Through chemistry innovations and our actions, we contribute to sustainability & energy efficiency

Building energy efficiency

Combining ambitious building efficiency improvements with lower-carbon fuels could lead to a 41 percent reduction in energy use and a 70 percent reduction in GHG emissions by 2050.

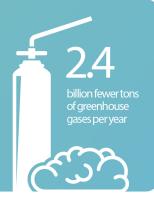
ource: ICCA (2012), Building Technology Roadmap



Advanced foam & piping

The use of advanced insulation foams in buildings saves 2.4 billion tons of greenhouse gases per year. Efficient insulation can also reduce energy costs by as much as 60 percent. With the use of plastic pipe, wasted heat is 20 percent lower than with copper pipe.

Source: ICCA (2012), ICCA & Sustainabili



Automotive solutions

230 million ton of GHG emissions saved



The use of more efficient automotive technology like lightweight plastic parts, tires that create less emissions and gasoline and diesel additives that reduce fuel consumption helps save 230 million tons of GHG emissions.

Source: ICCA (2017), Avoiding GHG Emission: The Essential Role of Chemicals

CO₂savings in manufacturing

For every unit of CO_2 emitted in the manufacturing of the products of chemistry, two units of CO_2 are saved through the energy savings enabled by those products. By 2030, the GHG savings-to-emissions ratio could increase from 2:1 to 4:1.

Source: ICCA (2009), Innovations for GHG Reductions: A Life-Cycle Quantification of Carbon Abatement Solutions Enabled by the Chemical Industry







CO₂

Detergent enzymes

The chemistry of detergent enzymes, one of the largest and most successful applications of modern industrial biotechnology, has reduced the amount of electricity needed to do a load of laundry by 30 percent while reducing water consumption.





30 % less energy



70 % less energy

Modern light bulbs

Modern, compact fluorescent light bulbs offer more effective lighting and have a longer life than incandescent bulbs.
They use 70 percent less energy than conventional light bulbs and save 700 million tons of GHG emissions annually.

Source: ICCA (2012), ICCA & Sustainability

Improving performance in our own operations

In the European chemicals sector, tota GHG emissions have fallen nearly 61% since 1990



51 % less

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35 % increase in production

Source: CEFIC (European Chemical Industry Council). Data for

In the USA the GHG intensity has improved 31% since 1990, and absolute process emissions (including process CO2, nitrous oxide, methane, and HFCs) declined by 35% between 1990-2021

31%

GHG intensity improvement

990 **b**—d

In the Japanese chemicals sector, GHG emissions have fallen 9% since 2013.

9%

reduction in GHG emissions between 2013 and 2019



Source: JCIA (Japan Chemical Industry Association), Annual

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