

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the Western Hemisphere. The image is tinted with a blue gradient, darker towards the right. The text is overlaid on the image.

# THE GLOBAL CO<sub>2</sub> INITIATIVE

Converting a liability into an asset

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The Global CO<sub>2</sub> Initiative (GCI) is **building** a new pathway for reducing carbon emissions. The novel approach **converts CO<sub>2</sub> into useful products**. GCI is comprised of two platforms: a non-profit to fund R&D (CO<sub>2</sub> Sciences), and a for-profit to fund commercial investments.



Industrial gas  
& fluids



Agriculture  
& food



Construction  
materials



Plastics

# The Challenge

Annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have exceeded 35 gigatons

- Approximately 1.9% annual increase
- Only 0.5% is currently captured and used

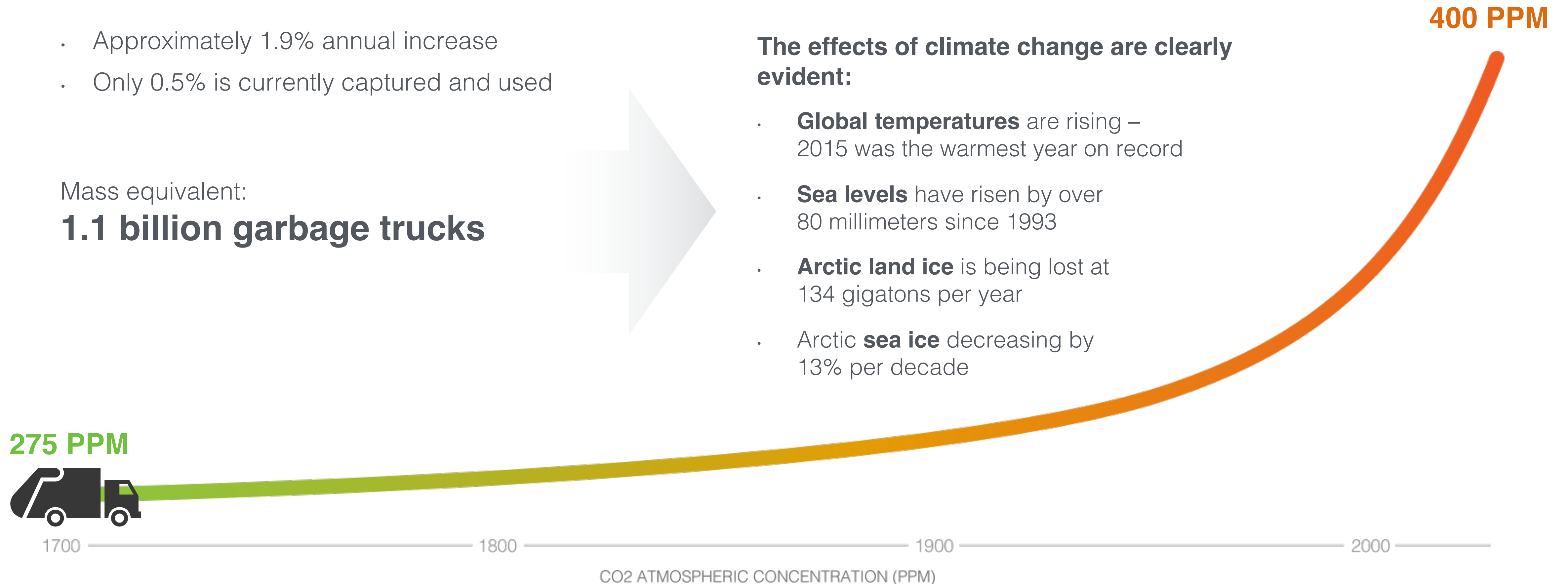
Mass equivalent:

**1.1 billion garbage trucks**



## The effects of climate change are clearly evident:

- **Global temperatures** are rising – 2015 was the warmest year on record
- **Sea levels** have risen by over 80 millimeters since 1993
- **Arctic land ice** is being lost at 134 gigatons per year
- Arctic **sea ice** decreasing by 13% per decade



Source: Global Carbon Project, 2015 Carbon Budget

# Introduction

CO<sub>2</sub>-based products are one part of the solution

## Decarbonization

Energy efficiency, clean renewable energy



Progress, but not fast enough

## Adaptation

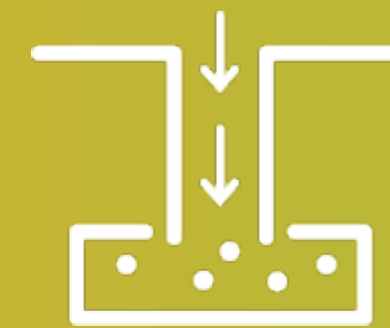
Managing impacts of climate change



Increasingly necessary

## Capture and Storage

Long-term sequestration



Necessary but costly

## Capture and Use

To create valuable CO<sub>2</sub>-based products

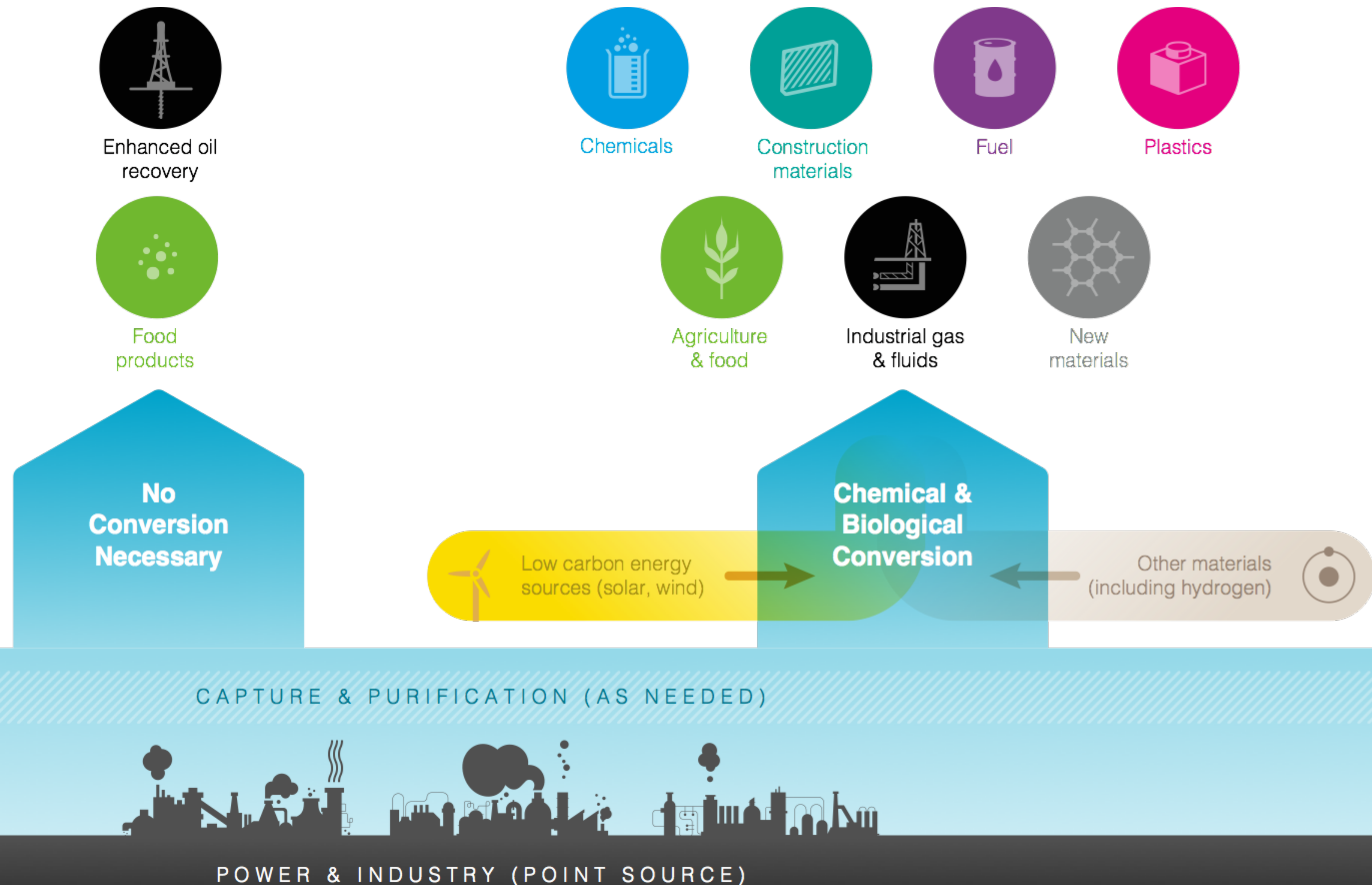
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Market-driven approach

