



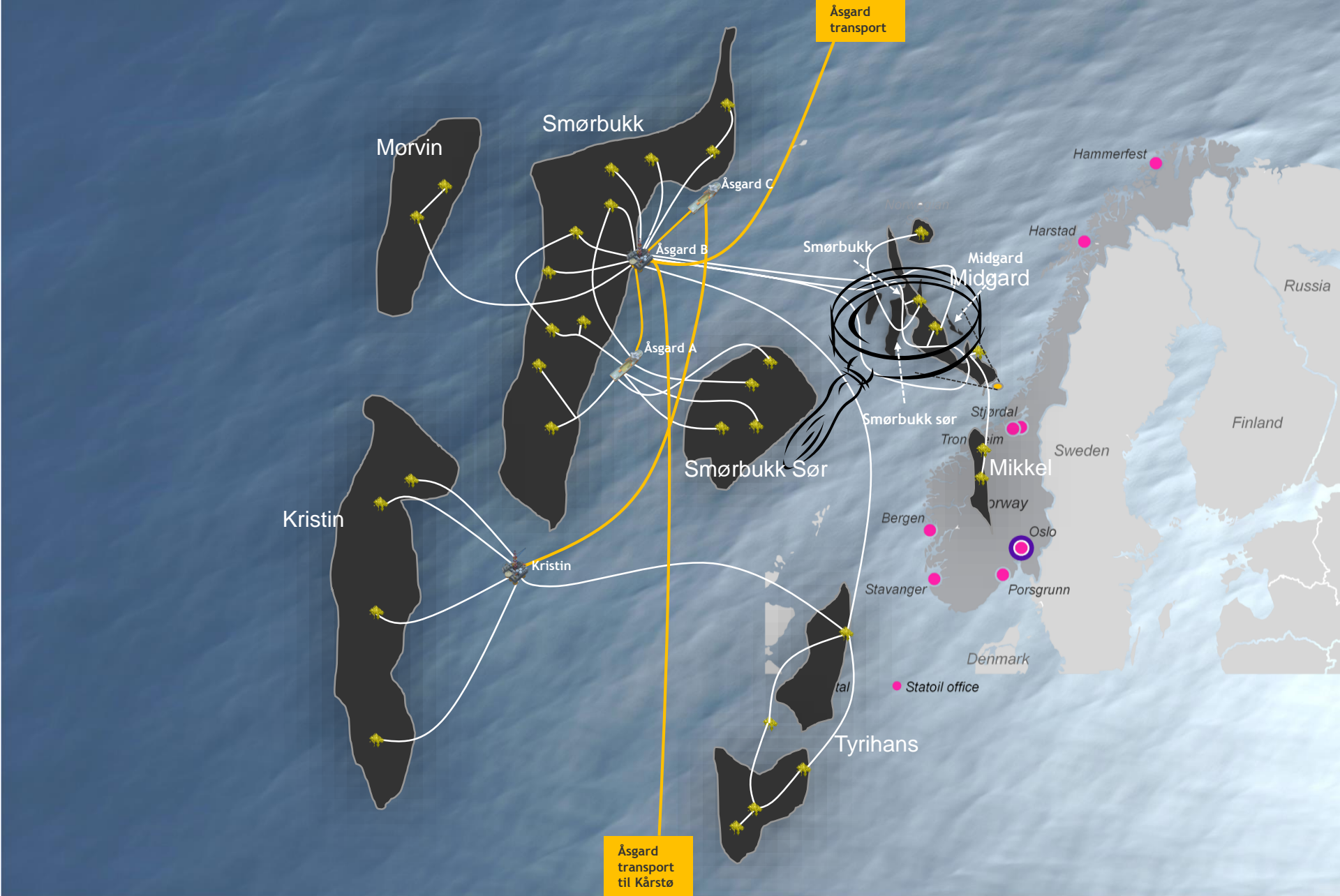
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# Åsgard Subsea Compression

The world's first subsea compression system!

## ÅSC – Operational experience

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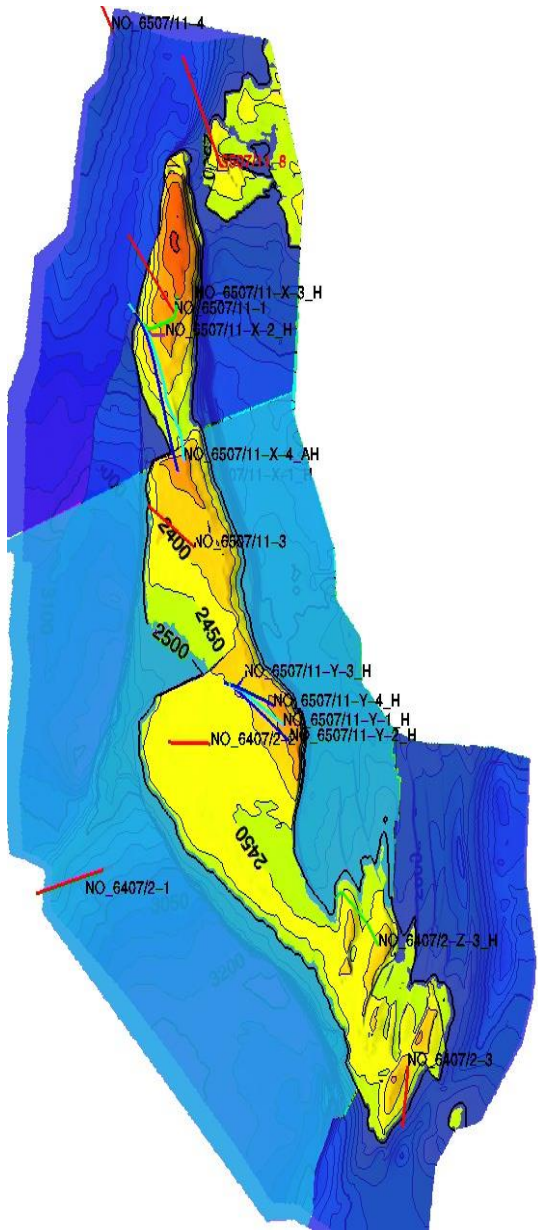
# Midgard and Mikkel

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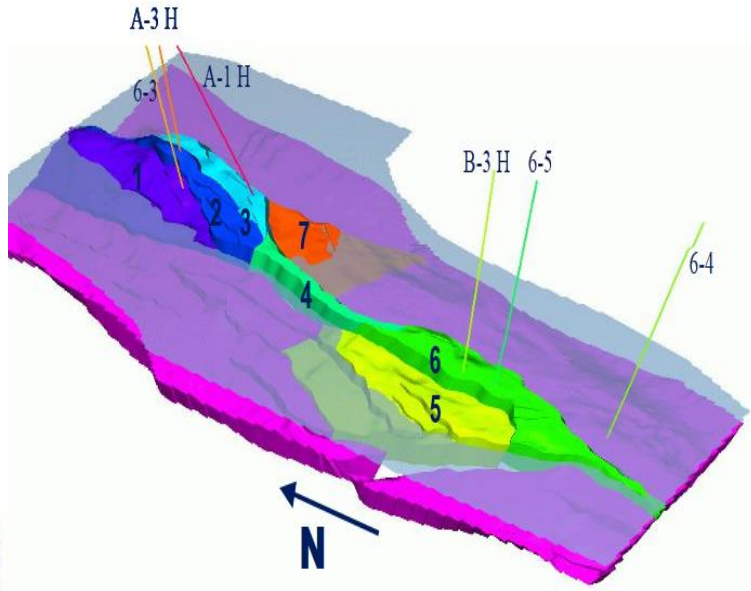
- Production start up 01.10.2000
- 3 templates
- 10 wells

## Mikkel;

- Production start up 01.08.2003
- 2 templates
- 3 wells
- Tie in Field to Åsgard
- Both Migard and Mikkel have very good reservoir properties, and are produced by pressure depletion
- Well completions:
  - Gravel pack with screens
  - Stand alone screens (SAS)



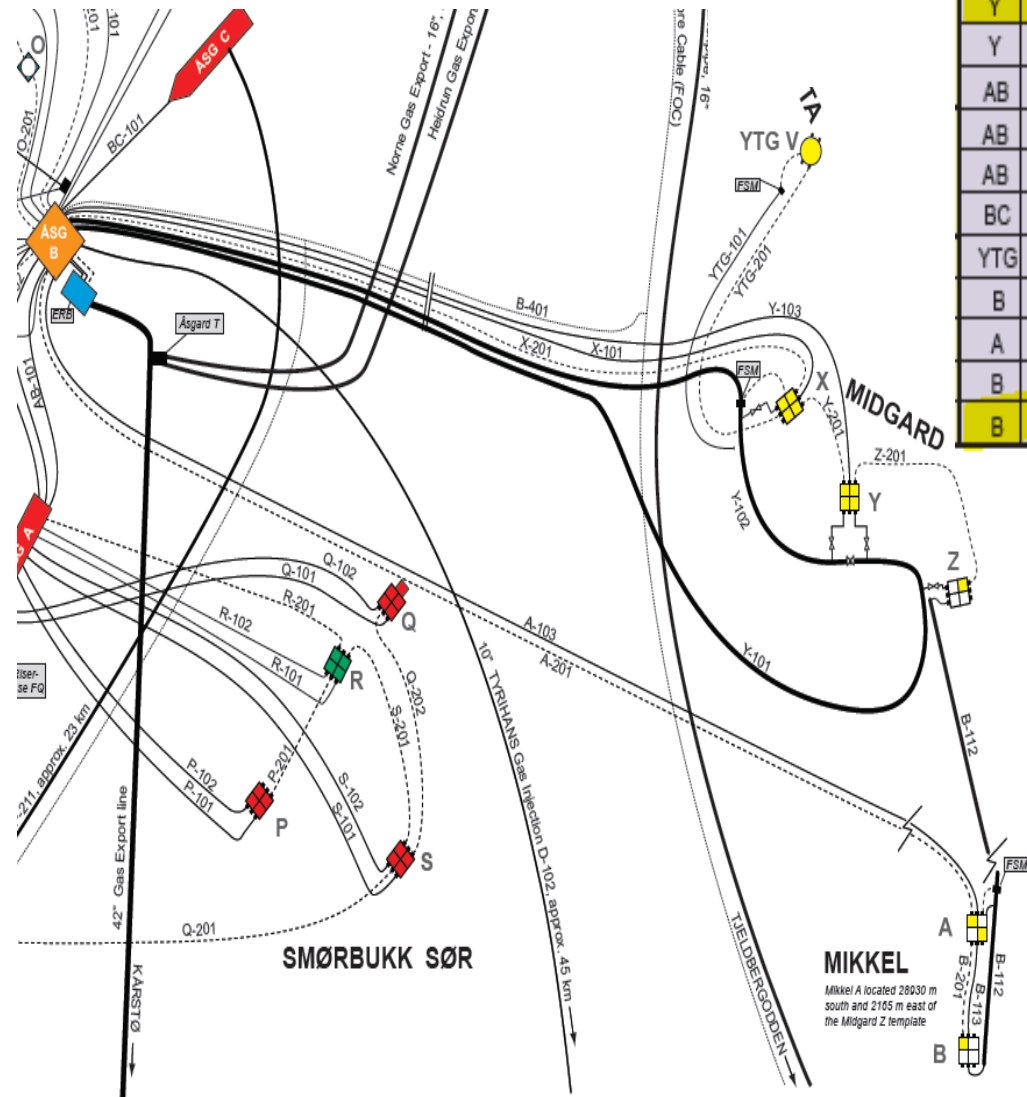
Partners	Åsgard	Mikkel
Statoil ASA (operator)	34,57 %	43,97 %
Eni Norge AS	14,82 %	14,90 %
Exxon Mobil E&P Norway AS	7,24 %	33,48 %
Petoro AS	35,69 %	0 %
Total E&P Norge AS	7,68 %	7.65 %





