



# CARBON UTILIZATION

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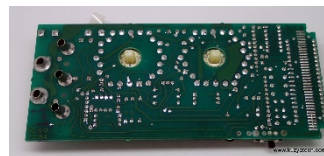
# HISTORY OF SOME CARBON/CO<sub>2</sub> UTILIZATION IN COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS (NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST)



1924: CO<sub>2</sub> fire suppression patented in US



1970s: enhanced oil recovery (EOR)



1990s: used as a precision cleaning solution for electronic surfaces



2014: Skyonic project

1922: Urea production using CO<sub>2</sub> and ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) developed



1970s: Decaffeination of unroasted coffee beans



1990s: Use in polyurethane foam production (used in furniture, flooring, transportation)



2015: SABIC Project in KSA recognized by CSLF



Photo of CO<sub>2</sub> capture and purification plant at SABIC's affiliate, UNITED, located in Jubail industrial city. courtesy of SABIC as presented at CSLF Ministerial meeting, November 2015.

# BENEFITS OF CARBON UTILIZATION

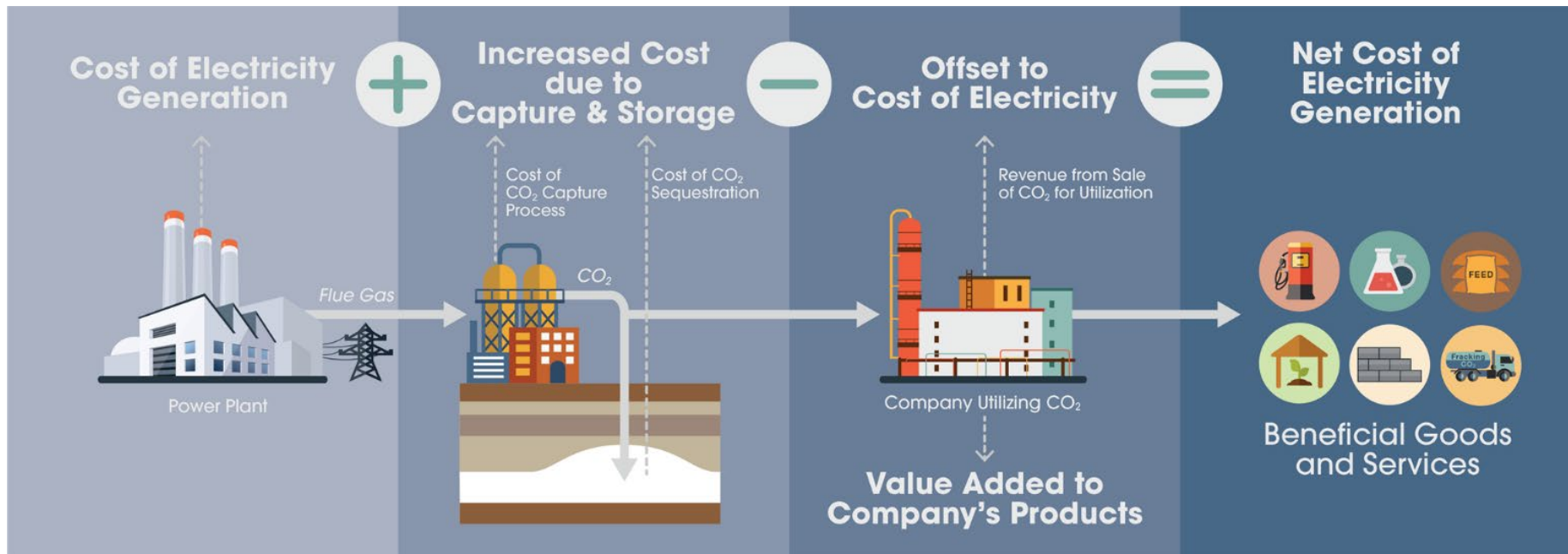
- Provides a means of generating revenue to partially offset cost of CO<sub>2</sub> capture.
- Potential for feedstock substitution and associated emissions reduction.
- Production of green products.
- Basis for claiming carbon credits/tax incentives.
- Development of markets for new materials.
- Creation of jobs as new processes are implemented.
- Technology Specific Benefits:
  - New uses for waste streams
  - Production of products with enhanced properties (e.g., strength, durability, weight, etc).
  - Less CO<sub>2</sub> that needs to be geologically stored – less wells, less land/surface area/pore space... which means equipment in the field

