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**Moderator: Eva Halland**

08:30 CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring projects supported by the CLIMIT programme, Kristian Stangvik

08:40 Awarded exploration licenses for CO<sub>2</sub> storage Offshore Norway, Ann Helen Hansen

08:50 Catalina Acuna, Geophysicist – MMV Lead, AkerBP

09:00 Henrik Ohrt, Subsurface Manager, Northern Lights

09:10 Shared Insights for Shared Success: The Power of Joint and Collaborative Monitoring, Volker Oye, Norsar

09:20 Discussion

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Large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> storage on the Norwegian continental shelf – Can collaboration on monitoring lead to a reduction in risk and costs?



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# CLIMIT's Contribution to CO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Technology

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# Why is Monitoring Necessary?



# Challenges & Objectives

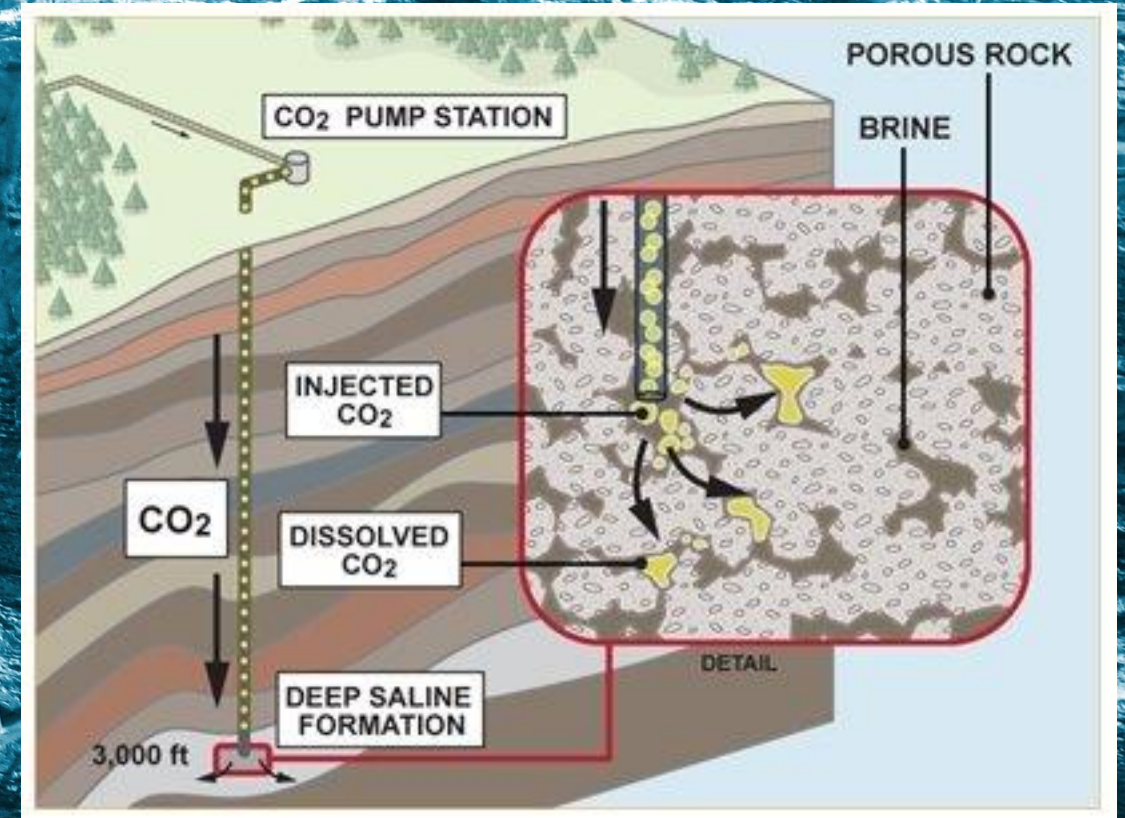
## Key challenges:

- Credibility
- Scale-up
- Cost reduction
- Market-building

## Key objectives:

- Ensure compliance with EU regulations (2009 CCS Directive)
- Verify storage integrity & detect anomalies early
- Develop cost-effective, scalable monitoring solutions

