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# The CO2STORE project – Status

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## The Sleipner field – CO<sub>2</sub> Treatment and Injection



**CO2STORE** is a follow up and extension of the SACS Project (1998 – 2002)



# CO2STORE participants



**Statoil (coordinator)**  
**BP Exploration**  
**Energi E2**  
**ExxonMobil**  
**Hydro**  
**Industrikraft MidtNorge**  
**Progressive Energy**  
**Schlumberger Research**  
**Total**  
**Vattenfall**



**BGR**  
**BGS**  
**BRGM**  
**GEUS**  
**IFP**  
**NGU**  
**NITG-TNO**  
**SINTEF**



**European Commission**  
**IEA Greenhouse Gas R&D Programme**





## CO2STORE – the work packages (1)



### Work Package 1 – Transfer

- Expected results: Conclude on the feasibility of four new prospective reservoirs for CO<sub>2</sub> storage and to transfer knowledge gained for Sleipner to these case studies
- WP leader: GEUS
  - Case: Kalundborg (GEUS)
  - Case: Midt Norge (NGU)
  - Case: Schwarze Pumpe (BGR)
  - Case: Valleys (BGS)

### Work Package 2 – Long Term

- Expected results : Models backed by observations for final-fate prediction of CO<sub>2</sub> in the Utsira reservoir (Sleipner)
- WP Leader: SINTEF
    - Team 1: Geochemistry (BRGM)
    - Team 2: Reservoir Simulation (SINTEF)



## CO2STORE – the work packages (2)



### Work Package 3 – Monitoring

- Expected results: Analyze two seismic surveys (2002 and 2005) and conclude on the feasibility of more cost-efficient gravimetric techniques
- WP Leader: NITG-TNO
  - Team 1: Seismic (NITG-TNO)
  - Team 2: Gravimetry (Statoil)

### Work Package 4 – Management

- Expected results: Updated Best Practice Manual and other public documentation for dissemination of the technology
- WP leader: Statoil
  - Team 1: Reporting (Statoil)
  - Team 2: Best Practice Manual (BGS)

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# Risk assessment work in CO2STORE

- According to Description of Work for CO2STORE, all 4 case studies in Work Package 1 shall produce "Outline risk assessments (FEP and scenario analysis)"
- Case Studies have chosen somewhat different approaches based on local conditions
  - Risk assessment  $\leftrightarrow$  Potential risks
- Common for all work packages: One day seminar/technical meeting autumn 2004
- Risk assessment work is still ongoing and conclusions are preliminary

# CO2STORE – the case studies



# CO2STORE – the case studies





## Froan Basin area of the Trøndelag Platform

None of the simulations with up to 100 Mt injected CO<sub>2</sub> resulted in any leakage over periods of 5000 years

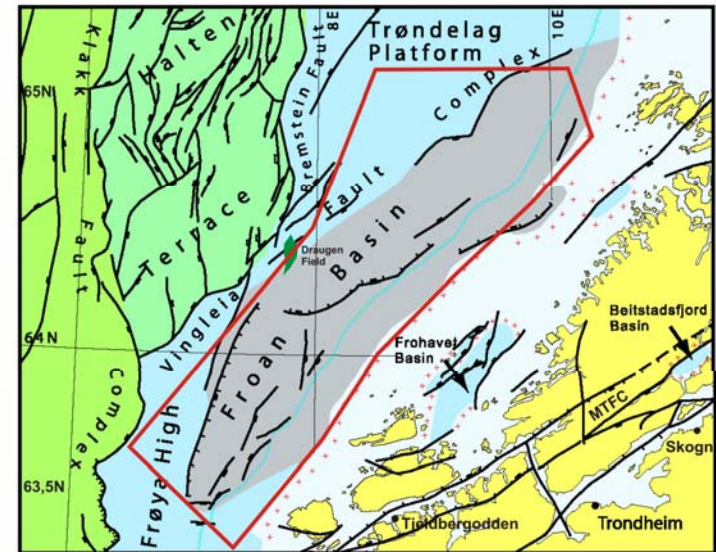
Most of the CO<sub>2</sub> was trapped in subtle structural traps

Dissolution of CO<sub>2</sub> into formation water and trapping as residual gas will aid local fixation of the CO<sub>2</sub>

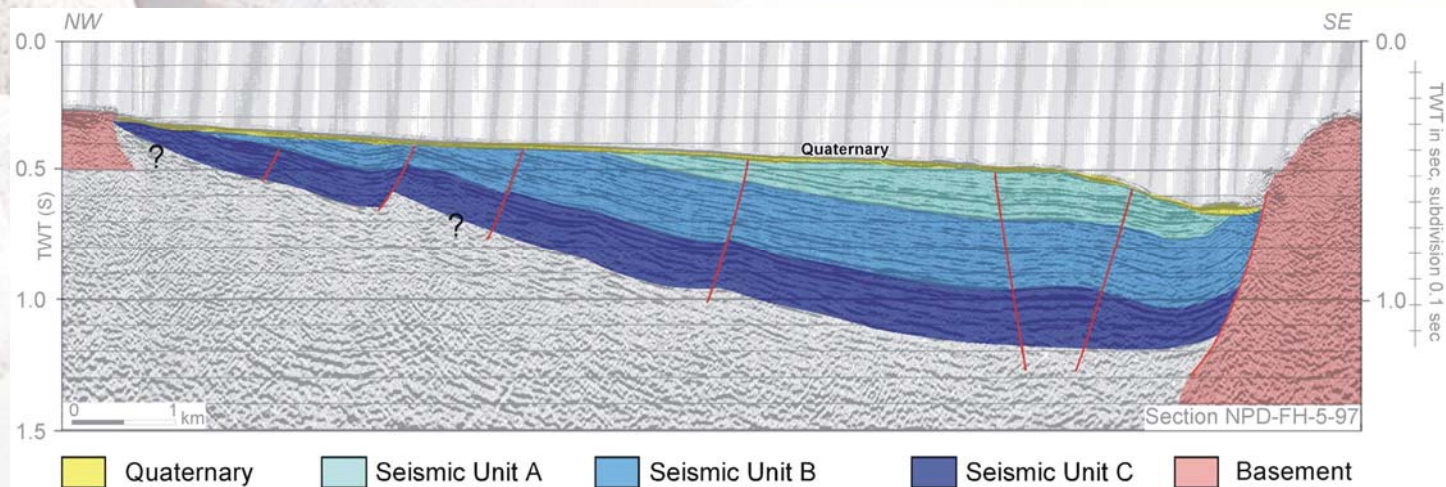
The overall storage potential of the Jurassic formations of the Trøndelag Platform is estimated to be several 1000 Mt

Seismic data indicate that there will be no CO<sub>2</sub> leakage to the seabed along faults

More data is needed for a detailed risk analysis



## Frohavet Basin



**CO<sub>2</sub> will start to leak after few years if reservoir permeability is high, if the  $k_v/k_h$  ratio is high, or if the relative perm. to gas is high.**

**If these parameters are low, no leakage may occur for several centuries, and thereafter leakage rates may be acceptable.**

