

The Acorn Project & Scottish Cluster

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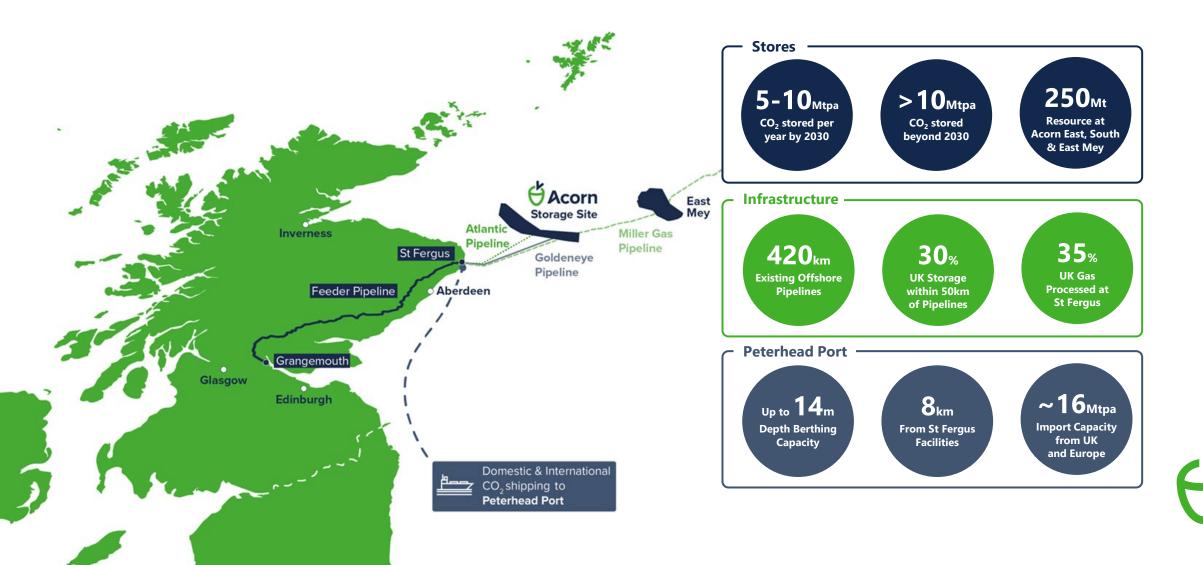
Our Heritage

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Founded by **energy industry technical experts** - whose roots go back to the **inception of CCS in the UK** - we have evolved from a consultancy with a flagship R&D storage project to a purpose-driven, **independent, global decarbonization project developer.**

Acorn is leading the decarbonisation of Scottish industry with world-class geological CO₂ storage and repurposing legacy oil and gas infrastructure.



Who is developing Acorn?

Project partners









Lead Developer

Technical Developer

Government support



Department for Energy Security & Net Zero



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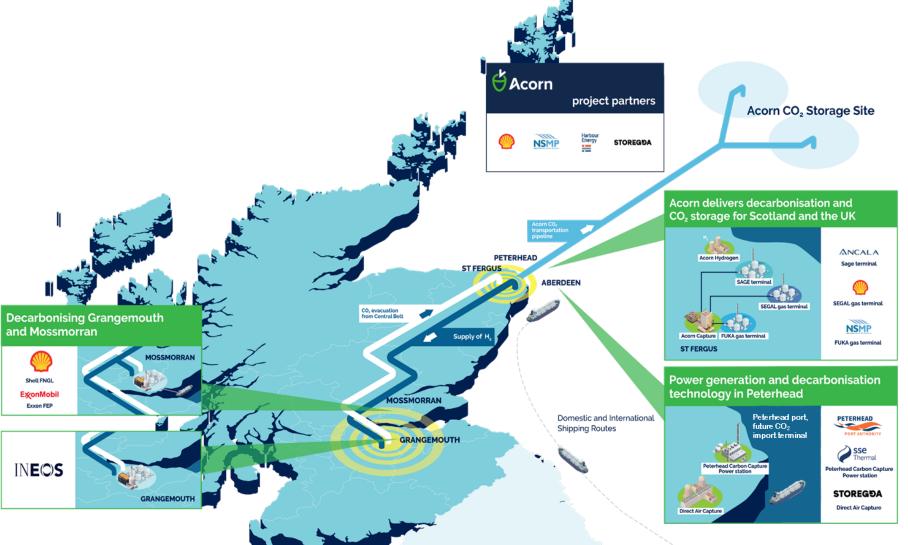
Enabling a sustainable future for hard-to-abate sectors, protecting jobs, supporting communities and creating new value adding activity for Scotland and the UK.