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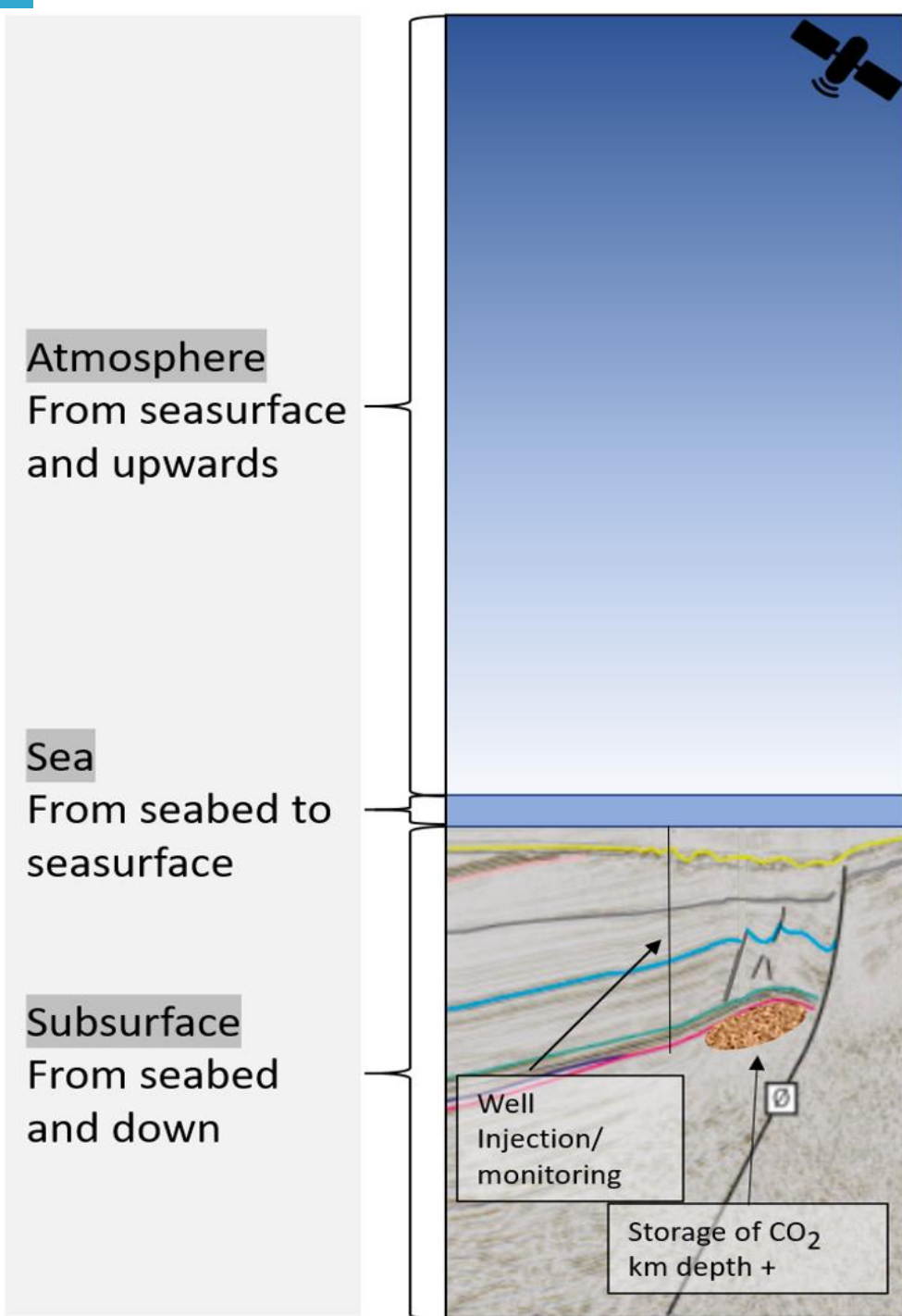
# Monitoring Technologies Supported by CLIMIT

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### Atmospheric/airborne monitoring

- A few different methods
- Ex: InSar
  - 800 km high – measures uplift of the underground

### Surface/near surface monitoring

- A variety of methods
- Ex: Tracer
  - CO<sub>2</sub> is given a signature (added element) before storage
  - Monitor surface for gas with that signature
- Ex: Microseismic
  - Receivers along well path
  - Listening for seismic activity

### Subsurface monitoring

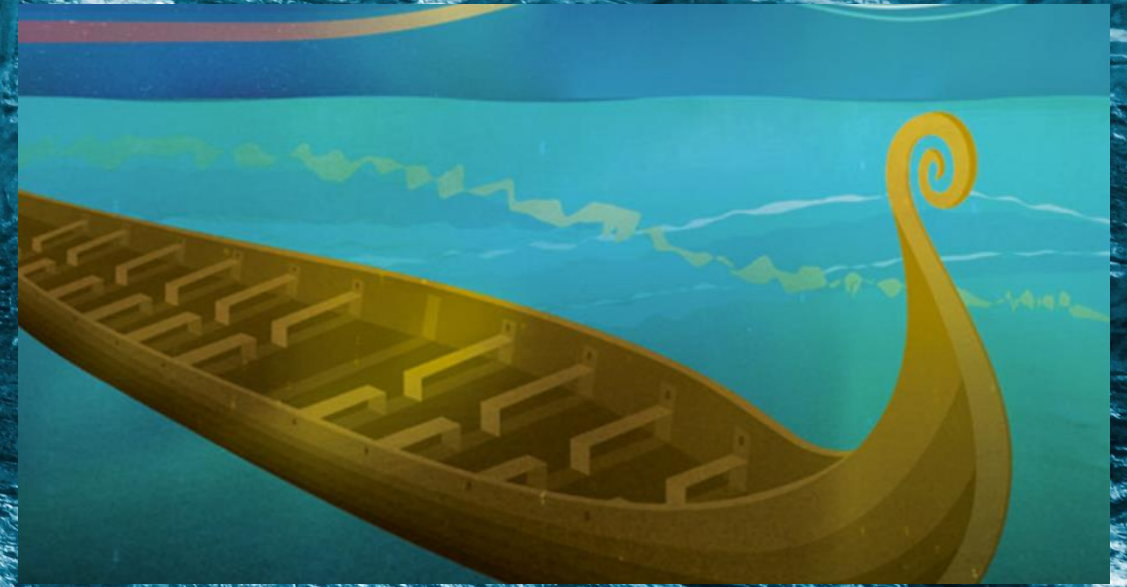
- Ex: Seismic imaging (4D seismic)
  - Imaging the underground and CO<sub>2</sub>-plume movement
  - 4D refers to 3D and time as the 4th dimension
- Ex: Pressure monitoring
  - Receivers along well path
  - Monitoring pressure development

