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# Technology Priorities for Energy Security and Net Zero

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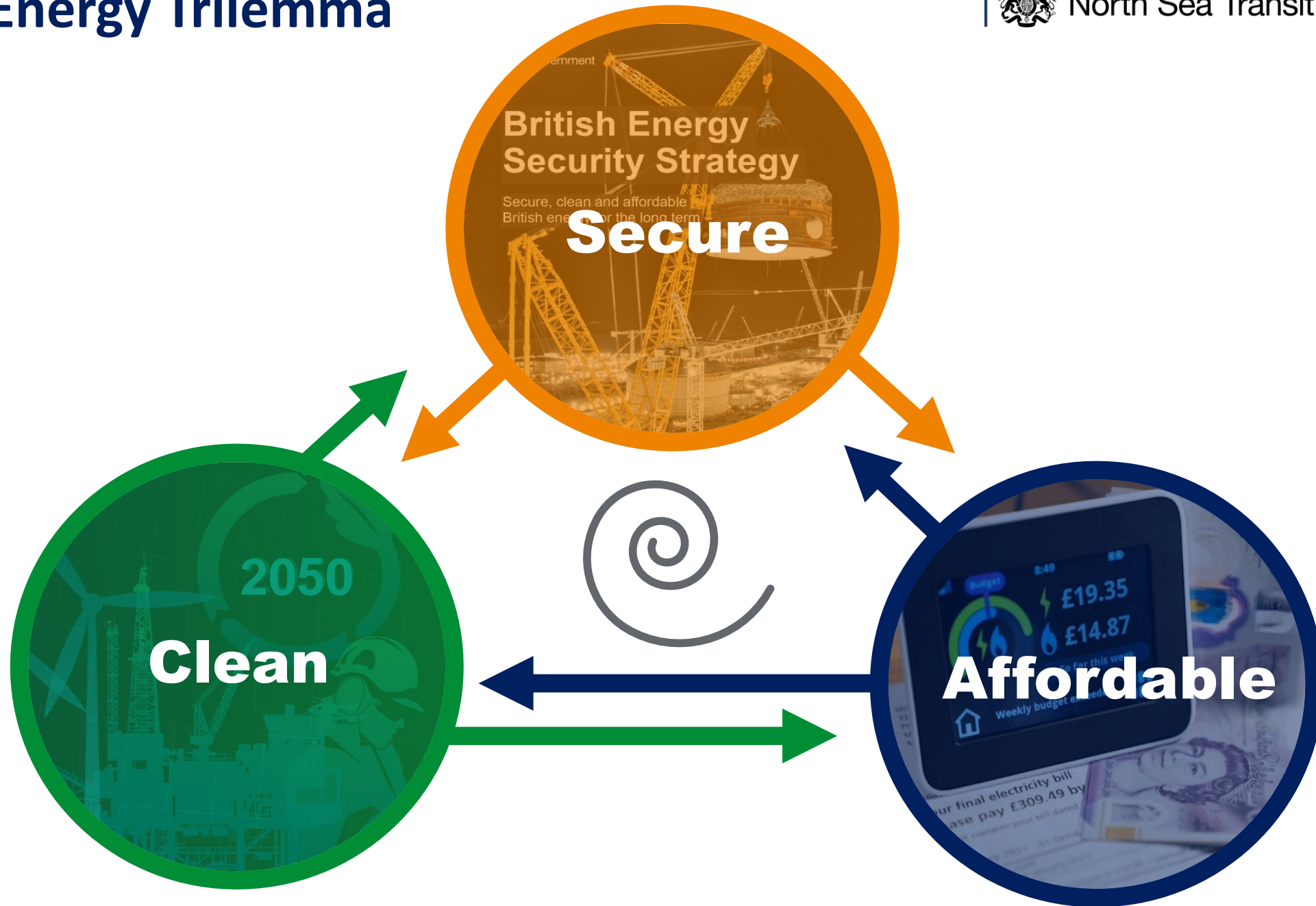
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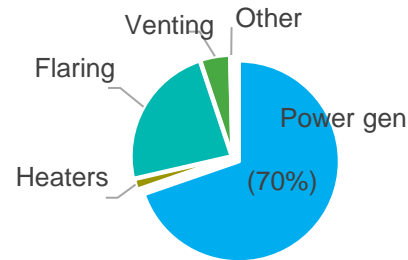
# The Energy Trilemma