# Old Midgard and Mikkel Production System

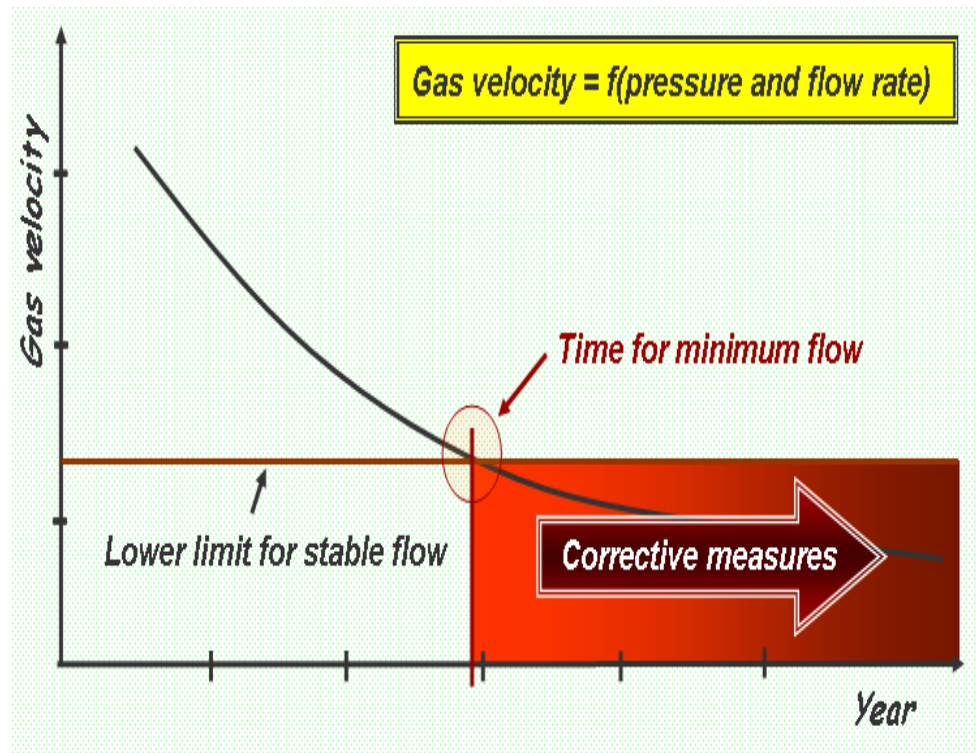
- Long flowlines with large dimension (ID ~ 20")
- Continuous MEG injection at wellheads to prevent hydrates in the flowlines
- At Åsgard B the produced MEG is regenerated and the MEG is then injected at the wells again
- A certain concentration of MEG is needed to keep the flowlines protected from hydrates



Y	101	20	53.4
Y	102	20	44.7
Y	103	3,5	MEG 45.4
AB	101	12	5.8
AB	102	12	5.4
AB	103	12	5.4
BC	101	12	3.7
YTG	101	10	5.2
B	105	10.5	20.3
A	103	3,5	MEG 64
B	113	3,5	MEG 7.8
B	112	18	36.9

# Minimum Flow Challenge

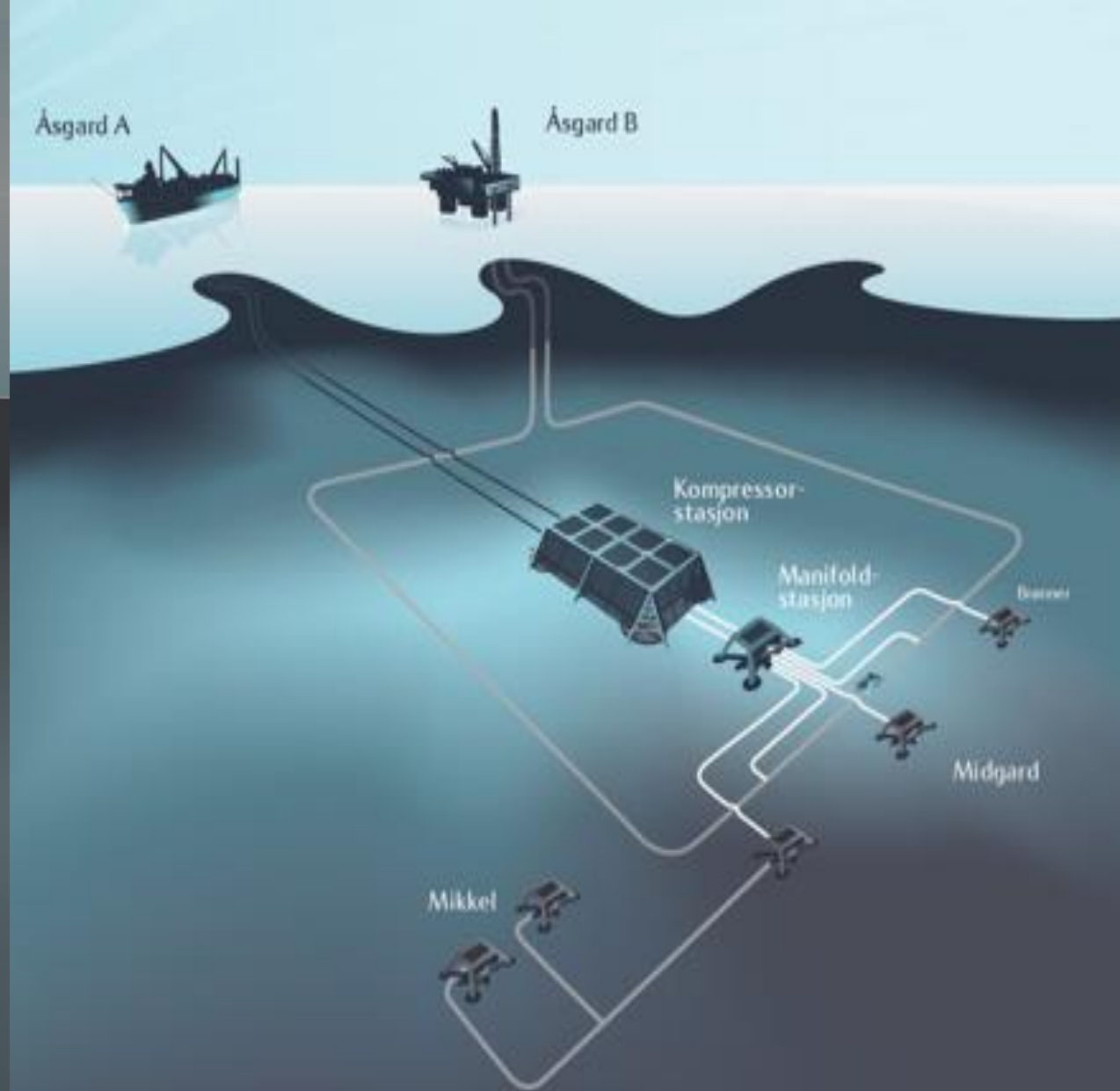
- A certain gas velocity is needed to be able to transport the injected MEG together with condensed water to Åsgard B
- With time the gas velocity becomes too low to maintain stable production
- MEG accumulates in the flowlines and will be produced to Åsgard B in slugs.
- **Minimum flow rate**; rate at which the largest liquid slug Åsgard B can handle occurs



# The SOLUTION:

## Åsgard Subsea Compression

- Design gas flow rate: **21 MSm<sup>3</sup>/d**
- Pressure boost: **52 bar**
- Power: 2 x 11,5 MW centrifugal compressors
- 40 km step out
- Water depth 265 meters
- Additional reserves:
  - **306 Mboe**