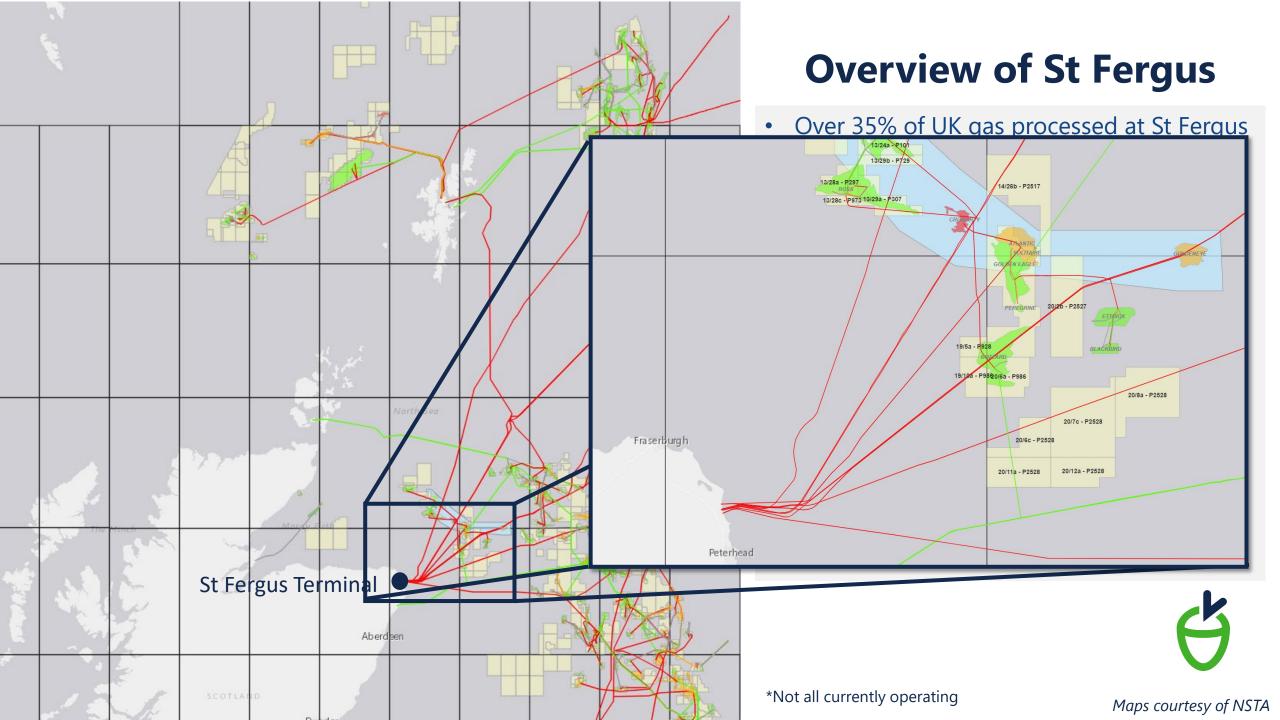
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Positioned as one of four UK low-carbon clusters capturing 20-30 MtCO₂ per year across the economy by 2030 to help meet the UK's 2050 net zero target.

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The Scottish Cluster will capture up to 10 million tonnes of CO_2 annually by 2030 – contributing significantly to the UK Government's 2030 target.





Acorn at St Fergus



Re-use of Infrastructure

- Goldeneye Pipeline (20in, 102km)
- Miller Offshore Gas Pipeline (30in, 240km)
- Miller Landline (26in, 18km)
- Feeder 10 pipeline (36in, 280km)

Sources of CO₂ into the Acorn T&S System

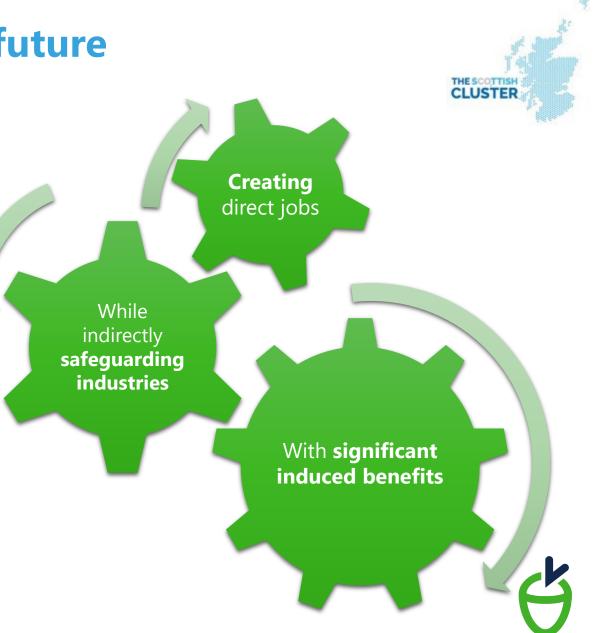
- Central Belt emissions via Feeder
- Post combustion capture of emissions from SEGAL and FUKA terminals
- Pre-combustion capture of CO₂ from SAGE terminal
- New Blue Hydrogen plant Acorn H₂
- Peterhead Power Station new dispatchable power station with capture plant
- Port import facility at Peterhead
- New Direct Air Capture Plant



Supporting jobs now & for the future

The Cluster is **already supporting jobs** in project development and academic streams.

- Across the UK, total jobs expected to peak c.20,600 in 2031
- National average c.15,100 jobs from 2022 -2050
- **High-skilled jobs and salaries** expected to achieve 50% above the national average
- **MOUs with local training organizations** NESA and OPITO to upskill 4,000 employees; 25% via apprenticeship schemes.
- Supports the just transition across communities throughout the Cluster



Note: Economic impacts above relate to Track 1 sequencing. Updates will be prepared for Track 2.

Acorn and Scottish Cluster Update

Recent announcements



- On March 30, the UK Government launched the next track of its Cluster sequencing competition, starting with a 4-week window for T&S projects to submit an expression of interest (EOI).
- Acorn was named as one of two T&S projects considered to be best able to meet the criteria and deliver the UK Government's objectives.
- If no other T&S projects come forward which credibly meet the criteria, Acorn T&S will formally move to due diligence and value for money discussions with Government as early as May 2023.
- The outcome of the recent CO2 storage licensing round will also be announced in Q2.



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