



# Valorisation Carbone Québec

## A unique CO<sub>2</sub> capture and utilization project

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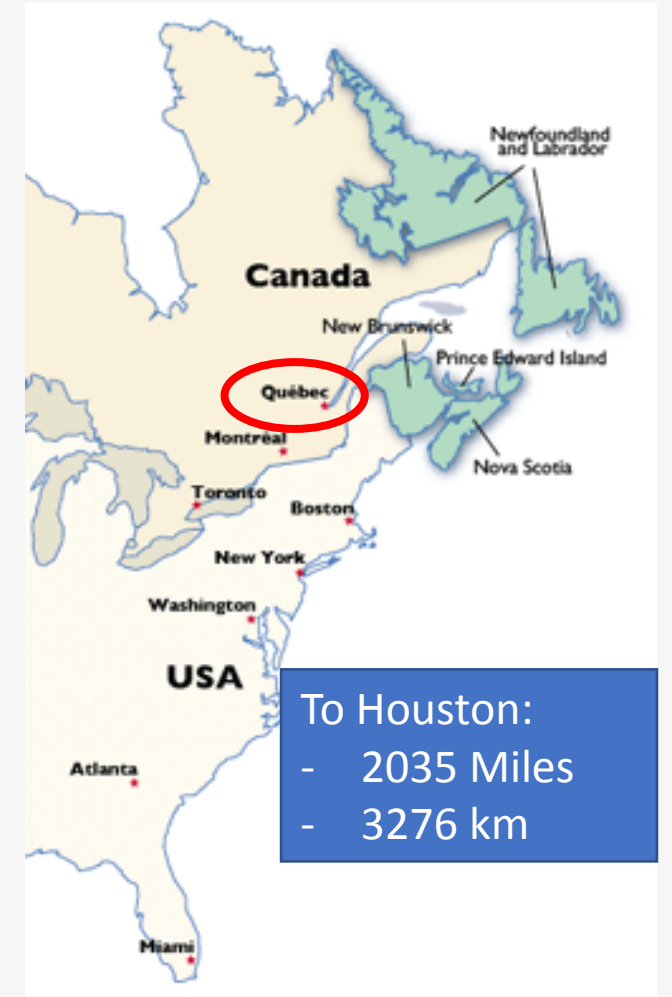
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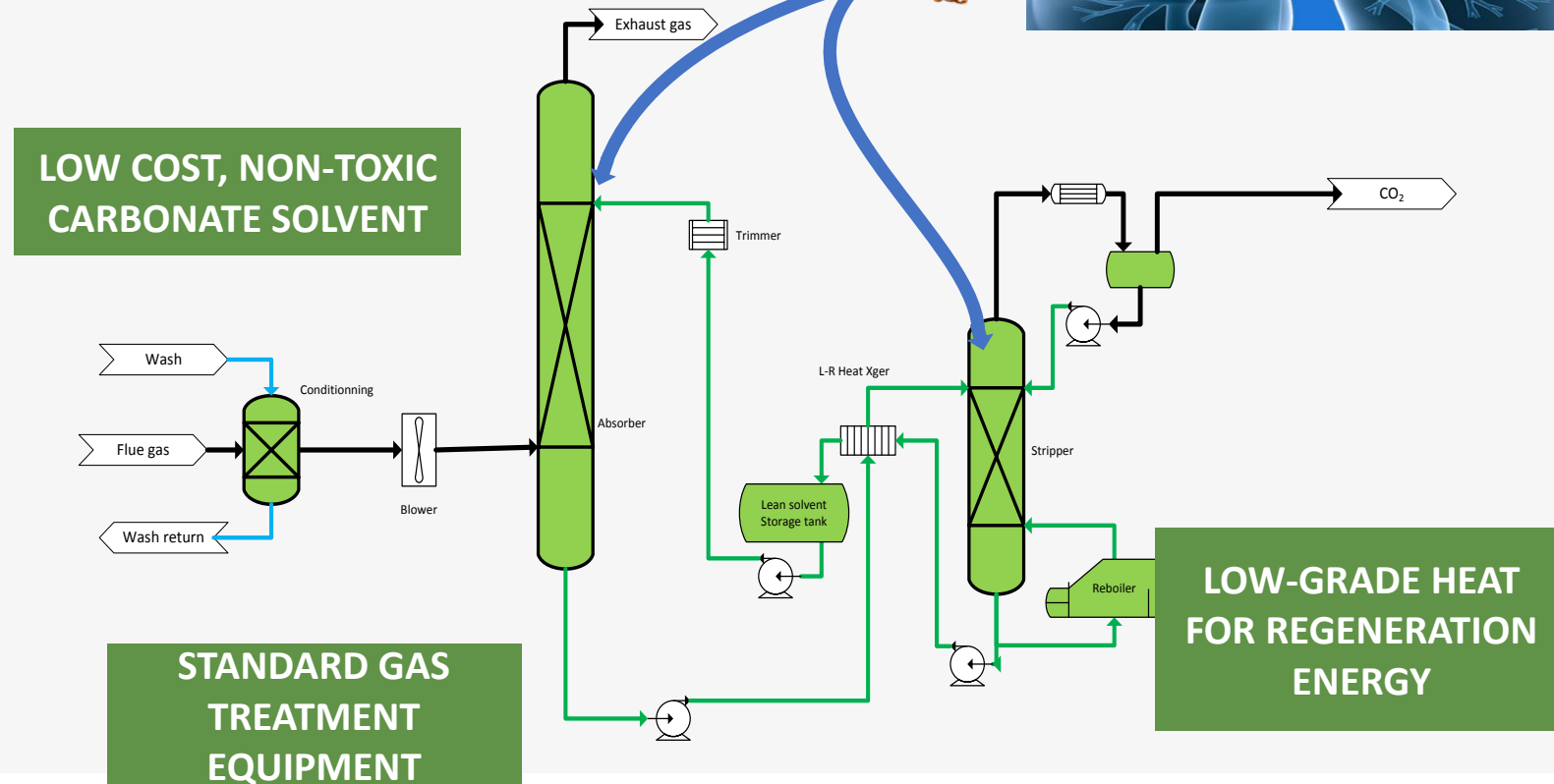
# WHO ARE WE?

