

# NORCE P&A Innovation Program

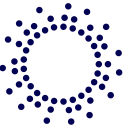
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# Outline

1. About NORCE and P&A
2. The P&A Innovation Program
3. Phase I projects
4. Ongoing projects and activities





# Brief history of P&A at NORCE

SFI 2011-19:



RCN Infrastructure 2019-24:



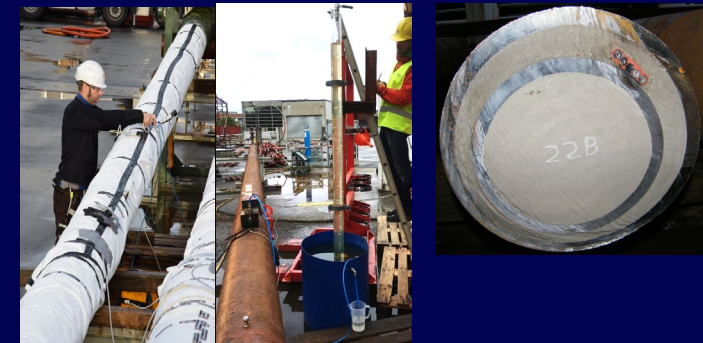
SFI 2020-28:

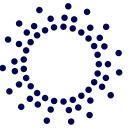


JIP 2018-26:

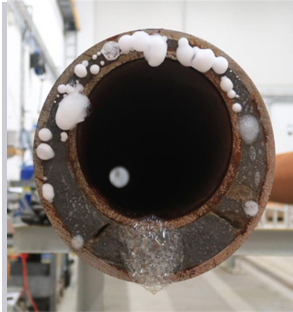
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Highlight: Tubing left in hole experiment





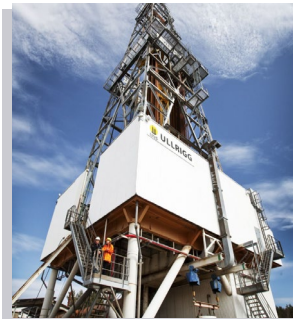
# NORCE – Current P&A Activities



## P&A Innovation Program



- JIP – 7 partners
- Applied Research
- Full-scale testing and verification
- Program manager; Erlend Randeberg
- Ph. I: 2018-2023, Ph. II: 2023-2026



## Norwegian P&A Laboratories



- P&A test well
- Full-scale lab for testing at downhole conditions
- NORCE Manager; Dave Gardner



