

# **Towards a Low-Carbon Future: Exploring Green Urea Synthesis for Sustainable Agriculture**

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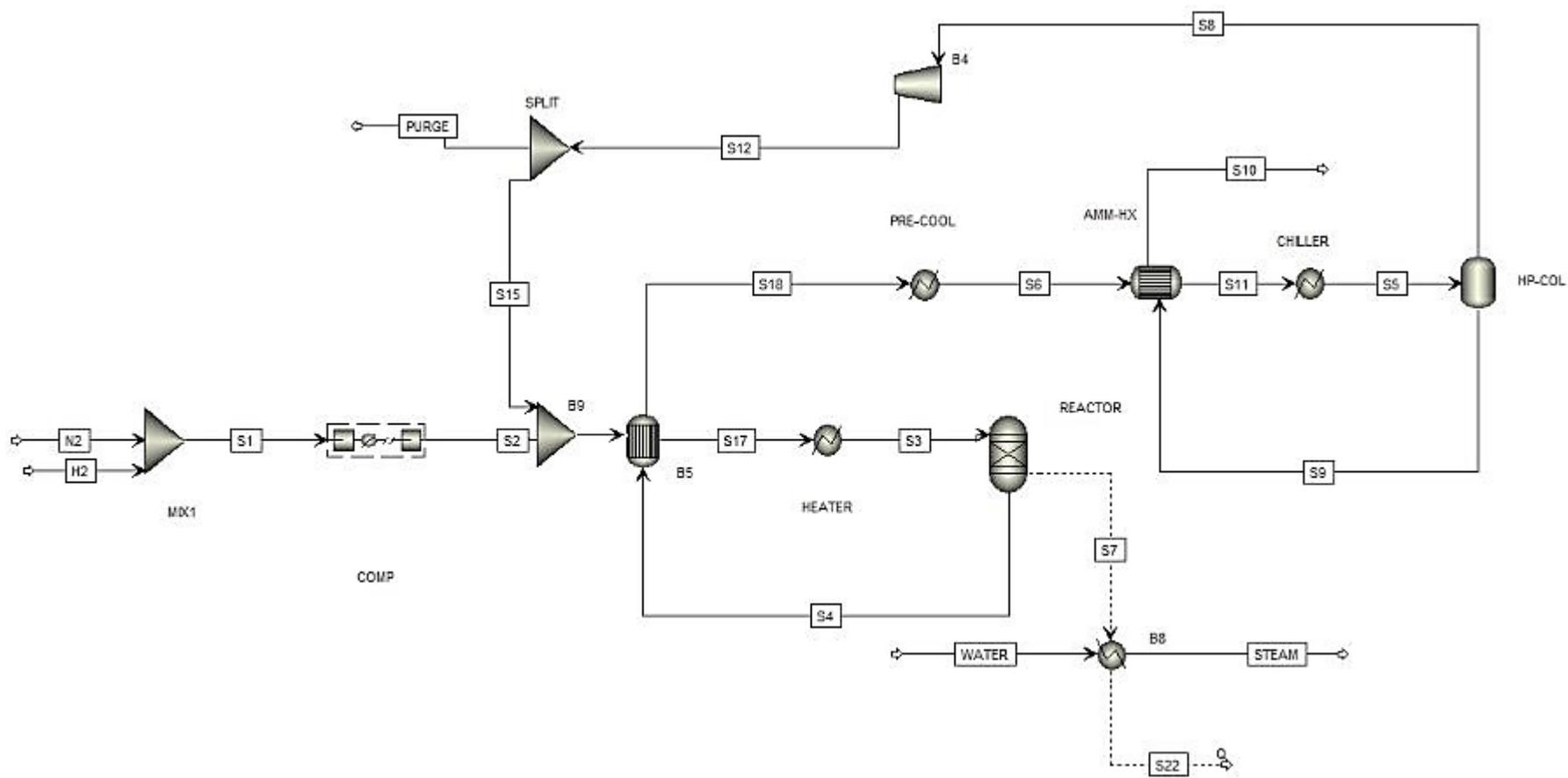


