

Simulation of Processes in Shaft Kilns



- ► Gastemperature
- Core temperature of five stone fractions
- Surface temperature of five stone fractions
- ► Mean stone temperature
- ► Limestone decomposition (residual CO₂)
 - mean value
 - individual value of every size fraction
- ► Energy consumption
- ▶ Residual CO₂ content
- ► Flue gas temperature
- Flue gas composition (dry and wet)
- Discharge stone temperature
- ▶ Pressure drop
- ► Wall heat losses.

All results are presented using figures and Excel tables.

The program can be installed on every laptop.



- Optimization of the calcination process for energy consumption, quality and regulation by changing
 Throughput
 - Size distribution of stones
 - kind of fuel
 - kind of limestone
 - kiln geometry
- Training of technical staff

Analogous to an aircraft simulator the kiln can be operated by persons using various conditions. Therewith, the understanding of the process and the influence of the lot of parameters can be trained

- ► Reduction of maintenance costs e.g. refractory replacement
- Interpretation of measured kiln data





1. Interface: Kiln Geometry and Environment

- ► Length of preheating zone
- Length of burning zone
- ► Length of cooling zone
- Internal diameter or cross sectional area
- Working refractory (thickness and conductivity)
- Insulation refractory (thickness and conductivity)
- Environment conditions (temperature, wind speed)
- ► Insert temperature of cooling air
- Charging temperature of limestone

2. Interface: Process parameter and lime properties

- Mass flow input of limestone for every shaft
- Void fraction
- ► Mean particle diameter or
- Particle size distribution up to five classes
- Material properties of limestone and lime
 - Composition (CaCO₃, MgCO₃, inerts, water)
 - Density
 - Decomposition (equilibrium) pressure
 - Thermal conductivity
 - Reaction coefficient

3. Interface: Parameters of Fuel

- ► Type of fuel (gaseous, liquid, solid)
- Gaseous fuels:
 - Composition, heating value will be calculated
 - Heating value, if composition is not known
- Liquid fuels: heating values (typical values are given)
- Solid fuels: heating values (typical values are given)

4. Interface: Combustion Parameters

- Power of burners
- Mass or volume flow of fuel
- Combustion air at top (PFR kilns)

- Combustion air through lances (PFR- and CFS-kilns)
- Cooling air burning shaft (PFR kiln)
- ► Cooling air regenerative heating shaft (PFR kiln)
- ► Cooling air (CFS-kiln)

Available equipment for measuring material properties and decomposition behavior:

- Laser Flash Apparatus for thermal conductivity
- Differential Scanning Calorimeter for decomposition pressure
- Thermogravimetry for decomposition behavior of sample cylinders up 35 mm diameter and 150 mm length in air/CO₂ gas

The program is based on

- ► Ten Ph.D. studies at the Institute of Fluid Dynamics and Thermodynamics at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg
- Several research projects in cooperation with the German Lime Association funded by the German Ministry for Economic Affairs.
- ▶ It is validated with a lot of measurements in PFR- and CFS-kilns.



Validation of measured and calculated temperature profiles

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Dynamic Simulation of Heat Treatment Processes

- Rotary Kilns
- ► Shaft Kilns
- Tunnel Kilns
- Roller Kilns
- Combustion Processes
- Measurement of thermophysical Material Properties
- Intensive Cooling
- Drying Processes