

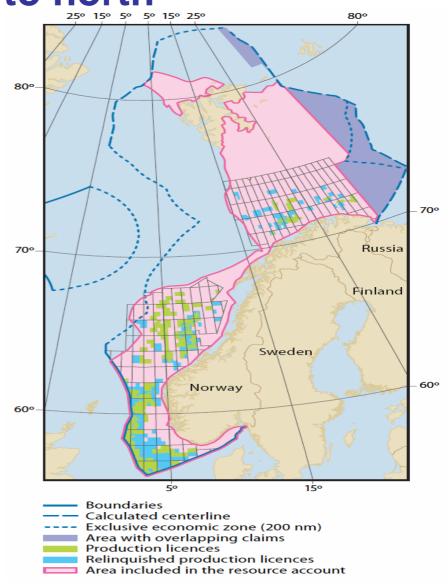


Norwegian policies for the northern areas-Challenges and opportunities

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Norwegian petroleum activity from south to north

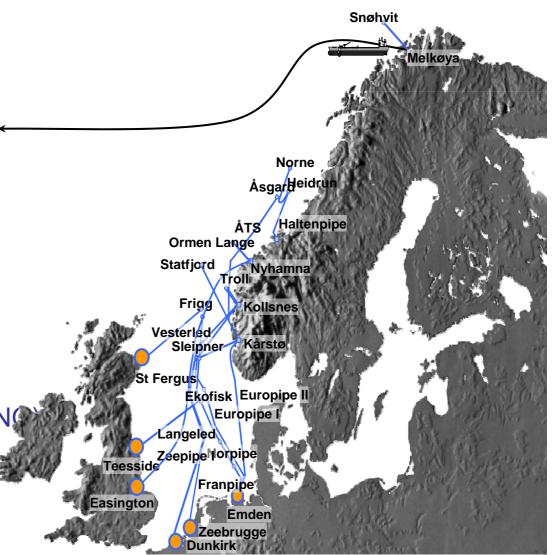
- Late sixties: Start of exploration in the Norwegian North Sea
- Eighties: Substantial production from the Norwegian North Sea (Ekofisk, Troll, Statfjord) – exploration in the Norwegian and Barents Sea
- Nineties: Production build-up in the Norwegian Sea



From south to north (con.)

last 5 years:

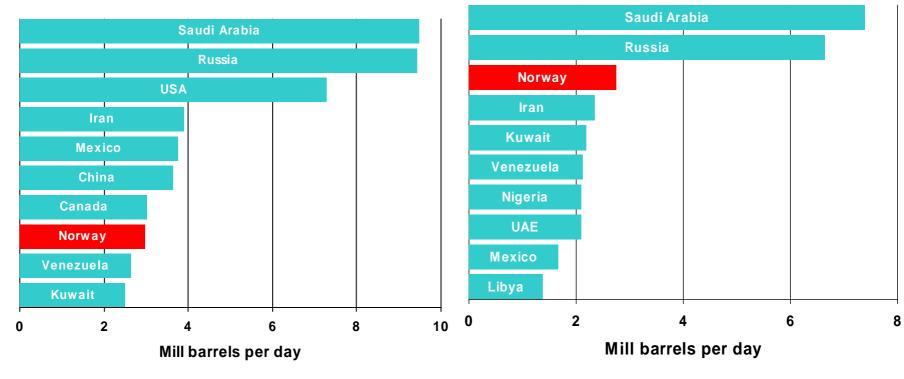
- Norwegian Sea:
 - Gas evacuation from the Norwegian Sea (Åsgard Transport System)
 - Ormen Lange
 - Deepwater exploration
- Barents Sea
 - Snøhvit development (LN
 - Further exploration



The largest Oil Producers and Exporters in 2005 (incl. NGL and condensate)