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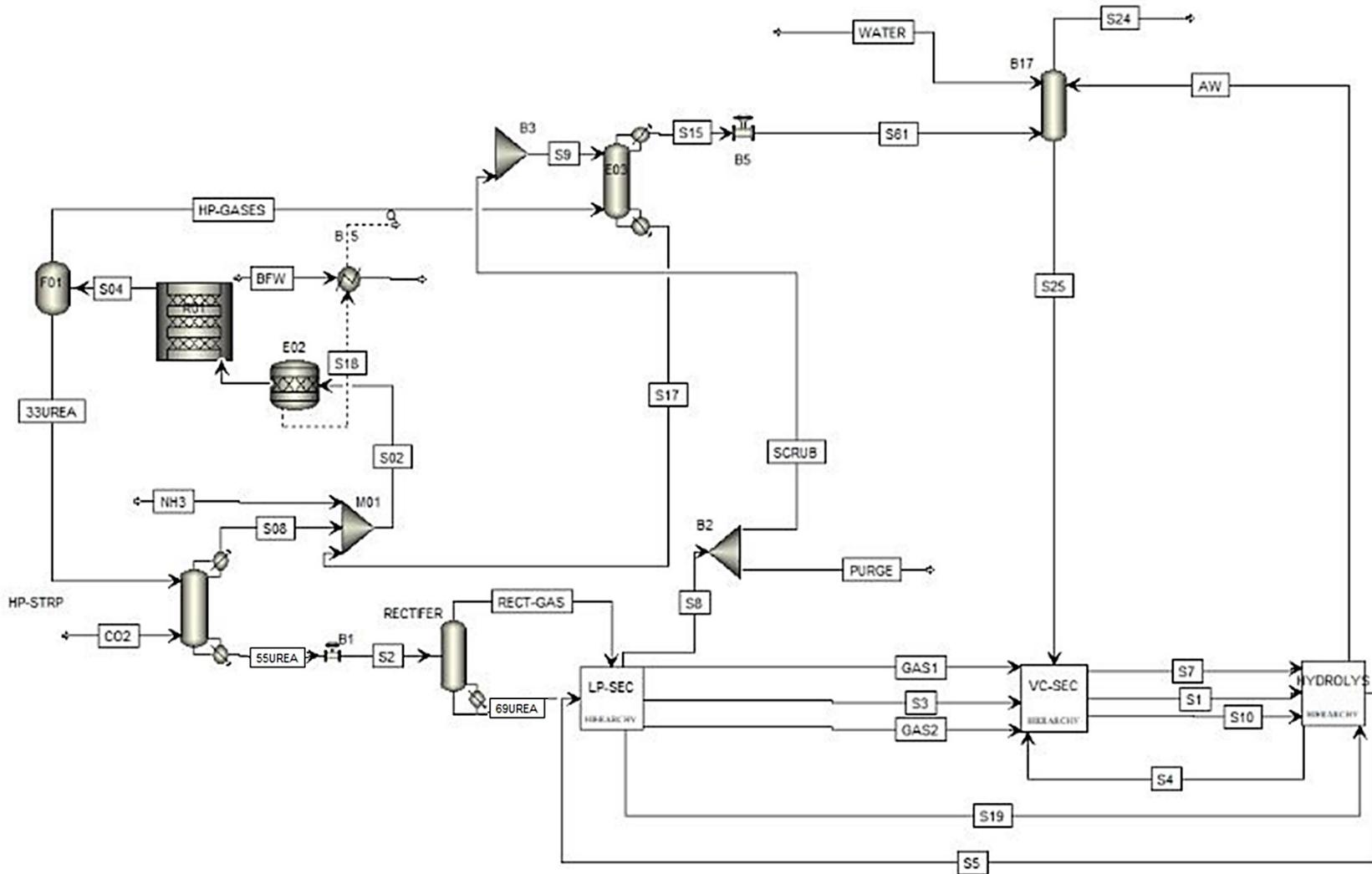


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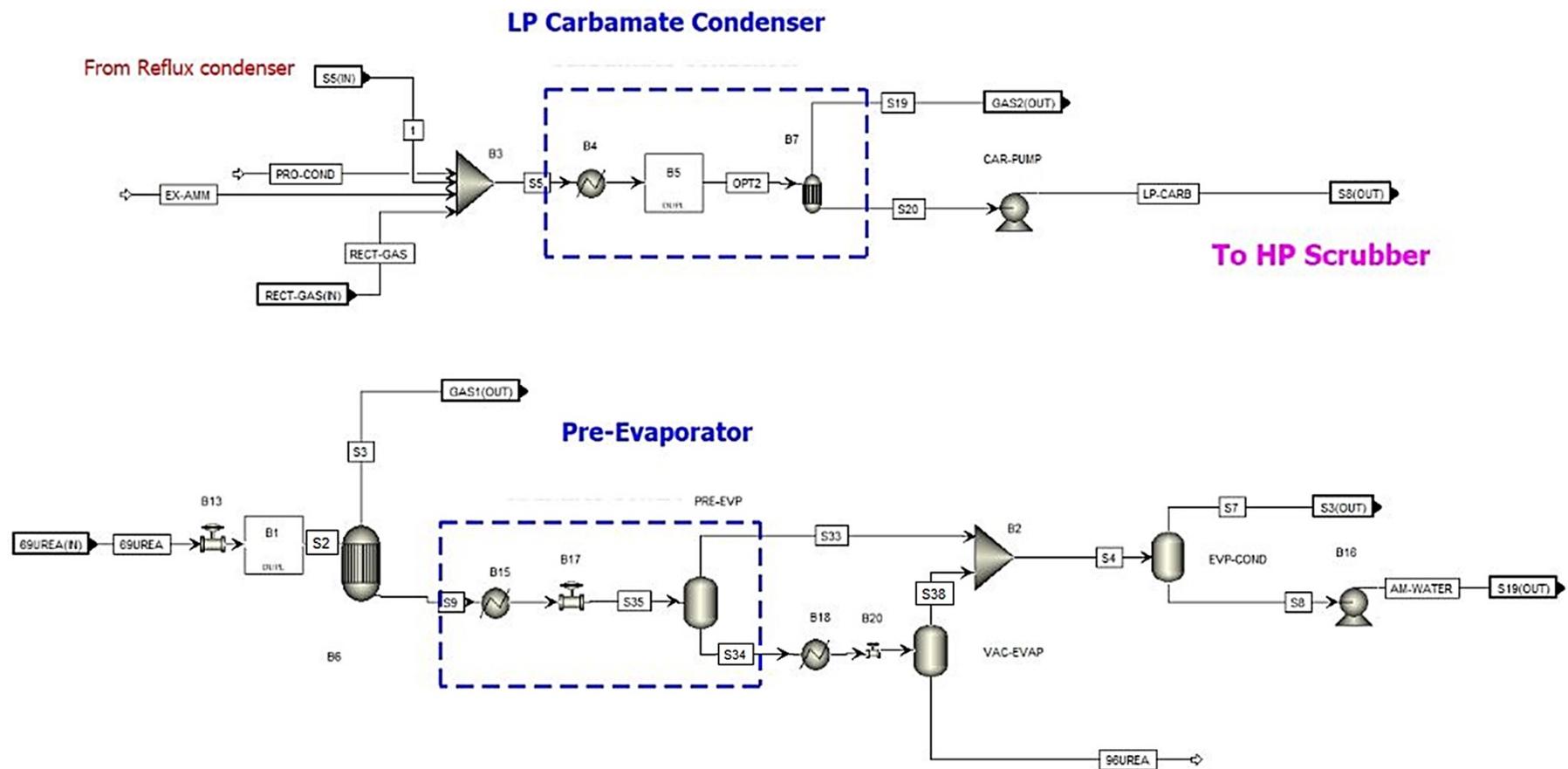


