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Carbon Management at BASF – R&D strategies to reduce CO₂

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BASF as a pioneer in developing tools for sustainability performance measurement



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Global greenhouse gas (GHG) emission scenarios





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Global GHG emissions 1990: 36.4 metric gigatons

Source of global GHG emissions and future scenarios: JRC Global Energy and Climate Outlook 2016

6 * Implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions as expressed in Paris Agreement

BASF's successful greenhouse gas reduction



Since 1990, BASF has halved its emissions and doubled its sales volume

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7 "mt" = million metric tons, "tons per ton" = metric tons CO_2 equivalents per metric ton sales product

BASF's carbon footprint 2017 and established measures



BASF commits to CO_2 -neutral growth in its new corporate strategy. This requires a new approach to Carbon Management.

8 "mt" = million metric tons * thereof 36 mt from BASF's oil and gas business



BASF's Carbon Management aims to decouple growth from CO₂ emissions

	source	make	use	end-of-life
Established measures	Biomass balance Bio-based products and materials	Verbund concept and process optimization CO ₂ as a feedstock	CO ₂ -saving BASF products and solutions	Biodegradable BASF products and materials
New measures	ChemCycling Renewable energy	Carbon Management Program	New CO ₂ -saving BASF products and solutions	Close-the-loop solutions ChemCycling



The Carbon Dioxide Challenge **BASF's Carbon Management** Avoid CO₂ on site Outlook



BASF's sales products in a nutshell

Chemical formula:
$$(CH_{3.1}O_{0.3}N_{0.2}X)_n$$



Chemistry is based on carbon and cannot be "decarbonized."



BASF's Carbon Management targets fugitive carbon



A Verbund is the ideal setup for Carbon Management.



BASF's Verbund avoids CO₂ The full picture – for ethylene





BASF's Verbund avoids CO₂ Synergies among selected value chains



A Verbund optimizes the use of products and utilities.





In total, BASF's Verbund in Ludwigshafen avoids around 6 mt of CO₂ emissions.

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15 "kt" = thousand metric tons, "mt" = million metric tons

BASF's Carbon Management Measures at a glance

CO₂ emitters:



BASF's Carbon Management includes process optimization, technology research and the supply of renewable energy.



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Chemistry is energy

Thermodynamics of water electrolysis

$H_{2}^{(g)} + 0.5 O_{2}^{(g)}$ $H_{4}^{(g)} + 2 O_{2}^{(g)}$ $\Delta H_{r}^{O} = +286 \frac{kJ}{mol H_{2}}$ $\Delta H_{r}^{O} = -803 \frac{kJ}{mol CH_{4}}$ $CO_{2}^{(g)} + 2 H_{2}O^{(g)}$

Water and carbon dioxide are very stable molecules. Using them as chemical raw materials is very energy-intensive.

Thermodynamics of CO₂ formation

Using CO₂ as a feedstock is energy-intensive Viable options are therefore limited



BASF is exploring new processes to make specialty chemicals from CO_2 .



Limited potential to use CO₂ as a feedstock in the chemical industry



We need new breakthrough technologies to significantly reduce the CO₂ footprint.



Outlook

The Carbon Dioxide Challenge BASF's Carbon Management Avoid CO_2 on site Use CO_2 as a feedstock Help customers avoid CO_2 (Accelerator products)



CO₂-saving innovative solutions

Mineral-based in-situ foam: Cavipor®



Enabling e-mobility: Cathode active materials





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BASF's new CO₂ emission target







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Until 2030, BASF aims to grow its output by 50% without increasing its CO_2 emissions.

25 "mt" = million metric tons, "tons per ton" = metric tons CO_2 equivalents per metric ton sales product * forecast



BASF's Carbon Management – our focus today

Potential CO₂ reduction





E-Furnace:

New technology for clean high-temperature reactions



Approach:

- Switch cracker coil heating from natural gas to electrical resistance heating, combining high current with low voltage
- Integrate an E-Furnace to be newly engineered into the steam cracker in Ludwigshafen

Next milestone:

 Proof of material for steam cracker coils, i.e., study interaction of coil alloy with applied electric power

BASF aims to develop the world's first electrical heating concept for steam crackers (1,000°C) within the next five years. This requires the redesign of the entire furnace from the alloy composition to electric connectors and transformers.*

Methane pyrolysis: New process for clean hydrogen



Approach:

- Decompose methane (CH₄) into hydrogen and solid carbon via thermal pyrolysis avoiding CO₂ as byproduct
- Design a moving carbon bed reactor that combines chemical reaction and heat integration

Next milestone:

 Proof of the heating concept, i.e., overcome carbon deposition, inhomogeneous flow and pulsations inside the reactor

BASF is developing a completely new reactor design for the pyrolysis of methane into hydrogen and solid carbon* and is evaluating options to utilize the byproduct solid carbon.

Dry reforming of methane and direct conversion of syngas to DME: New catalysts for clean olefins



Approach:

- Switch feedstock for olefins from naphtha to methane
- Produce CO-rich syngas via dry reforming of methane and convert the syngas into dimethyl ether (DME), an established precursor for olefins

Next milestone:

 Production trial for CO-rich syngas and completion of DME upscaling

BASF will commercialize its new generation of catalysts for the dry reforming of methane (planned for 2020) and the direct conversion of CO-rich syngas to DME (planned for 2022) in collaboration with Linde.



CO₂ as feedstock for superabsorbents: New chemistry for using CO₂



Approach:

- Evaluate the thermodynamically favored reaction of CO₂ with ethylene to sodium acrylate, which is the main raw material for superabsorbents
- Switch feedstock for superabsorbents from C3 (propylene → acrylic acid) to C2 + CO₂ (ethylene + CO₂ → sodium acrylate)

Next milestone:

 Catalyst activity and lifetime as well as energy demand for the base regeneration in target range

BASF is developing an industrial process for the catalytic formation of sodium acrylate based on CO₂ and ethylene.

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