



manufacturing sites across

- 31 countries and
- 12 Innovation Centers in
- 10 countries on four continents

~37,800 employees



\$56.9B \$6.6B in net sales



in operating EBIT<sup>1</sup>



\$7.5B

in cash flow from operations



Sales in countries

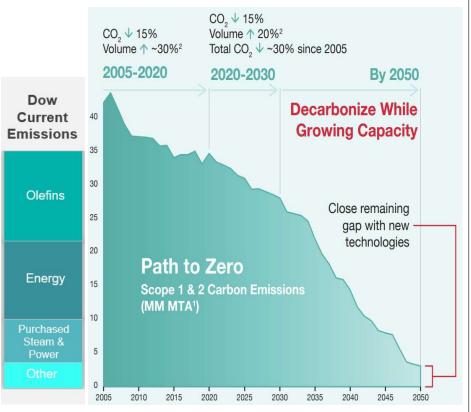
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PATH TO NET-ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS: OPPORTUNITIES, TECHNOLOGIES, AND STRATEGIES FOR DOW

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### **Decarbonize & Grow Strategy**



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#### 1. Timing

- End of life (EOL) strategy
- Regulatory requirements

#### 2. Assets

- Replace & decarbonize
- Renew & decarbonize
- New venture (decarbonized)

# 3. Technology Advancements

New routes

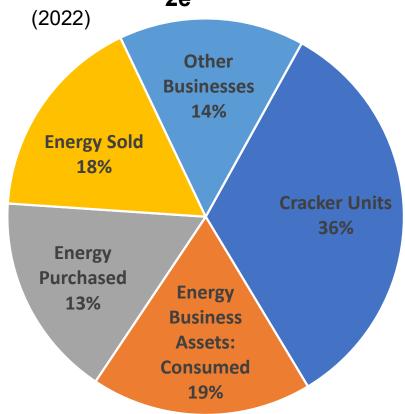
#### **Decarbonization Pillars**

- 1. Efficiency
- 2. Low-carbon fuels, feedstocks, and energy sources
  - H2, biofuel, renewable feedstocks, nuclear, wind, solar
- 3. Carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS)
- 4. Electrification
  - Direct or indirect heating
  - Power to steam (heat)

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## Lay of the Land: Dow's 2021 Scope 1 & 2 Emissions

# 32 MM MT CO<sub>2e</sub>



#### **Ethane Crackers**

9 sites

#### **Energy Business Asset Sites**

- 9 Cogen sites
- Several large boiler sites
- Scores of small boiler sites

### **Energy purchased (scope 2)**

Majority consumed by 3 sites

### **Energy Sold**

- Design reliability = extra assets
- Acquired assets > internal need

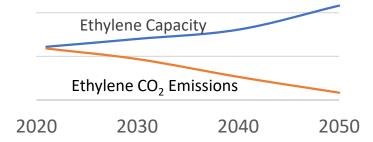
#### Other

- Functions other than cracker units
  - Energy & process emissions



# **Roadmap: Crackers**

#### **Decarbonize & Grow**



#### **GHG Sources**

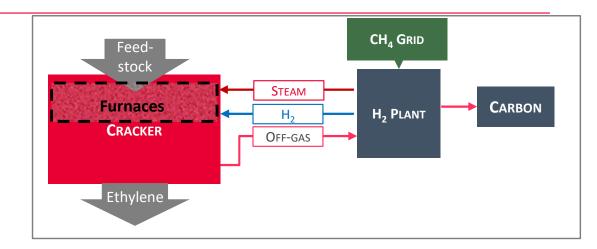
- CO<sub>2</sub> from flue
  - Methane off-gas from feedstock

#### **Options**

- Methane off-gas treatment to yield H<sub>2</sub>
- Low-carbon/renewable feedstock

#### **Efficiency**

- Improved cracker design
- E-motor startup vs. steam



	Blue H <sub>2</sub>	Turquoise H <sub>2</sub>
Process	Steam methane reforming (ATR or POx)	Pyrolysis
Source	Methane	Methane
Product	H <sub>2</sub> & CO <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> & C (solid)



