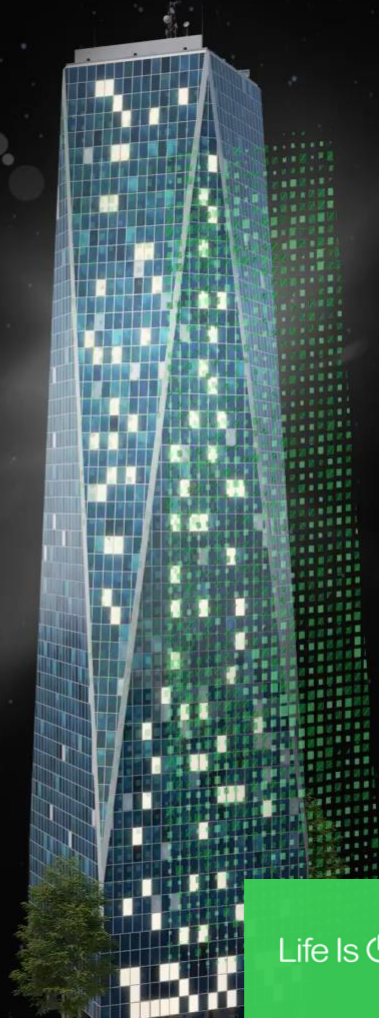


The Path to **Net-Zero Buildings** Post-Occupancy

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Why is **existing building decarbonization** a top priority?



Climate

We need to save

10-15 Gt CO₂/y

by **2030** to meet the
1.5°C climate goal

In **2040**, over

67%

of **global building stock** will be buildings that exist today

Financial

90%

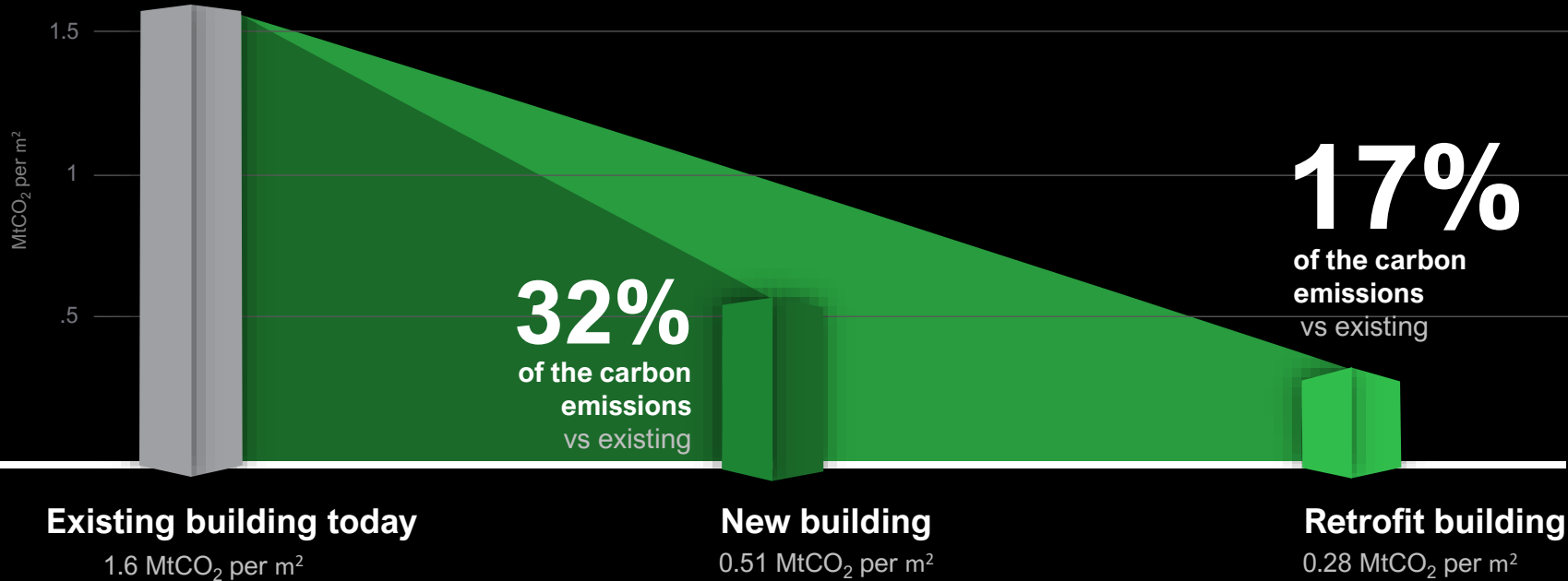
of existing buildings will become a **financial risk** if they fail to **decarbonize**

