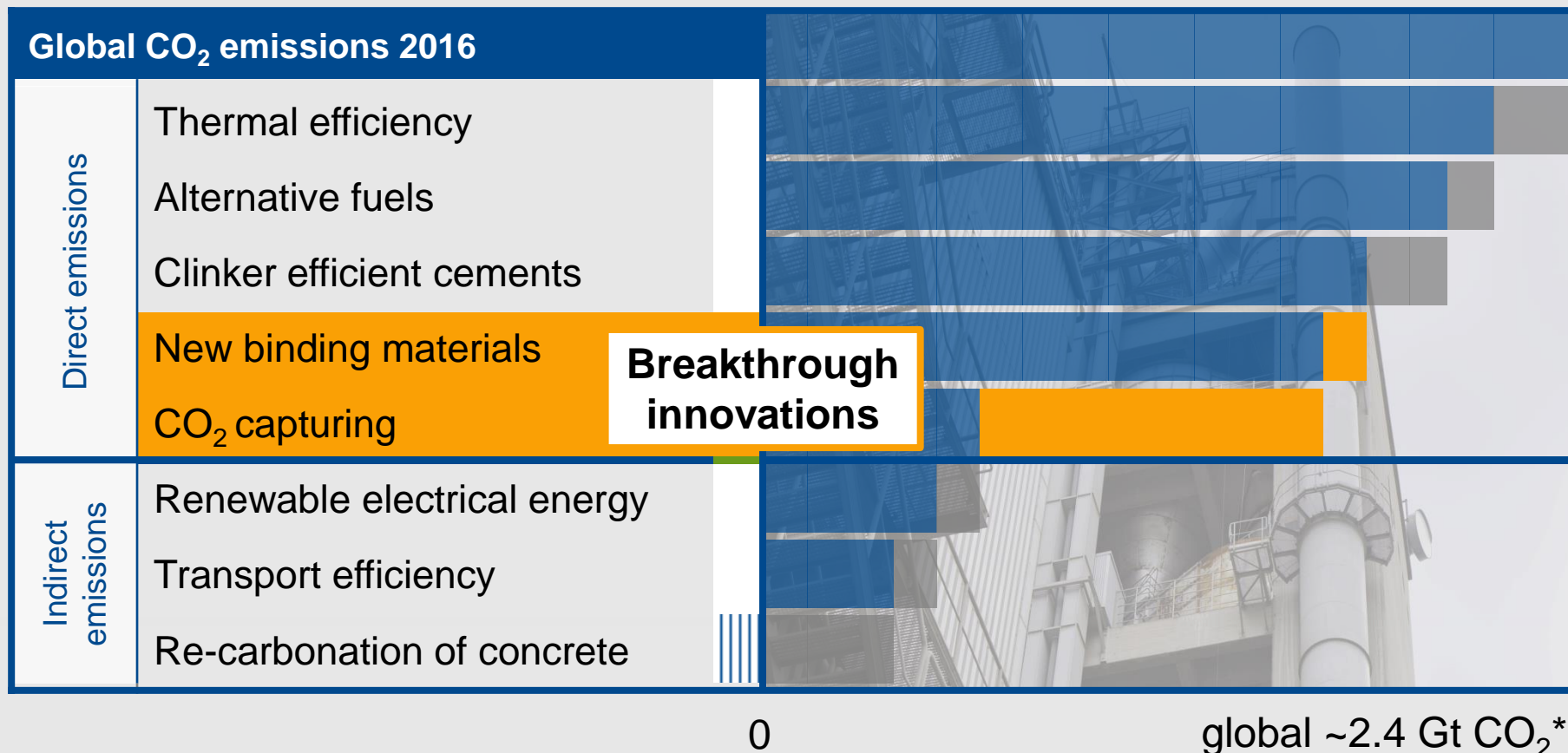
Material- and energy efficiency in the cement industry, VDZ/UBA study:

- Workshops with sector experts
- VDZ-Model2018, scenarios and examples for GE
- Plant optimisation, grinding, use of blast furnace slag
- CO₂ capturing
- New binding materials
- Concrete production, recycling