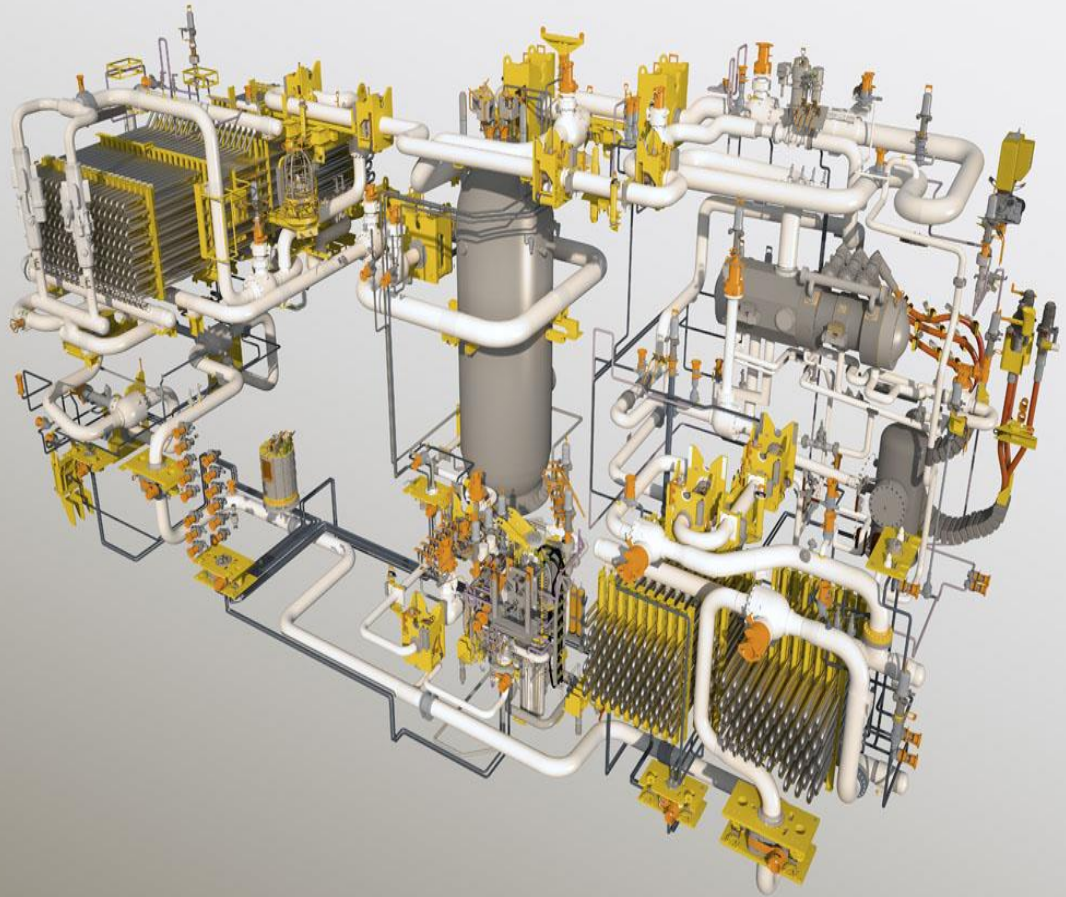
# System overview

# Åsgard Subsea Compression Station

## Process Flow Diagram

Main components:

- Inlet cooler
- Scrubber
- Liquid pump
- Wet gas compressor
- Outlet cooler



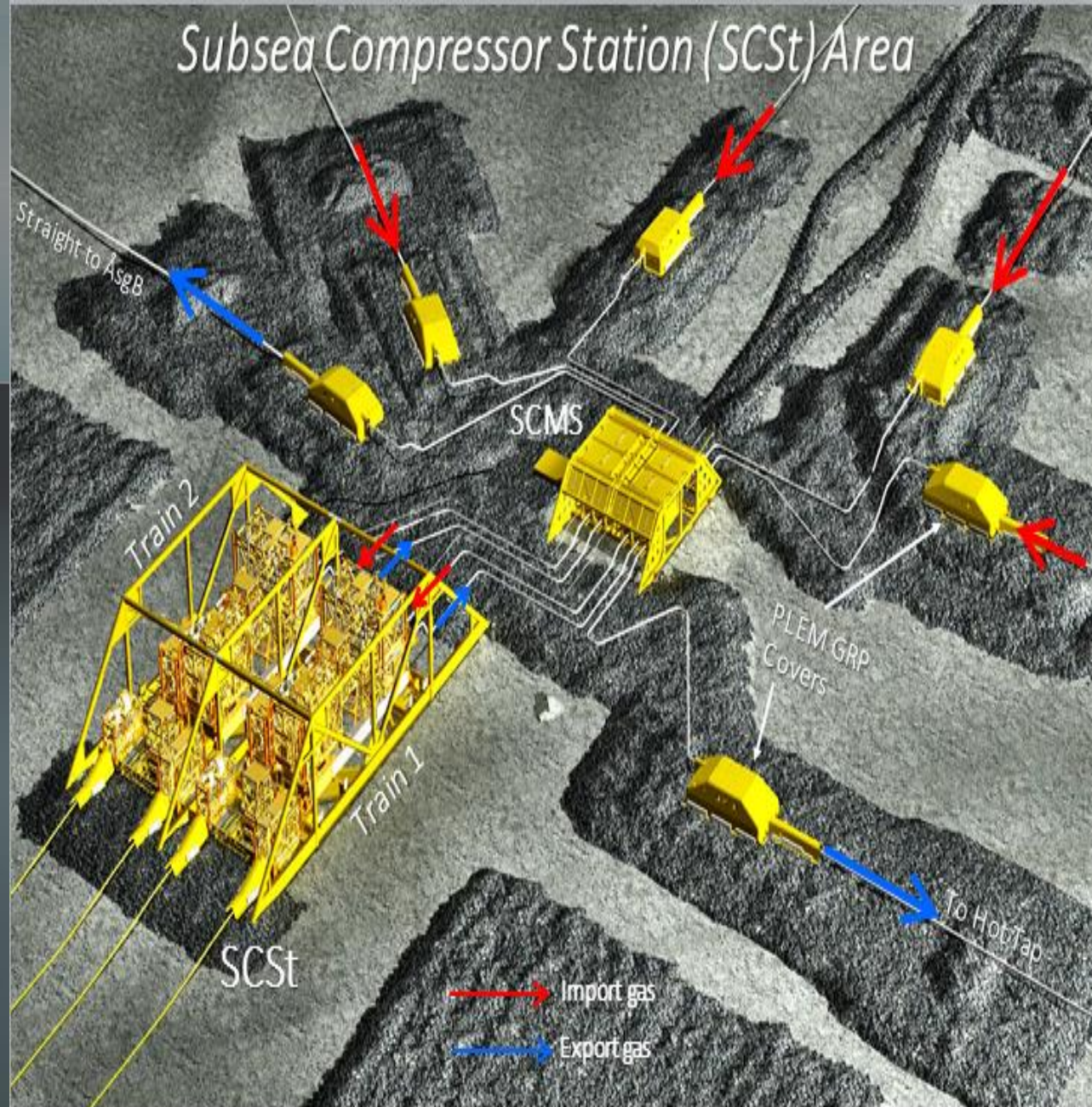


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# New Field Layout

## ASC Pipeline scope:

- Hot Tap into Y-101
- 60 km of new pipelines
- 12 PLEMS
- 2x dynamic integrated power/umbilical risers
- 4x40km power cables and umbilicals
- 18 spools
- ++
- Last part of pipeline scope finished in August 2015



# Discovery Channel – Mighty Ships

- Discovery Channel followed the installation of the last compressor module and made a program for their series «Mighty Ships» ! :
- Season 9, episode 1 ! 😊
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMNz7jE4yBQ>

Mighty Ships: Season 9 ⚓ North Sea Giant ⚓ [ENGLISH]

