

ETS Compliance Conference – 13 November 2018
**Identification and analysis of promising
carbon capture and utilisation technologies**
**Overview of the study for the
European Commission DG CLIMA**

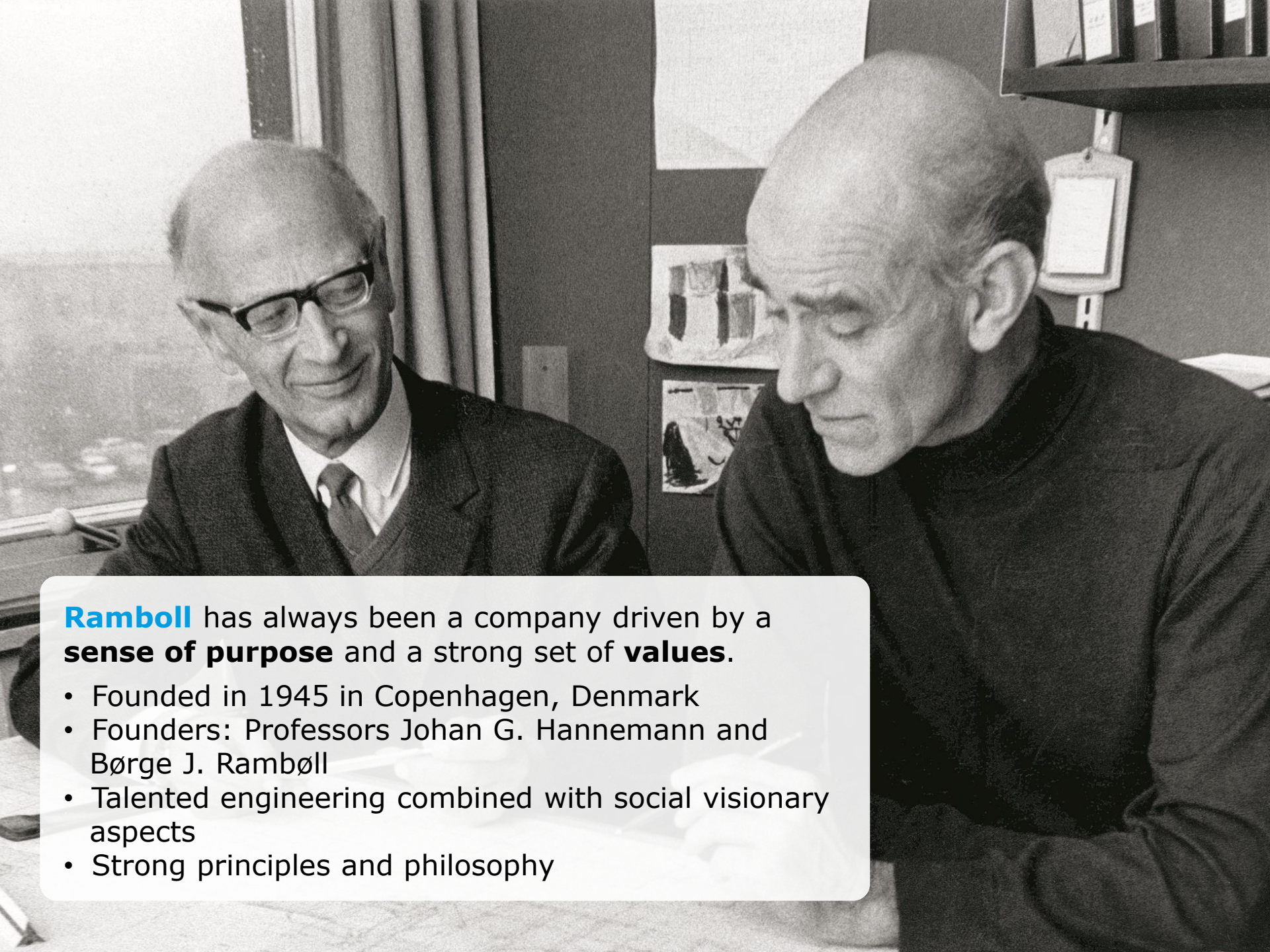
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- Founded in 1945 in Copenhagen, Denmark
- Founders: Professors Johan G. Hannemann and Børge J. Rambøll
- Talented engineering combined with social visionary aspects
- Strong principles and philosophy

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INTRODUCTION TO CCU

WHAT ARE CCU TECHNOLOGIES?