# Longship's guiding light

**Longship is Norway's flagship CCS project, and one of the most advanced in the world**

**It will set the benchmark for offshore CCS monitoring, defining best practices for future large-scale storage projects**

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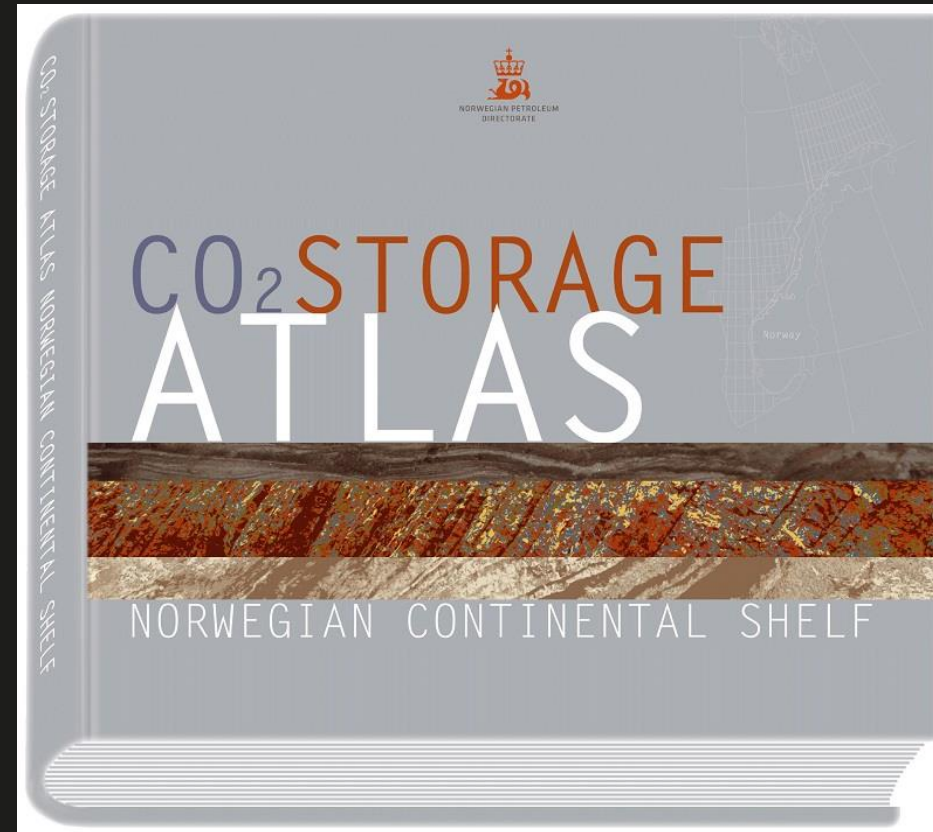
# Awarded Licenses for CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Offshore Norway



*Ann Helen Hansen – Norwegian Offshore Directorate*



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CO<sub>2</sub> STORAGE ATLAS NCS