Up to

30%

asset value discount for stranded assets

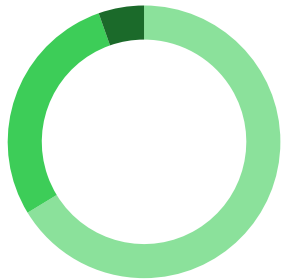
By 2050, **50% of today's buildings**
will still be in use
Our **biggest opportunity** to make a difference is by
retrofitting existing buildings



The market needs to boost both the **rate** and the **depth** of renovations:

Renovation depth in the EU

2012 - 2016



■ Light ■ Medium ■ Deep



increase in speed

15x

To achieve its **2030 climate target** and climate-neutrality by 2050, the EU must increase the deep renovation rate from 0.2% to **3% per year**, and maintain that rate up to 2050¹



increase in depth

70%

By 2030, **70% of all renovations** taking place should be **deep renovations** to hit climate targets, which is in stark contrast to current rates of just 5.4%.

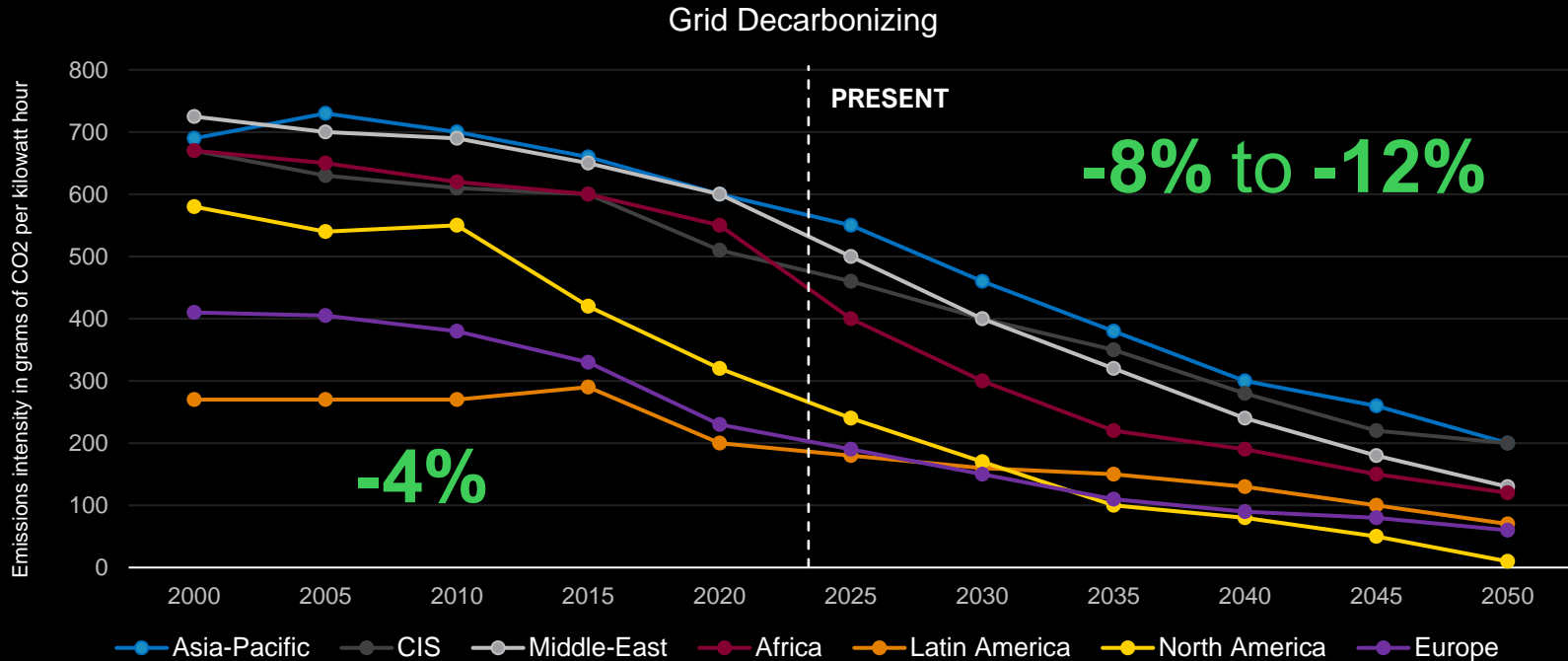