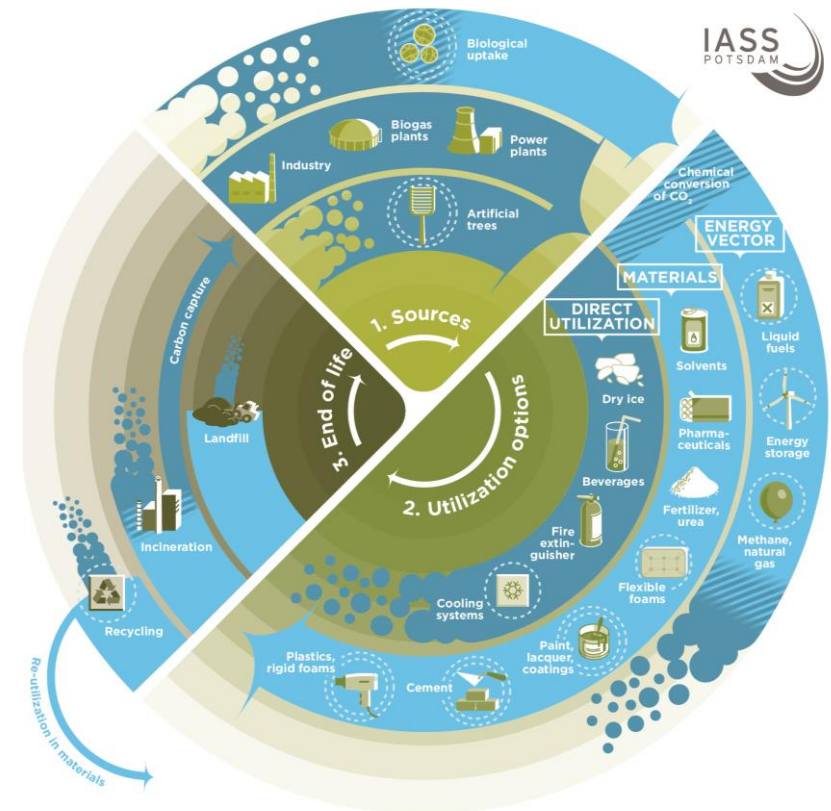
Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU) refers to technologies and processes which **use carbon dioxide as a component of a carbon dioxide compound in materials or energy sources**, thus rendering the carbon dioxide useful.¹

CCU processes involve:

- **capture** and compaction of CO₂
- its transport (if necessary)
- **functional utilization** of the CO₂
- also **end of life** needs to be taken into account in a circular approach

Excluded related processes are:

- CCS (generally)
- EOR/EGR (generally)
- Not novel processes
- Fine chemicals



¹ von der Assen et al. 2013

OVERVIEW OF STUDY TASKS

TASK 1 TECHNOLOGIES ASSESSMENT

T1.1 Technology assessment

T1.2 Technical, economic, climate and energy assessment

T1.3 Market barriers, impacts and opportunities

TASK 2 REGULATORY ASSESSMENT

T2.1 Analysis of the current regulatory setup

T2.2 Developing options

T2.3 Assessing impacts

TASK 3 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



Survey of companies



Interviews/
written
consultation



Task
workshops



Open public
event

CONCLUSIONS

PRESENTATION OF FINDINGS

TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

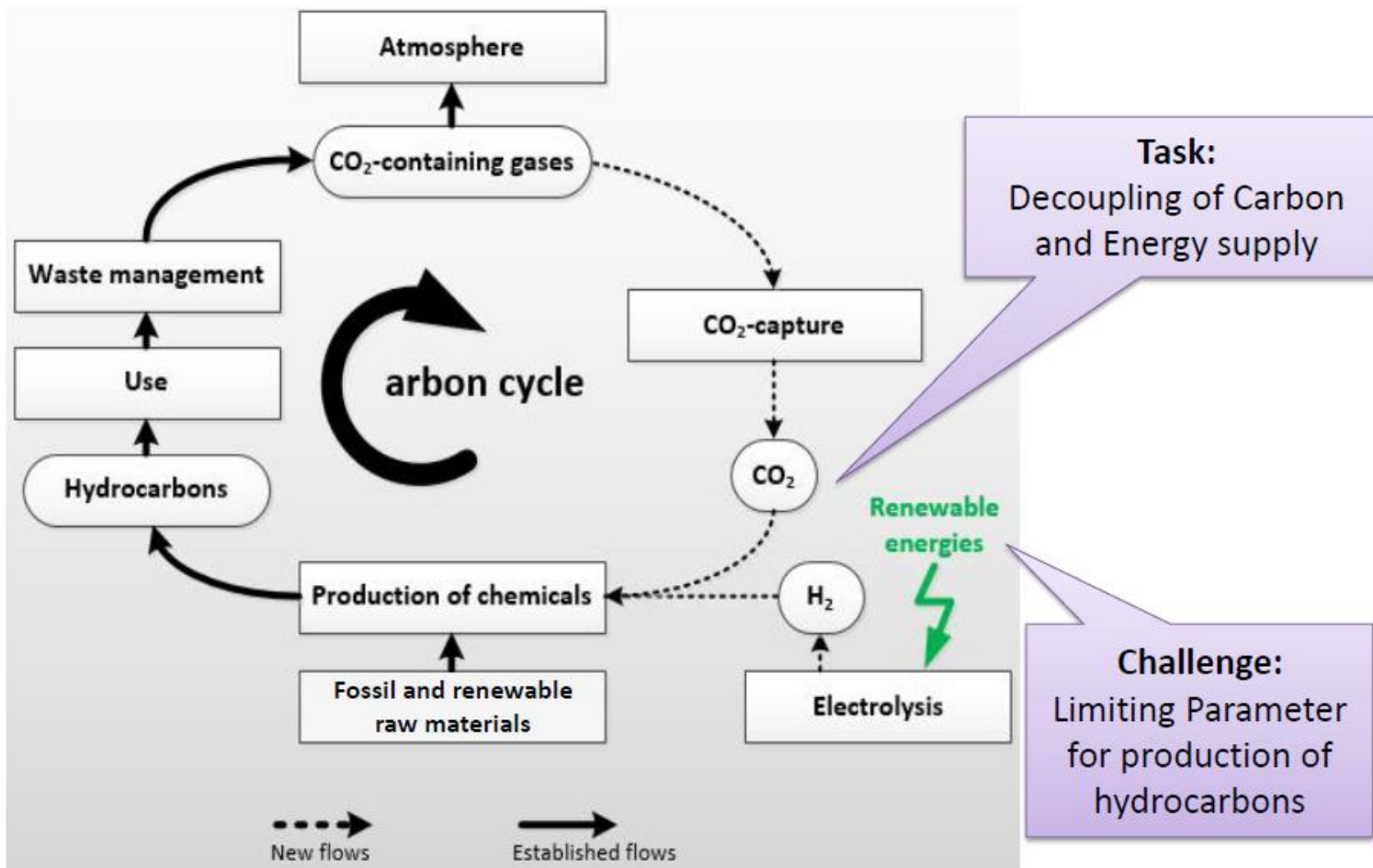
TECHNOLOGY SHORTLIST

Product	Abbreviation
Biological	
Ethanol	EtOH
Methane	Methane
Chemical hydrogenative	
Ethylene	Ethylene
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Monooxymethylether (OME1)	OME1
Polyethylene (PE)	PE
Polyoxymethylene (POM)	POM
Polypropylene (PP)	PP
Propylene	Propylene
Synthetic fuels	Fuels
Chemical non-hydrogenative	
Polycarbonate (BisA-PC)	BisA-PC
Polyols for Polyurethane (PU) foams production	PU
Inorganic	
Calcium carbonate	CC
Sodium carbonate	SC

CLIMATE AND ENERGY ASSESSMENT

CCU AT A GLANCE

- CO₂ reuse can close the carbon cycle



CLIMATE AND ENERGY ASSESSMENT

Measuring GHG emission mitigation from CCU

Comparative LCA of production processes

- CO₂ based production process vs. conventional process.
- Various CO₂ sources (biogenic, non biogenic, air)
- Process routes representative for the EU