<https://www.vdz-online.de/forschung/aktuelle-projekte/prozesskettenorientierte-ermittlung-der-material-und-energieeffizienzpotentiale-in-der-zementindustrie/>

Net zero greenhouse gas emissions in cement production and application



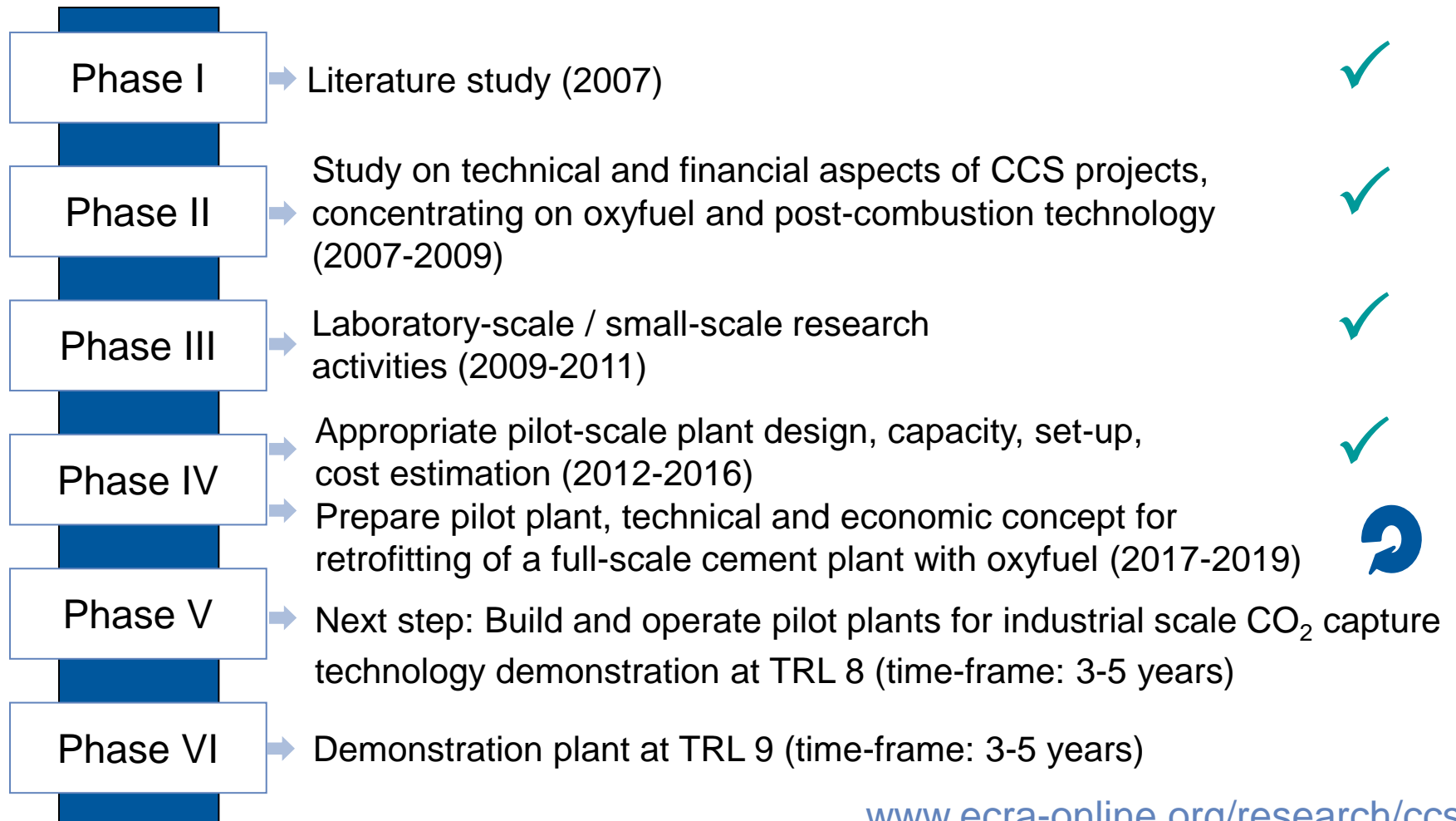
Schematic diagram, * global CO₂ emissions estimate with statistical uncertainty
 Schneider 2019: The cement industry on the way to a low-carbon future.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cemconres.2019.105792>

