



**Science-to-Business
Center Eco² – CO₂ as building block
in chemical industry**

Materials valley – CO₂ workshop

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Innovation Management @ Eco²

Life Cycle Management @ Eco²

Development line CO₂ Separation and Use

Evonik is one of the global leaders in specialty chemicals



Evonik figures 2011

Sales 2011	€ 14.5 billion
Adjusted EBITDA	€ 2.8 billion
Profitability (Adjusted EBITDA Margin)	19.0 %
Return on Capital Employed (ROCE)	18.7 %
Employees in 2011	33,556



Who we are: Evonik Chemicals Business Area R&D



Research, development and innovation are key elements in the strategy for sustainable growth

→ € 365 million R&D expenses in 2011

→ +8 % higher R&D expenses versus 2010

→ Approximately 2400 employees in R&D

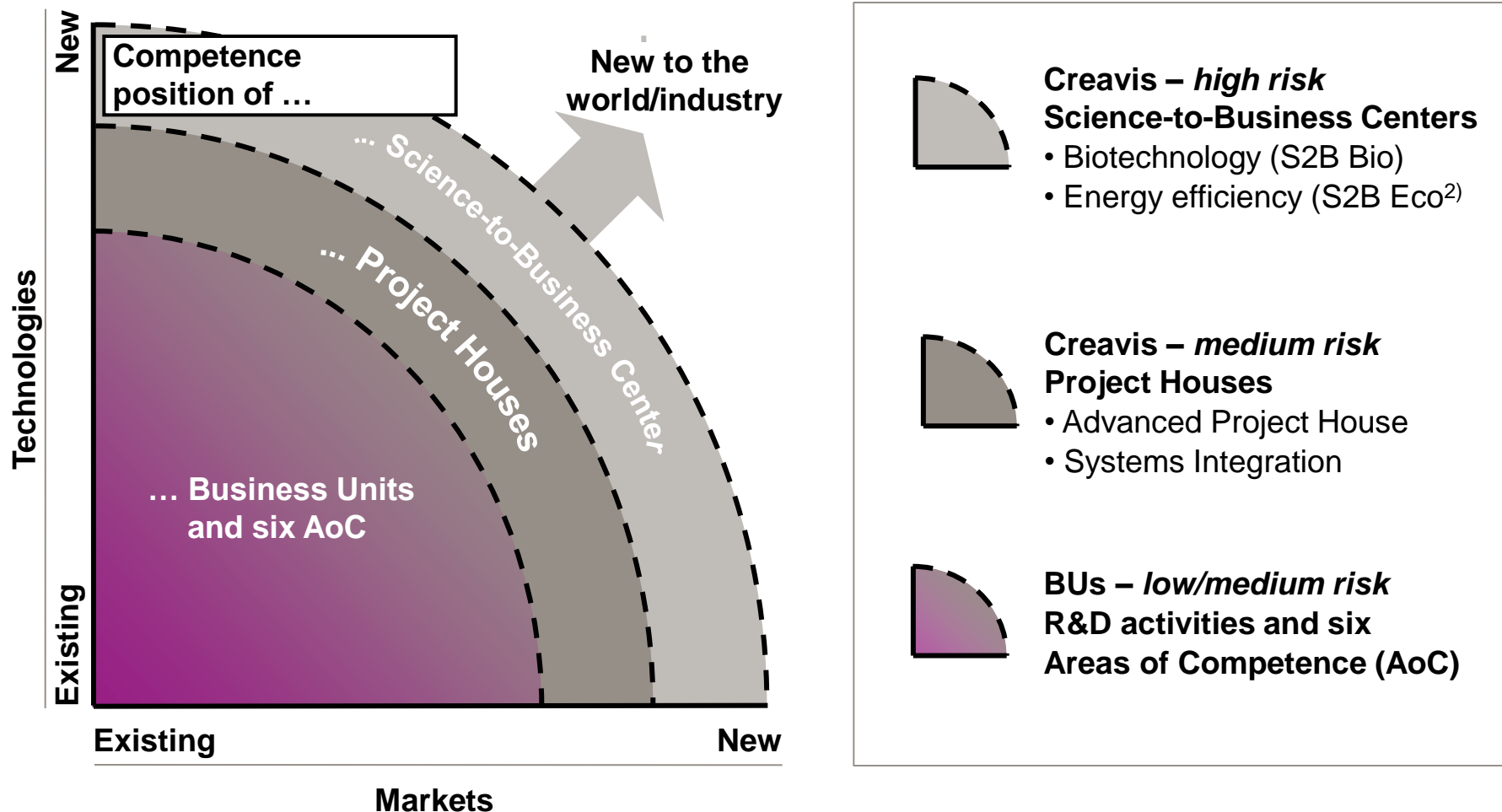
→ More than 35 R&D sites worldwide

→ A large number of cooperations and collaborations worldwide



Evonik R&D Structures – a risk adapted accelerator to stimulate innovation into profit

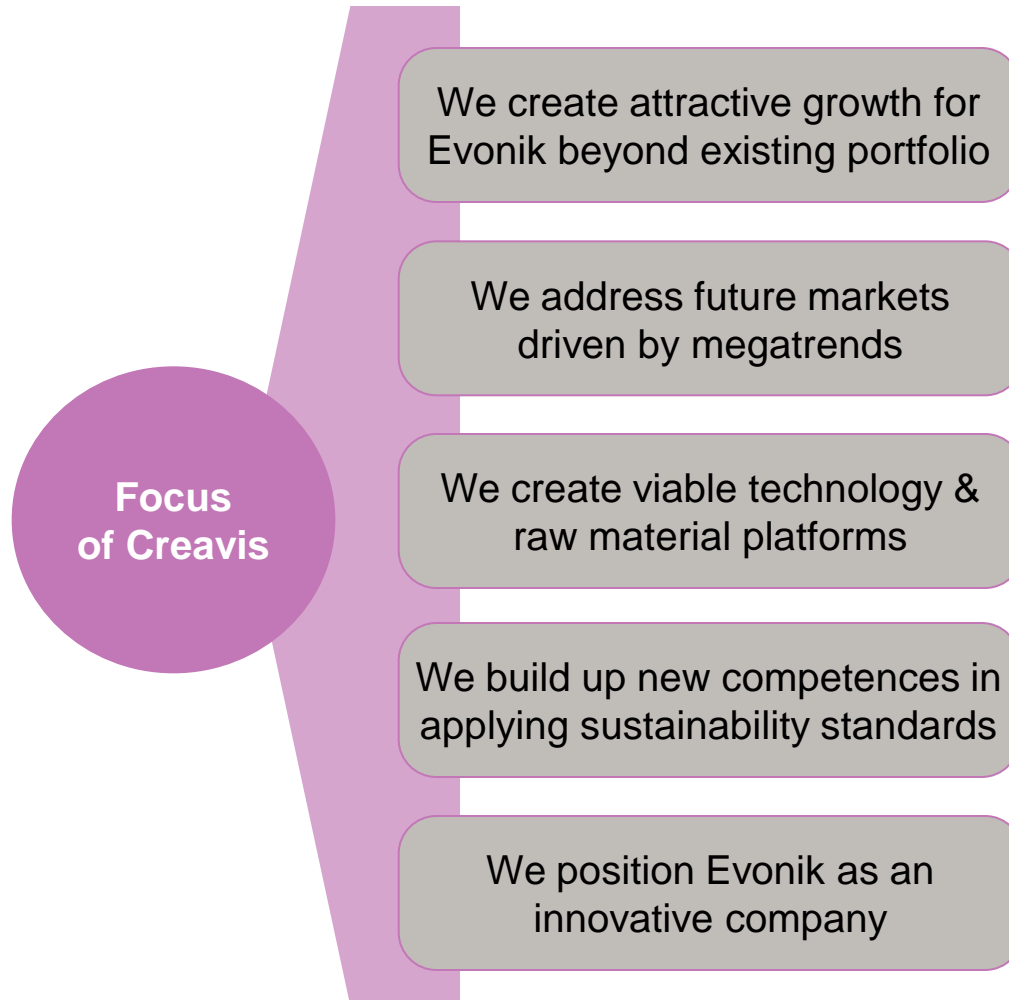
Position of innovation driving competences within Evonik