# MARKET DRIVEN SOLUTION



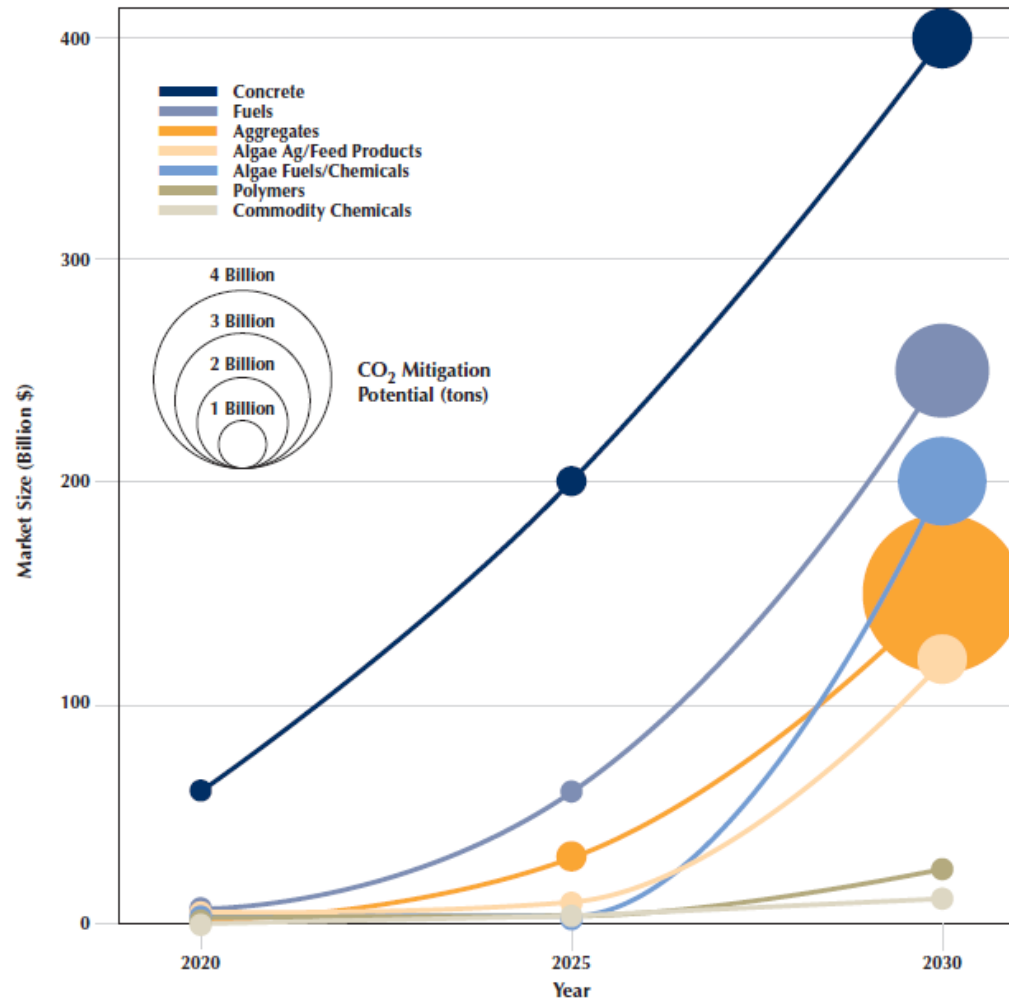
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# MARKET POTENTIAL

FIGURE 3: Market size and GHG mitigation potential of selected CCU sectors

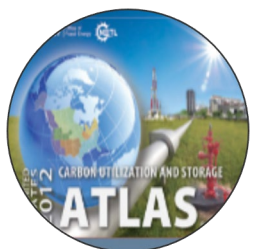


Source: C2ES/Cogentiv Solutions analysis of market trends and potential greenhouse gas reduction capacity based on market projections from the Global CO<sub>2</sub> Initiative's Roadmap.



