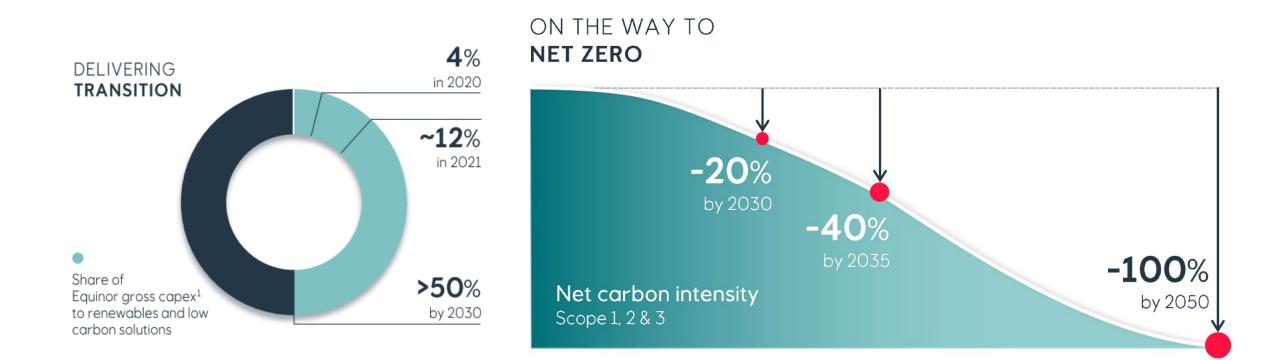


# Outline

- CCS ambitions
- Legacy CCS projects
- CCS projects in pipeline
- Some of the challenges



# Equinor's energy transition ambitions



#### Equinor Capital Markets Day, June 2021

A leader in carbon management and clean hydrogen



NCS basin master within  $CO_2$  transport and storage



 $CO_2$  transport and storage capacity by 2035

Equinor share

Becoming a major European supplier of hydrogen

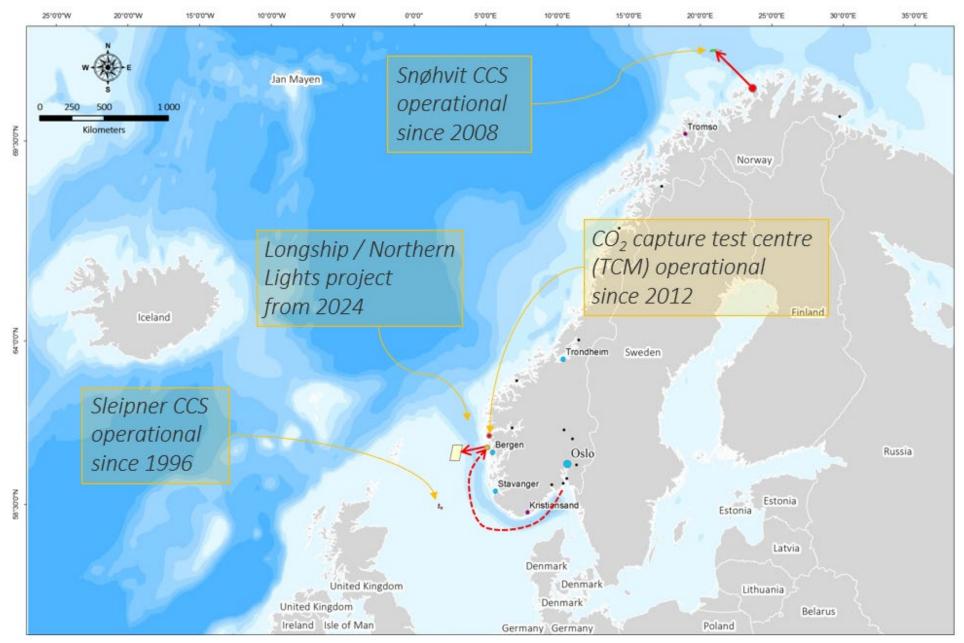


Clean hydrogen projects by 2035

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## **Operational experience with CCS on the NCS**





#### Northern Lights World's first third-party CO<sub>2</sub> storage

1.5 MTPA CO<sub>2</sub> volumes phase 1

100% share

2024

Start-up, phase 1

5 MTPA CO<sub>2</sub> volumes including phase 2

100% share



Liquid (

#### Permanently stored

Liquid CO.

