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# Advanced Indirectly Heated Carbonate Looping Process

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CO<sub>2</sub> capture at lime and cement plants

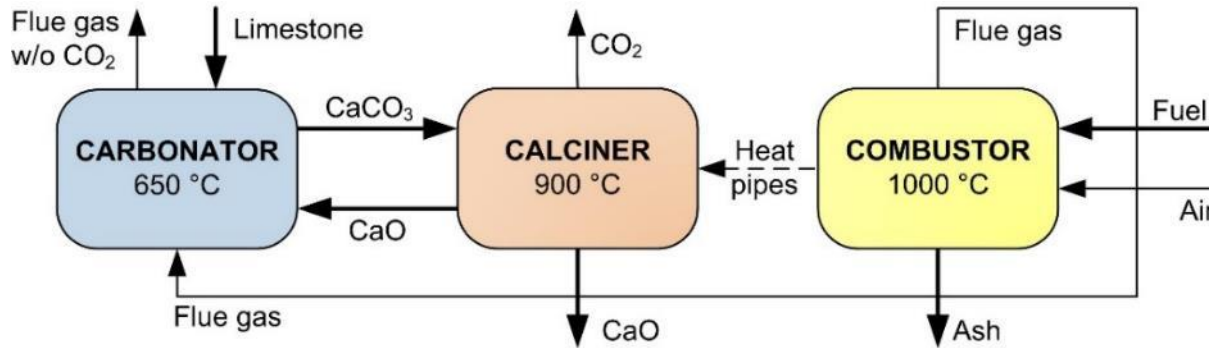
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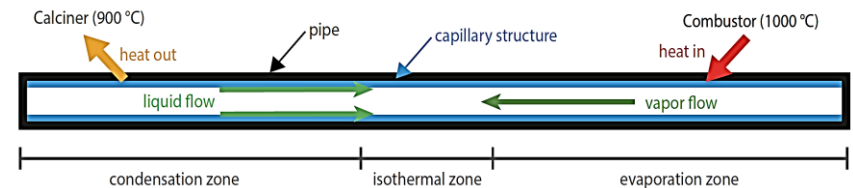
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# Indirectly Heated Carbonate Looping (IHCaL) Process



Source: FAU



- Sorbent used as product
- Efficient heat utilization (→ power)

## Indirect heating:

- No oxygen for calciner → high efficiency
- No fuel in calciner → pure sorbent
- Almost pure CO<sub>2</sub> stream at calciner exit

Key Performance Indicator	Target
CO <sub>2</sub> capture efficiency	> 90 %
CO <sub>2</sub> purity	> 95 %
Net efficiency for power generation	> 45 %
Sorbent utilization	> 90 %
CO <sub>2</sub> avoidance costs	< 25 €/t
Net CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	< 0

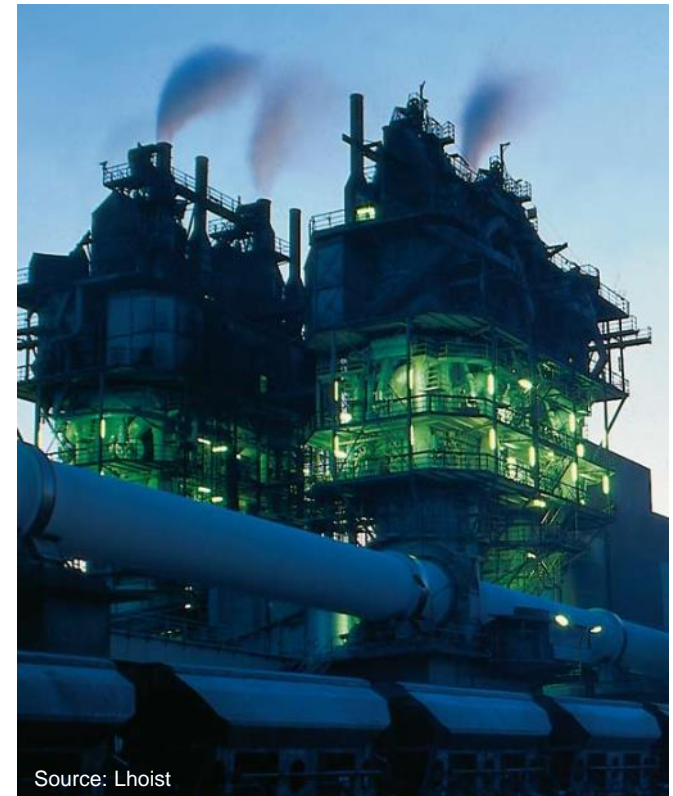
## Overall aim:

*Develop concepts of indirectly heated carbonate looping (IHCaL) process for **CO<sub>2</sub> capture** from **lime** and **cement** plants.*



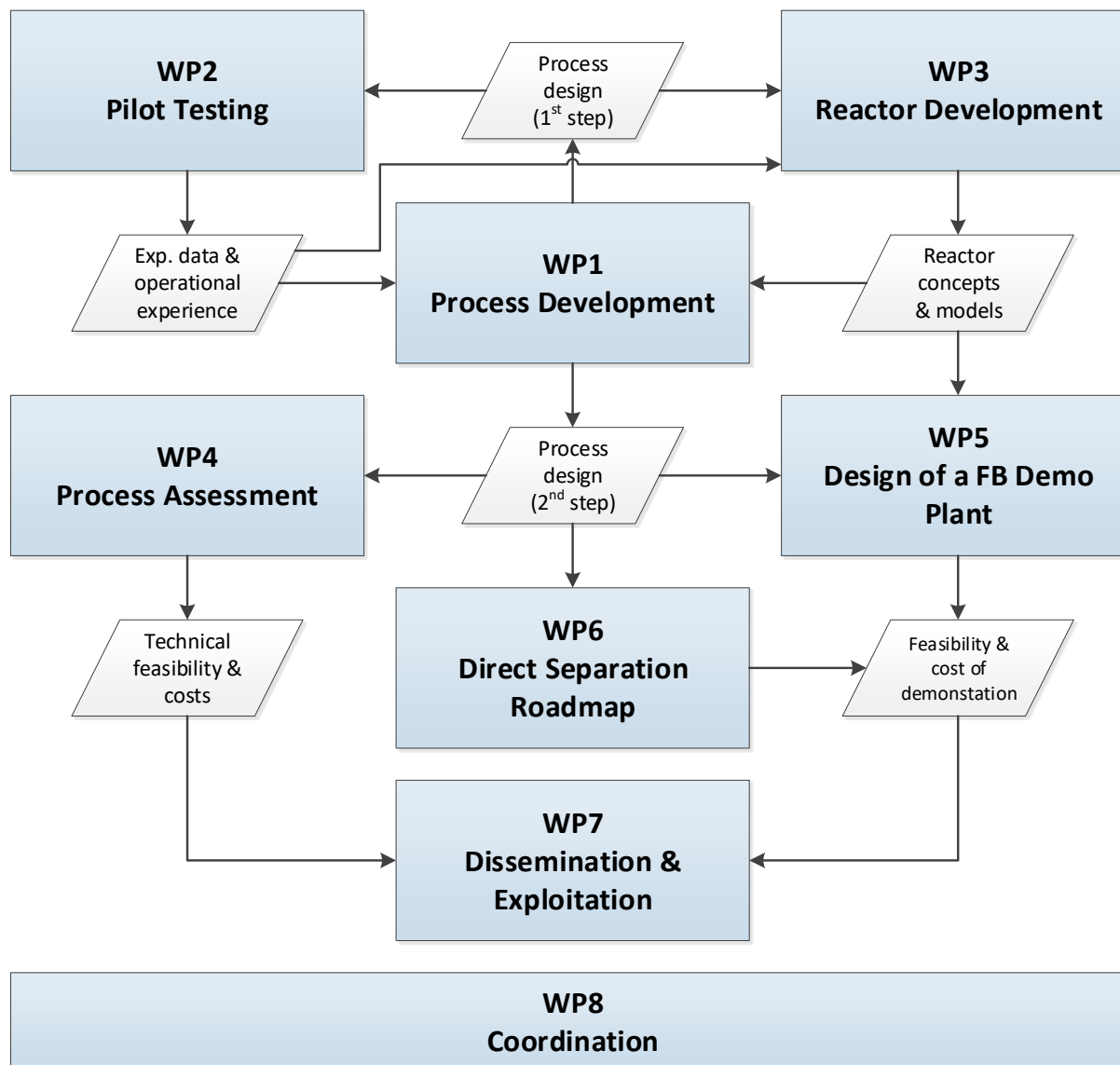
## Specific Project Objectives

- Test at 300 kW<sub>th</sub> **pilot plant**
- Prove feasibility of **utilizing of spent sorbent**
- Develop **novel concepts** of IHCaL reactors
- Assess **risks, economics, environmental** impact
- Design a 20 MW<sub>th</sub> **demonstration** plant