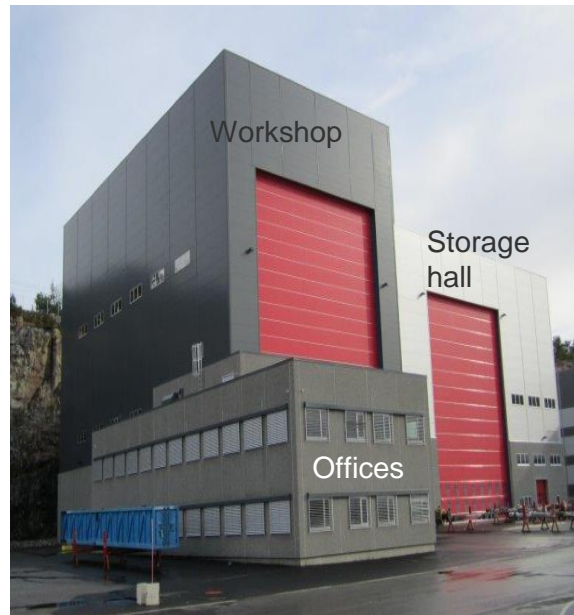


# Operational experience



# ÅSC operation support group

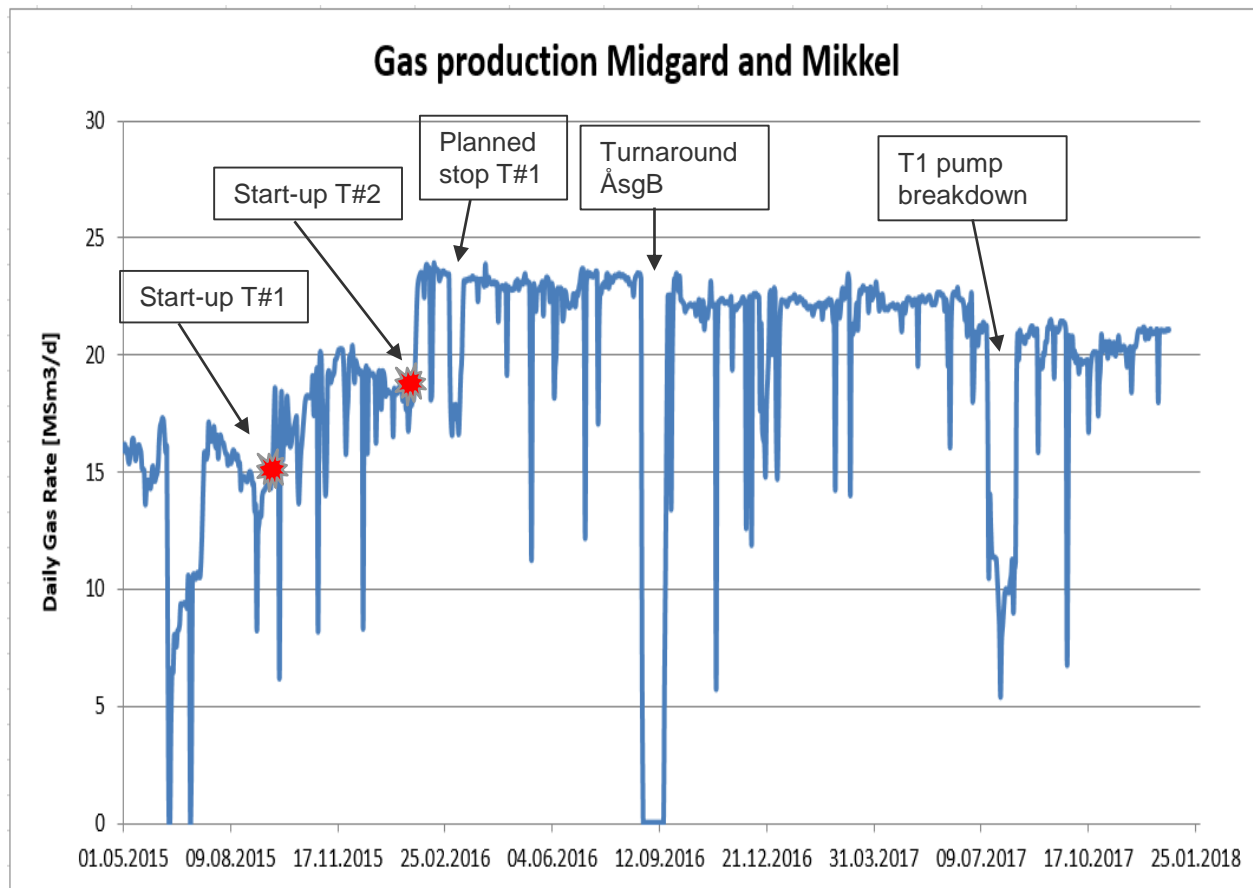
- ÅSC operation support is run from Statoil office in Stjørdal
  - Day-to-day follow up of ÅSC related tasks and production optimization
- Spare train stored @ Vestbase:
  - Storage hall
  - Workshop hall
  - Washing hall
  - Test pit
  - Office building





# Operational experience - MID/MIK gas production

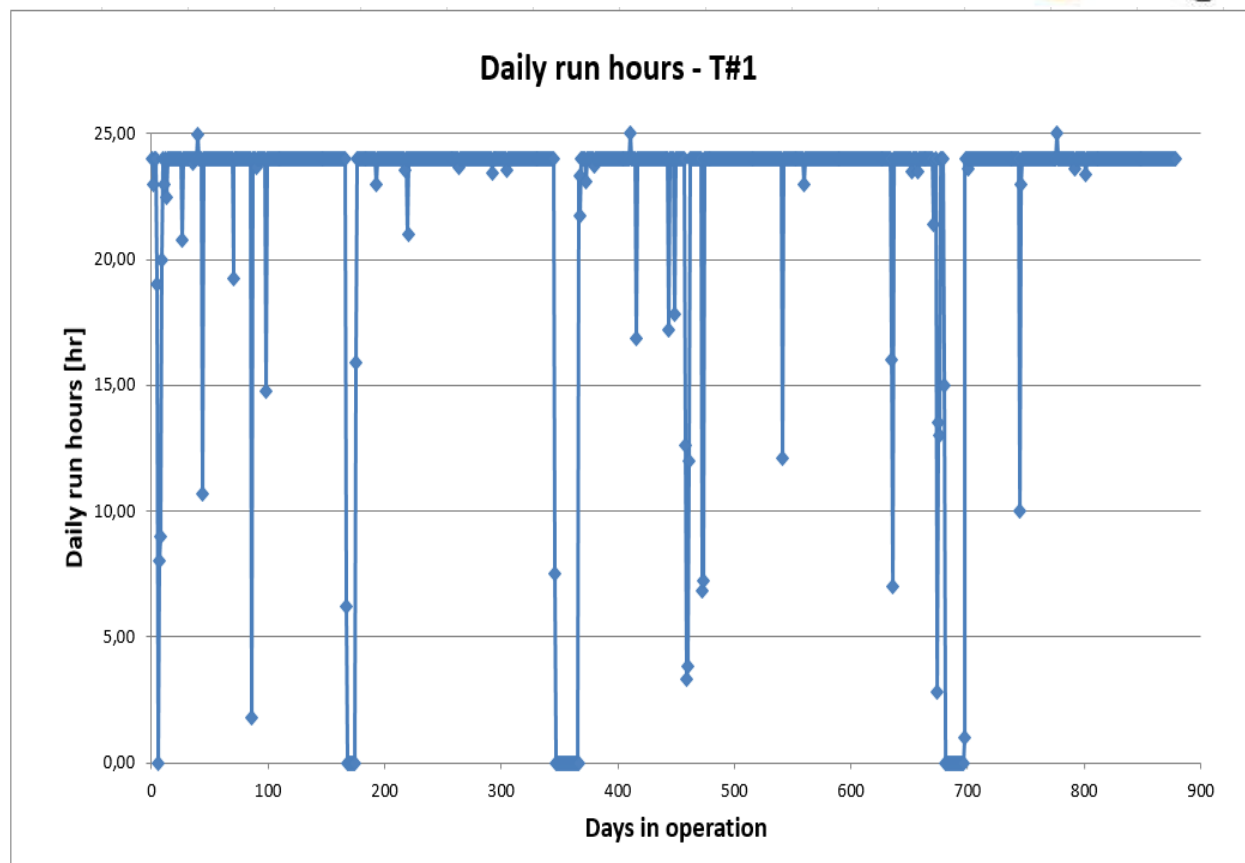
- T#1 start-up 16.09.15
- T#2 start-up 28.02.16
- Increased production by approx ~8 MSm<sup>3</sup>/d
- Producing above design rates since start-up
- Most production shut-downs caused by loss of power from Åsgard A
- Only minor technical issues prior to breakdown of T1 pump in July 2017





# Daily run hours – T#1 since start-up

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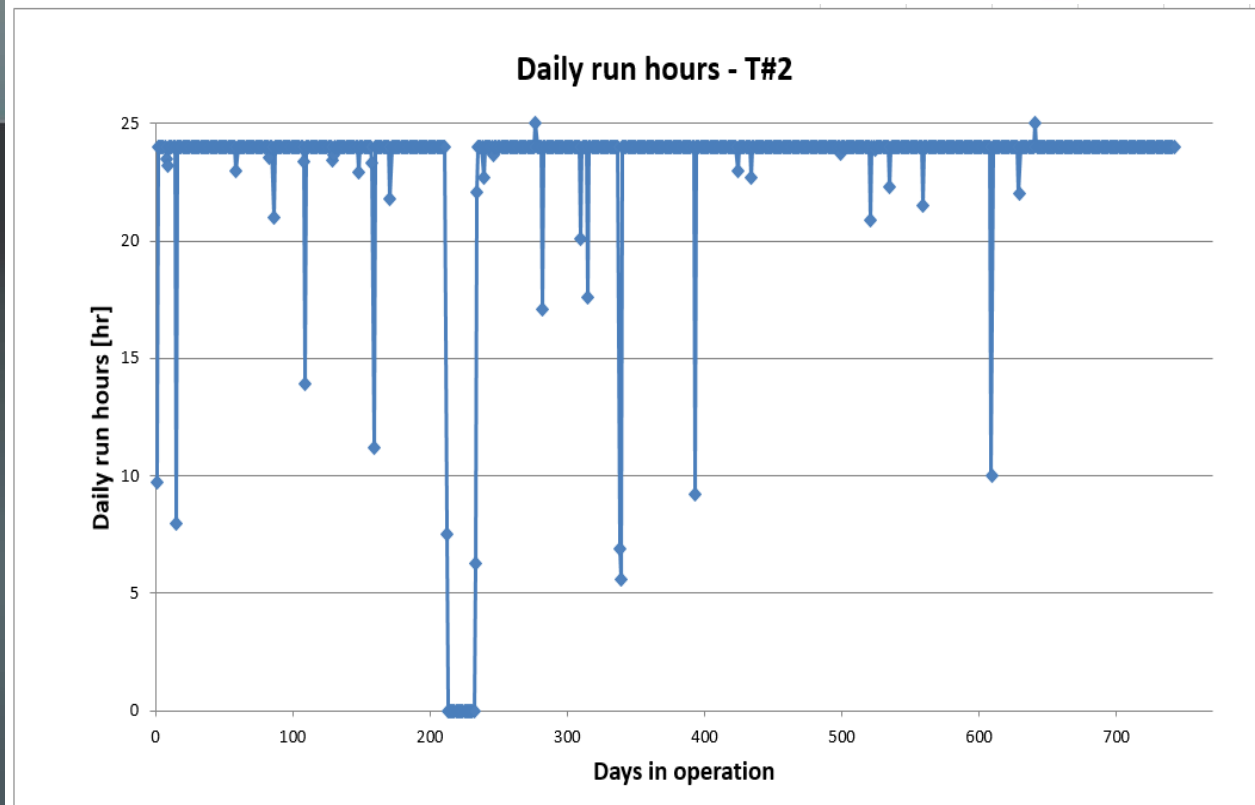


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# Daily run hours – T#2 since start-up



- T#1 start-up 16.09.15
- T#2 start-up 28.02.16
- Increased production by approx ~8 MSm3/d
- Producing above design rates since start-up
- Most production shut-downs caused by loss of power from Åsgard A
- Only minor technical issues prior to breakdown of T1 pump in July 2017



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# Operational experience – Production Efficiency