Creavis is a leading innovation center, creating sustainable and profitable business



The focus of Creavis





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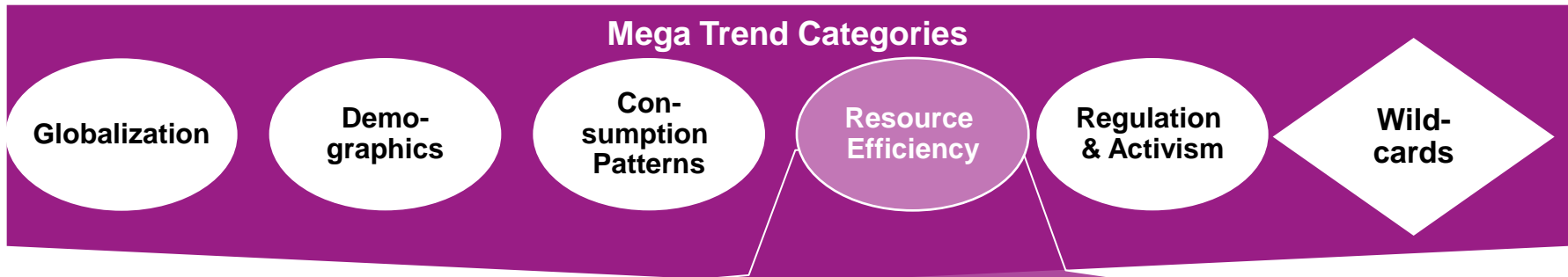
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The positioning of the Science-to-Business Center Eco² is aligned with future needs

Global Business Environment



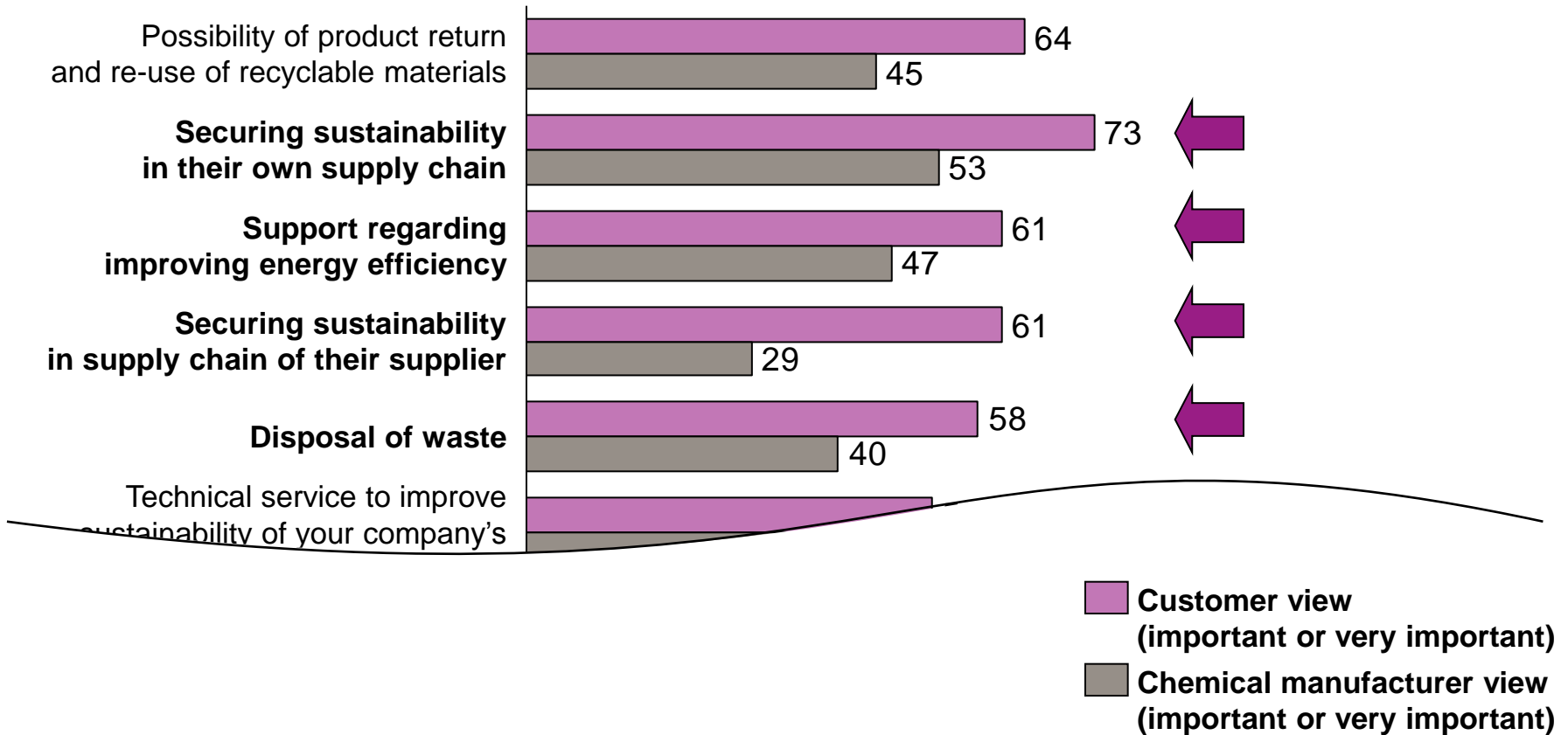
Natural Resources & Environment Macro Trends



