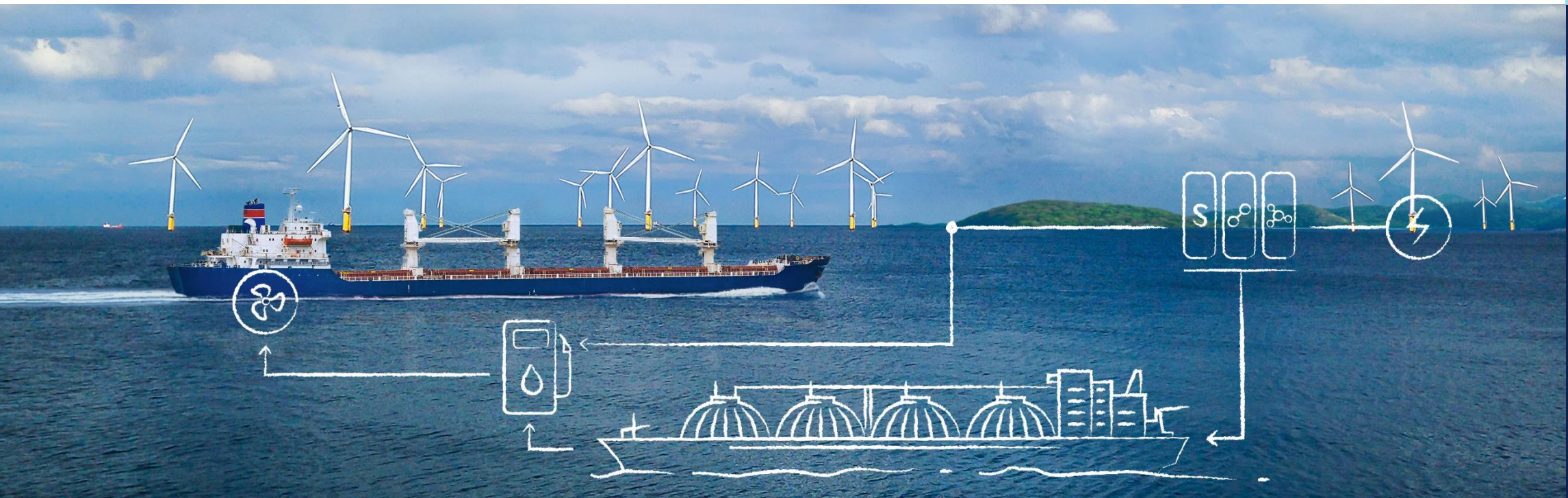


Quality Measurement of CO₂

Understanding the impact of contaminants and how to analyse

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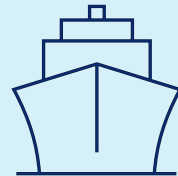
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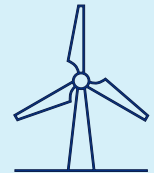
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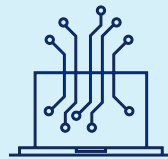
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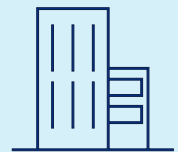
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- CO2 SAFEARREST – Guidance on the efficient design of CO₂ pipelines
- CO2 QUALSTORE – Guidance for the selection and qualification of CO₂ storage sites
- CO2 WELLS – Guidance on the risk management of existing wells at CO₂ storage sites
- CO2 CAPTURE – Guidance on procedure for capture technology qualification
- HiPerCap – Development of novel Capture technologies
- ECO2 – Best environmental practice for offshore CO₂ injection

DNV-RP-J201

Qualification procedures for carbon dioxide capture technology

DNV-RP-F104

Design and operation of carbon dioxide pipelines

DNV-RP-J203

Geological storage of carbon dioxide

DNV-ST-F101

Submarine pipeline systems

ISO 27919-1

Carbon dioxide capture – Performance evaluation methods for post-combustion CO₂ capture integrated with a power plant

ISO 27913

Carbon dioxide capture, transportation and geological storage – Pipeline transportation system