- Project system target / design: 96%
- Most production shut-downs caused by loss of power from Åsgard A
  - Increased robustness from 2017
- Very few unplanned losses related to subsea system:
  - Most of them related to pump regulation issues
  - Compressor: 100% PE
- Loss of redundancy not captured in PE

Year / Cat	Entire system incl power generation Åsgard A		System 17 (subsea + topside)		Subsea station	
	PE loss (%)	Total PE (%)	PE loss (%)	Total PE (%)	PE loss (%)	Total PE (%)
2015	2,78	97,22	0,73	99,27	0,73	99,27
2016	2,70	97,30	2,05	97,95	0,001	99,99
2017	3,08	96,92	2,78	97,22	2,66	97,34

# Crucial factors for success

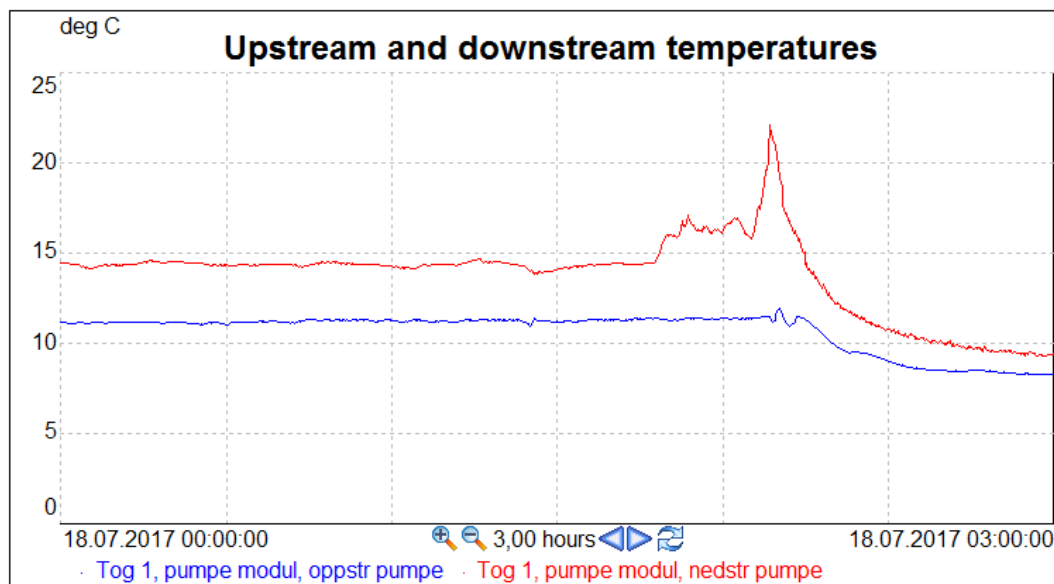
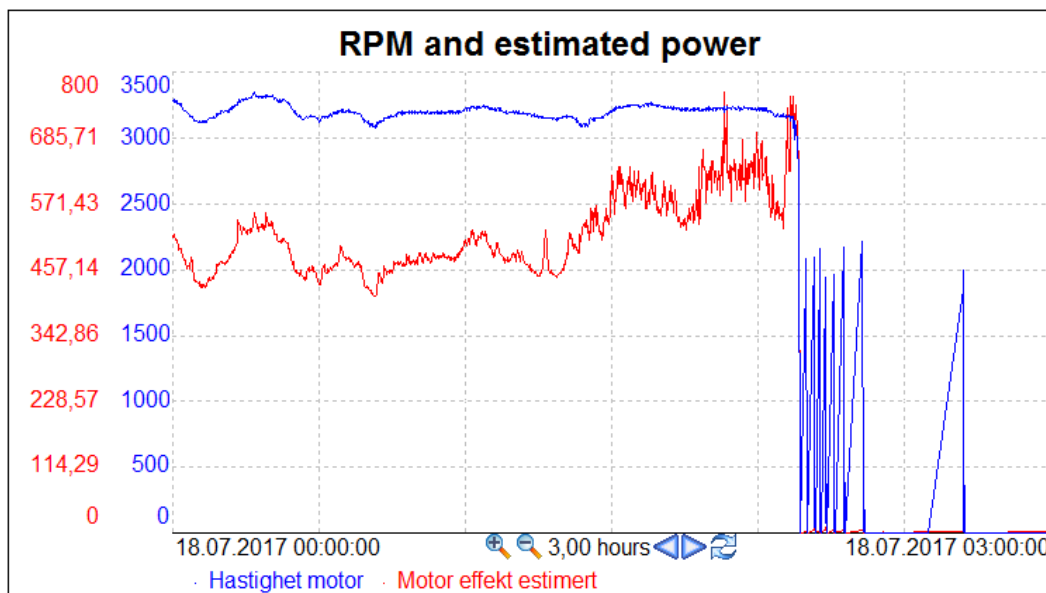
- **Testing, testing, testing!**
- Comprehensive onshore test program:
  - **K-lab:** Functional testing of compressor
  - **Tranby:** Functional testing of pump
  - **Egersund:** Site integration testing (SIT)
  - **Aberdeen:** Control system testing



# Pump breakdown July 2017

# July 2017 - T1 pump breakdown

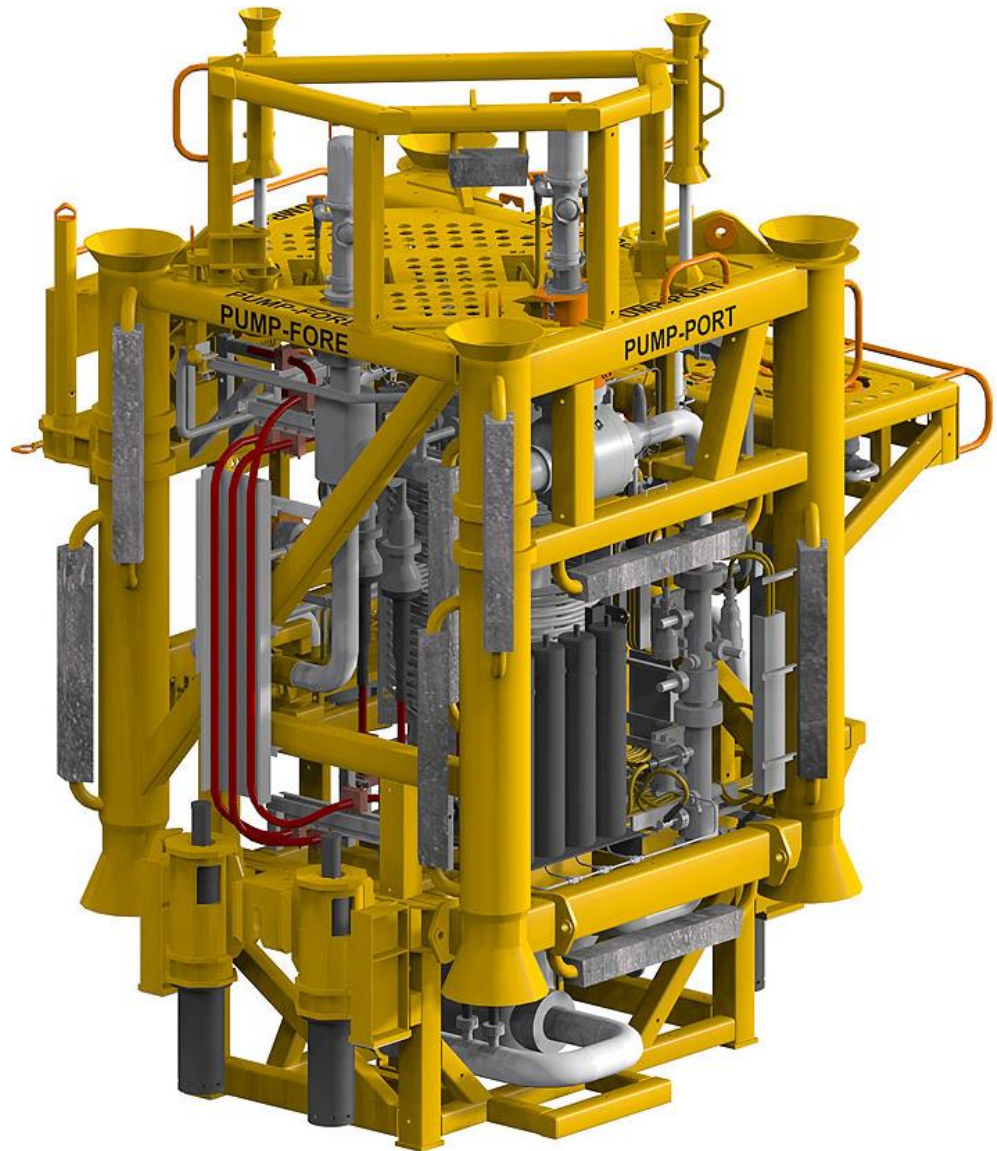
- Occured 18.07.17 02:09
- Increasing power consumption @ fixed speed prior to trip
- Indications of locked rotor when trying to restart – not able to spin pump





