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# Enabling support to advance sustainable finance to implement GFC Target D3

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#### Key messages

- Chemistry innovation and value chain integration have long time frames from R&D, to manufacture, to application given "incumbency of existing chemistries and processes"
- Often safer and more sustainable chemistries cost more and must be incentivized
- The finance sector is critical to providing clear signals and "patient" capital to advance sustainable chemistry, knowing there is a long pathway to change.

### Change Chemistry: A mission to drive growth in sustainable chemistry

- At **Change Chemistry**, we are guided by our **VISION** of a global economy where all chemicals, materials and products are safe and sustainable from creation through to disposal and reuse.
- Our **MISSION** is to catalyze the identification, assessment, development and commercialization of sustainable chemistries to improve human health, protect our planet and drive economic value. We do this by:
  - Fostering value chain collaboration
  - Cultivating first-movers
  - Convening industry decision-makers to secure meaningful commitments
  - Advocating for a supportive policy environment



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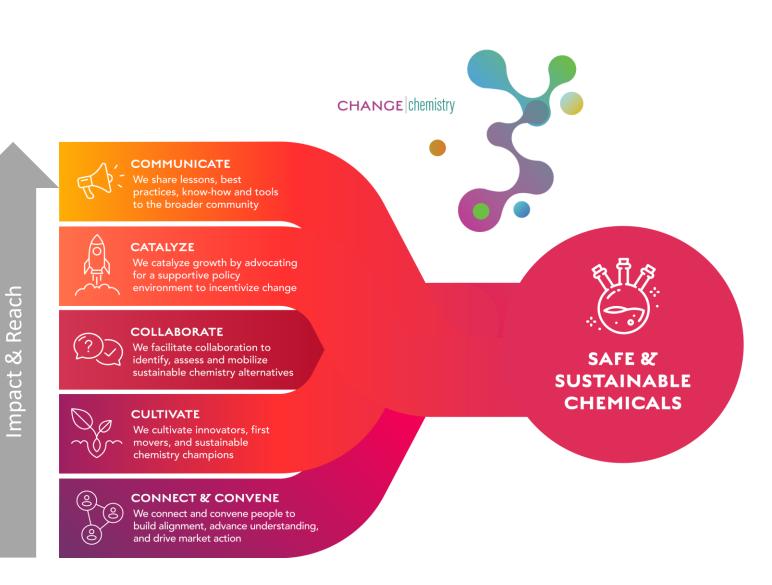


- Our retailer, consumer goods and chemical company members represent over \$3.5T in economic turnover
- Our 128 (and growing) members also include innovative start-up companies, strategically aligned service providers, and NGOs.
- Unified by a common goal of transforming value chains to maximize triple-bottom-line performance – people, planet & profit

#### Achieving impact through collaboration

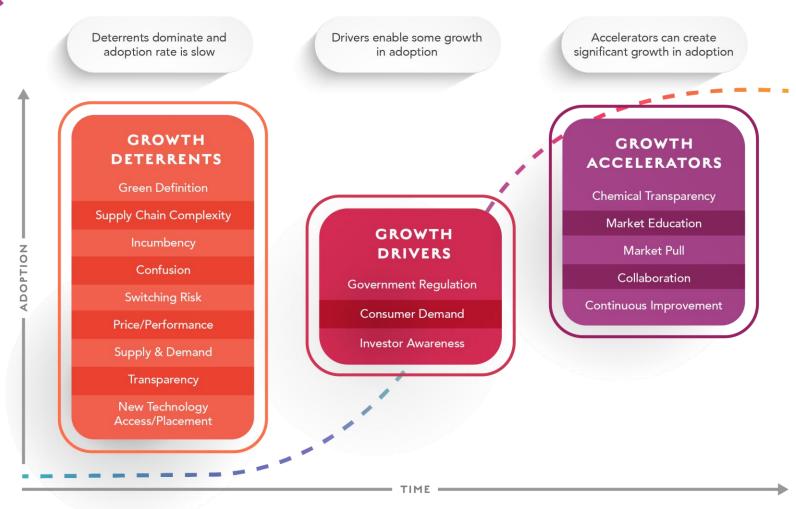
- It's not up to any one individual or organization to mobilize sustainable chemistry to address these challenges
- All stakeholders retailers, consumer goods manufacturers, chemical companies, policy makers, advocacy groups and academe