SUSTAINABILITY TOPICS

There is a market pull for energy efficient solutions and sustainable value chains

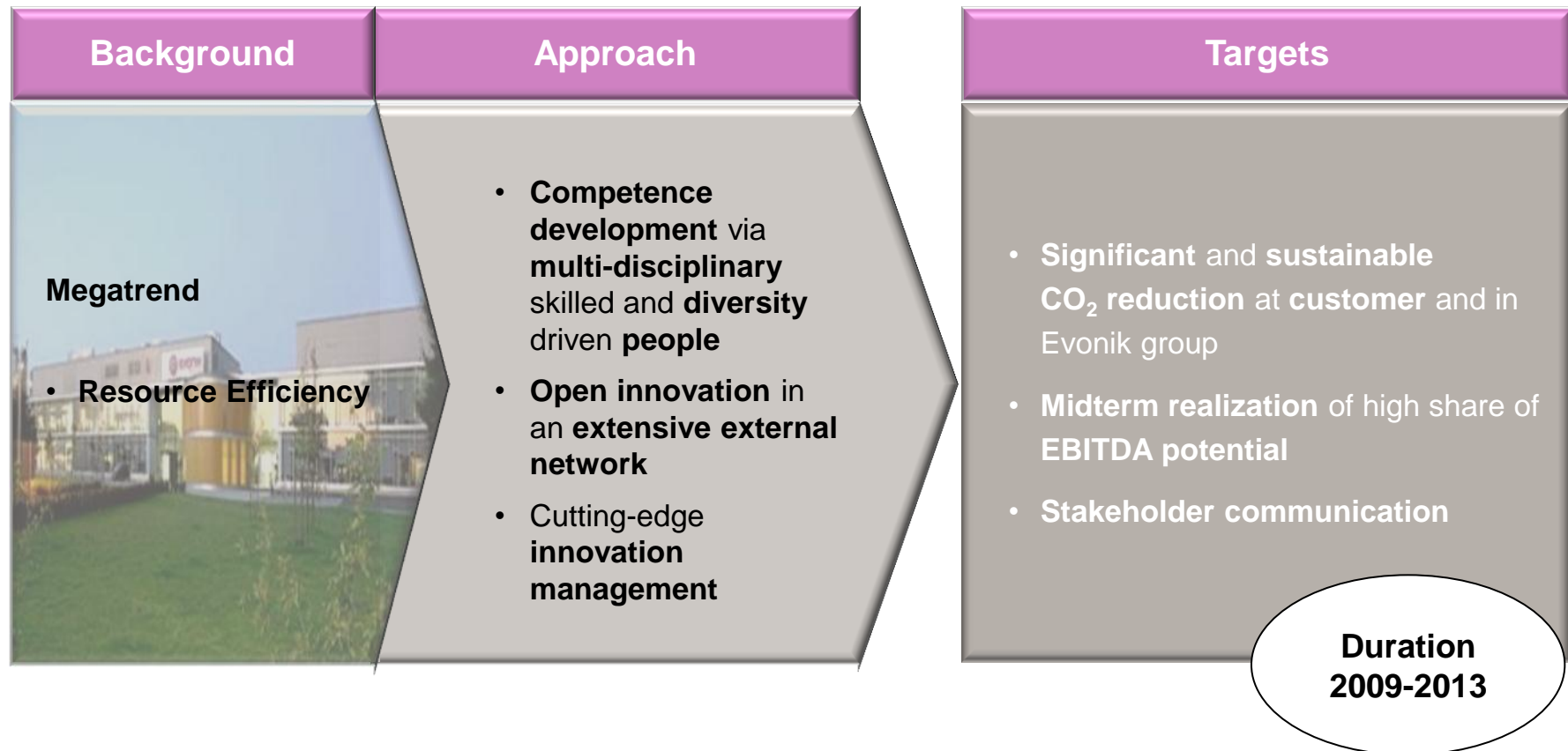
Strategic reasons for Eco²



Science-to-Business Center Eco² is driven by the megatrend “Resource Efficiency”

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Strategic Approach of Eco²



Offering customers value-added sustainability solutions is a good way to differentiate from competitors.

The S2B Eco² pools the group's energy efficiency and climate protection expertise



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Energy Efficiency and Climate Protection

Line of Development



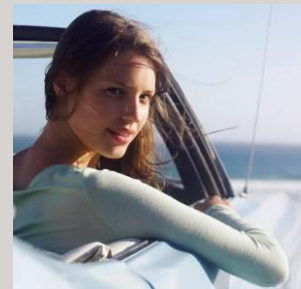
CO₂ Separation and Use



Energy Generation



Energy Storage



Energy Efficiency Customer Solution



Energy Efficiency Evonik Processes

Life Cycle Management

Corporate

BU's

Services



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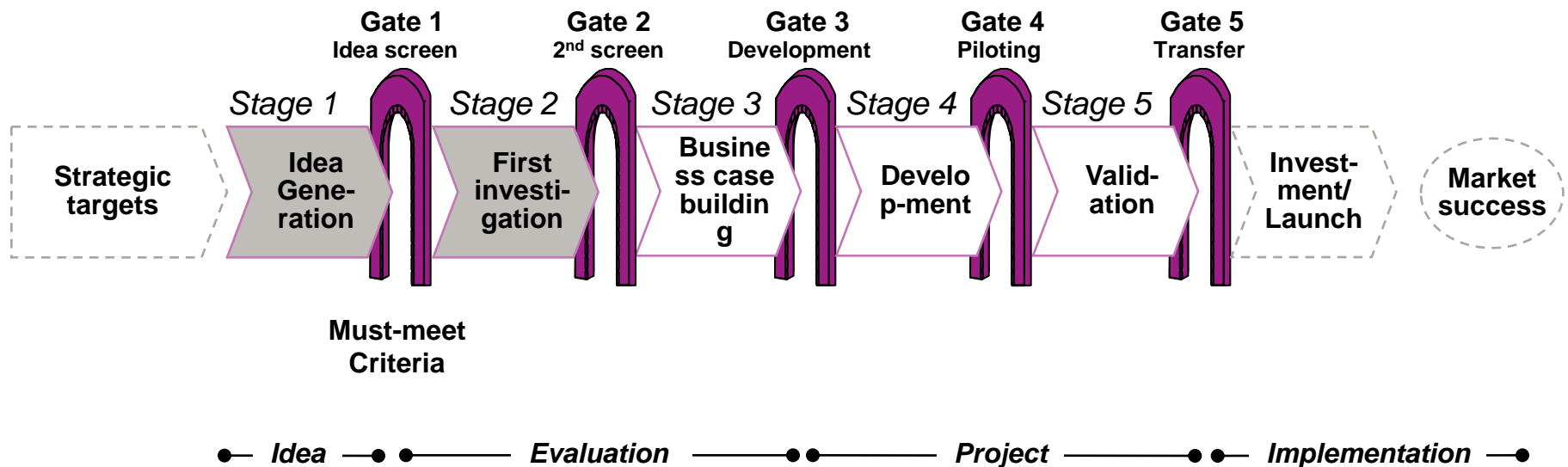
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The stage gate framework has been tailored to Eco²'s needs