## Carbon Utilization

R&D and technologies to convert CO<sub>2</sub> to value-added products



## Carbon Storage

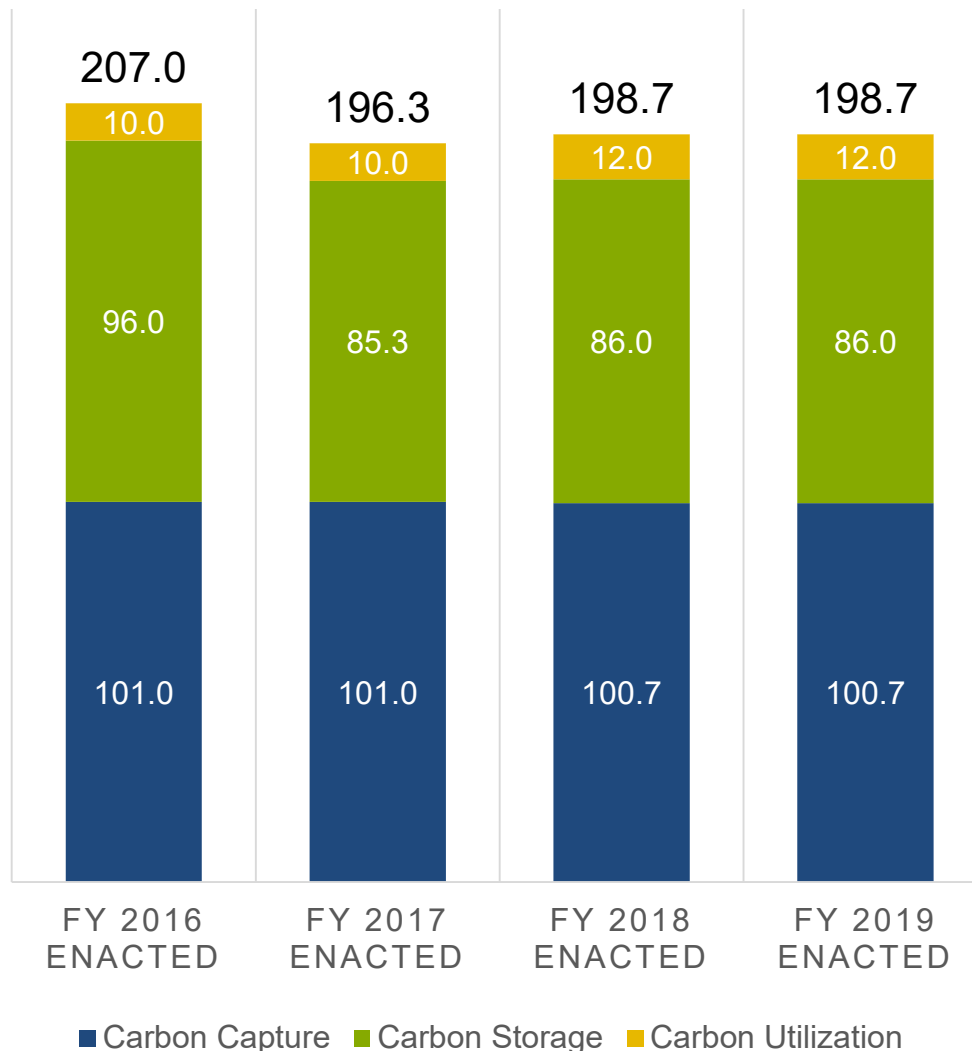
Safe, cost-effective, and permanent geologic storage of CO<sub>2</sub>



## Carbon Capture

R&D and scale-up technologies for capturing CO<sub>2</sub> from new and existing industrial and power plants





















\$ millions



# SOME GLOBAL INITIATIVES

## Carbon X-Prize:

- launched in September 2015
- \$20 million available
- 10 finalists
- Winners announced March 1, 2020