   need to engage, create and collaborate



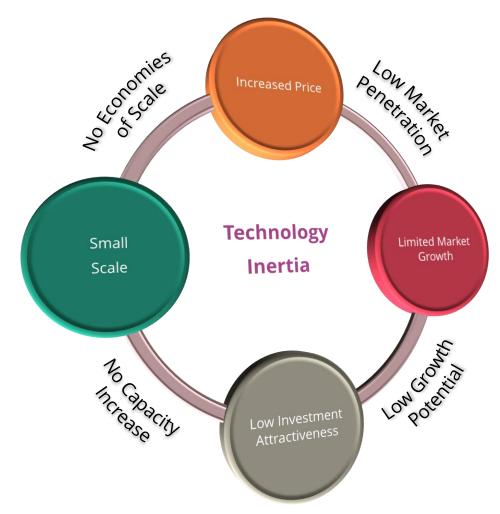
### So, what's the holdup?

- The number of growth deterrents exceeds the number of drivers and accelerators
- While government regulations and consumer awareness establish urgency, growth will be accelerated through chemical transparency, enhanced education, market pull, collaboration and continuous improvement

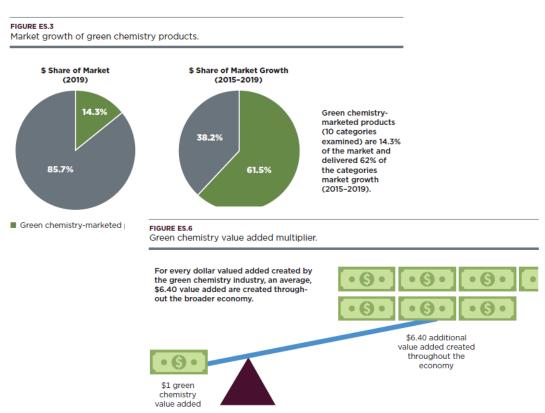


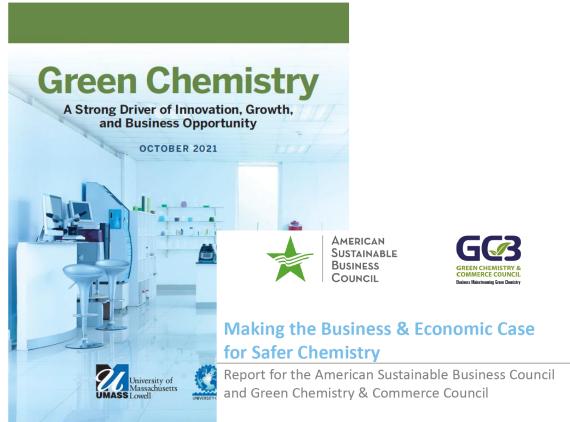
### Challenges to sustainable chemistry technologies at scale

- The interplay between scale, price, growth potential and investment attractiveness causes a technology inertia that favors incumbent technologies
- A collaborative approach is needed to:
  - Overcome Technology Inertia
  - Mobilize public and private investment
    - Address risk of new technologies
  - Create policy incentives
    - Demand pull
    - Bridge gap in costs to ensure innovator competitiveness