## SWIPA



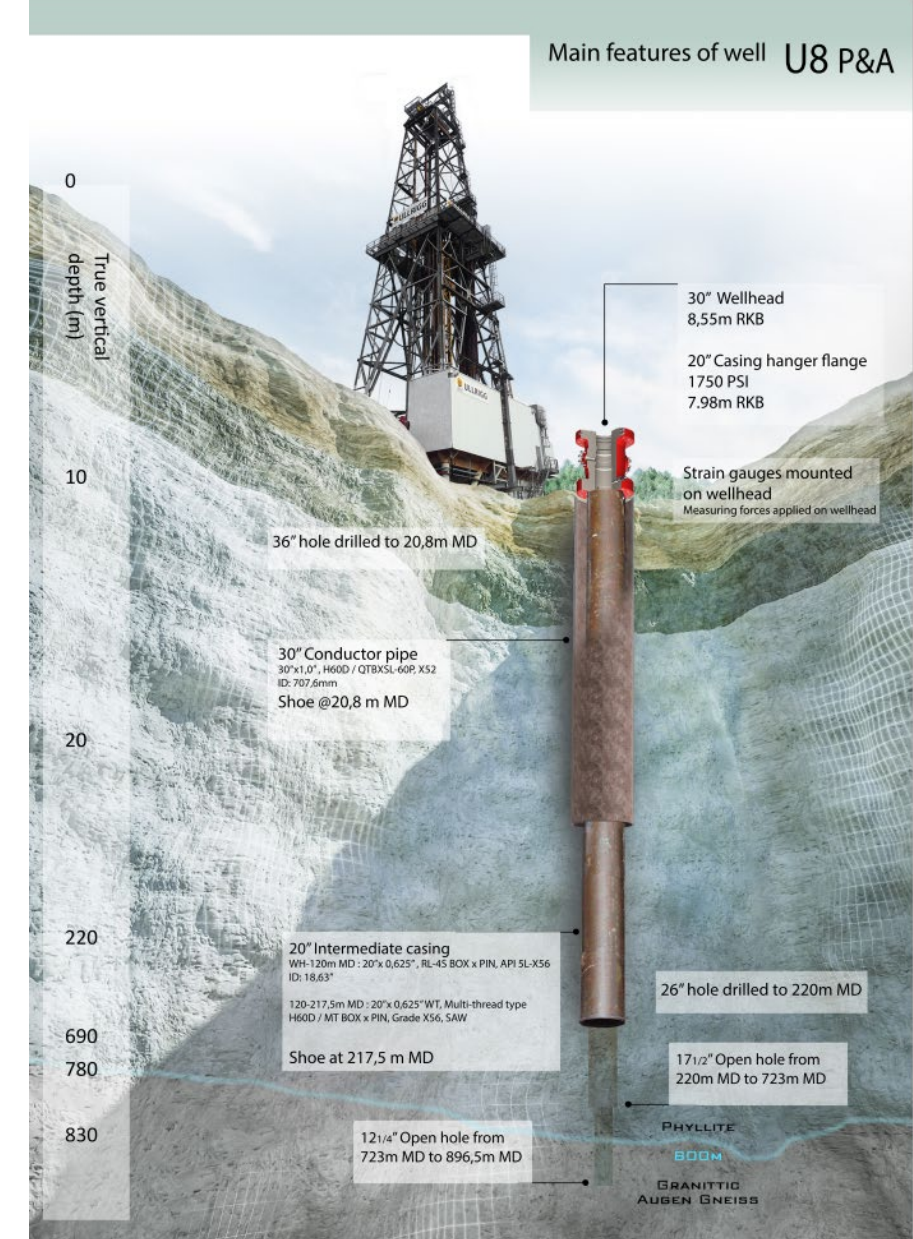
- Center for Research-Driven Innovation (SFI)
- Scientific understanding of permanent well barriers
- Improved well barrier design methodologies
- NORCE WP Manager; Erlend Randeberg



# NorPALabs P&A Well

## U8 P&A Well

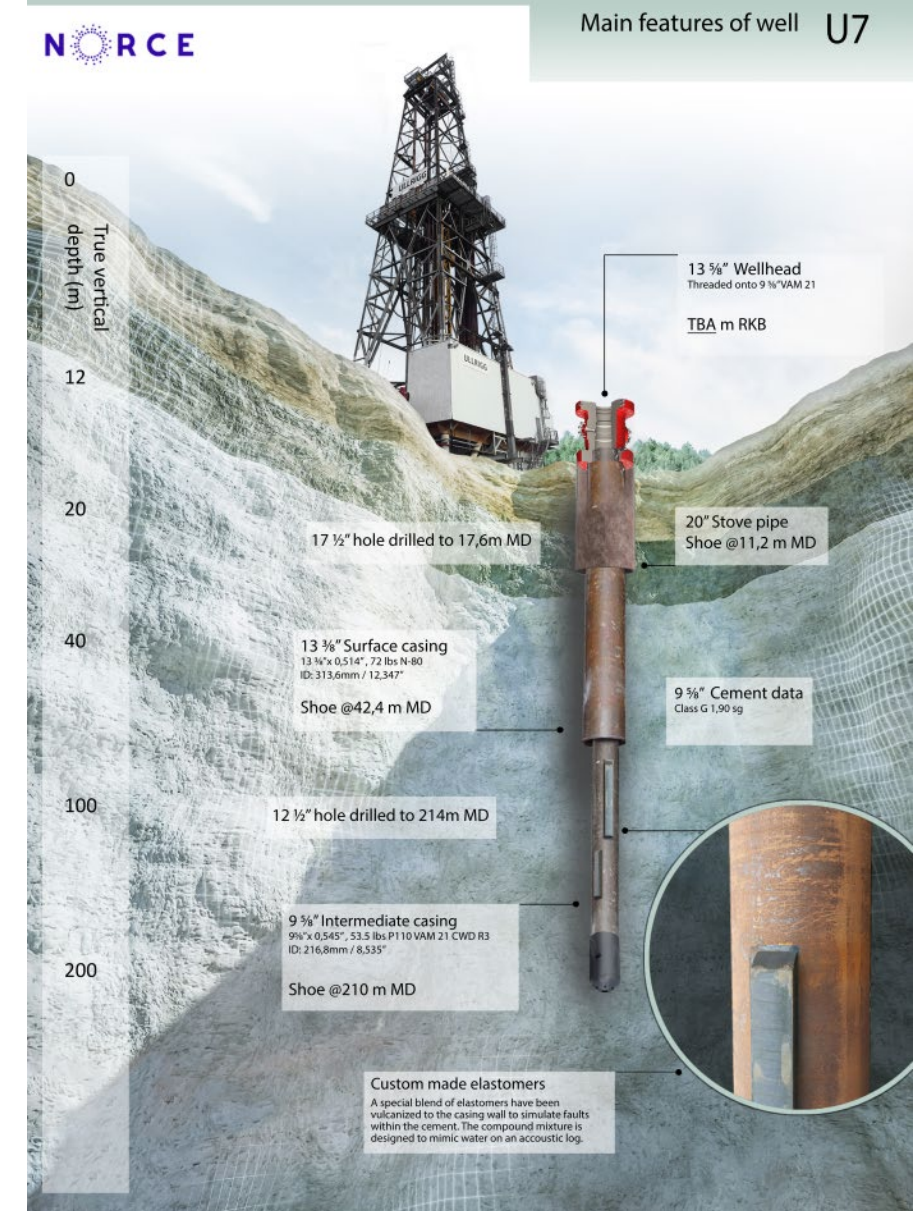
- Dedicated P&A well
- 20" uncemented casing installed to 217 m
- 17 1/2" openhole to 723 mMD
- 12 1/4" openhole to 896.5 mMD
- Available 13 5/8" casing to be run
- Additional equipment:
  - Well head
  - Casing & tubing hangers
  - Test-from-below sub
  - DTS