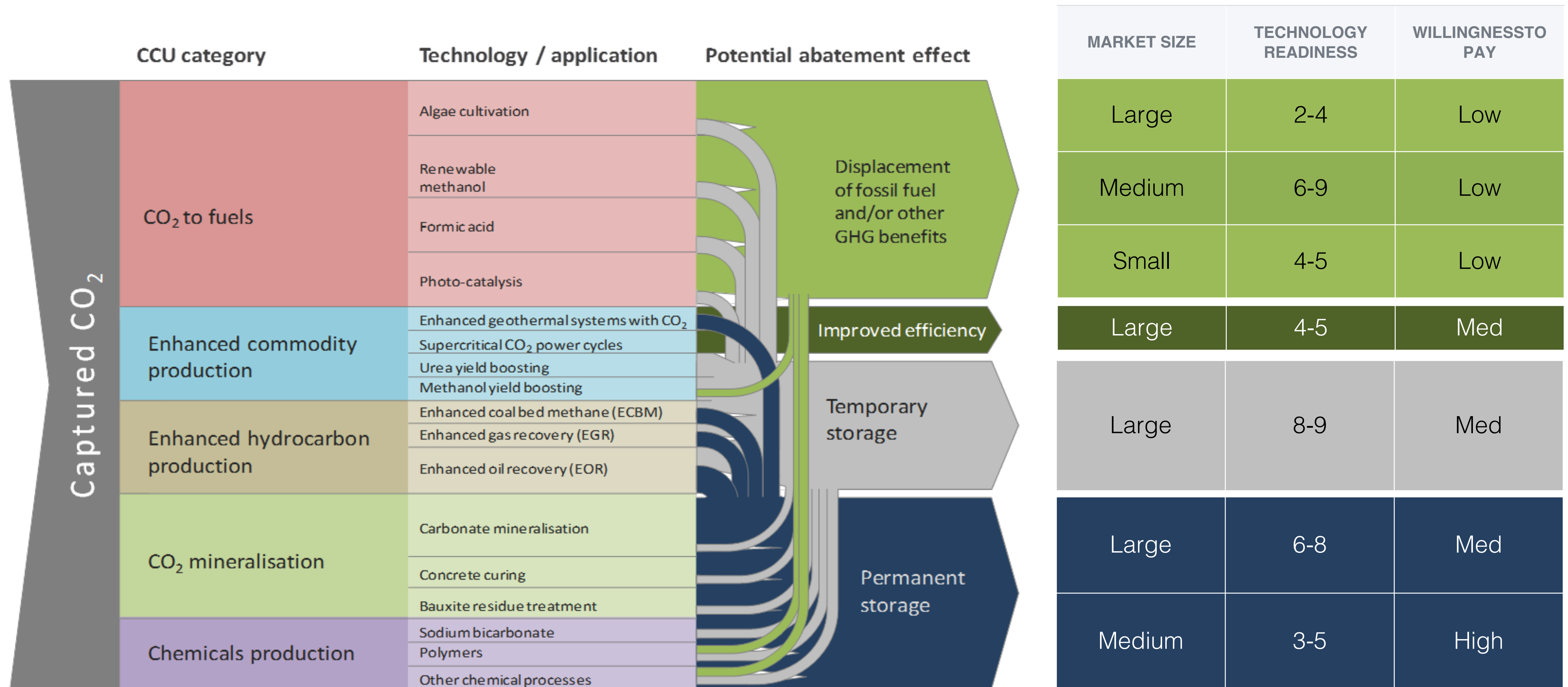
## Key Points

- A large number of products can be created using CO<sub>2</sub>
- Separation and purification may be avoided in certain applications such as fermentation processes in the biofuels industry
- Some products are viable today; a roadmap for deployment is being developed by The Global CO<sub>2</sub> Initiative and is being funded by the Government of Japan and the RK Mellon Foundation

# CO<sub>2</sub>-based products



# Introduction: Opportunities with some CO<sub>2</sub>-based products



Source: Adapted from Ecofys and Carbon Counts, *forthcoming*

# Introduction: Criteria for selecting technologies

We applied five key criteria, both economic and environmental to assess CO<sub>2</sub>-based products:

<b>Environmental criteria</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub> potential</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total amount of CO<sub>2</sub> that could be captured (tenths of a GT), given technical capacity and market potential</li> </ul>
	<b>Permanence of capture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Length of time before the captured carbon is released back into the atmosphere as CO<sub>2</sub> (years)</li> </ul>
<b>Economic criteria</b>	<b>Willingness to pay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on the economics of the target market, unit cost/price point of CO<sub>2</sub> supply at which product is competitive for that use (\$/tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>)</li> </ul>
	<b>Ease of implementation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key factors to consider when entering the market, e.g., regulatory and competitive barriers to entry, substitutability of product, distribution channels</li> </ul>
	<b>Side effects and co-benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Benefits (e.g. energy security, reduced air pollution) and negative side effects (e.g., increased production of fossil fuels)</li> </ul>

Source: McKinsey and Company

## Put differently,

- 1. Carbon Negative:** Does the process lead to CO<sub>2</sub> reduction?
- 2. Material:** Can the process be scaled? Are the markets material?
- 3. Commercially viable:** Is the process competitive and commercially viable?