This trend must be reversed

¹ BPIE (Buildings Performance Institute Europe) (2021). Deep Renovation: Shifting from exception to standard practice in EU Policy

We are at an
inflection point

The time to act is NOW



Short- and mid-term: implement strategies with the fastest **efficiency impact**

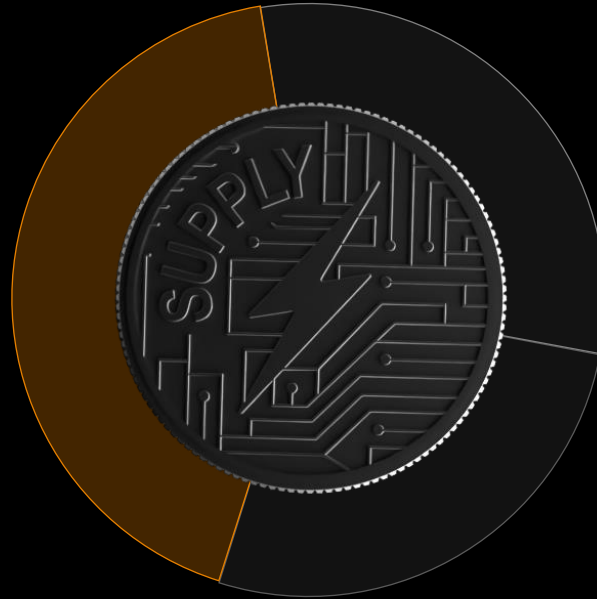
Long-term: as the grid decarbonizes, focus on **electrification**

Decarbonizing supply is just one side of the energy coin...



Offsite renewables purchasing
PPAs

Onsite renewables generation
Solar, microgrid, storage



*Contribution to net-zero energy by 2050

Internal

We need to look at both sides... and tackle **energy demand**



Electrify 
processes

Electrify Everywhere

From transport to heat to industrial processes...
Reduce fossil fuel demand by transitioning to electric