# NorPALabs CBL Well

## U7 CBL Reference Well

- Established in 2021 – funded by Equinor  
*SPE-208699; Construction of a reference well to support the qualification of cement evaluation logging tools and data processing*
- 9 5/8" casing is cemented with phantom "water channels" for logging purposes
- Allows for Ullrigg to run required tubing and carry out through-tubing-logging



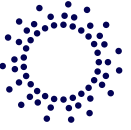


# NorPALabs PLT

## Pressure and Leakage Testing

- Measure barrier material sealing performance under realistic conditions
- Full diameter, relevant length, vertical to horizontal
- Maintain downhole conditions for extended test intervals

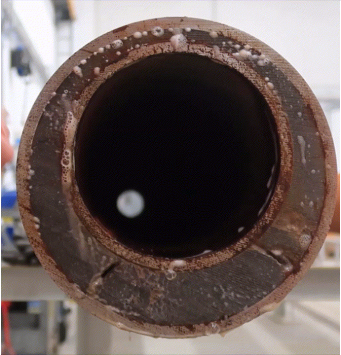




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## Phase I projects

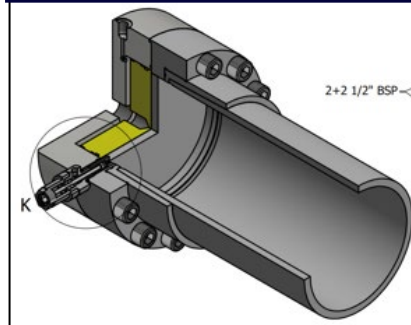
### Valhall sandwich sections



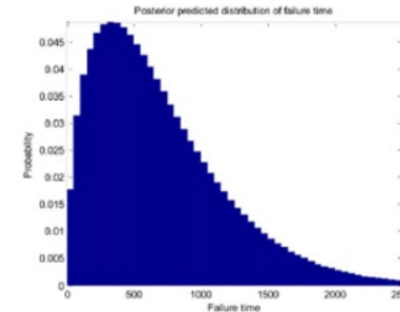
### Fluid migration modelling and treatment



### Full-scale P&A test



### Industry-standard risk acceptance criteria



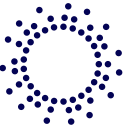
### Rigless P&A Experiments



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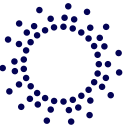
# Barrier verification & Valhall Sections

*Objective: Improved log analysis by correlating log response to measured sealing quality of the annular cement*

- 9 5/8" x 13 3/8" sandwich sections recovered from a Valhall production well constructed in 1985
- Measure the barrier quality of the annular cement sheath using acoustic logs, leakage tests, cement core plug analysis
- Compare logs to the physical measurements

