

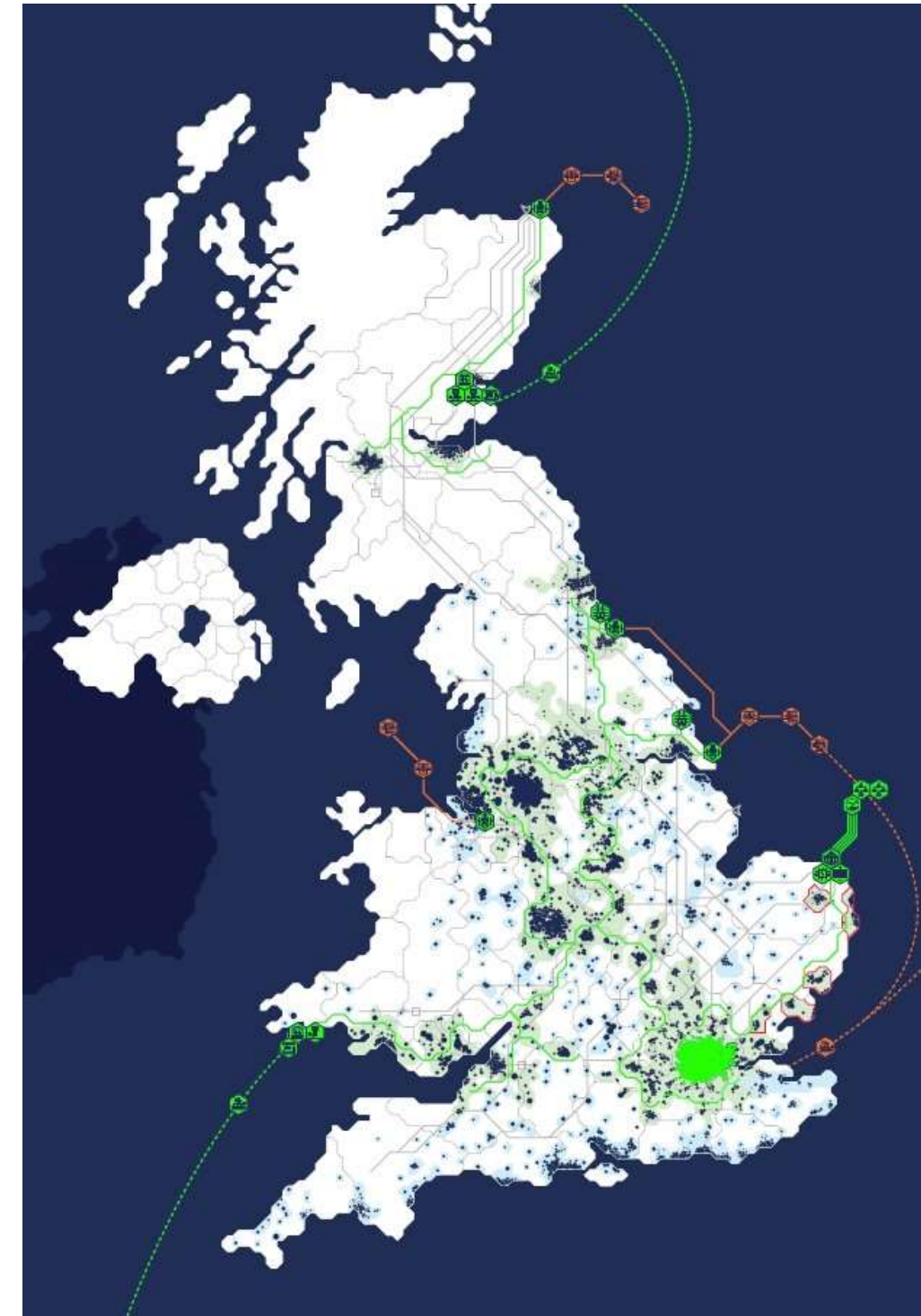
Dimensioning the storage concepts for H21

... potentially the world's largest clean energy project ...

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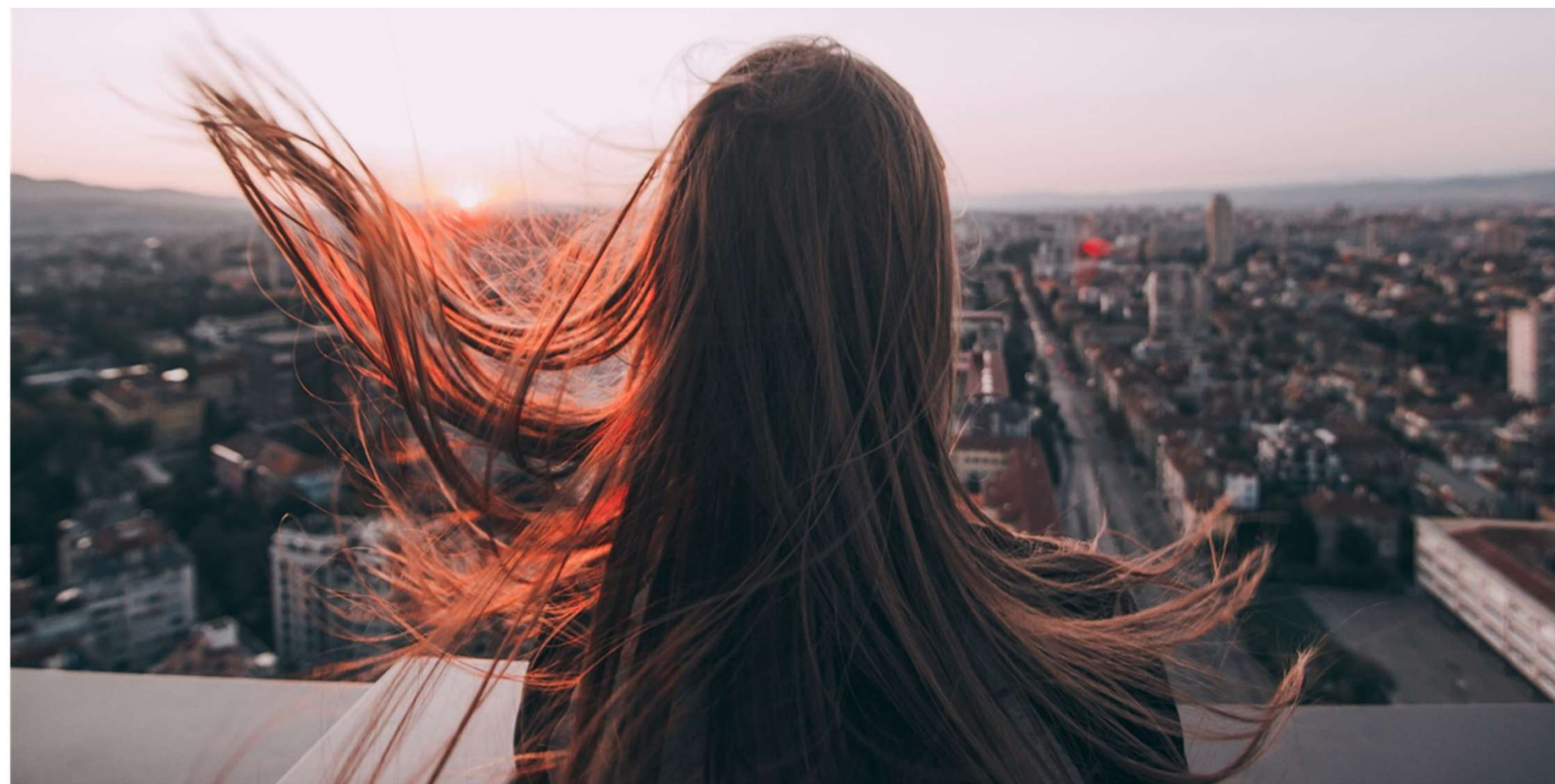
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Our vision

Shaping the future of energy

- Competitive at all times
- Transforming the oil and gas industry
- Providing energy for a low carbon future



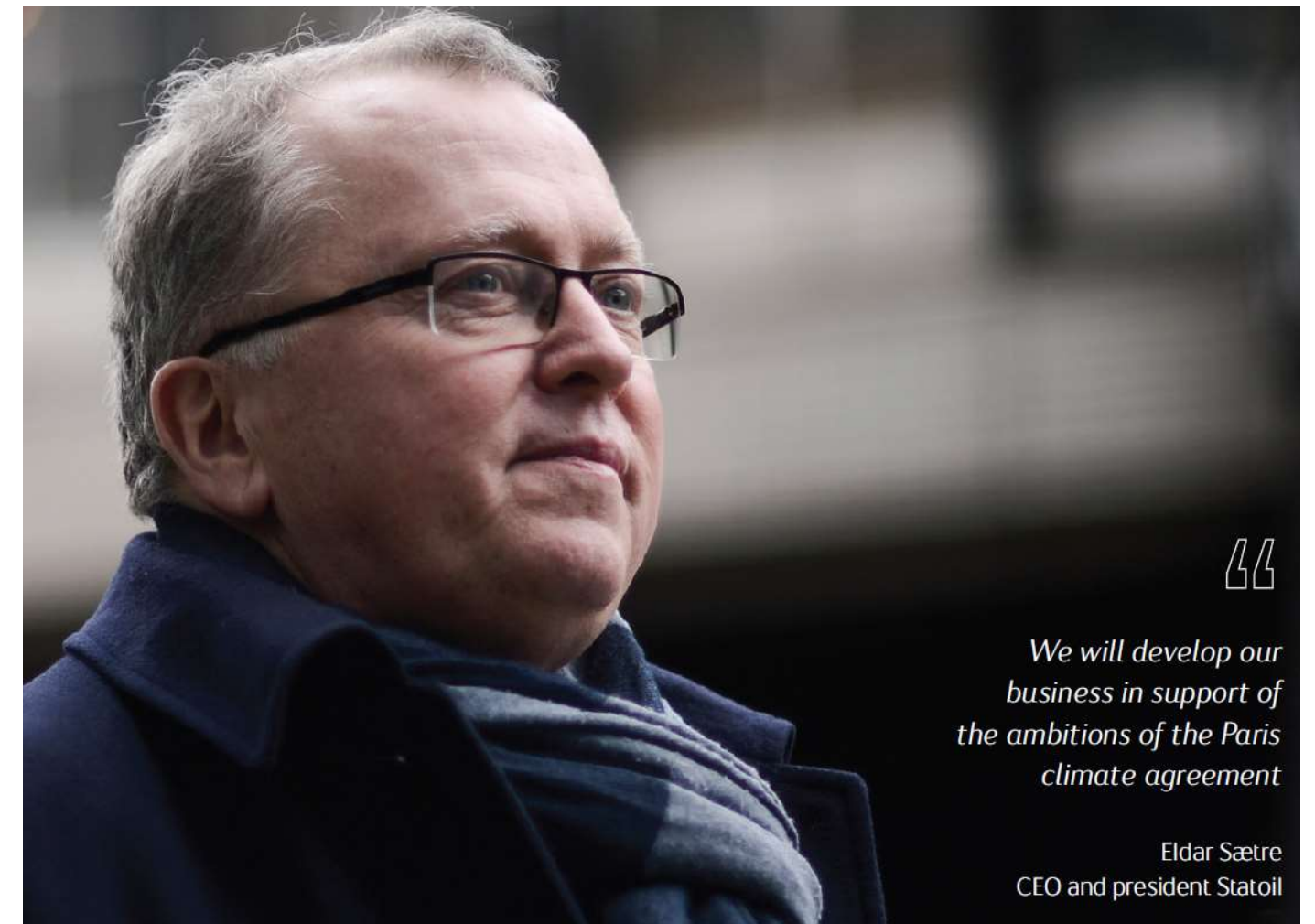
Shaping the future of energy in a low carbon world

