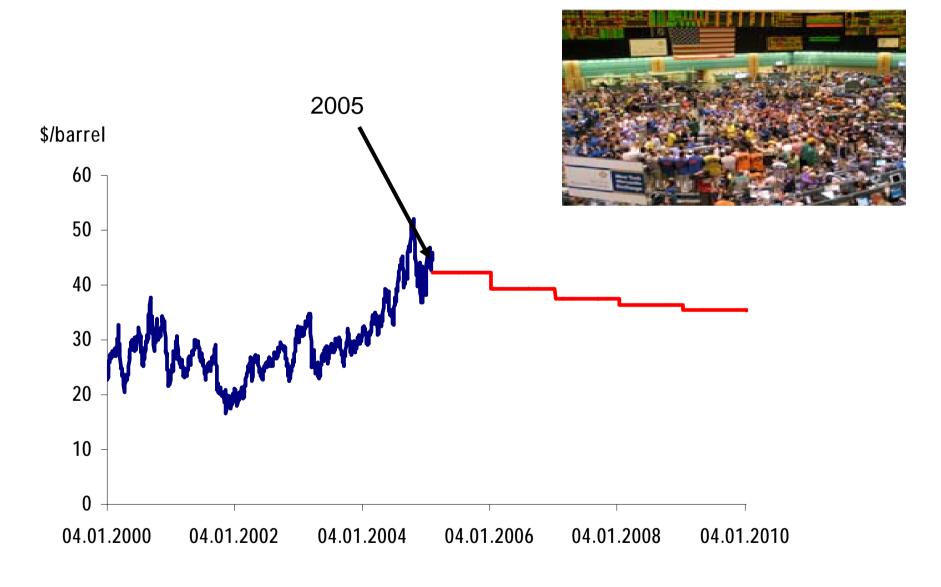


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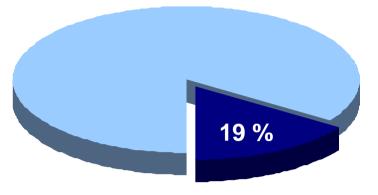
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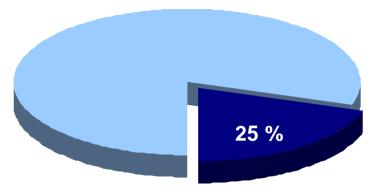
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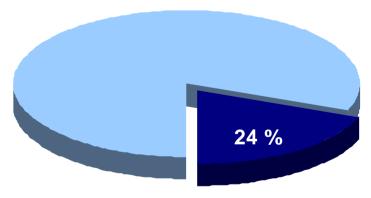
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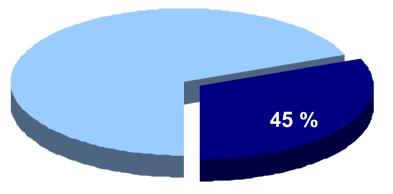
The petroleum sector's share of GDP