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European Cement Research Academy: Project on carbon capture in the cement industry



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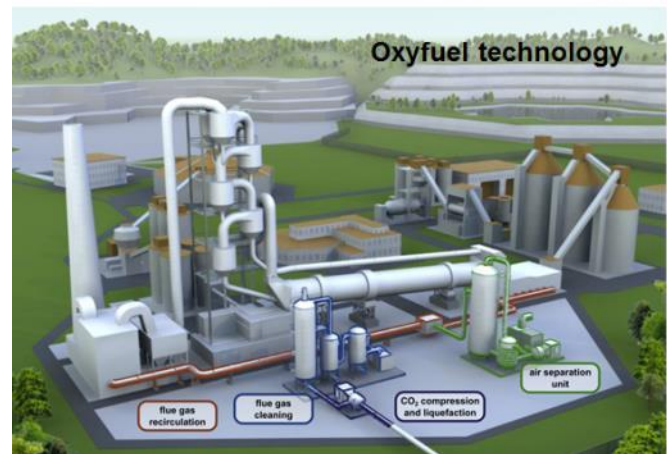
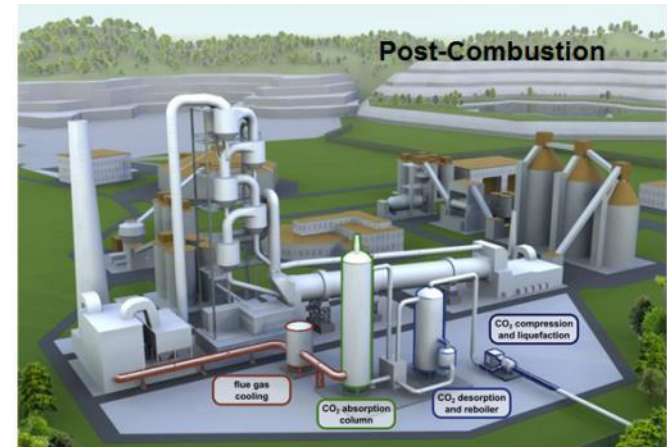
Technologies for CO₂ capture in the cement industry