A **low CO₂ footprint** is a competitive advantage

Evaluating **CCS and clean hydrogen** in the transition to a low carbon society

Exploring **several business opportunities** by reforming natural gas to clean hydrogen, while capturing and storing the CO₂

Meet future climate targets in **power, industry, transportation and heating**



Gas is a cost efficient enabler

... for a carbon neutral energy system



Gas displacing more carbon intense fuels in transport, heating and power

Gas combination with renewables (gas and electricity)

Hydrogen and renewable electricity smartly integrated

Decarbonising energy systems



Easy ← complexity to decarbonise → Hard

Transport



Battery (mostly) plus Hydrogen for Heavy Duty




Hydrogen Fuel-Cell Trains



Liquid Hydrogen and Fuel-Cells for long haul Big Ships

Power



Large Battery Systems for Daily Swing (night-to-day)



Hydro-Power as Battery for Small Scale Intermittency

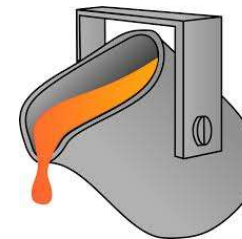


Hydrogen fired CCGTs Clean Back-Up Power for Large Scale Intermittency

Industry



Light Industry powered by Renewable

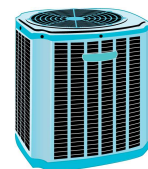


Heavy Industry powered by Hydrogen from Natural Gas + CCS

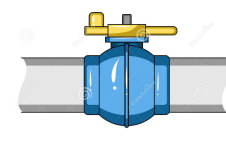


CCS for Industry without other Alternatives

Heat



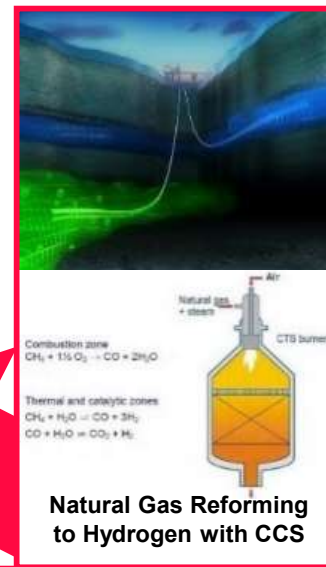
Heat Pumps For Efficient Use of Electricity in Homes



Hydrogen for Efficient Transfer of Energy from Production to End-Users



Hydrogen for Large Scale Seasonal Storage



Natural Gas Reforming to Hydrogen with CCS

Combustion zone
 $CH_4 + 1.5 O_2 \rightarrow CO + 2H_2O$

Thermal and catalytic zones
 $CH_4 + H_2O \rightarrow CO + 3H_2$
 $CO + H_2O \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2$

Multiple technologies to address the challenge

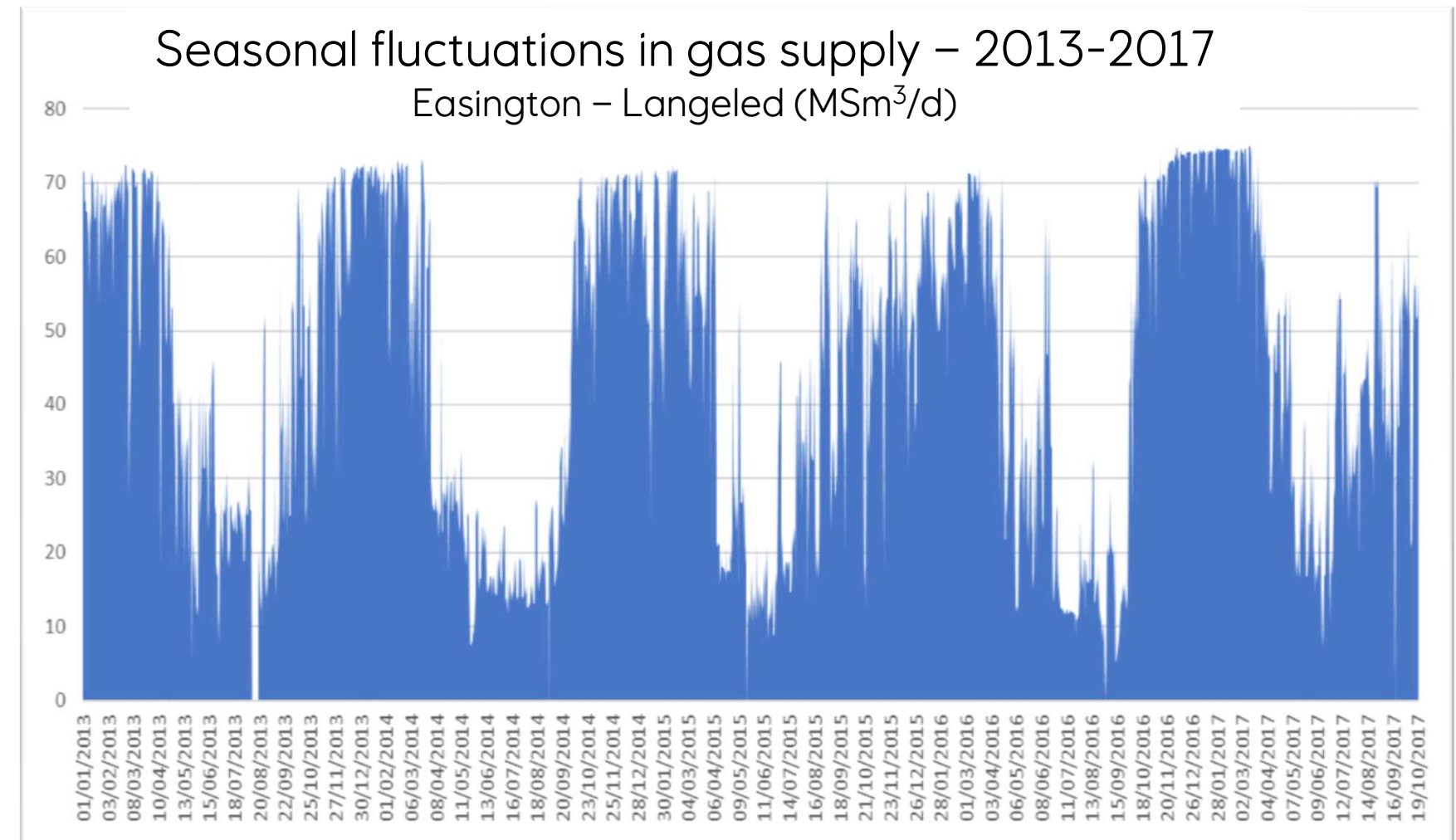
UK Energy markets: Huge Seasonal Variations

UK Energy

- Gas dominated – 800 TWh
- CO2 emission from gas = 160 mtpa
- Seasonal variations in heat only require 60-80 TWh storage/ flexible supply

Gas Power

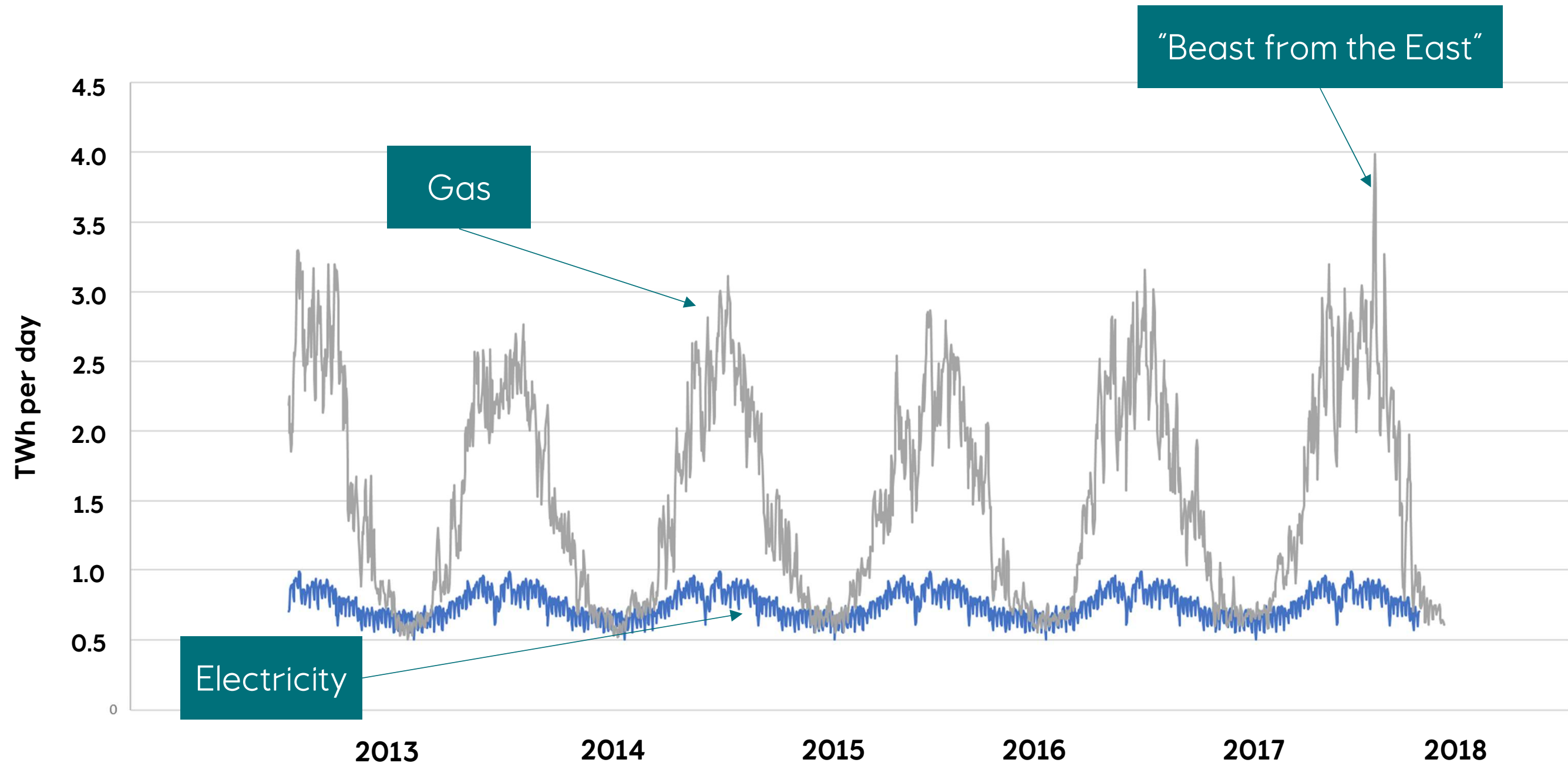
- 20-25 GW installed capacity
- Majority are swing producers
- Increases with phase out of coal



