



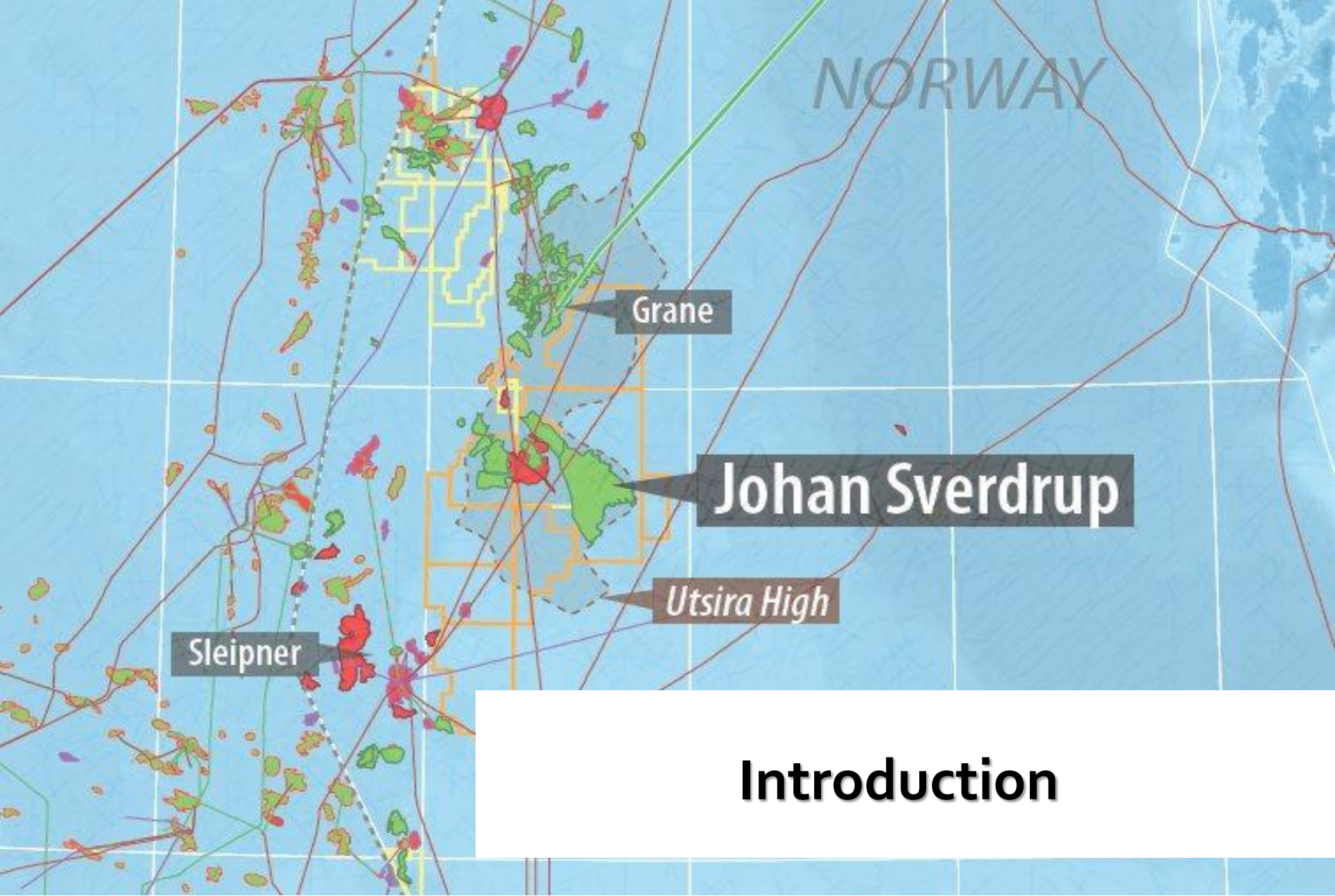
# Johan Sverdrup – Polymer

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# Introduction



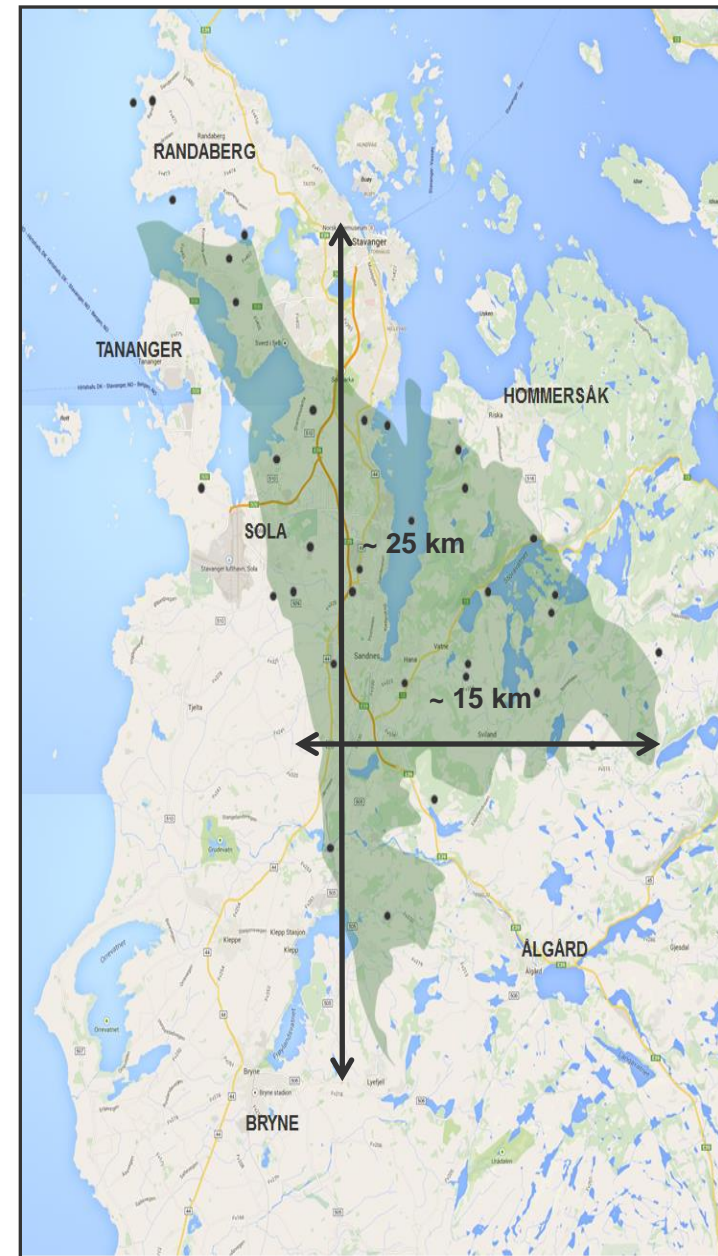
# Reservoir data

## GENERAL

Reservoir apex	~ 1800 m TVD MSL
Water depth	~ 110 meter
FWL	1922 - 1934 m TVD MSL
Area	~ 200 km <sup>2</sup>
Pressure	Hydrostatic (ongoing depletion)
Max dip	~ 2 degrees
Age	Jurassic and Late Triassic (main reservoir)
Recoverable resources	1.7 – 3.0 billion boe (full field)