Source: Lhoist





# WP 1 – Process development

## Integration into the lime process

- 2 reference plants:

- Hönnetal Lime Plant (Germany)
- Thessaloniki Lime Plant (Greece)



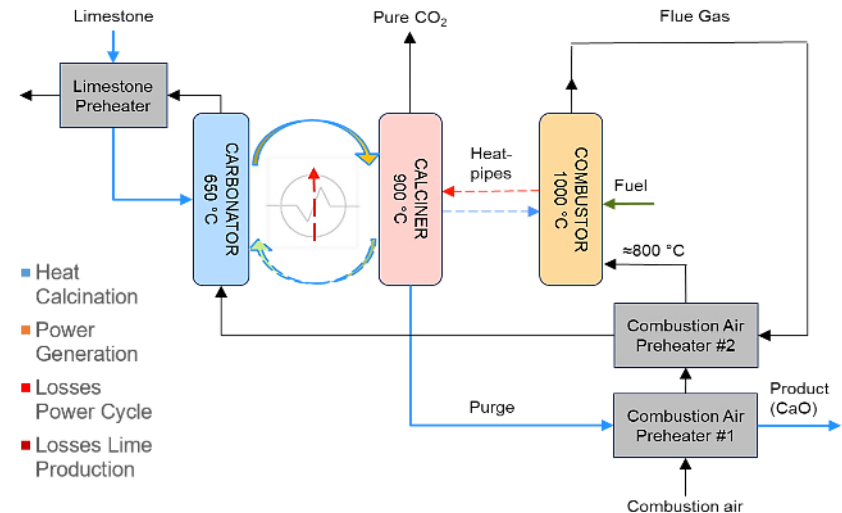
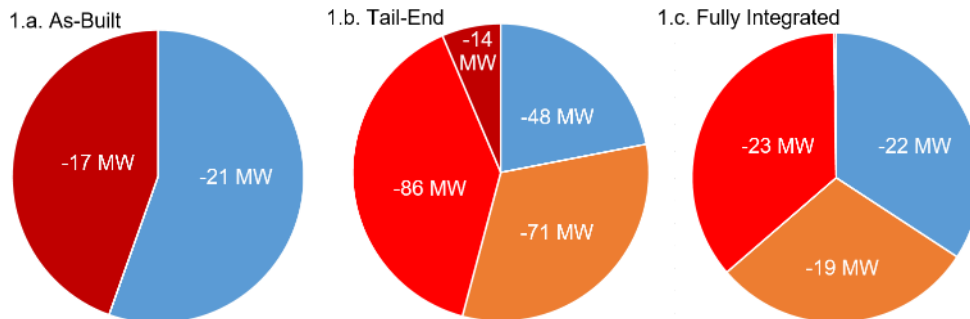
- Different IHCaL concepts developed

- Tail-end solution
- Fully integrated concepts



- Results


- Critical points for integration identified
- High overall efficiency achieved with heat recovery steam cycles