Norwegian Gas to UK

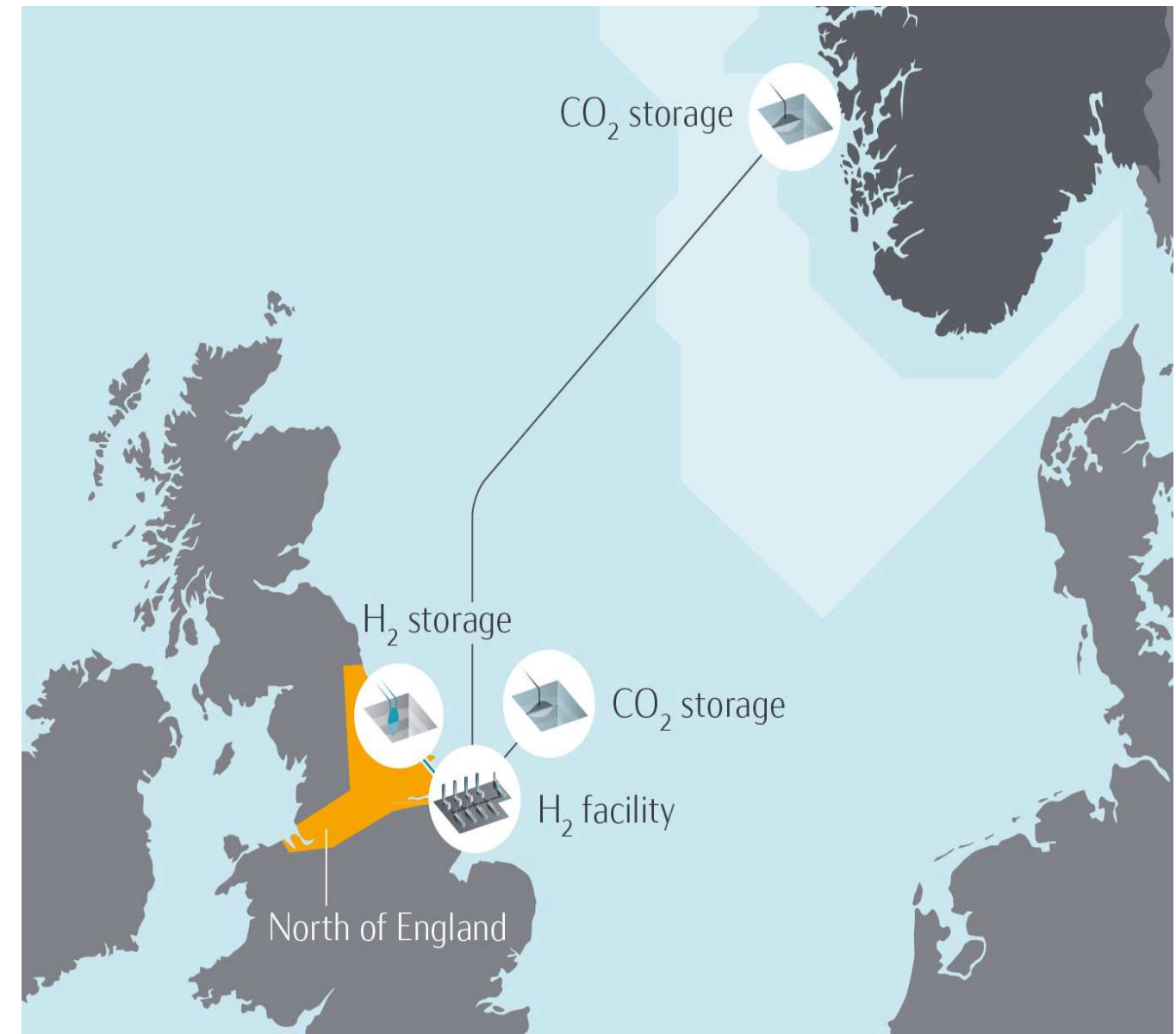
- Functions as the UK «energy storage»
- 40% of Norwegian gas export
- Norway total gas export = 1100 TWh

Non-transport energy use (UK)



H21 North of England

- System approach to decarbonise residential heating and distributed gas use (fuel switch from NG to H₂)
- Large-Scale: 12.5% of UK population, ~85 TWh
- Conversion starts 2028 with stepwise expansion to 2035 replacing more than 3.7 million appliances
- 17-18 Mt CO₂ reduction per year
- Continued use of existing infrastructure
- Security of supply - copes with seasonal demand
- Offshore CO₂ storage in either UK or Norway
- Facilitating unlimited system coupling between gas and electricity
- UK-Norway partnership



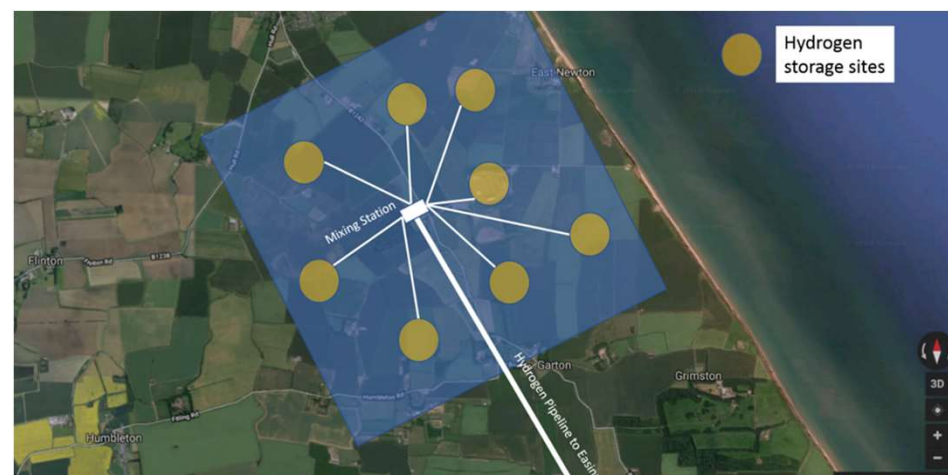
Full report at <https://northerngasnetworks.co.uk/h21-noe>

H21 supply concept – illustration



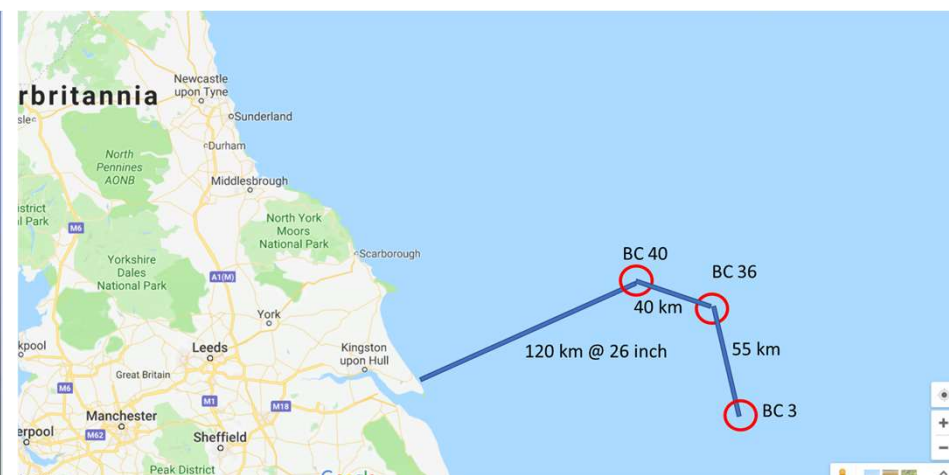
Greenfield hydrogen facility

Location: Easington
 Capacity: 12 GW
 Configuration: Multi train, self-sufficient power