CO<sub>2</sub> received and temporarily stored Exported via pipeline offshore Permanently stored reservoir (2,500 - 3,000 metres meters below sea bed)

Transport Compressed CO<sub>2</sub> transported by ship

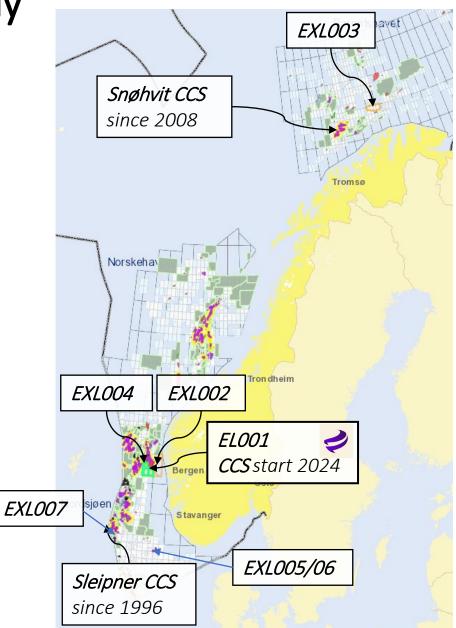
CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Capture from industrial plants Compressed and temporarily stored

https://www.equinor.com/energy/northern-lights

# Geological CO<sub>2</sub> storage offshore Norway

- 7 licenses + 2 legacy ccs projects ongoing
  - Equinor in NL/EL001 license (JV) and Smeaheia/ EXL002 (100%)

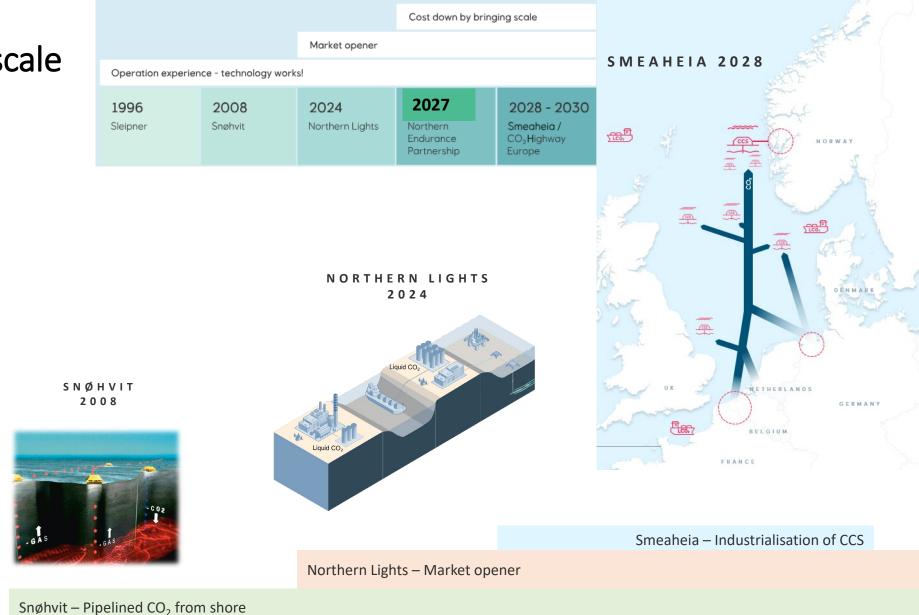
- Challenge from Norwegian perspective
  - Great geology with large storage potential offshore
  - Limited domestic emissions -> expensive transport
    - Speed, scale and simplification
- Advantages with offshore NCS storage
  - Extra "safety barrier" with water depths > 200m
  - Public acceptance / no direct exposure to people
  - Easier (cheaper?) monitoring