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Reduce

for efficiency and
circularity

Design & Build for Low Carbon

3D-6D BIM design to reduce embodied carbon

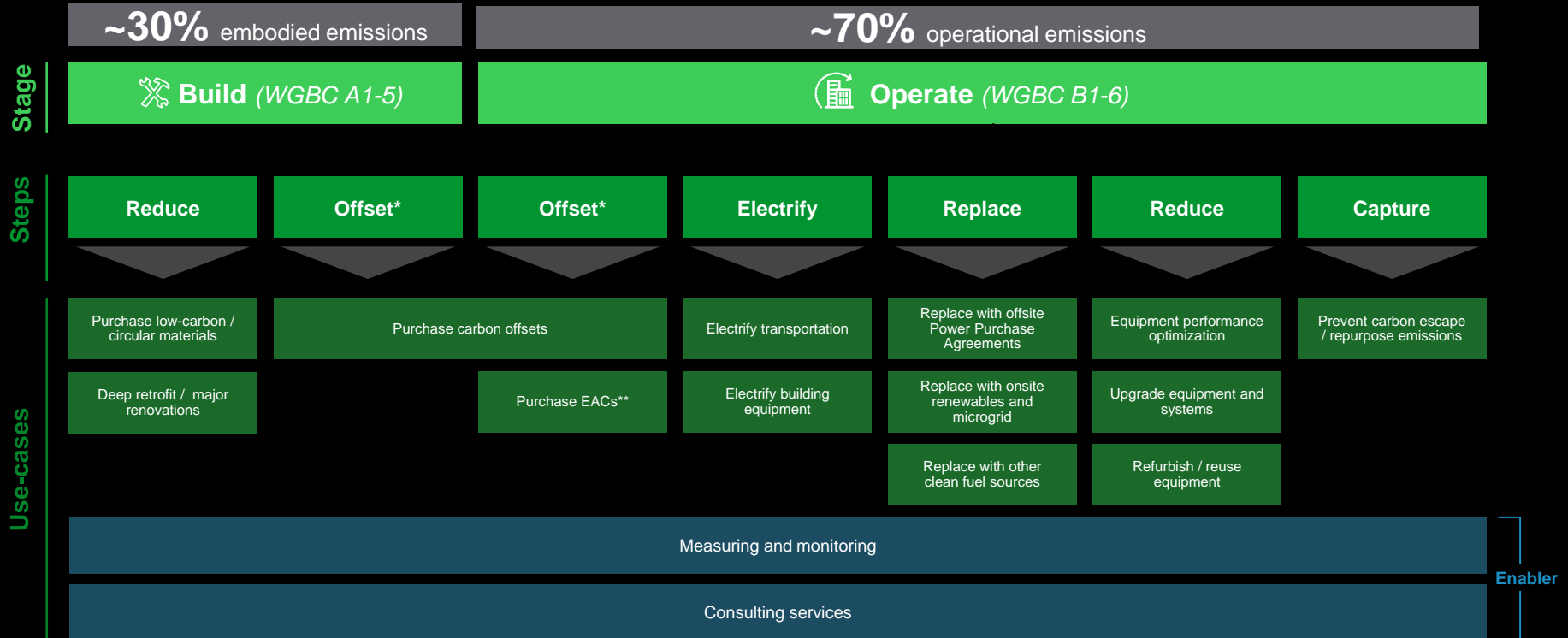
Measure, Monitor & Save

Connected systems and software for
real-time data, insights and automation

Circularity for Avoided Emissions

Choose green by design, with extended life,
efficient usage & clean disposal options

In existing buildings, a key focus is **technology to reduce building energy demand** that has a low upfront carbon impact



Notes: *The "Offset" step maps to the "Other" category of carbon emissions (i.e., emissions that are unavoidable and will require offsets to effectively reduce);
 **Energy Attribute Certifications (EACs), also called Renewable Energy Credits (RECs), and Guarantees of Origin (GOs)
 Order steps and use cases as presented do not represent prioritization or sequence of customer journey
 Sources: SE experts, WGBC, EN 15978 standard

The order of application matters because of the time-value of carbon and the rate of the grid decarbonizing