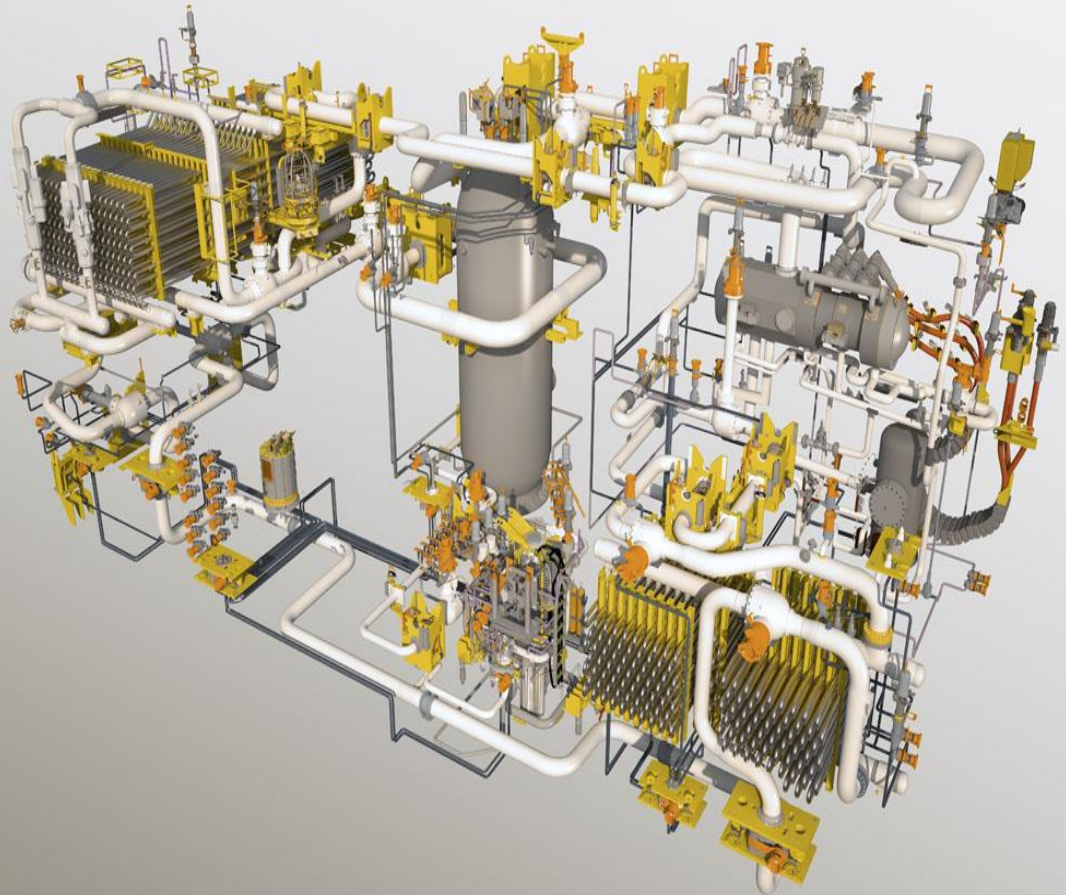
# ASC Pump Module

- Main purpose:
  - Control level in scrubber
  - Recycle a continuous flow rate for sand
  - Supply liquid for compressor washing
- Weight in air: 57 T
- Retrieval weight (water filled structure): 64 T
- Dimensions, incl. lift rigging: 5621x4640x7865
- Intervention by use of NSG MHS



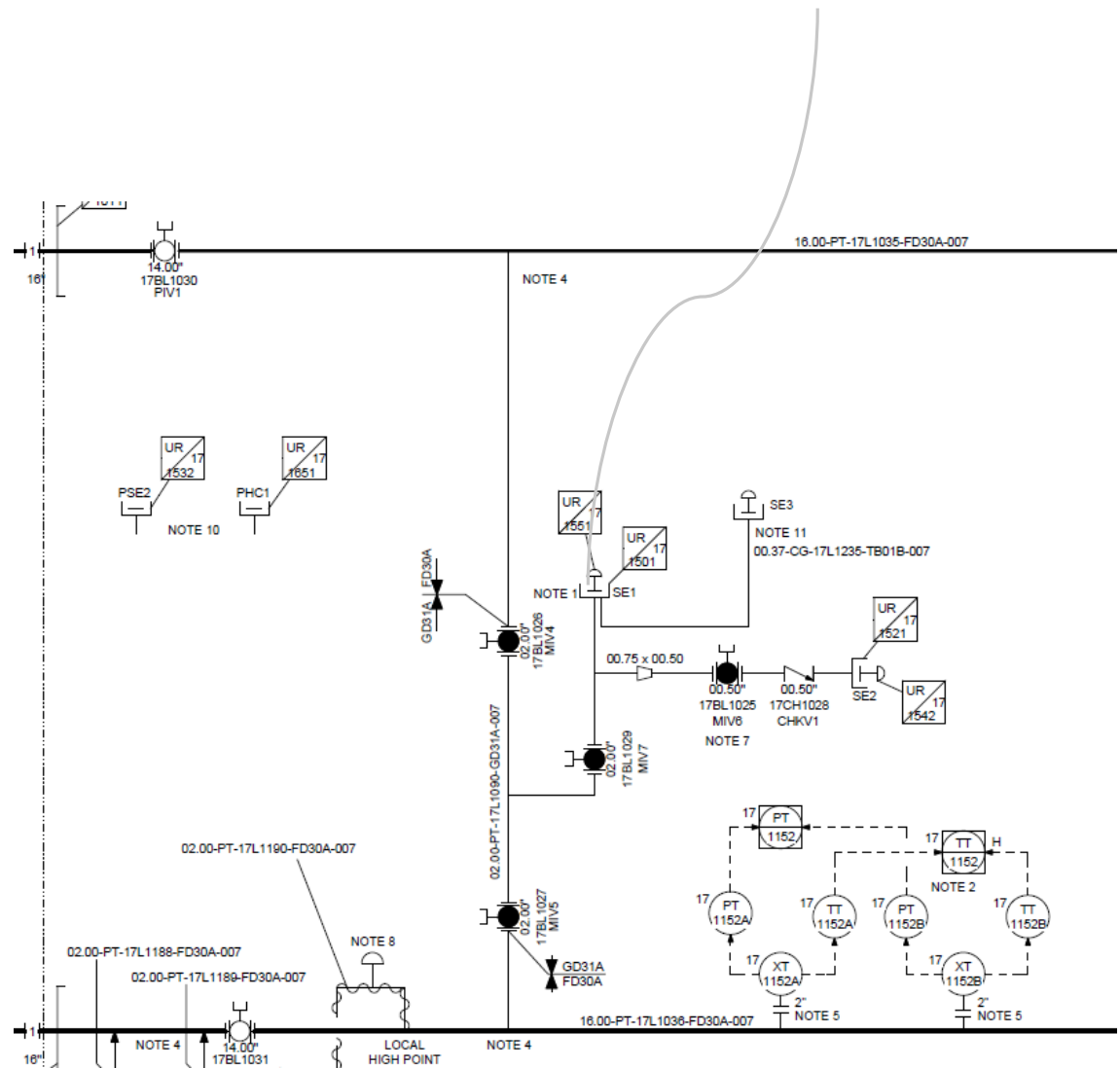
# ASC Intervention challenge

- Requirement for year round intervention (Hs 4.5)
  - 400T modules
- Large volumes of HC
- Challenging pipe geometry
  - MEG and N2 needed to displace HC
- Complex single barriers
  - Difficult to do fault finding



# Subsea Process Intervention System (SPIS)

- Allow safe and effective recovery and installation of ASC modules:
  - HC displacement
    - MEG
    - N2
  - Pressurization and depressurization
  - Leak testing
  - Seawater displacement
- Service hub in every module

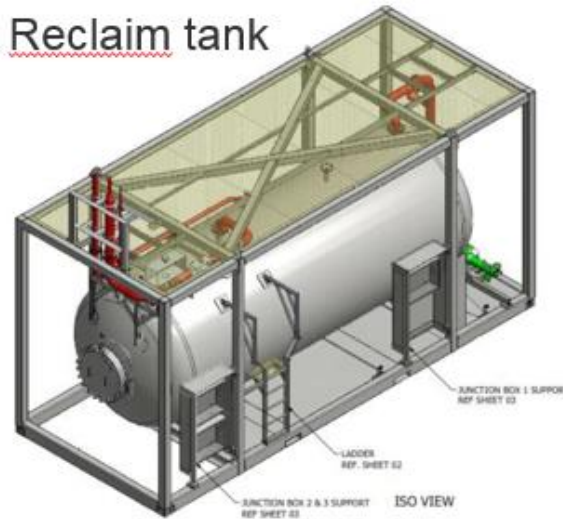




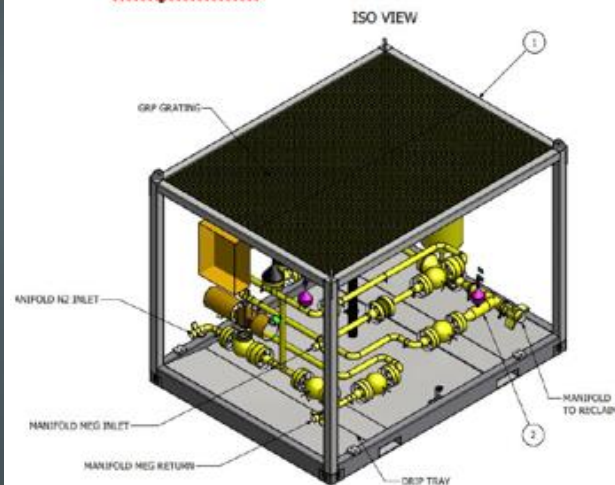
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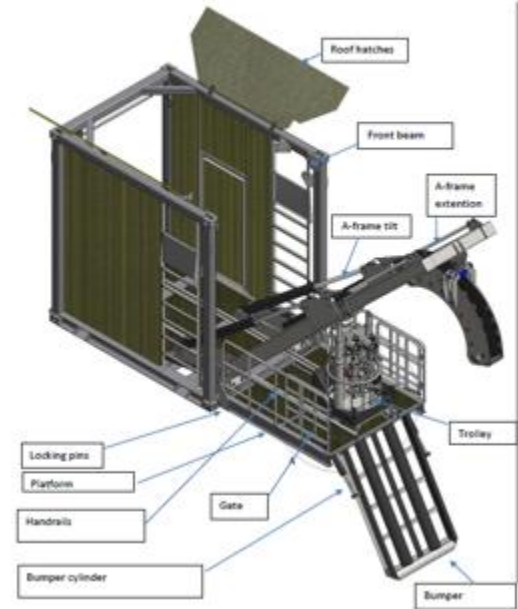
Reclaim tank