Hydrogen storage

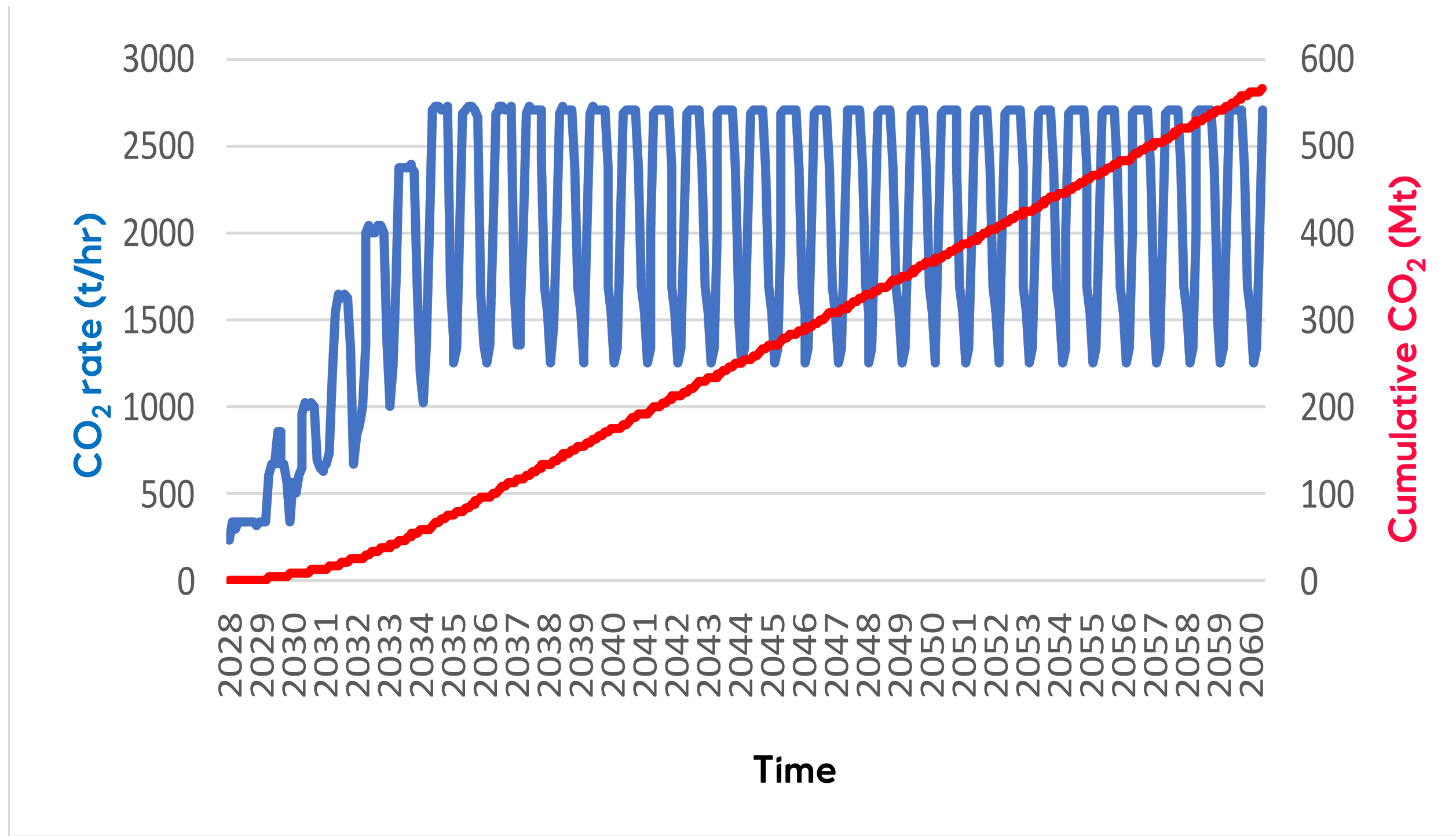
Location: Aldbrough
 Capacity: 8 TWh
 Configuration: 56 caverns (of 300,000 m³)



CO₂ storage

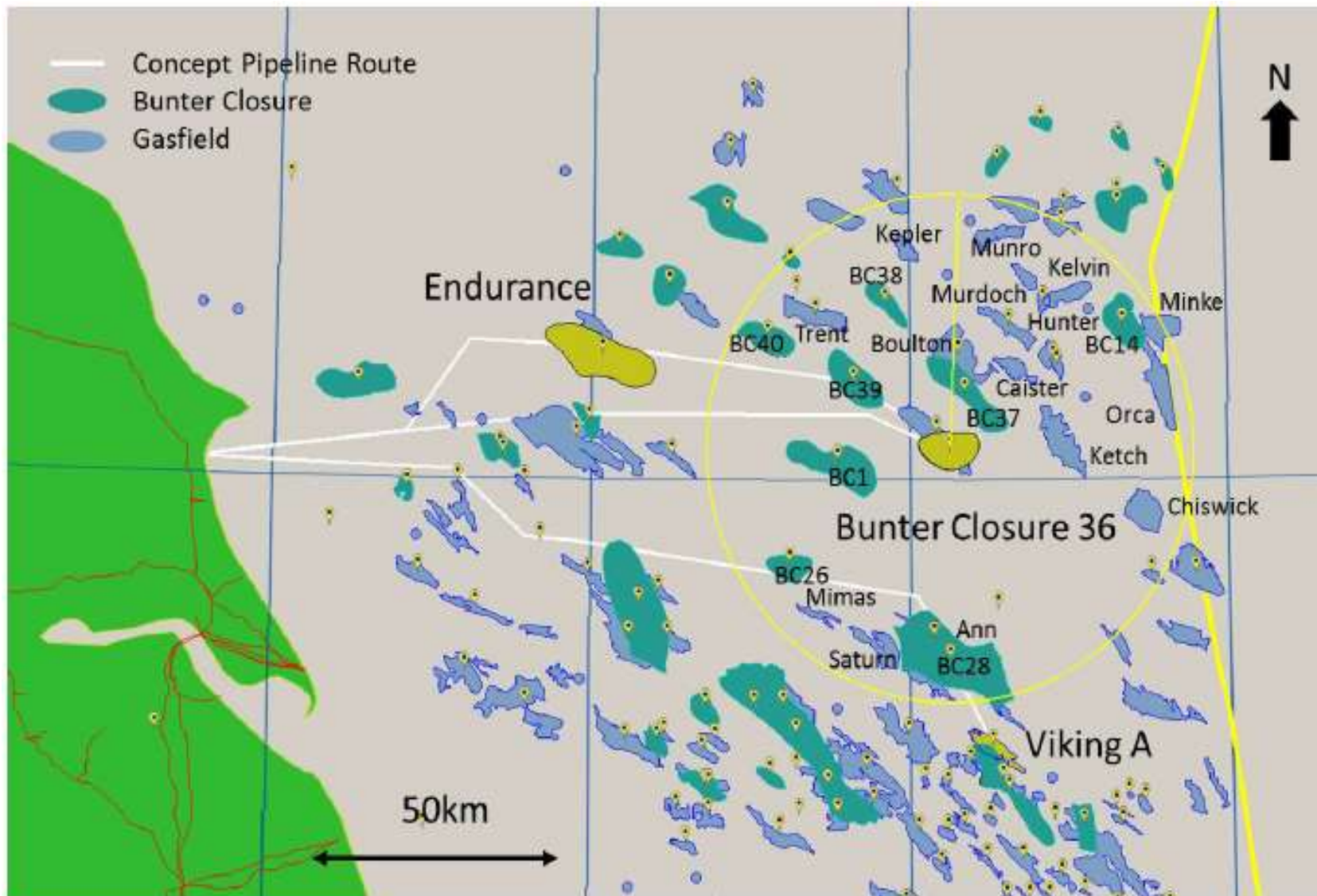
Location: UK or Norway
 Capacity: +600 Mt @ 17 mtpa
 Configuration: Saline aquifers