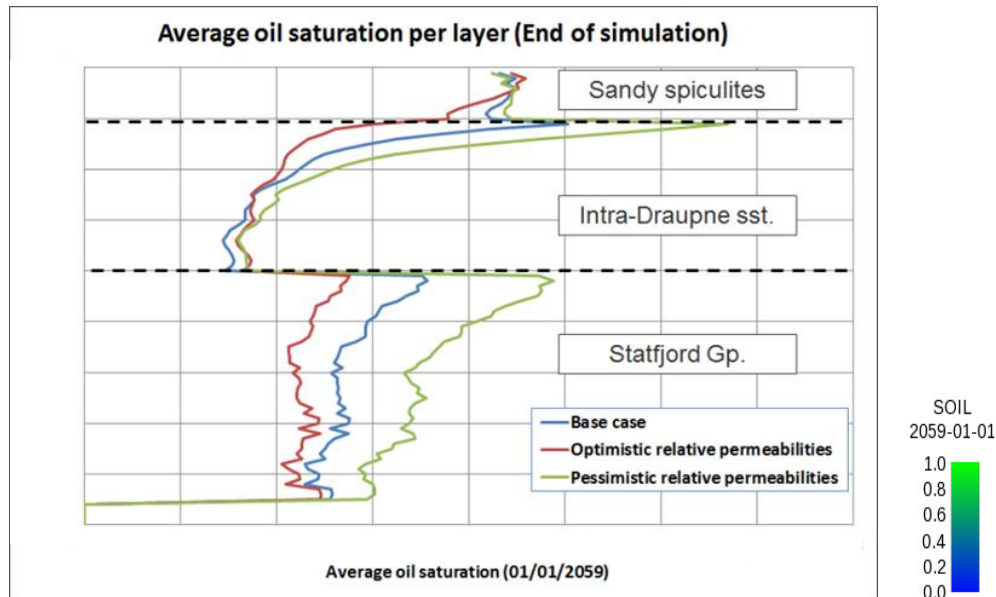
## RESERVOIR AND FLUID

Reservoir quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Excellent reservoir properties</li> <li>▶ Multi-Darcy permeability</li> <li>▶ Porosity ~ 25 - 30%</li> </ul>
Reservoir thickness	Varying, 4-14,6 m (well observations)
Reservoir fluid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Highly under-saturated oil, low GOR</li> <li>▶ Viscosity ~ 2 cP Density ~ 800 kg/Rm<sup>3</sup></li> <li>▶ No initial gas cap</li> </ul>



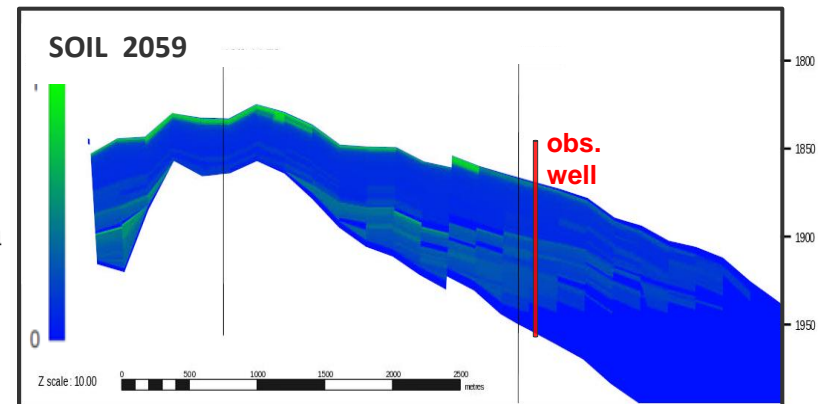
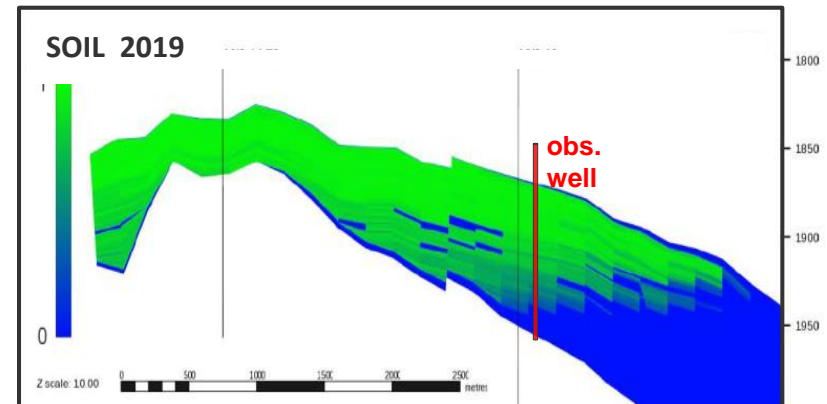
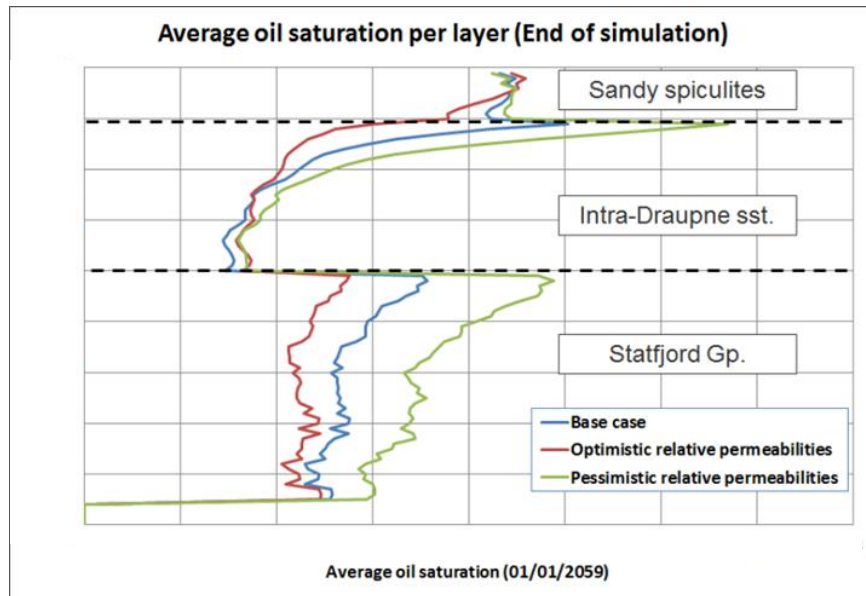
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# PDO Requirement Phase 1 Johan Sverdrup