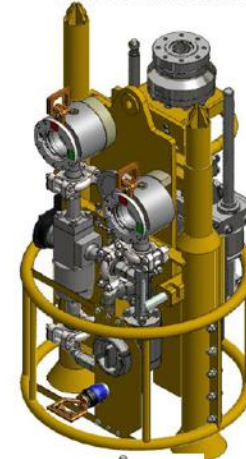
Topside manifold



LARS



Subsea manifold





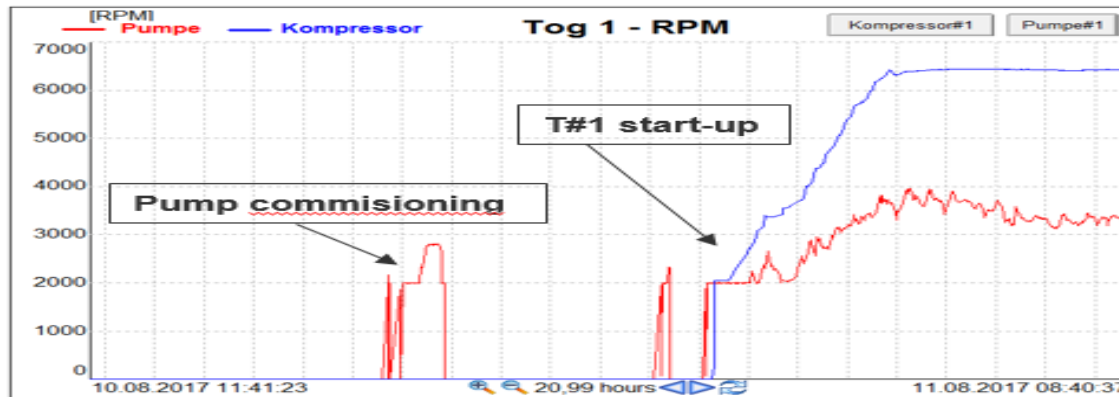
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# ÅSC T1 Pump replacement

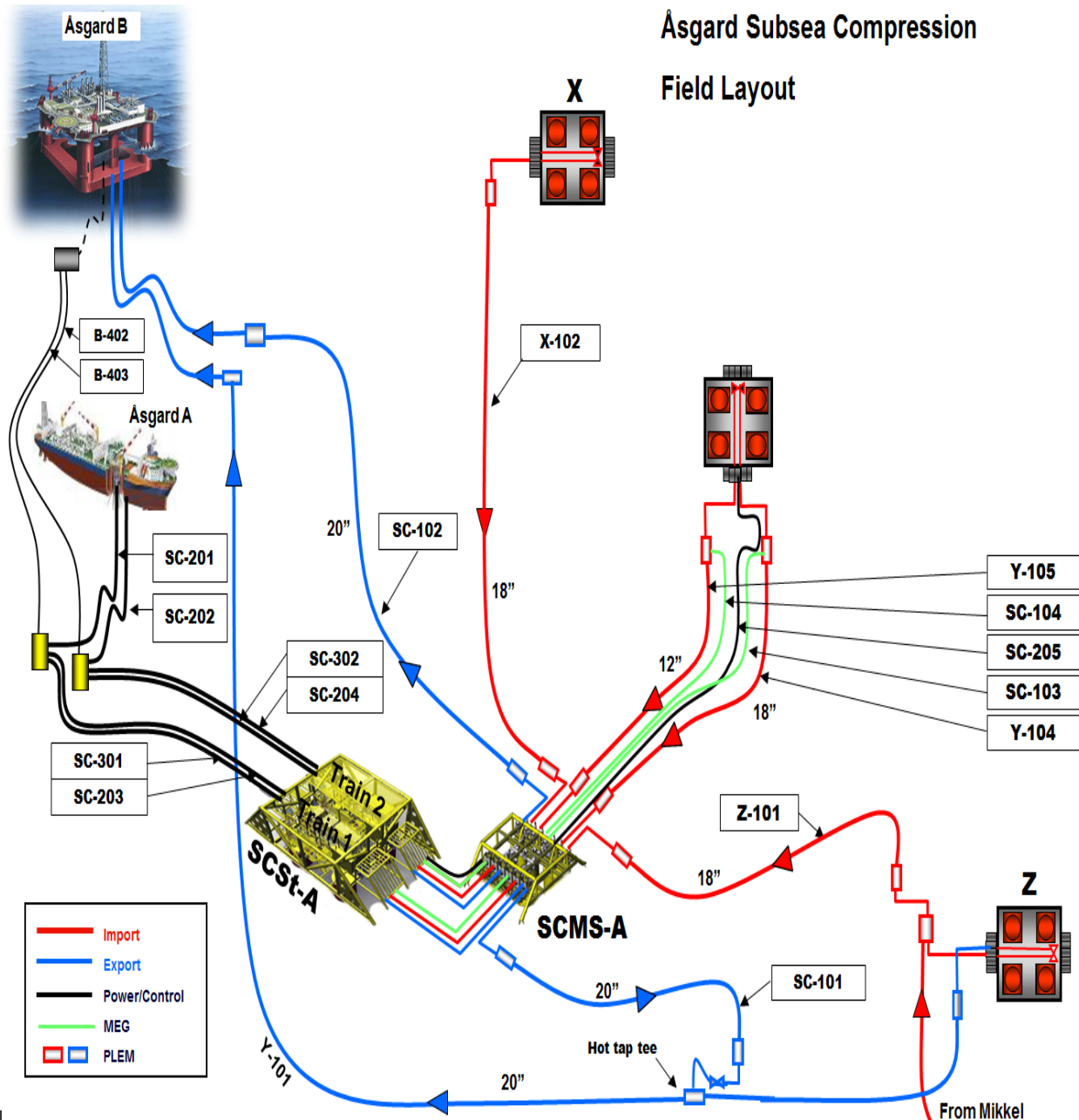
- North Sea Giant in KSU 01.08.17 to start mobilize for pump replacement
  - Pump replacement finished by 10.08.17
  - Commissioning 09.08.17 -10.08.17
  - Train #1 start-up 11.08.17 00:20
    - 24 days from trip
  - Pump #1 and T#1 in operation since
  - Very rapid operation without major issues



# The future

# ÅSC – Beyond 306 Mboe

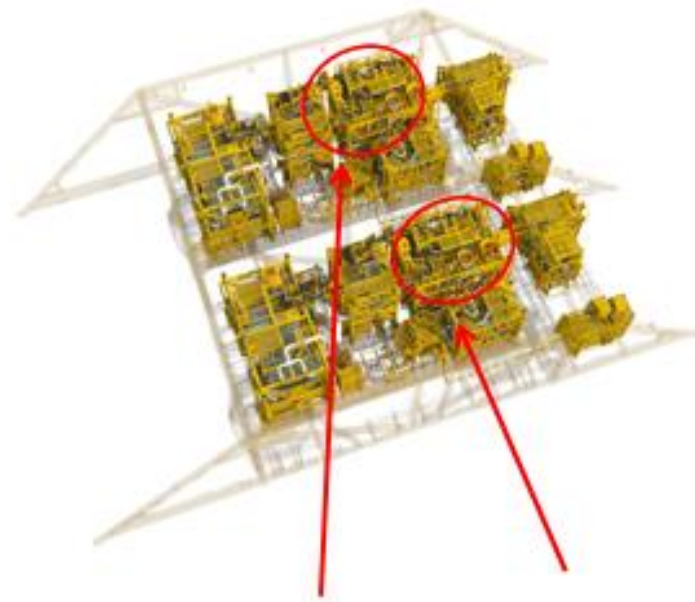
- ÅSC enables future IOR possibilities in the Midgard / Mikkel area
- Infill wells
- Tie-in fields
- Built-in flexibility in current design
- Desired outcome:
  - Increase recovery!





# ÅSC – Phase II project

- Ongoing project
  - DG2 2018
- Qualify and modify existing compressor system for extended operational envelope
  - Increased speed
  - Wet gas compression
- Qualify new compressor solution for increased pressure ratio



*Affected part of existing facility*



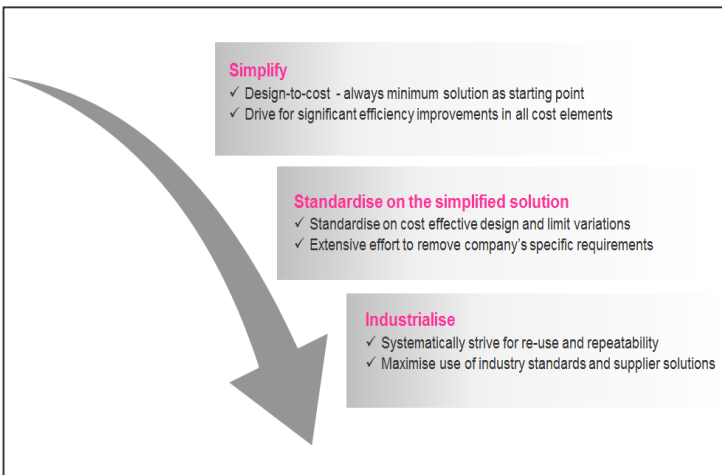
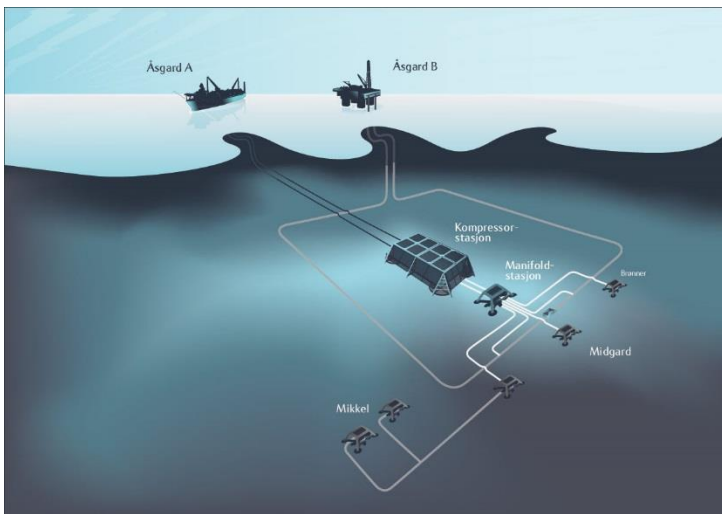
7 Axis (58t)