- **Canadian company**, head office in Québec City
- 23 employees, high tech (7 PhD's)
- CSI is the provider of a **patented** (80+ patents) **CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology** based on the use of *Carbonic Anhydrase* (CA)
  - ✓ Can capture any level of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted from stationary sources, at any rate
  - ✓ Delivers extremely pure CO<sub>2</sub>, dry or wet
- The process offers the **lowest capture cost** among existing technologies
- The process is the only **commercially available** capture process that doesn't generate **toxic by-products**
- Potential applications:
  - ✓ Direct utilization of captured CO<sub>2</sub> as industrial gas
  - ✓ Sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> for carbon mitigation
- Publicly traded on TSX-V (CST)



# THE TECHNOLOGY

- Biomimicking
  - ✓ **Industrial lung** using the **enzyme Carbonic Anhydrase (CA)**
- The process



# Robust Patent Portfolio

**BROAD PATENT PORTFOLIO** FOR USE OF  
**CARBONIC ANHYDRASE** IN CANADA, U.S., EU,  
CHINA, AUSTRALIA AND OTHER MARKETS

**46** ISSUED **37** PENDING\*

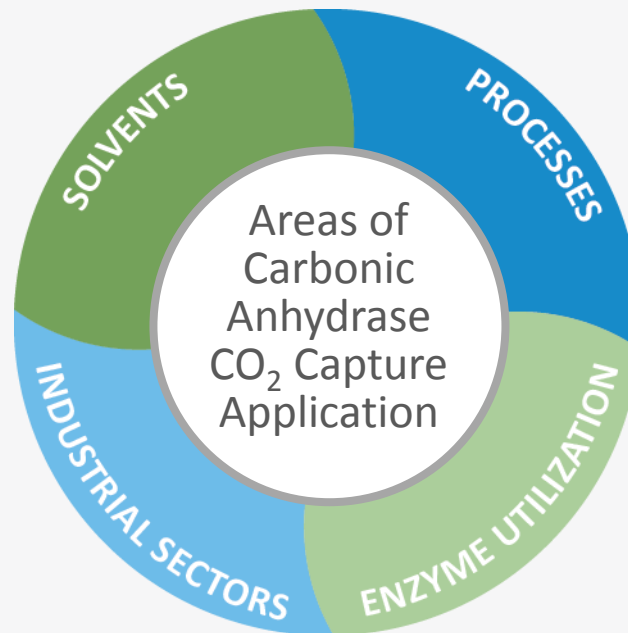
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## SOLVENTS

Amines  
Carbonates  
Amino Acids  
Combinations

## INDUSTRIAL SECTORS

Power  
Steam  
'Drop-in' Applications



## PROCESSES

Packed Tower  
Spray Scrubber  
Bubble Column  
Universal

## ENZYME UTILIZATION

Soluble  
Particle-Based  
Analogues



# Commercial Progress – Capture and Utilization



<2014  
Lab and  
Bench-Scale:  
0.5 tpd



2014-2015  
Pilot:  
1 tpd



2015  
Demonstration:  
10 tpd

## **30 tpd project, Can\$7.4 M**

- Preliminary engineering completed.
- Detailed engineering underway.
- To be commissioned in 2018.

## **Up to 300 tpd, Can\$30 M**

- In negotiation with industrial and financial partners.

2016+  
Commercial:  
10-300 tpd; \$37M  
CAPEX in Canada

# Capture Technology Demonstrated

- 5 times less enzyme than the design basis
- CO<sub>2</sub> produced is at 99.95%+ purity
- No solvent degradation observed
- No solvent makeup required
- No toxic waste products generated
  - Solvent sent to the municipal sewer
- Operation with day shift operators only
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party validation of performance (Tetrattech Inc.)





# CURRENT COMMERCIAL PROJECT – 30 TPD SCALE

- Toundra Greenhouses (ST) – Resolute Forest Products (RFP)
- Commercial Contract
  - ✓ August 2016
- Detailed engineering underway



## SERRES TOUNDRA (ST)

Saint-Félicien, QC

- Capture of up to 30tpd CO<sub>2</sub> from Resolute Forest Products' (RFP) pulp mill
- Utilize mill's low-grade / waste heat for process
- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> output form mill
- Share carbon credits
- Supply of captured CO<sub>2</sub> to neighboring ST greenhouse complex through binding offtake agreement