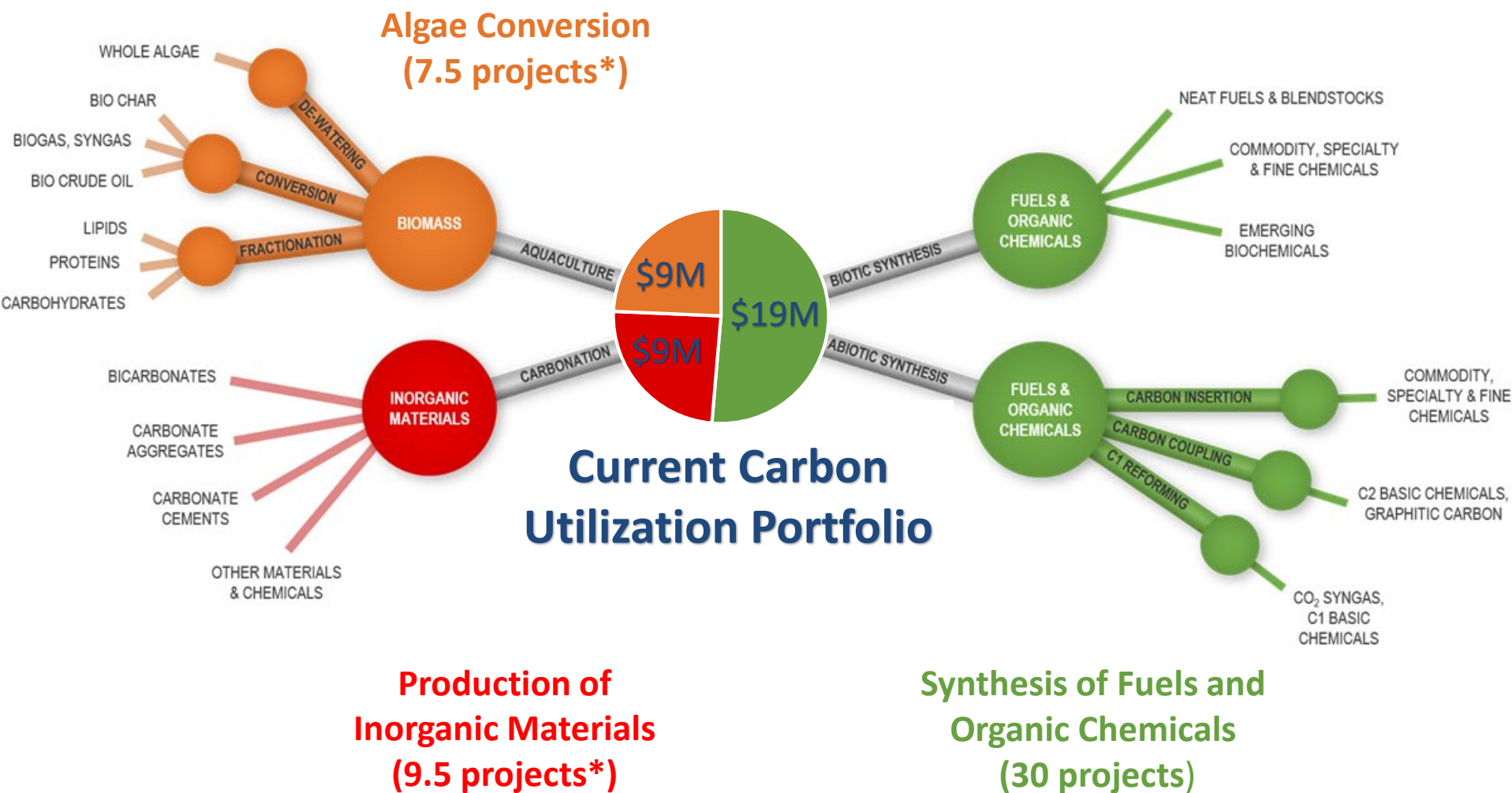
 Breathe  India	 C2CNT  United States	 C4X  China	 Carbon Capture Machine  United Kingdom
 Carbon Upcycling Technologies  Canada	 Carbon Upcycling UCLA  United States	 CarbonCure  Canada	 CERT  Canada
 Dimensional Energy  United States	 Newlight  United States	<div>Carbon X-Prize finalists</div>	

## Oil and Gas Climate Initiative (OGCI) investments:

- Solidia Technologies – CO<sub>2</sub> utilization in concrete (October 2017)
- Econic – CO<sub>2</sub> into polyols (September 2018)

## Policies:

- US: 45Q tax credit revision (2018). \$35/ton for converting into fuels, chemicals, or other useful products (e.g., cement).



