Fixation of nitrogen from renewable resources using non-thermal plasma

A system that fixates nitrogen from air and water to produce nitrate-rich liquids using non-thermal plasma-assisted catalytic reactions.

IP Status: PCT Pending

Applications

• Liquid nitrogen fertilizer

Technology Overview

The Haber-Bosch industrial process, which produces the majority of nitrogen fertilizers, requires high energy consumption and significantly contributes to carbon emissions. As a result, environmentally friendly and sustainable alternatives to the Haber-Bosch process are in high demand. Researchers at the University of Minnesota have developed a system that fixates nitrogen from air and water to produce nitrate-rich liquids using non-thermal plasma-assisted catalytic reactions. The resultant nitrate-rich liquid has potential to be used as a nitrogen fertilizer for agricultural applications. This innovative system uses renewable resources in an ondemand manner, thereby significantly reducing carbon emissions from production and transportation.

Phase of Development

TRL: 3-4

This system has been demonstrated to produce a lab scale of nitrate-rich liquids.

Desired Partnerships

This technology is now available for:

- License
- Sponsored research
- Co-development

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