Full CO<sub>2</sub> value chain enabled by CO<sub>2</sub> Solutions' technology



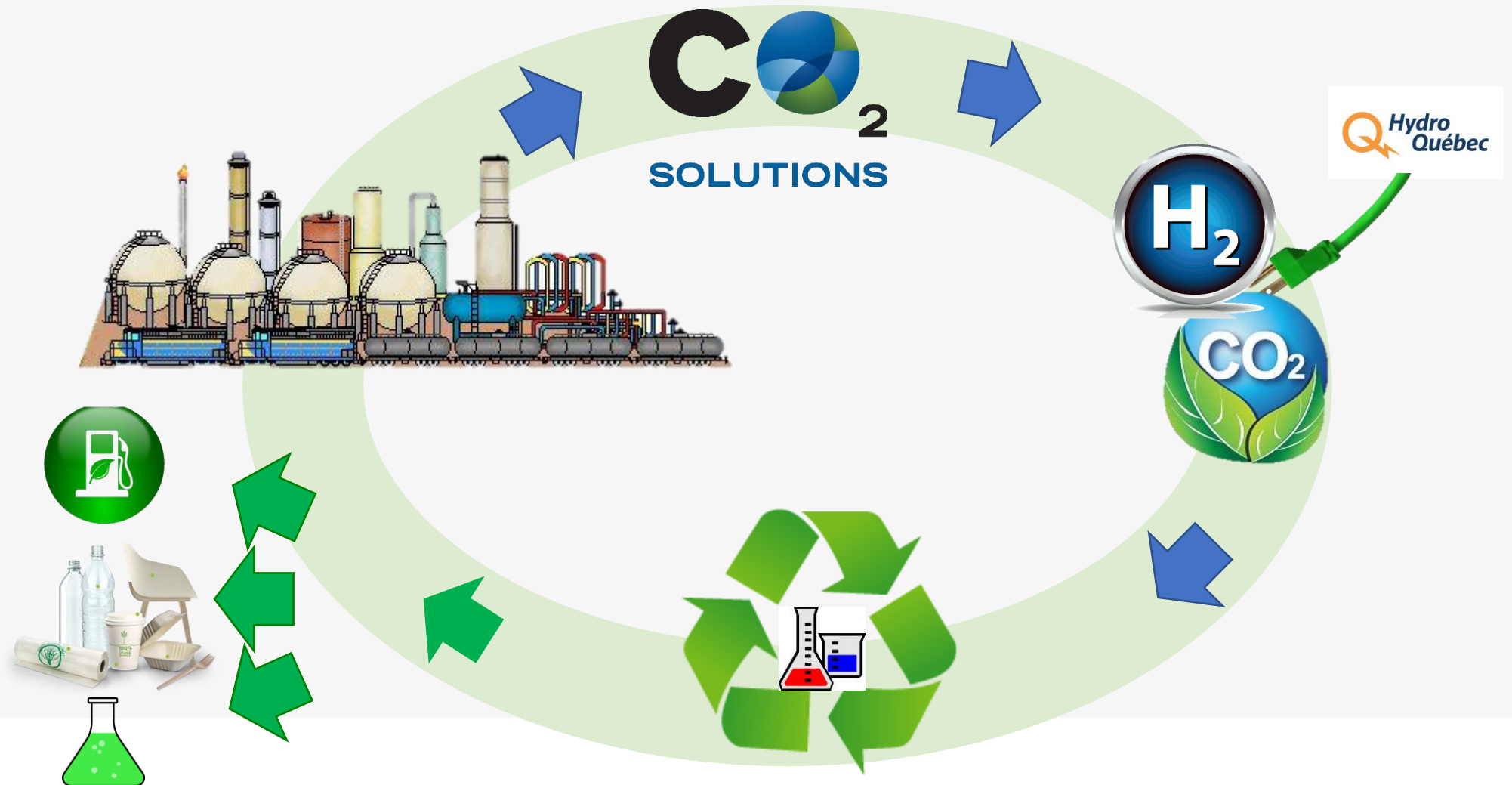
# CURRENT CO<sub>2</sub> UTILIZATION PROJECT – 30 TPD SCALE

- Startup in Q3 of 2018



# THE VALORISATION CARBONE QUÉBEC PROJECT

- The province of Québec has a 100% renewable power portfolio



# VCQ OVERVIEW – A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

- Led by CO<sub>2</sub> Solutions in partnership with Laval University and Hatch
- \$15 million grant from the Government of Québec (Green Fund) / \$5 million in-kind contribution from the partners
- Goals
  - ✓ Industrially demonstrate (tpd scale) processes for CO<sub>2</sub> utilization into value-added products coupled to CO<sub>2</sub> Solutions' capture technology
  - ✓ Help industry reduce GHG emissions without damaging its ability to compete on economic terms
- Reviewing 100+ potential CO<sub>2</sub> utilization processes for demo
- Particular interest in processes that can use Québec's renewable/hydro electricity
- Parachem site selected as the VCQ demonstration site





# VCQ OVERVIEW – TWO PARALLEL TRACKS

- Demonstration
  - Quickly setup capture and utilization demonstration, before end of 2017, combining:
    - The 10 tpd capture unit from CO<sub>2</sub> Solutions
    - Attach at least one CO<sub>2</sub> utilization unit to demonstrate
      - Technical feasibility
      - Economic viability
      - Generate data to support both
- Development
  - Assemble a multidisciplinary scientific team to accelerate the development of processes close to maturity
  - Solve issues related to scale-up
  - Establish development path to allow for demonstration before March 2019