ISO 27914

Carbon dioxide capture, transportation and geological storage – Geological storage

DNV-SE-0160: Technology qualification management and verification

DNV-SE-0657: Re-qualification of pipeline systems for transport of hydrogen and CO₂ (2023)

DNV-SE-0473: Certification of sites and projects for geological storage of CO₂
DNV-SE-0617: Qualification management for geological storage of CO₂

**ISO 13623 Pipeline
Transportation Systems (2009)**

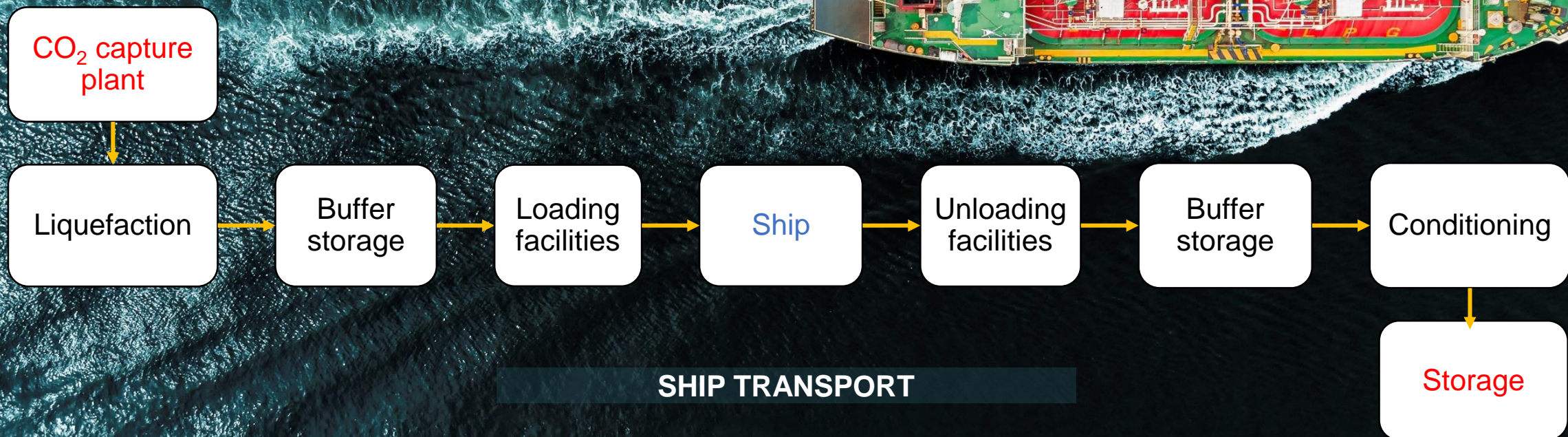
Contaminants on CO₂

- Understanding the problem
 - The value chains
 - Example specifications
 - Why are the chemicals on the list?
- Sampling and analysis