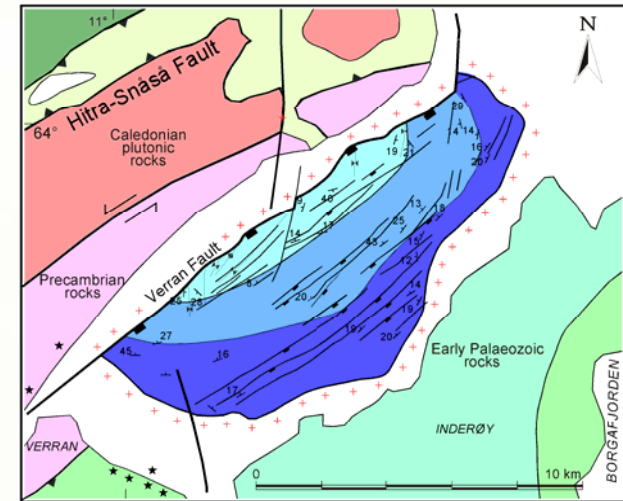
**In the case of very good parameter combinations, no leakage at all may occur.**

**The Frohavet Basin may be an option for CO<sub>2</sub> storage.**

## Storage capacity needed for a gas-fired power plant at Skogn

50 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> over a period of 25 years, i.e. 2.9 millioner Sm<sup>3</sup> CO<sub>2</sub> per day

## Beitstadfjorden Basin



Structural data modified from Bøe & Bjerkli (1989)

CO<sub>2</sub> will start to leak after few years of injection

If leakage starts after 4 or 40 years depends on permeability

A maximum of ca. 70 000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> can be stored in the Beitstadfjord Basin

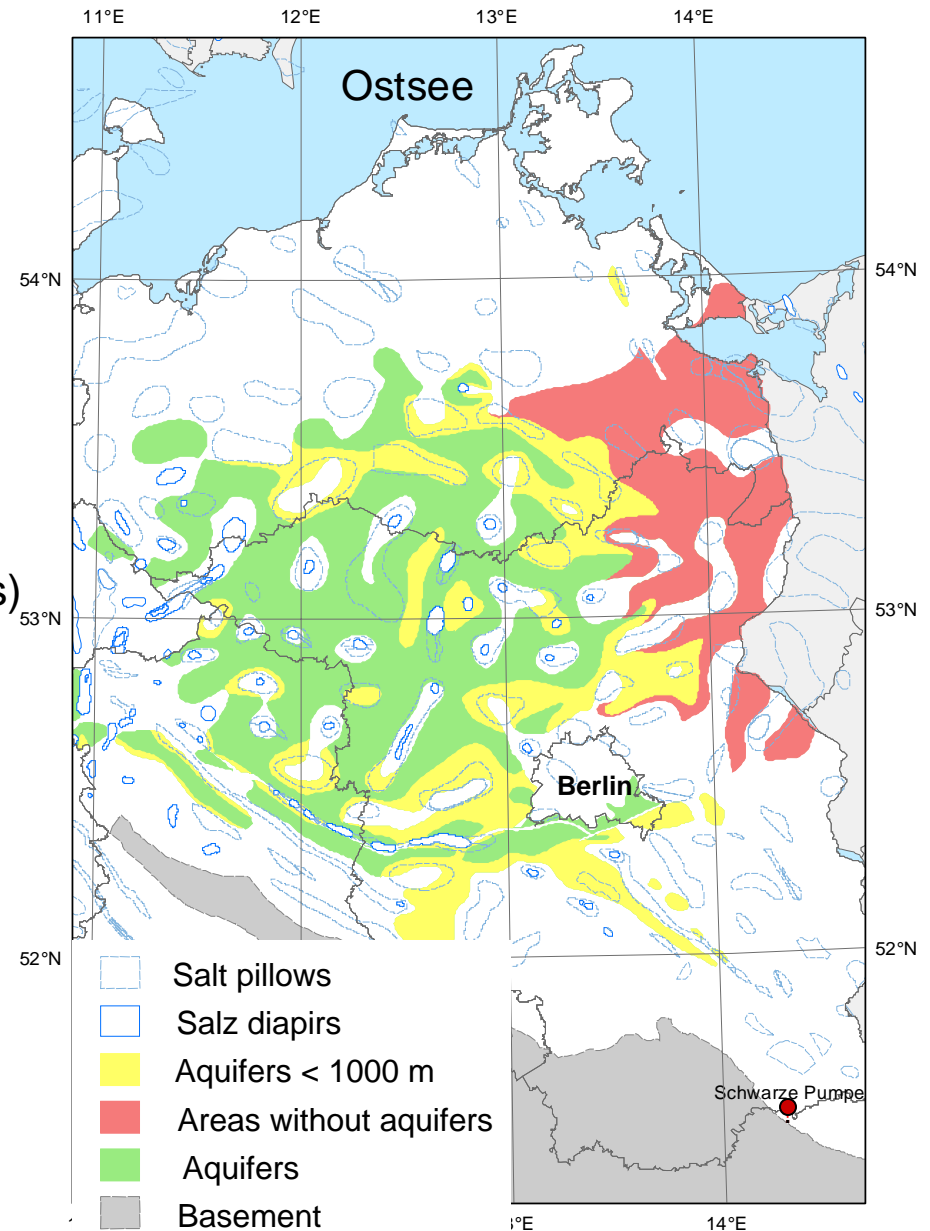
The Beitstadfjord Basin is not an option for CO<sub>2</sub> storage

# CO2STORE – the case studies



# Implementation of Site Selection

- Systematic, area-wide application of site selection criteria
- Focus on anticlines/structural traps
- Calculation of storage capacity
- Ranking (geology, data availability, others)
  - Selection criteria:
    - Structural closure
    - Suitable cap rock
    - Depth: 900 to 4000 m
    - Storage capacity 400 Mt
    - Single site/layer
    - Thickness of reservoir > 20 m
    - Porosity > 20%



# Available Data...

- Sound data set available from several surveys:
  - Exploration for hydrocarbons (60<sup>th</sup> – 80<sup>th</sup>)
  - Hydrothermal energy survey (80<sup>th</sup>)
  - Nuclear waste repository
  
- Well data (60<sup>th</sup> – 80<sup>th</sup>)
- Geophysical surveys (2D seismic, gravimetry, magnetotelluric (60<sup>th</sup> - 70<sup>th</sup>))