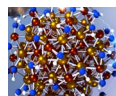
\*Some projects incorporate multiple conversion pathways



## Thermochemical Challenges



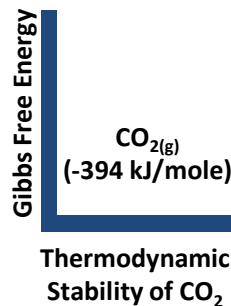
Reliable, inexpensive  
carbon-lean energy



Catalysts

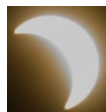
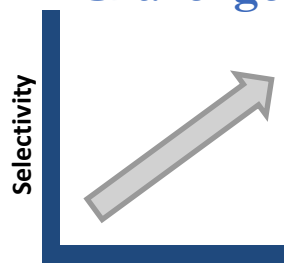


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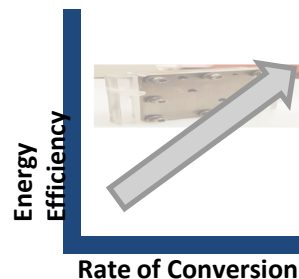


High Energy Reactants

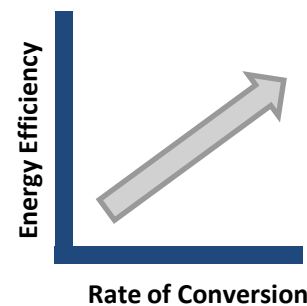
## Electrochemical & Photochemical Challenges