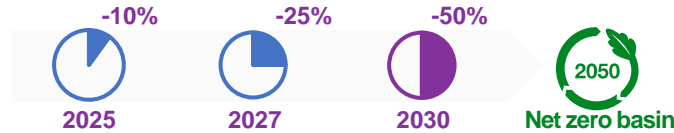
# Roadmap to UK Net Zero

## O&G offshore emissions reduction

14 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2018 (base)



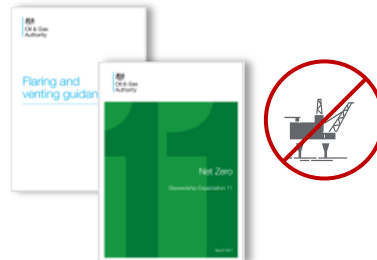
North Sea Transition Deal (2021)  
- emission reduction targets



NSTA (2021) - Stewardship Expectation 11

NSTA (2021) - Flaring & Venting guidance

World Bank - Zero Routine Flaring by 2030



## Carbon Capture and Storage

North Sea Transition Deal (2021)

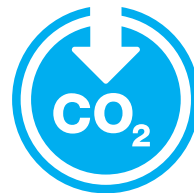
- 10 MtCO<sub>2</sub>/yr of carbon capture by 2030
- At least 2 'track-1' clusters approved by 2025
- >4 commercial scale projects 2030

UK Government CCUS Investor Roadmap (2022)

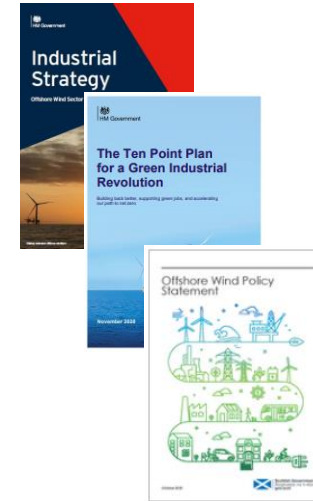
- 20–30 MtCO<sub>2</sub>/yr of carbon capture by 2030

NSTA Carbon Storage Licence Round (2022)

- 26 applications received for all 13 areas offered



## Offshore wind incl. electrification of O&G



Offshore Wind Sector Deal (2019)

- 30 GW by 2030

Prime Minister 10-point plan (2020)

- 40 GW by 2030

Scottish Government targets (2020 - 2022)

- 11 GW by 2030
- 27.6 GW ScotWind; ~18 GW floating
- ~5 GW INTOG

British Energy Security Strategy (2022)

- 50 GW by 2030
- Incl. up to 5 GW floating

## Low-carbon hydrogen



Prime Minister 10-point plan (2020)

- 5 GW by 2030

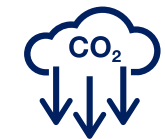
UK Hydrogen Strategy (2021)

- Blue and Green H<sub>2</sub>
- 1 GW by 2025
- 5 GW by 2030

British Energy Security Strategy (2022)

- 1 GW by 2025
- 10 GW by 2030 incl. 5GW from electrolysis

# Delivering the NSTD: Emissions Reductions



21%

Reduction  
GHG  
emissions  
2018-21



20%

Reduction  
flaring  
2020-21

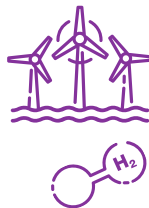


1.2M

Tonnes  
avoided  
since Jan  
2021



Electrification  
crucial to  
meet NSTD  
targets



Supports  
floating wind,  
green H<sub>2</sub>, CCS  
& regional  
schemes

NSTA expects targets to be met as absolute minimum

On track

Need industry  
to strive for 68%

2021



OGA  
Strategy



Net zero  
expectation



New fields



Flaring  
& venting

2025



2027



2030



2050



NSTD £16bn Deal – first of its kind from a G7 Country

## Energy Efficiency



- Power sharing across assets
- Variable speed drives
- eFuel switching
- Virtual emissions monitoring systems
- Compression re-wheels

## Flaring Reduction



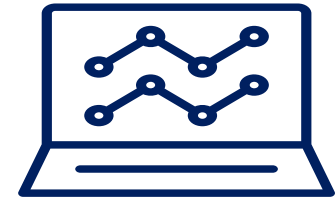
- Flare gas recovery
- Vapour re-compression
- Plant performance optimisation
- Flare combustion efficiency

## Venting & Fugitive Emissions



- Nitrogen for vessel blanketing
- Pipework condition monitoring
- Valve and joint remediation