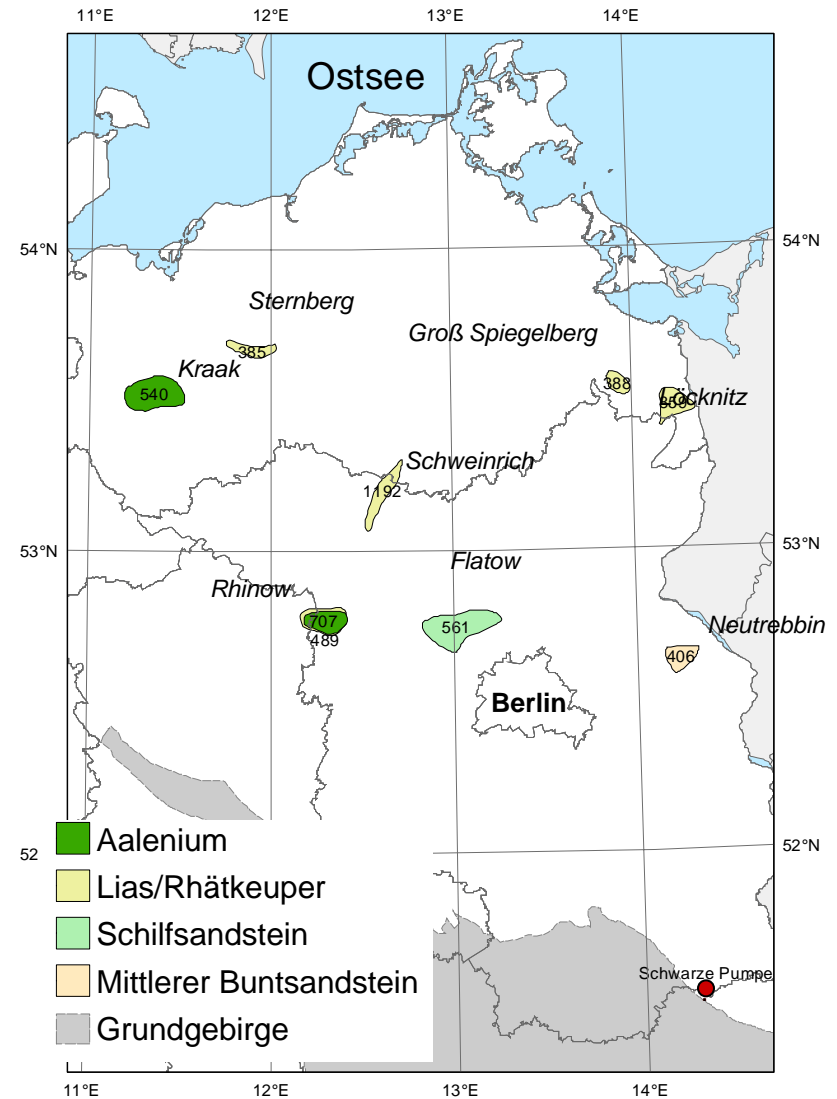
## Summary:

- area-wide sound knowledge of geological framework
- Data from former surveys: formation boundaries, lithotypes, facies, ...
- no new seismic shot / no new wells drilled...

# Findings from Site Selection

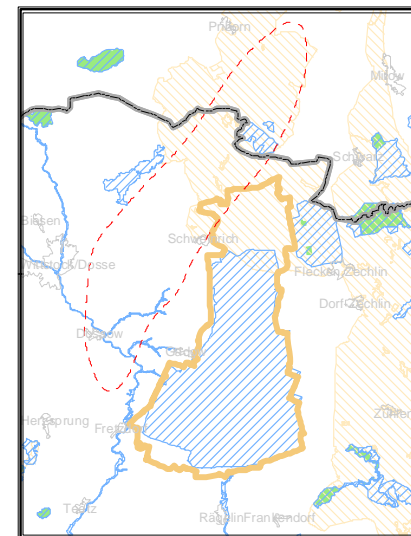
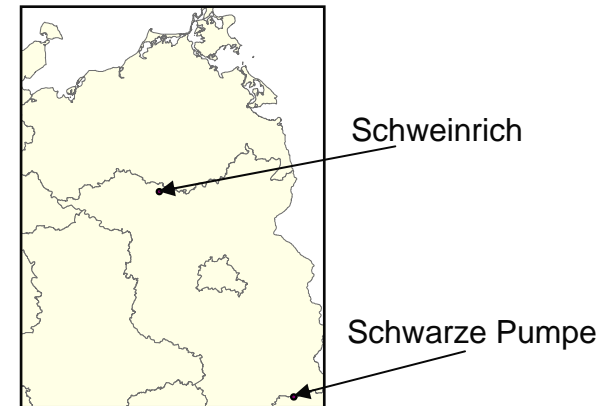
- 9 (26) potential storage sites  
⇒ **Schweinrich**
- area-wide sound geological/geophysical dataset for site selection and site pre-evaluation
- data with variable quality standards dependent on state-of-the-art (60<sup>th</sup>/70<sup>th</sup>/80<sup>th</sup>)
- great number of structures “more or less” well explored (penetrated/unspoiled)

⇒ **no problems conducting the site selection**



# Study area and method

- The Schweinrich site in NE Germany
- Method
  - a scenario approach using the TNO developed FEP database
  - Reservoir modelling of selected scenarios
  - Results compared to environmental effect levels





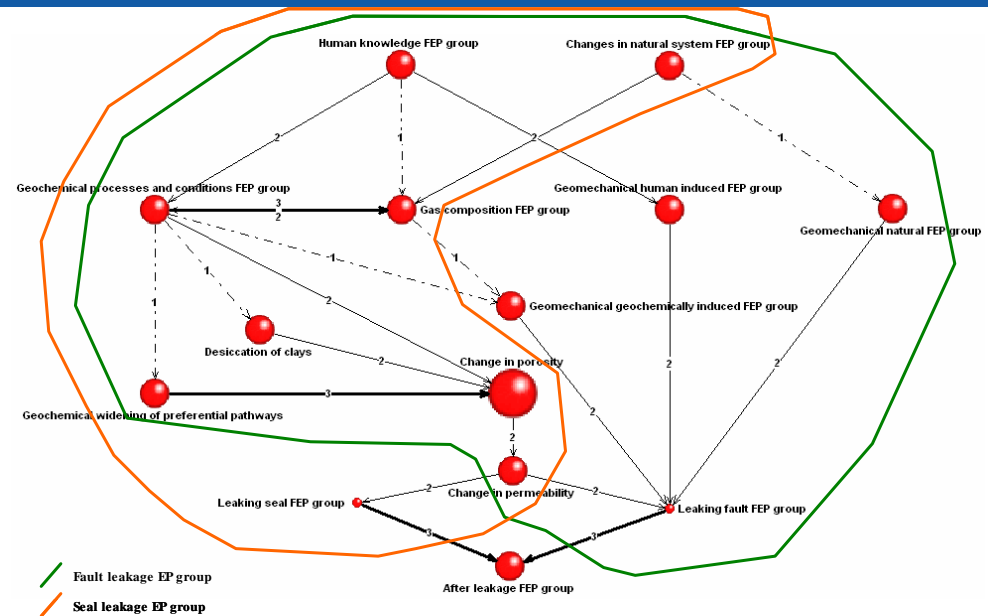
# FEP analysis results and evaluated scenarios

## FEP analysis

- No pre-existing wells
  - Leakage through drilled injection wells
- Two leakage possibilities
  - Leaking fault
  - Leaking seal