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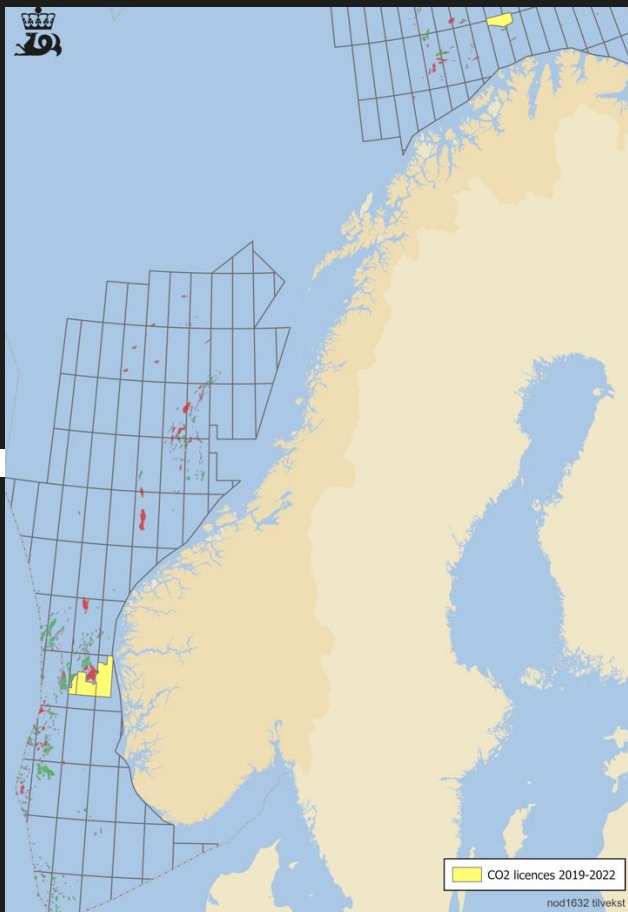
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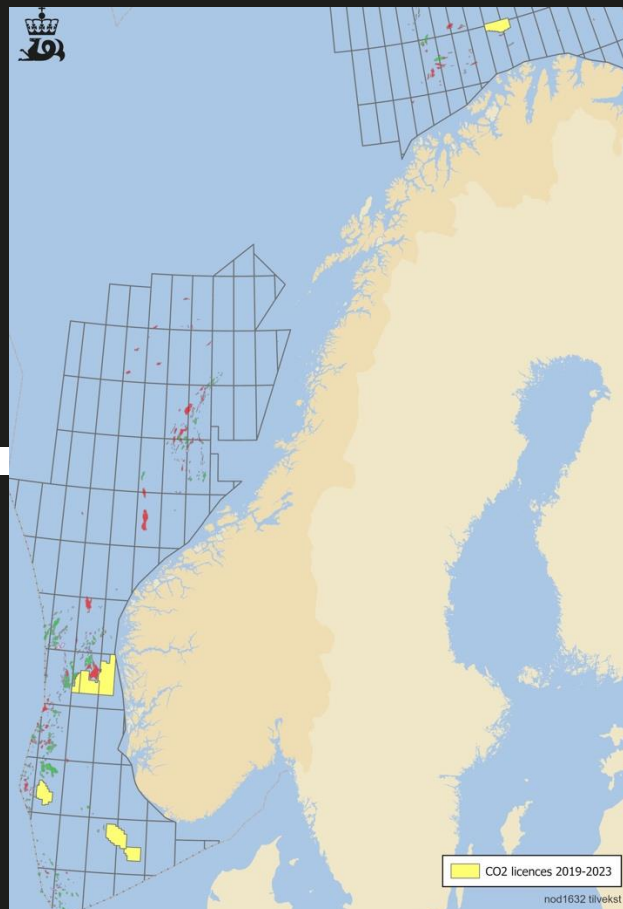
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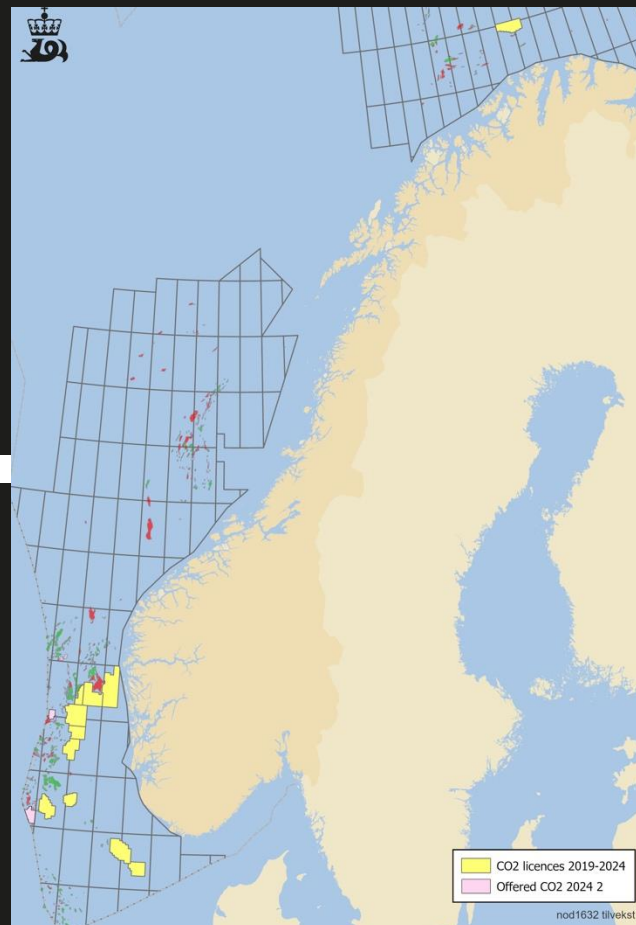