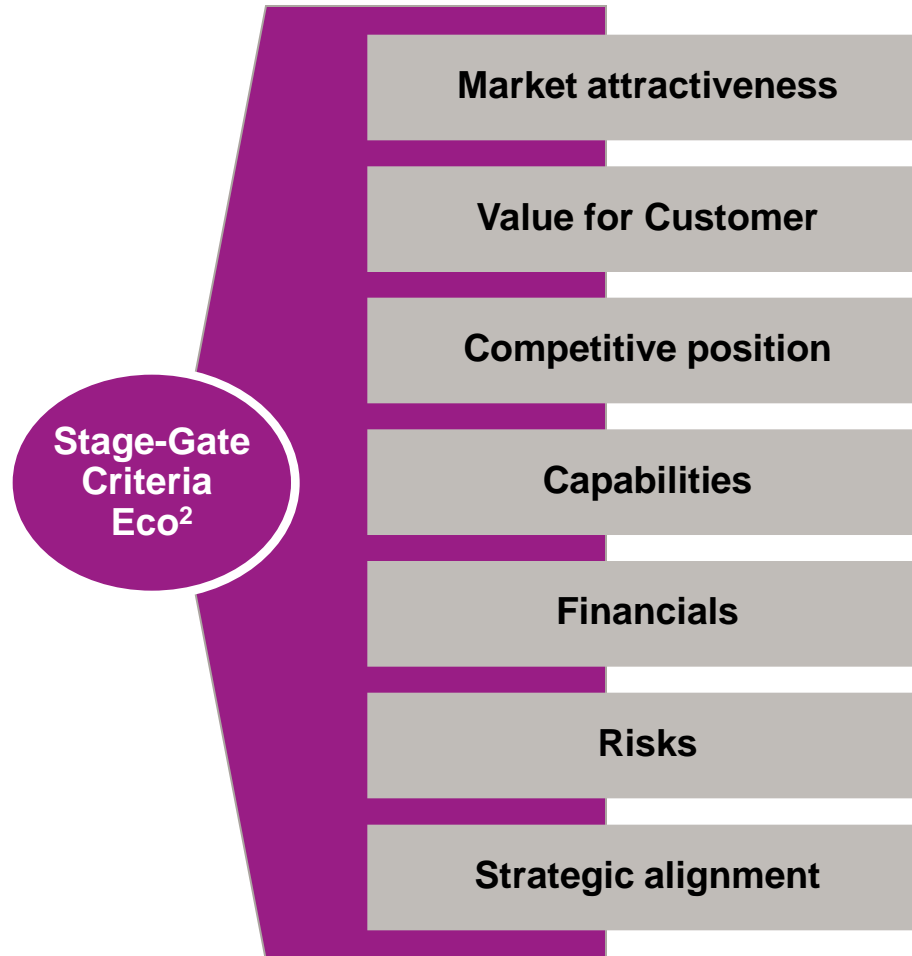
Eco² Stage-Gate-Process as overview



■ : Idea Management Process

The Eco² stage gate process focuses on seven criteria for ideas or innovation projects

Gate Decision Criteria as Overview



Portfolio management plays three roles to ensure strategic value maximizing decision making: strategic alignment, optimization & balance

Illustrative

General perspectives of Innovation Portfolio Management

1

Strategic Alignment



Align portfolio to **business strategy** by defining **budget allocation goals** for strategically important categories

2

Optimization



Allocate resources to **optimize the portfolio** in terms of ECV, R&D productivity, or some other **financial or non-financial metric**

3

Balancing



Balance portfolio in terms of **time, capacity utilization, or some other metric** where balance rather than linear optimization is advisable



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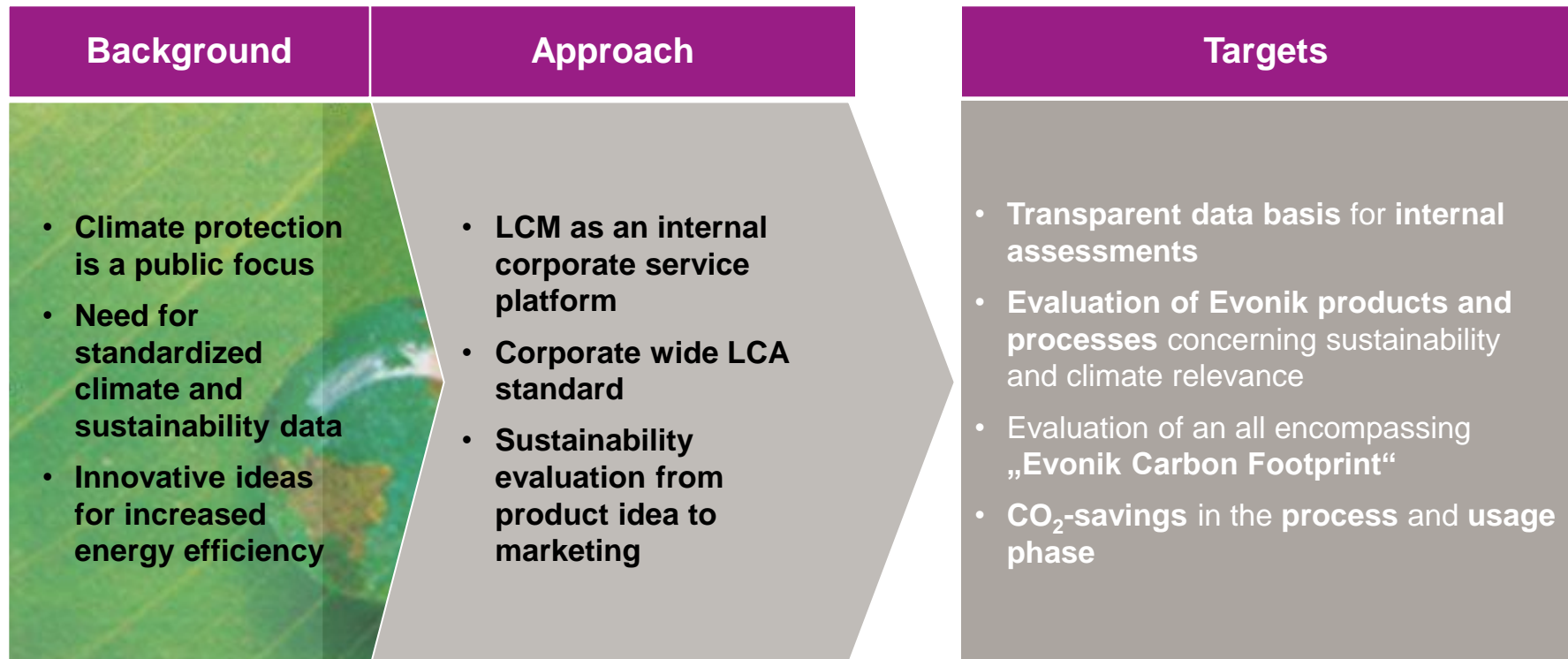
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Eco² projects will be evaluated for their sustainability by Life Cycle Assessments