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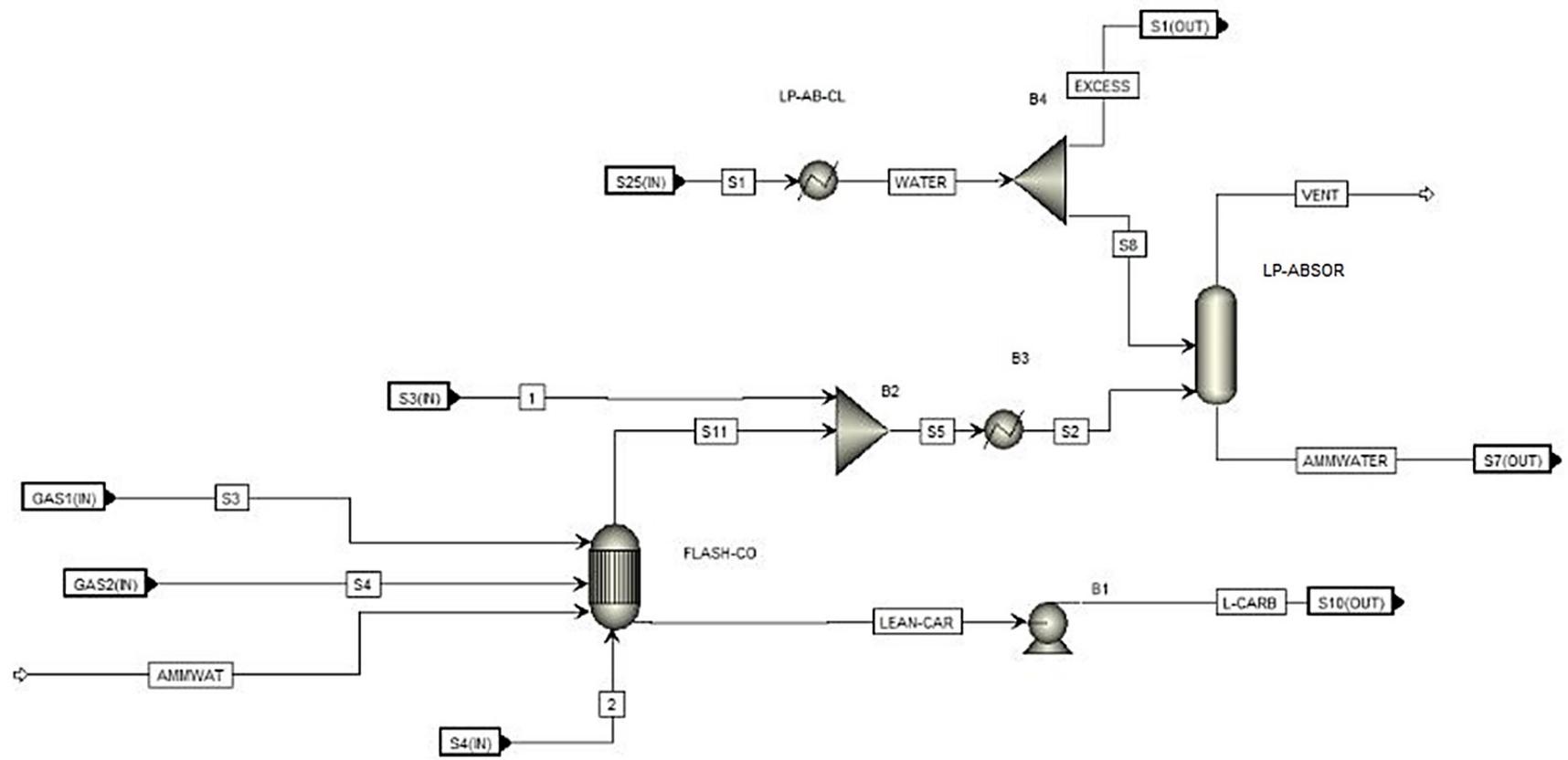


Fig. S4. Aspen plus model for urea synthesis: Evaporation section.



**Table S1.** Summary of technical and operating parameters for key unit operations.

<b>Unit Operations</b>	<b>Technical Parameters</b>
<b>Air separation unit</b>	
Air compressor	Inlet pressure = 1 bar Outlet pressure = 7.1 bar Duty = 2.77 MW Cooling duty = -2.77 MW No. of stages = 2
Air cooler	Duty = -3.28 MW Area = 146 m <sup>2</sup> Utility = Nitrogen from low pressure column
High pressure column	No. of stages = 25 Distillate rate = 3,830 kg/h Condenser and duty = Total and -0.48 Reboiler and duty = None Operating pressure = 7.1 bar Top stage temperature = -174°C Bottom stage temperature = -172°C
Low pressure column	No. of stages = 20 Distillate rate = 28,300 kg/h Condenser and duty = Total and -4.68 MW Reboiler and duty = Kettle type and 4.12 MW Operating pressure = 1 bar Top stage temperature = -196°C Bottom stage temperature = -185°C
<b>Ammonia synthesis</b>	
Compressor	Inlet pressure = 3 atm Outlet pressure = 147 bar Duty = 18.29 MW Cooling duty = 18.16 MW No. of stages = 5
Pre-heater	Outlet temperature = 380°C