Storage demand – large seasonal swing

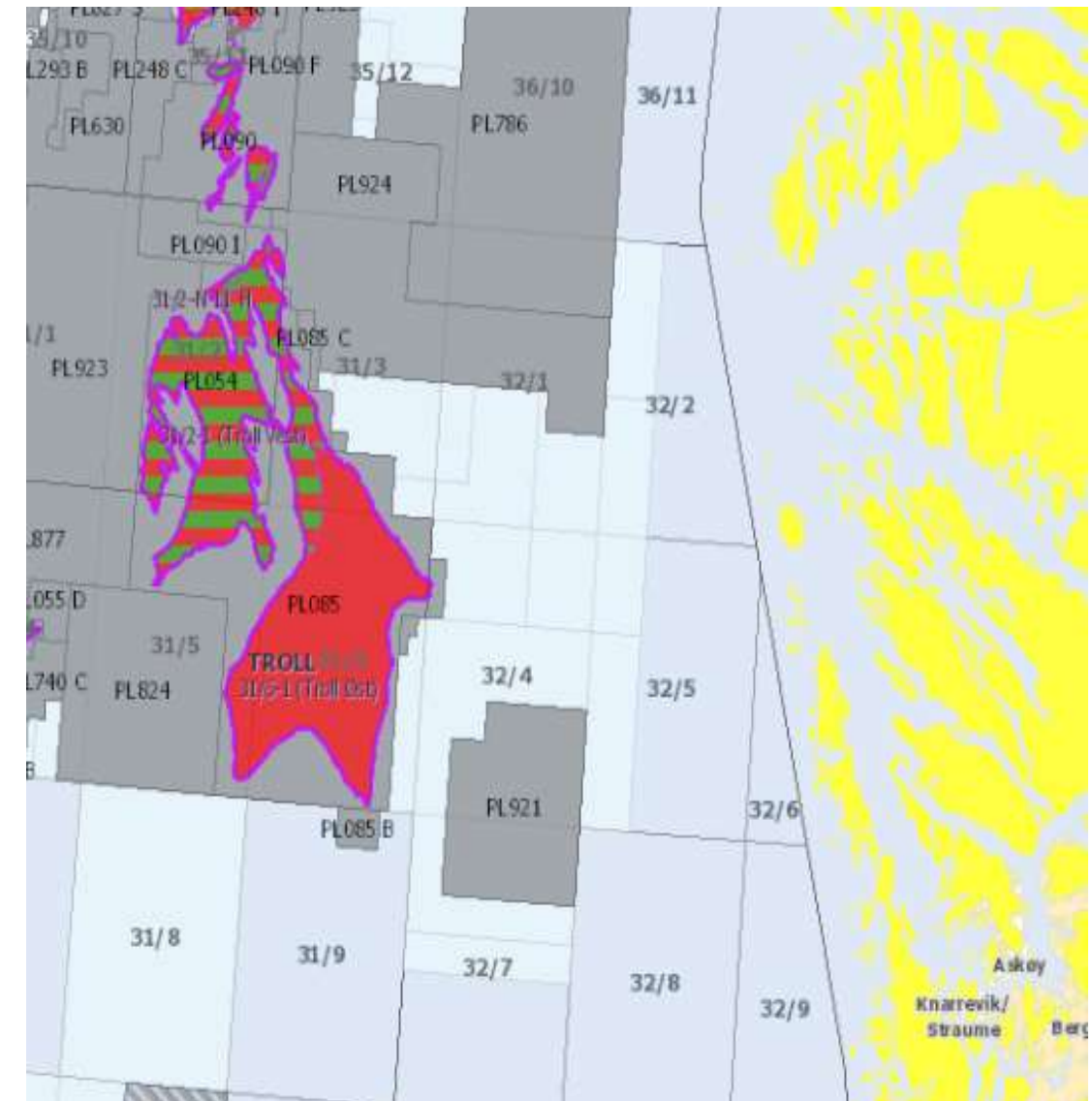


Screening of storage sites

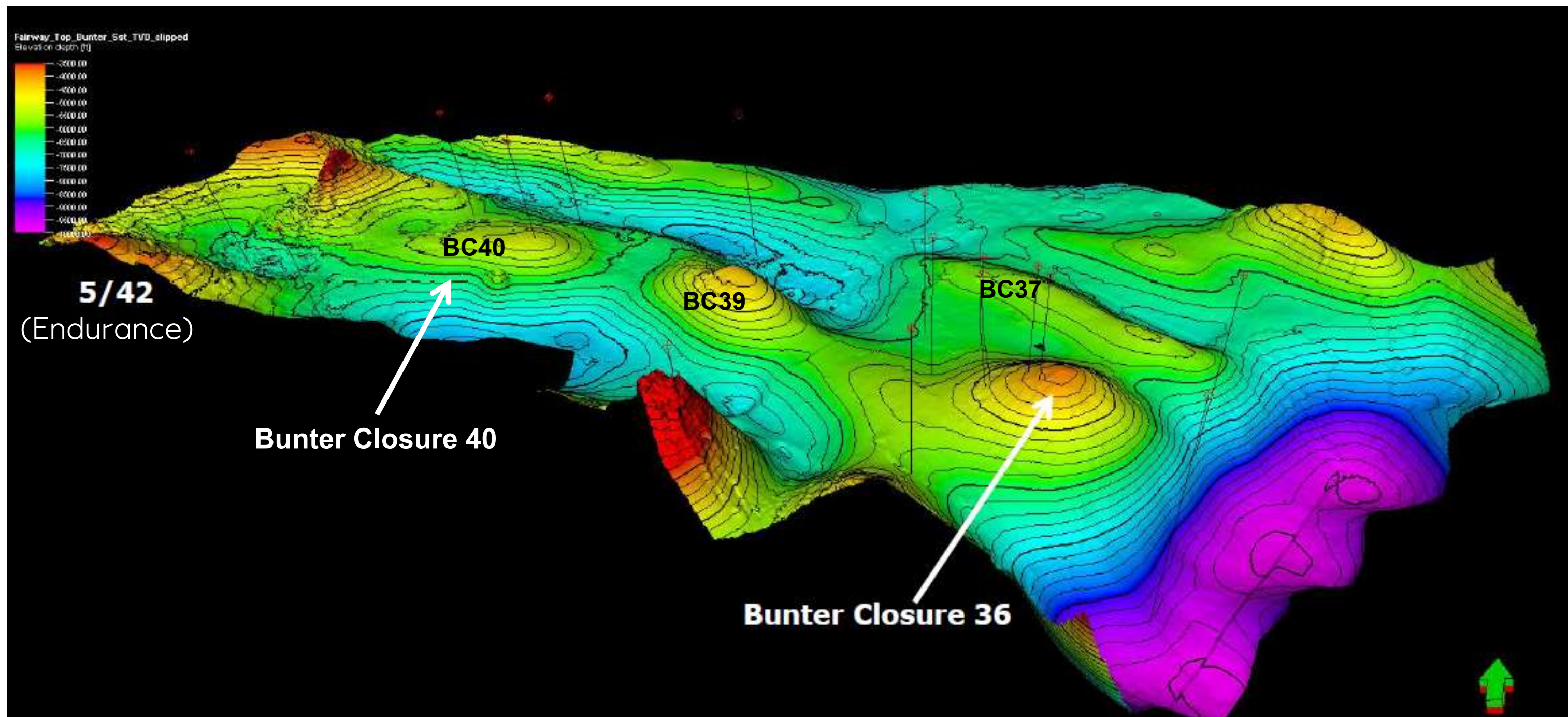
UK SNS



Norway – Horda Platform



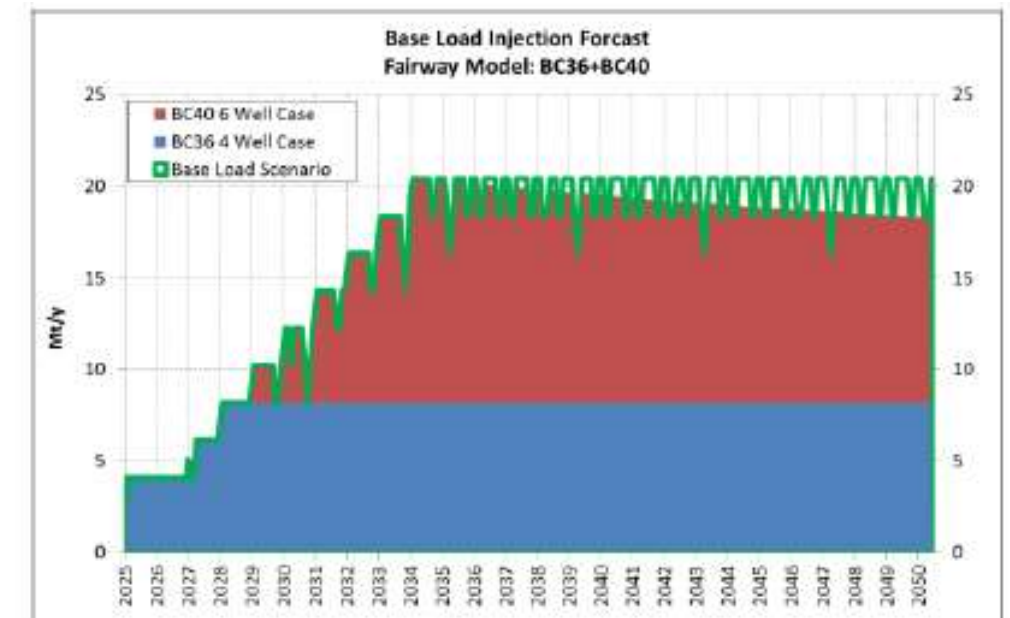
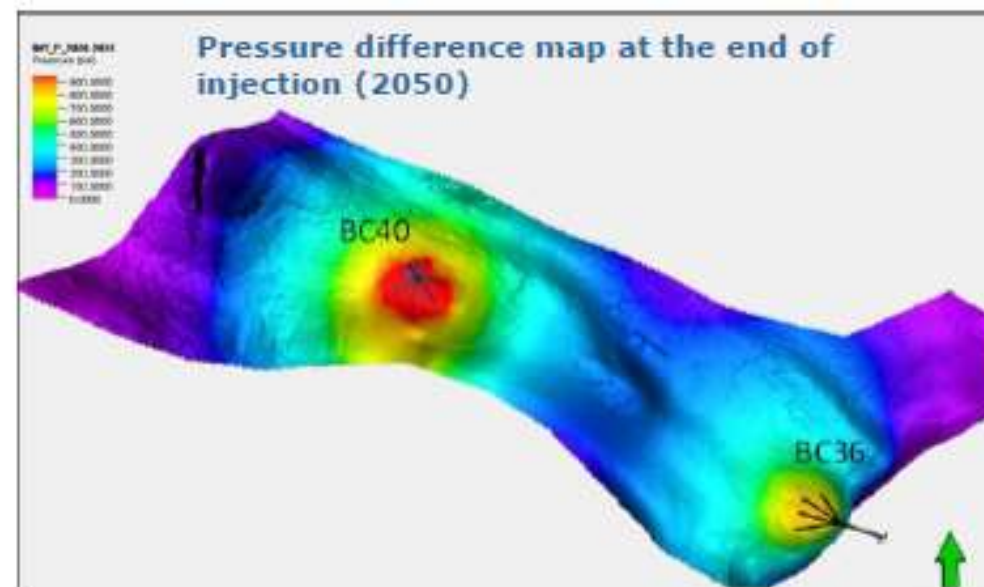
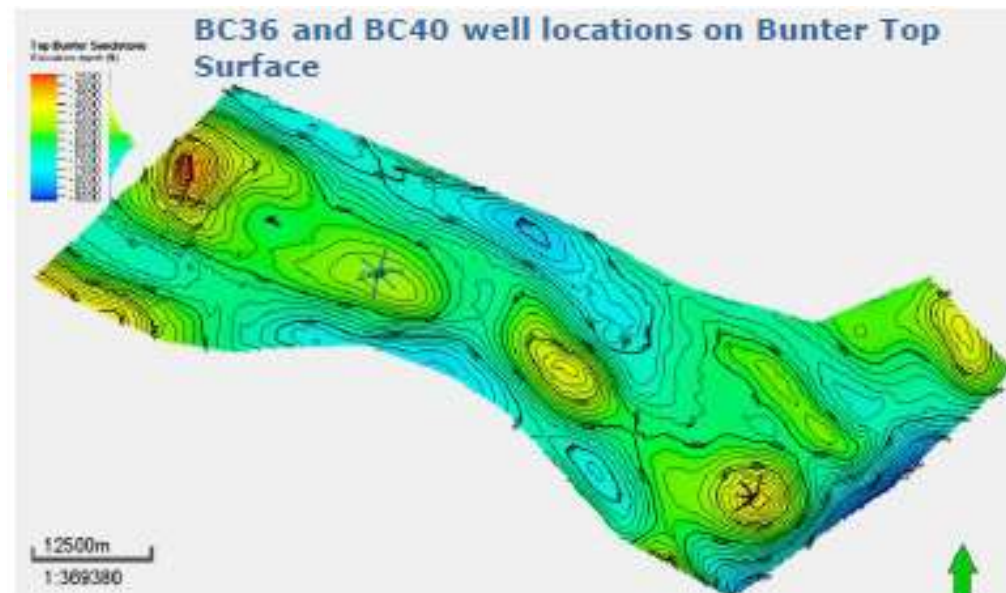
'Worms eye' view of the structures



Derisking Northern Sites

- The Northern sites might accommodate a 15 Mtpa scenario, but struggle with the full Base Load or Seasonal CO₂ inventory (max injection rate 2700 t/hr ~24 Mtpa)
 - BC36 & BC40 performing better than expected (cf. CO2Stored database)
 - Pressure interference will be key