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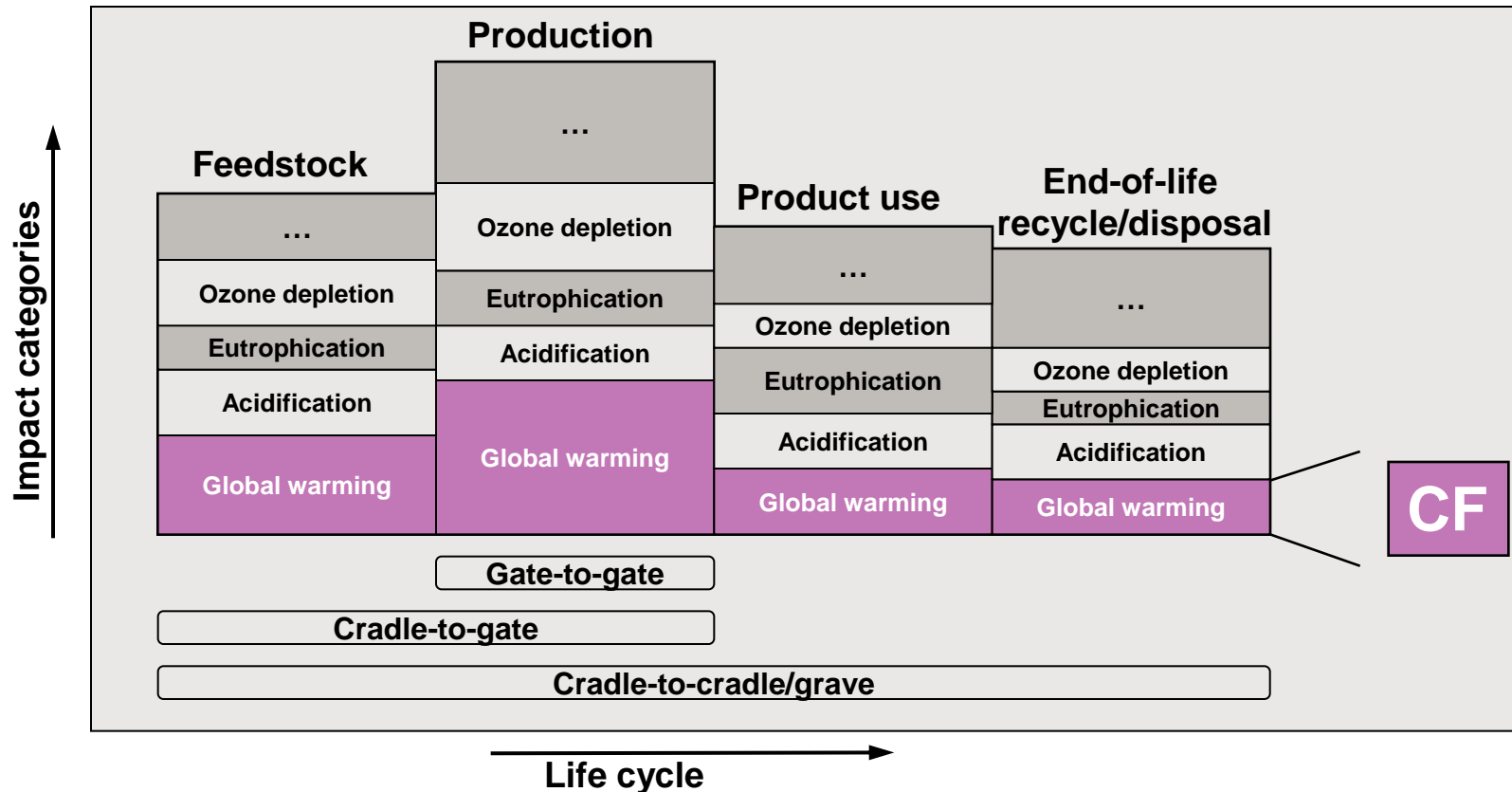
S2B Eco² – Life Cycle Management



„Carbon Footprint“ will be a leading parameter for the evaluation of products and processes at Evonik.

Life Cycle Assessments (LCAs) examine the environmental impact of products' full life cycles

LCA: Illustration of life cycle, impact categories and system boundaries



The methodology of the Carbon Footprint Estimation (CFE) model is similar to the existing LCA process, but focuses on the Carbon Footprint (CF)

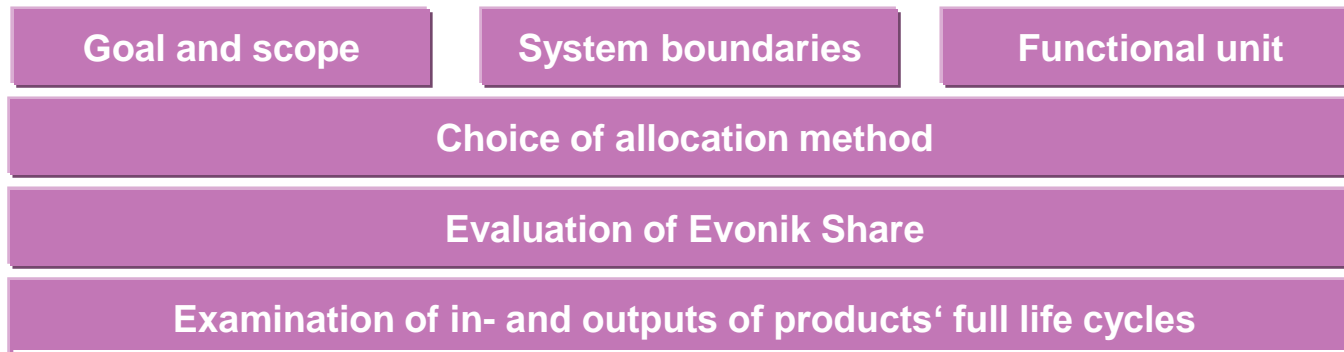
CFE model is the certified Evonik standard for evaluation of innovations regarding CO₂e