# VCQ PARACHEM SITE IN MONTRÉAL EAST

- Parachem (Former Gulf Refinery)
  - ✓ 51% owned by Suncor Energy;
  - ✓ Producer of paraxylene
- Available at site
  - ✓ Large site (6 000 sq. ft.)
  - ✓ H<sub>2</sub>
  - ✓ Water: cooling, fresh, hot, and treatment
  - ✓ Compressed air
  - ✓ Offices, operators
  - ✓ Electrical power



# VCQ – CSI CO<sub>2</sub> CAPTURE TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS

- Stripping
  - ✓ Reduce energy consumption further
  - ✓ Determine best-suited equipment and configuration
- Advance the application of high-intensity contactors
  - ✓ Test RPB at 10 tpd scale
  - ✓ Design container-sized capture unit
  - ✓ Accumulate process experience from many months of operation





# A THOROUGH REVIEW OF UTILIZATION TECHNOLOGIES

- 100+ technologies reviewed (Laval University)
- Comprehensive list of criteria, double rating

## Technology

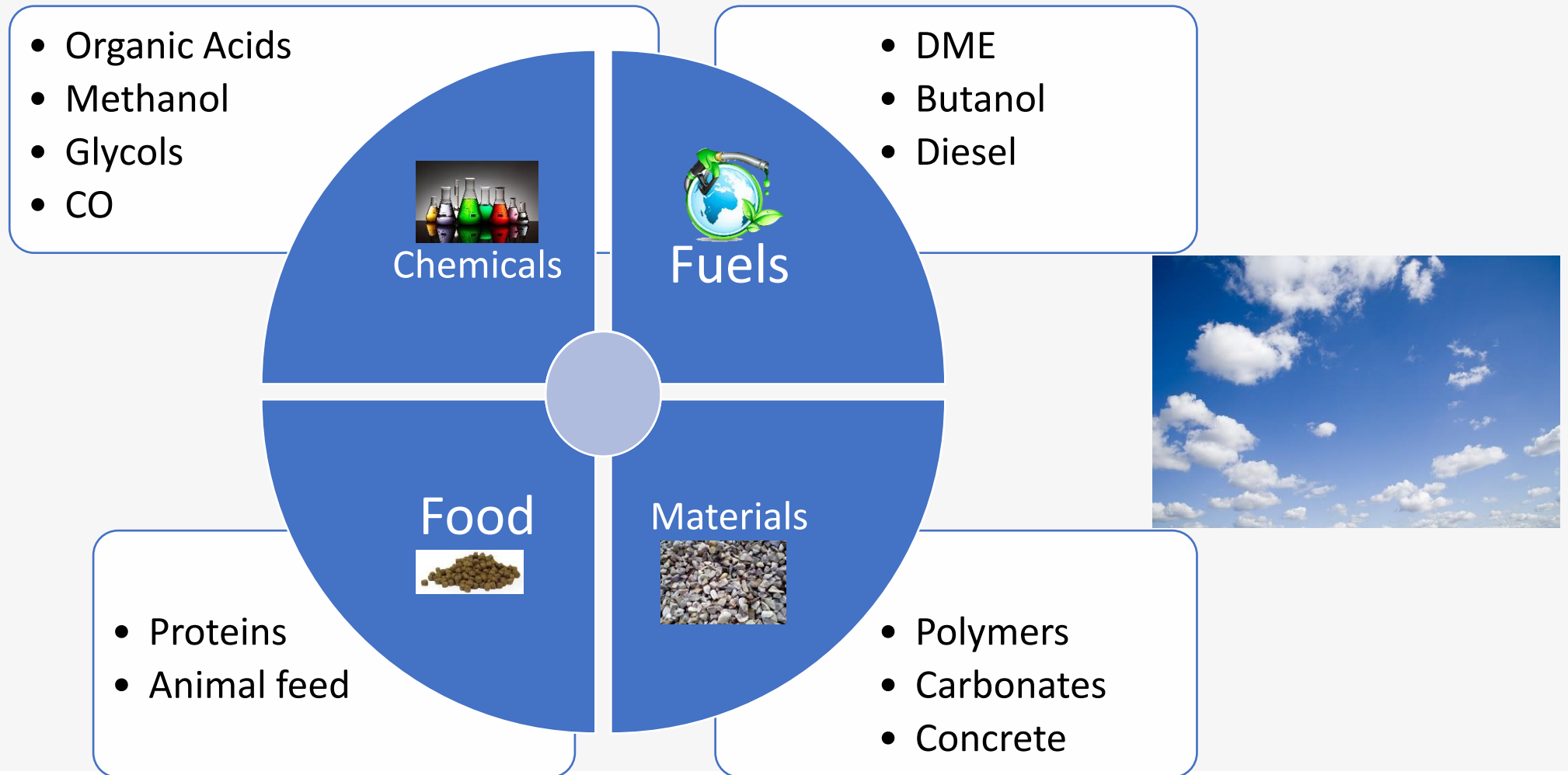
Conversion type (Bio, chemical, hybrid)  
Efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub> conversion  
Number of reactions involved (complexity)  
Catalyst used (cost, lifespan)  
Product (output)