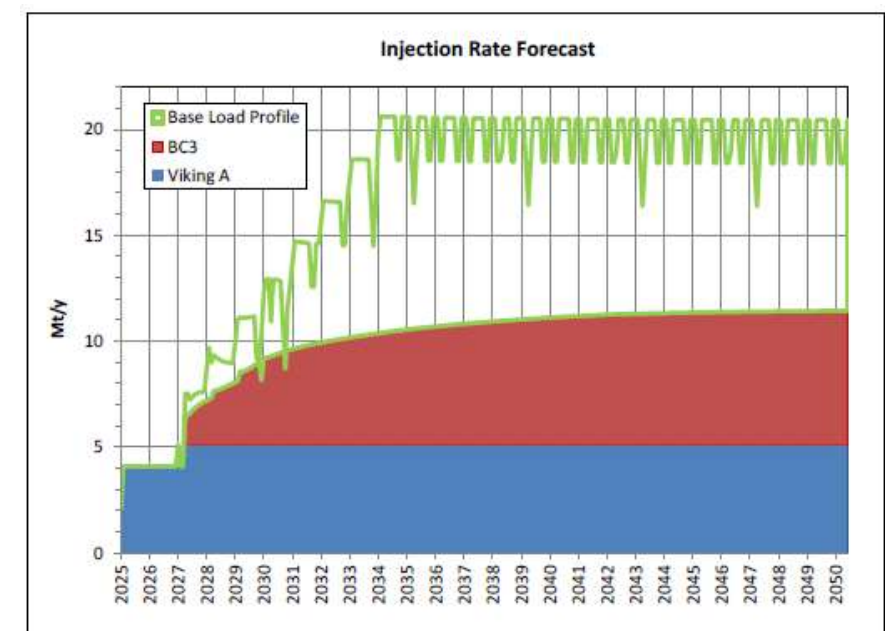
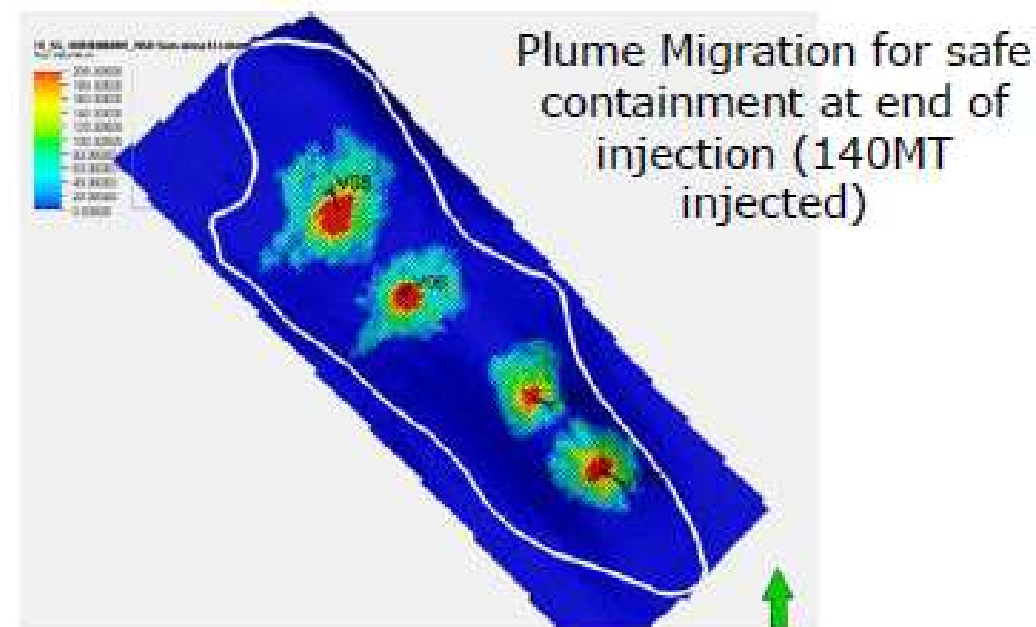
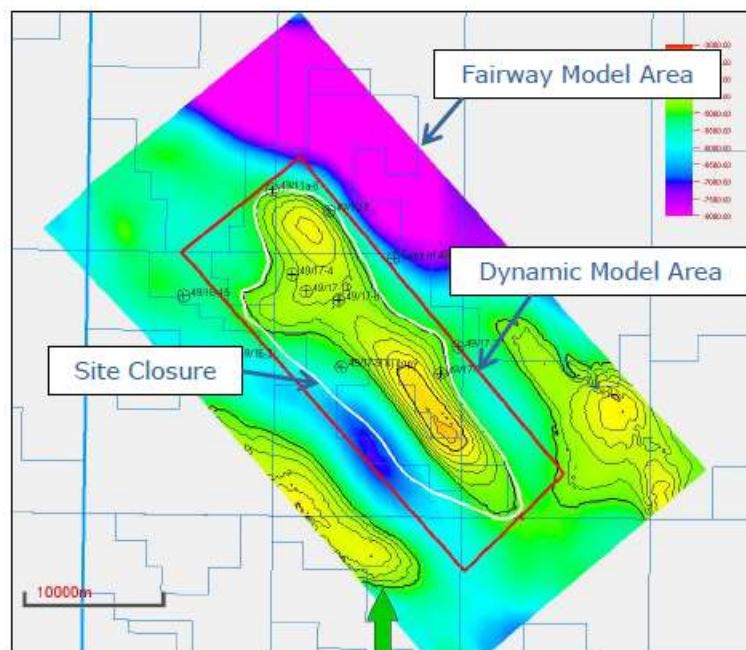
Northern cluster is the most promising



Derisking Southern sites

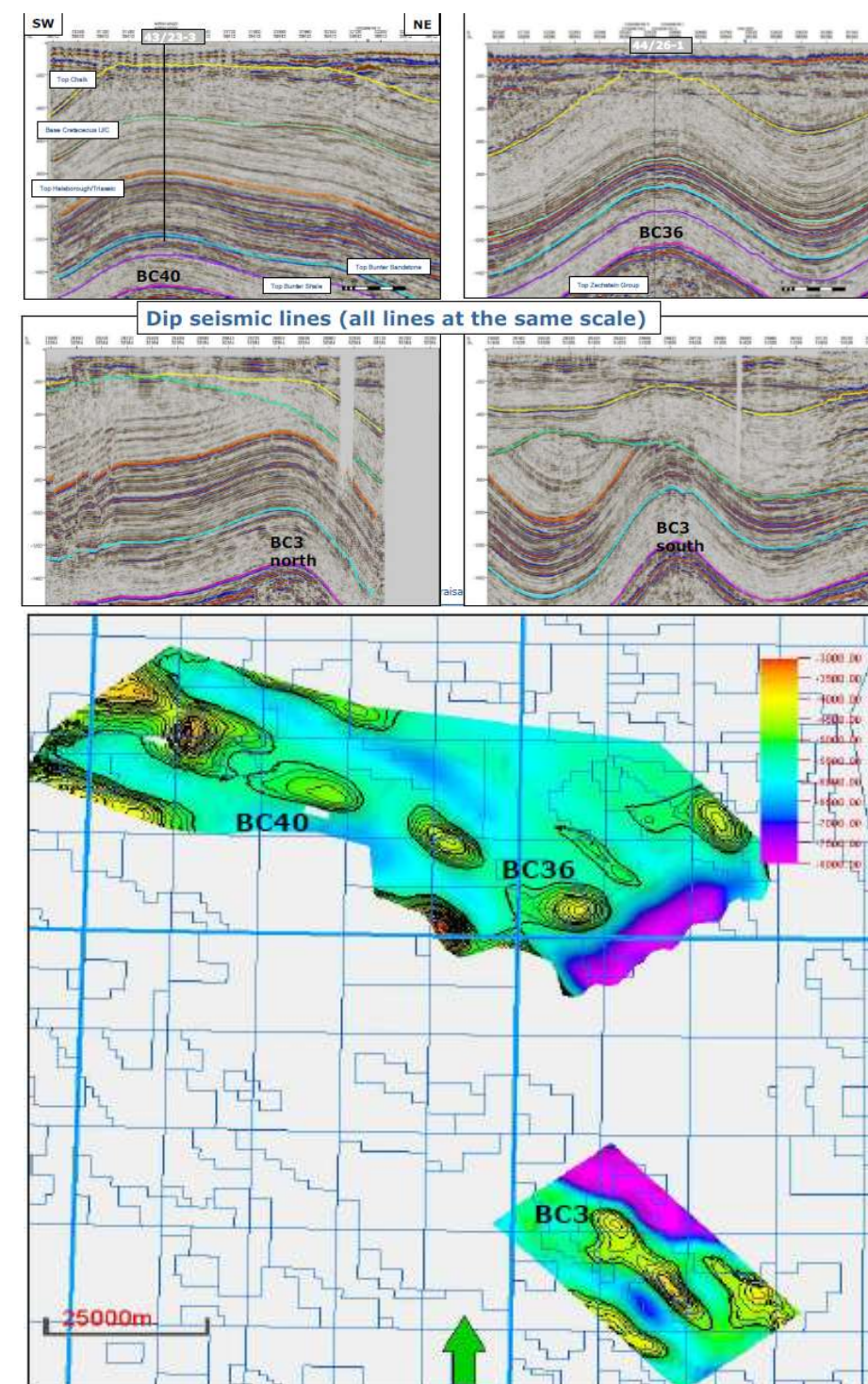
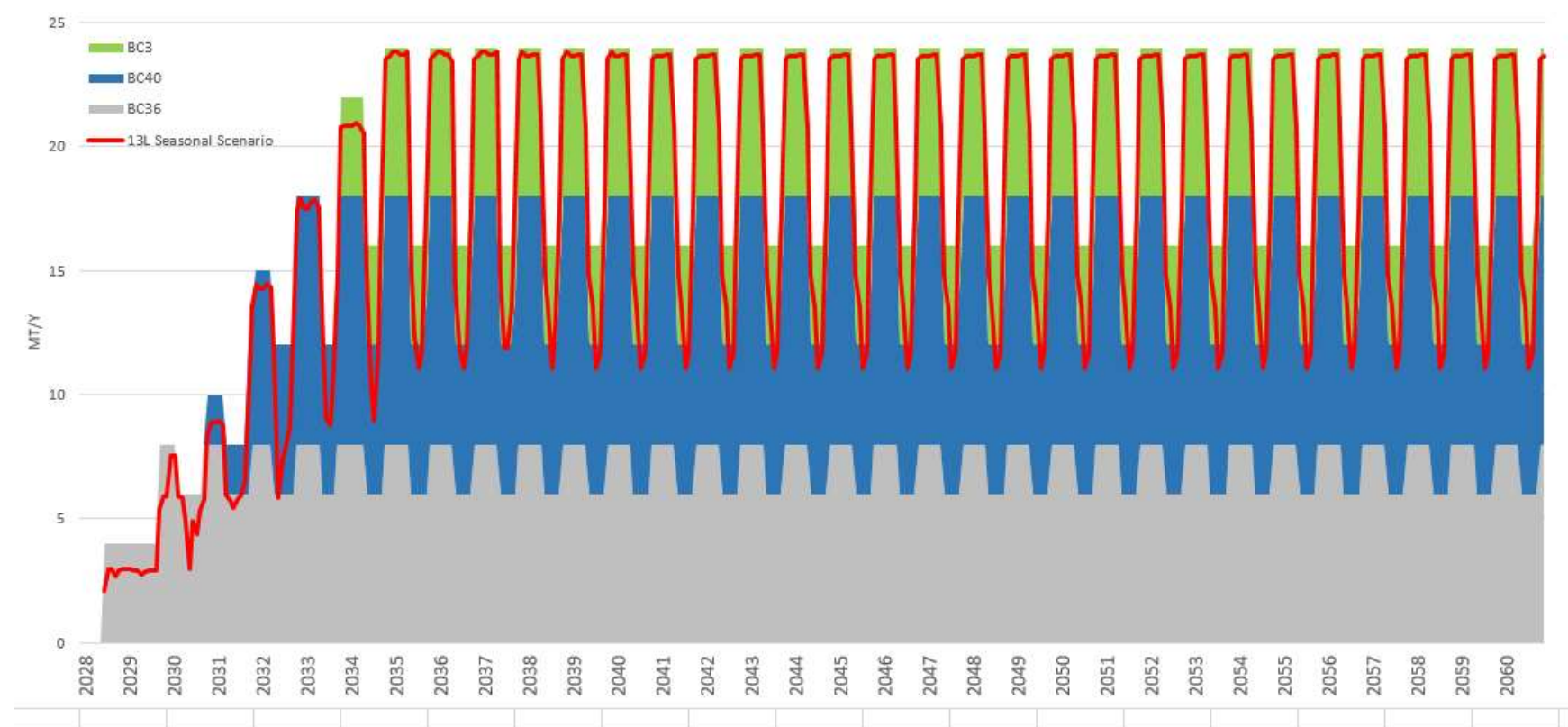
- The Southern sites unlikely to be able to accommodate the full baseload CO₂ inventory without further development of adjacent sites
 - Both Viking A and BC3 provide useful storage resource