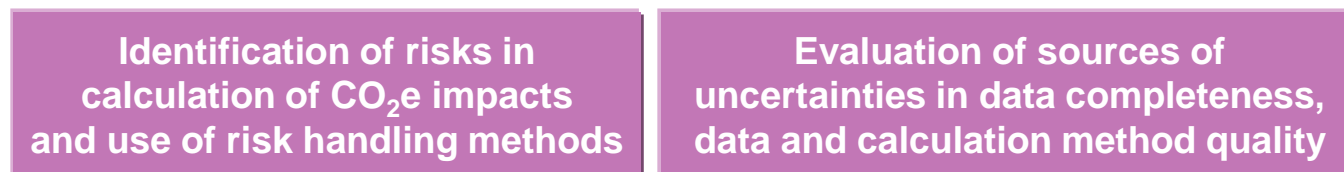
CFE workflow



CFE content



CFE quality assurance





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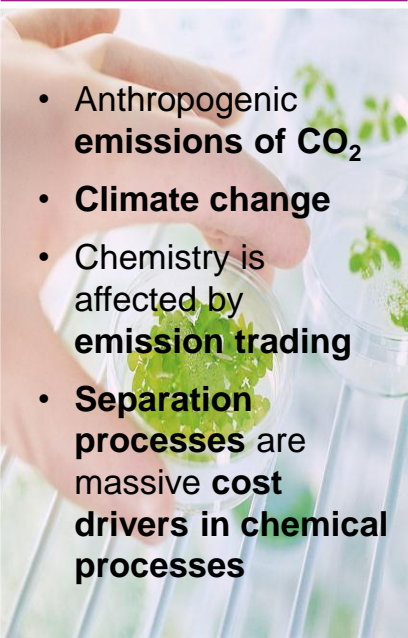
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We would like to use CO₂ along the chemical and biotechnological value chain

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S2B Eco² – Lines of Development – CO₂ Separation and Use – Energy Efficiency – Evonik Processes

Background	Approach	Targets
 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anthropogenic emissions of CO₂• Climate change• Chemistry is affected by emission trading• Separation processes are massive cost drivers in chemical processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Absorption of CO₂ from gas streams with optimized absorption materials• Use of CO₂ in chemical syntheses• Use of CO₂ in biotechnological processes• Energy efficient separation technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feeding CO₂ back into the value chain• Create higher value products for application in fields such as transportation fuels, fertilizers, chemical feedstocks, animal feeds or others• Competitive processes with lower energy costs

Energy efficient processes and syntheses for ecological and economic benefit are key.

Within two years we developed new promising absorbents and set up a simulation tool

Objectives



- Lower the **specific energy demand** for CO₂ separation compared to available technology¹⁾
- Increasing **chemical resistance** of **absorbent** compared to available technology²⁾
- **Simulation results** of the “clean coal process“ confirms a **lower efficiency loss**
- **Life-Cycle-Assessments** confirms the sustainability of new absorbents

Results



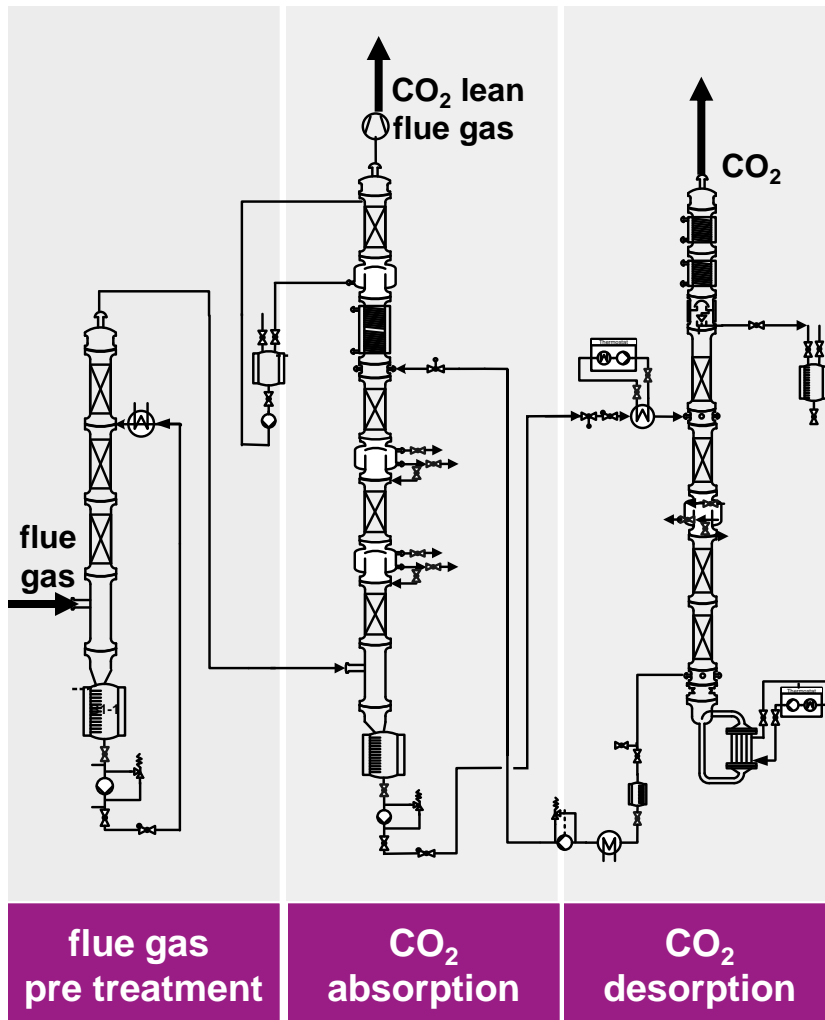
- Over **100 chemical substances** have been validated in the lab
- **Promising absorbents were identified** in the lab and patent applications for new molecular structures have been filed
- **Simulation of total process** (CO₂ separation and power plant) has been established

