



# Building a model of sustainable chemistry

Carbon Capture & Utilization Tracks for CO2 reuse

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## Agenda

## Solvay Group at a glance

Carbon Capture & Utilization (CCU)

**CCU** early demonstrators

CO2 to methanol: one track for CO2 reuse

**Conclusions** 



# Building a model of sustainable chemistry



Building a strong leader, a player in the reshaping of the global chemical industry. Asserting ourselves as a model of sustainable chemistry, capable of attracting and developing talented people who conceive, design and produce solutions to meet the major challenges facing society today.

2014 figures

## Our activities

### Advanced **Formulations**

**Performance Chemicals** 

**Functional Polymers** 

Novecare Coatis **Aroma Performance** 

Soda Ash & Derivatives Peroxide Acetow **Emerging Biochemicals** 

Polyamide & Intermediates **Engineering Plastics Fibras** 

Advanced **Materials** 

**Energy Services Business Services** 

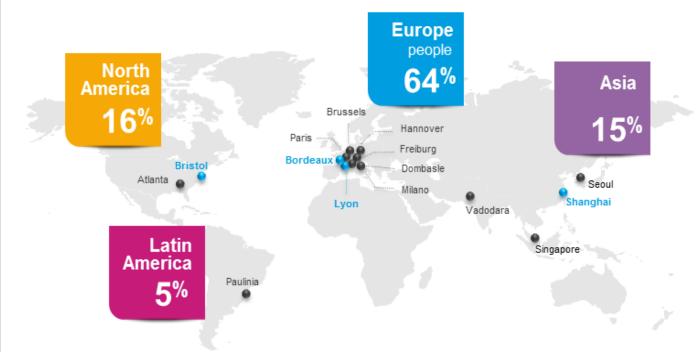
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### At the Heart of Global Innovation Ecosystems

### **Our R&I Network**

**Enhanced by Open Innovation** 



**→** 

Target 2016: 30% of REBITDA growth generated by innovation

### **Open innovation**

- 4 Joint labs with top research institutions of France, China and the USA & the French National Center for Scientific Research
- · > 100 collaborative R&I Projects
- . €55M invested in Venturing & Start-ups

1950 Staff in R&I

€ 287 M/y

Efforts in R&I

82%
Of R&I resources managed by BUs

21%

New sales ratio

259
Patents fil

Patents filed in 2014

## 6 R&I areas to meet the challenges of the future



### Advanced materials

Expertise in polymers and formulations



### Sustainable energy

Developing alternatives to fossil fuel consumption: new generation batteries photovoltaics, bio-energy



### Organic electronics

Materials to improve the sustainability of lighting devices and screens



### **Eco-designed processes**

New processes offering diminished raw materials and energy consumption, and reduced emissions



### Advanced formulations

Creating responsible products that provide solutions to global issues

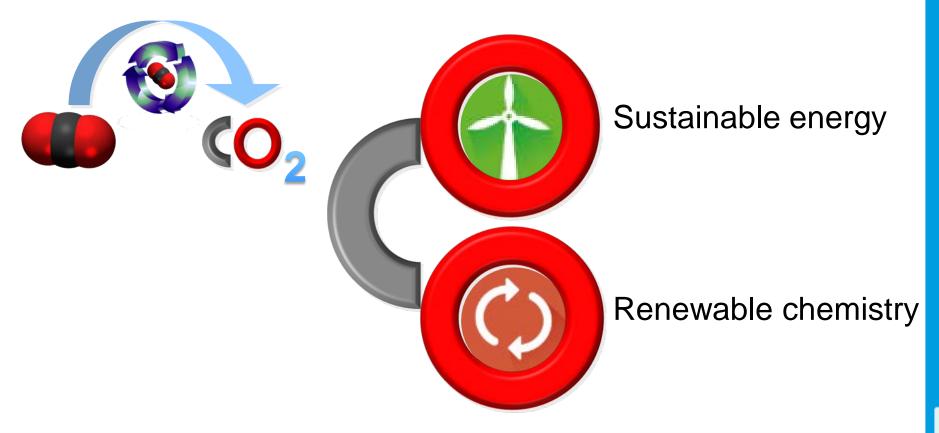


### Renewable chemistry

Innovation in renewable or recycled raw materials

## One molecule ... Several reuse

## Research & Innovation platforms



## Megatrends & definitions



### Why carbon reuse is of interest?

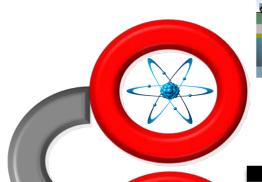
- 1. Net Reduction of carbon dioxide emissions released to the atmosphere;
- 2. Positive of other environmental impacts;
- 3. CO<sub>2</sub> reuse offers complement /alternatives for fossil resources to be used as fuels, chemicals and polymers;
- 4. Ability to reduce energy dependency by integrating local renewable energy.