# But business benefits of sustainable chemistry are becoming clearer





https://greenchemistryandcommerce.org/documents/uml-rpt-GreenChem-1.22-12.pdf





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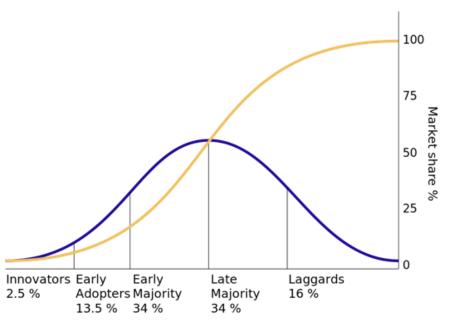




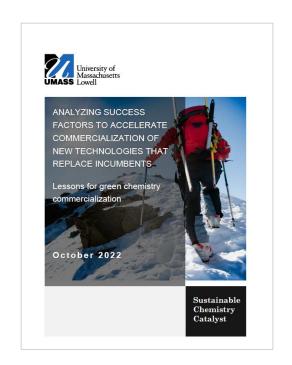
#### So...how do we make progress faster....

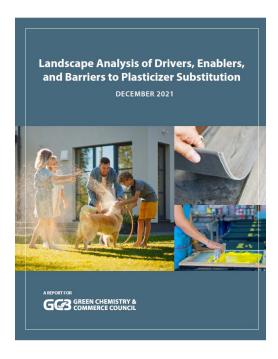


## We're learning about needs to create tipping points or "domino effects"



From Rogers: Diffusion of Innovations (1962)



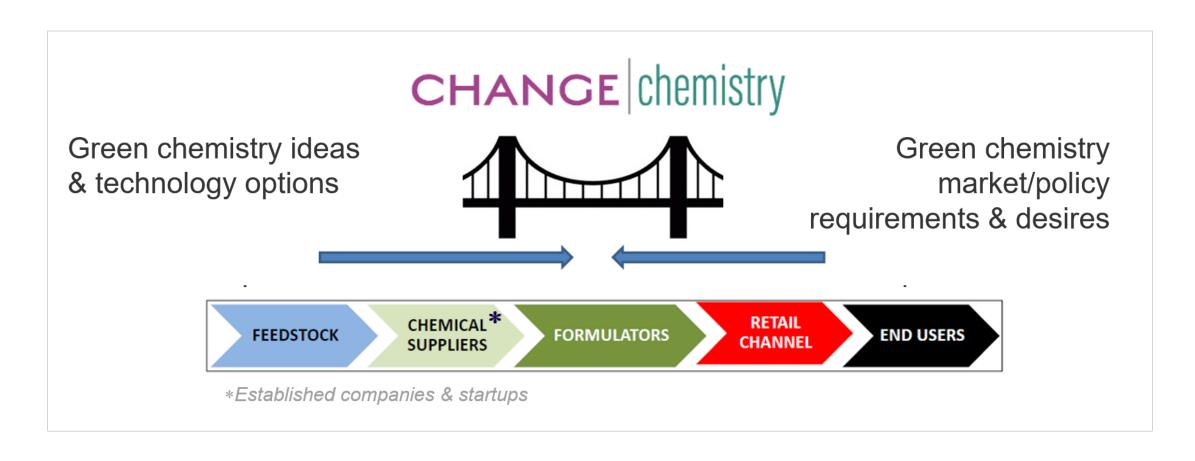


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#### Tipping points

- Supportive government policy linked to strategic needs
  - Incentives production and adoption
  - R&D support from early stage to capitalization
  - Alignment and public-private investment
- Unified demand signals procurement; large purchasers
- Investor pressure/support
  - Move from quarterly profits to long term benefits
  - Patient capital early stage to capital build outs
  - Offtakes– absorb market risk to adoption
- Market leader commitments
- Pre-competitive value chain collaboration demonstrating proof of concept in easier to address higher margin applications
- Ultimately what addresses barriers and scales enablers...

### Changing chemistry requires engaging the entire value chain



#### How to grow sustainable chemistry....

with plenty of so-called patient money while maintaining a prayerful attitude.....ingenuity and foresight.

-Willard Dow, 1942



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#### Thank you!

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