## CO<sub>2</sub>, environmental trash or industrial treasure?

Our research examines new approaches to combat climate change by capturing and using carbon emissions to create valuable materials, or what is also known as Carbon Capture and Utilization methods (CCU).

CCU emerges as a game changer in addressing the vital need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We can stop carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ ) emissions from power plants and industrial processes from entering the atmosphere and causing global warming by capturing them. Furthermore, rather than simply storing captured  $CO_2$ , CCU provides the opportunity to convert it into valuable products, making it a truly sustainable solution.

The work delves into the field of CCU, looking into new technologies and strategies to capture and repurpose  $CO_2$  emissions. Our findings provided insights on exciting developments and offer a fresh perspectives on the potential of CCU in the Scandinavian region. CCU offers many benefits, two of which are as follows: firstly, it helps mitigate climate change by minimizing  $CO_2$  emissions released into the atmosphere. Secondly, it provided the path for a circular economy in which carbon emissions are no longer regarded as waste but rather as a valuable resource for various industries.

CCU has numerous and significant applications.  $CO_2$  can be converted into chemicals, fuels, and building materials, providing a more sustainable substitute to traditional fossil fuel-based products. The potential for CCU to revolutionize many industries is immense, from creating renewable fuels to building carbon-neutral building materials. These approaches highlight the ingenuity and potential for CCU to reshape our energy landscape and foster a more sustainable future.

One interest aspect that deserves attention is the progress in CCU technologies in the Scandinavian Region. One relevant example is the significant progress in developing e-kerosene, a synthetic aviation fuel derived from captured  $CO_2$ . This innovative technology, known as electrochemical conversion, offers a sustainable alternative to traditional jet fuel. Scandinavian region is making progress in the development and deployment of CCU in the region, but further governmental support to finance projects is in high demand.

In conclusion, CCU represents a remarkable opportunity to combat climate change and create a more sustainable society. By capturing and utilizing carbon emissions, we can mitigate their environmental impact while simultaneously creating valuable resources. The advancements in CCU offer hope for a brighter and greener future, where carbon is no longer a problem but a solution.