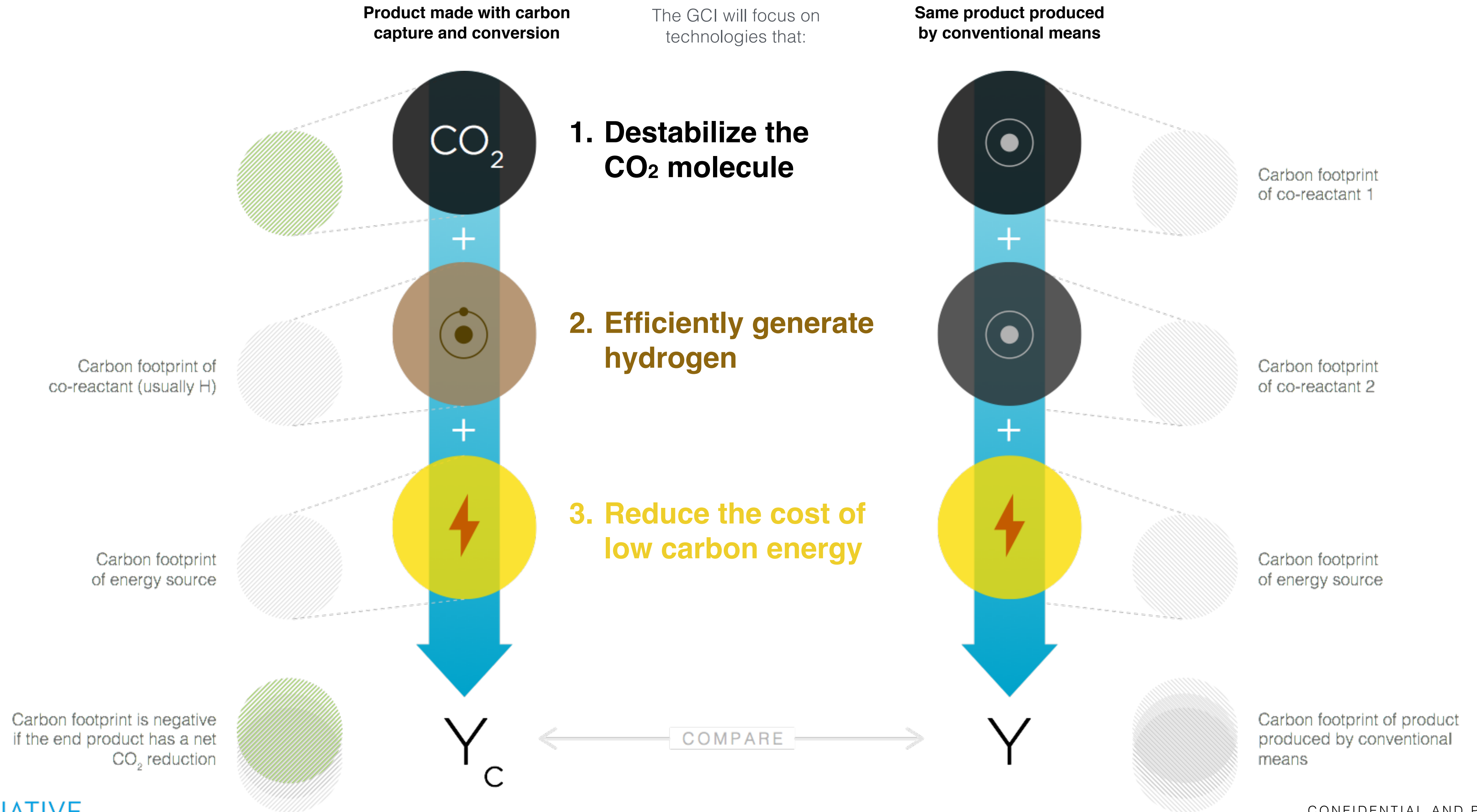
# Making the case

In making the case for the CO<sub>2</sub>-based products marketplace and for working with the Global CO<sub>2</sub> Initiative, we attempt to answer the following questions:

- **Does carbon capture and utilization work (CCU)?** Does it reduce emissions?
- Does it have a **significant environmental impact?**
- Is the **market opportunity** material?
- **Are CO<sub>2</sub>-based products commercially viable?** What does a techno-economic feasibility study look like?
- Is **partnering** the right model to get engaged with CO<sub>2</sub>-based products?
- Is the **Global CO<sub>2</sub> Initiative (GCI)** the right partner?



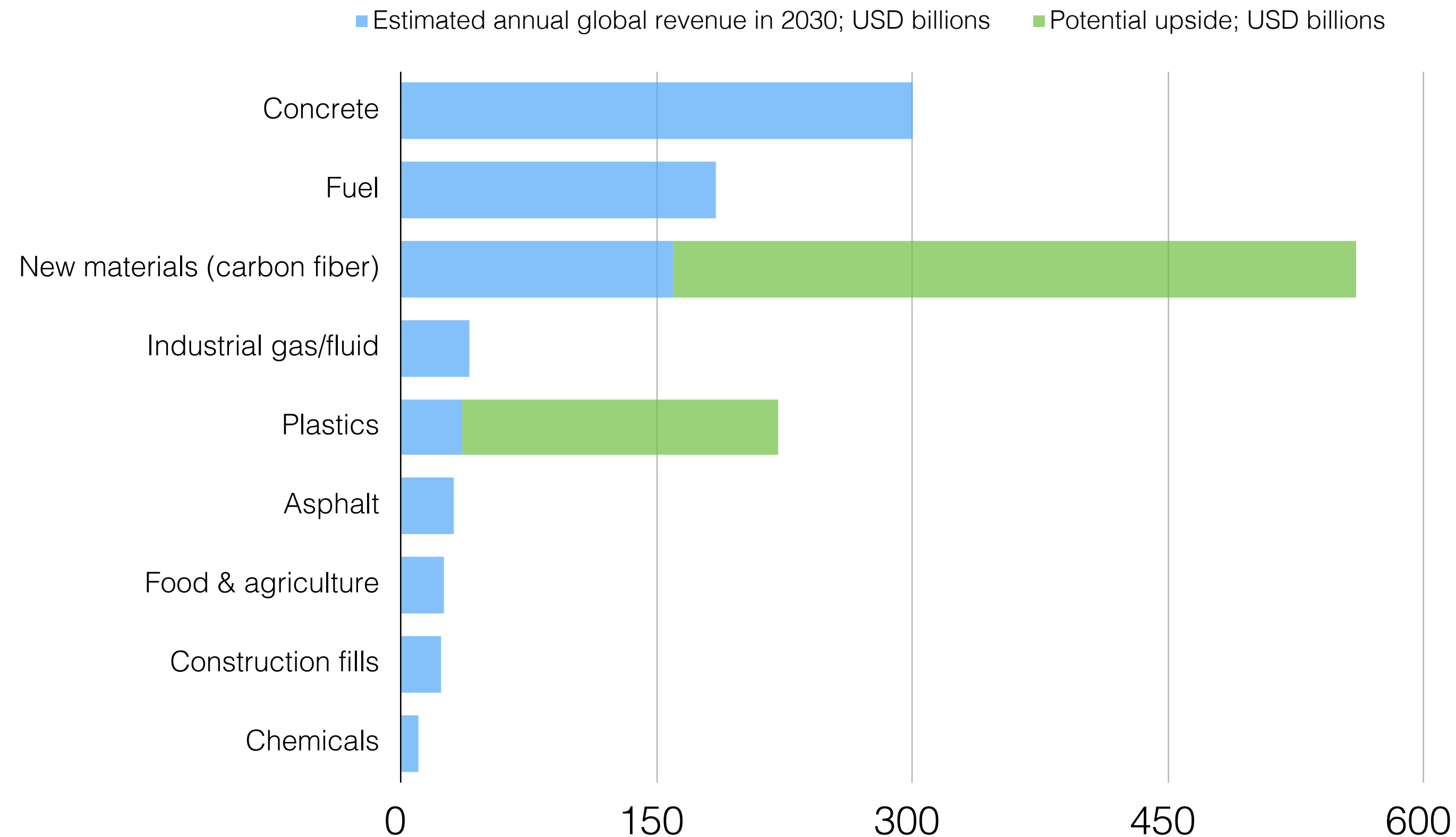
# Making the case: 1. Does it work? Does it reduce emissions?