The value chain – Focus on Northern Lights

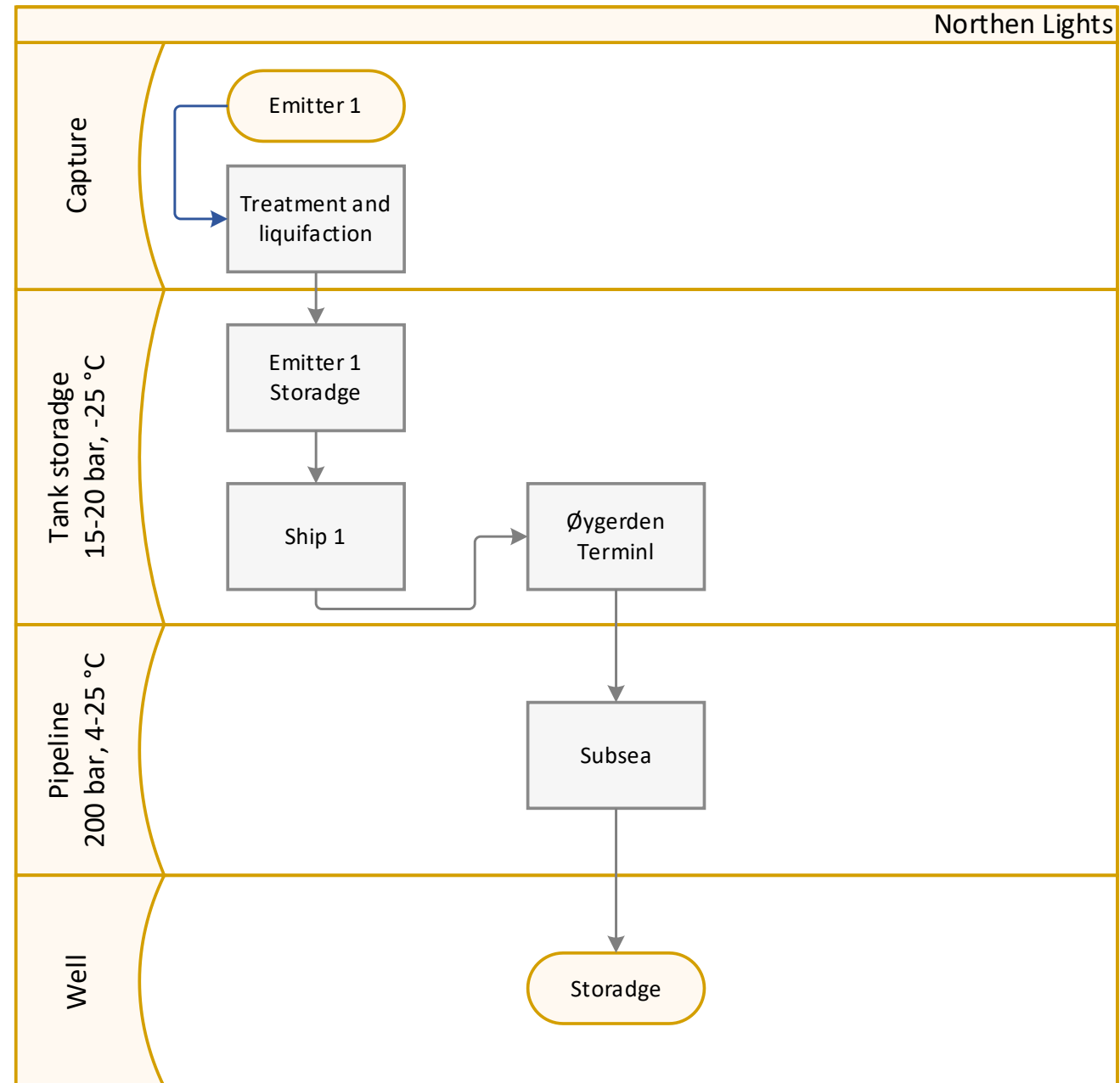
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The value chain

Each project will be unique

- Locations of emitters (industrial hubs or scattered?)
- Availability of storage
- Distance and complexity in transport
- What type of emitters are in the network?