	Operating pressure = 147 bar Duty = 37.18 MW
Fired heater	Outlet temperature = 450°C Operating pressure = 147 bar Duty = 6.49 MW
Ammonia reactor	Reactions = 3 Hydrogen + 2 Nitrogen → 2 Ammonia Conversion = 35% Operating temperature = 450°C Operating pressure = 147 bar Cooling Duty = 29.75 MW
Ammonia chiller	Inlet temperature = 19°C Outlet temperature = -45°C Operating pressure = 147 bar Cooling Duty = 10.05 MW
Ammonia separator	Operating temperature = -45°C Operating pressure = 147 bar Ammonia recovery = 97.5 wt.%
<b>Urea Synthesis – HP section</b>	
Urea reactor	Reactions = 2 Ammonia + Carbon dioxide → Ammonium carbamate Ammonium carbamate → Carbon dioxide + 2 Ammonia Ammonium carbamate → Urea + 2 Water Urea + 2 Water → Ammonium carbamate Residence time – 0.3 hr. Operating temperature – 183°C
HP carbamate condenser	Reactions = 2 Ammonia + Carbon dioxide → Ammonium carbamate Conversion = 40% Coolig Duty = 32.53 MW Operating temperature = 167°C
HP stripper	No. of stages = 10 Condenser and duty = None Reboiler and duty = None Side heating duty = 24.4 MW Operating pressure = 138 bar

	<p>Top stage temperature = 168.2°C  Bottom stage temperature = 185.3°C</p>
HP scrubber	<p>No. of stages = 5  Distillate rate = 3,439 kg/h  Condenser and duty = None  Reboiler and duty = Kettle type &amp; 3.72 MW  Operating pressure = 138 bar  Top stage temperature = 104.85°C  Bottom stage temperature = 166.5°C</p>
MP absorber	<p>No. of stages = 5  Distillate rate = 3390 kg/h  Condenser and duty = None  Reboiler and duty = None  Operating pressure = 4 bar  Top stage temperature = 26°C  Bottom stage temperature = 27°C</p>
<b>Urea Synthesis – LP section</b>	
Rectifier	<p>No. of stages = 5  Distillate rate = 27,084 kg/h  Condenser and duty = None  Reboiler and duty = Kettle type &amp; 12.79 MW  Operating pressure = 4 bar  Top stage temperature = 130°C  Bottom stage temperature = 175°C</p>
LP Carbamate condenser	<p>Duty = -15.87 MW  Utility = Cooling water</p>
Pre-evaporator	<p>Duty = 0.37 MW  Utility = LP steam</p>
<b>Urea Synthesis – Evaporation section</b>	
Flash condenser	<p>Duty = -2.97 MW  Utility = Cooling water</p>
Evaporator condenser	<p>Duty = -12.23 MW</p>

	Utility = Cooling water
Vacuum evaporator	Duty = 10.47 MW Utility = LP steam
LP absorber	No. of stages = 5 Venting = 614 kg/h Condenser and duty = None Reboiler and duty = None Operating pressure = 1 bar Top stage temperature = 43°C Bottom stage temperature = 43°C
<b>Urea Synthesis – Hydrolysis section</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> desorber	No. of stages = 15 Venting = 7,390 kg/h Condenser and duty = None Reboiler and duty = None Operating pressure = 2.6 bar Top stage temperature = 133°C Bottom stage temperature = 135°C
2 <sup>nd</sup> desorber	No. of stages = 22 Venting = 9,235 kg/h Condenser and duty = None Reboiler and duty = None Operating pressure = 3 bar Top stage temperature = 139°C Bottom stage temperature = 143°C
Hydrolyser	Reactions = Urea + Water → Carbon dioxide + 2 Ammonia Ammonium carbamate → Carbon dioxide + 2 Ammonia Conversion = 100% and 95% respectively. Duty = 15.93 MW Residence time = 1 h. Operating temperature = 210°C Operating pressure = 20 bar Utility = HP steam

**Table S2.** Area-wise installed costs for key equipment [1,2].

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Cost (million USD)</b>	<b>References</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Cost (million USD)</b>	<b>References</b>
<b>Air separation unit</b>			<b>Urea synthesis – Evaporation section</b>		
K-101	6.53	Aspen	E-204	0.53	Aspen
E-102	0.17	Aspen	P-202	0.19	Aspen
C-101	1.20	Aspen	E-205	0.28	Aspen
C-102	3.07	Aspen	E-206	0.29	Aspen
<b>Ammonia synthesis</b>			P-203	0.04	Aspen
K-102	17.69	Aspen	A-202	0.20	Aspen
K-103	1.51	Aspen	<b>Urea synthesis – Hydrolysis section</b>		
E-103	1.45	Aspen	E-208	0.13	Aspen
F-101	6.90	Aspen	E-209	0.19	Aspen
R-101	21.56	[1]	E-210	0.10	Aspen
E-104	1.56	Aspen	E-211	0.35	Aspen
E-105	0.47	Aspen	C-202	0.38	Aspen
E-106	2.58	Aspen	C-203	0.47	Aspen
<b>Urea synthesis – HP section</b>			R-202	0.38	Aspen
R-201	2.64	Aspen	P-204	0.05	Aspen
K-201	7.99	Aspen	P-205	0.08	Aspen
V-201	0.81	Aspen	P-206	0.07	Aspen
S-201	0.91	Aspen	V-205	0.16	Aspen
A-201	0.25	Aspen			
E-201	0.94	[2]			
S-202	0.83	Aspen			
<b>Urea synthesis – LP section</b>					
E-202	0.28	Aspen			
P-201	0.05	Aspen			
C-201	0.97	Aspen			
V-203	0.42	Aspen			