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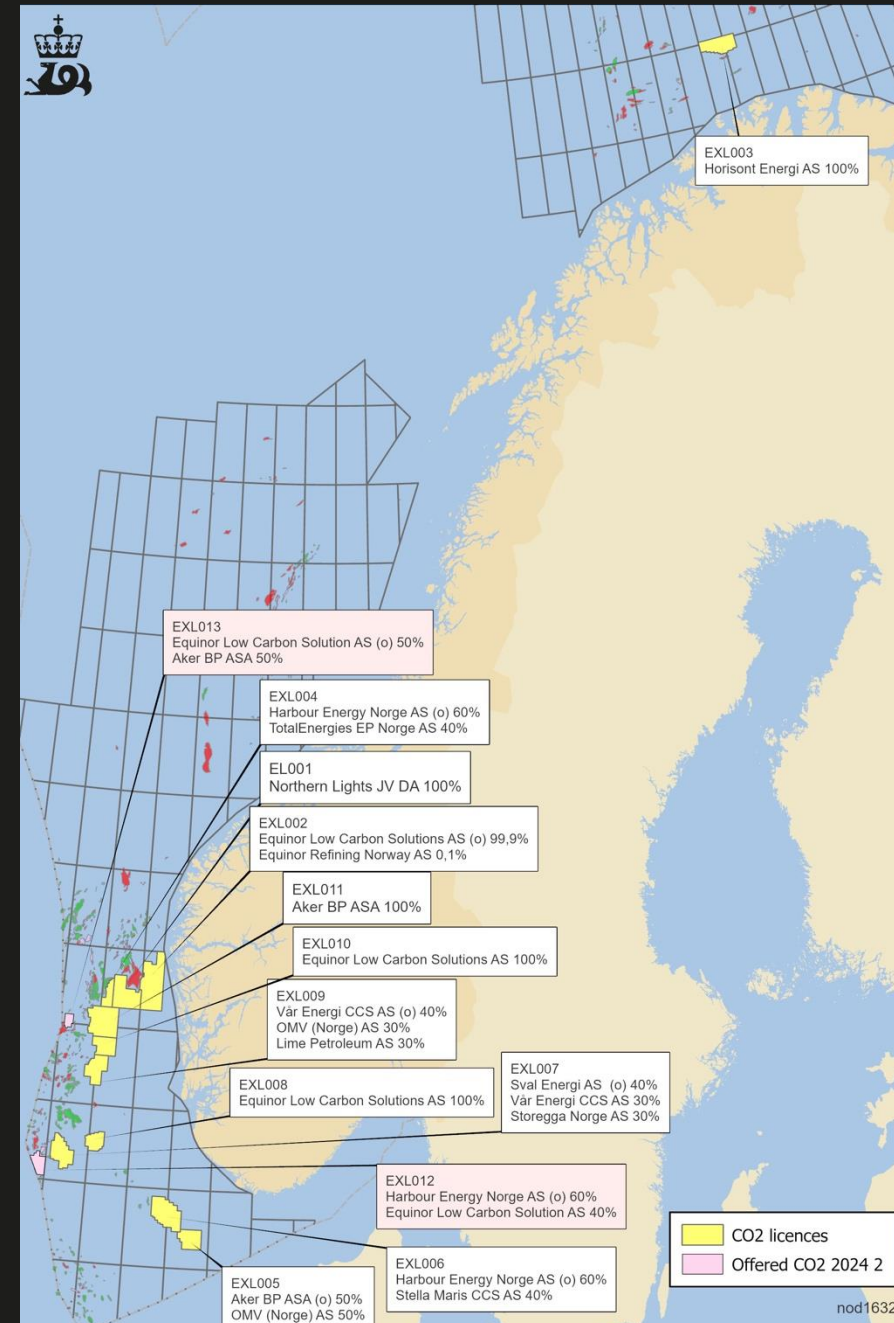
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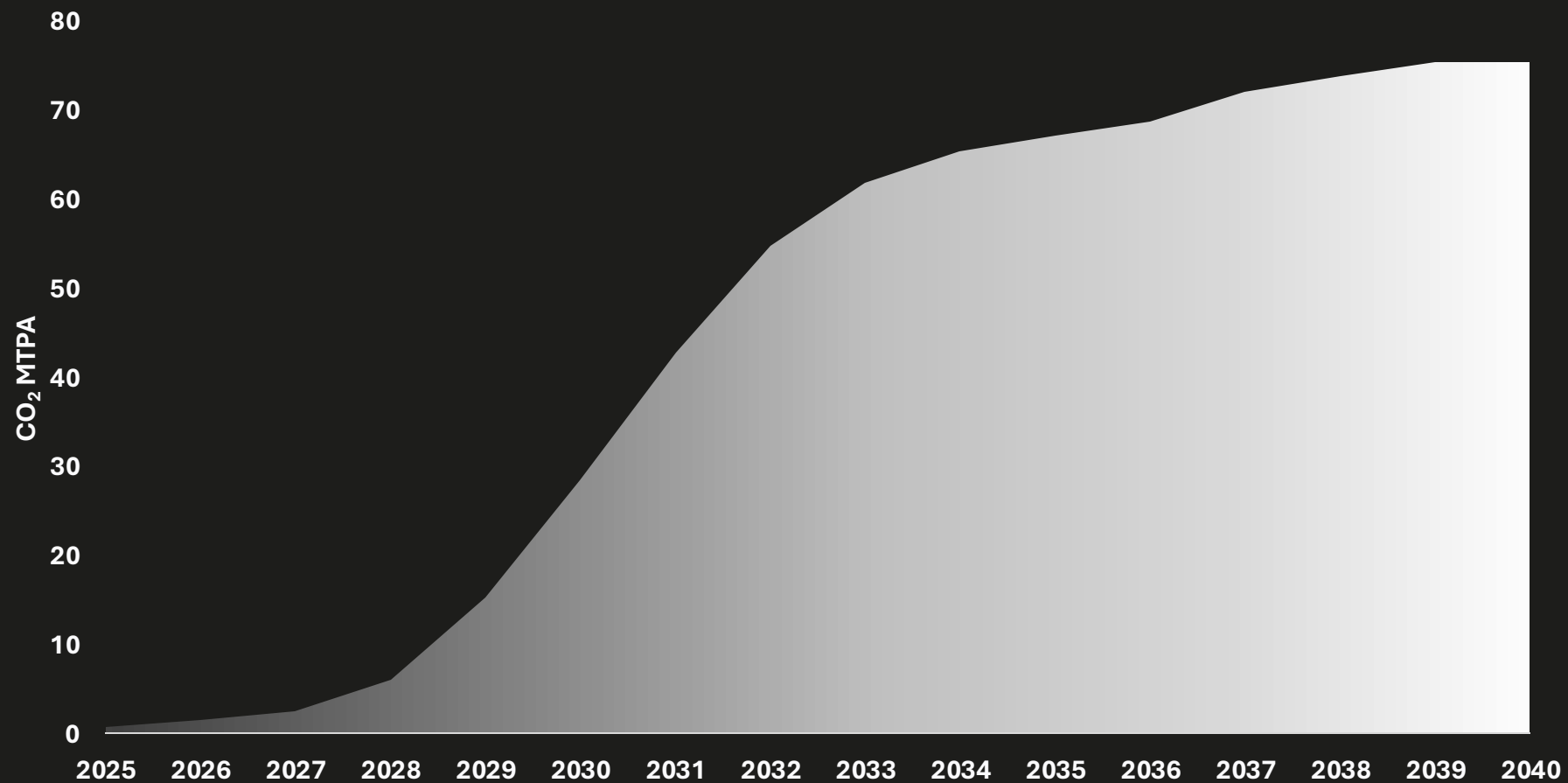
# Current Status: CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Licenses