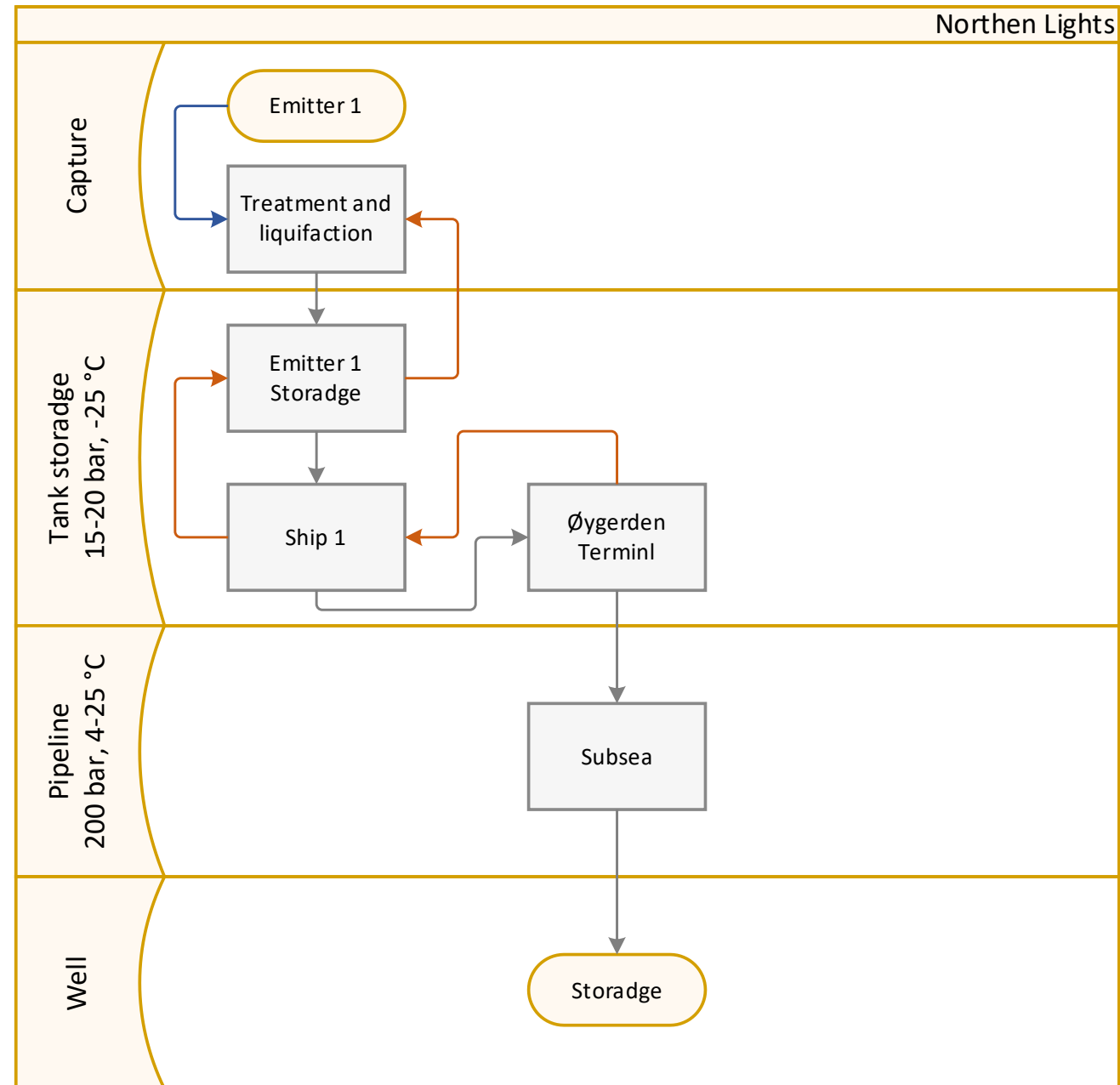
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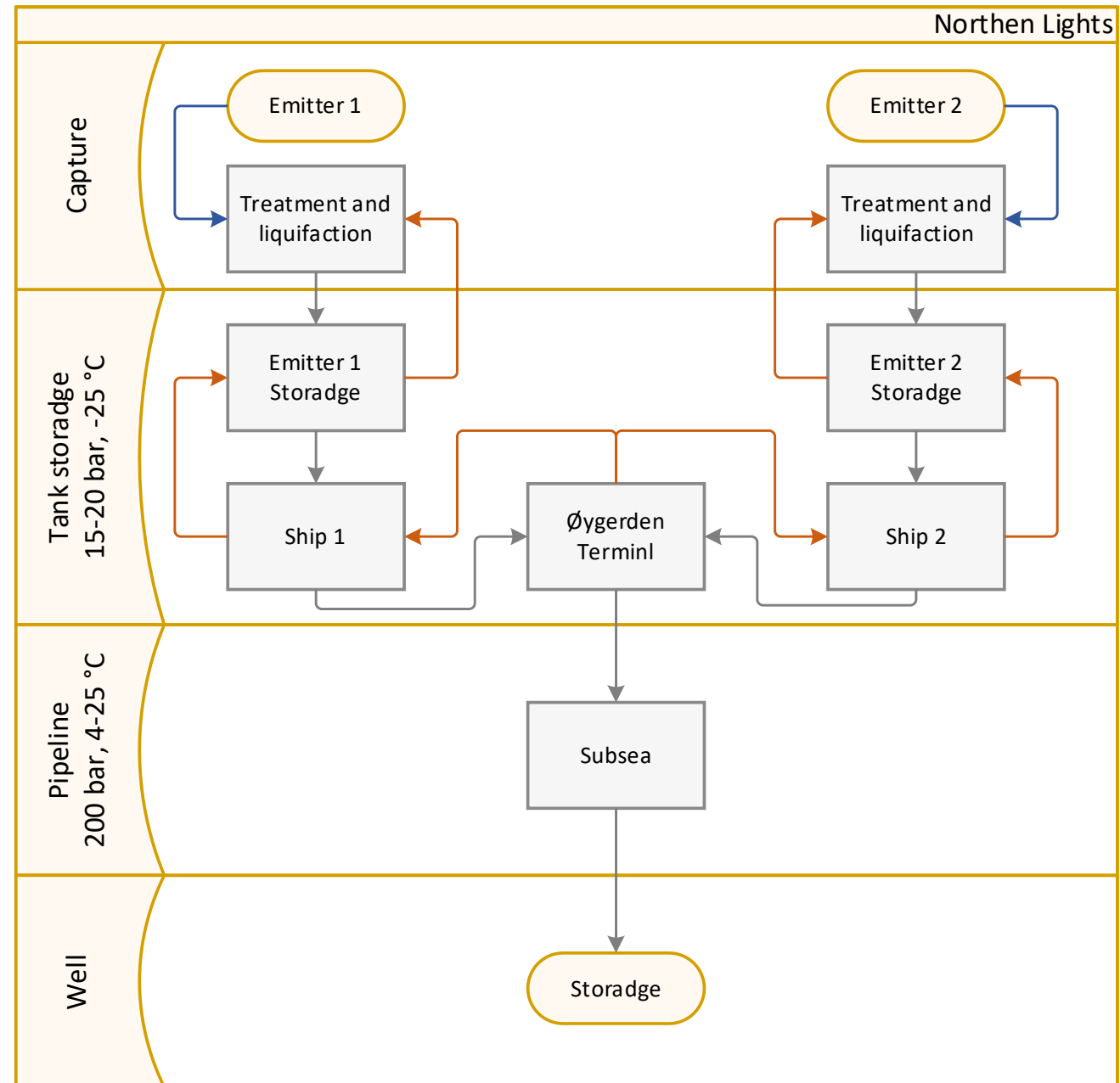
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Contaminants from emitters impact everyone in the network.