**Table S3.** Techno-economic model parameters to calculate total capital investment. ISBL = Inside battery limit

Factor	Value
<b>Total direct cost (TDC)</b>	
Warehouse	4% of ISBL
Site development	9% of ISBL
Additional Piping	4.5% of ISBL
<b>Total indirect cost (TIDC)</b>	
Prorateable costs	10% of TDC
Field expenses	10% of TDC
Home office and construction	20% of TDC
Project contingency	10% of TDC
Other costs	10% of TDC
<b>Total capital investment (TCI)</b>	
Fixed capital investment (FCI)	TDC+TIDC
Working capital (WC)	5% of FCI
Land	6% of (Installed costs)

**Table S4.** Chemical and utilities prices used to estimate total cost of manufacturing.[3][4][5]

Parameter	Value
<b>Chemicals (USD/t)</b>	
Hydrogen	4000
Carbon dioxide	50
<b>Utilities (USD/MWh)</b>	
Cooling water	1.01
Refrigerant 1	32.04
Refrigerant 2	11.99
Fired Heater	15.30

LP Steam	6.84
MP Steam	9.00
Power	68.20
<b>Wastewater Treatment (USD/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	
Cost	0.04
<b>Labour Cost (USD/y)</b>	
Per person salary	60,000
<b>Products (USD/t)</b>	
Urea	620
Oxygen	170

**Table S5.** Assumed parameters for techno-economic model.

Parameter	Value
Cost basis year	2022 dollar values
Plant life	30 years
Depreciation of general plant	7 yrs
Discount rate	10% per year
Tax rate	30% per year
Construction period	2 years
Operating hours per yr	8000

**Table S6.** Unit-specific inventory for conventional urea synthesis scaled per kg of urea.

	SMR based hydrogen production[6]	Nitrogen production	Ammonia synthesis	Urea synthesis - HP section	Urea synthesis - LP section	Urea synthesis - Evaporation section	Urea synthesis - Hydrolysis section
<b>Utilities (kWh)</b>							
Steam	-	-	$1.09 \times 10^{-01}$	$3.48 \times 10^{-01}$	$7.62 \times 10^{-04}$	$2.15 \times 10^{-02}$	$1.86 \times 10^{-01}$
Refrigrant	-	$8.99 \times 10^{-02}$	$1.69 \times 10^{-01}$	-	-	-	-
Power + Cooling	$6.56 \times 10^{-02}$	$4.83 \times 10^{-02}$	$3.07 \times 10^{-01}$	$1.17 \times 10^{-01}$	$7.10 \times 10^{-03}$	$8.89 \times 10^{-04}$	$1.74 \times 10^{-03}$
Natural gas	$3.68 \times 10^{-01}$	-	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Raw material (kg)</b>							
Fresh Water	8.56×10 <sup>-01</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Treated water	8.56×10 <sup>-01</sup>						
Hydrogen		-	1.04×10 <sup>-01</sup>	-	-	-	-
Nitrogen		-	4.83×10 <sup>-01</sup>	-	-	-	-
Ammonia		-	-	5.74×10 <sup>-01</sup>	1.23×10 <sup>-04</sup>	-	-
Carbon dioxide		-	-	8.18×10 <sup>-01</sup>	-	-	-
Air	2.67	6.43×10 <sup>-01</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Potassium hydroxide		-	-	-	-	-	-
Steam	8.56×10 <sup>-01</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
MEA							
<b>By-product (kg)</b>							
Oxygen	-	1.34×10 <sup>-01</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Water emissions (kg)</b>							
Wastewater	9.01×10 <sup>-01</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Fugitive emissions (kg)</b>							
Nitrogen	2.01	1.05×10 <sup>-02</sup>	1.30×10 <sup>-02</sup>	9.40×10 <sup>-05</sup>	-	3.26×10 <sup>-02</sup>	-
Argon	3.41×10 <sup>-02</sup>	6.00×10 <sup>-03</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Oxygen	5.57×10 <sup>-02</sup>	1.34×10 <sup>-01</sup>	-	5.74×10 <sup>-05</sup>	-	4.85×10 <sup>-03</sup>	-
Carbon dioxide	9.76×10 <sup>-01</sup>	-	-	1.01×10 <sup>-02</sup>	-	2.12×10 <sup>-02</sup>	-
Ammonia	-	-	2.27×10 <sup>-04</sup>	1.42×10 <sup>-06</sup>	-	9.05×10 <sup>-07</sup>	-
Water	4.11×10 <sup>-01</sup>	-	-	3.97×10 <sup>-04</sup>	-	2.86×10 <sup>-04</sup>	-
Hydrogen	-	-	2.81×10 <sup>-03</sup>	-	-	-	-
Sulfur dioxide	9.04×10 <sup>-07</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
NOx	2.32×10 <sup>-05</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Particulate matter < 2.5	3.49×10 <sup>-06</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carbon mono-oxide	3.34×10 <sup>-06</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
MEA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Transportation</b>	300 km
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**Table S7.** Unit-specific inventory for green hydrogen-based urea synthesis scaled per kg of urea.