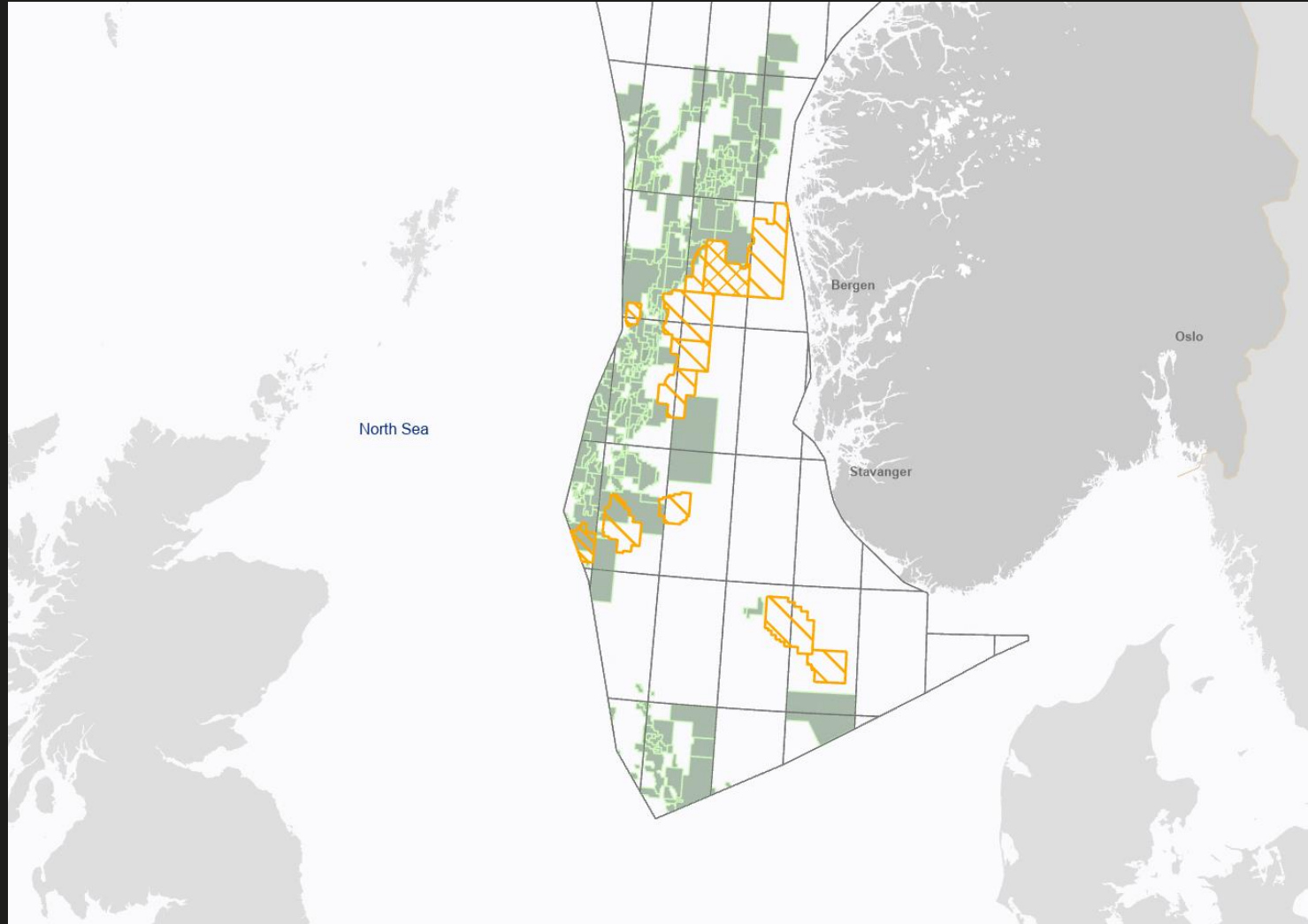
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- 10 Exploration License
- 2 Offered Exploration Licenses