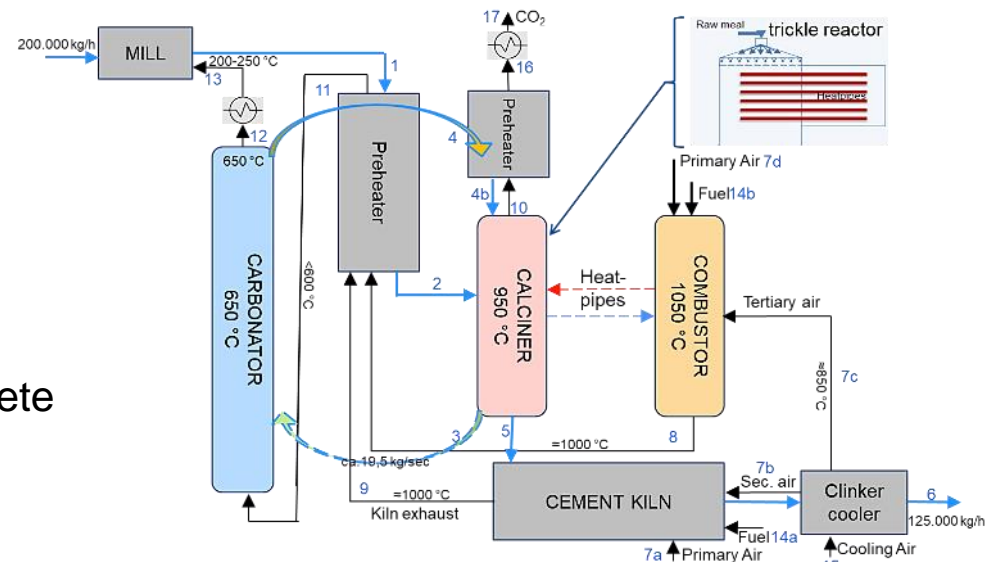




# WP 1 – Process development

## Integration into the cement process

- 2 reference plants selected:
  - BAT (Best Available Technology) plant for comparison with former projects
  - Real cement plant  **Dyckerhoff**
- 12 concepts developed with different reactor types
  - Trickle bed reactor
  - Fluidized bed reactor
- Modelling and boundary conditions
  - Energy & mass balances prepared and boundary conditions defined
  - Plant layout, operational data, chemical composition
- IHCaL Concept simulation
  - Programming of the BAT plant is complete



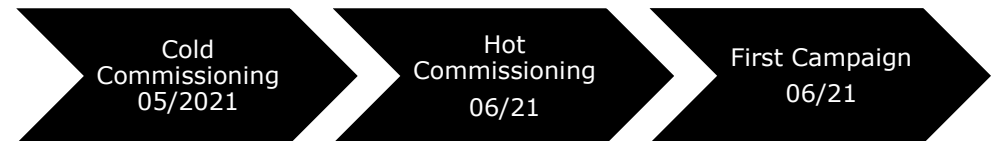
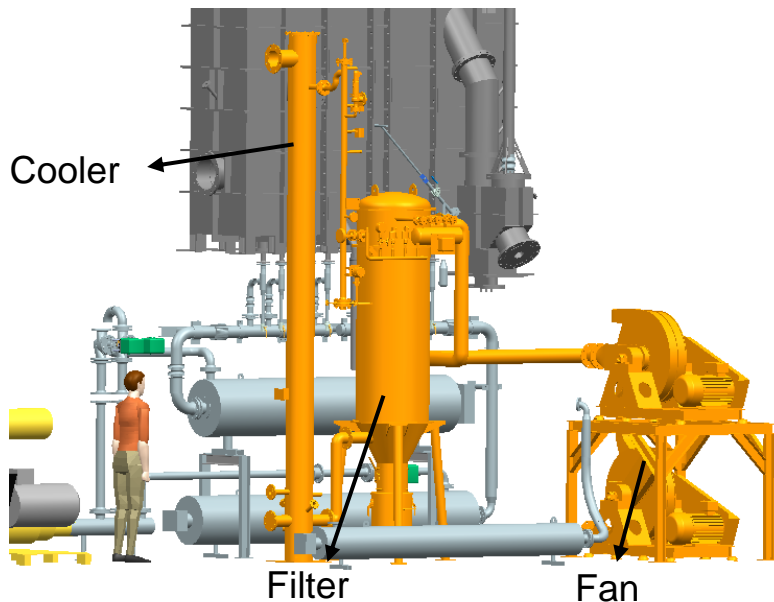
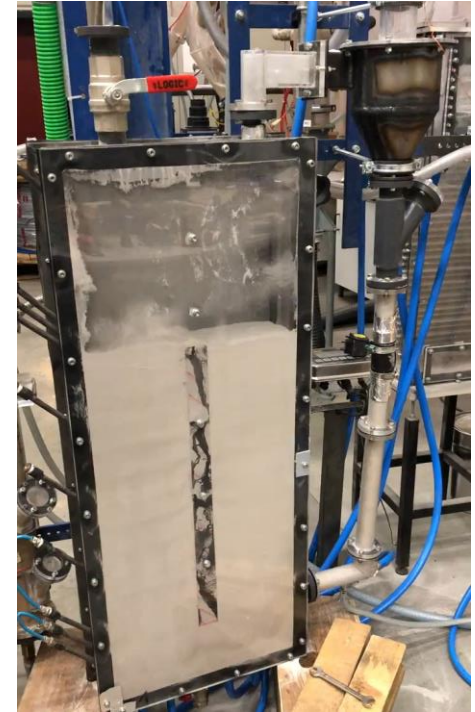