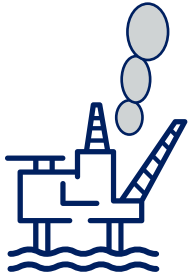
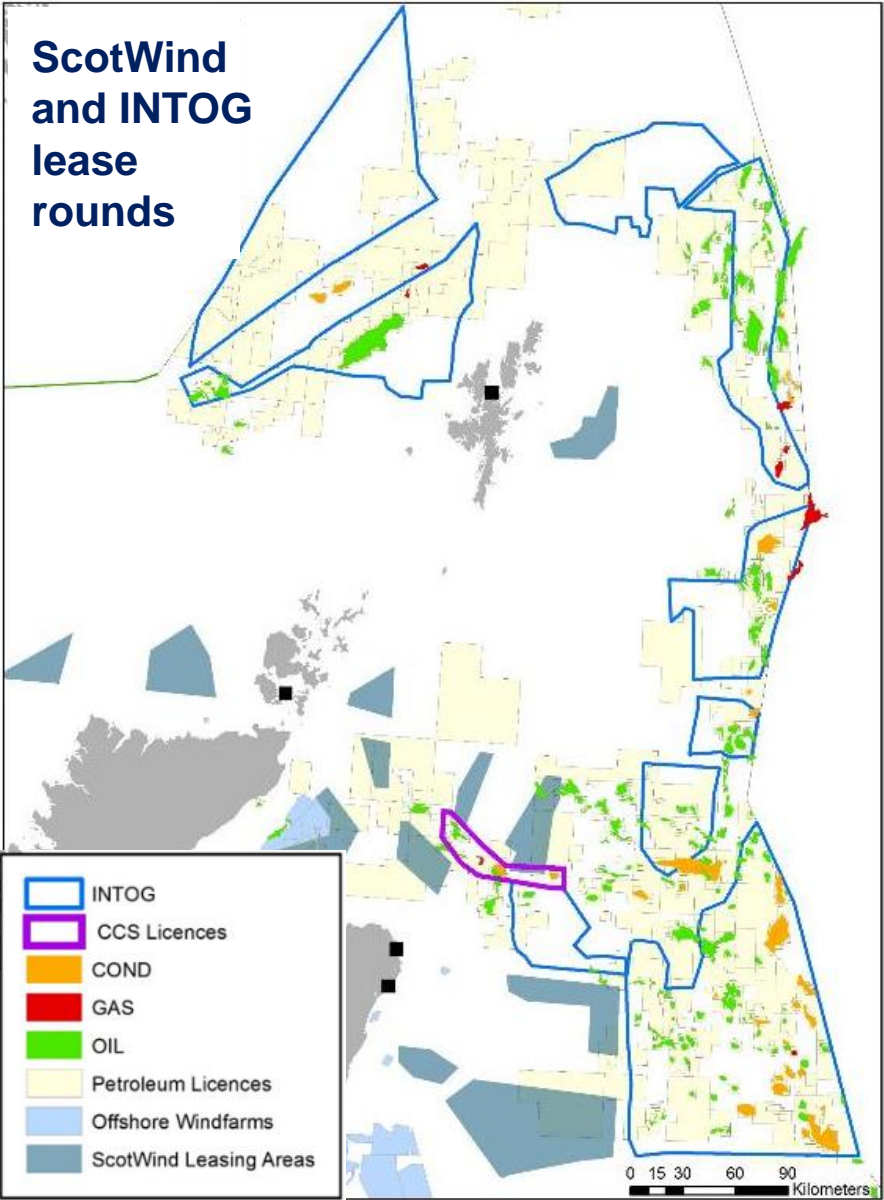
## Detection, Measuring & Monitoring



- Real time emissions monitoring using permanent on site detectors
- Methane and fugitive gas emissions quantification
- Satellite detection
- Drone hosted monitoring equipment