## From Sleipner to large-scale CCS business

15-30 MILLION TONNES PER ANNUM

CO<sub>2</sub> T&S capacity by 2035

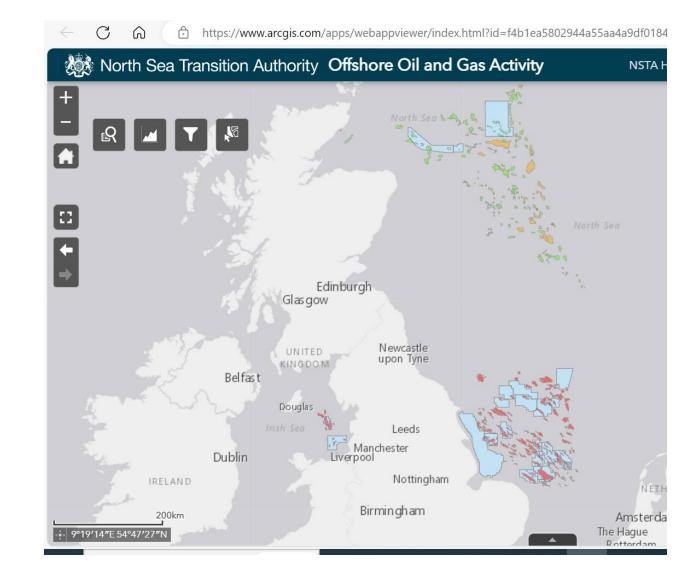


Sleipner – pioneering offshore CCS technology

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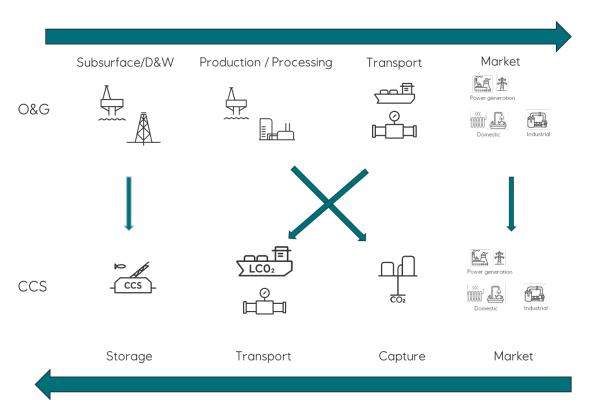
# UK perspective

- 27 licences awarded as of Sept 2023
  - Equinor is partner on CS001/006/007/025
- 4 CCS Clusters
  - Reduced costs and investment risks
  - Increased flexibility
  - T&S solution for emitters
  - More rapid scale-up
  - Complexity
- Saline and depleted stores
  - Speed advantage for CCS in depleted stores



## O&G and CCS = Same...

## ... but also different



### **Different business**

Starts with emitters wanting to abate, not a discovery Non-established, to-be marginal business

### **Different fluid**

Usually injected in supercritical state – Not gas, nor liquid Interacts and behaves differently in transport and in reservoir

## Different risk picture

Non-explosive, less environmental impact, etc. Liabilities and regulatory burden

## CCS business-problems to solve with research and technology



Accelerate maturation

**Build credibility** 

Reduce cost

# Cost (\$/tonne) reductions

#### **Optimised Transport**

Pipeline/trunkline and scale and correct concept selection

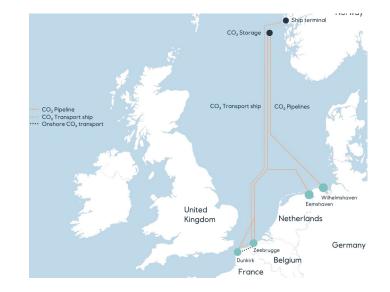
Low-cost shipping, smart offloading concepts such as direct injection from ships, LP ships

#### **Storage Costs**

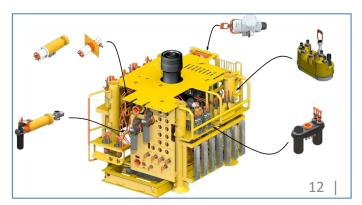
Simplified solutions, cost efficient MMV, accelerate maturation, staged development, unlocking legacy well issues

#### Simplified well and subsea designs

- No umbilical solutions
- All electric subsea control system
- Low-cost wells
- High flowrate wells / smart wells







# Credibility/reliability in integrity and capacity evaluations

#### Pressure management

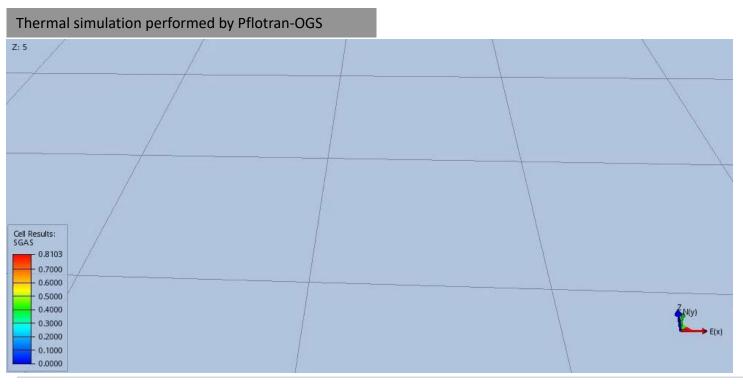
- Need for large connected hydraulic pore volume ("aquifer")
- How formation brine moves
- Pressure interference
  - Pressure budget
  - Brine production
- Large structures & large integrated models
  - G&G characterization of such large regions
  - Methods for large-scale modelling/simulation
  - Model size & runtime, integration & multiphysics, population of realistic properties (AI, seismic inversion)
  - Integrated models with 100's realizations