Oil production

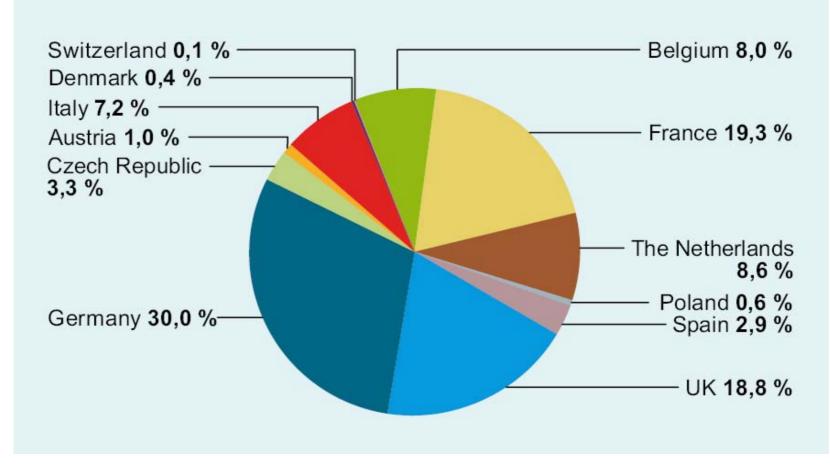
Oil export



...and the situations is the same for gas (3rd. largest exporter in the world after Russia and Canada)

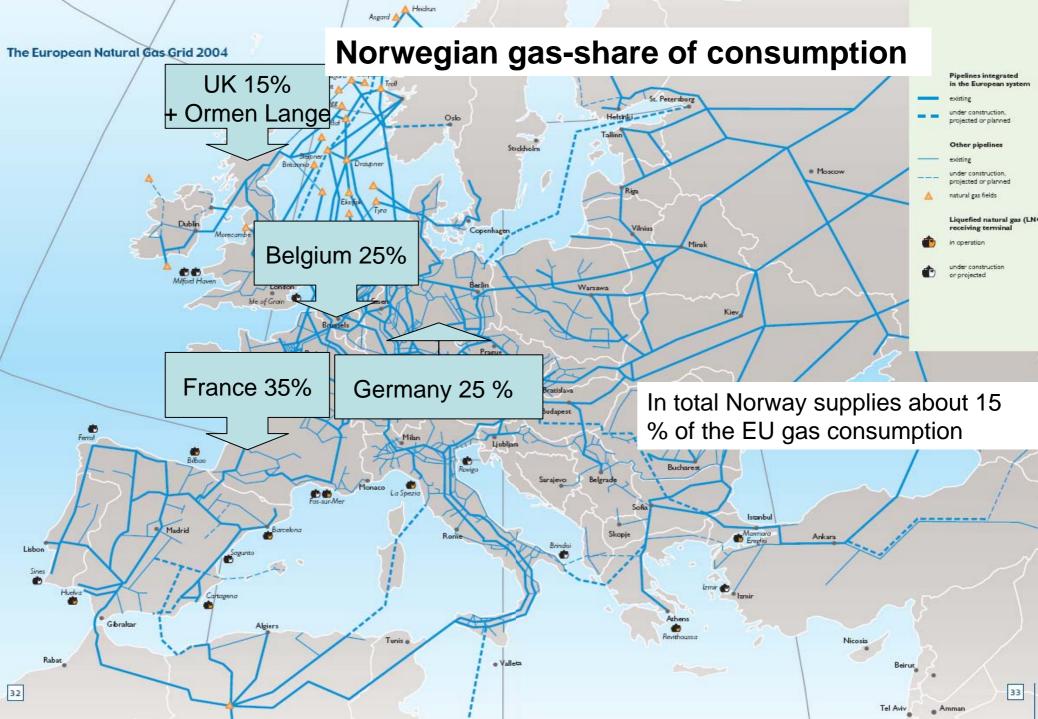
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Norwegian natural gas exports 2005 Total: 82,5 bill. cubic meters

