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**BASF**  
We create chemistry

## Power-to-Methanol at Small-Scale

# *Flex*Methanol

10 & 20 MW Module

flexible  
operation

proven  
technology

mild  
condition

tailor-  
made  
catalyst

skid-  
mounted

# Standardized *Flex*Methanol Units

## Our Vision

Mankind has always dreamed about endless energy sources produced from air and water which also save the climate. Already today we can tap natural resources like wind and solar power to provide unlimited liquid energy with pure CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> from water electrolysis. The CO<sub>2</sub> and power from renewable

sources are by far unused resources. Methanol, however, is a product that is already used as fuel. A mass market with premium prices has been established for this application. H<sub>2</sub> will then be electro-chemically produced when power is cheap. In the consequence, *Flex*Methanol with a modularized construction increases the value of power in existing stations by transforming power to a liquid form.

## *Flex*Methanol means profitable at all times

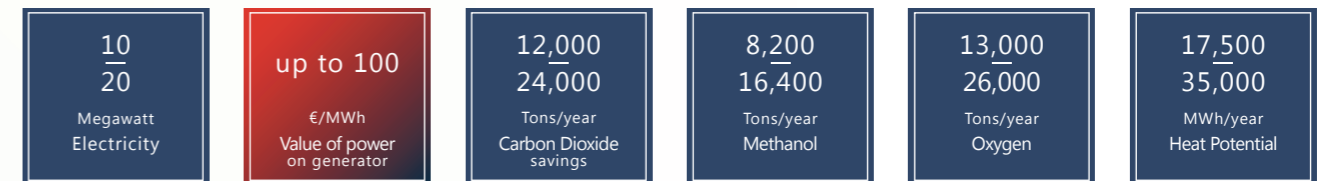
*Flex*Methanol will enable economically viable transformation of excess current and off-gas CO<sub>2</sub> into the chemical energy storage in small-scale and delocalized production units. Core of the plant is the tailor-made catalyst of BASF to convert CO<sub>2</sub> without a cost intensive prior water-gas-shift reaction.

*Flex*Methanol consists of 4 industrially available process steps (electrolysis, CO<sub>2</sub> scrubbing, methanol synthesis, distillation) as 10 and 20 MW module. The modules are scalable up to 100 MW and thermodynamically interconnected with the

existing asset. This increases the total efficiency of the process. *Flex*Methanol stabilizes the revenues significantly by operating in two ways depending on the power price. If the price is above the internal marginal price the plant feeds into the grid. Otherwise the plant uses the excess current to produce H<sub>2</sub> through discontinuous electrolysis. In a second step, methanol is produced from CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>, thus leading to a valorizing of excess current and CO<sub>2</sub> off-stream gas. In the second process step, BASF's catalysts will be used for the methanol synthesis step. Those catalysts have been further tuned and adapted for this specific process to enable the most efficient production of methanol. Methanol is one of the most important basic chemicals used in numerous industrial applications. For example, it is used in the biodiesel production or blended into gasoline. Did you know that in China, 200 million cars run with methanol blends? How about 150 million cars in Europe with methanol as antiknock agent?

**Ready.  
Proven.  
Profitable.**

## *Flex*Methanol 10 & *Flex*Methanol 20

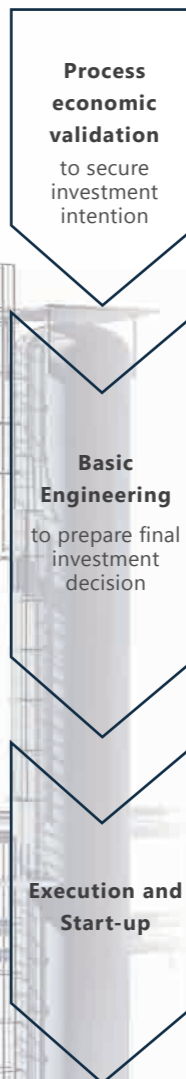


based on 8,760 hours

## Performance

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| <b>Flexible Operation</b><br>Flexibility range 10-120 % < 15 seconds                        | <b>Tailor-made BASF Catalyst</b><br>High activity / stability, optimized for flexible operation   | <b>No tars, no waste</b><br>Methanol synthesis works on pure gases without any impurities |
| <b>Highly efficient</b><br>55-74 % efficiency on electricity used, heat integration         | <b>Low investment</b><br>CAPEX ≤ 3,000 €/kW                                                       | <b>Biodegradable Amines</b><br>Environmentally friendly and low risk of approval          |
| <b>4 industrial available process steps</b><br>Reduction of technical and operational risks | <b>No water-gas shift reaction</b><br>There is no need for capital cost intensive Steam Reforming | <b>Mild process conditions</b><br>Low pressure 40 bar, 240 °C                             |
| <b>Electrolysis</b><br>Free choice, can be defined together                                 | <b>Skid-mounted pre-fabricated</b><br>Thus short construction time and short start-up time        | <b>Gas Loop Operation</b><br>Complete conversion of carbon to methanol hot-standby        |

## Execution Steps



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| 100 %<br>Premium Fuel<br>with the use of wind and solar energy | 100 %<br>Premium Fuel<br>with the use of regenerative raw material | 100 %<br>Premium Fuel<br>with the use of recycled non-renewable waste |
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*Climate-friendly fuel in a premium market.*

Low carbon economy has to circle more carbon to become resource efficient.

*Flex*Methanol brings reindustrialisation for:

- Waste incineration plants
- Paper mills
- Heat driven process
- Fossil power plants

More Sustainability  
Less Carbon Dioxide.

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