# Wind Power Growth and Electrification



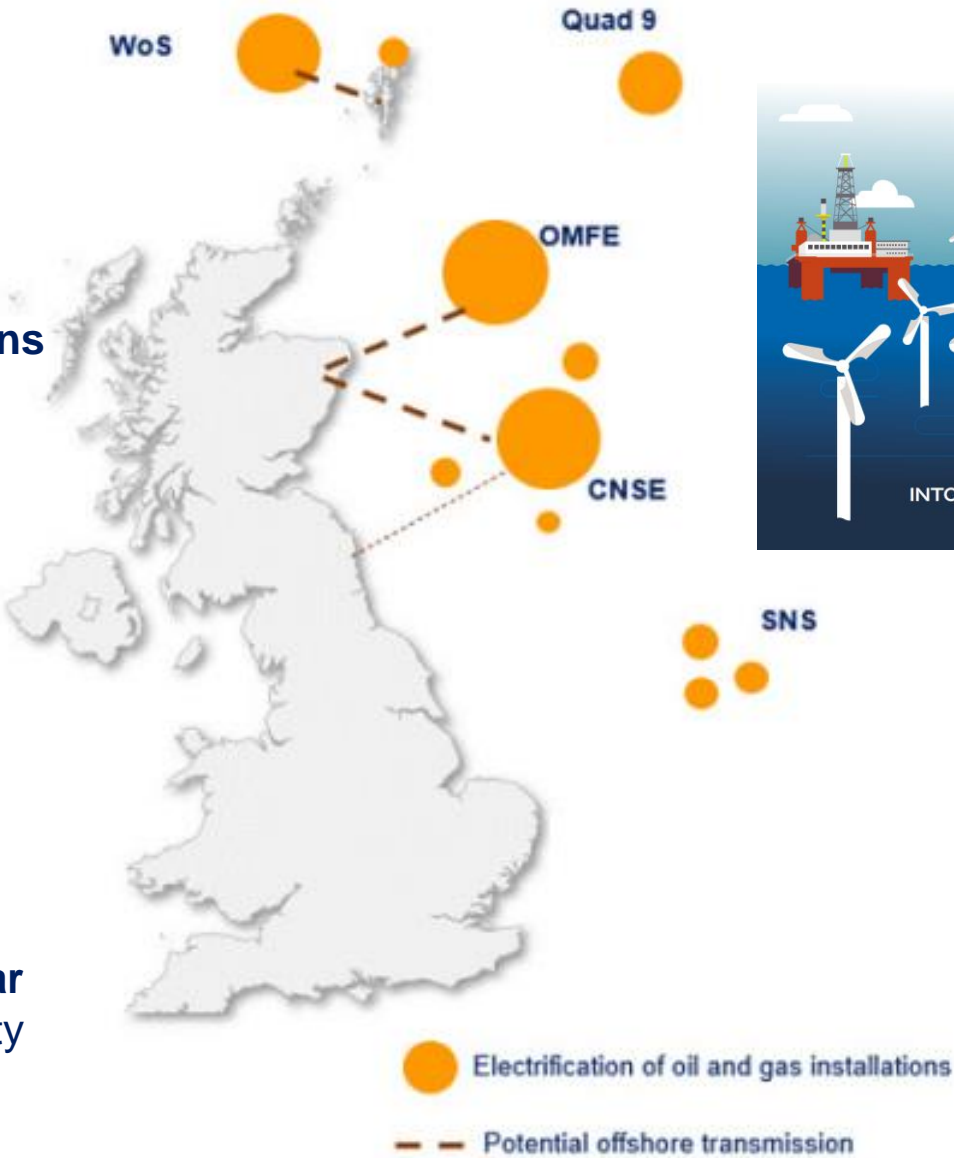
~10MtCO<sub>2</sub>pa  
O&G offshore **emissions**  
from power generation



~2.5 GW  
O&G **power demand**



Windpower growth **near O&G areas**, opportunity to supply clean energy



Synergies realise net zero delivery and emission abatement at reduced Capex

## Platform design & modifications



### Green field

- Design for electrification
- Substations, J-tubes, swivels
- Local renewables
- Power storage
- Process heating

### Brown field

- Equipment integration
- Shutdown impact
- Footprint & weight

## Offshore transmission & distribution



### Transmission equipment

- Dynamic cables and swivels
- Subsea transformers, distribution and switch gear
- HVAC vs HVDC

### Transmission installations and power hubs

- Fixed vs floating
- Integrated power hubs (built-in continuity vs power from shore)

## Floating structures



### Design for North Sea conditions and UK manufacturing capabilities

- Foundations
- Mooring systems
- Anchoring
- Use existing North Sea assets to accelerate deployment & development of FOW solutions