# Making the case:

2. Do CO<sub>2</sub>-based products have a significant environmental impact?

3. Is the market opportunity material?



Source: CO<sub>2</sub>-based products market analysis by McKinsey and Company and CO<sub>2</sub> Sciences, Inc.

## Key Points

- We commissioned **McKinsey and Company** to conduct a comprehensive market assessment study on CO<sub>2</sub>-based products
- **Conclusion:** By 2030, the environmental impact can be significant (10% of annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions)
- **Conclusion:** The market opportunity is massive - \$800 billion to \$1.1 trillion in annual revenues

ANNUAL MARKET SIZE:

**\$800 billion - \$1.1 trillion**

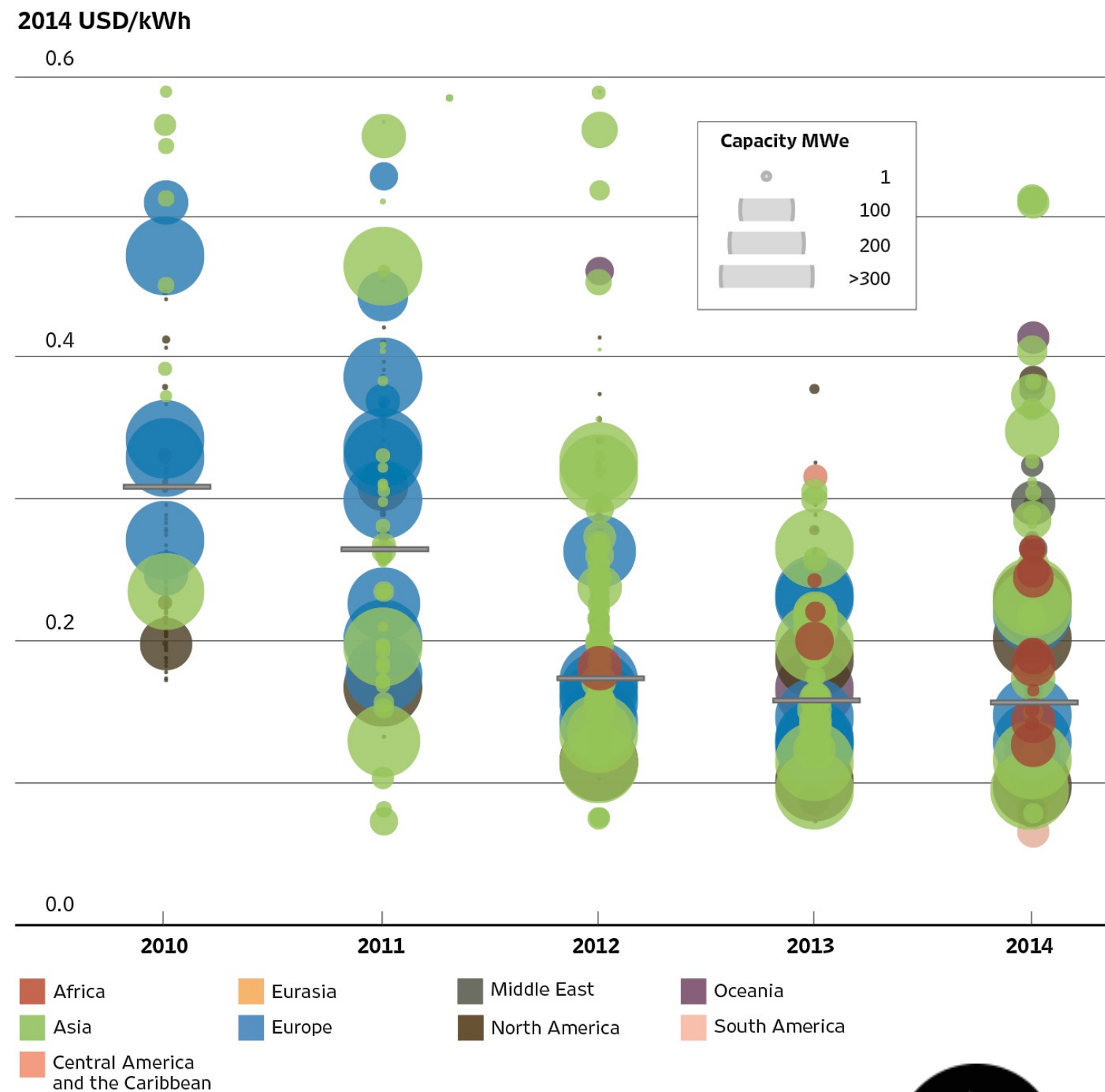
ANNUAL CO<sub>2</sub> CONSUMPTION

**4 gigatons per year**

# Making the case: 4. Are CO<sub>2</sub>-based products commercially viable?

The cost of carbon-free energy will approach 2 cents/kWh:

FIGURE 5.18: LEVELISED COST OF ELECTRICITY OF RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS BY COUNTRY, 2010 TO 2014