	<b>Green hydrogen production</b>	<b>Nitrogen production</b>	<b>Ammonia synthesis</b>	<b>Carbon dioxide capture unit [5]</b>	<b>Urea synthesis - HP section</b>	<b>Urea synthesis - LP section</b>	<b>Urea synthesis - Evaporation section</b>	<b>Urea synthesis - Hydrolysis section</b>
<b>Utilities (kWh)</b>								
Steam	-	-	$1.09 \times 10^{-01}$	3.04	$3.48 \times 10^{-01}$	$7.62 \times 10^{-04}$	$2.15 \times 10^{-02}$	$1.86 \times 10^{-01}$
Refrigrant	-	$8.99 \times 10^{-02}$	$1.69 \times 10^{-01}$	-	-	-	-	-
Power + Cooling	5.22	$4.83 \times 10^{-02}$	$3.07 \times 10^{-01}$	$1.43 \times 10^{-02}$	$1.17 \times 10^{-01}$	$7.10 \times 10^{-03}$	$8.89 \times 10^{-04}$	$1.74 \times 10^{-03}$
Natural gas		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Raw material (kg)</b>								
Fresh Water	-	-	-	$3.12 \times 10^{-02}$	-	-	-	-
Treated water	$9.39 \times 10^{-01}$			-				
Hydrogen		-	$1.04 \times 10^{-01}$	-	-	-	-	-
Nitrogen	$3.02 \times 10^{-05}$	-	$4.83 \times 10^{-01}$	-	-	-	-	-
Ammonia	-	-	-	-	$5.74 \times 10^{-01}$	$1.23 \times 10^{-04}$	-	-
Carbon dioxide	-	-	-	-	$8.18 \times 10^{-01}$	-	-	-
Air	-	$6.43 \times 10^{-01}$	-	-	-	-	-	-
Potassium hydroxide	$1.98 \times 10^{-04}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Steam	$1.14 \times 10^{-02}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MEA	-	-	-	$7.54 \times 10^{-05}$	-	-	-	-
<b>By-product (kg)</b>								
Oxygen	-	$1.34 \times 10^{-01}$	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Water emissions (kg)</b>								
Wastewater	$9.01 \times 10^{-01}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Fugitive emissions (kg)								
Nitrogen	2.01	$1.05 \times 10^{-02}$	$1.30 \times 10^{-02}$	-	$9.40 \times 10^{-05}$	-	$3.26 \times 10^{-02}$	-
Argon	$3.41 \times 10^{-02}$	$6.00 \times 10^{-03}$	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxygen	$5.57 \times 10^{-02}$	$1.34 \times 10^{-01}$	-	-	$5.74 \times 10^{-05}$	-	$4.85 \times 10^{-03}$	-
Carbon dioxide	$9.76 \times 10^{-01}$	-	-	-	$1.01 \times 10^{-02}$	-	$2.12 \times 10^{-02}$	-
Ammonia	-	-	$2.27 \times 10^{-04}$	-	$1.42 \times 10^{-06}$	-	$9.05 \times 10^{-07}$	-
Water	$4.11 \times 10^{-01}$	-	-	-	$3.97 \times 10^{-04}$	-	$2.86 \times 10^{-04}$	-
Hydrogen	-	-	$2.81 \times 10^{-03}$	-	-	-	-	-
Sulfur dioxide	$9.04 \times 10^{-07}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NOx	$2.32 \times 10^{-05}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Particulate matter < 2.5	$3.49 \times 10^{-06}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carbon mono-oxide	$3.34 \times 10^{-06}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MEA	-	-	-	$1.73 \times 10^{-05}$	-	-	-	-
<b>Transportation</b>	300 km							

**Table S8** Complete material and energy balance of urea production process.

Stream*	NH <sub>3</sub> Input	CO <sub>2</sub> input	HP carbamate condenser Inlet	HP carbamate condenser outlet	Urea reactor outlet	HP scrubber Inlet		HP scrubber outlet	
	NH <sub>3</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub>	S02	S03	S04	HP-Gases	S9	S17	S15
Temperature (°C)	34	100	145.79	167	183	183	78.24	166.52	104.85
Pressure (bar)	156.9	138.27	138.27	138.27	138.27	138.27	138.27	138.27	138.27
Energy (MW)	0.34	6.49	-32.53	-	-	3.72		-	-
Mass flow (kg/h)	33000	47000	201523.03	201523.03	201523.03	18749.88	32091.38	47402.11	3439.15
<b>Composition (wt%)</b>									
Urea	0	0	0.09	0.09	29.01	0.09	0.08	0.09	0
Carbamate	0	0	13.39	53.04	26.47	0.02	51.87	56.85	0
CO <sub>2</sub>	0	94.50	34.12	11.76	5.54	42.41	0.01	1.90	36.26

