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Concrete pathways toward a low-carbon cement industry in China

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Spatial distribution of cement production facilities in China Source: Cai et al., 2016

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- Limited room for energy efficiency improvement
- Dry process rotary kiln is widely adopted: >90% of cement production facilities in place



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Energy efficiency of cement production facilities in China Source: CSI, 2014



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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK Apparent consumption of cement from 1931 to 2014

Source: Cao et al., 2017



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Historical patterns of cement stocks

Source: Cao et al., 2017



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	Per capita cement stock [t/capita]	Residential [t/capita]	Non- residential [t/capita]	Civil engineering [t/capita]
Argentina	8.0	3.5	2.9	1.6
Austrilia	12.0	5.2	4.3	2.5
Austria	33.6	14.6	12.1	6.9
Canada	13.3	5.8	4.8	2.7
France	20.7	9.0	7.5	4.2
Germany	26.0	11.3	9.4	5.3
Greece	33.2	14.4	12.0	6.8
Hungary	18.8	8.1	6.8	3.8
Italy	33.0	14.3	11.9	6.7
Japan	20.0	8.7	7.2	4.1
South Korea	27.5	11.9	9.9	5.6
The Netherlands	18.6	8.1	6.7	3.8
Poland	19.7	8.5	7.1	4.0
Portugal	28.9	12.6	10.5	5.9
Saudi Arabia	24.2	10.5	8.7	4.9
Spain	29.5	12.8	10.7	6.0
Switzerland	31.8	13.8	11.5	6.5
United Arab Emirates	28.1	12.2	10.2	5.7
UK	13.5	5.9	4.9	2.8
USA	16.0	7.0	5 .8	3.3
Former Yugoslavia	17.6	7.6	6.4	3.6
Czechoslovakia	26.3	11.4	9.5	5.4
Belgium-Luxembourg	27.9	12.1	10.1	5.7
China	19.2	8.3	6.9	3.9



Scenarios of per capita cement stock:

- China: 19.2 t/cap (2014)
- High: 33.6 t/cap (2050)
- Medium: 30.5 t/cap (2050)
- Low: 27.5 t/cap (2050)

Scenarios of population: UN World Population Prospects (High-Medium-Low)

Scenarios of lifetime:

- Constant
- ~30 yrs → 50 yrs



How much cement stock does China need in the future?

Source: Cao et al., 2017



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Pathways toward a low-carbon cement industry in China Source: Cao et al., 2017

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Concluding Remarks

- Cement industry is a major CO2 emitter in China, due to the massive cement demand; however, energy efficiency improvement measures alone could not achieve the reduction target;
- Grand amounts of cement (stocks) are already in place in China;
- Prolonging lifetime of cement products (e.g., buildings, structure, bridges, and roads) can fundamentally reduce CO2 emissions from cement industry.

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