Applications of solar heat for the calcination of minerals

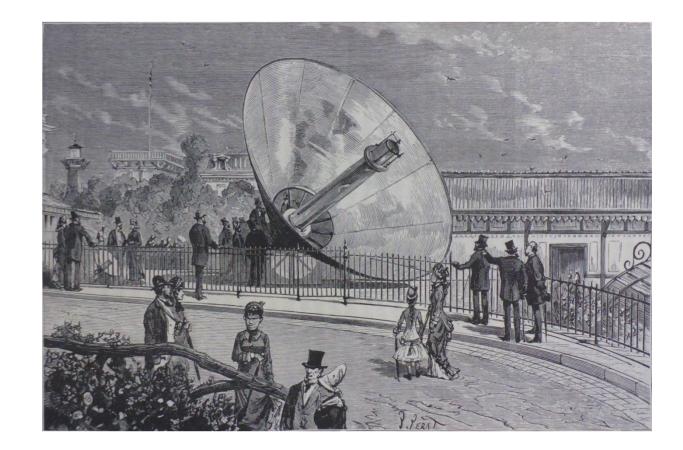
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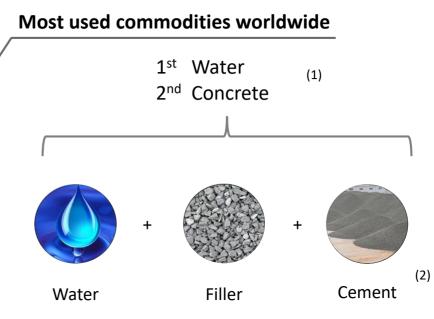
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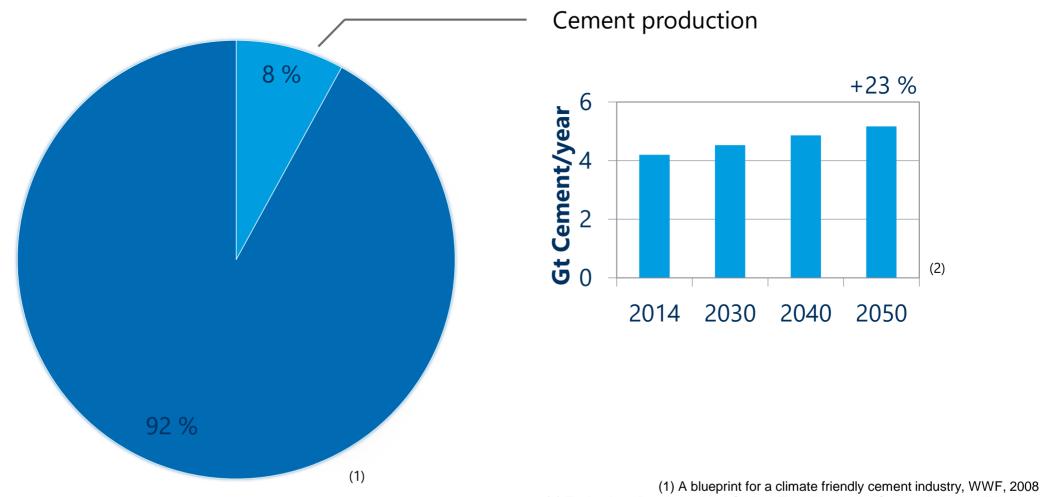