Post-Combustion Technology

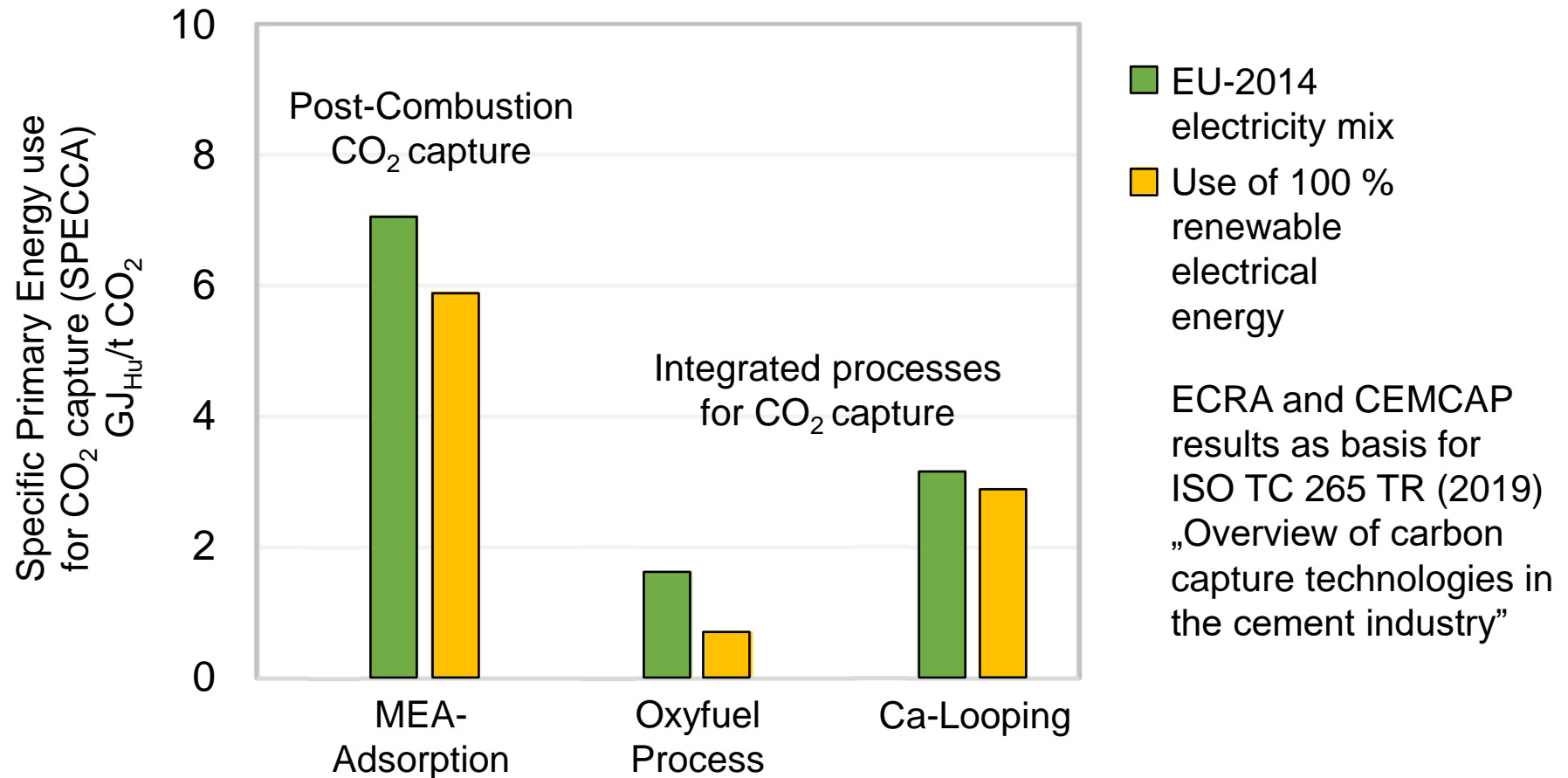
- Tail-end separation of CO₂ from flue gas by e.g. chemical absorption, adsorption, membranes or Ca-looping
- Comparatively energy-intensive technology

Oxyfuel Technology

- Integrated, combustion with pure oxygen in combination with flue gas recirculation to achieve high CO₂ concentration up to 80 vol%
- Lowest energy demand, electrical power
- Oxyfuel process requires major plant retrofit