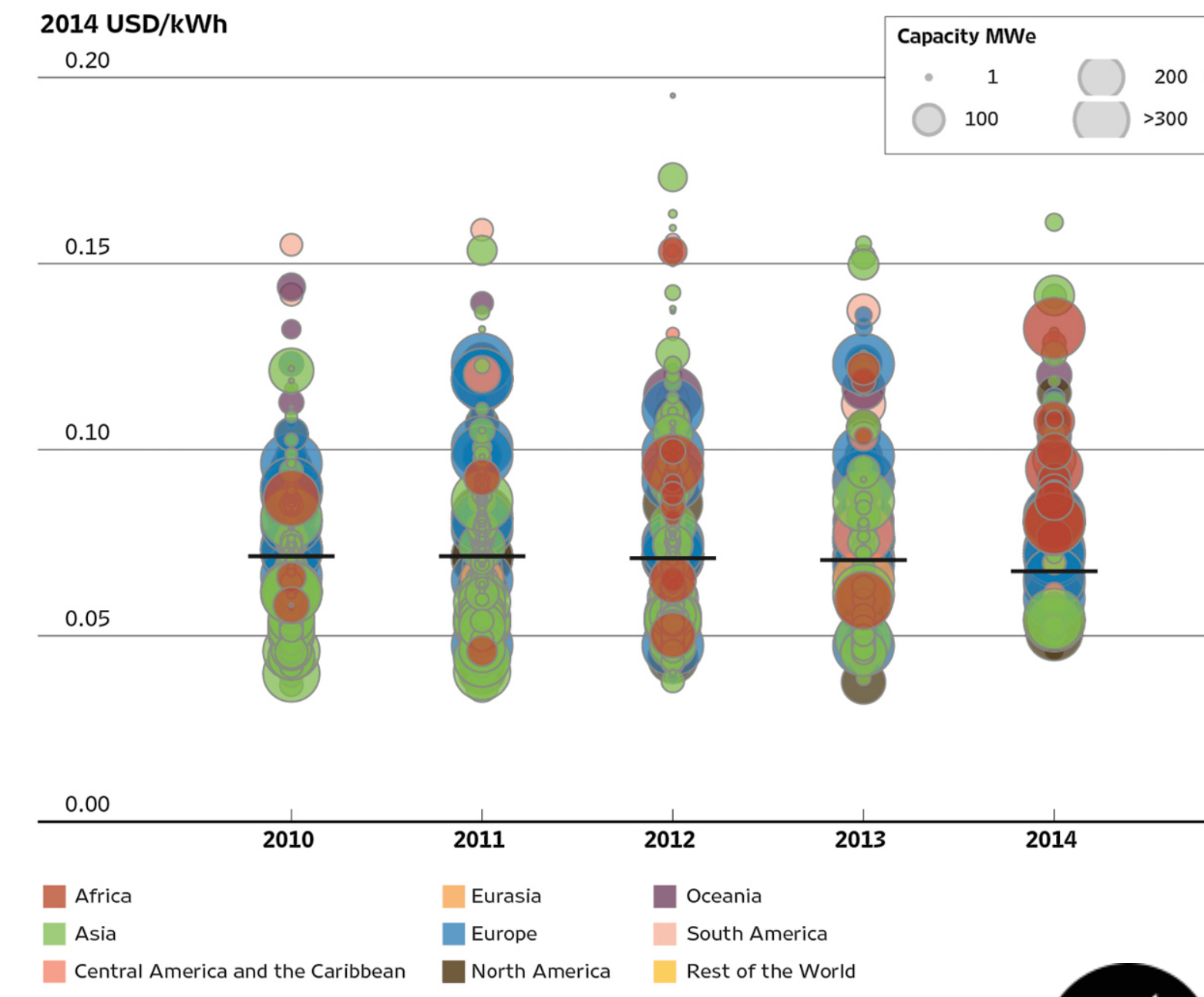


Source: IRENA Renewable Cost Database and Photon Consulting, 2014.



RENEWABLE POWER GENERATION COSTS IN 2014  
IRENA International Renewable Energy Agency

FIGURE 4.18: THE GLOBAL LCOE AND WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF COMMISSIONED AND PROPOSED LARGE WIND FARMS (>5 MW), 2013 AND 2014



Source: IRENA Renewable Cost Database



- A number of CO<sub>2</sub>-based products and processes exist today and are at different degrees of maturity. However, many have not been commercially viable and could not compete with traditional products made the traditional way; mainly due to:
  - Low oil prices that lead to low cost chemicals, polymers and fuels
  - High cost of low carbon power
- However, the low carbon power cost is going down significantly and we believe that this will accelerate the deployment of CO<sub>2</sub>-based products
- We believe that there are products that are commercially viable today

# Making the case: 4. Are CO<sub>2</sub>-based products commercially viable?

A convergence of government initiatives, private investors and markets.

Reduction in cost and increase in deployment of low carbon power

Paris, COP 21 meeting targets require carbon negative technologies

Breakthrough Energy Coalition; a \$2 billion commitment

Environmental Impact  
Financial Returns

Market traction  
Commercial plants are being built in Europe and the U.S.

Government Action:  
Mission Innovation Initiative - 16 of 20 countries are interested in funding CO<sub>2</sub>-based products

# Making the case: 4. Are CO<sub>2</sub>-based products commercially viable?

## Market traction examples:



**Skyonic** is commissioning the first commercial plant (83,000 ton/year) for making **sodium carbonate and hydrochloric acid**.



**Bayer (Covestro)** is building a 5,000 ton/year **polyether-polycarbonate polyols** plant. The product will have a 15-20% lower carbon footprint than a comparably made one today.



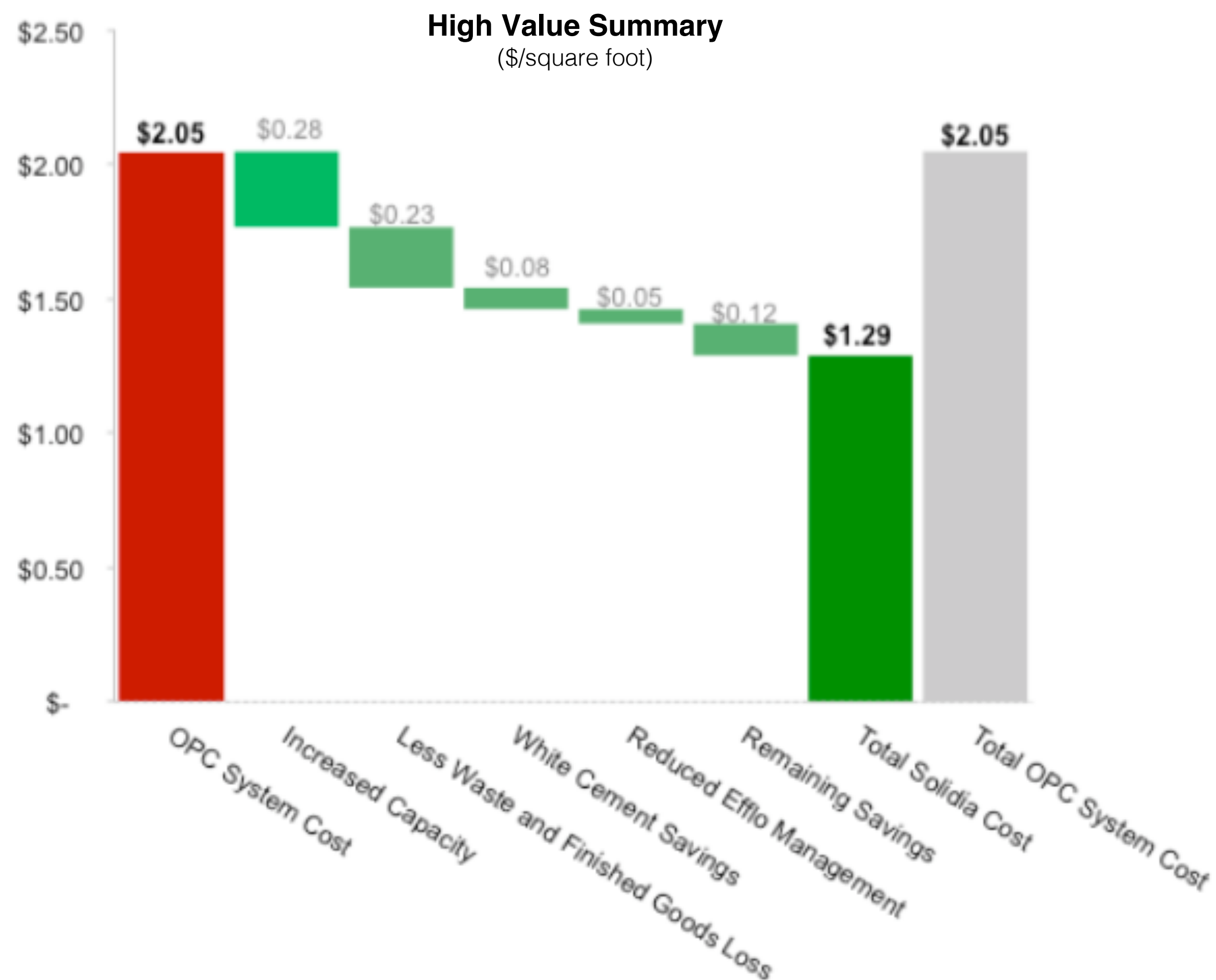
The UK's **Carbon8 Systems** is operating a 50,000 ton/year **aggregates** plant where CO<sub>2</sub> is reacted with solid waste incinerators product (fly ash) to make carbonates.