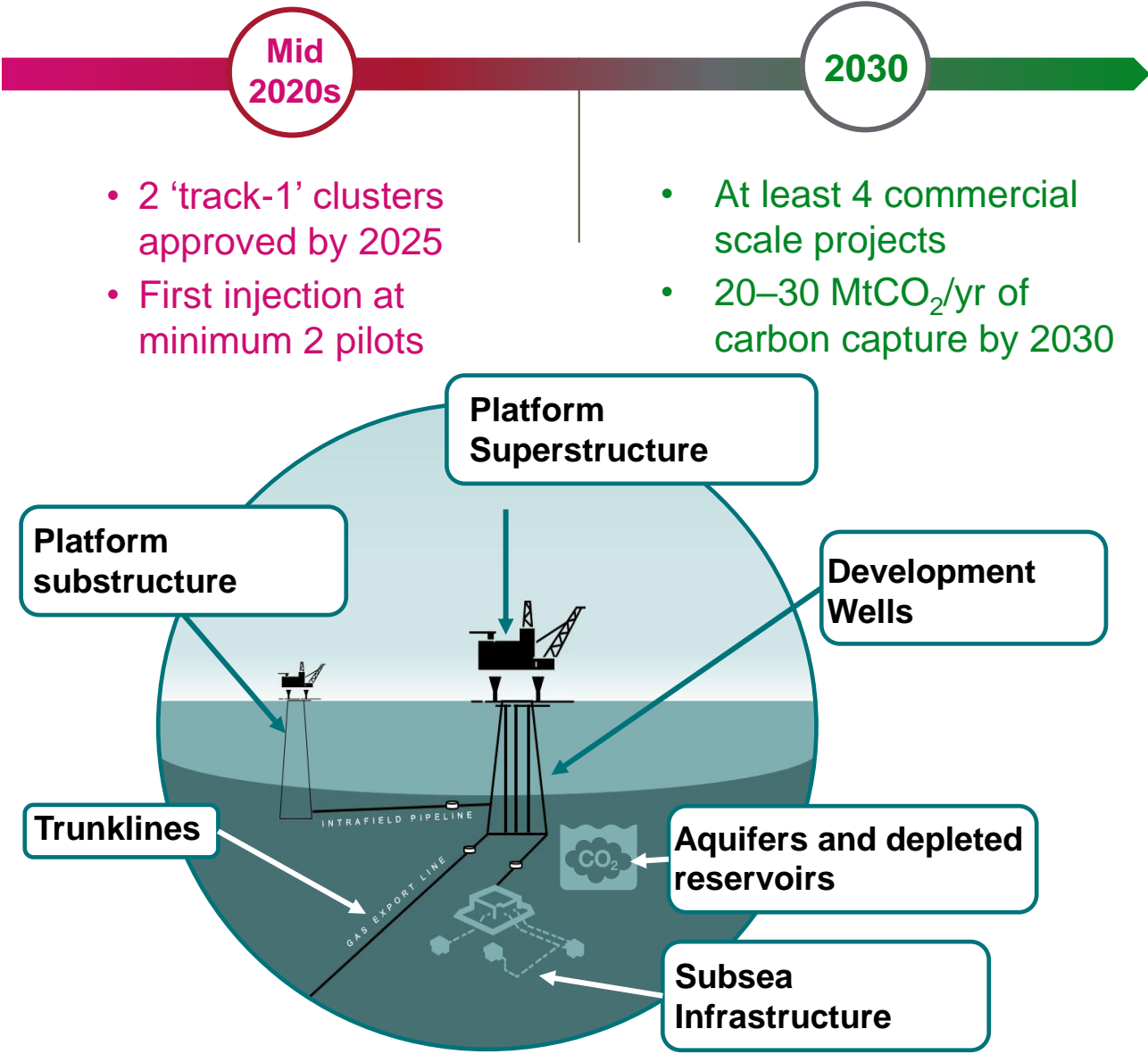
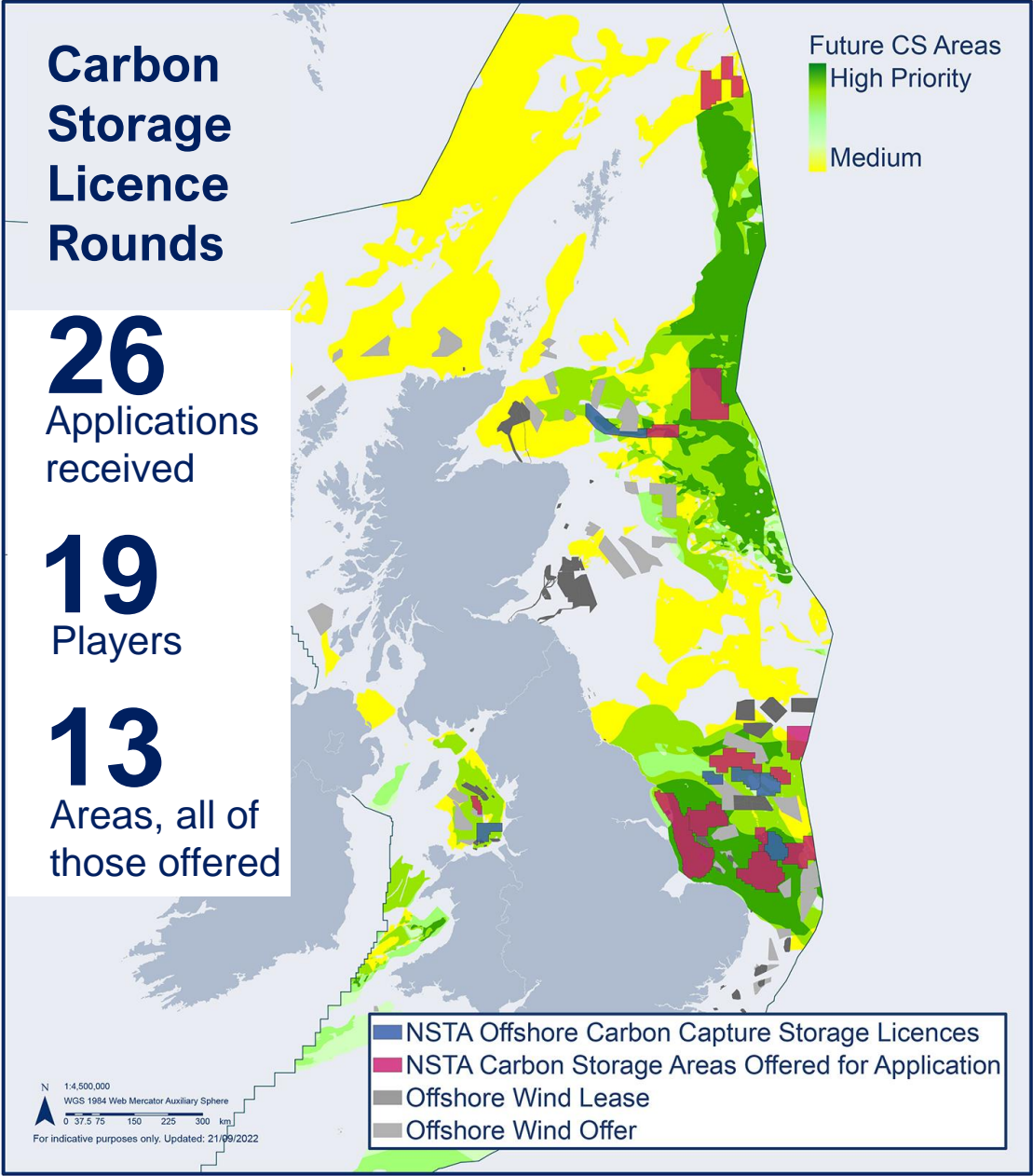
## FOW system