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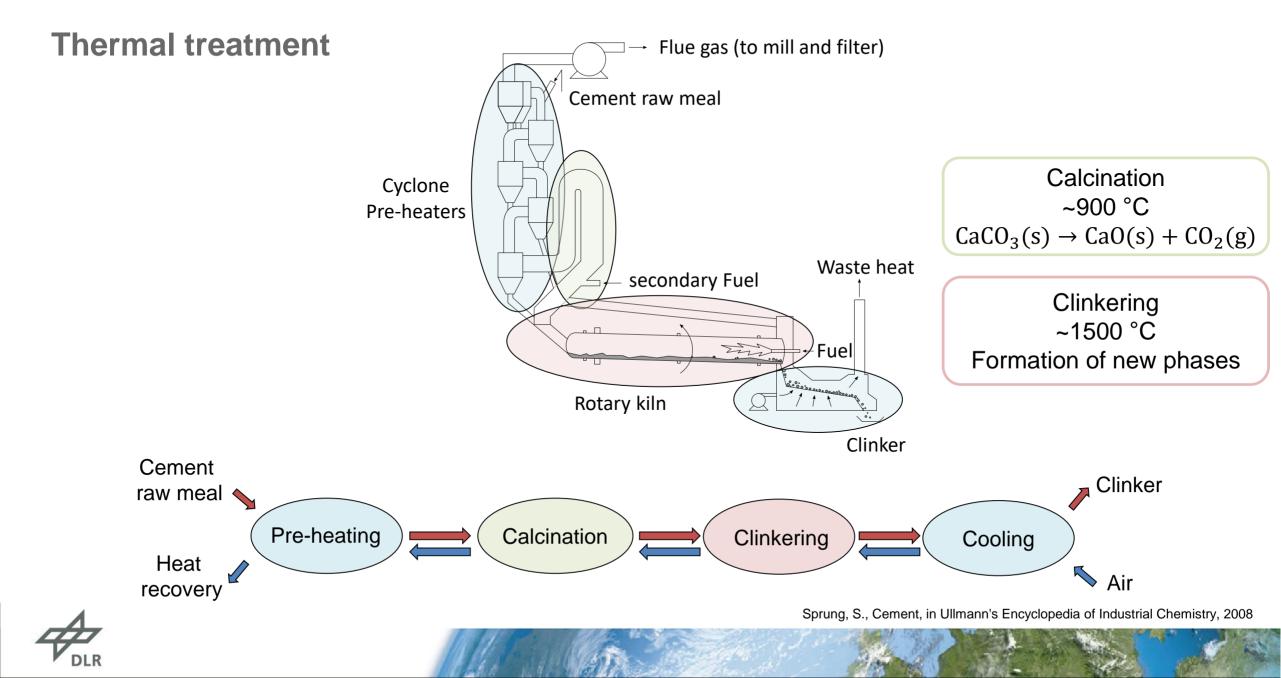


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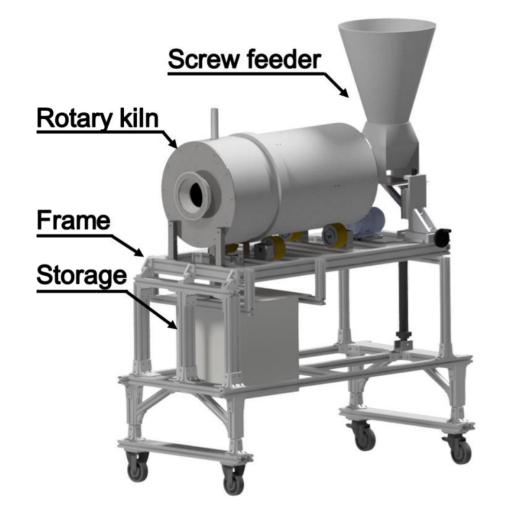