Co-development of depleted and normally pressured reservoirs is more complex



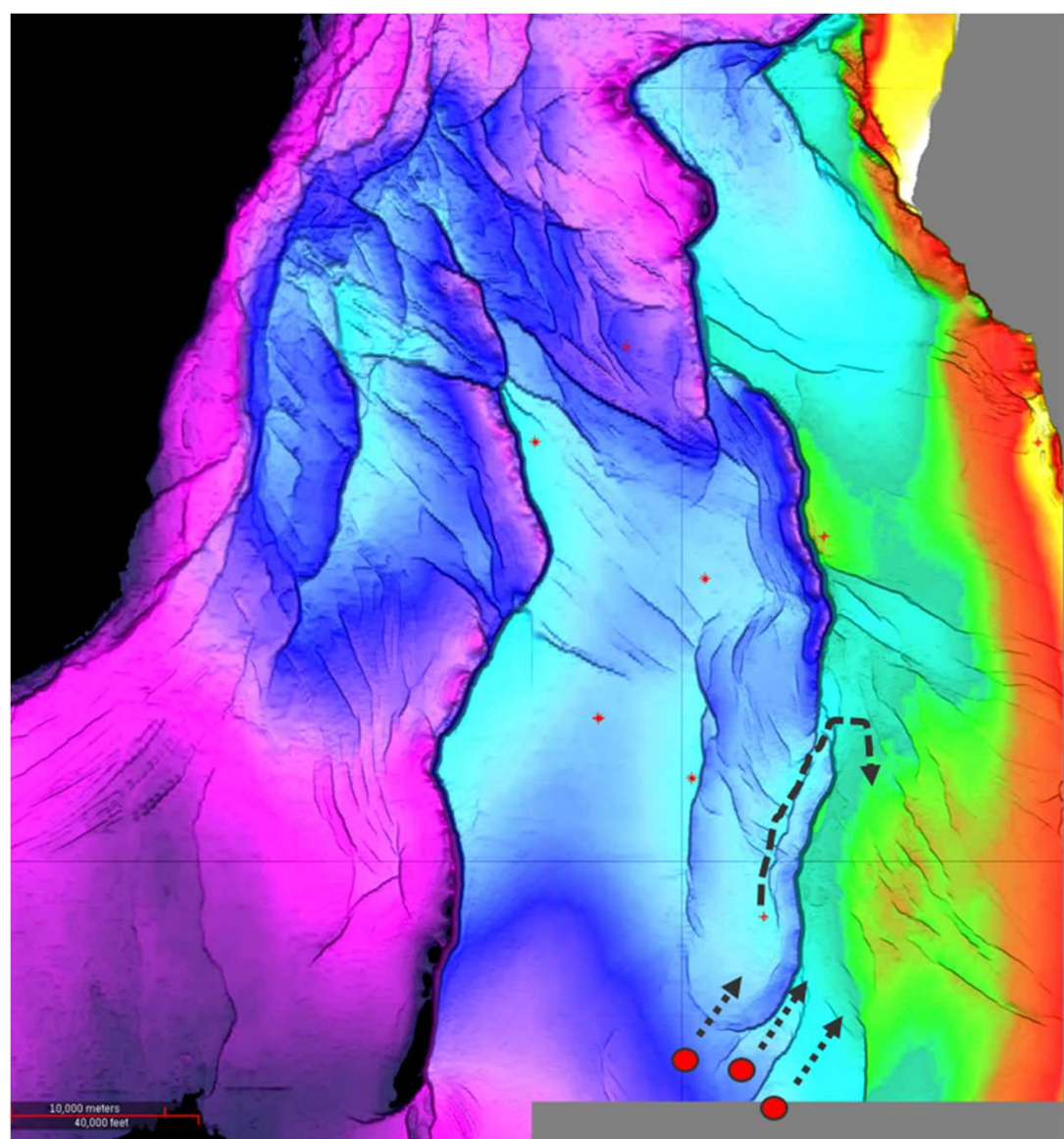
Meeting the full storage demand

- Will need three structures for storage
- Performance of the three Bunter closures (36, 40 and 3) are very different from each other
 - Will need careful engineering design on rates and well placement

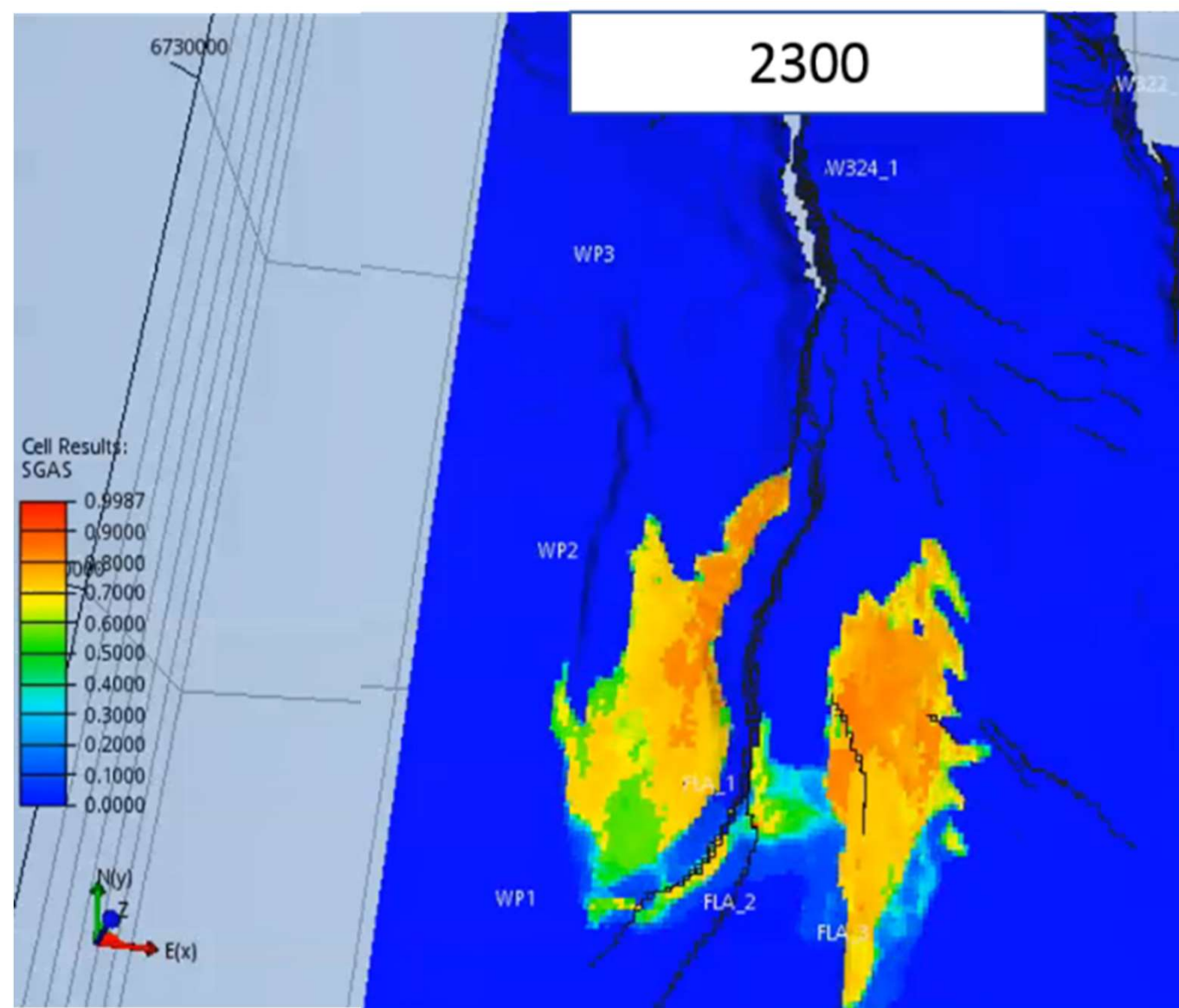


Derisking Norwegian site(s)