### Transmission & Storage

- 66 kV and 132 kV cables to reduce losses
- Dynamic high-voltage cables
- Integration with offshore hydrogen
- Subsea batteries, battery ships and hydrogen storage
- Floating substations with electrolyzers and desalination

# Carbon Storage





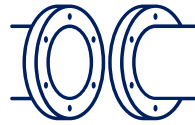
## Capture



### Capture methods

- More efficient amine blends
- CO<sub>2</sub> adsorbents
  - Temperature swing
  - Vacuum swing
  - Pressure swing
- Alternatives
  - Advanced calciner
  - Allam cycle: CO<sub>2</sub> vs steam

## CO<sub>2</sub> Flow Assurance & Transportation



### Flow & energy

- Power requirements
- Unsteady state constraints
- Composition impact

### Compression & liquefaction

- Supersonic CO<sub>2</sub> compressors
- Improved compression, cooling and liquefaction to reduce Opex for ship transport in liquid phase

## Wells & storage



### Well design

- CO<sub>2</sub> compatible completions
- Decom provision

### Store size & suitability

- Injection modelling
- Improved seismic to accelerate pre-FID
- Store characteristics

## Measurement, Monitoring & Verification



### Fiscal & allocation CO<sub>2</sub> metering

- Multiple producers / hubs / multiple stores

### Subsurface tracking

- Consistency with modelling
- Imaging of CO<sub>2</sub> migration
- Seismic monitoring
- Autonomous monitoring