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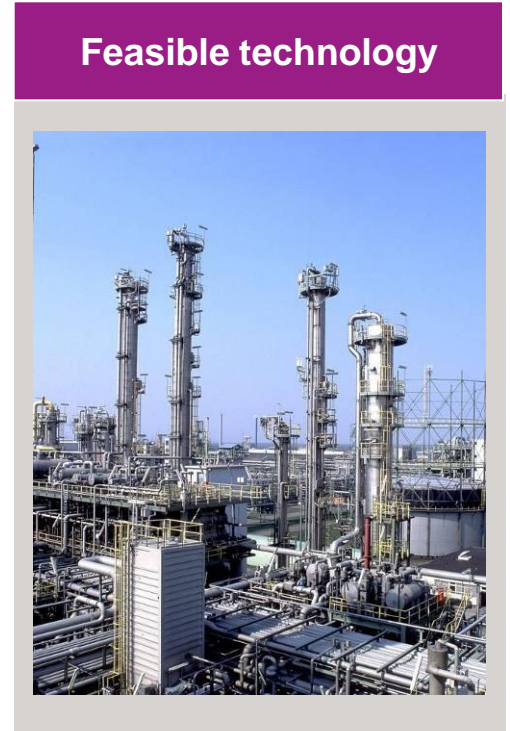
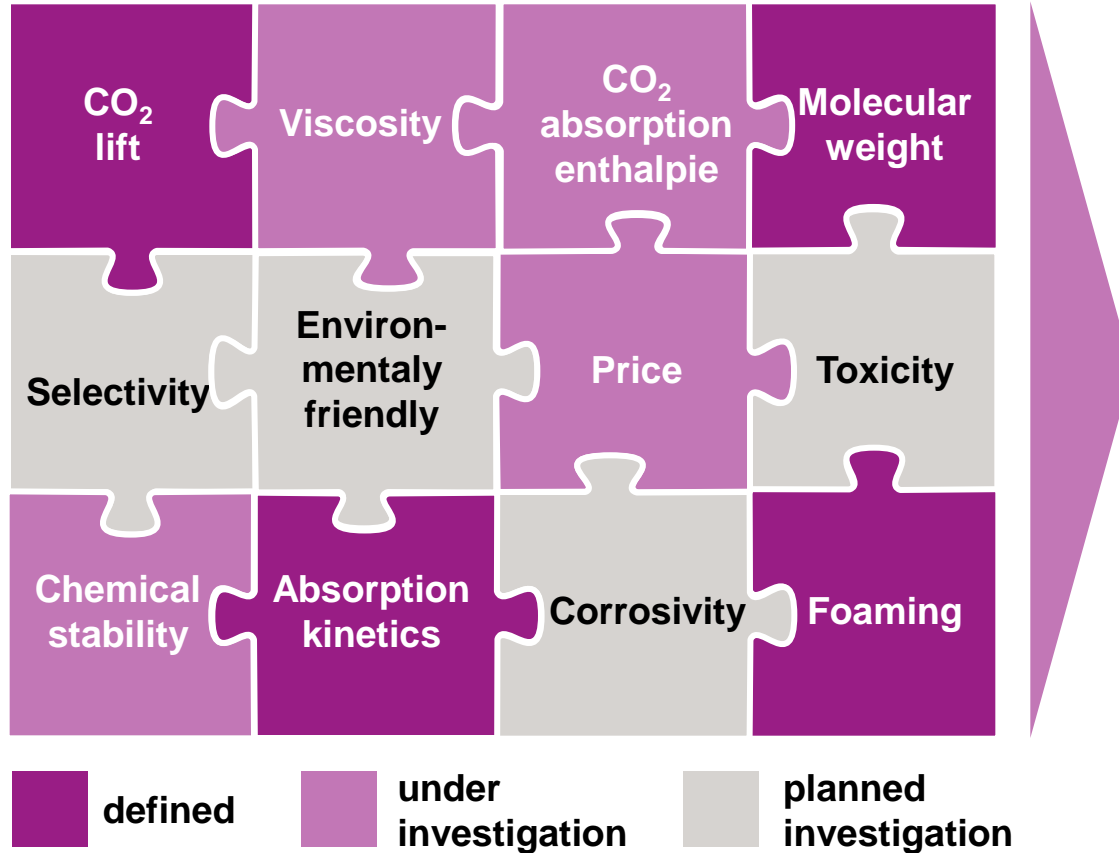
A CO₂ capture plant was erected in the stack of a coal fired power plant to test promising absorbents in real flue gas

Process technology and picture of CO₂ capture plant



Investigation of all important criteria is necessary to establish a feasible CO₂ separation technology

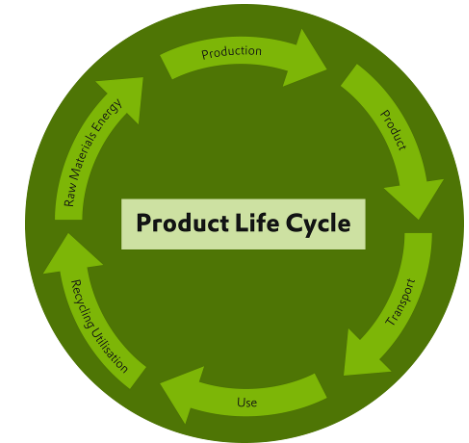
Requirement specification for new absorbents



Utilization of CO₂ is not the key to mitigation of CO₂ emissions

Climatic impact of CO₂ utilization

- For the climatic impact of CO₂ utilization, **neither the amount of used CO₂ nor the time of fixation are crucial.**
- The **CO₂-emissions in comparison with the benchmark** are relevant. They are determined by **LCAs** considering:
 - **Cradle to gate** (same product generated in new process and benchmark)
 - **Cradle to grave** (different products in new process and benchmark for the same application).
- But: as only < 10 % of the anthropogenic emissions of CO₂ can be used in the chemical industry, the **impact of CO₂ utilization is small.**
- A significant contribution to the mitigation of CO₂ emissions can be achieved by **improvement of energy efficiency and process optimization.**



For the mitigation of CO₂ emissions, a combination of improved energy efficiency and CO₂ utilization is necessary.