- ▶ A pilot project with polymer injection to be performed within 2 years after production start of Phase 1.
- ▶ The Pilot project shall be performed with **minimum one injector and one producer.**
- ▶ A decision basis to be presented to OED within 31.12.2017.
- ▶ An evaluation on further implementation within 1.7.2023.





# Polymer flooding





# Mechanism and Potential

## ► Mobility control

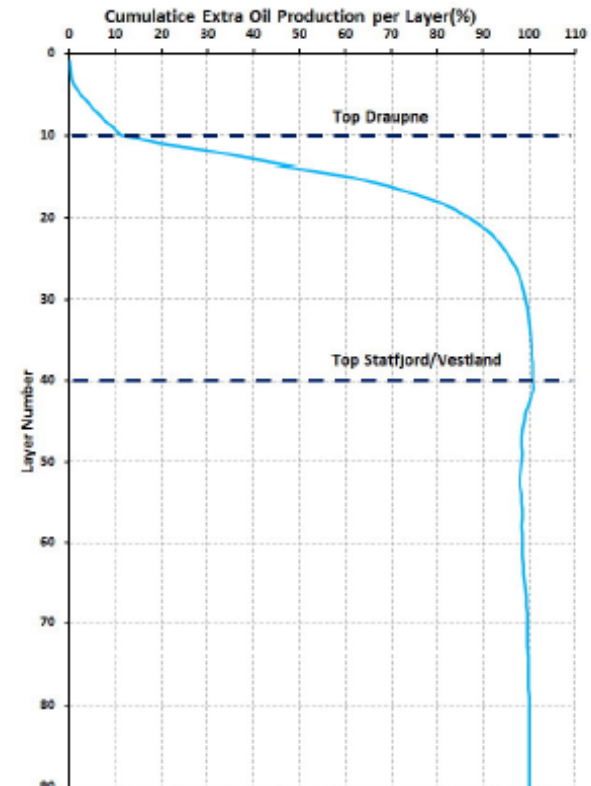
- Oil viscosity ~ 2 cp
- Water viscosity 0.4 cp
- If early implementation; acceleration effect