# A possible future for CO<sub>2</sub> storage on NCS





# CO<sub>2</sub> STORAGE POTENTIAL



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# Northern Lights Monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub> storage

Larvik, 26 February 2025

- World-class subsurface storage complex
- State-of-the-art monitoring
- Collaboration



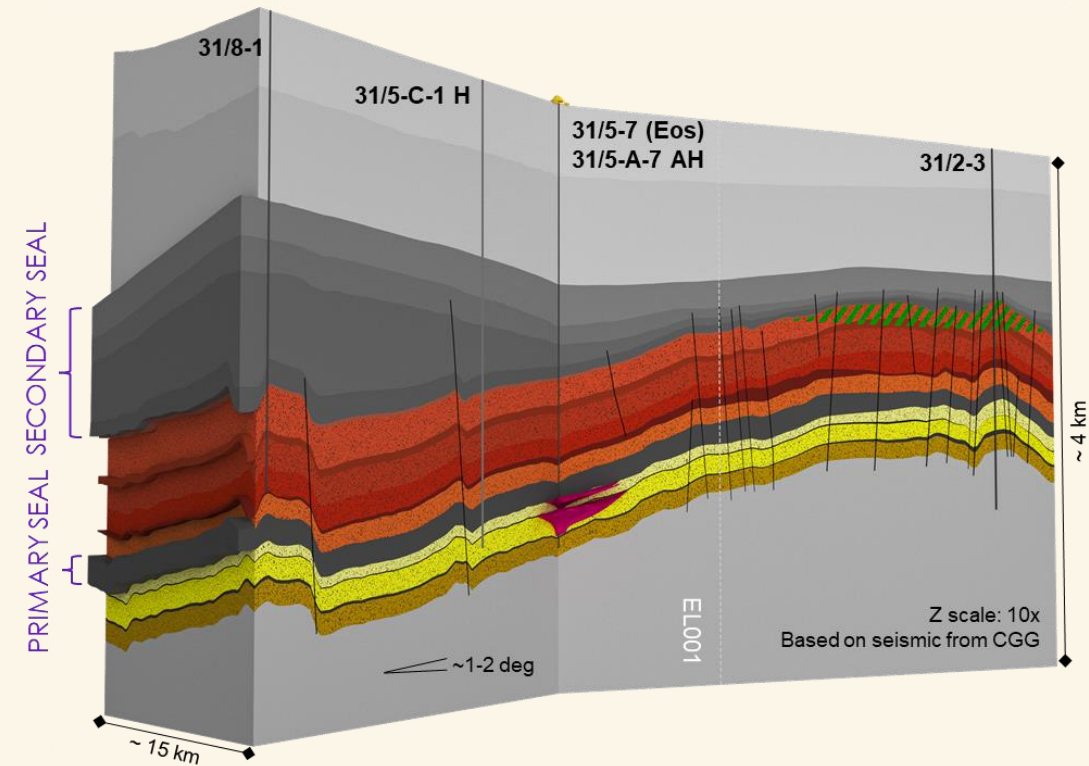
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Subsurface Manager, Northern Lights

# World-class subsurface storage complex – How? Why?

## Northern Lights Storage

- Is confirmed – dynamically tested - very permeable
- Has two proven - dynamically tested - seals (cap rocks)
- Is located in a tectonically quiet area
- Has no legacy wells within the license
- Has a pressure and temperature that allows CO<sub>2</sub> to stay in one phase (critical fluid, no gas & no liquid)



- Saline aquifer at ~2 700 m depth, 100 km offshore
  - Primary “storage units”: Cook & Johansen Fms. - Shallow marine Jurassic sands
  - Primary seal: Drake Fm, thick package of deepwater, organic rich, shales
  - Secondary seal: Draupne Fm. (Troll field seal)

# State-of-the-art monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub> storage – Why?

## To:

- Confirm safe storage in targeted hydraulic unit
- Potentially adjust / optimize the CO<sub>2</sub> injection scheme

## Confirm effectiveness of CCS investments

The investments in capture, transport, and storage of CO<sub>2</sub> in Northern Lights storage will amount to several 10s of billions NOK.

Demonstrating the success of the investments – i.e., an effective and safe CO<sub>2</sub> storage - is crucial; - for the investors/customers, the authorities and the public.

# State-of-the-art Monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub> storage – How? What?



## IN-WELL MONITORING

Assessment of:

- Injection well performance
- Storage pressure development

Daily surveillance and analysis (as required) of:

- Well injection rates
- Well injection pressures
- Well injection temperatures

Periodic well testing with:

- Step-rate tests
- Fall-off tests

Include in-well monitoring results in review and updates of:

- Injection planning
- Operational windows and alarm settings for injection wells
- Reservoir monitoring and management plans
- Reservoir models, estimated storage capacity, etc.



# State-of-the-art Monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub> storage – How? What?



ACTIVE / 4D  
SEISMIC MONITORING

Assessment of:

- CO<sub>2</sub> plume migration (dimension and speed)

## Tentative Plan:



Timing and size of seismic repeats will be optimized based on monitoring results and updated reservoir modelling.