The petroleum sector's share of State revenues



The petroleum sector's share of total investment

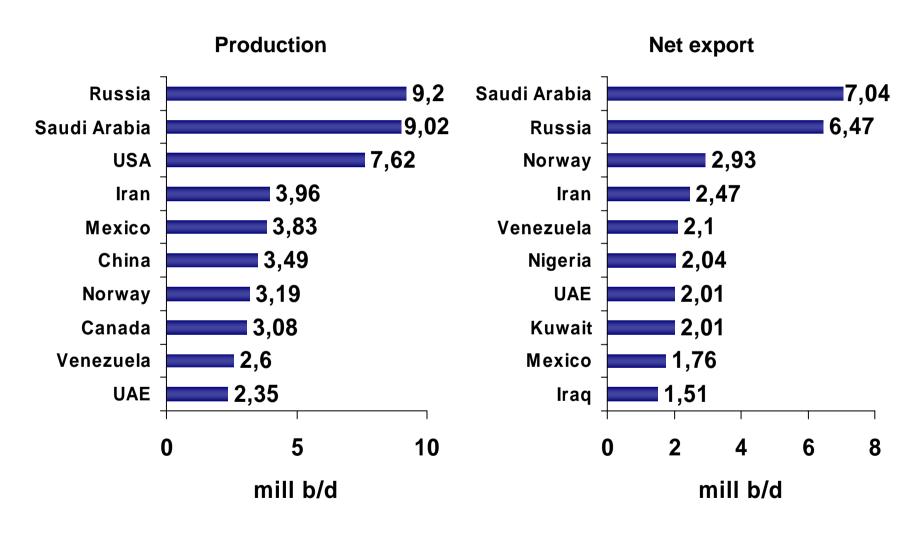


The petroleum sector's share of total exports

The petroleum sector's direct share of total employment was 1,2 percent in 2003

Source: Statistics Norway

Production and Net Export of Liquids* 2004



Source: Petroleum Economics Ltd

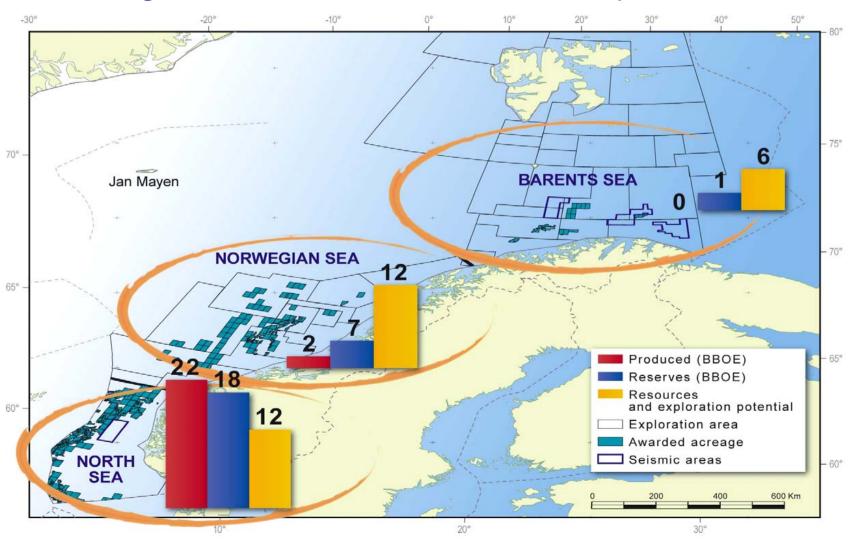
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High activity at the NCS

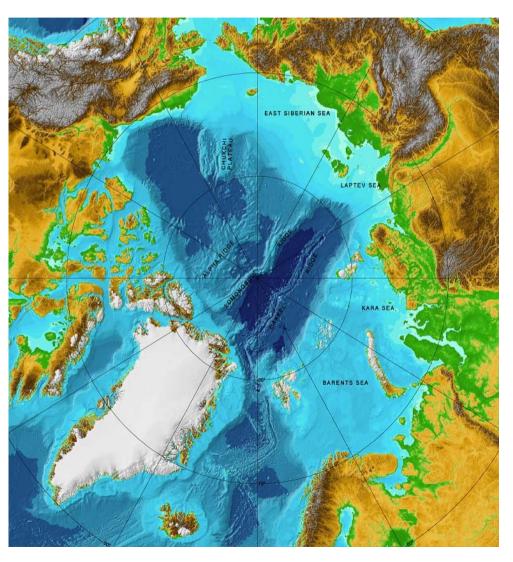


Norwegian continental shelf

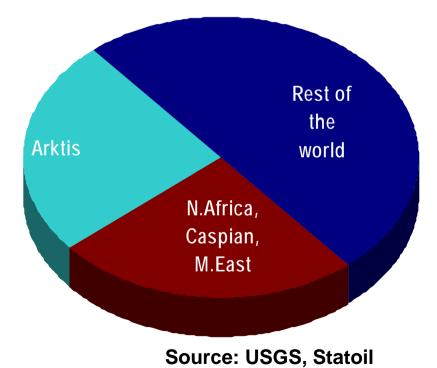
Large resources left to be found and produced



The Arctic challenge



USGS: 25% of the world's undiscovered resources to be found in the Arctic



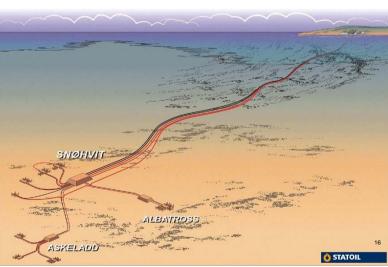
The R&D Challenge

- Subsea flow assurance and processing for long tie-backs
- Environmental considerations
- Drilling and intervention and offshore and onshore facilities in the arctic, and
- Transport solutions for oil, gas/LNG from arctic frontiers to the markets

Snøhvit – a New Concept for LNG Production



- Sub-sea production
- Multiphase transport > 140 km
- LNG process and shipping technology

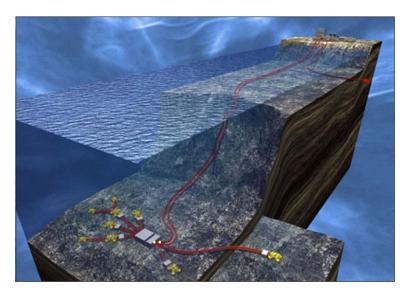




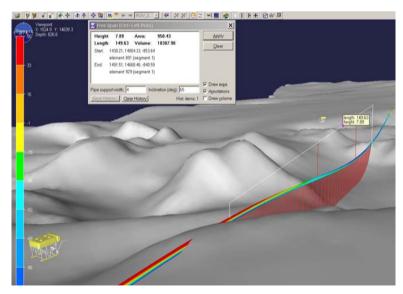
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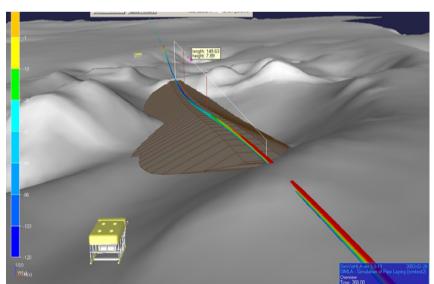
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- Complex seabed topography
- New tool for design and simulation of pipe laying operations
- A globally unique innovation





Source:

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5 Focus Areas

- Deep Water
- Environment
- Increased Recovery
- Small Fields
- Gas Value Chain

Vision

- World class competence
- A leading global industry
- The most innovative offshore province in the world

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