Energy demand for CO₂ capturing in cement plants

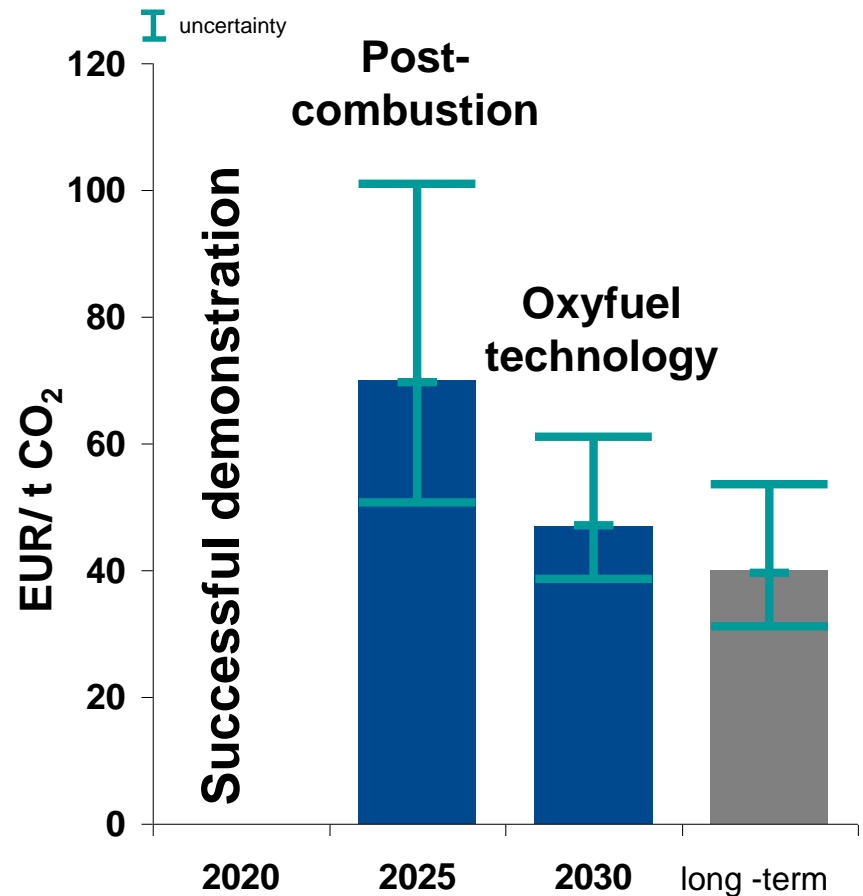


based on M. Voldsund et al.: CEMCAP Techno-Economic and Retrofitability Analysis. In: European Cement Research Academy, ECRA; Research Group CEMCAP; Research Group CLEANKER, Ed. Presentations and Posters of the ECRA/CEMCAP/CLEANKER Workshop 2018 on Carbon Capture Technologies in the Cement Industry (Brussels 17 October 2018). Available at: <https://ecra-online.org/research/ccs/presentations-and-posters/>

Challenges of carbon capture

Costs and competitiveness

- Significant increase of production costs
- Competiveness of cement production threatened under current economic and legal conditions for carbon capture
- Demonstration at industrial scale needed
- Appropriate CO₂ infrastructure for storage and use



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Geological storage of CO₂

- Required for CO₂ neutrality of cement production and use of cement in construction
- Re-direction of process related CO₂:
 - Offshore, e.g.. North Sea with appropriate CO₂ infrastructure
 - Local storages onshore?
- Potential for negative Emission shares (NET)
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Carbon-use

- Raw material CO₂ as carbon source for products: Basic chemicals, methane, plastics, synthetic fuel
- [Link to other industry sectors](#)



Perspectives for CCS and CCU in the cement industry



- 5 technologies for CO₂ capture facilitate plant specific solutions
- CO₂ capture can be applied to existing cement plants (Retrofit)
- Energy demand, technical and economic assessments are available:
About double production cost for CO₂ neutral cement
- Create demand for CO₂ neutral cement as enhanced carbon leakage protection:
E.g. by targeted tendering and requirements for the construction of new buildings
- CO₂ neutrality will require significant shares of CO₂ storage (CCS + CCU)
- Essential steps are the demonstration at industrial scale and an appropriate CO₂ infrastructure

Thank you!