Iceland's **CRI (Carbon Recycling International)**: The 2012 industrial scale facility converts CO<sub>2</sub> to **methanol** was expanded to 4,000 ton/year in 2015. The plant uses Iceland's mix of no-carbon power sources such as hydro, geothermal and wind

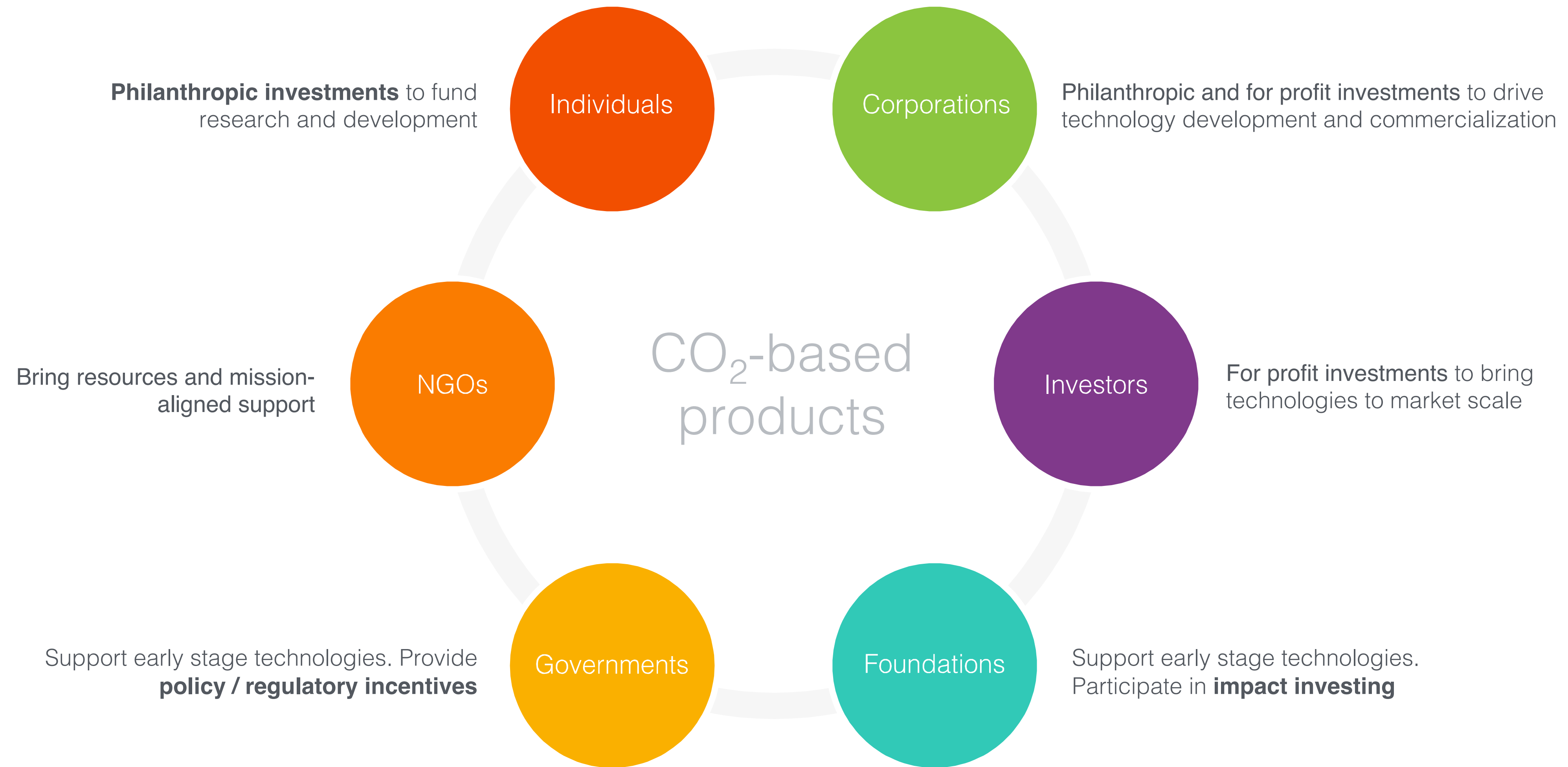
# Making the case: 4. Are CO<sub>2</sub>-based products commercially viable?

## Techno-Economic Viability: Cement



- A new process for making cement that is cured with CO<sub>2</sub>
- Does not assume a premium for being green.
- Has low capex for retrofitting
- Has lower overall cost
- The techno-economic feasibility was confirmed as the industry leader decided to invest in and test the technology
- Is expected to scale in the next 12-24 months

# The approach: building partnerships with key stakeholders



# And accelerate innovation while building a market





# Making the case: 6. Is The Global CO<sub>2</sub> Initiative the right partner?

**The GCI is positioned to play a leading role in bringing CO<sub>2</sub>-based products to the market. It will serve a unique role as:**

- **Trusted third party**
  - Facilitates and orchestrates interactions between all stakeholders on a global scale
- **Accelerator**
  - Identify and advance emerging technologies
  - Accelerate development of emerging technologies using a unique funding model (slide x)
  - Early and broad engagement of industry
- **Convener**
  - Big tent
  - Information and technology transfer
  - Collaboration with policy and regulatory bodies
  - The global source for CO<sub>2</sub>-based product innovation and markets

# Our unique toolset

Grant making and investments are driven by in-depth, proprietary knowledge

Is this a worthwhile effort?