## ► Increased sweep

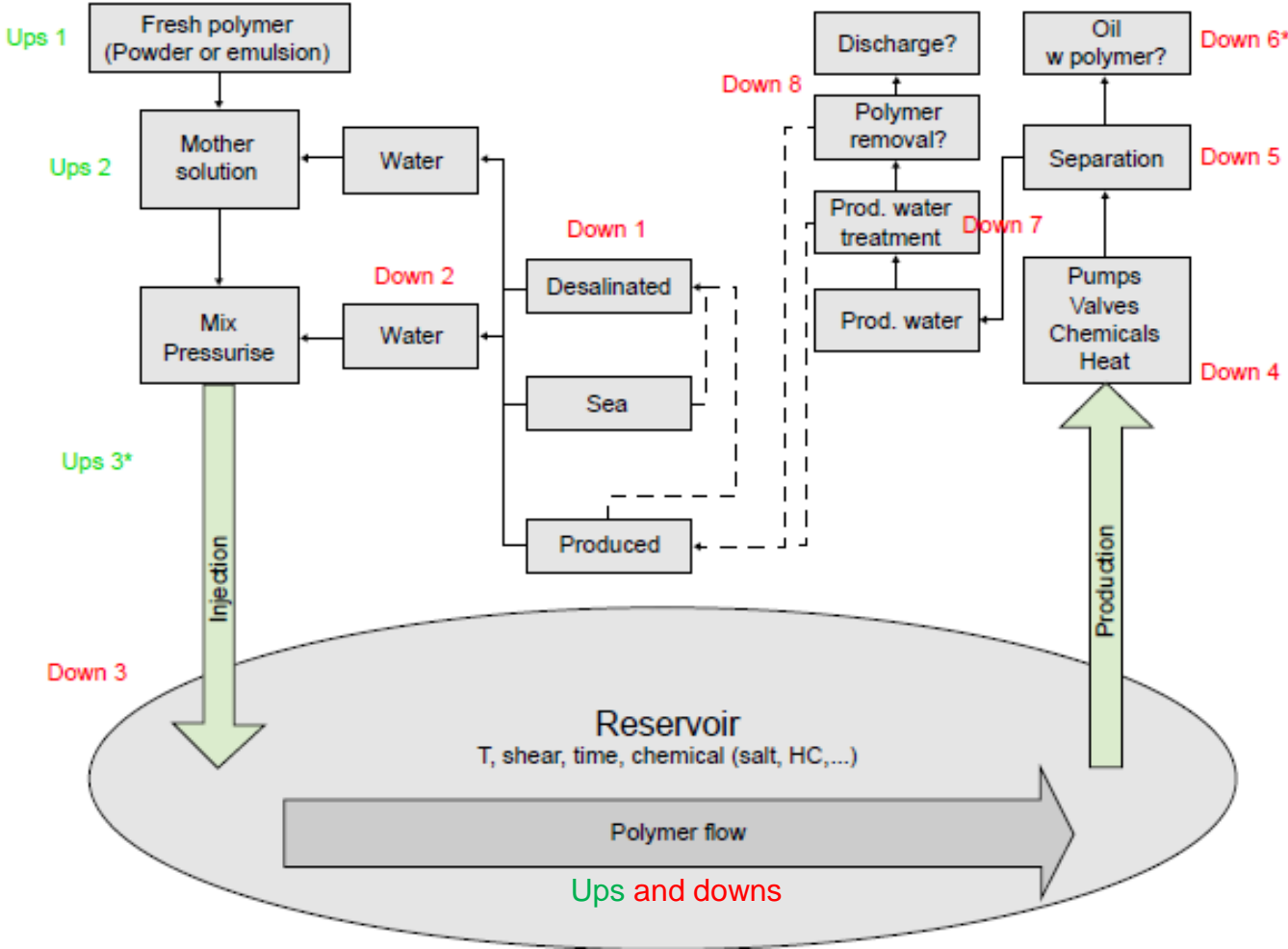
- Targeting attic oil
- Kr and Pc important for potential

## ► Moderate delta oil potential

- Competition with infill/WAG (?)



# Risk issues – Value chain



# Laboratory work – provide polymer specific assumptions to business case

## ▶ Ranking of suitable polymers


- Viscosifying ability (Logistics and OPEX)
- Sustain high temperature 83 degrees C and high salinity
- Modest adsorption and shear degradation