## Upgrades at the 300 kW<sub>th</sub> Pilot Plant

- Design of flue gas path to carbonator (installation starts in Jan 2021)
- Solid fuel feeding system for coal and RDF (design is being validated in cold model)
- External cyclone to minimize loss of material (being tested in cold model)



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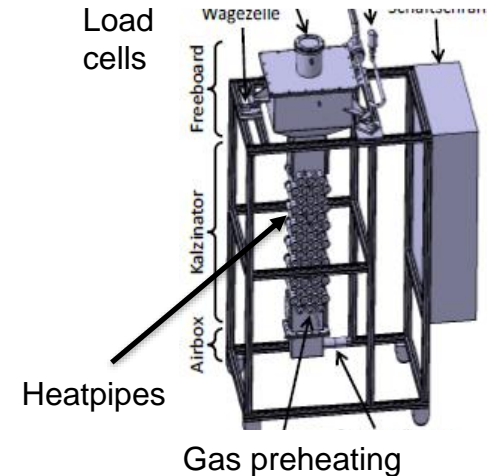




## Experiments at Batch-Calciner



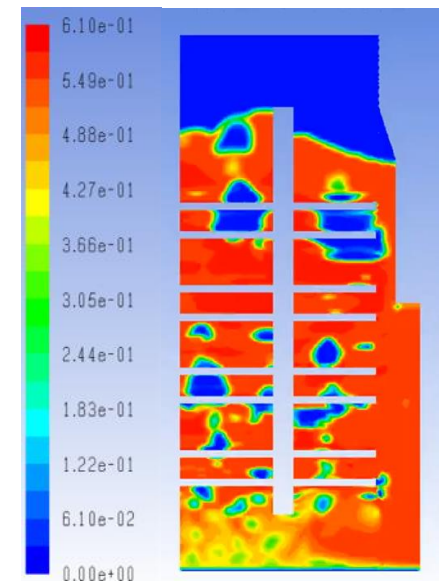
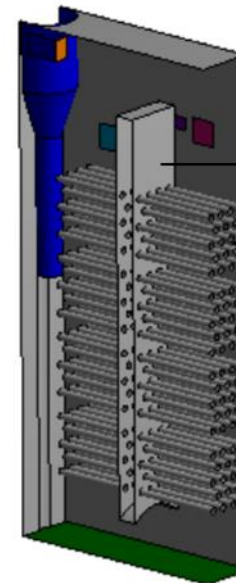
- Commissioning successful
- Calcination of cement raw meal successful, but still low reactivity
- Further studies necessary