How do we find these opportunities?

How do we assess their carbon reduction potential?

How do we assess their commercial viability?

How do we make an impact at scale?

Market Assessment & Environmental Impact

Cognitive Computing

Life Cycle Analysis

Techno Economic Analysis

Roadmap for Implementation

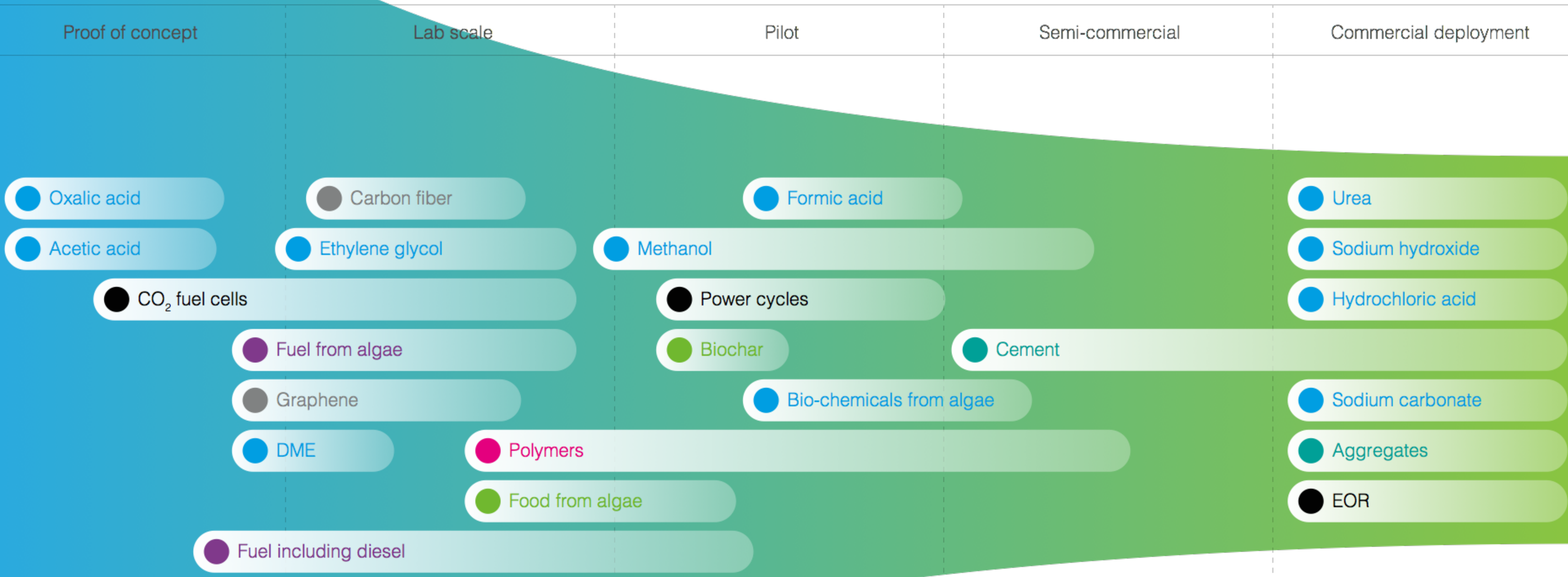
Innovation at every step

# An experienced and motivated team

Driven by a team of global scientific, technical, and business leaders



# CO<sub>2</sub>-based product technology readiness



- Fuel
- Construction materials
- New materials
- Chemicals
- Plastics
- Agriculture & food
- Industrial

# A unique structure and two platform model



# Focused technology development and commercialization

Bold grant making and investment focus

CO<sub>2</sub> capture

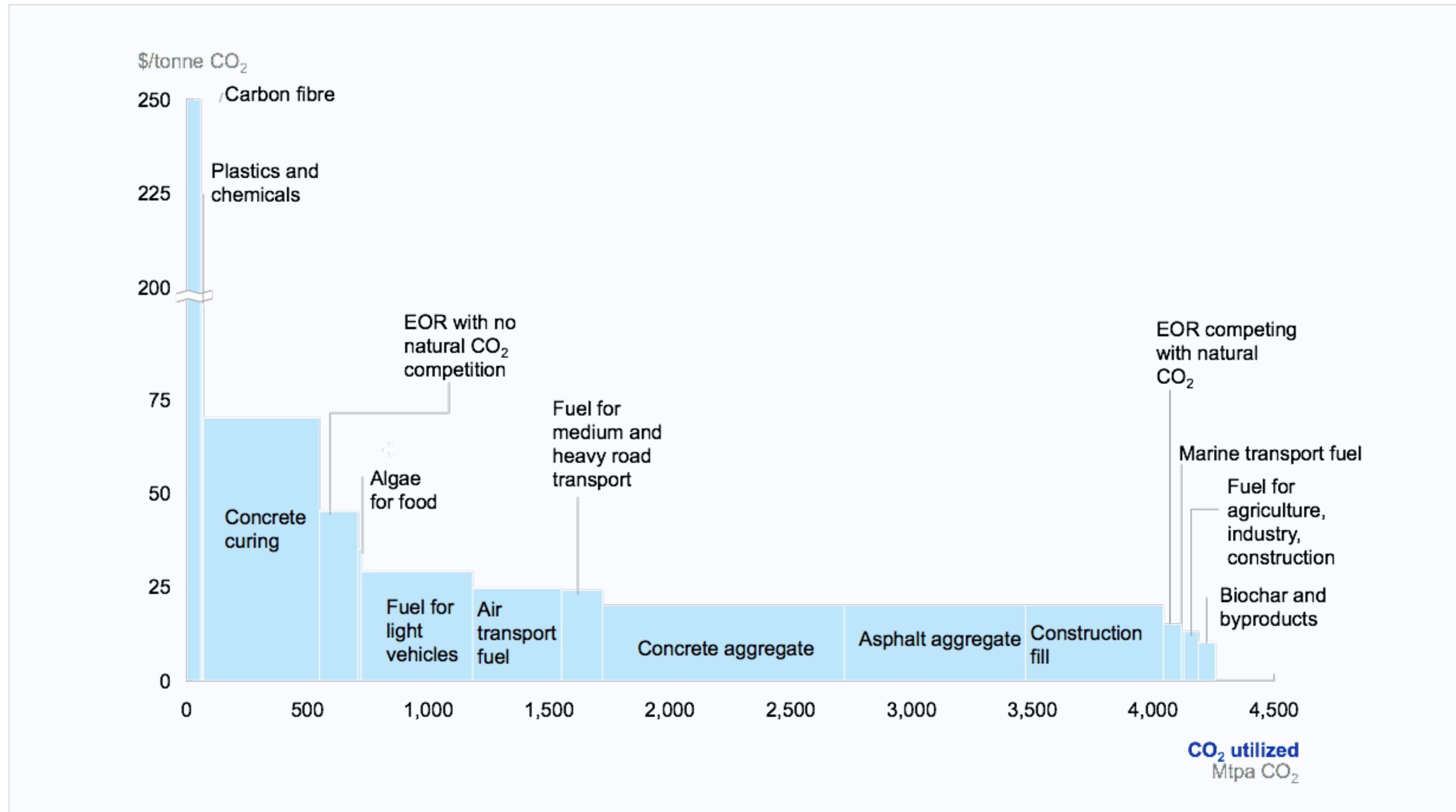
CO<sub>2</sub> transformation into  
CO<sub>2</sub>-based products