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Specification example



CO₂ specifications

Component	Mole Base
CO ₂	≥ 95%
H ₂ O	≤ 70 ppm
Sum [H ₂ +N ₂ +Ar+CH ₄ +CO+O ₂]	≤ 4%
H ₂	≤ 0.75%
N ₂	≤ 2.4%
Ar	≤ 0.4%
CH ₄	≤ 1%
CO	≤ 750 ppm
O ₂	≤ 40 ppm
Total sulfur-contained compounds (COS, DMS, H ₂ S, SO _x , Mercaptan)	≤ 20 ppm Of which H ₂ S ≤ 5 ppm
Total NO _x	≤ 5 ppm
Total aliphatic hydrocarbons (C ₂ to C ₁₀) ¹	≤ 1200 ppm
Total aromatic hydrocarbons (C ₆ to C ₁₀ , incl. BTEX) ¹	≤ 0.1 ppm
Total volatile organic compounds ¹ (excl. methane, total aliphatic HC (C ₂ to C ₁₀), methanol, ethanol, and aldehydes)	≤ 10 ppm
Total aldehyde compounds	≤ 10 ppm
Ethanol	≤ 20 ppm
Methanol	≤ 620 ppm
Hydrogen cyanide (HCN)	≤ 2 ppm
Total amine compounds	≤ 1 ppm
Total glycol compounds	Follow dew point specification
Ammonia (NH ₃)	≤ 3 ppm
Total carboxylic acid and amide compounds	≤ 1 ppm
Total phosphorus-contained compounds	≤ 1 ppm
Toxic compounds ⁱⁱⁱ	
Dew point limit value measurement (for all liquids, i.e. for complete CO ₂ composition)	< -10 °C (at 20 bara)