## Evaluated scenarios

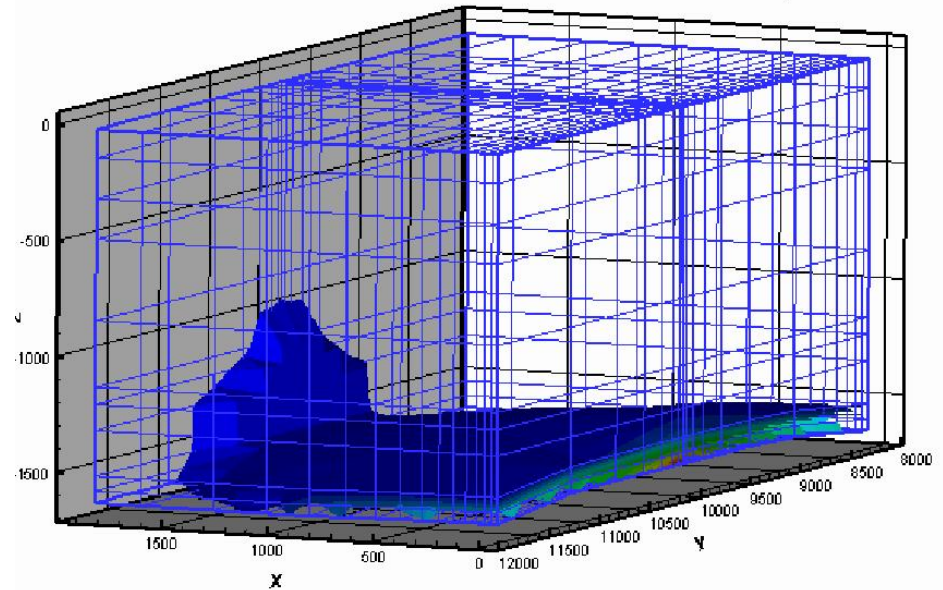
- Reference scenario
- Leaking fault
- Leaking seal
- Leaking well



Influence diagram with scenario defining EP groups

# Modelling example and results

- Models have been developed in SIMED II
- Modelling ongoing
- Shallow subsurface will be developed
- Commonly accepted criteria for risk assessment do not exist. In the mean time, levels above which no adverse effects have been detected are used.