## Process

Capacity demonstrated so far (tpd)  
Complexity of the separation process required  
Process conditions (P, T, ...)  
Feeds required (H<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, ...)  
Energy involved (GJ/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>)  
Energy type/quality (electricity, stream, ...)  
Conversion costs using inputs (\$/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>)

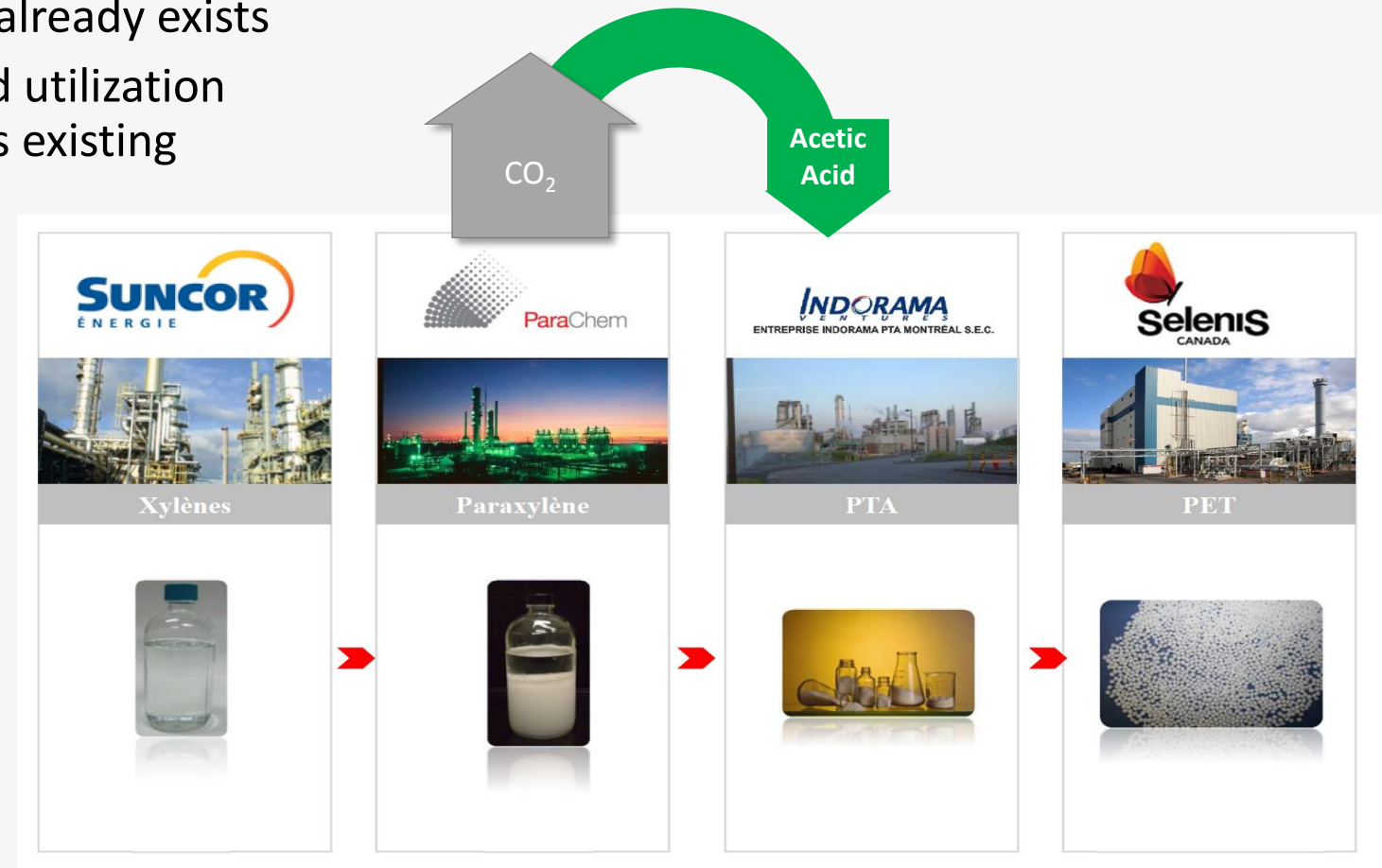


# VCQ - CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization Product Families



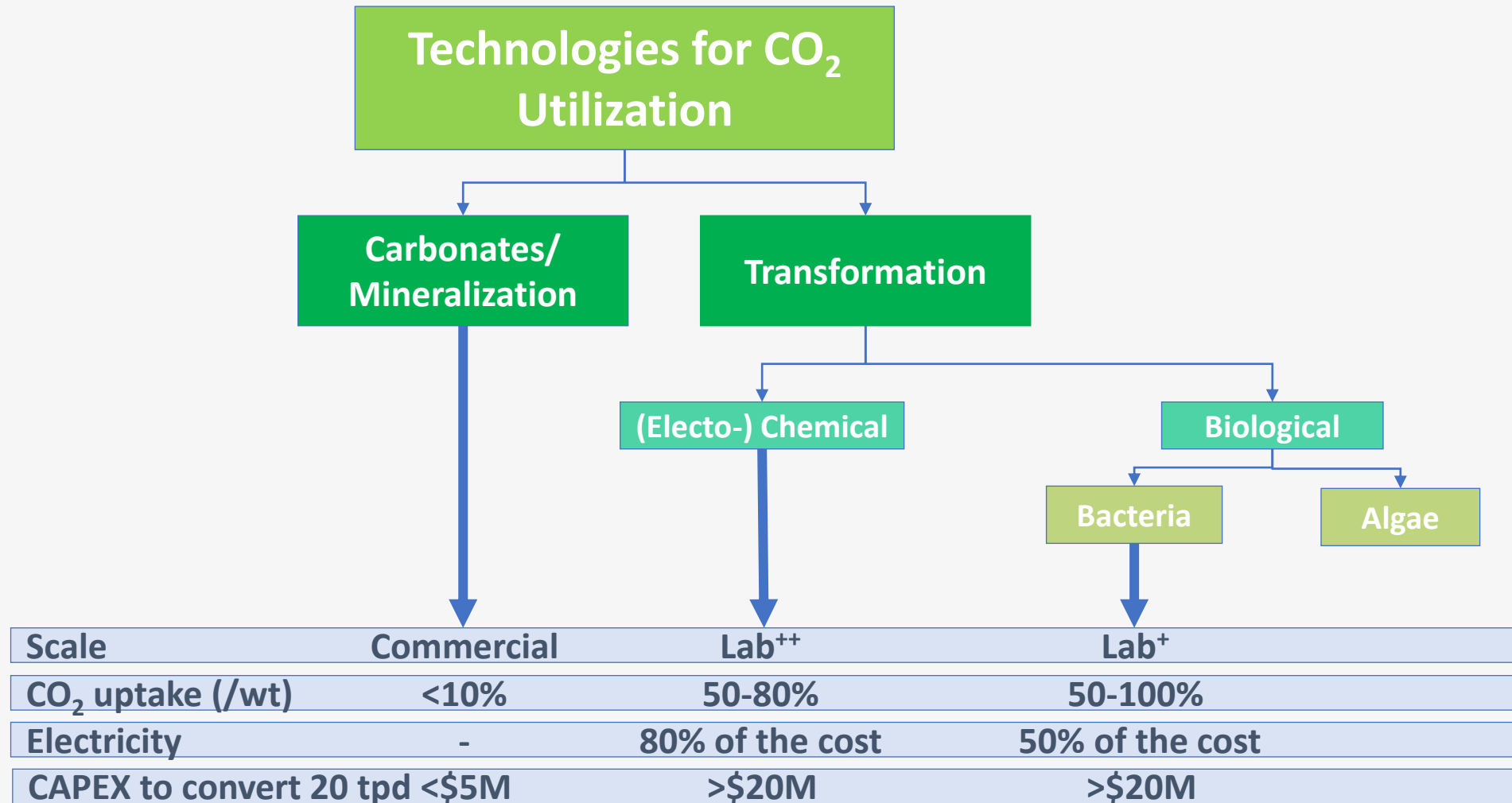
# ACETIC ACID – FIRST UTILIZATION TECHNOLOGY SELECTED

- Industrial ecology in Montreal East
  - ✓ Complete **Poly Ester Chain** already exists
  - ✓ Addition of CO<sub>2</sub> capture and utilization into Acetic Acid strengthens existing relationships





# CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization – Routes and Impacts on Investments – Some Learnings



# VCQ – TIMELINE SUMMARY

- Since January 2017