### Leakage detection

- Injection & legacy wells

# Hydrogen Ramp-up

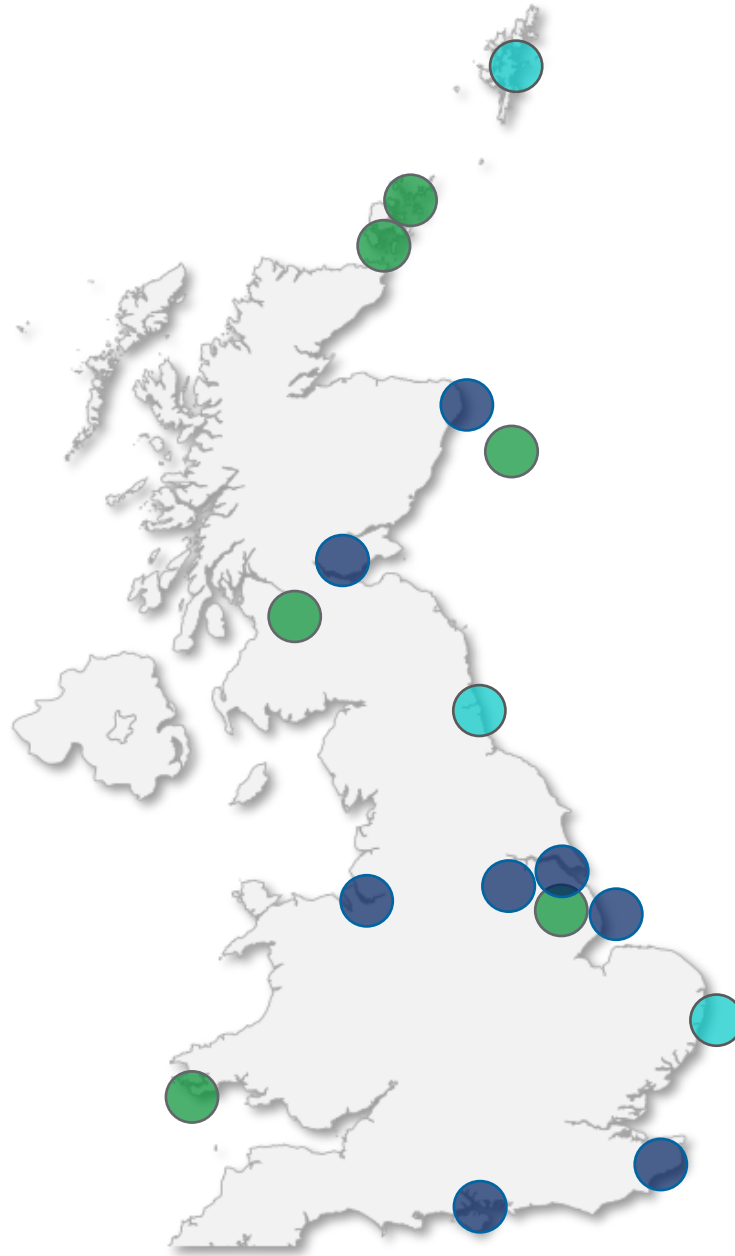
## UK Hydrogen Production Potential

- Blue H<sub>2</sub>
- Green H<sub>2</sub>
- Both

### Projects announced

Blue H<sub>2</sub> potential capacity  
~12GW

Green H<sub>2</sub> potential capacity  
~2GW



## Enablers

### Low-carbon H<sub>2</sub> production

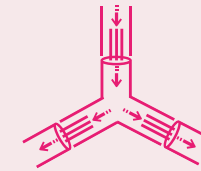


**Blue H<sub>2</sub>** : Industrial clusters & CCUS, natural gas feedstock



**Green H<sub>2</sub>** : Coastal locations, offshore renewable electricity generation capacity & water supply

### H<sub>2</sub> infrastructure



Pipelines & network integration (with CO<sub>2</sub> / CH<sub>4</sub>) inc. blending

Production 'hubs'

### H<sub>2</sub> storage



Balancing demand and supply, underground / surface, offshore / onshore

*UK Government targets: 10GW low-carbon H<sub>2</sub> capacity by 2030, of which at least 5GW is Green H<sub>2</sub>*

## Reformers



### ATR / SMR / POX – established

- >90% Opex
- >80% of Opex is feed gas
- Process integration / heat recovery / district heating
- Improved catalysts
- Higher CO<sub>2</sub> capture rates
- Scaling of production
- Optimise ASU & use green electricity