Leaking fault model

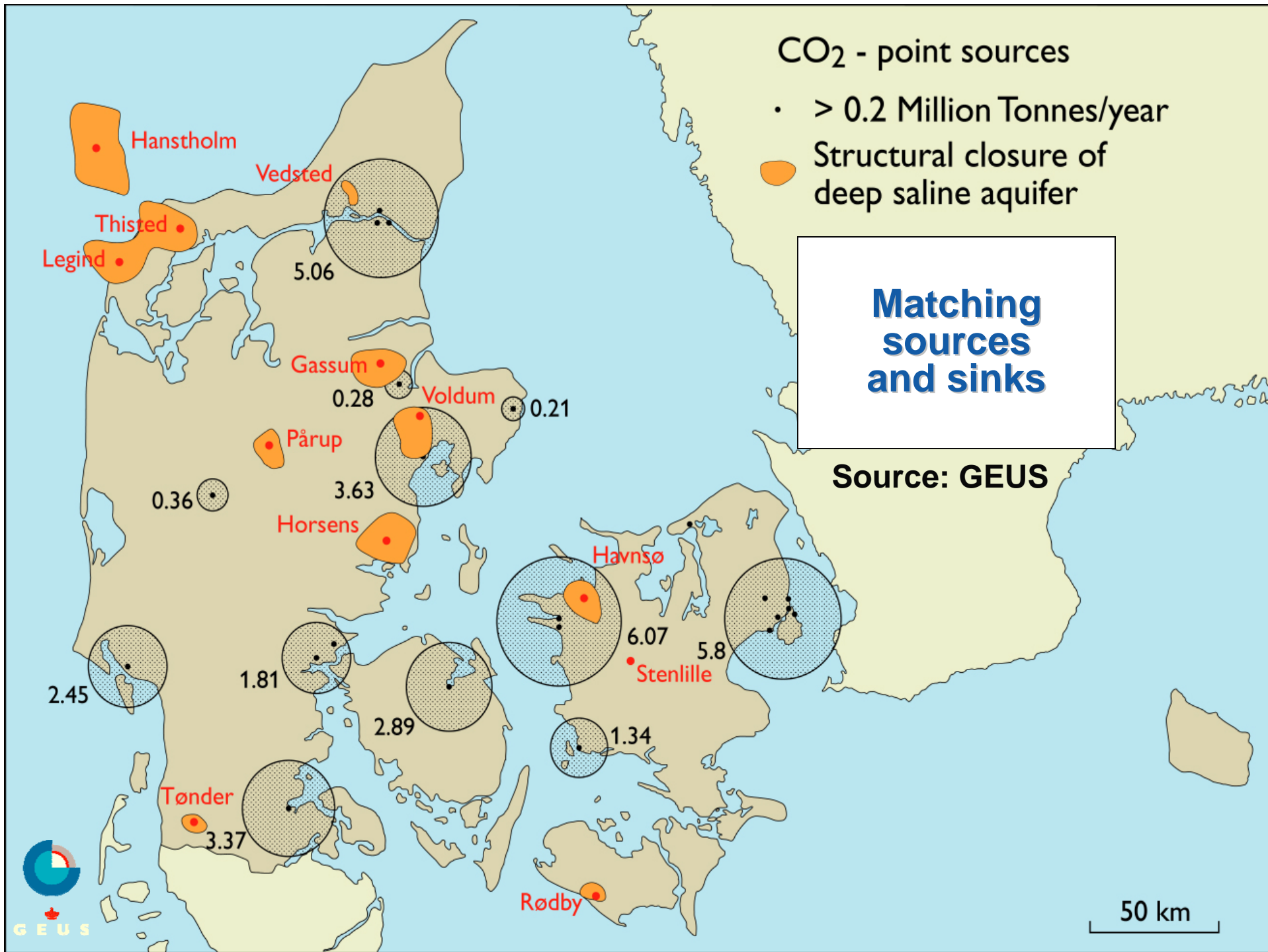
# GEUS FOR THE CASE STUDIES



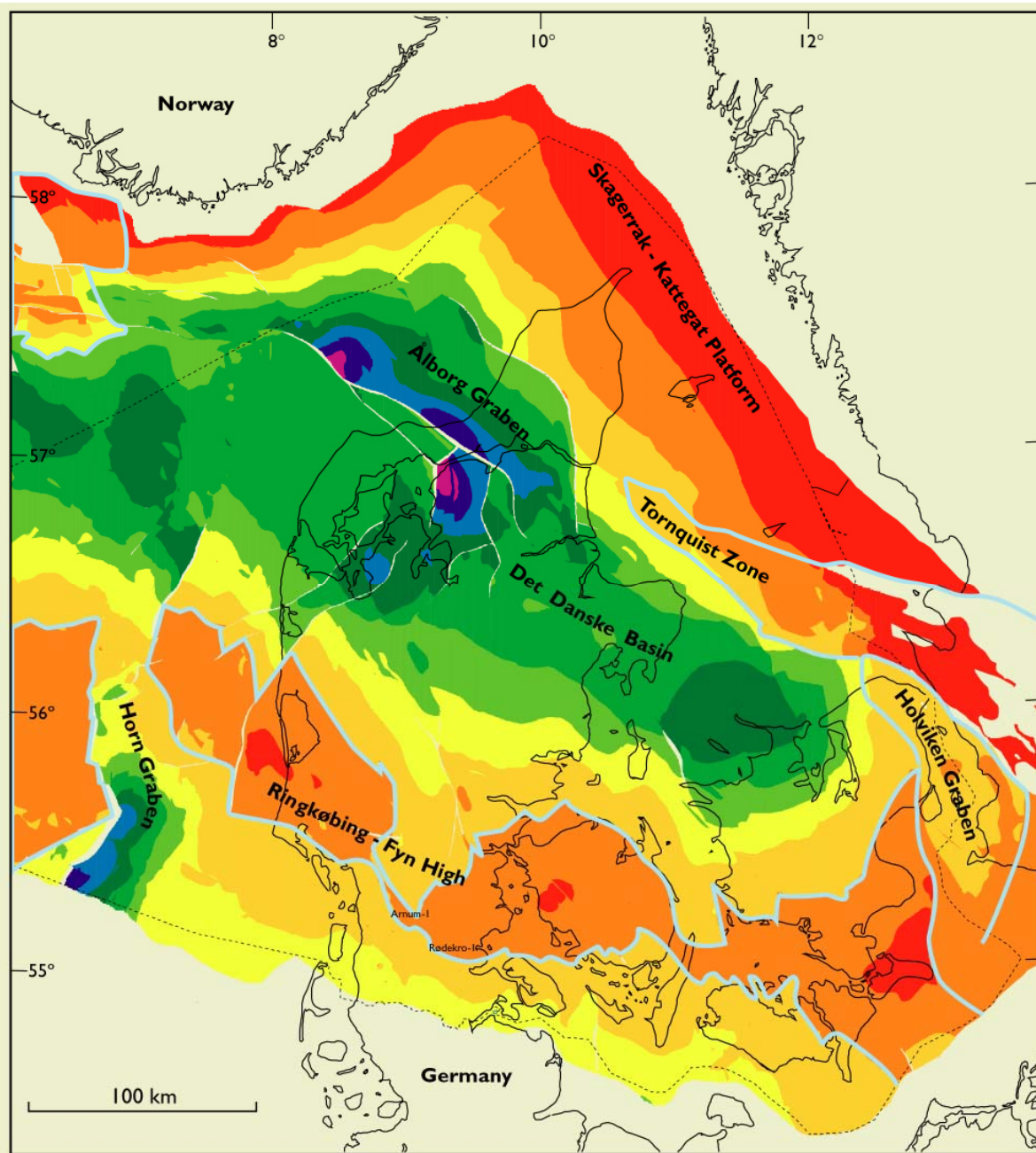
# The Havnsø CO2 Storage system



- **Statoil Kalundborg refinery + Asnæsværket 1300 MW coal fired power plant operated by Energi E2**
- **CO2 emissions combined about 6 Million Tonnes/year, almost 10% of the total Danish emissions**



# Danish sedimentary basin



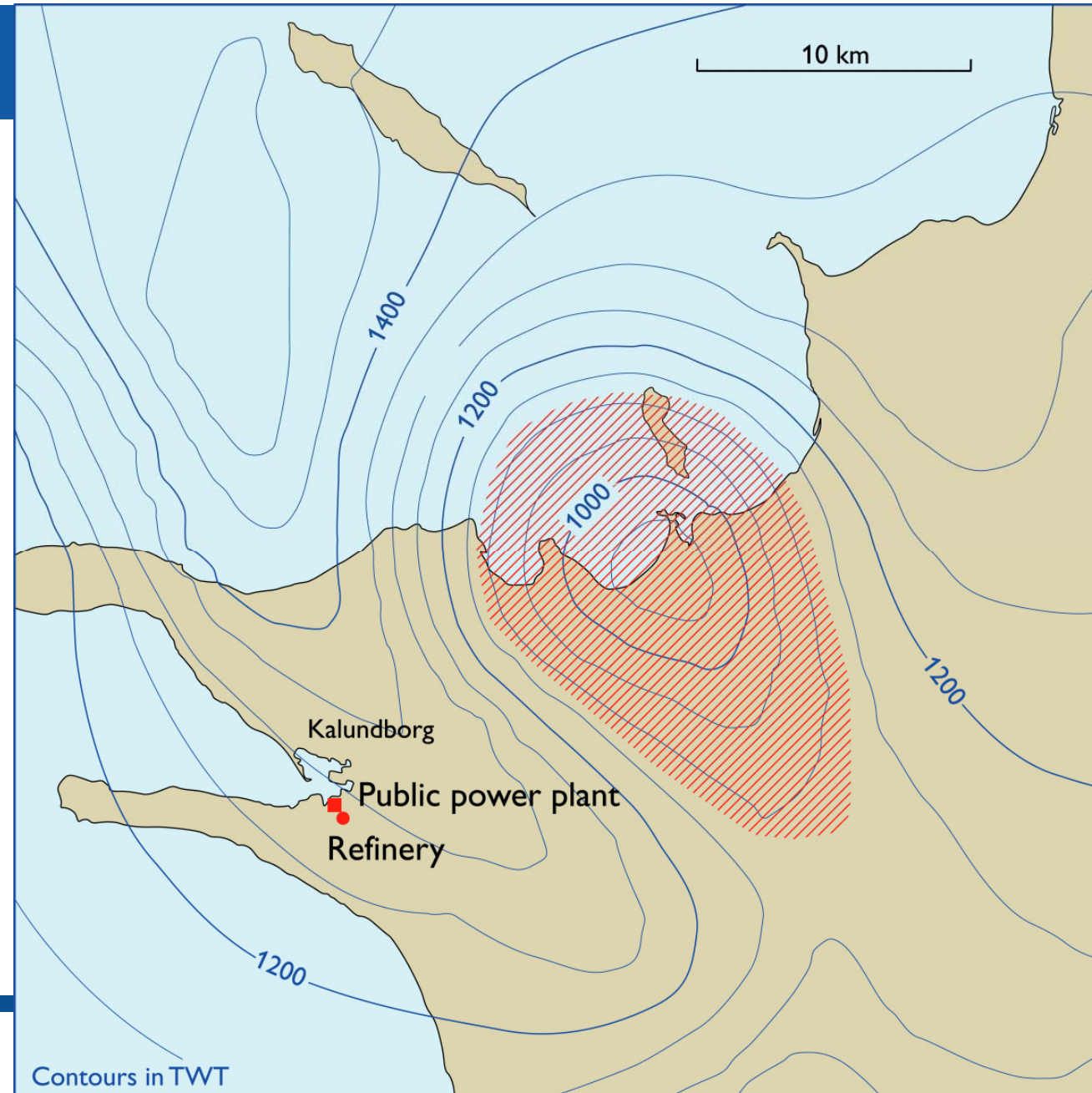
**Sedimentary succession up to 7 km thick of Palaeozoic to Recent age**