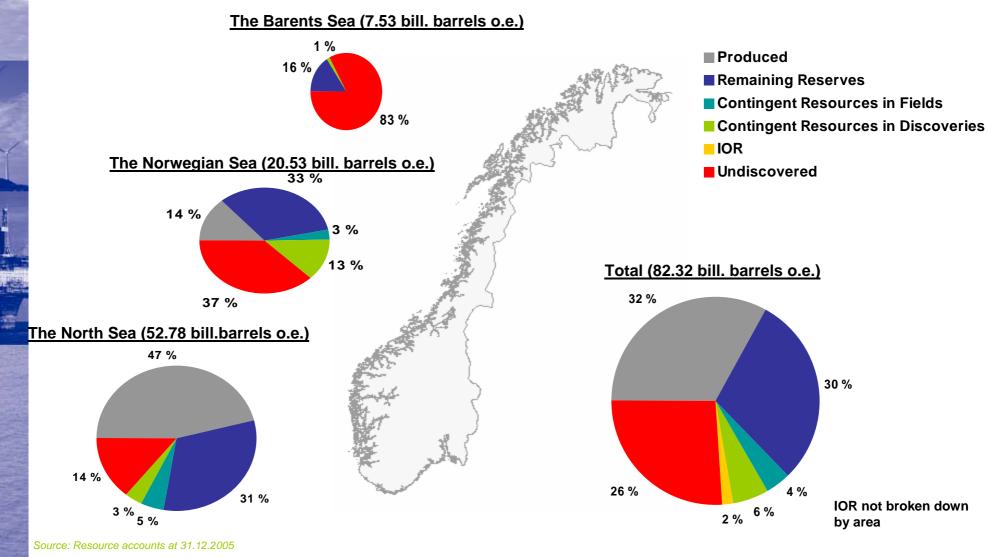


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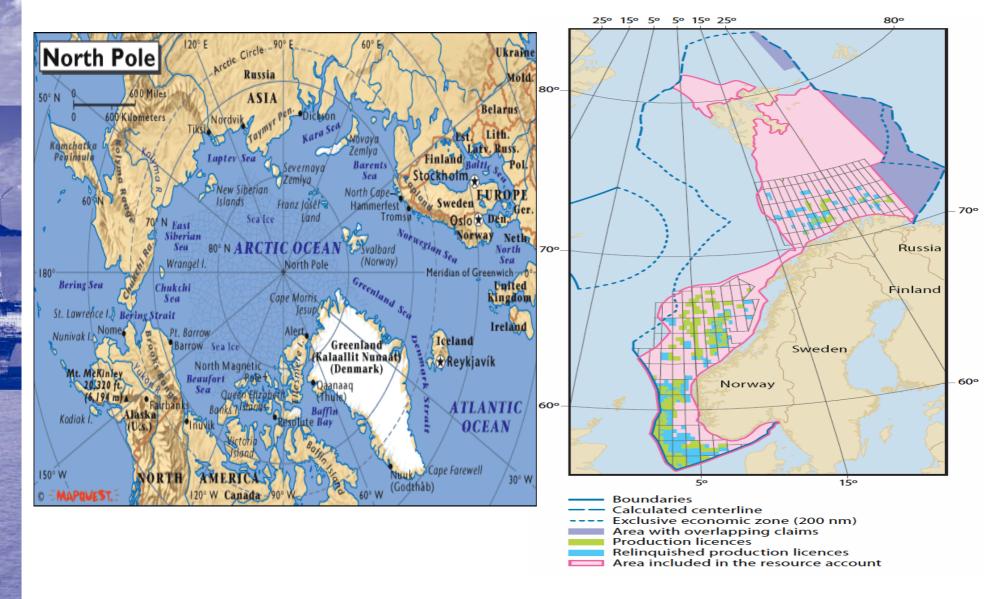


Petroleum Resources on the NCS



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International focus on the high-north



Challenges in the artic region.....

- Petroleum activity in the artic regions comes with some serious challenges:
 - Distance to markets
 - Ice
 - Darkness
 - Environment
 - Fisheries
- Petroleum activity calls for development of technology and strict conditions



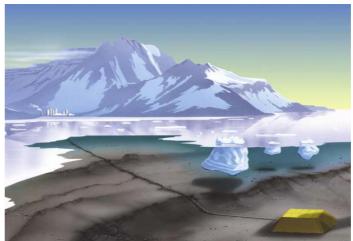
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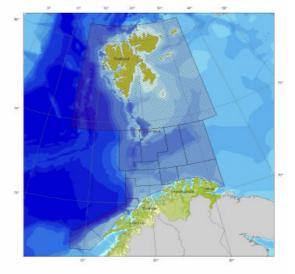


What have we done in Norway

Impact assessment of year-round petroleum operations in the Lofoten – Barents Sea area