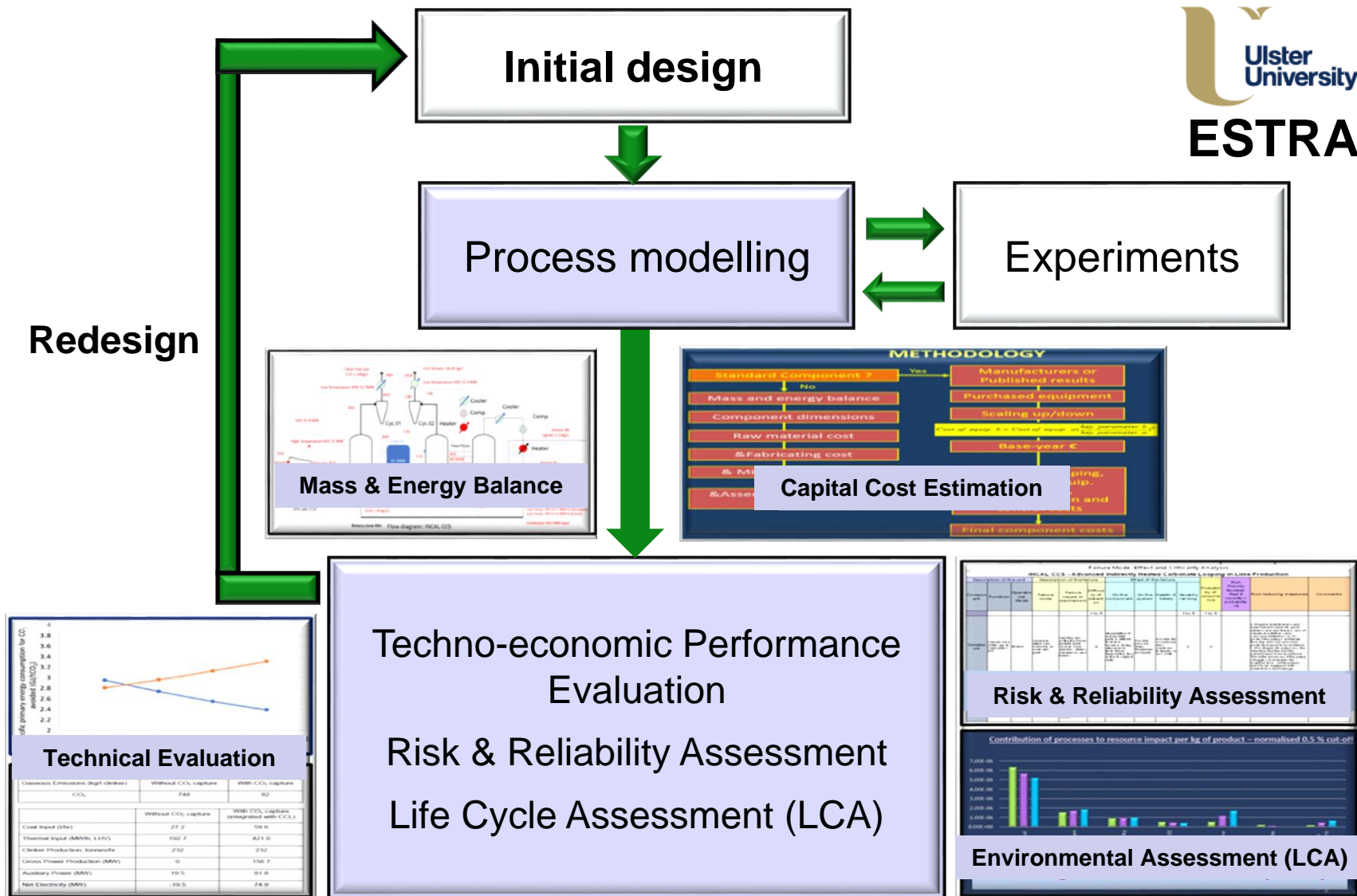
## Calciner CFD simulations



- Target: optimize design & operating parameters
- **Cold model:**
  - Hydrodynamics captured well with EMMS drag model
  - Pressure profile shows good agreement with experimental data
- **Hot model:**
  - Preliminary results show good agreement with experimental data.







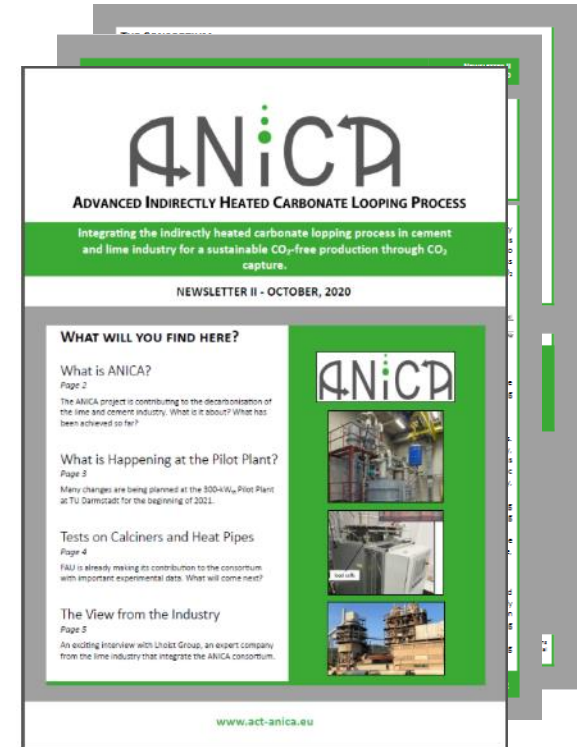
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