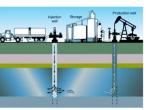
CO<sub>2</sub> reuse can be defined ... as any process making use of carbon dioxide ???

### Several reuse ...

## WITH / WITHOUT

## CO2 modifications

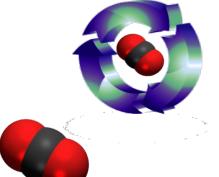




Enhanced Oil recovery ~ 66 millions tons a year USA use since 1973



Food & beverages ~ 15 millions tons a year







2 NH3 + CO2 → Urea : NH2-COO-NH4 → (NH2)2-CO + H20

~ 36 millions tons a year

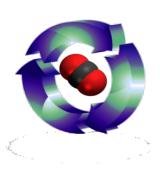
CO<sub>2</sub> reuse could be split in two groups:

- CO<sub>2</sub> reuse without conversion of the carbon dioxide
- CO<sub>2</sub> reuse with the conversion of carbon dioxide.



## Future steps & tracks

#### Value



- CO2 to Chemicals
- MeOH & Fuels
- CCS

- Micro algae to fuels
- Cyano bacteria to fuels
- Artificial Photosynthesis
- CCS

Energy from the sun

Existing large CO2
Applications,
EOR...

Need cheap & accessible Renewable Energy for CO2 conversion

Need cheap capture technology < 30\$ per ton

Now

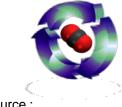
2020-2030

> 2030

## CO2 reuse Power to gas: methanation

#### Power-to-Gas: Audi e-gas plant in Werlte (Northern Germany)





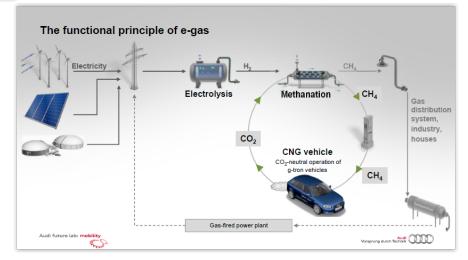
Source:

http://www.cedec.com/en/events/sections/pastevents/cedec-gas-day-27-may-2014-in-verona-italy

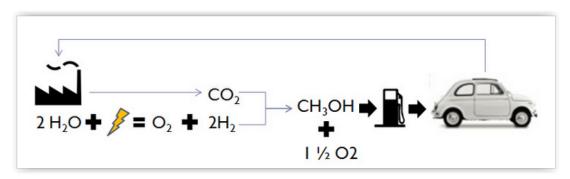
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Methanation of carbon dioxide coming from bio-methane with renewable hydrogen (windfarm)



## Power to Liquid: methanolisation





Source: http://www.carbonrecycling.is/ last access16th March 2015



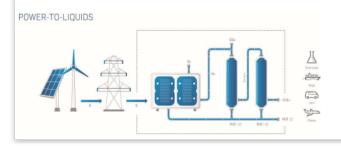
Methanolisation of carbon dioxide coming from geothermal power plant with renewable hydrogen (geothermy)



## Power to Liquid: Fisher Tropsch

#### **Sunfire**

- Alliance of industry and academia
- Production of liquid fuels from CO<sub>2</sub> and water using renewable energy - Power-to-Liquids
- Core technologies: High Pressure Steam Electrolysis and Fischer-**Tropsch-Process**



Opening of worldwide first PtL Pilot plant on 14th of November in Dresden



#### Source:

http://unfccc.int/files/bodies/awg/ap plication/pdf/03 germany angelina prokofveva.pdf

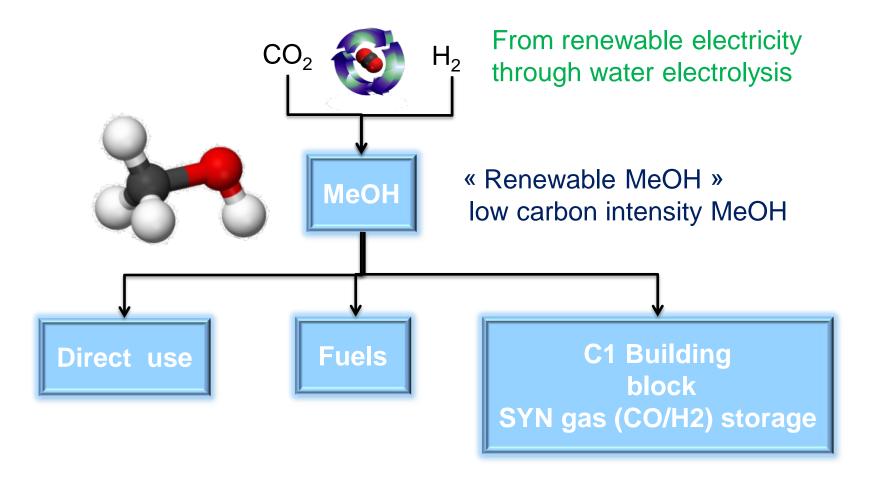
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Fisher Tropsch technology with carbon dioxide coming from atmospheric capture with renewable hydrogen (windfarm)