Annual Carbon Emissions by key steps to net-zero*
kgCO₂e/Year/m²



Become a citizen of the grid and **create decarbonization roadmap**

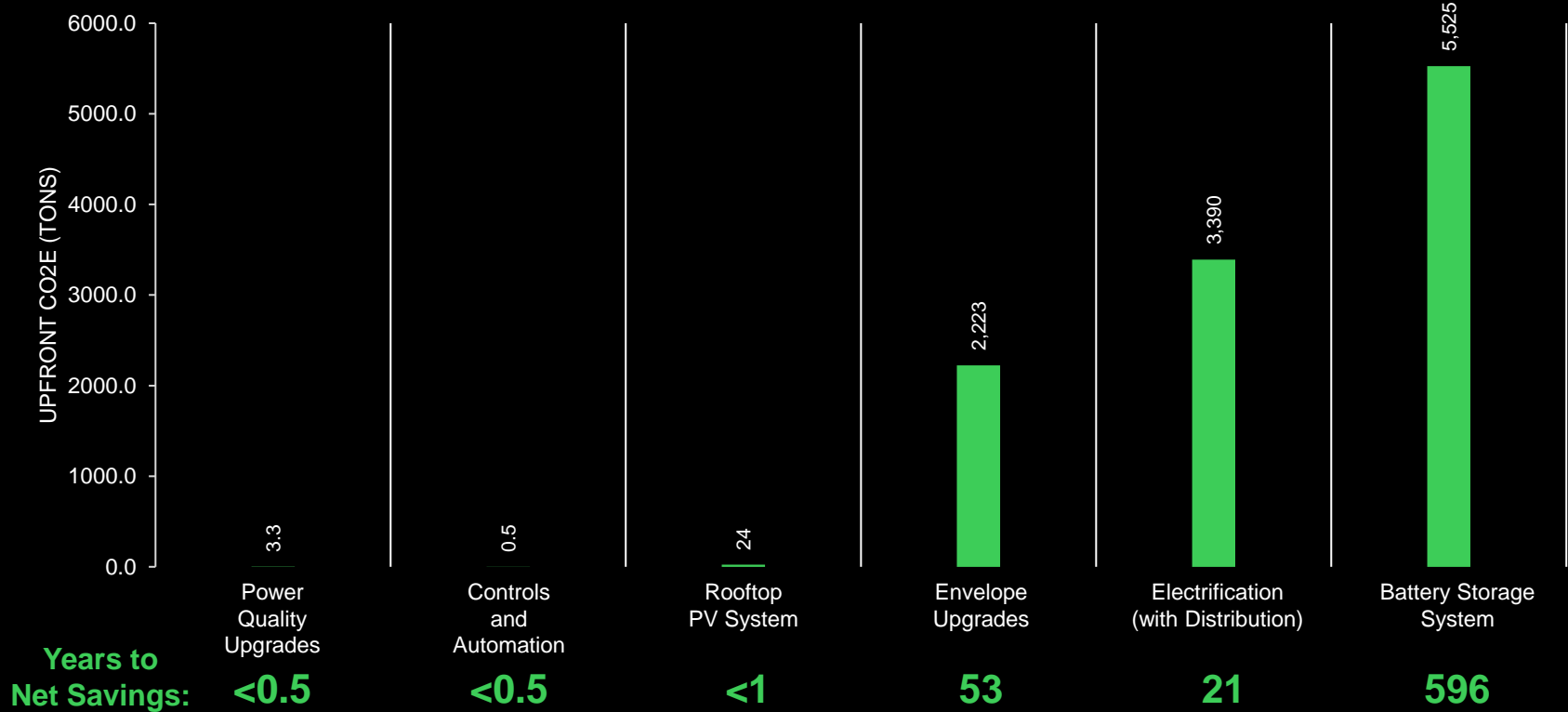
Digital and Power Measures to do NOW

Steps to strategize timing based on financial resources and grid CO₂

* Baseline uses ASHRAE baseline Large Office [12-stories, 46728 m2] located in Chicago, IL. Modeling based on SE offers include Power Factor Correction, AI-enhanced BMS system for HVAC and lighting control, Connected Room Solutions occupancy-based controls, integrated submetering, PV integrated microgrid (PV capacity at 60% roof coverage), power monitoring and submetering, microgrid and BESS, plug-load shutoff optimization, and offsets.