## ▶ Perform core-flood (JS core and fluid)

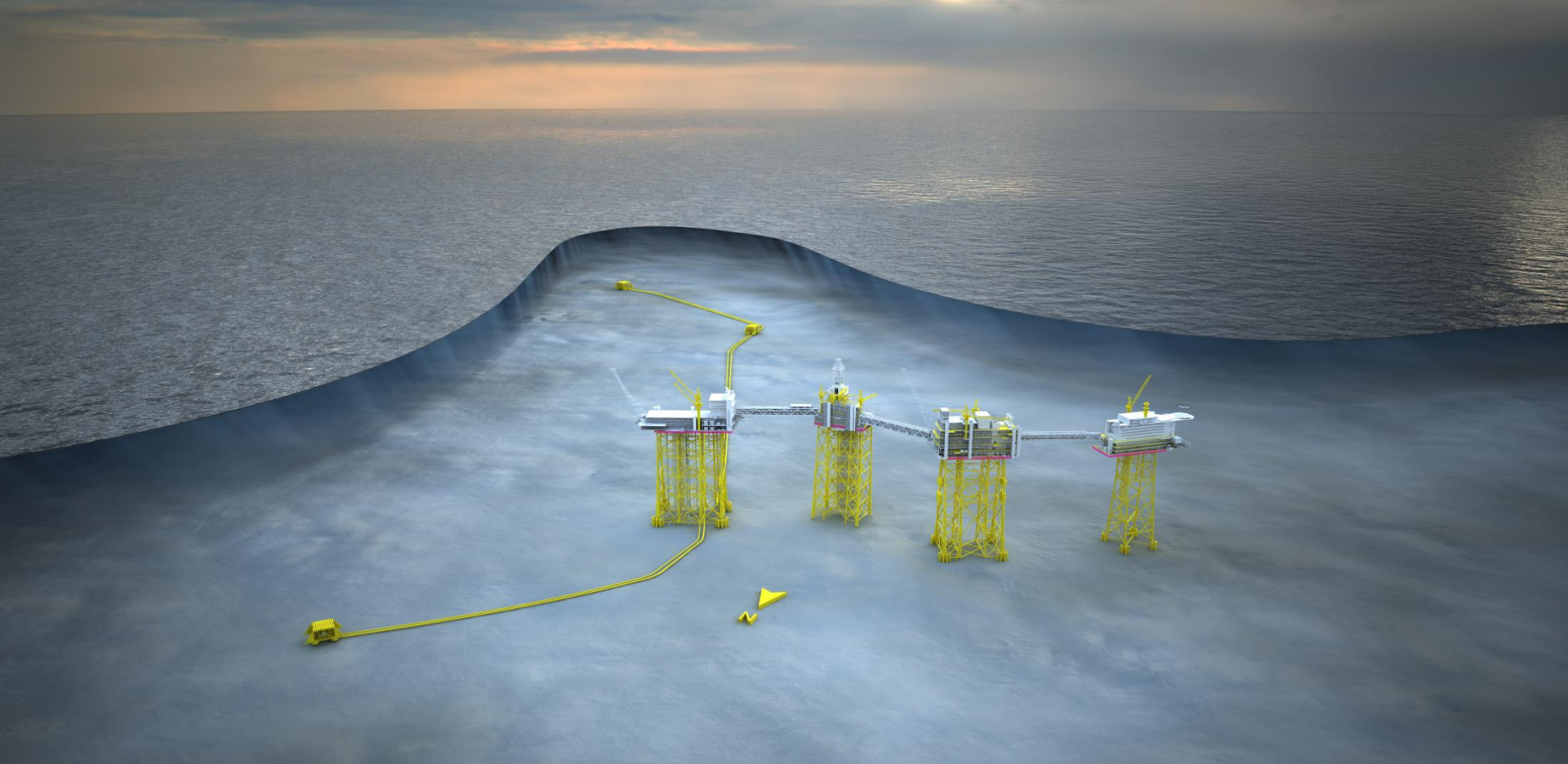
- Lowsal/Seawater + polymer

## ▶ Influence on oil-and water processing facilities due to production of polymer

## ▶ Impact of chokes on mechanical degradation

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- Ppm
  - Adsorption
  - IPV
  - RRF
  - Mixing water
  - Risking
  - Add. cost
  - ...

# Polymer pilot





# Test Parameters

- ▶ Logistic chain assesement
- ▶ Preparation and injection of polymerised water
- ▶ Polymer viscosity topside and in the reservoir
- ▶ EOR effect
- ▶ Measurement of back produced polymer
- ▶ Impact of produced polymer on oil and water processing
- ▶ Reinjection of produced polymer