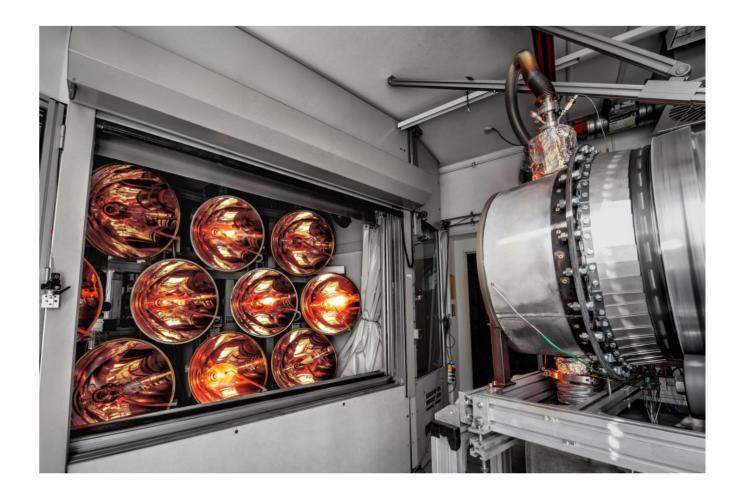


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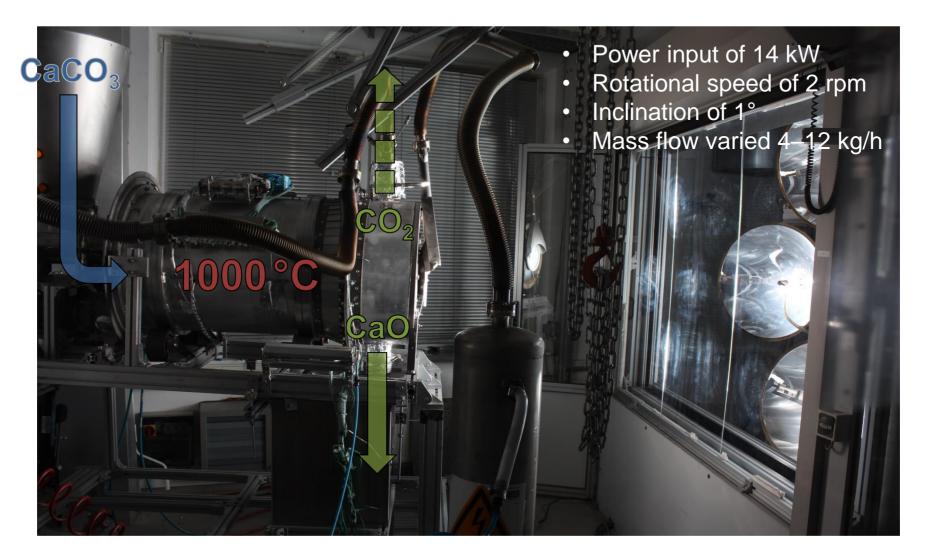


Solar rotary kiln for calcination



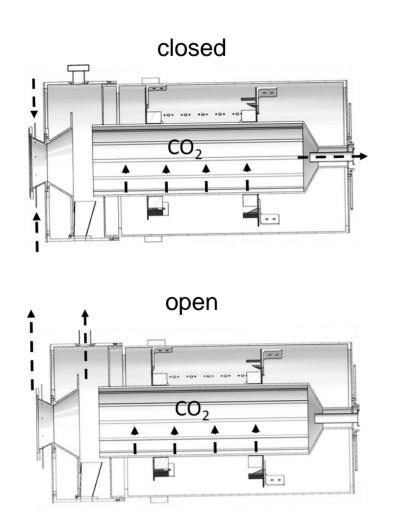


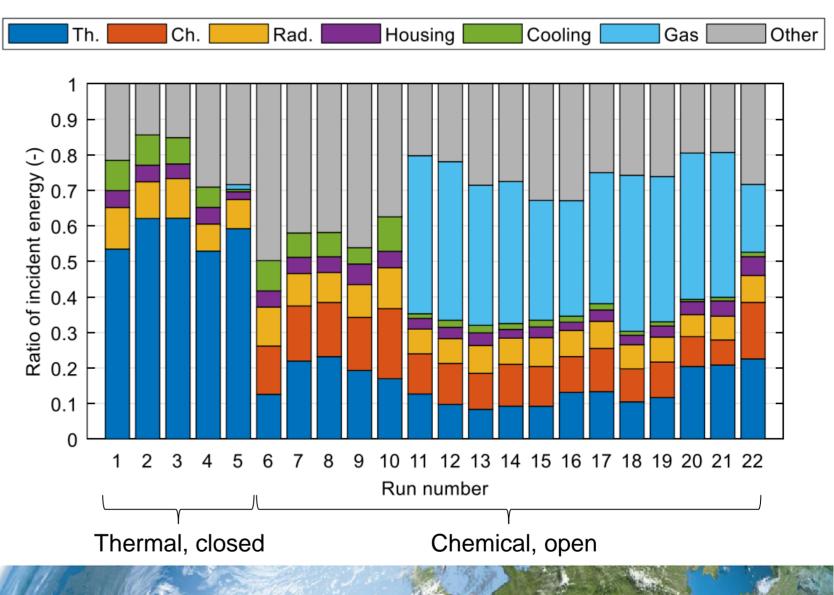
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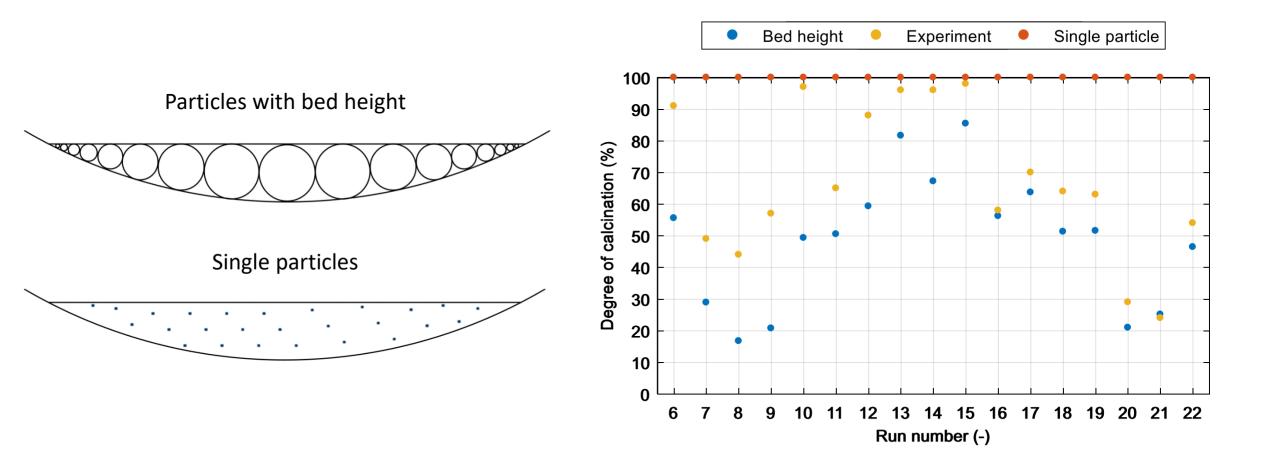
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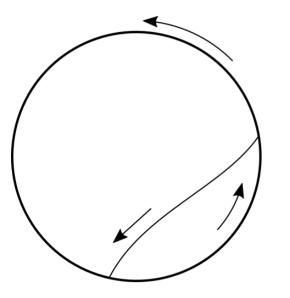