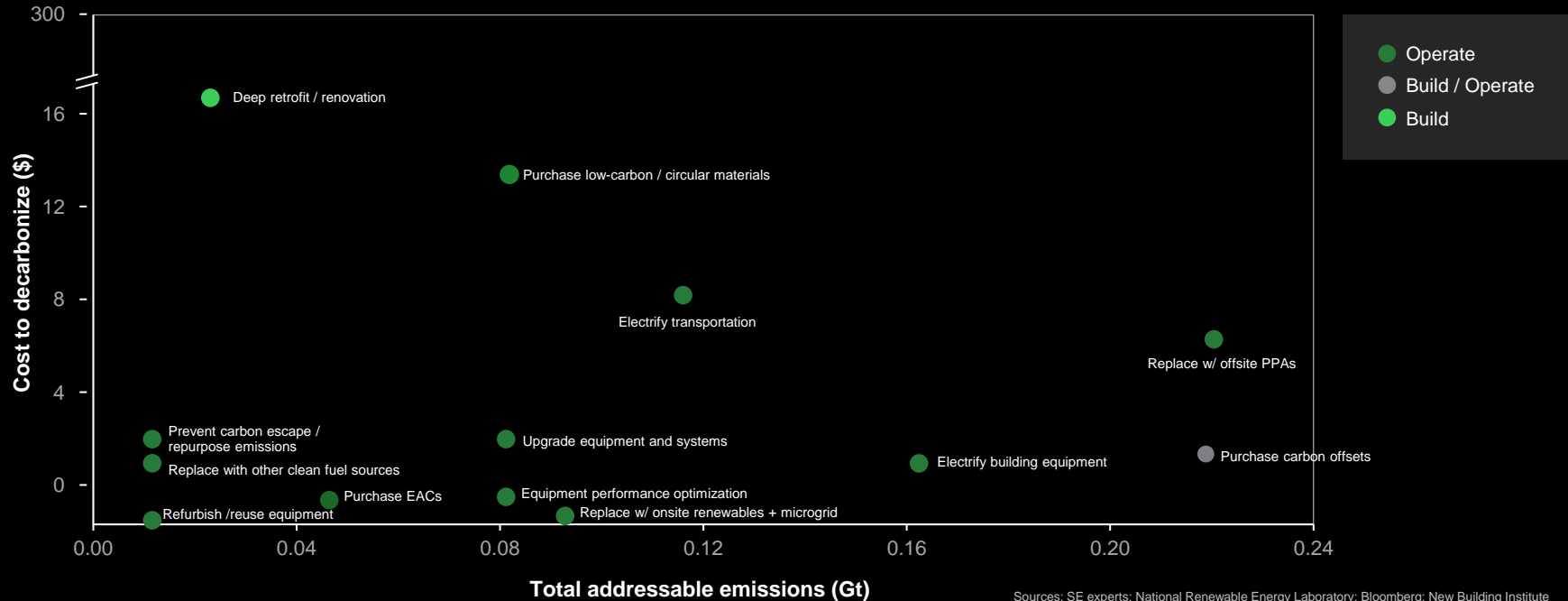
Energy is not the same as carbon! Time to **carbon payback** (if all solutions are installed in 2024) shows not everything is worth it.



Accelerating retrofits recognizes **variability in the available resources** to decarbonize

Addressing customer financial capacity

Cost to decarbonize vs. total addressable emissions, by use-case 2021



Sources: SE experts; National Renewable Energy Laboratory; Bloomberg; New Building Institute

Start with **an integrated approach**

Strategize

- MEASURE enterprise baseline
- CREATE decarbonization roadmap
- STRUCTURE program & governance
- ENGAGE ecosystem
- COMMUNICATE commitment



Digitize

- MONITOR resource usage & emissions
- IDENTIFY saving opportunities
- REPORT and benchmark progress

Decarbonize

- REDUCE energy use
- ELECTRIFY operations
- REPLACE energy source

Top Priorities for Net-Zero Retrofits

Strategize

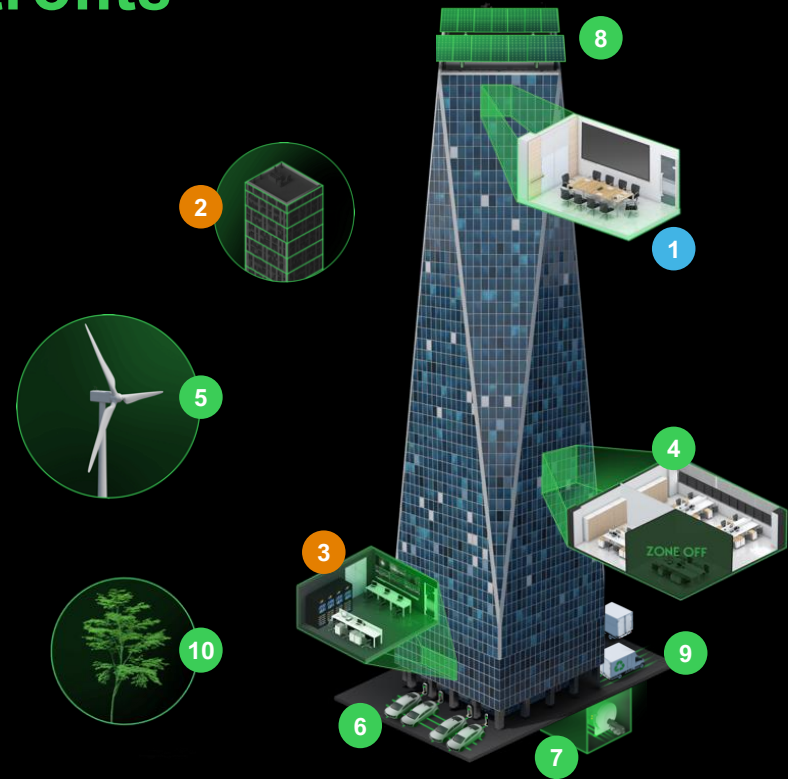
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Digitize