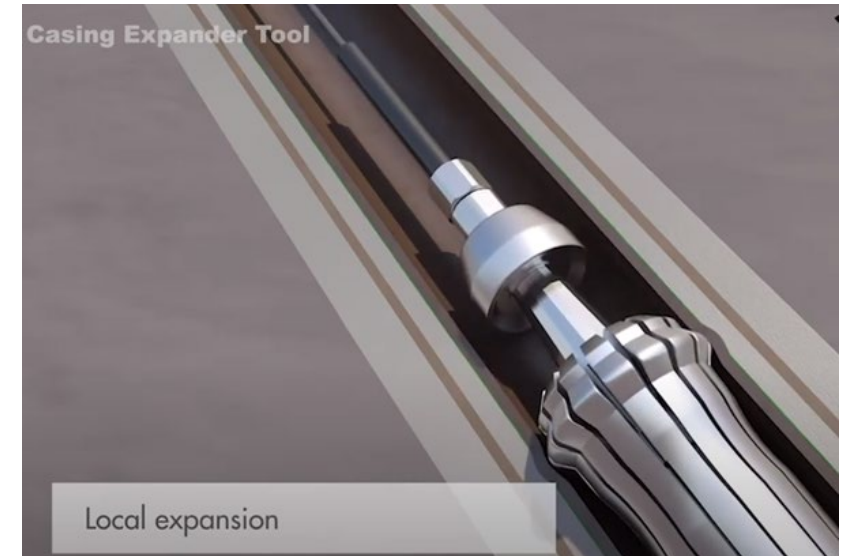
					
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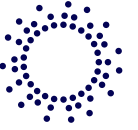




# Fluid migration modelling & treatment

1. Understand fluid flow through realistic cracks and micro-annuli in order to determine leakage potential
2. Implement “state-of-the-art” SCP bleed-off and build-up model in leakage calculator software framework to improve the analysis of SCP test data
3. Develop and apply a standard methodology for the representative qualification of treatment technologies
  - Mechanical tools; e.g. Local Casing Expander
  - Chemical products; Resins, mineral solutions, ...





# Full-scale P&A plug testing

Investigate scaling effects when measuring the sealing performance of cement plugs

Using 2 & 8 meter long 9 5/8 test cells:

1. 1.92 sg Class G cement
2. + 3% expansion additive

Cells held at downhole conditions throughout experiment, from cement curing to seepage testing