Indicators

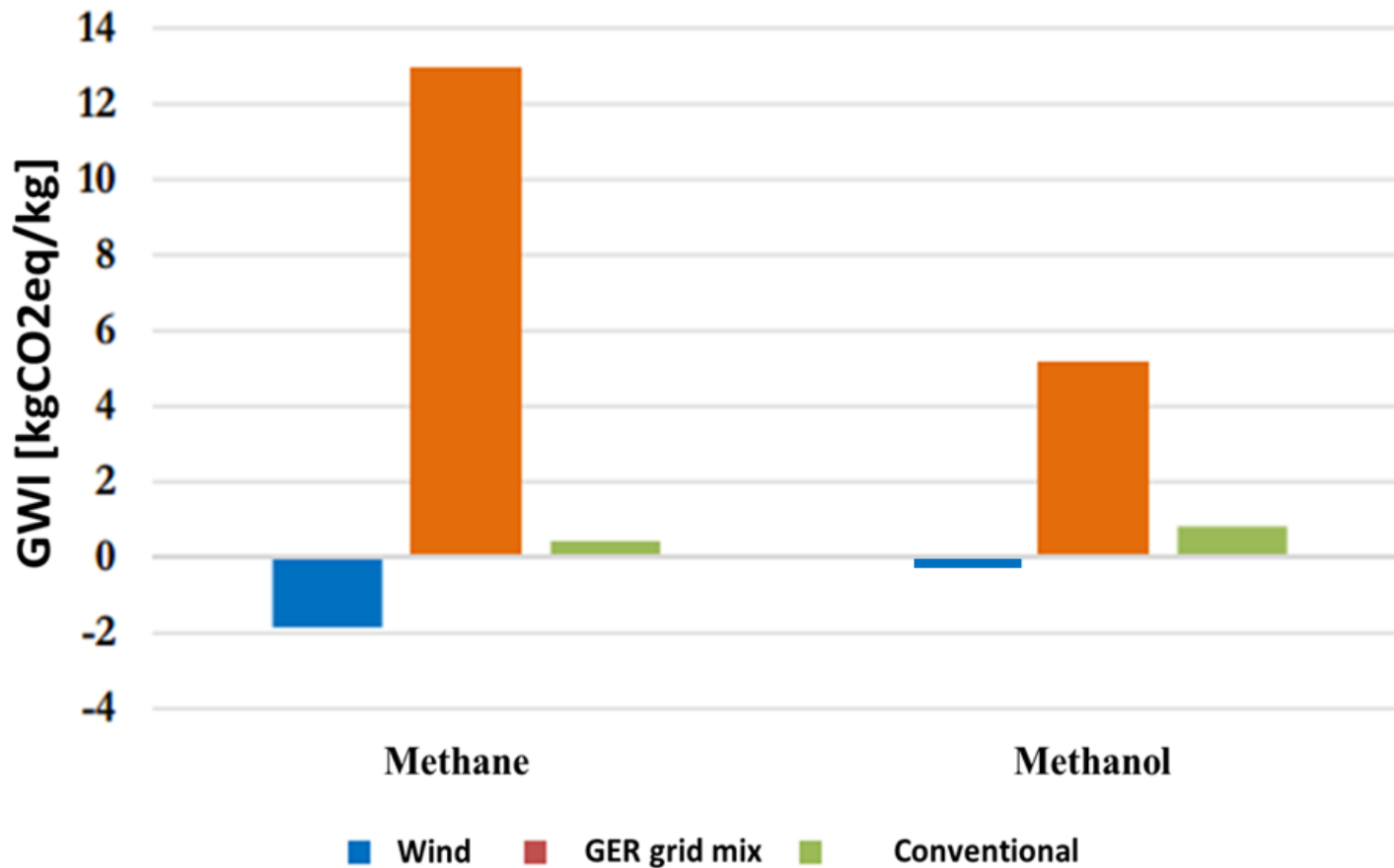
- Global Warming Impact [kgCO₂ equivalents /kg product]
- Raw Material Input [kg raw material equivalent /kg product]
- Cumulative Energy Demand [MJ energy equivalents /kg product]
- Water input [kg water /kg product]