## Pyrolysis



### Next-generation CH<sub>4</sub> pyrolysis

- Solid carbon by-product offers high capture potential but needs market outlet / disposal
- Needs low-cost, high-performance materials
- Efficiency to be improved
- Currently TRL 6
- Test and demonstration centres needed

## CCS Integration



### Co-locate green & blue H<sub>2</sub>

- Capture and use O<sub>2</sub> from electrolysis to reduce ASU Capex & Opex (for ATR & POX)
- Enable steam generation optimisation and heat recovery across plants

## Electrolysis



- New membranes, catalysts and electrodes to reduce costs, increase efficiency & improve resistance to impurities
- High-pressure & higher temperature systems
- Modularised electrolyser design
- Marinisation of components to work offshore

## Desalination



- Desalination is a modest cost driver in electrolysis costs, but....
- Minimise desalination plant offshore footprint & weight for offshore substructures
- Direct seawater electrolysis avoids desalination, reduces Capex and Opex

## Transportation



- Develop larger, more compact compressors with greater efficiency
  - Blade design
  - Monitoring & control
- Flow metering and leakage detection optimised for H<sub>2</sub>
- Retrofit pipelines with new materials for H<sub>2</sub> service
- Raise electrolyser output gas pressure

## Storage



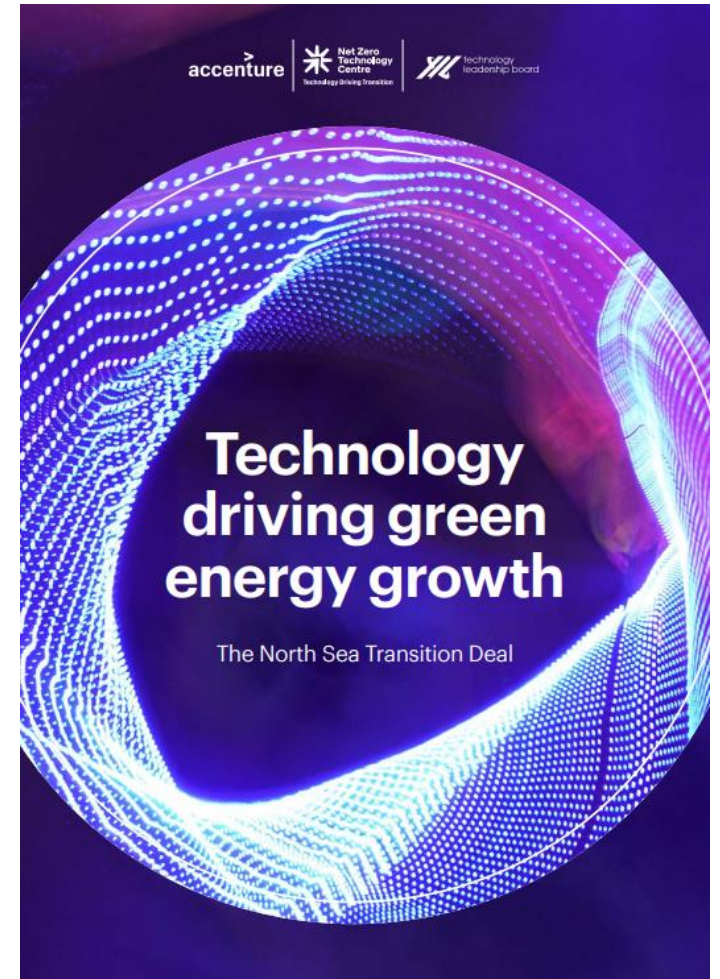
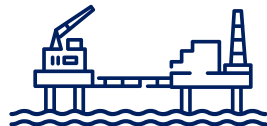
- Short term, to supply:
  - H<sub>2</sub> compatible gen sets
  - Fuel cells
- Seasonal
  - Geological formations
  - Depleted O&G fields
  - Salt caverns
- High energy density
  - Compressed; liquified; LOHCs
  - Small green NH<sub>3</sub> plants offshore

# What next?

 **More details on net zero technology priorities in the report on [www.netzerotc.com](http://www.netzerotc.com) and [www.the-tlb.com](http://www.the-tlb.com)**

## Actions

- Keep abreast of the fast moving technology landscape
- Identify what you and your company need or could deliver
- Prepare technology plans to meet energy security and Net Zero challenges
- Support the UK's innovative supply chain:
  - To deliver a better, faster, more sustainable energy transition
  - To grow its size, capacity and capability in the many breakthrough technology areas mentioned today
- And remember, it is you people in this room who have the expertise and the energy to make the difference.







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# Thank you

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