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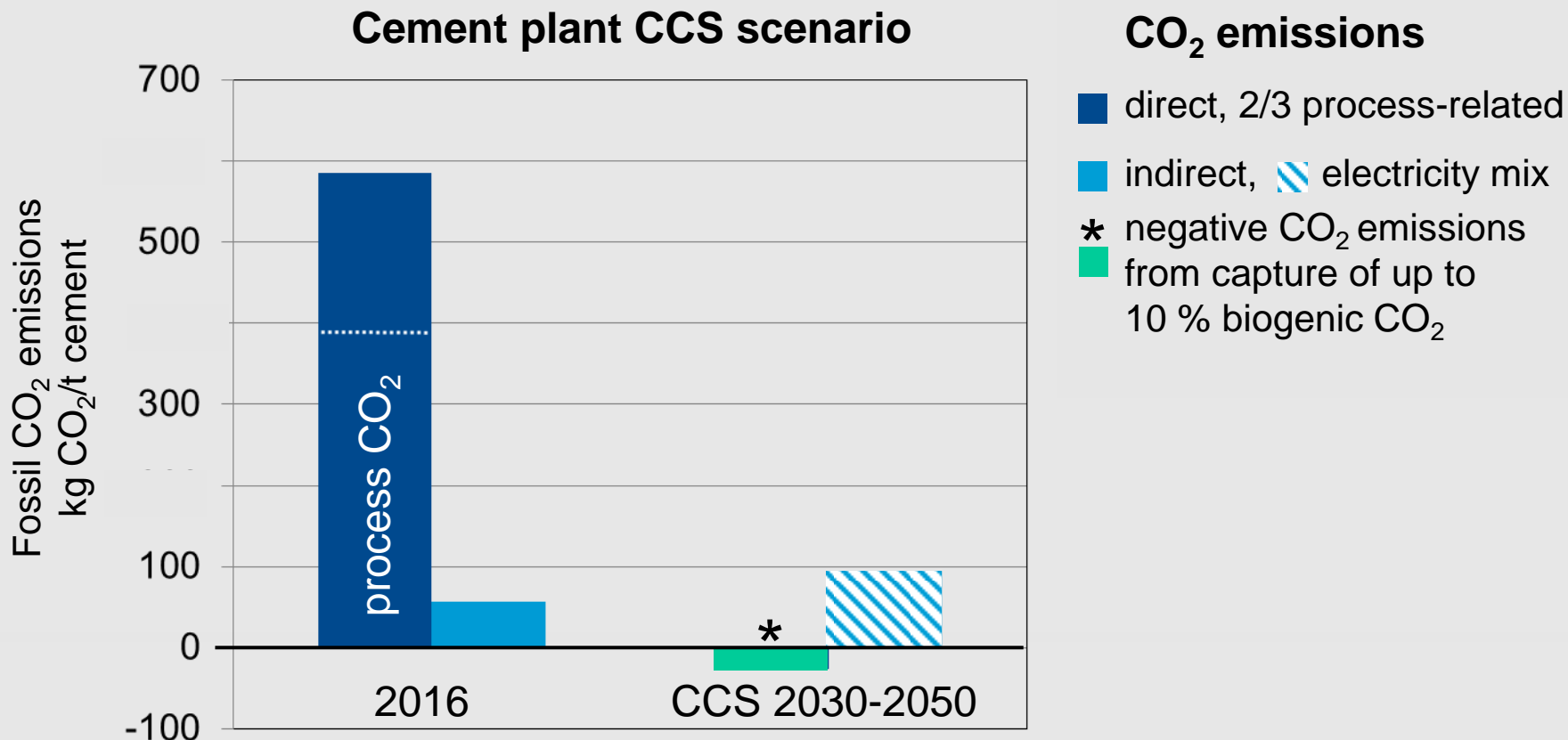
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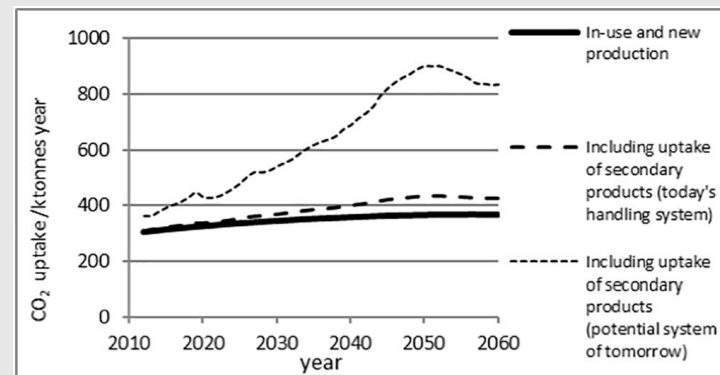
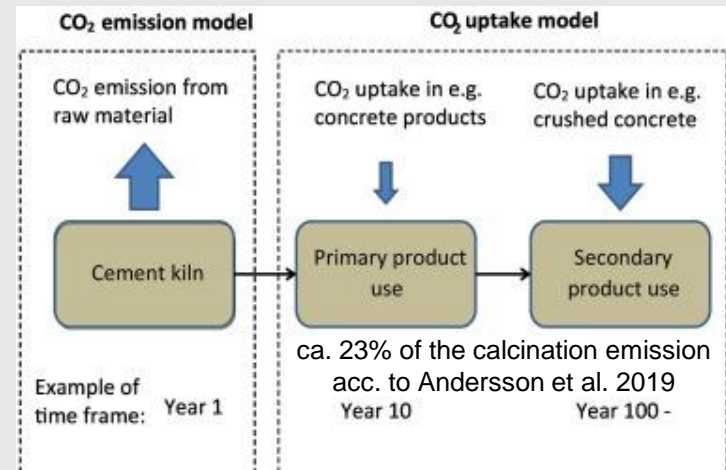
CCS & use of alternative fuels with waste biomass allow sustainable negative emissions technology (NET)