Scenarios

- Spatial variation (transport routes for chemicals favorable)
- Intersectoral use (methane use for transport or base chemical)
- Energy supply (renewable energy amount necessary)

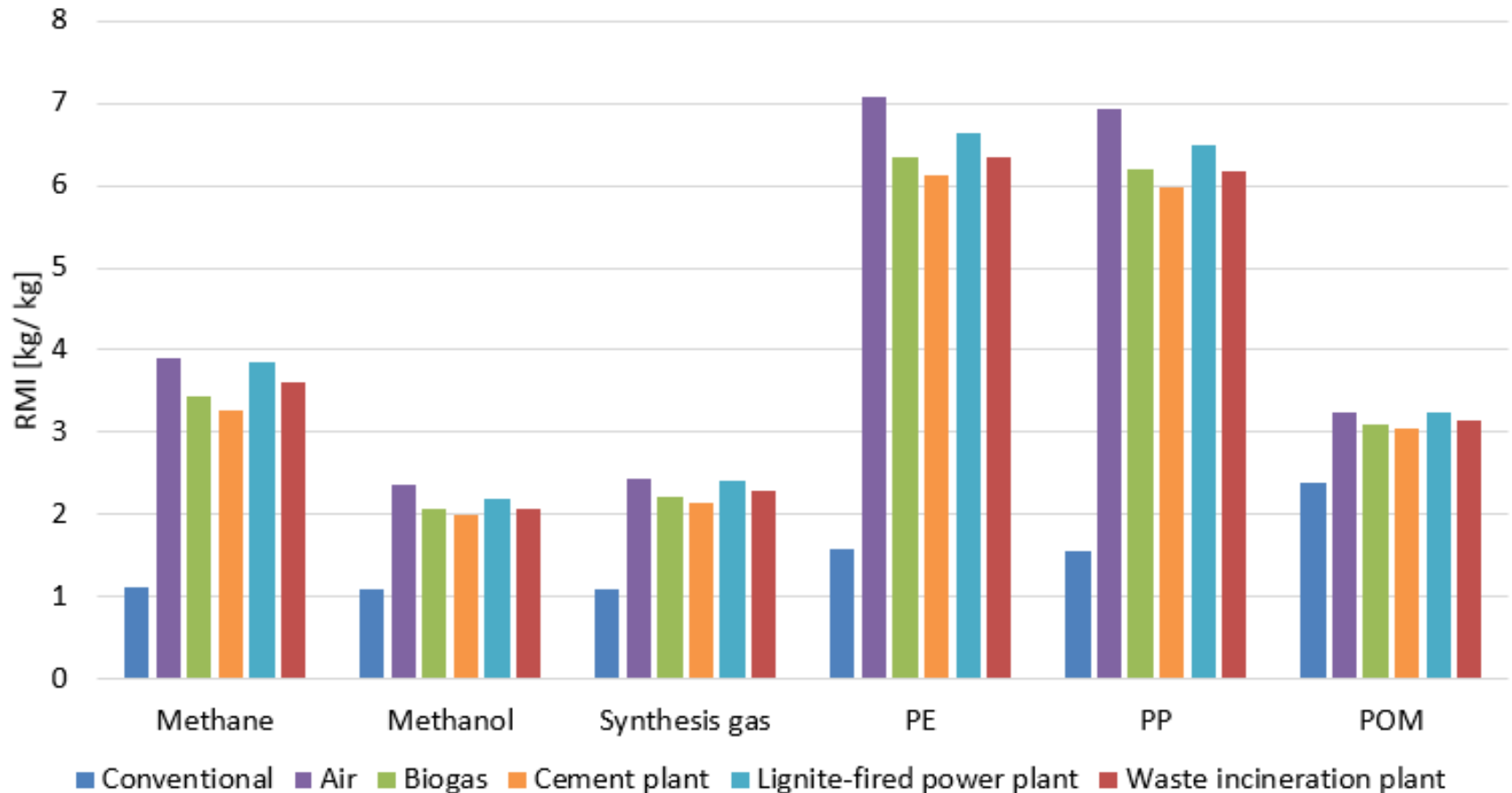
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LCA results: Global Warming Impact (GWI) per energy source
Example: methane and methanol



CLIMATE AND ENERGY ASSESSMENT

LCA results: Raw Material Input (RMI)



CLIMATE AND ENERGY ASSESSMENT

Measuring GHG emission mitigation from CCU: What did we learn?