**Deep saline aquifers of Triassic–Early Cretaceous age**

**Potential for CO<sub>2</sub> storage in aquifers situated 900–3000 m below sea-level**

**Potable water production from Upper Cretaceous Chalk and shallow Tertiary and Quaternary aquifers**

# Structural map of the trap

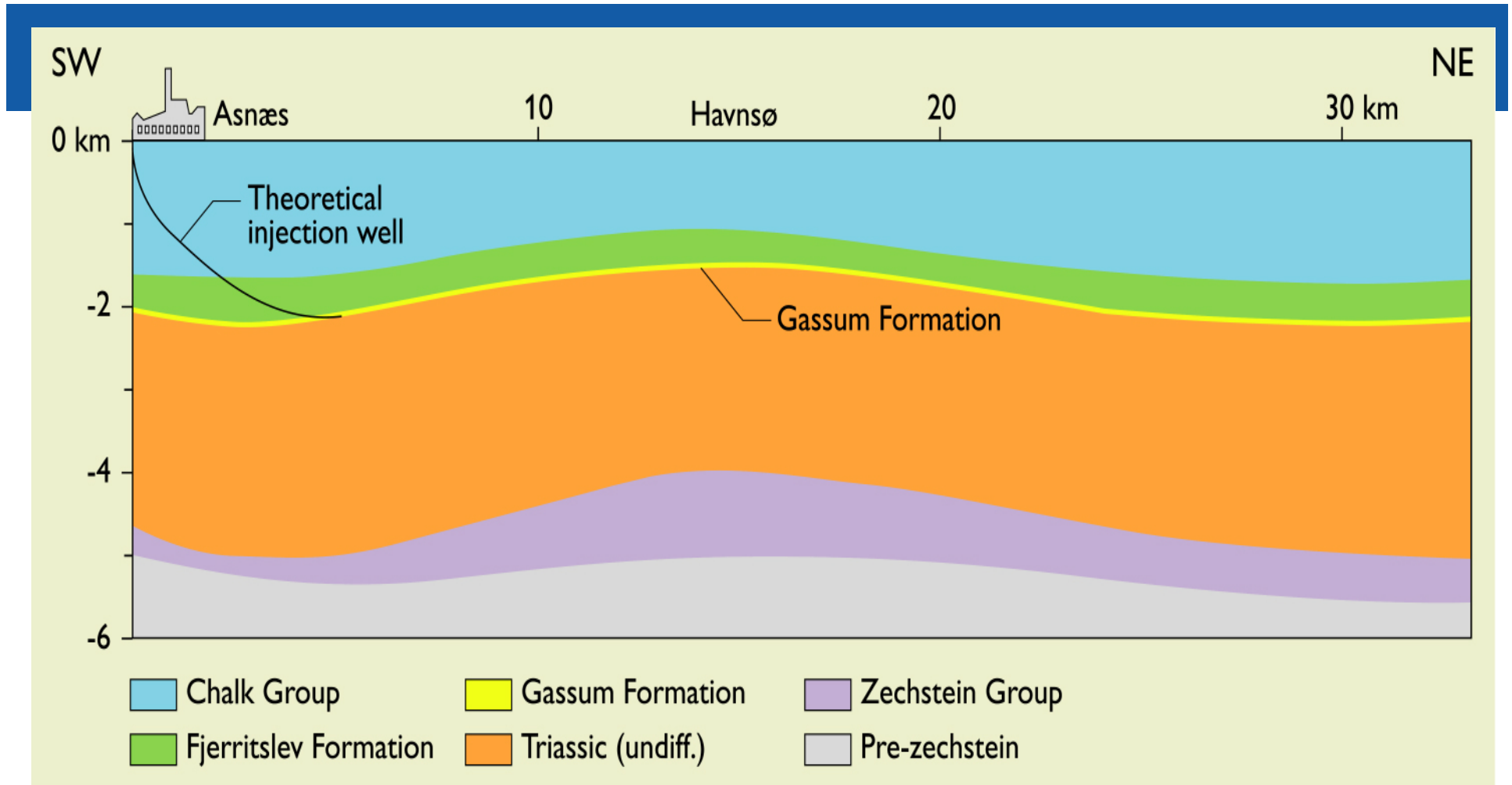


**Four-way domal closure covering 166 km<sup>2</sup>**

**Depth to the top of the sandstone aquifer is 1500 m**

**Two major CO<sub>2</sub> point sources situated within a distance of 15 km**

# Geological cross-section



**Main reservoir in marine Upper Triassic–Lower Jurassic sandstones of the Gassum Formation, sealed by marine mudstones**

**Theoretical injection well may be drilled from the industrial site**

**into the flank of the structure**



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# Valleys Case Study

- Methodology:
  - Use FEP approach - Quintessa FEP database
- Main perceived risks:
  - Reservoir distribution
  - Fault seal at crest of storage structure
  - Existing wells
  - Top seal





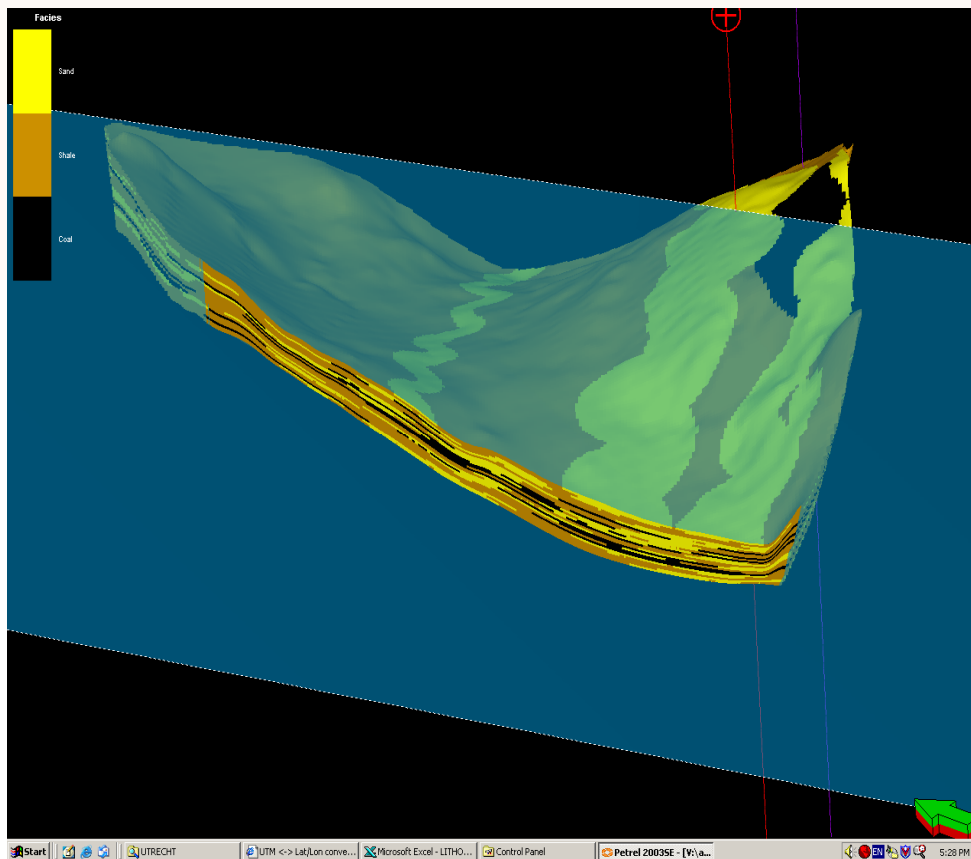
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# Reservoir distribution



- Fluvial depositional environment
- Petrel model based on well data
- Uncertainty over sand distribution and continuity
- Difficult to resolve without drilling