  - ✓ Signature
  - ✓ Hatch Inc. officially named as the engineering partner
  - ✓ Laval University technology review
  - ✓ Scientific advisory committee launched
  - ✓ Acetic acid confirmed as first CO<sub>2</sub> utilization product
  - ✓ Completed relocation of CO<sub>2</sub> capture unit to Parachem site
  - ✓ Agreement under review with three more CO<sub>2</sub> utilization technologies
- August
  - ✓ Capture unit restarts at Parachem
- October
  - ✓ First CO<sub>2</sub> utilization unit installed and running
  - ✓ Agreements with up to three more CO<sub>2</sub> utilization technologies

# CSI SUMMARY

- Process performance confirmed
  - ✓ Enzyme stable in process
  - ✓ No toxic waste generation
  - ✓ No aerosol issues
  - ✓ No solvent degradation
  - ✓ Solvent
    - Can be eliminated in standard water treatment plant
    - Can be converted into fertilizers when spent
- Capture cost confirmed
  - ✓ **<30\$/tonne @ 1250 tpd scale**
- Commercialization on its way
  - ✓ 30 tpd project is on its way, engineering completed
  - ✓ Up to 300 tpd project in Alberta – at negotiation stage
  - ✓ VCQ has started and will provide access to the most advanced CO<sub>2</sub> utilization technologies in the coming months





# VCQ – SEEKING CO<sub>2</sub> UTILIZATION TECHS AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS

- Fully paid demonstration site
- Providers of CO<sub>2</sub> utilization technologies get access to demonstration site
  - ✓ Funds available to support technology evolution
- Operation for up to 24 months to develop and mature technologies
  - ✓ Full access to performance evaluation for each technology, at all levels of maturity
- Access to first class engineering and expertise in H<sub>2</sub> production
- Privileged relationship with providers of CO<sub>2</sub> utilization technologies
  - ✓ Strategic positioning in the carbon market
- Visibility as leaders in the field
- **Still seeking additional strategic partners and technologies for demonstration**





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