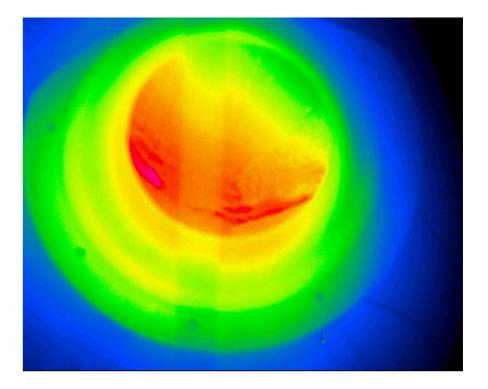
Degree of calcination





Bed motion inside the kiln

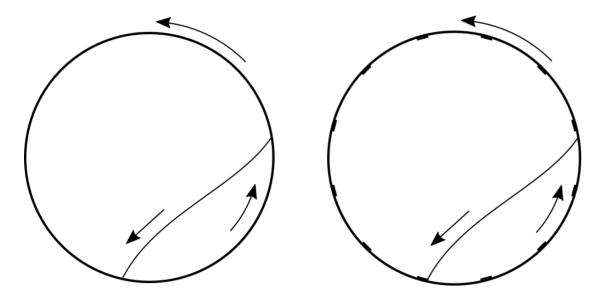








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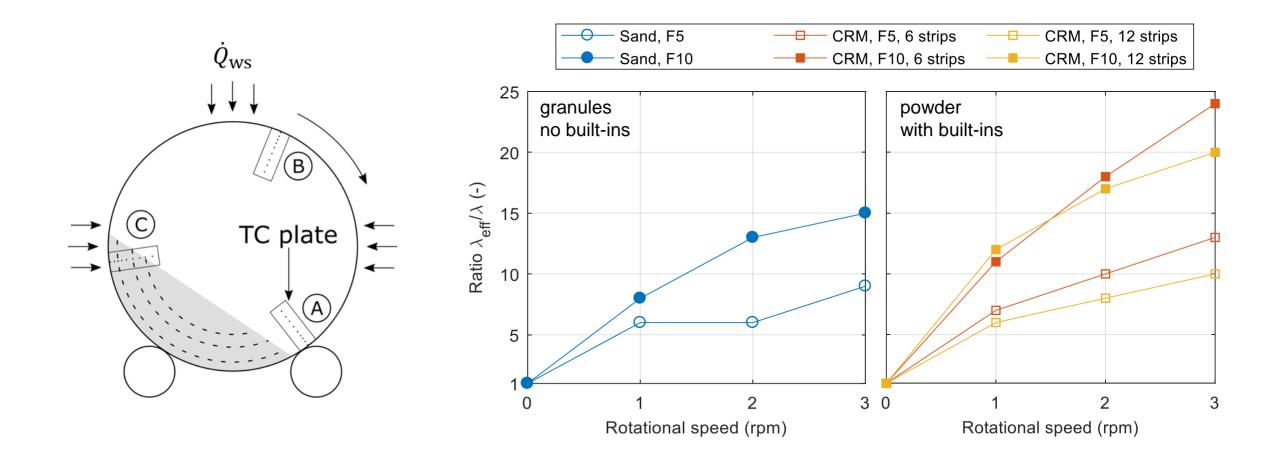