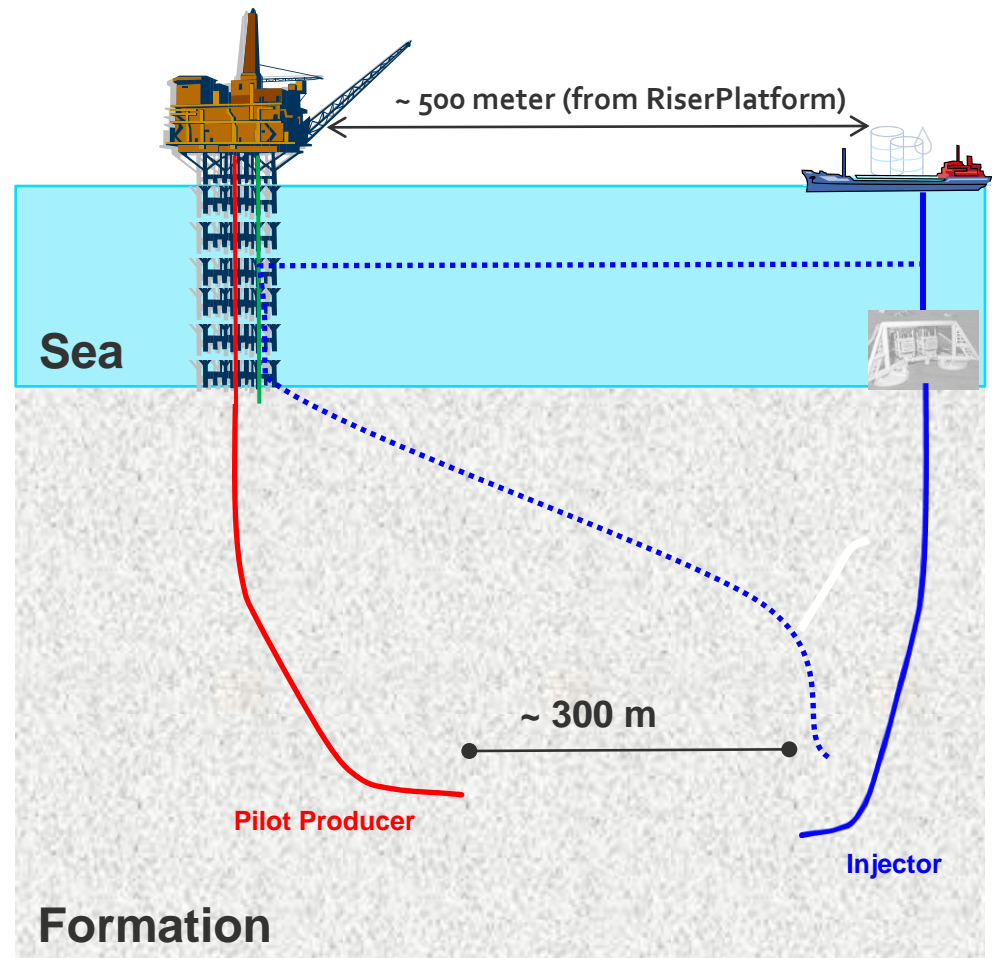
**Start-up:** 2021/22

**Duration:** ~ 18months

**Injection Capacity:** up to 5 kSm<sup>3</sup>/d

# Pilot Sketch (1 Injector - 1 Producer)

- ▶ Prepared polymerised solution either on ship or at Riser Platform
- ▶ Injection in dry – or subsea injector
- ▶ Distance injector – producer ~ 300 meters



# Pilot EOR Data Dathering (Petec scope)

Issue	Parameters	Data acquisition
Polymer medium quality (pre-injection)	$\mu(T)$ , $C_{\text{polymer}}$ , homogeneity, ionic composition (lowsal quality)	Topside sampling
Injectivity	Q/p	Well gauges; flowline rate gauge
In situ viscosity, injection {kh/ $\mu$ }	$\rho$ , T	Down Hole Gauges
In situ viscosity, injection { $\mu$ }	$\mu$ , T	Conditional DH sampling on WL in injector
Incremental oil {Q <sub>oil</sub> , Water Cut}	Q (oil, water, gas)	Test separator rate gauges;
Displacement, drainage, dilution	tracer, $C_{\text{polymer}}$ , ionic composition	Test separator sampling; producer flowline sampling
Degradation	$\mu(T)$ , C, MWD <sub>polymer</sub> , ionic composition	Test separator sampling; flowline sampling; DH sampling on WL in producer (conditional, but likely)
Injectivity of PW with residual polymer	$C_{\text{polymer}}$ , PW (oil in water, suspended solids, Q/p)	Sampling in degasser, well gauges, downhole gauge

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## ▶ Johan Sverdrup is an unconventional polymer candidate

- Moderate Potential and challenging economy
- High temperature, high salinity, long well spacing leads to employ low salinity water

## ▶ Particular offshore risks;

- A subsea setting involves risk of choking leading to mechanical degradation
- Compact water processing plant challenging

## ▶ A pilot can/may provide some answers

- Preparation, injectivity, in-situ viscosity, EOR effect(if preflush), impact of produced polymer on facilities
- Extrapolation of pilot results to other parts of the field not trivial (well spacing)
- Other sources of information necessary for an update of field potential post pilot

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