- Recent impact assessment basis for new conditions applied on petroleum activity in the Norwegian Barents Sea
- Among the strictest environmental regimes in the world
- Technology is key to developments in these areas
 - land-based facilities
 - sub sea installations



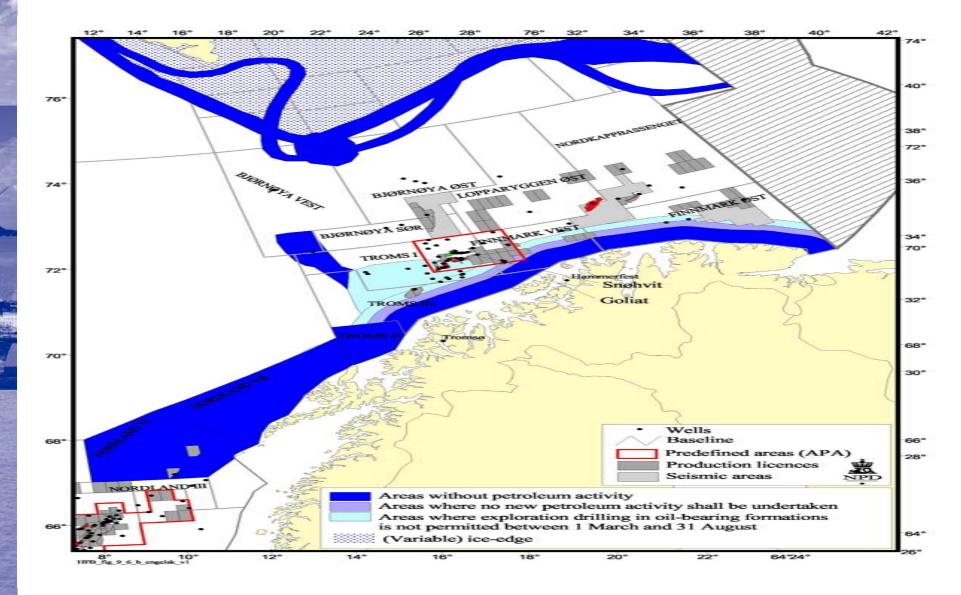




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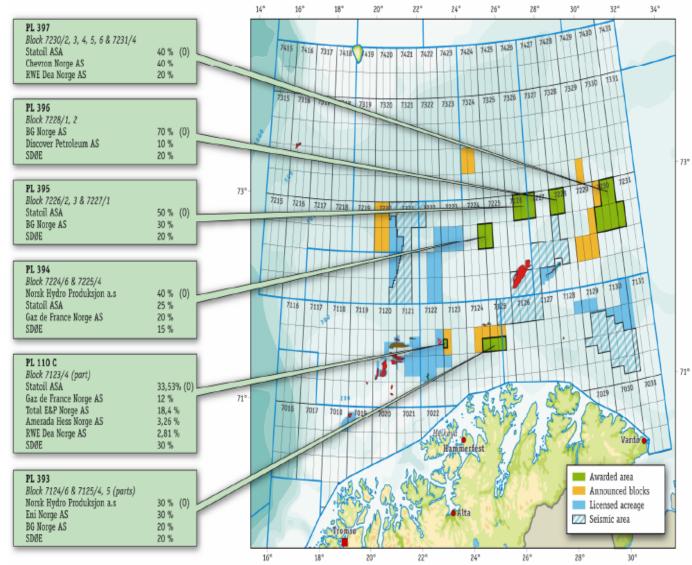
The Intergrated Management Plan



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19. Licensing Round – Awards

Awards in the Barents Sea



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Important players in the Barents Sea









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Summary

- Norway is one of the largest exporters of oil and gas in the world
- Norway will continue to be, a large, stable and predictable exporter of gas to the EU markets
- To meet the world's expected demand for petroleum in the future we have to explore new areas, including the Arctic.
- We have put in place the foundation for a long-term exploration of the artic regions on the NCS



- Continue to stimulate technological development for making petroleum activity in the artic possible in a safe and sustainable manner
- The Barents Sea will become an important petroleum province and a stable producer of gas in the future

Thank you for your attention!

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