<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	100	0	42.33	25.03	20.22	42.61	4.04	10.07	0.59
<b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	0	0.90	8.95	8.95	17.62	3.20	44.00	31.02	0.55
<b>N<sub>2</sub></b>	0	4.00	0.97	0.97	0.97	10.12	0	0.05	54.50
<b>O<sub>2</sub></b>	0	0.60	0.16	0.16	1.55	0.09	0	0.03	8.10
<b>Stream</b>	<b>MP absorber Inlet</b>		<b>MP absorber outlet</b>		<b>Urea to HP stripper</b>	<b>HP Stripper outlet</b>		<b>Rectifier outlet</b>	
	<b>S61</b>	<b>AW+(Water)</b>	<b>S25</b>	<b>S24</b>	<b>33 Urea</b>	<b>55 Urea</b>	<b>S08</b>	<b>Rect-Gas</b>	<b>69 Urea</b>
<b>Temperature (°C)</b>	77.46	25.04+(45.00)	26.90	25.93	183.00	168.23	185.30	130.36	174.78
<b>Pressure (bar)</b>	5.07	3.92+(3.92)	3.92	3.92	138.27	138.27	138.27	4.12	4.12
<b>Energy (MW)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	24.40		12.79	
<b>Mass flow (kg/h)</b>	3439.15	85192.51+(3000)	68911.72	3390.01	182772.56	108651.88	121120.64	27084.03	81567.84
<b>Composition (wt%)</b>									
<b>Urea</b>	0	3.90+(0)	3.72	0	31.98	53.67	0.11	0.06	71.47
<b>Carbamate</b>	0	0.20+(0)	0.25	0	29.19	12.20	0.02	0	0
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	36.26	0.04+(0)	0.04	36.00	1.76	2.18	56.02	36.32	0
<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	0.59	0.01+(0)	0.02	0	17.92	2.48	39.25	31.30	0
<b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	0.55	95.85+(100)	95.96	0.48	19.10	29.46	2.75	32.28	28.53
<b>N<sub>2</sub></b>	54.50	(0)+(0)	0	55.30	0.03	0.01	1.60	0.02	0
<b>O<sub>2</sub></b>	8.10	(0)+(0)	0	8.22	0.02	0	0.25	0.01	0
<b>Stream</b>	<b>LP carbamate condenser outlet</b>		<b>Atmospheric separator inlet</b>	<b>Atmospheric separator outlet</b>		<b>Pre-evaporator outlet</b>		<b>Vacuum evaporator outlet</b>	
	<b>S20</b>	<b>S19</b>	<b>S2</b>	<b>S9</b>	<b>S3</b>	<b>S34</b>	<b>S33</b>	<b>96 Urea</b>	<b>S38</b>
<b>Temperature (°C)</b>	74	74	132.26	132.27	132.27	95.11	95.11	138.85	138.85
<b>Pressure (bar)</b>	3.24	3.24	1.30	1.30	1.30	0.38	0.38	0.29	0.29
<b>Energy (MW)</b>		-15.87					-0.37		
<b>Mass flow (kg/h)</b>	33780.39	18.42	81567.84	77411.32	4156.52	74861.40	2549.92	59674.01	15187.39
<b>Composition (wt%)</b>									
<b>Urea</b>	0.08	4.57	71.47	75.29	0.46	77.84	0.24	96.31	5.30
<b>Carbamate</b>	51.87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NH <sub>3</sub>	4.04	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0
H <sub>2</sub> O	44.00	95.43	28.53	24.71	99.53	22.16	99.76	3.69	94.7
N <sub>2</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O <sub>2</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Stream</b>	<b>LP absorber inlet</b>		<b>LP absorber outlet</b>		<b>First Desorber inlet</b>			<b>First Desorber outlet</b>	
	<b>S8</b>	<b>S2</b>	<b>Vent</b>	<b>AMMWATER</b>	<b>Feed</b>	<b>Reflux 1</b>	<b>Top 2</b>	<b>Top 1</b>	<b>Bottom 1</b>
<b>Temperature (°C)</b>	40.00	47.90	42.57	42.89	117.00	40.00	138.69	132.72	135.41
<b>Pressure (bar)</b>	1.96	0.98	0.98	0.98	3.96	3.56	3.96	3.63	3.63
<b>Energy (MW)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Mass flow (kg/h)</b>	13782.34	626.04	613.79	13794.60	20798.71	6707.68	9234.90	7390.24	29351.05
<b>Composition (wt%)</b>									
<b>Urea</b>	3.72	0	0	3.72	3.90	0.14	0	0	2.79
<b>Carbamate</b>	0.25	0	0	0.25	0.20	0.91	0	0	0.35
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	0.04	93.83	94.84	0.08	0.04	0.15	7.12	9.13	0
<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	0	0.13	0.01	0.02	0.01	7.52	8.80	13.73	1.04
<b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	95.96	4.58	3.72	95.92	95.85	91.28	84.09	77.14	95.81
<b>N<sub>2</sub></b>	0	0.90	0.88	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>O<sub>2</sub></b>	0	0.56	0.54	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Stream</b>	<b>Hydrolyzer inlet</b>	<b>Hydrolyzer outlet</b>	<b>Second Desorber inlet</b>		<b>Second Desorber outlet</b>				
	<b>S9</b>	<b>S10</b>	<b>Feed 2</b>	<b>LP-Steam</b>	<b>Top 2</b>	<b>Bottom 2</b>			
<b>Temperature (°C)</b>	200.00	210.00	148.00	142.90	138.69	143.20			
<b>Pressure (bar)</b>	19.61	19.61	19.61	3.92	3.96	3.96			
<b>Energy (MW)</b>	15.93	-	-	-	-	-			
<b>Mass flow (kg/h)</b>	29351.05	29351.06	29351.06	8000.00	28116.16	9234.90			
<b>Composition (wt%)</b>									
<b>Urea</b>	2.79	0	0	0	0	0			
<b>Carbamate</b>	0.35	0.02	0.02	0	0	0.02			
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	0	2.24	2.24	0	7.12	0			
<b>NH<sub>3</sub></b>	1.04	2.77	2.77	0	8.80	0			

H <sub>2</sub> O	95.81	94.98	95.98	100	84.09	99.98
N <sub>2</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0
O <sub>2</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0

\* Refer to process flow diagrams (Figure S1-S5) for more details about the process streams.

**Table S9.** Comparative environmental assessment results for conventional and green urea synthesis.

Impact category	Unit	Conventional urea synthesis	Green hydrogen-based urea synthesis
Abiotic depletion	kg Sb eq	1.99×10 <sup>-05</sup>	1.55×10 <sup>-05</sup>
Abiotic depletion (fossil fuels)	MJ	2.89×10 <sup>01</sup>	1.80×10 <sup>01</sup>
Global warming (GWP100a)	kg CO2 eq	1.64	1.38
Ozone layer depletion (ODP)	kg CFC-11 eq	9.55×10 <sup>-08</sup>	8.98×10 <sup>-08</sup>
Human toxicity	kg 1,4-DB eq	1.25	7.84×10 <sup>-01</sup>
Freshwater aquatic ecotoxicity	kg 1,4-DB eq	8.20×10 <sup>-01</sup>	7.98×10 <sup>-01</sup>
Marine aquatic ecotoxicity	kg 1,4-DB eq	1.68×10 <sup>03</sup>	1.45×10 <sup>03</sup>
Terrestrial ecotoxicity	kg 1,4-DB eq	1.93×10 <sup>-03</sup>	1.73×10 <sup>-03</sup>
Photochemical oxidation	kg C2H4 eq	3.31×10 <sup>-04</sup>	2.48×10 <sup>-04</sup>
Acidification	kg SO2 eq	7.49×10 <sup>-03</sup>	4.50×10 <sup>-03</sup>
Eutrophication	kg PO4 <sup>---</sup> eq	2.27×10 <sup>-03</sup>	1.51×10 <sup>-03</sup>

**Table S10.** Stagewise breakdown of environmental assessment results for green hydrogen-based urea synthesis. ADP: Abiotic depletion potential; AFFDP = Fossil fuel depletion potential; GWP = Global warming potential; ODP = Ozone depletion potential; HTP = Human toxicity potential; FWAETP = Freshwater aquatic ecotoxicity potential; MAETP = Marine aquatic ecotoxicity potential; TEP = Terrestrial ecotoxicity potential; PCOP = Photochemical oxidation potential; ACP = Acidification potential; EP = Eutrophication potential.