# State-of-the-art Monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub> storage – How? What?

## PASSIVE / NATURAL SEISMIC MONITORING

Assessment of:

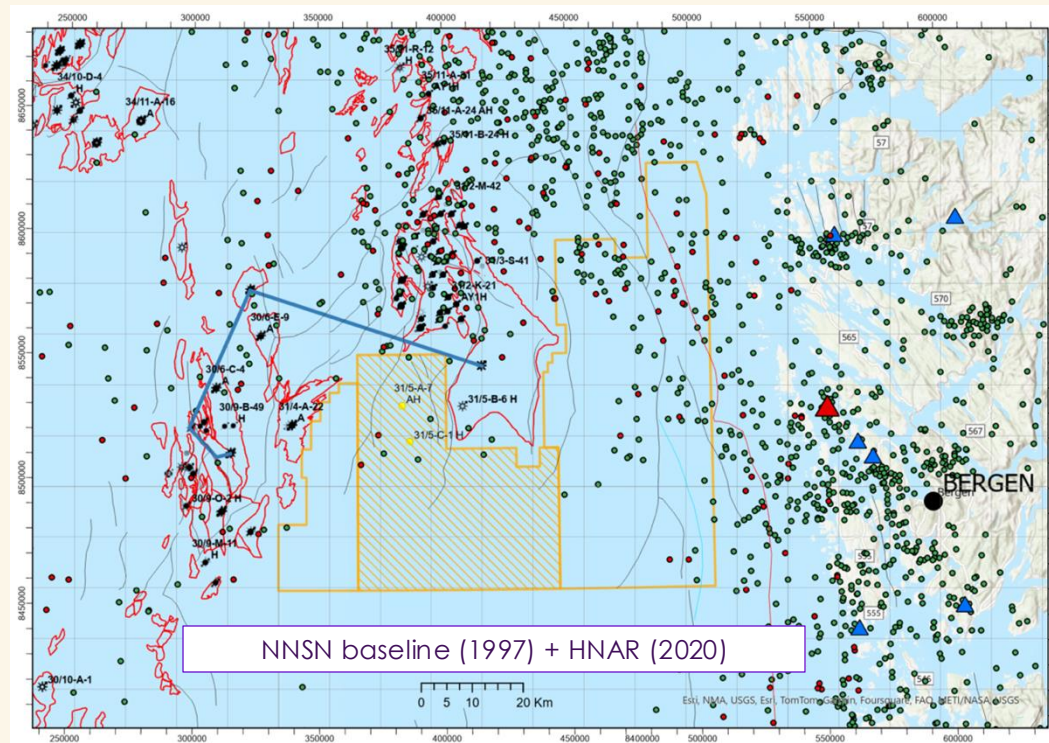
- Natural seismicity
- Potential induced seismicity

### Onshore Sensors:

- NSNN – 34 National Seismometers onshore
- HNAR: Holsnøy Seismic Array

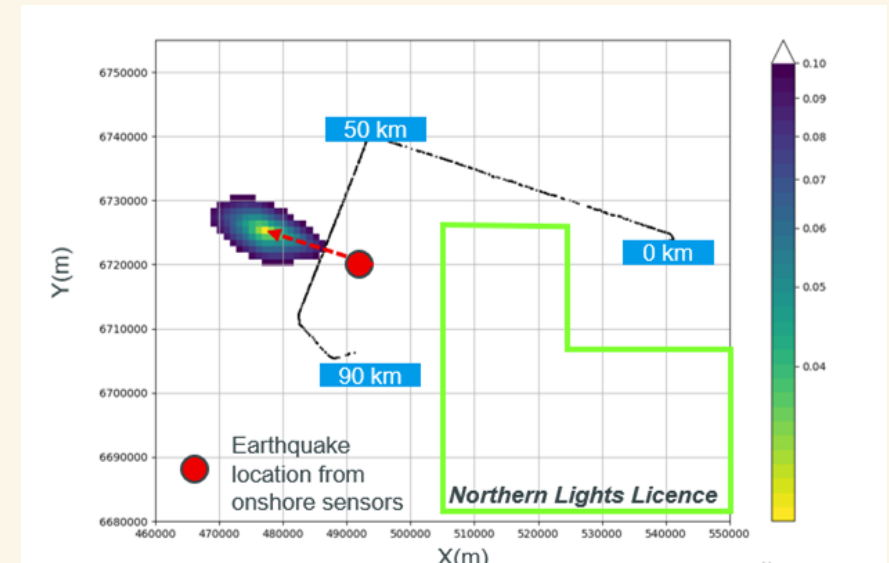
#### Legend:

- ▲ National Seismometers
- Events recorded by NSNN
- ▲ Hølsnøy Array HNAR
- Events recorded by HNAR/FO
- Telecom Fiber



### Seabed Fiber Optics

Improved sensitivity and measurement of location of Earthquake (seismic event)....



# State-of-the-art Monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub> storage – Collaboration



**PASSIVE / NATURAL  
SEISMIC MONITORING**

Assessment of:

- Natural seismicity
- Potential induced seismicity

## Examples of collaboration in the pipeline:

### **Permanent installation of the HNAR-ARRAY**

(Northern Lights JV, NORSAR (,Equinor))

### **DAS4HNET** (project (proposed) to follow previous HNET projects)

(NORSAR, ASN, Equinor, Northern Lights JV, NTNU-CGF, Shearwater, Shell, TotalEnergies, University of Bergen, Viridien)

Focus on maturing novel concepts of integrating fibre optic DAS measurements into microseismic monitoring systems.

# Northern Lights – Monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub> storage



## Summary

- Northern Lights has a world-class subsurface storage complex
- The investments in capture, transport, and storage of CO<sub>2</sub> in Northern Lights storage will amount to several 10s of billions NOK
- Demonstrating the success of the CCS investments – i.e., an effective and safe CO<sub>2</sub> storage - is crucial; - for the investors/customers, the authorities and the public
- Northern Lights has a state-of-the art monitoring strategy comprising in-well monitoring, active seismic, passive seismic, and the modelling tools to assess the observations
- Collaboration is taking place