Liquid CO ₂ (LCO ₂) Quality Specifications		
Component	Unit	Limit for CO ₂ Cargo within Reference Conditions ¹
Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂)	mol-%	Balance (Minimum 99.81%)
Water (H ₂ O)	ppm-mol	≤ 30
Oxygen (O ₂)	ppm-mol	≤ 10
Sulphur Oxides (SO _x)	ppm-mol	≤ 10
Nitrogen Oxides (NO _x)	ppm-mol	≤ 1.5
Hydrogen Sulfide (H ₂ S)	ppm-mol	≤ 9
Amine	ppm-mol	≤ 10
Ammonia (NH ₃)	ppm-mol	≤ 10
Formaldehyde (CH ₂ O)	ppm-mol	≤ 20
Acetaldehyde (CH ₃ CHO)	ppm-mol	≤ 20
Mercury (Hg)	ppm-mol	≤ 0.0003
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	ppm-mol	≤ 100
Hydrogen (H ₂)	ppm-mol	≤ 50
Cadmium (Cd), Thallium (Tl)	ppm-mol	Sum ≤ 0.03
Methane (CH ₄)	ppm-mol	≤ 100
Nitrogen (N ₂)	ppm-mol	≤ 50
Argon (Ar)	ppm-mol	≤ 100
Methanol (CH ₃ OH)	ppm-mol	≤ 30
Ethanol (C ₂ H ₅ OH)	ppm-mol	≤ 1
Total Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) ²	ppm-mol	≤ 10
Mono-Ethylene Glycol (MEG)	ppm-mol	≤ 0.005
Tri-Ethylene Glycol (TEG)	ppm-mol	Not allowed
BTEX ³	ppm-mol	≤ 0.5
Ethylene (C ₂ H ₄)	ppm-mol	≤ 0.5
Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN)	ppm-mol	≤ 100
Aliphatic Hydrocarbons (C ₃ +) ⁴	ppm-mol	≤ 1,100
Ethane (C ₂ H ₆)	ppm-mol	≤ 75
Solids, particles, dust	Micro-meter (µm)	≤ 1