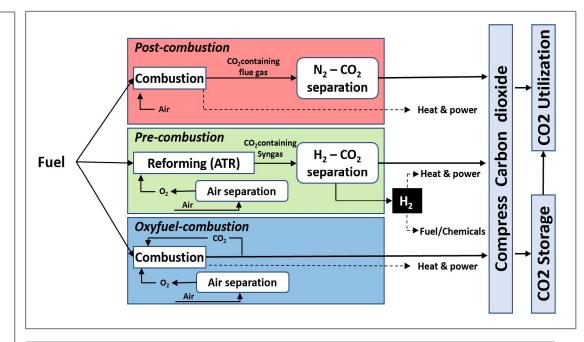
# Roadmap: Energy Production/Decarbonization Options

#### Source

Natural gas combustion

### **Options**

- Post-combustion CCS
- Pre-combustion CCS
- Oxy-combustion CCS
- Hydrogen grid (low-carbon)
- Power to heat (steam)
- Renewable fuel (Limited)
- Advanced nuclear



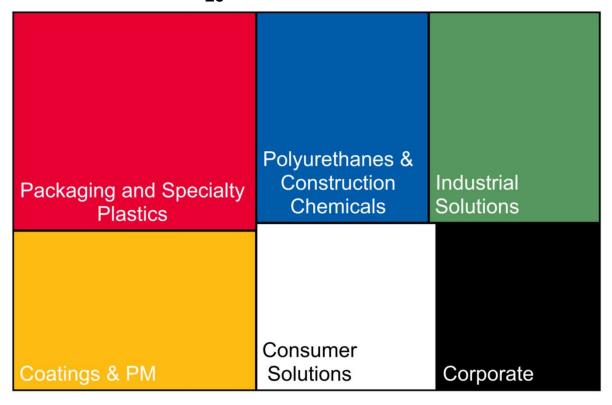
### **Efficiency**

- H<sub>2</sub> & Oxy Combustion: Water + Heat recovery
- GEN III vs. GEN IV nuclear



### **Roadmap: Other Businesses**

### 4.4 MM MT CO<sub>2e</sub> (2022)



#### Sources (MM MT)

- Combustion
  - NG for site energy assets
  - NG for incineration
  - Organic stream contents
- Vented process CO<sub>2</sub>

### **Options**

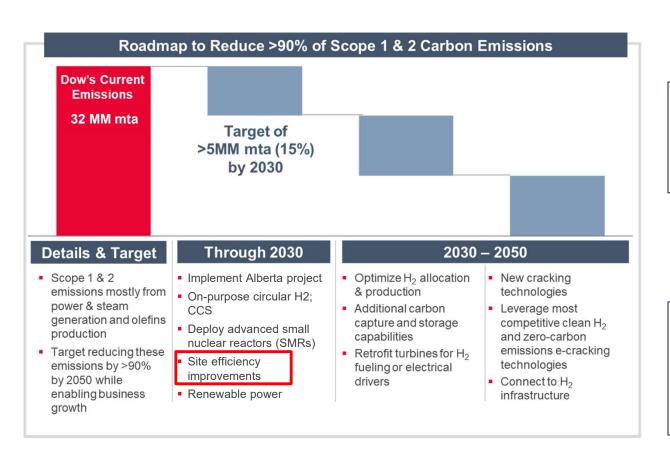
- Process improvements & redesign
- Leverage technologies such as:
  - Carbon capture
  - Clean hydrogen
  - · Direct electrification for heat
  - Power to steam

### **Efficiency**

 Several opportunities - Need a program



### **Energy Efficiency & Decarbonization**



## 2022

- Validate existing projects
- Identify new projects
- Integrate into emission reduction plans

# 2023

- Establish project prioritization and funding mechanism.
- Prepare process to assign funding to new project ideas.