- Only **production-phase GHG** differ: use-phase, CO₂ retention time, and end-of-life are not relevant, except in ETS reasoning.
- Higher **raw material requirements** and **cumulative energy demand** than conventional routes.
- Use of **renewable energy** is determinant for net reduction of carbon emissions.
- CCU can help **circular economy of carbon in chemical industry**, where carbon is needed.

POSSIBLE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CCU-PROCESSES IN THE ETS INNOVATION FUND

Criteria

- Contribution to climate *and* resource policy goals
- A minimum of climate footprint savings (in %) compared to the conventional reference.

Methods

- Climate footprint savings need to be *relatively higher* than additional raw material requirements
- Cradle-to-gate LCA to determine environmental impacts
- Comparison between CCU-product and conventional reference
- Integration of renewable energy supply

Indicators

- Global Warming Impact (GWI)
- Raw material input (RMI)
- Normalized GWI and RMI

MARKET AND ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT

Market and economic considerations:

Challenges:

- Competition with fossil resources and fossil energy.
- Competition for renewable energy.
- Dependency on policy support (fuels).
- Risk of mismanagement of public and private investments in CCU.

Opportunities:

- European technological advantage.
- Access to new markets is usually not necessary, products are the same.
- Cross-sectoral collaborations (industrial symbiosis).
- Reduction of dependency on import of fossil resources.

REGULATORY ASSESSMENT

MAPPING OF LEGISLATION

Climate and energy	Products and labelling	Waste and circular economy	Environmental pollution	Environmental risk	Environmental impact assessment
Emission Trading System	Ecolabel	Action Plan for CE	Industrial Emissions	Major Accident Hazards	Strategic IA
Monitoring and Reporting	Construction Products	Plastics Strategy	REACH	Environmental Liability	Environmental IA
Accreditation and Verification		Waste Framework	Extractive Waste		
Benchmarking			EPRTTR		
Energy Efficiency			Persistent Organic Pollutions		
Renewable Energy			Water Framework		
Fuel Quality			Groundwater Protection		
Carbon Capture and Storage					
Effort Sharing					
Land Use, LU Change and Forestry					

REGULATORY ASSESSMENT

PRODUCT CLUSTERS / LEGISLATION

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Legend:

No specific hurdles.

REGULATORY ASSESSMENT

CCU and the EU ETS:

- EU ETS recognises CCU but does not incentivise CO₂ capture except for geological storage.
- Capturing installations must still report used CO₂ as emitted.

Risk of loophole:

- CCU processes **capture CO₂ temporarily**, CO₂ is re-emitted after use or disposal.
- ETS sector coverage is limited, the rest is under Effort Sharing.
- Risk to the **environmental integrity of the ETS**: carbon emissions may go unreported when transferred outside of the scope of the ETS.
- ETS MRV **not equipped** to monitor CCU.

REGULATORY ASSESSMENT

Reforming the ETS?

- Options for accurate **MRV of CCU seem costly.**
- Is ETS the right tool?

However, financing becoming available:

- CCU will be financed by ETS **Innovation Fund.**
- Other EU financing programmes could synergetically finance CCU:
 - Horizon 2020
 - European Fund for Strategic Investments
 - European Structural Investment Funds
 - Research for Coal and Steel Fund

Other support mechanisms exist:

- Renewable Energy Directive II recognises CCU fuels from renewable energy and recycled carbon fuels under certain conditions

KEY CONCLUSIONS

- **CCU needs support to be viably developed and deployed.**
- **Each CCU project must prove environmental benefits.**
- **CCU climate mitigation potential limited by available renewable energy, but contributes to circular economy (closing the carbon cycle), replacing fossil feedstocks and reducing fossil imports.**
- **CCU projects cut across sectors (industrial symbiosis).**
- **CCU fuels can store renewable energy otherwise curtailed.**

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