Clarification from original CO₂ spec

Updated component

Updated component

Moved to solids

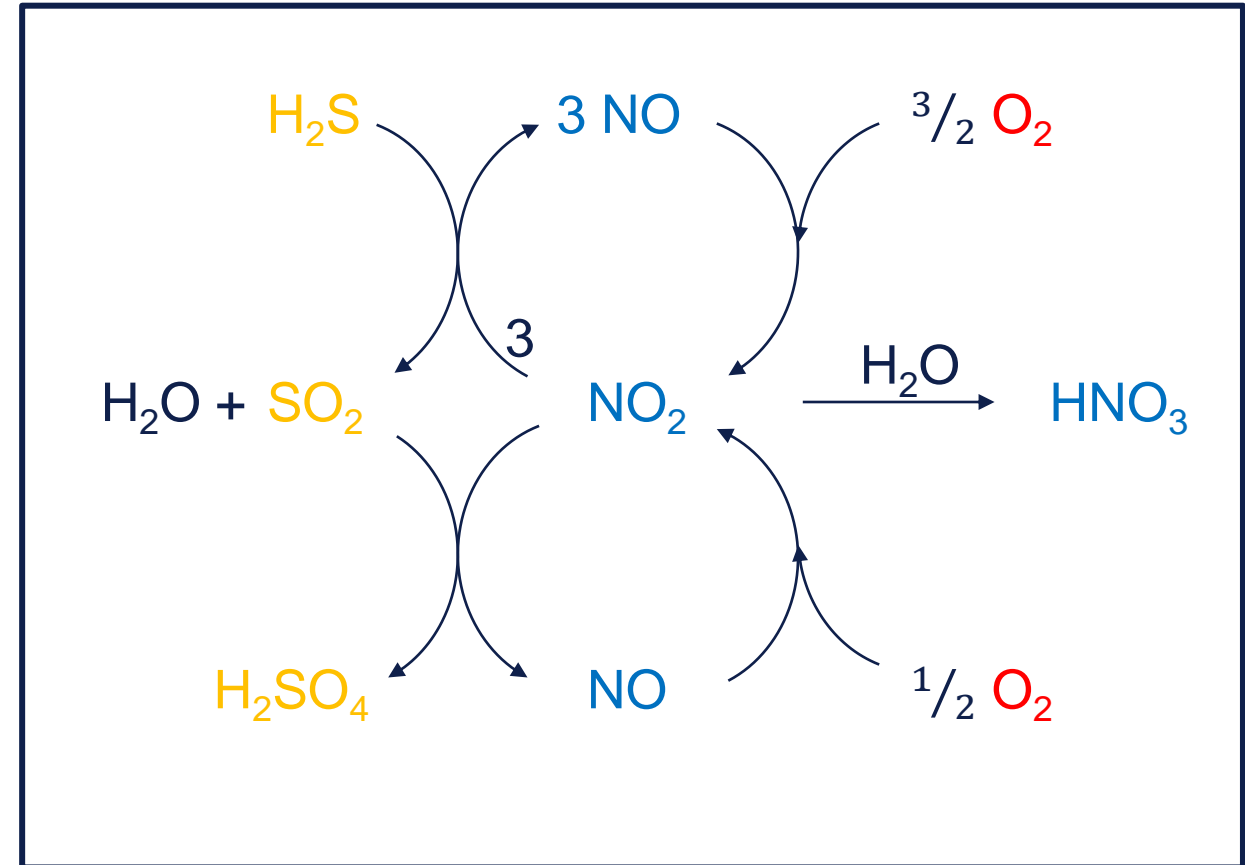
New component

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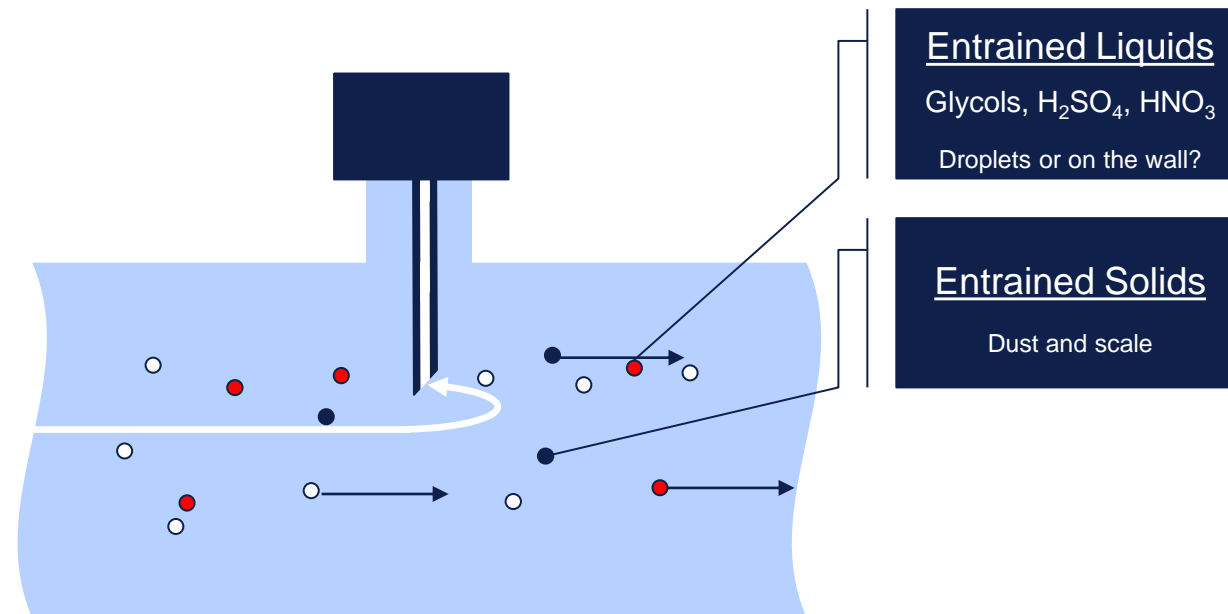
Why are the chemicals on the list?