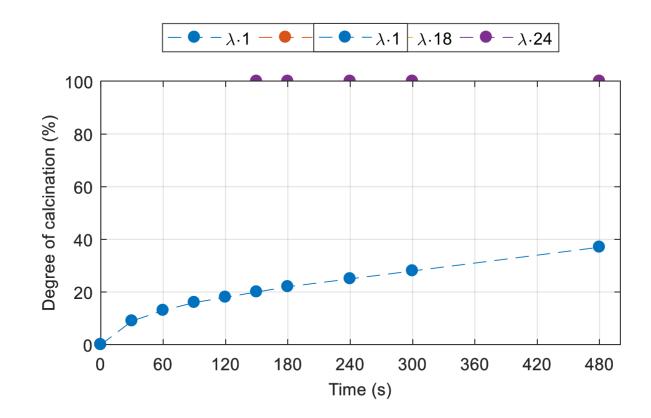


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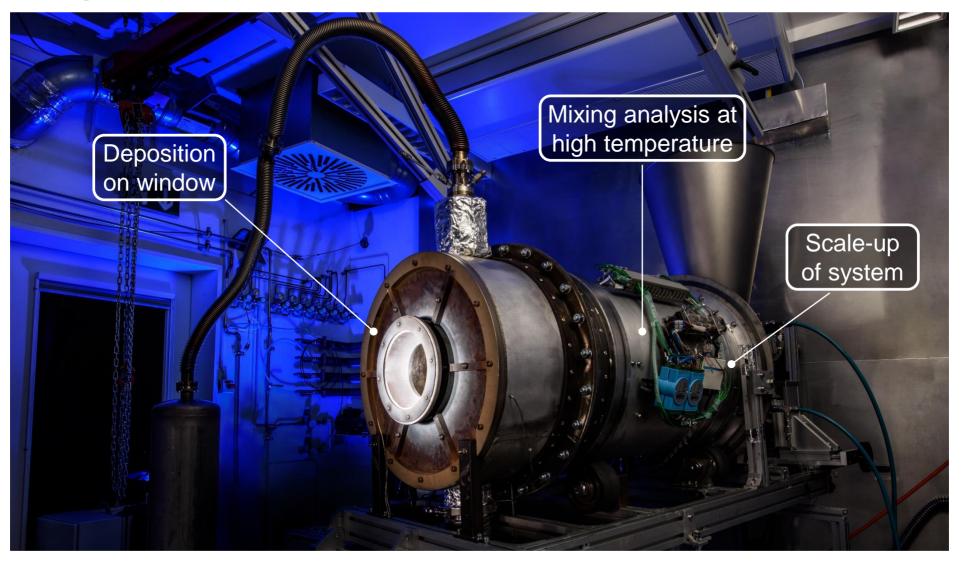


Reduction of calcination time



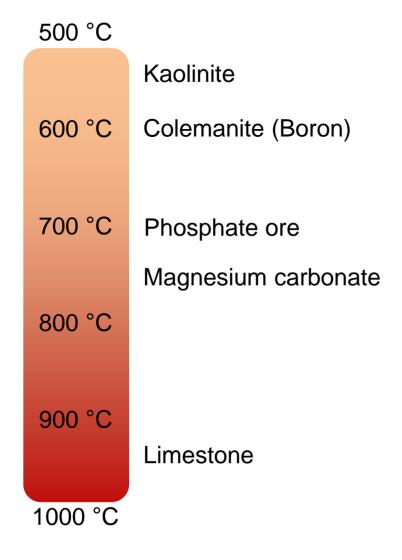


Present and planned studies





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