Ruppert, et al. Assessment of the material and energy efficiency potential in the process chain of the cement industry: Final report (UFOPLAN FKZ 3716 36 320 0). VDZ: Düsseldorf, 2019 (submitted). <https://www.vdz-online.de/forschung/aktuelle-projekte/prozesskettenorientierte-ermittlung-der-material-und-energieeffizienzpotentiale-in-der-zementindustrie/>

Concrete as a CO₂ sink during its life cycle and after use

- CO₂ uptake in concrete is a relatively slow process over many years
- Primary uptake is due to the hydrated Portland cement
- Also latent hydraulic concrete additions, such as blast-furnace slag and pozzolanic additions such as fly ash
- Potential for increased CO₂ uptake in end-of-life stages by demolishing, crushing, and storage



Andersson et al. 2019, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cemconres.2019.105819>

CO₂-Minderungsmöglichkeiten in der Zementindustrie

Konventionelle Technologien

Thermische Effizienz

- Sehr hoch verglichen mit allen anderen Industrieprozessen / chemisch-mineralogische Grenzen

Alternative Brennstoffe

- Geringerer Kohlenstoffanteil + hoher Biomasse-Anteil / energetische + stoffliche Verwendung

Klinkereffiziente Zemente

- Senkung des Klinkeranteils im Zement / begrenzte Verfügbarkeit geeigneter Ersatzmaterialien

Alternative Rohstoffe

- Einsatz bereits kalzinierter Rohstoffe / sehr begrenzte Verfügbarkeit geeigneter Materialien

Elektrische Effizienz

- Sehr begrenzte Reduktionspotenziale / Zielkonflikte mit Markt- und Regulierungsanforderungen

Breakthrough Technologien

Neue Bindemittel

- Absehbar keine alternativen Zemente, um Portlandzement in größerem Umfang zu ersetzen

CO₂-Abscheidung (Carbon-Capture-Technologien)

- Aussichtsreich, aber sehr hohe Kosten / CO₂-Speicherung bzw. CO₂-Nutzung bislang ungeklärt
- Oxyfuel ist wirtschaftlichste Carbon-Capture-Technologie für Zementherstellung (derzeit TRL 6)
- Demonstrationsprojekt (TRL 7/8) erfordert umfangreiche Mittel für Investition und Betrieb

Building carbon neutrality in Europe



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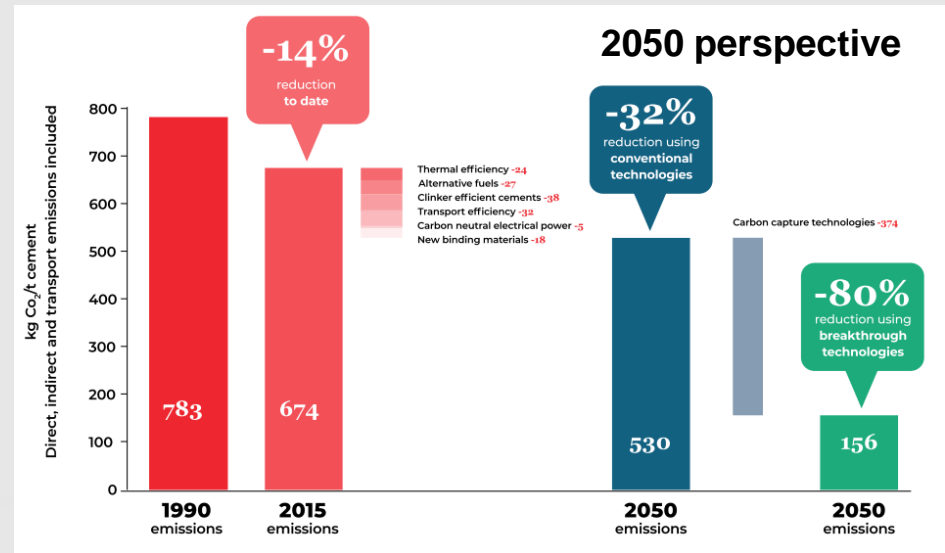
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Engaging for concrete solutions