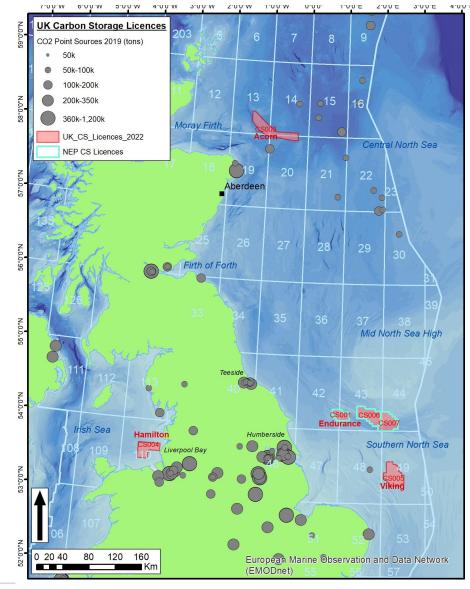
- Legacy wells
  - Quantify leakage risk / rates. What is acceptable limit?
- Saline stores with faulted traps
  - Along-fault and across-fault flow
  - Initial sealing and mechanical induced changes



# Technology implementation example

- UK area model
  - Area: 130 x 85 km<sup>2</sup> (~half of the surface area of Wales)
  - 21 million active cells and 35 injectors

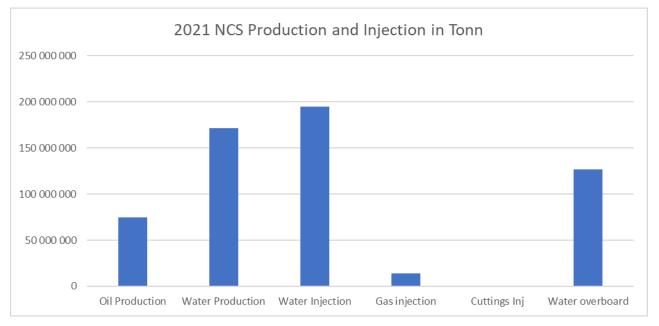




# Scale: CO<sub>2</sub> rates and storage potential - perspective

- Equinor equity ambition is to reach 15-30 Mtpa CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity by 2035
  - Significant step-up but compare Equinor operated O&G injection of 110 Mtpa of H<sub>2</sub>O and 24 Mtpa of CH<sub>4</sub> in 2022
- Norwegian oil and gas production/export of around 4 million b/d oil equivalent results in around 400 Mtpa of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (OIES report <u>link</u>)
  - Less than 70 Gt theoretical storage potential on Norwegian North Sea (NPD Storage atlas 2011)
    - 25 years at 0.4 GtCO<sub>2</sub>/yr = 10 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Current NCS injection quantities

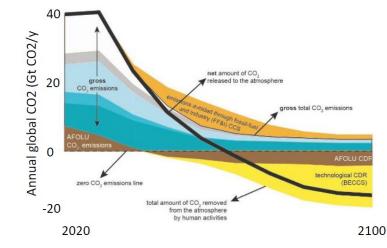
- Rule of thumb, one NCS CO<sub>2</sub> injector has a injection capacity of 1 Mton/yr
  - 7200+ wells already drilled NCS
  - 20500+ wells drilled in North Sea



## Conclusion

- Marginal business due to (high) cost of solutions and (cheap) price for emitting expect this to change in 2030/35
  - First wave of projects will be dependent on public support schemes

- To reach volumes required and be an effective mitigation tool in the climate challenge, this needs to become a commercial business
  - Reliant on industrialization and economy of scale and technology developments
    - Develop multiple storage sites within CCS hubs
    - Optimize CO<sub>2</sub> delivery per well
    - Pressure management will be a key issue
    - Use advanced and cost-effective monitoring systems
- Technology development will be a significant driver of improved economics for CCS (cost of capture, CO<sub>2</sub> transportation, cost effective monitoring)



Source: 'Global warming of 1.5°C', IPCC



# Thank you

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