- 2 **Track** embodied carbon
- 3 **Measure** and monitor energy and carbon

Decarbonize

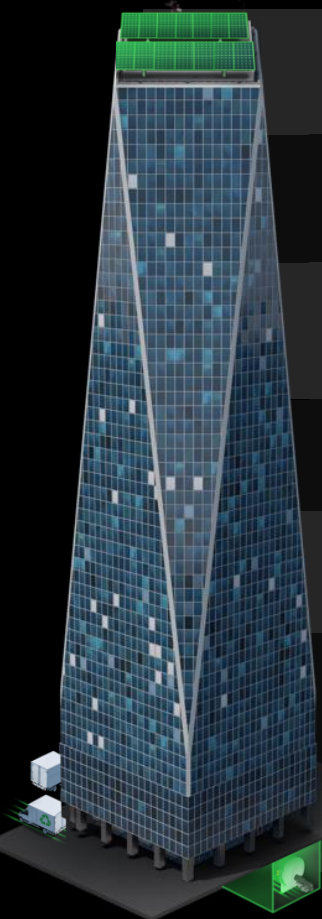
- 4 **Reduce** energy and carbon through automation
- 5 **Electrify** transportation
- 6 **Upgrade** power systems and electrical infrastructure
- 7 **Install** onsite renewables
- 8 **Limit** embodied carbon
- 9 **Electrify** building heating systems
- 10 **Offset** residual carbon emissions



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Over 95% of operational CO₂ can be avoided through digitization and electrification*



3	Measure and monitor energy and carbon	Measure and monitor energy and carbon Submetering -0.9 kg CO ₂ e per yr per m ² (1.6%)		
4	Reduce energy and carbon with automation	Modern Building Management Systems -5.8 kg CO ₂ e per yr per m ² (10.7%)	Real-time AI-driven HVAC optimization -7.7 kg CO ₂ e per yr per m ² (14.2%)	Occupancy -based zone control -4.1 kg CO ₂ e per yr per m ² (7.5%)
6	Upgrade power systems and infrastructure	Power factor correction -5.8 kg CO ₂ e per yr per m ² (17.6%)	Lighting system upgrade to LEDs and daylight optimization -0.9 kg CO ₂ e per yr per m ² (10.6%)	
7	Install onsite renewables and microgrids	Rooftop solar photovoltaic system -3.2 kg CO ₂ e per yr per m ² (5.9%)	Surface parking solar photovoltaic system -25.6 kg CO ₂ e per yr per m ² (47.2%)	
8	Track and limit embodied carbon	Low-carbon products -0.5 kg CO ₂ e per yr per m ² (0.9%)	Extended Service Life -2.1 kg CO ₂ e per yr per m ² (3.6%)	
9	Electrify building heating	Air Source Heat Pump -5.6 kg CO ₂ e per yr per m ² (10.2%)		
10	Purchase offsite renewables and offsets	Carbon offsets and/or EACs -6.7 kg CO ₂ e per yr per m ² (12.4%)		



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More content available & deployed

High-level assets

Sustainable Retrofits eGuide



Available: [LINK](#)

The Path to Net Zero Buildings eGuide



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Decarbonizing Buildings – Operational Team Presentation Customer PPT

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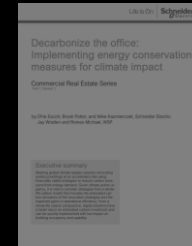
Technical White Papers



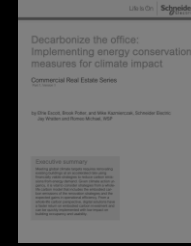
Decarbonize the Office: Renovate for Efficiency (#1) and Accelerate with Electrification (#2)
Available now!



Decarbonize Everywhere: Key Indicators (#3 in series)
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Coming in 2024: Decarbonize Retail, Hospitality, and Health Care



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