Hydrogen generation  
(Hydrogen is sometimes needed to  
make products)

Low-carbon power sources  
(generation and storage)  
Needed to make products

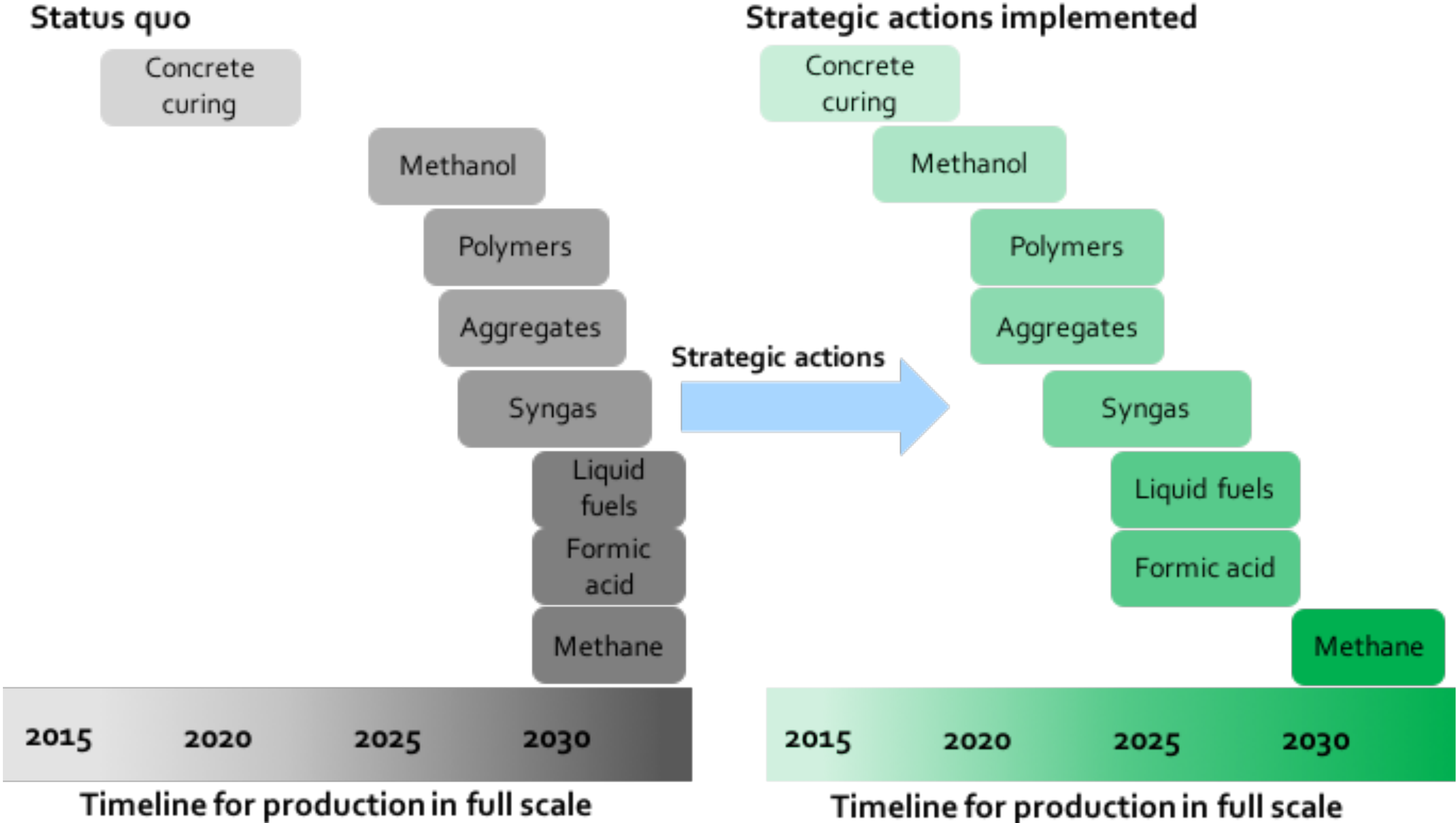
# Commercial focus

Analysis of willingness to pay for CO<sub>2</sub> as an input feedstock



Source: Analysis by McKinsey and Company for CO<sub>2</sub> Sciences, Inc.

# Implementing strategic actions will drive adoption of CO<sub>2</sub>U





# Conclusions

## **A number of factors are converging to accelerate the development and adoption of CO<sub>2</sub>-based products**

- COP21 created a great sense of urgency to act. Many realize that carbon negative technologies are essential to attaining the goals set in Paris.
- Significant reduction in the cost of low carbon power
- Market traction as manifested by the building and commissioning of several commercial CO<sub>2</sub>-based product plants in Europe and the U.S.
- Major government initiatives (such as Mission Innovation) specify CO<sub>2</sub>-based products as one of the most important pathways to reducing carbon emissions

# Conclusions

## Making the case:

**1. Do CO<sub>2</sub>-based products work? Do they reduce emissions?**

There are a number of processes that can lead to reduction in overall CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Careful consideration should be given to the footprint of co-reactants and source of energy.

**2. Do CO<sub>2</sub>-based products have a significant environmental impact?**

CO<sub>2</sub>-based products can account for an annual 10% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030.

**3. Is the market opportunity material?**

CO<sub>2</sub>-based products can lead to developing an annual \$1 trillion industry by 2030.

**4. Are CO<sub>2</sub>-based products commercially viable? What does techno-economic feasibility look like?**

Some products can be commercially viable in the short term. Others are far from it. Therefore, a roadmap for deploying CO<sub>2</sub>-based products is needed. We expect to have such a roadmap completed before the end of the year.

**5. Is partnership the right model for getting engaged in CO<sub>2</sub>-based products?**

The level of complexity, the stage of development, and the amount of funding required necessitates creating partnerships from different stakeholders - governments, corporations, investors and foundations.

**6. Is The Global CO<sub>2</sub> Initiative the right partner?**

The Global CO<sub>2</sub> Initiative can play the role of a trusted third party. It has the right structure and business model to address the challenges of the emerging CO<sub>2</sub>-based products industry. GCI has access to first tier talent and tools to ensure success.



# Financial returns and climate impact

Realizing the power of a market-based solution