- Majority of pipelines transporting CO₂ are from natural gas processing or single source.
- Mixing contaminants from industrial sources are a key concern.
 - Cross reactions and acid formation
 - Acids have low solubility and could drop out as a separate liquid phase

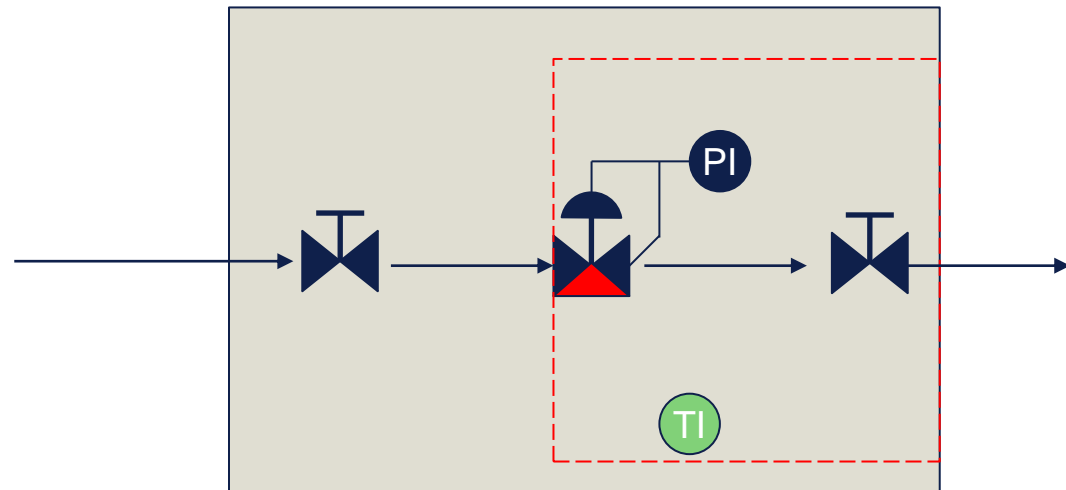


Sampling – Probe and scope of analysis

- Representative sample?
 - Probes can act as a filter, omitting particles and liquids
 - Should we only measure the dissolved components?



Sample conditioning field station







Not a complete system!

Additional considerations to various ISO standards for Oil & Gas?

- Sample vaporization and time delay
- Do we need to take special precaution for some components? Amines and ammonia have longer residence time due to wall effects
- Bypass vs fast-loop
 - High flow on bypass to

Do we stay with good old GCs and spectroscopy?

Example orientation table to identify suitable instruments, will be project dependant! (what and where to measure, etc.)

	Atomic Abs.	GC (FID...)	IR	FTIR	...	MS	Laser	El.Chem	...
CO ₂ , O ₂ , N ₂ , Ar...									
Ammonia, Amine, Aldehyde,...									
NO, NO ₂ , H ₂ S, SO ₂ ,...									

Joint Industry Projects – Update DNV-RP-F104

CO₂ Safe Pipe

[Design and Operation of CO₂ pipelines – CO₂SafePipe \(dnv.com\)](#)

- CO₂ stream composition from various sources
- Running ductile fracture (RDF) and fracture arrestors (solutions and spacing)
- Low temperature brittle fracture
- Environment & safety
- Requalification / repurposing
- Leak detection
- Pre-commissioning - Replace hydrotesting

CO₂ Safe and Sour

[Hydrogen sulfide challenges in carbon dioxide pipelines \(dnv.com\)](#)

- Increase tolerance levels for impurities resulting in sour service conditions
- Enable cost effective development of Northern Lights and other CCS Hub projects
- Understand the implication of H₂S on the integrity of CO₂ pipelines and quantify limits for safe operation

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