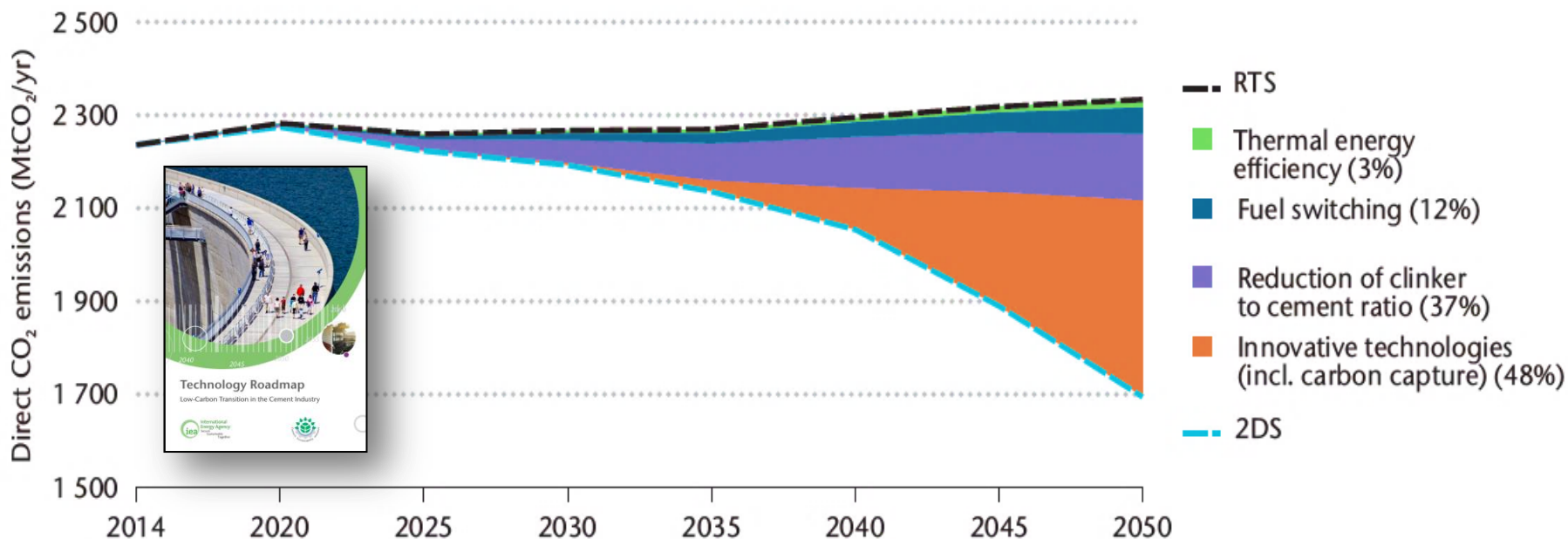
- Secure a level playing field with other regions and across industrial sectors;
- Based on lifecycle performance; material neutral
- Integrate both the supply and demand sides;



- Supports the development of breakthrough technologies and solutions, including through large-scale technology demonstration.

CO₂ reduction potential in the cement industry until 2050

IEA Cement Technology Roadmap 2018



Note: Percentages provided refer to the contribution of each carbon emissions reduction lever to the total direct CO₂ emissions reductions cumulatively along the modelling horizon.

CO₂ reduction potential in the global cement industry; Sources: IEA/CSI Technology Roadmap 2018: <http://www.wbcsdcement.org/technology>
 CSI/ECRA Technology Papers 2017: <https://ecra-online.org/research/technology-papers/>

Without CCS the aim of climate neutrality can not be achieved
 Requirements: Storage, Infrastructure and effective Carbon-Leakage-Protection