Structural de-risking at Smeaheia / Horda



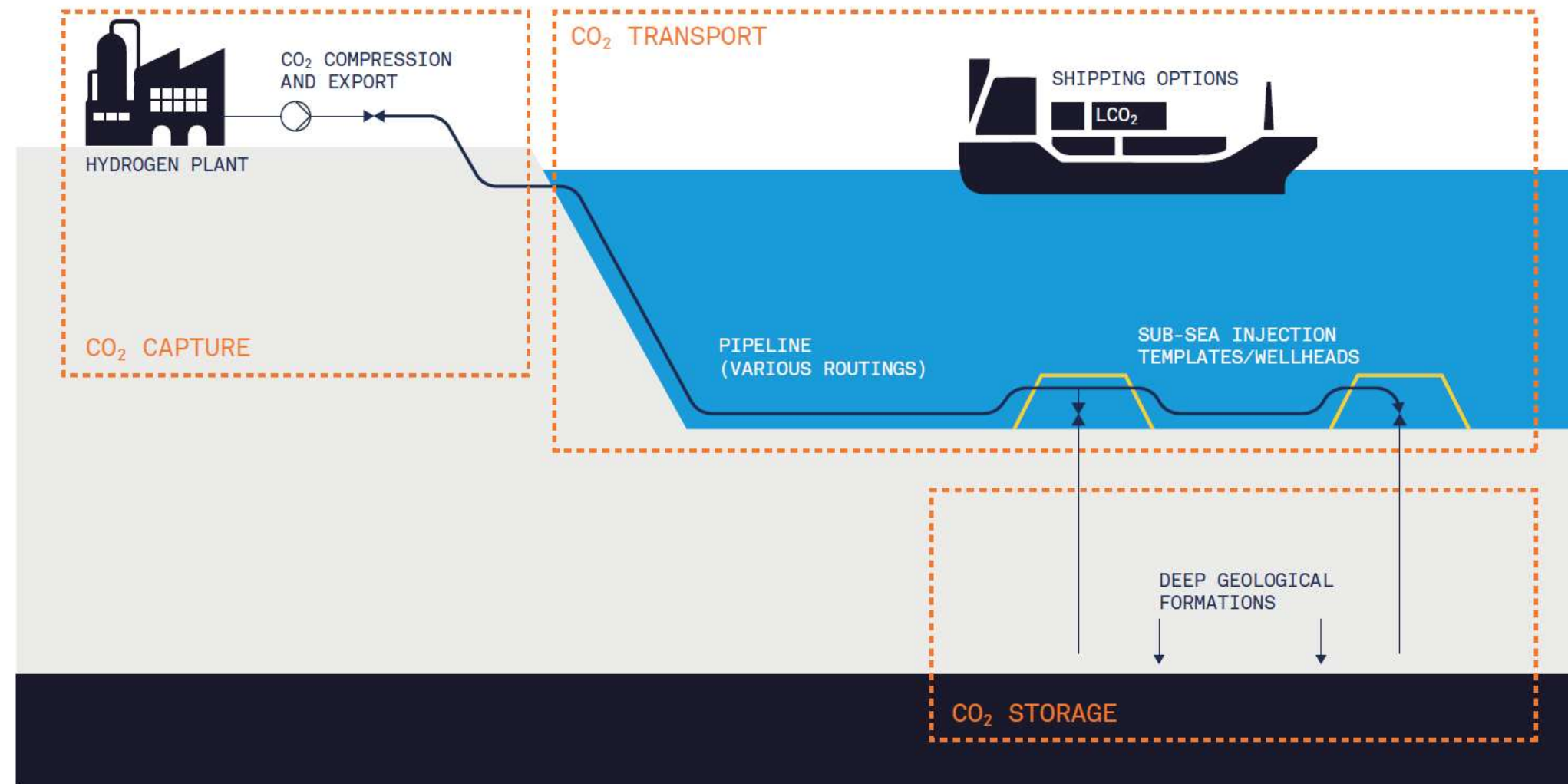
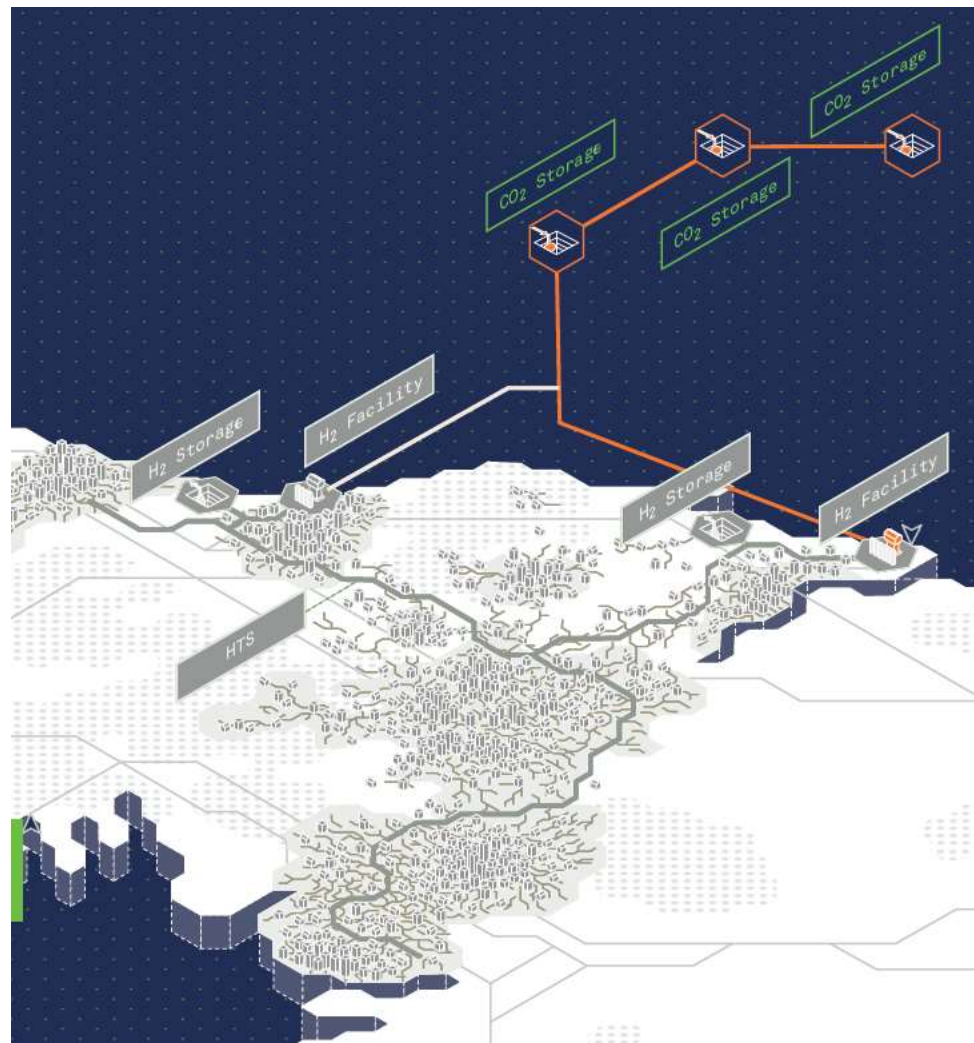
Scoping simulations of 600 Mt of CO₂ storage



H21: Facilities concept

Facilities concept is focused on a sub-sea development (with shipping options)

- **UK solution:** 12 sub-sea wells drilled from 4 templates / 120 km pipe (26")
- **Norway option:** 6 sub-sea wells from 3 templates / 845 km pipe (32")



Key messages

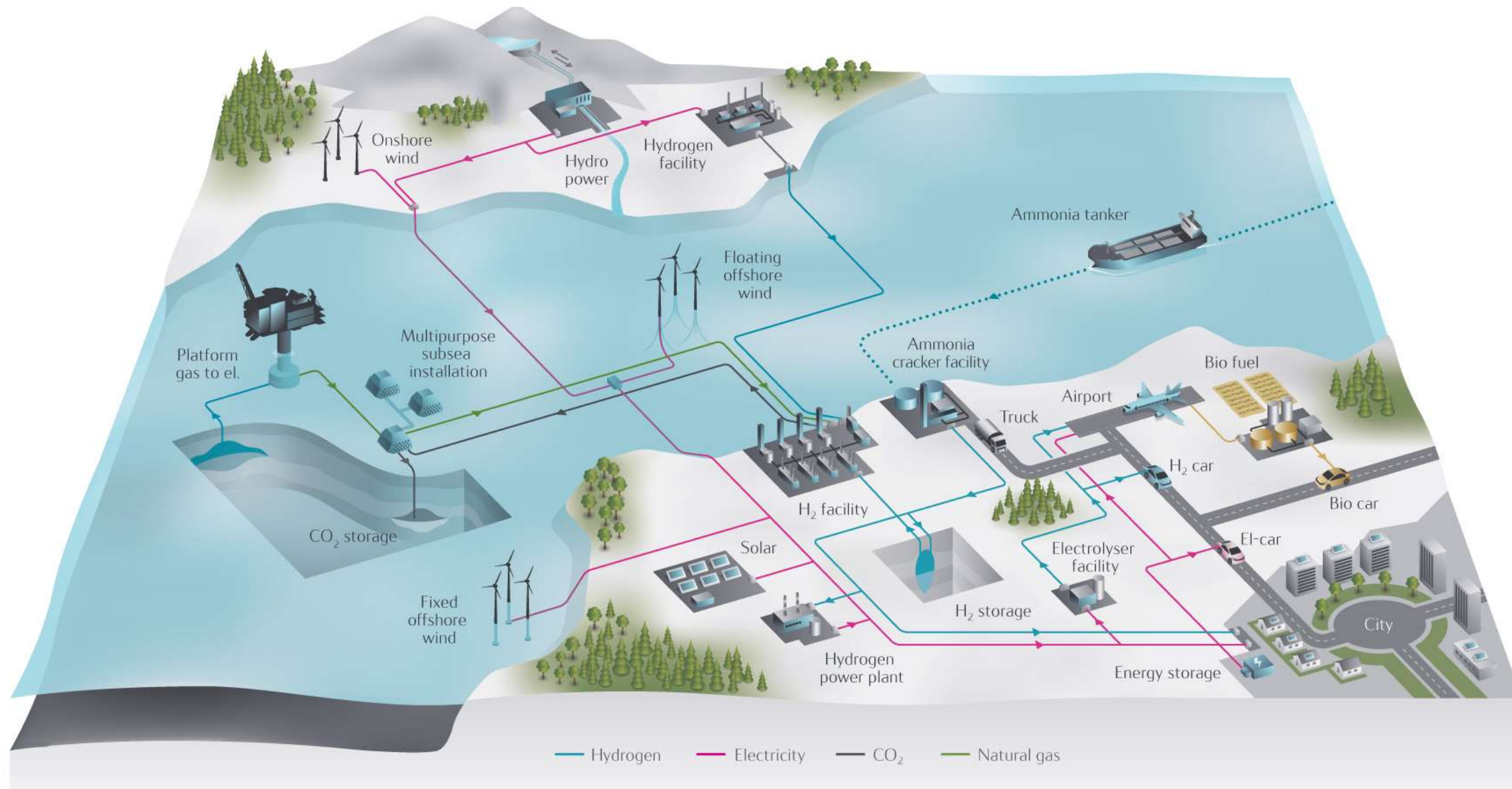
- Decarbonising Europe towards 2050 is a major challenge
- Renewable solutions are perfect for the carbon-light sectors
- Heavy industry, heat and flexible power generation require **large-scale energy solutions**
- Hydrogen from natural gas with permanent offshore storage of CO₂ offers:

Low cost pathway
Low technical risk
Low carbon value chain

- Gas reforming is the most cost effective hydrogen pathway
- Proven technology in H₂ production and CO₂ storage
- The CO₂ is returned to permanent offshore storage
- The industry has a track-record of mega projects

Can be integrated with Renewable Electricity supply and 'green hydrogen' feed-in

Low Carbon Solutions



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