Limited utilization of the solar  
spectrum by photocatalysts



## Mineral Carbonation

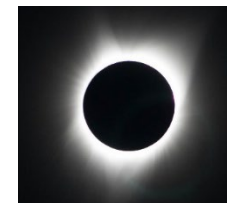


Availability of  
Alkaline Industrial  
Wastes

## Biological Capture



Efficient land use  
Algae processing



Efficient capture of total  
solar radiation

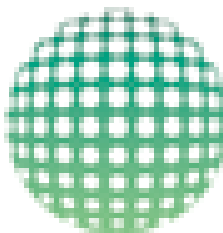
# EARLY UTILIZATION PROGRAM SUCCESSES

**MCGILL UNIVERSITY**



**CARBON  
CURE™**

**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY**



**Solidia  
Technologies**

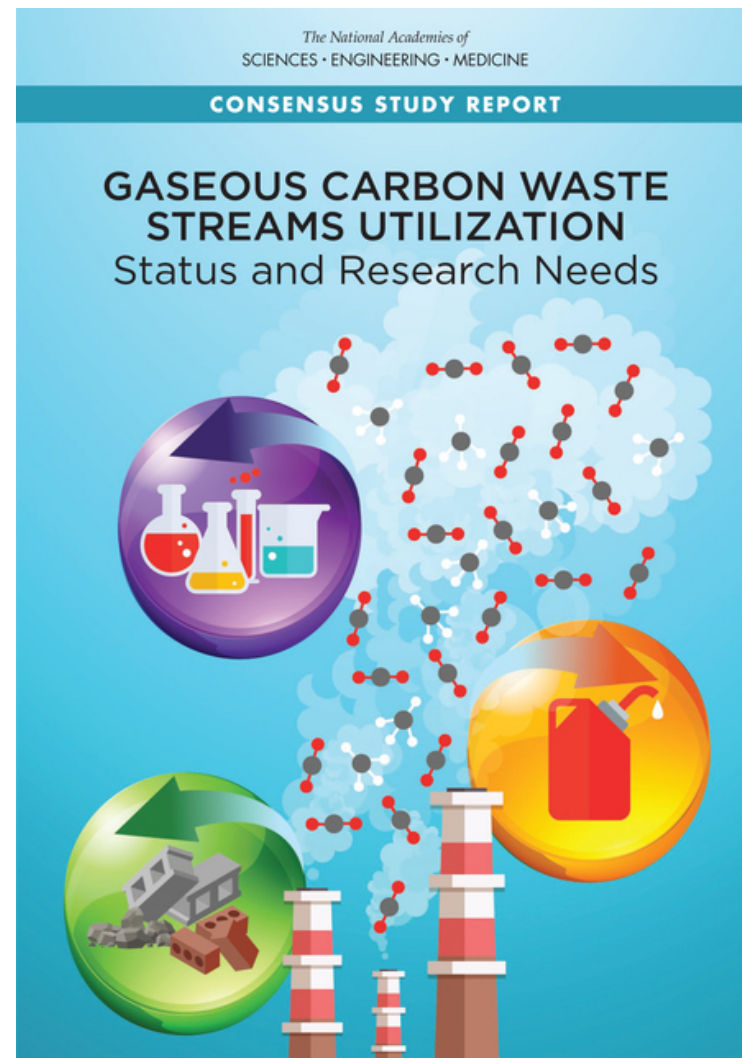


**Novomer**  
Catalyzing Green Chemistry

## *Gaseous Carbon Waste Streams Utilization: Status and Research Needs*

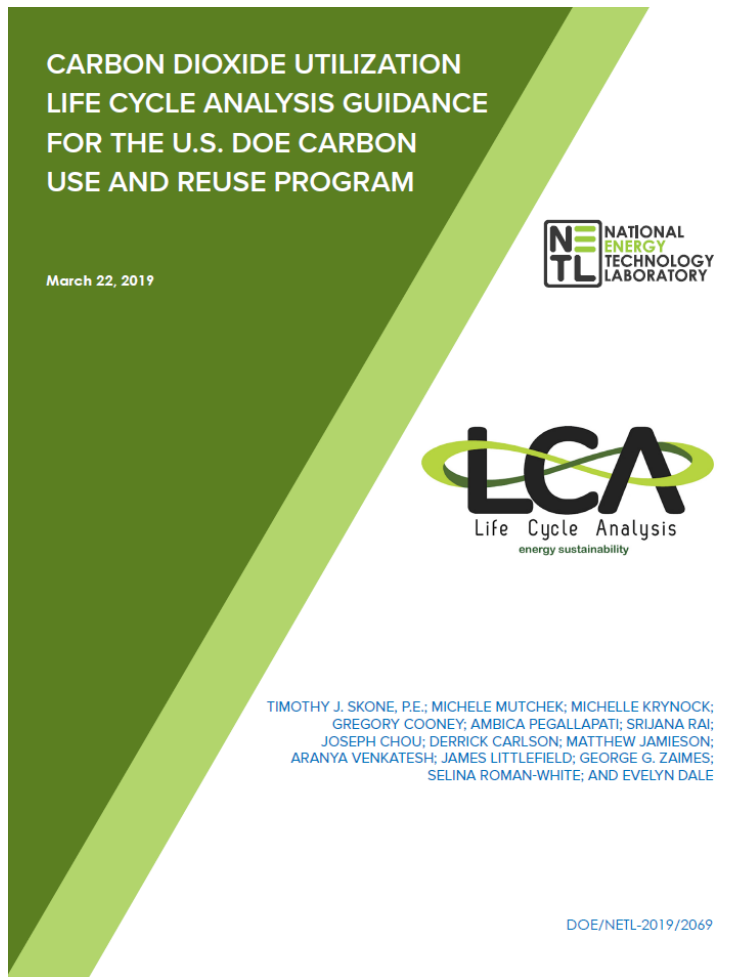
Released October 18, 2018

- Research Agenda and Challenges
- Improvements Needed
- Research Needs
- Market Opportunities
- Commercialization Opportunities
- LCA Requirements



<https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25232/gaseous-carbon-waste-streams-utilization-status-and-research-needs>

- DOE FE/NETL Life Cycle Analyses work and templates, best practices, baseline studies



*A comprehensive form of analysis that evaluates the environmental, economic, and social attributes of energy systems ranging from the extraction of raw materials from the ground to the use of the energy carrier to perform work.*

NETL CO<sub>2</sub>U LCA Toolkit is now available at [netl.doe.gov/LCA/CO2U](https://netl.doe.gov/LCA/CO2U)

# SOME OVERALL THEMES

- **Carbon utilization technologies have a role to play in future carbon management and the circular carbon economy.**
- **Number of CO<sub>2</sub> utilization options available - mechanism for deployment and commercialization.**
- **Needs to be done at scale.**
  - Need high-volume and high-value products
  - Dependent upon the pace of technology development and future energy, market, and regulatory landscapes
  - Leverage regional and temporal resources, infrastructure and feedstocks
- **EOR is the most near-term utilization option.**
- **Non-EOR CO<sub>2</sub> utilization options are at varying degrees of commercial readiness and technical maturity.**
  - Research needs to be multifaceted and multiscale
  - More detailed, transparent, and consistent technical, economic, and environmental analyses should be conducted



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Thanks for your attention. Questions?

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