# **EFFICIENCY SPECIFIC EXAMPLE:**

SAINT CHARLES OPERATIONS
BOILER OD IMPROVEMENT

### The Problem

- Two boilers (250klb/hr) were kept at low running rates (30klb/hr) instead of hot stand-by mode (6klb/hr)
- No clear guidance when to place into stand-by mode

### Consequences

- More natural gas used than needed
- Boiler steam vented during low demand



- 2,000 acres
- 25 miles from New Orleans
- Highly integrated chemical processing facility



## **Opportunities**

- Boiler natural gas savings
- Reduce emissions

### Required for hot-standby

 Move portion of off-gas fuel from boilers to HRSG duct burner, which allows 1 MW power generation via steam turbine





### **Solution**

- 1. Create OD that defines when to place into stand-by mode
  - routine procedure to review conditions permissible for running in hot standby
  - weekly task review of procedure with operations staff
  - new high steam demand alarm set at 1120 klb/hr.

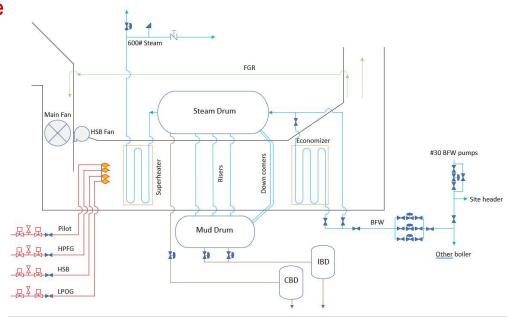


### **Findings**

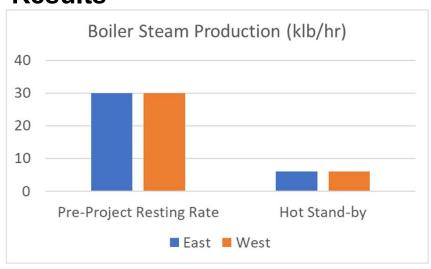
- Can not reliably be placed in stand-by mode
- slow transition from stand-by to full firing

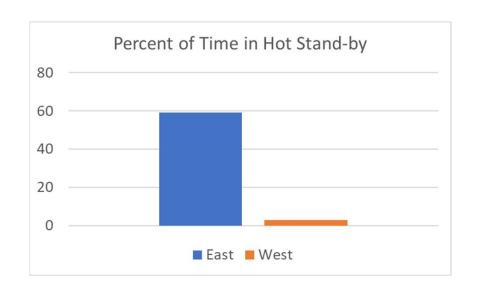
#### **Fixes**

- Overhauled boiler feedwater control valves
- Replaced boiler outlet flow transmitters
- Repaired multilins on main force draft fan
- Repaired hot stand-by fan



### **Results**





Natural gas Savings: 291,000 MMBTU/yr

CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction: 15,450 MT/yr

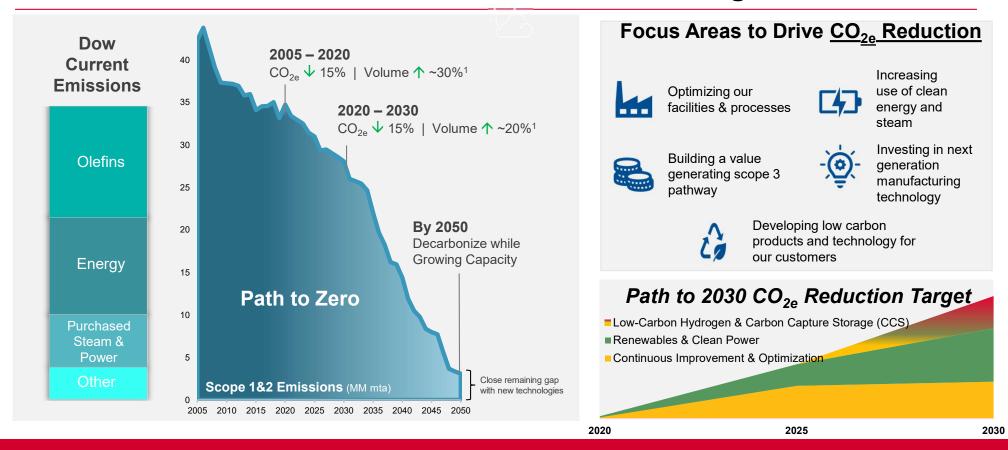
Power: 1 MW from off-gas shift to HRSG duct burners.

2023 recipient of ACC Responsible Care Energy Efficiency Award

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# Dow's Path to Zero-Carbon Emissions While Driving Growth



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