Extensive & precise instrumentation

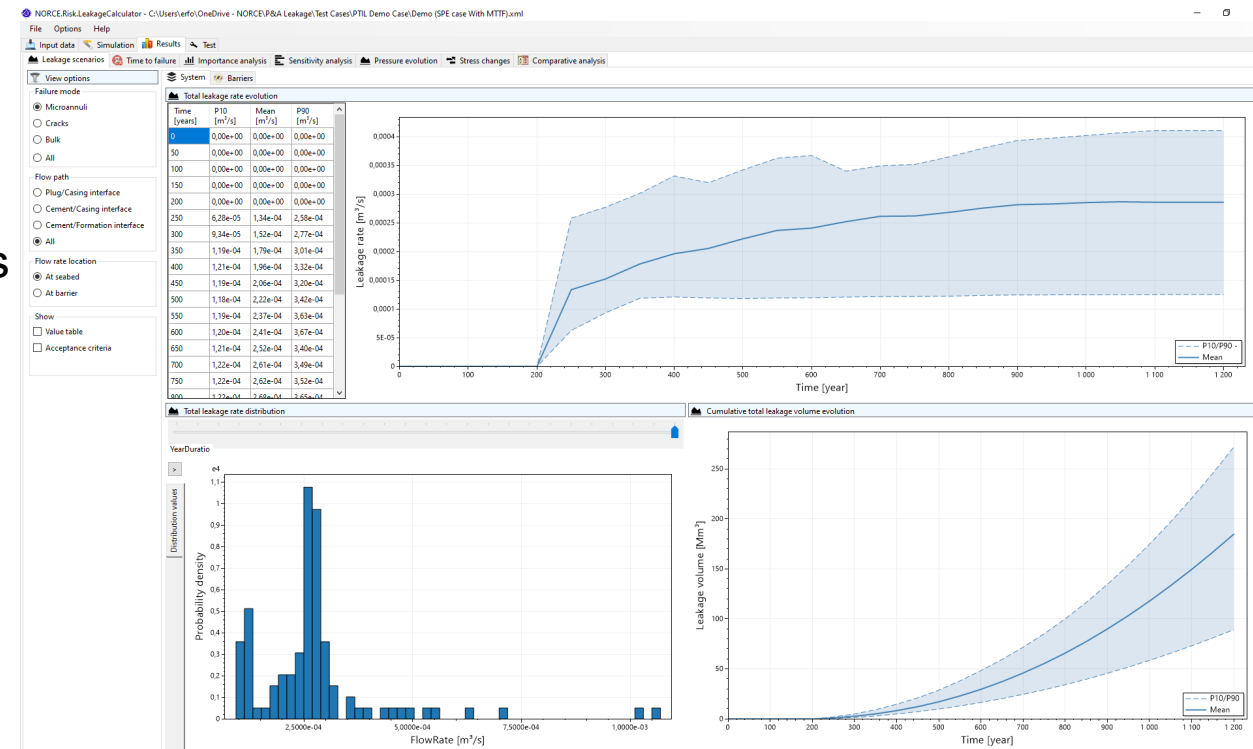


2m commissioning & 8m rig-up check

# Risk-based approach to P&A

*Objective: Enable operators to put a quality measure on any given P&A well design*

- A leakage calculator is developed, leakage risk is determined by evaluating failure type probabilities and associated leakage potentials, based on available experimental data
- Project results can be used to evaluate cost/benefit of different P&A solutions
- Case studies are ongoing in parallel with further development of the functionality







# Rigless P&A test examples

1. Mimic well features in U8 P&A Test Well
2. Through Tubing detection of control line flatpack (4 tools)
3. Cut the flatpack using Dynaslot perforating charges (2 gun types)
4. Coiled tubing PWC, plug drill out and log with Isolation Scanner
5. Retrieve well completion and cut into sections



Running 6 5/8" tubing + flatpack into P&A well U8



# Phase I deliverables

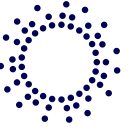
28 publications:

1 associated PhD, 21 journal/conference papers, 6 technical reports

Finalized RCN competence project (KSP)

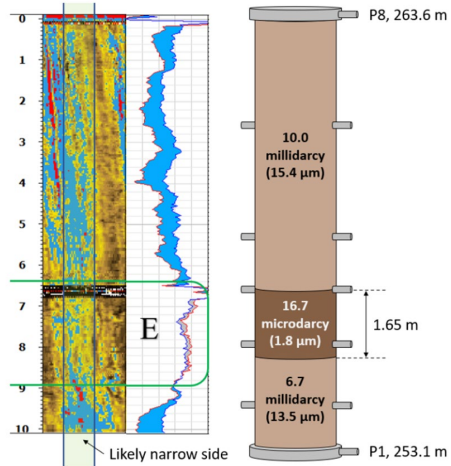
International collaboration; Brazil, Canada, US

Strong interaction with service providers and operators

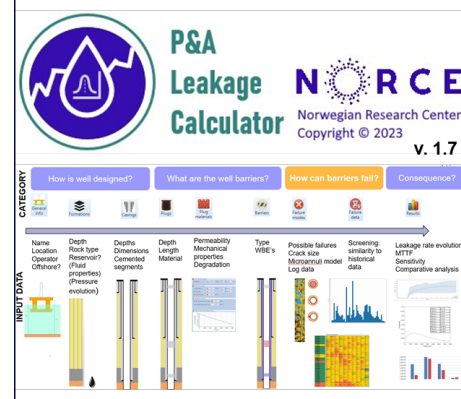


# P&A Innovation Program – Phase II

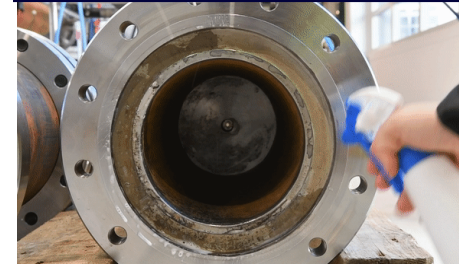
## Stacked vs Continuous Barriers



## P&A Leakage Calculator Phase II



## Well Barrier Material & Seepage Treatment Testing



## Rig-less Operations and Through-Tubing Abandonment



ConocoPhillips

Havtil Norwegian Ocean Industry Authority



AkerBP

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# Phase II – Ambitions

Continued strong user-involvement

Relevance to industry

Scientific achievements and publications

Seeking synergies with other projects





Thank you. Takk.  
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