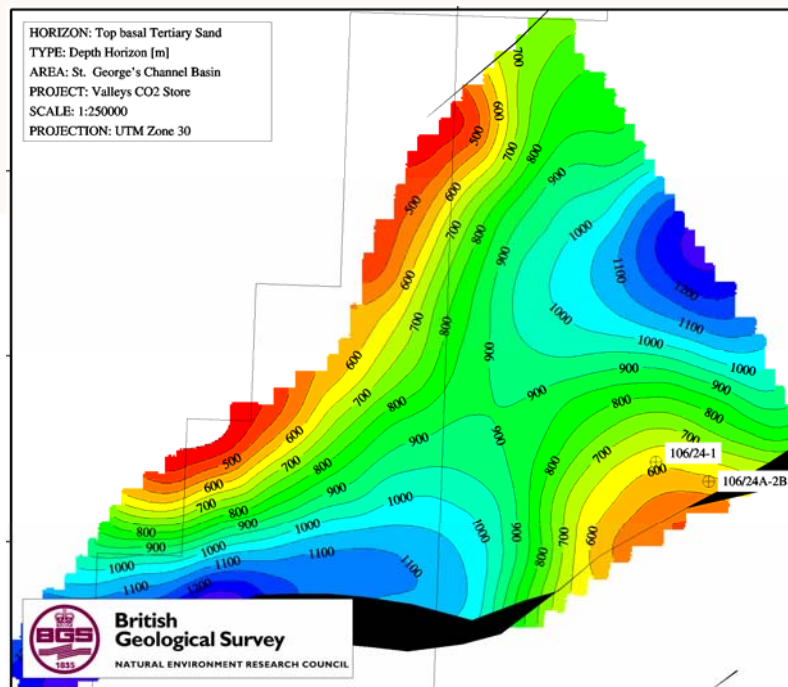
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# Fault seal at crest of structure



- Partially filled by salt wall
- Initial permeability of fault itself and associated damage zone highly uncertain
- Precipitation reactions predicted where fault is filled with salt
- Drilling and coring might be possible but very expensive



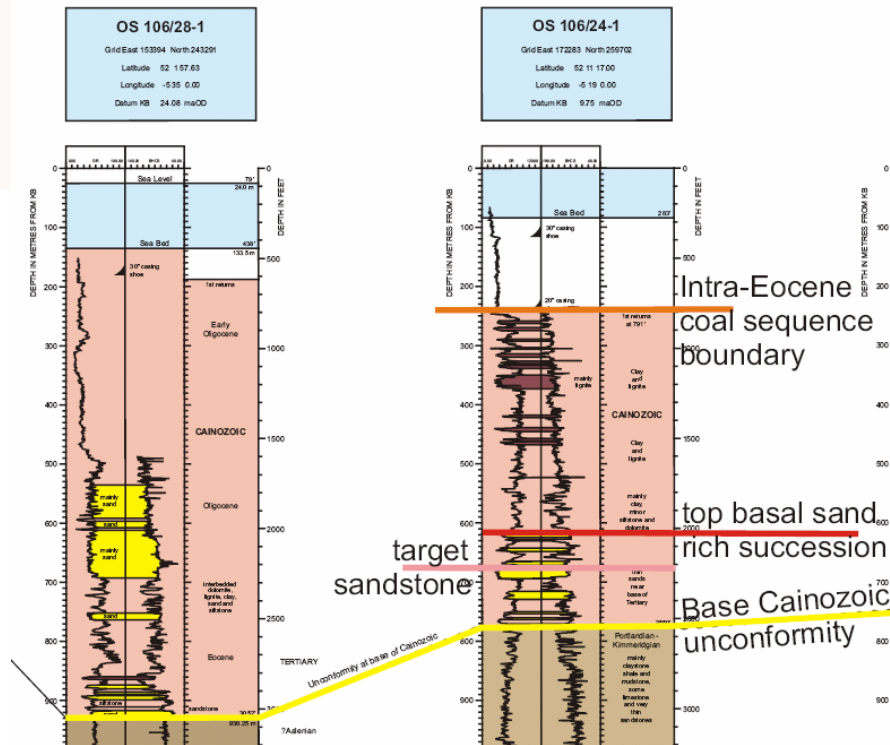
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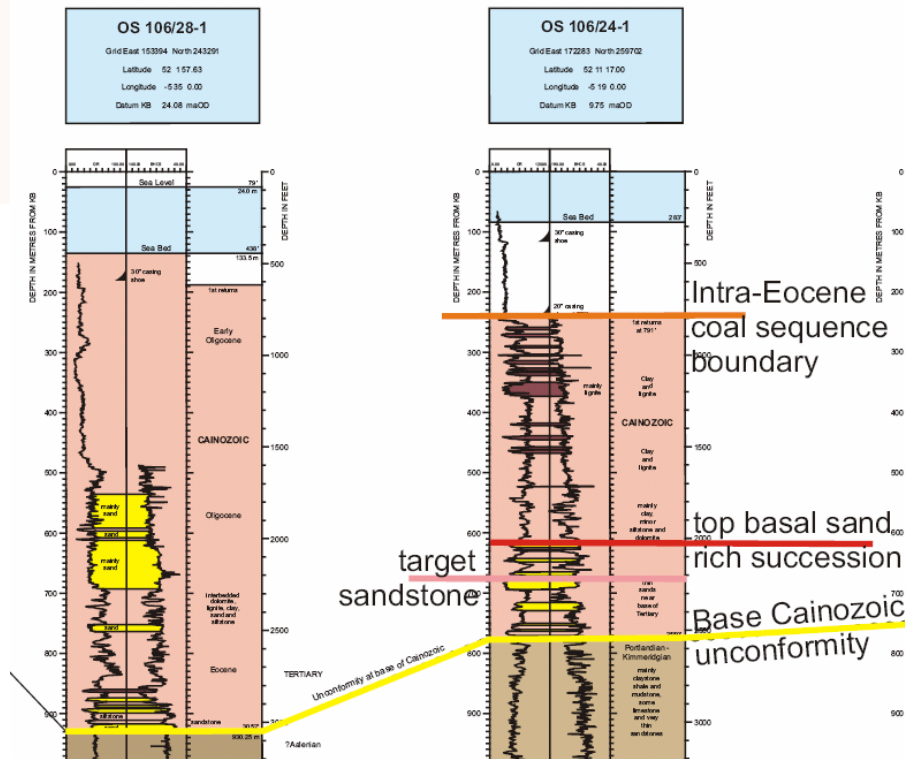
# Existing wells



- Wells 106/24-1 and 106/24a-2B lie on migration path/ within storage site
- Plugged and abandoned to high standards, so no reason to assume they will leak
- May be possible to plug them if they do turn out to leak



# Top seal



- Reservoir sands overlain by mudstones and lignite
- Permeability not known as could not be tested from cuttings material
- Expectation is of good seal
- Cap rock integrity not likely to be modified by geochemical interactions



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# Preliminary Conclusions Valleys