Utilization of CO₂ is economically attractive

CO₂ Use

Reasons for the use of CO₂

- **Cheap** starting material
- **Non-fossil fuel** based C₁ building block, thus lowering the dependency from fossil fuels
- **Easily available also on a long perspective**
- **No costs for CO₂ certificates**
- **Non-toxic**



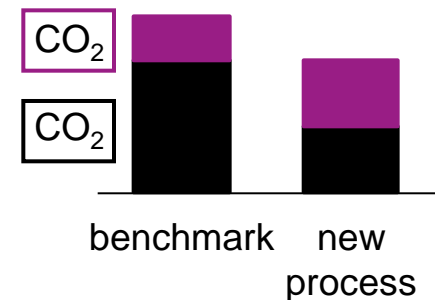
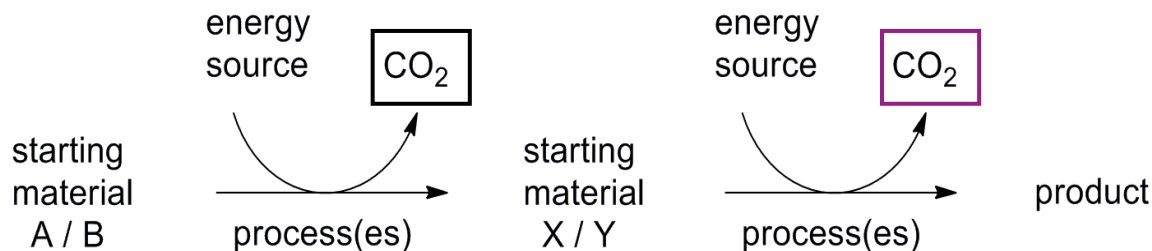
For the energy-efficient use of CO₂ as building block in the chemical industry....

Challenge and approach of chemical use of CO₂

Challenge: CO₂ is extremely unreactive and its reaction consumes much energy.

Solution: CO₂ emissions of processes using CO₂ can be lower than CO₂ emissions of the benchmark, if:

- a) **acids, esters and carbonates** are synthesized (no alcohols because of CO₂ emission for reduction with H₂), and / or
- b) **starting materials with small CO₂ burdens** are used; and / or
- c) **Renewable energy** is used for the new processes



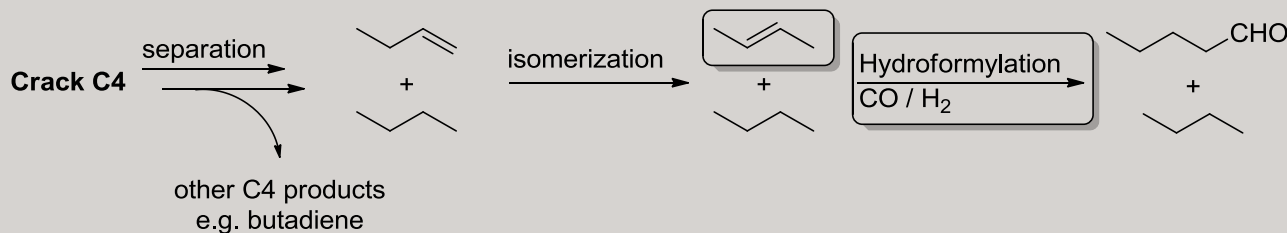
CO₂ emissions will be reduced – highly added value will be created

Butane and CO₂ will be used instead of butene and CO for the synthesis of valeraldehyde

Comparison of new and benchmark synthesis for valeraldehyde

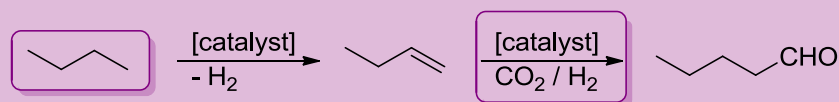
Commercial synthesis of valeraldehyde

- Important intermediate in the synthesis of **plasticizer**
- Large market potential > 300 kt/a
- Current synthesis relies on the **hydroformylation of butene**



New direct synthesis of valeraldehyde

- **Dehydrogenation of butane** yielding butene and H₂
- **Hydroformylation with CO₂** and one additional H₂



An interdisciplinary team with a challenging task

Targets of VALERY



- Development of technical relevant **catalysts for dehydrogenation of alkanes**
- Development of technical relevant **homogeneous catalysts for hydroformylation with CO₂**
- **Immobilisation of homogeneous catalysts** on porous support with ionic liquids
- Design of an **industrial relevant total process**
- Analysis of CO₂ saving potential via **Life-Cycle-Assessments (LCA)**

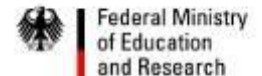
VALERY

Budget	€ 1.7 Mil.
Project start	1 st of November 2010
Project duration	36 months

Consortium



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Within H₂ECO₂ we combine the regenerative generation of H₂ with the chemical use of CO₂



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Organization of H₂ECO₂

Utilization of CO₂ as building block

Regenerative generation of H₂



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Scope of H₂ECO₂

Innovative processes for using **CO₂ as building block** in chemical production will be developed.

This will allow:

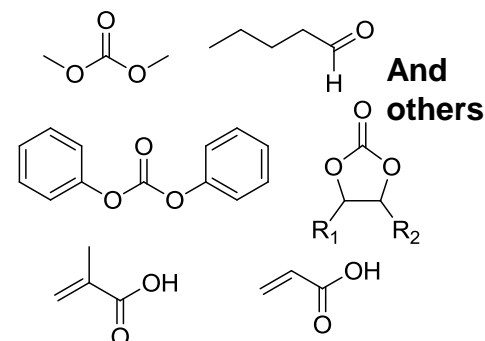
- **Reduction in CO₂-emissions**
- Broader access to **CO₂ as C1** building block
- Creation of **highly added value**

New synthesis pathways using CO₂ as raw material...

...have to be evaluated in detail concerning **thermodynamic, economic and ecologic aspects.**

...need a clearly defined **benchmark.**

...can be **energetic reasonable and economic interesting.**



**Thermo-
dynamic,
Economy,
Ecology,
Catalysis,
Process
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ibility**

Favored target products

Life Cycle Assessments are crucial to proof sustainability of CO₂ separation and use

Scope of H₂E₂CO₂

Situation

- **Efficient CO₂ separation** is a prerequisites for CCS and CCU
- Potential for chemical **use of CO₂** is restricted to maximal **10 %** of total CO₂ emissions
- CO₂ is an economically attractive raw material

Challenges

- **Flue gases** from coal fired power plants **contain impurities**
- Sustainable reactions with **CO₂ as building block** must lead to **savings of CO₂ emissions** in comparison to the benchmark

Approach

- **Energy efficient CO₂ absorbents** are being developed in EffiCO₂
- **The chemical use of CO₂** is evaluated in two public funded projects
- **CFE** model as a tool for **evaluation of ideas** in terms of CO₂^{eq} emissions
- **Sustainability** of all projects have to be proved via **Life Cycle Assessments**



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