Impact category	Green hydrogen production	Nitrogen production	Ammonia synthesis	Carbon dioxide capture unit	Urea synthesis - HP section	Urea synthesis - LP section	Urea synthesis - Evaporation section	Urea synthesis - Hydrolysis section	Transportation	Infrastructure
ADP (kg Sb eq.)	1.33×10 <sup>-05</sup>	4.32×10 <sup>-07</sup>	1.07×10 <sup>-06</sup>	3.57×10 <sup>-07</sup>	1.16×10 <sup>-07</sup>	6.60×10 <sup>-09</sup>	1.29×10 <sup>-09</sup>	5.60×10 <sup>-09</sup>	1.32×10 <sup>-07</sup>	1.16×10 <sup>-07</sup>
AFFDP (MJ)	2.82	6.61×10 <sup>-01</sup>	3.73	6.66	2.45	5.72×10 <sup>-02</sup>	1.04×10 <sup>-01</sup>	8.47×10 <sup>-01</sup>	6.19×10 <sup>-01</sup>	6.31×10 <sup>-03</sup>

GWP (kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.)	2.48×10 <sup>-01</sup>	5.53×10 <sup>-02</sup>	3.29×10 <sup>-01</sup>	4.19×10 <sup>-01</sup>	1.95×10 <sup>-01</sup>	5.11×10 <sup>-03</sup>	2.83×10 <sup>-02</sup>	5.67×10 <sup>-02</sup>	4.22×10 <sup>-02</sup>	6.05×10 <sup>-04</sup>
ODP (kg CFC-11eq.)	2.69×10 <sup>-08</sup>	2.60×10 <sup>-09</sup>	1.12×10 <sup>-08</sup>	3.87×10 <sup>-08</sup>	2.64×10 <sup>-09</sup>	1.47×10 <sup>-10</sup>	3.22×10 <sup>-11</sup>	1.55×10 <sup>-10</sup>	7.45×10 <sup>-09</sup>	3.84×10 <sup>-11</sup>
HTP (kg 1,4-DBeq.)	4.74×10 <sup>-01</sup>	3.24×10 <sup>-02</sup>	1.75×10 <sup>-01</sup>	4.47×10 <sup>-02</sup>	3.26×10 <sup>-02</sup>	1.91×10 <sup>-03</sup>	3.09×10 <sup>-04</sup>	1.07×10 <sup>-03</sup>	1.63×10 <sup>-02</sup>	5.11×10 <sup>-03</sup>
FWAETP (kg 1,4-DBeq.)	4.97×10 <sup>-01</sup>	2.62×10 <sup>-02</sup>	2.04×10 <sup>-01</sup>	2.53×10 <sup>-02</sup>	3.29×10 <sup>-02</sup>	1.99×10 <sup>-03</sup>	2.53×10 <sup>-04</sup>	5.17×10 <sup>-04</sup>	6.91×10 <sup>-03</sup>	2.73×10 <sup>-03</sup>
MAETP (kg 1,4-DBeq.)	6.91×10 <sup>02</sup>	7.11×10 <sup>01</sup>	4.76×10 <sup>02</sup>	5.59×10 <sup>01</sup>	1.23×10 <sup>02</sup>	7.41	1.00	2.45	1.47×10 <sup>01</sup>	3.77
TEP (kg 1,4-DBeq.)	7.66×10 <sup>-04</sup>	1.06×10 <sup>-04</sup>	5.32×10 <sup>-04</sup>	8.78×10 <sup>-05</sup>	1.66×10 <sup>-04</sup>	9.79E×10 <sup>-06</sup>	1.51E×10 <sup>-06</sup>	4.85×10 <sup>-06</sup>	5.20×10 <sup>-05</sup>	4.61×10 <sup>-06</sup>
PCOP (kg C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> eq.)	7.48×10 <sup>-05</sup>	9.32×10 <sup>-06</sup>	6.94×10 <sup>-05</sup>	4.68×10 <sup>-05</sup>	3.06×10 <sup>-05</sup>	8.69×10 <sup>-07</sup>	1.15×10 <sup>-06</sup>	9.20×10 <sup>-06</sup>	5.53×10 <sup>-06</sup>	2.78×10 <sup>-07</sup>
ACP (kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq.)	1.35×10 <sup>-03</sup>	1.94×10 <sup>-04</sup>	1.56×10 <sup>-03</sup>	5.38×10 <sup>-04</sup>	5.61×10 <sup>-04</sup>	2.11×10 <sup>-05</sup>	1.76×10 <sup>-05</sup>	1.22×10 <sup>-04</sup>	1.37×10 <sup>-04</sup>	5.96×10 <sup>-06</sup>
EP (kg PO <sub>4</sub> eq.)	5.13×10 <sup>-04</sup>	7.84×10 <sup>-05</sup>	5.79×10 <sup>-04</sup>	9.17×10 <sup>-05</sup>	1.79×10 <sup>-04</sup>	9.06×10 <sup>-06</sup>	3.30×10 <sup>-06</sup>	1.82×10 <sup>-05</sup>	3.11×10 <sup>-05</sup>	2.24×10 <sup>-06</sup>

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