## Power to Liquid

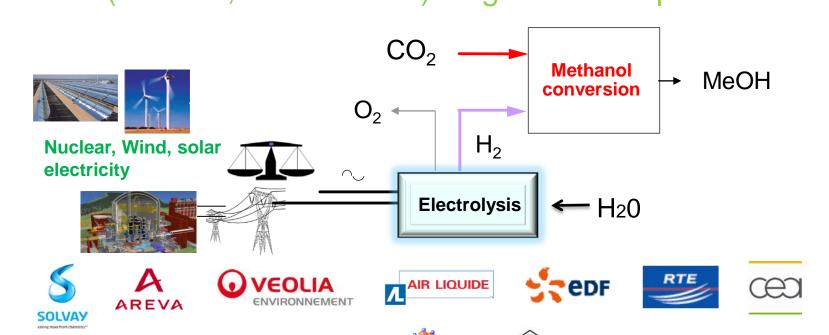
### METHANOL as useful C1





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Conversion of CO2 into MeOH and fuel, using H2 produced with the excess of decarbonated electricity (Nuclear, Renewables) vs grid consumption



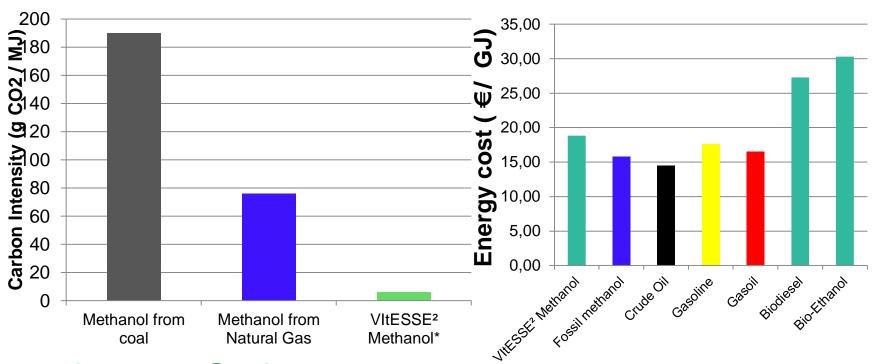
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and academic

partners

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## **ECONOMICS**

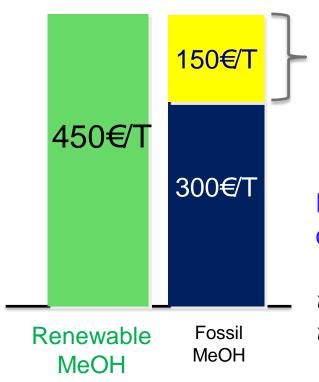


Lowest Carbon Intensity but...

...More expensive than fossil MeOH while could be competitive with other renewable Fuels

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### Chemical MARKETS



Gap to be financed by the cost of avoided CO2

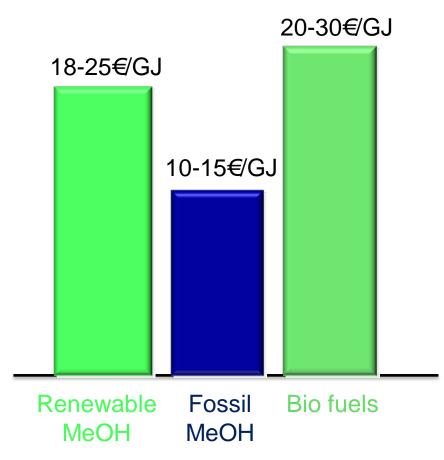
By the access to low marginal electricity cost

For the existing markets of MeOH (solvents chemical intermediates..)

the market penetration is mainly driven by the gap between the cost of fossil MeOH

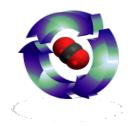
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## Fuel MARKETS



### Challenges:

- ✓ incorporation into the gasoline: Direct Blending MTBE, **Transesterification**
- Regulatory scheme to compete vs biofuels (EU transport directive)
- Drop in existing fuel from Renewable MeOH (MTG)
  - Development of new fuels (ex DME) need adaptation of the transport industry



## Promising tracks for CCU carbon dioxide reuse

- CCU Industry already exist mainly in current applications of CO2 and can be boosted by cheap CO2 capture technologies
- The next development horizon will be triggered by CO2 transformation, already emerging, but limited by the energy required.
   MeOH to fuels being the largest pathway
- Possible competitivity vs Biofuels but require solutions ... for the incorporation and the compatibility with fuels (Drop in to new fuels)





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