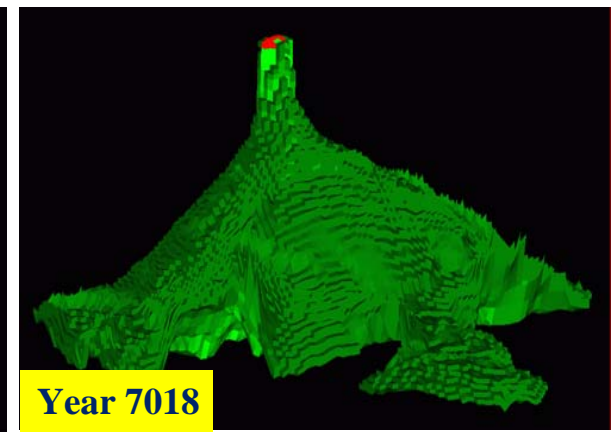
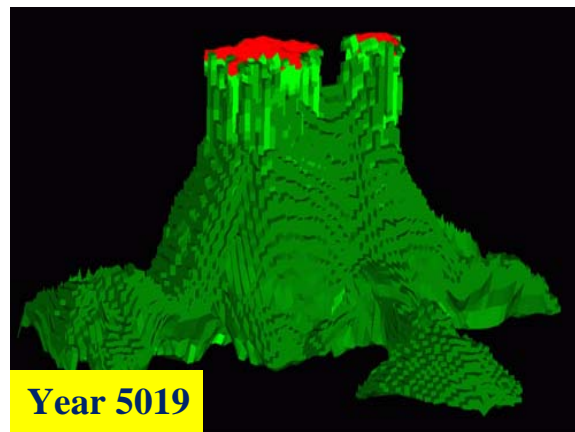
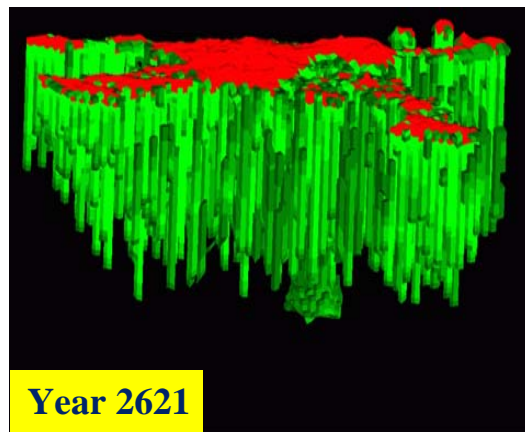
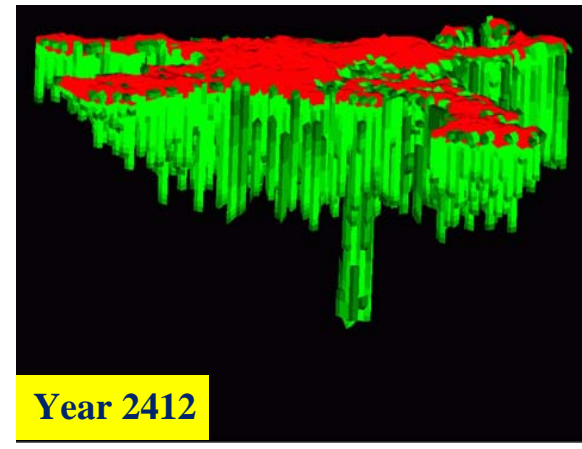
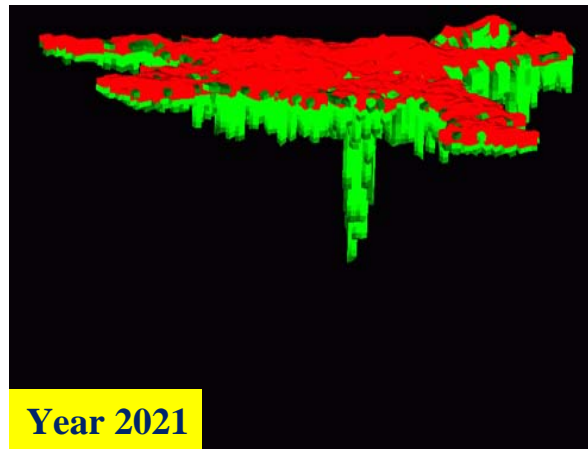
- Now in the process to go through FEP process to ensure the major risks have been identified
- Since St. George's Channel basin is poorly explored, with only a handful of wells, the geological risks are much higher than in petroleum-bearing basins
- Simulations show all CO<sub>2</sub> ends up next to the fault
- The cost of reaching robust conclusions about
  - (1) whether the fault will leak or seal, and
  - (2) whether there is sufficient reservoir sand, could be very high.

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## *Dissolution of CO2 in the Utsira Brine*



Source: Gemini No. 1, 2004 (NTNU and Sintef)

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# And then: What if something leaks...??

- NASCENT: Impacts on communities and terrestrial ecosystems
- Impacts of CO<sub>2</sub> on marine ecosystems not well understood. Upcoming research project to study toxicological effects of CO<sub>2</sub> and low pH on various marine animals under real depth conditions

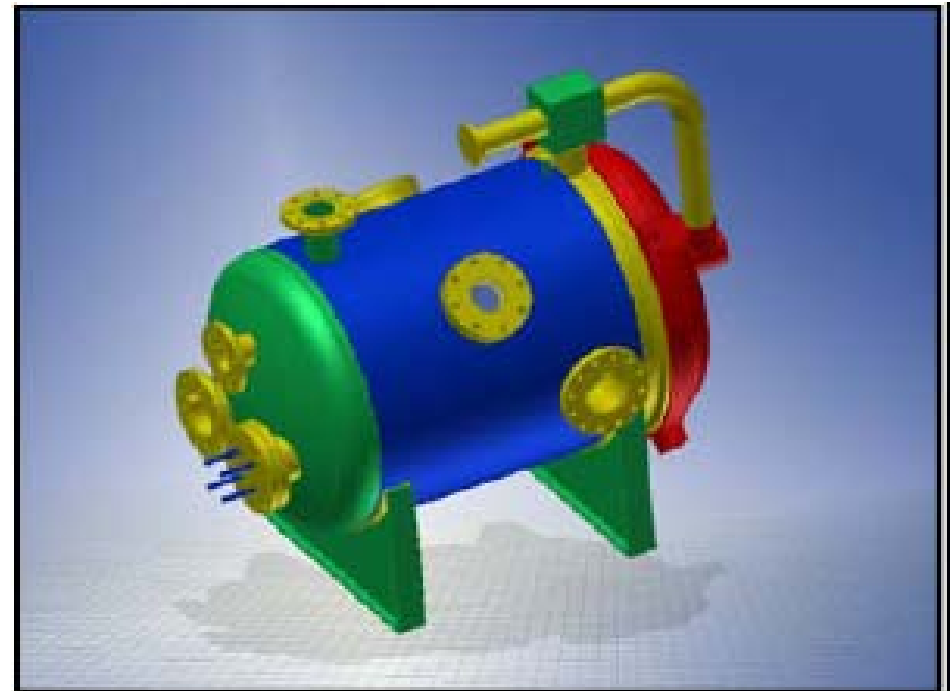
NTNU in cooperation with Statoil to build a titanium tank to simulate conditions on ca. 300 meter depth:

100 cm Ø

30 bar pressure

Sampling device

Various instrumentation



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# WAY FORWARD?

## **BUILD TRUST**

- More geological settings
- Publish work and results
- Inform regulators, policymakers and public
- Inter-continental cooperation

## **LEGAL CLARIFICATION**

- Mining and/or Petroleum laws adaptation
- OSPAR & LONDON Conventions

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