7 Axis (71t)

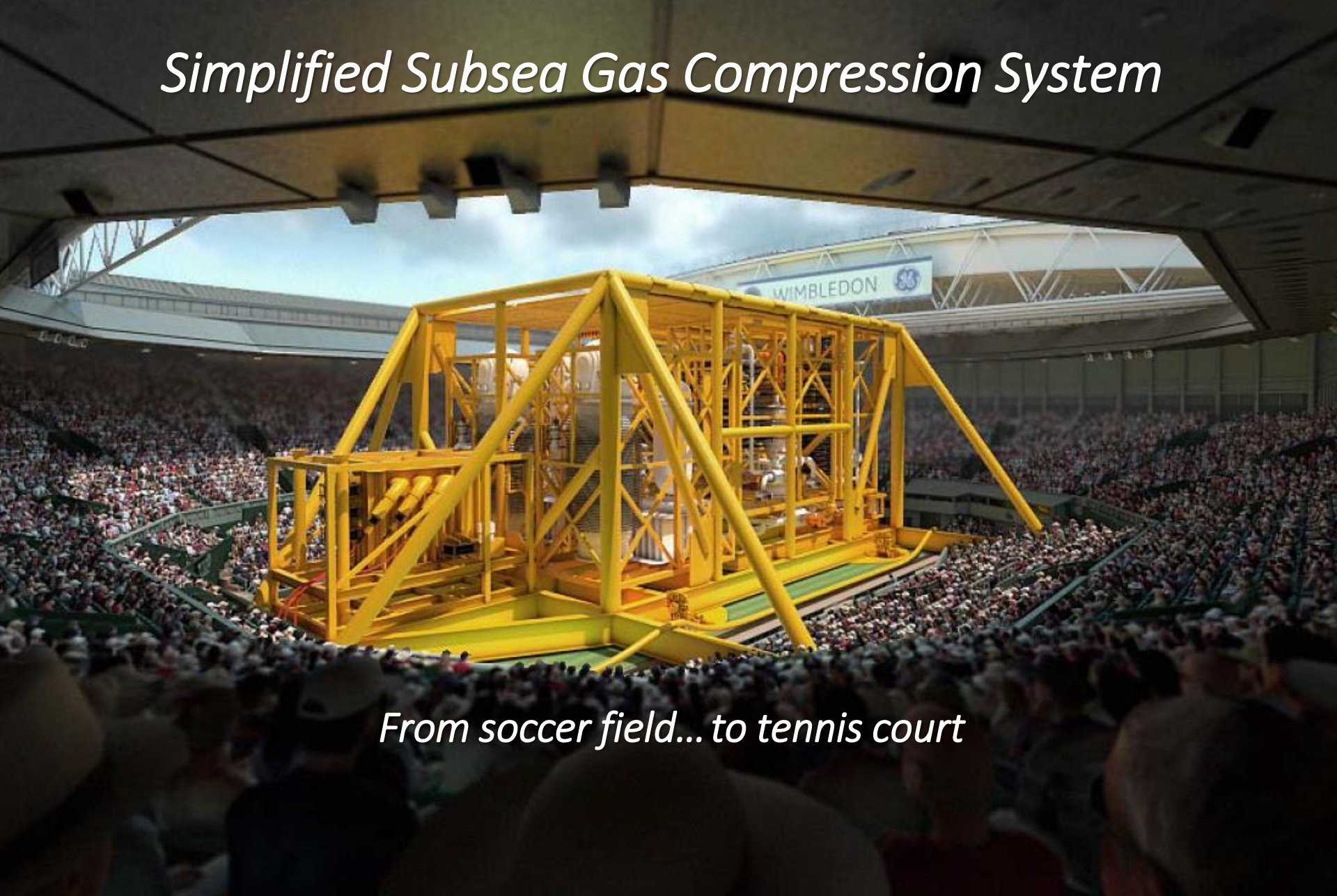
# Simplify, Standardize, and Industrialize (SSI)

## Where are we after ÅSC?



- ÅSC was first of it's kind and through ÅSC we have a unique opportunity towards the future:
  - Comprehensive technology tool-box available for reuse
  - Reuse of test and service facilities
  - Reuse of intervention system and tools
- From the different project stages and over two years in production a significant amount of learning's have been accumulated
- Ensure that further cost reductions are captured:
  - Simplification
  - Standardization on the simplified solution
  - Industrialization by repeating and re-use

# *Simplified Subsea Gas Compression System*



*From soccer field... to tennis court*

# Back-up



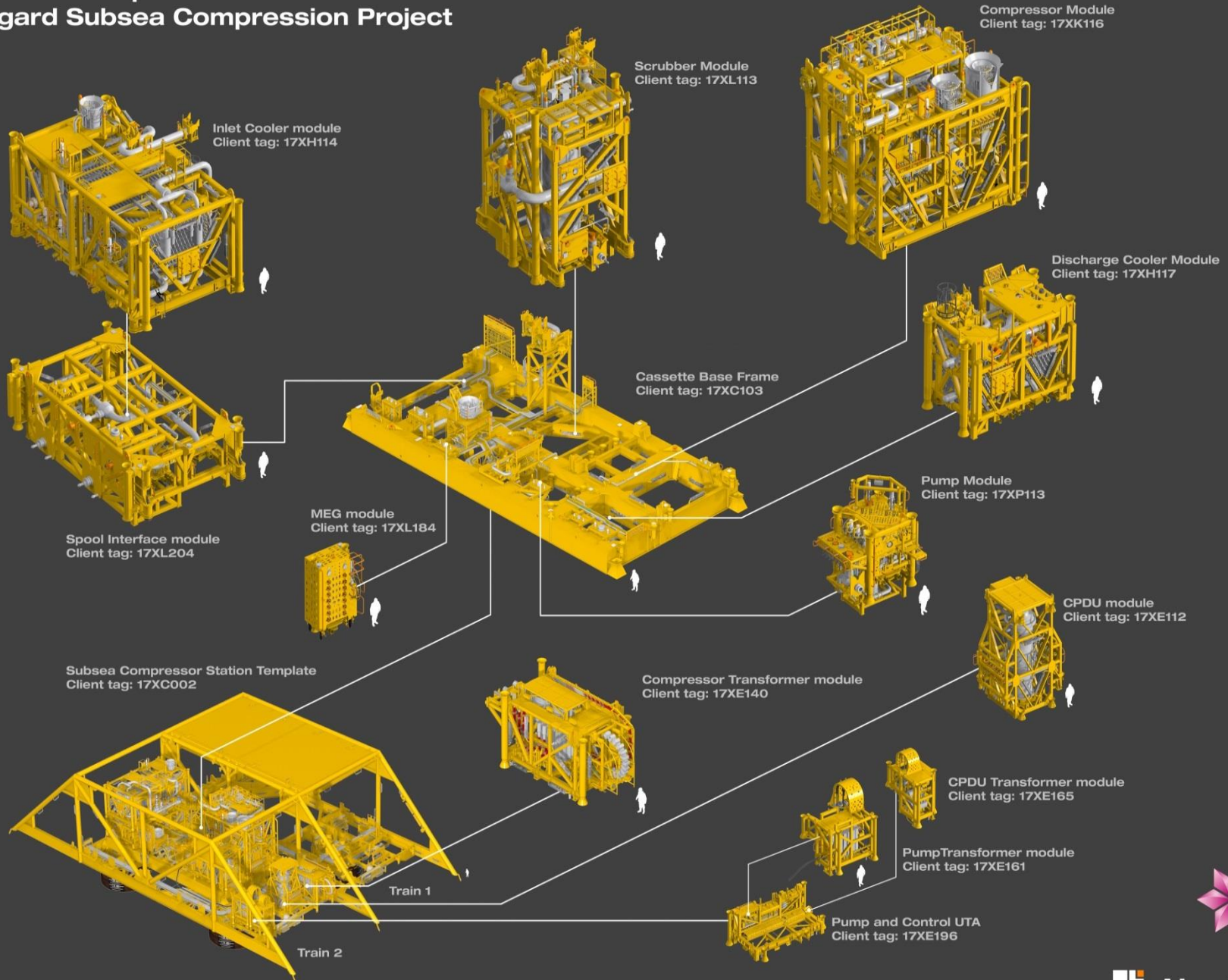
# Installation and Intervention

- North Sea Giant
  - DP Class III
  - Size 161x30m
  - Accommodation 120 person
  - Main Deck area 2900m<sup>2</sup>
  - WROV x2, Triton XLX and XLR
- SHS for large modules in fabrication
  - Total weight of structure ~1000Te, height 30m
  - Capacity 388 tons, 15x12x12 m, Hs 4.5m
- Lifting and Handling System 70 tons, 7.2x7.2m
- Subsea Process Intervention System
  - Handle residual hydrocarbons in modules
  - MEG displacement of modules
  - Nitrogen flushing



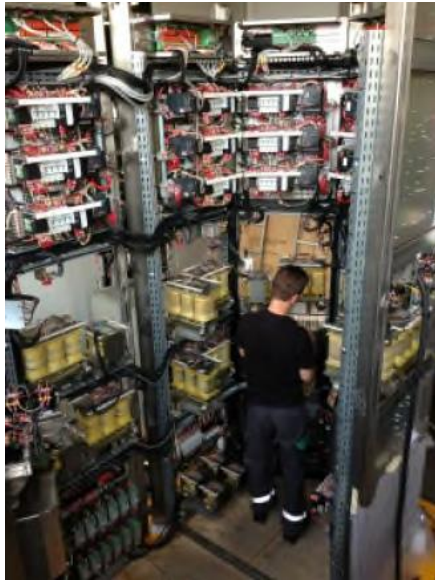
# Subsea Compression Station

## Åsgard Subsea Compression Project



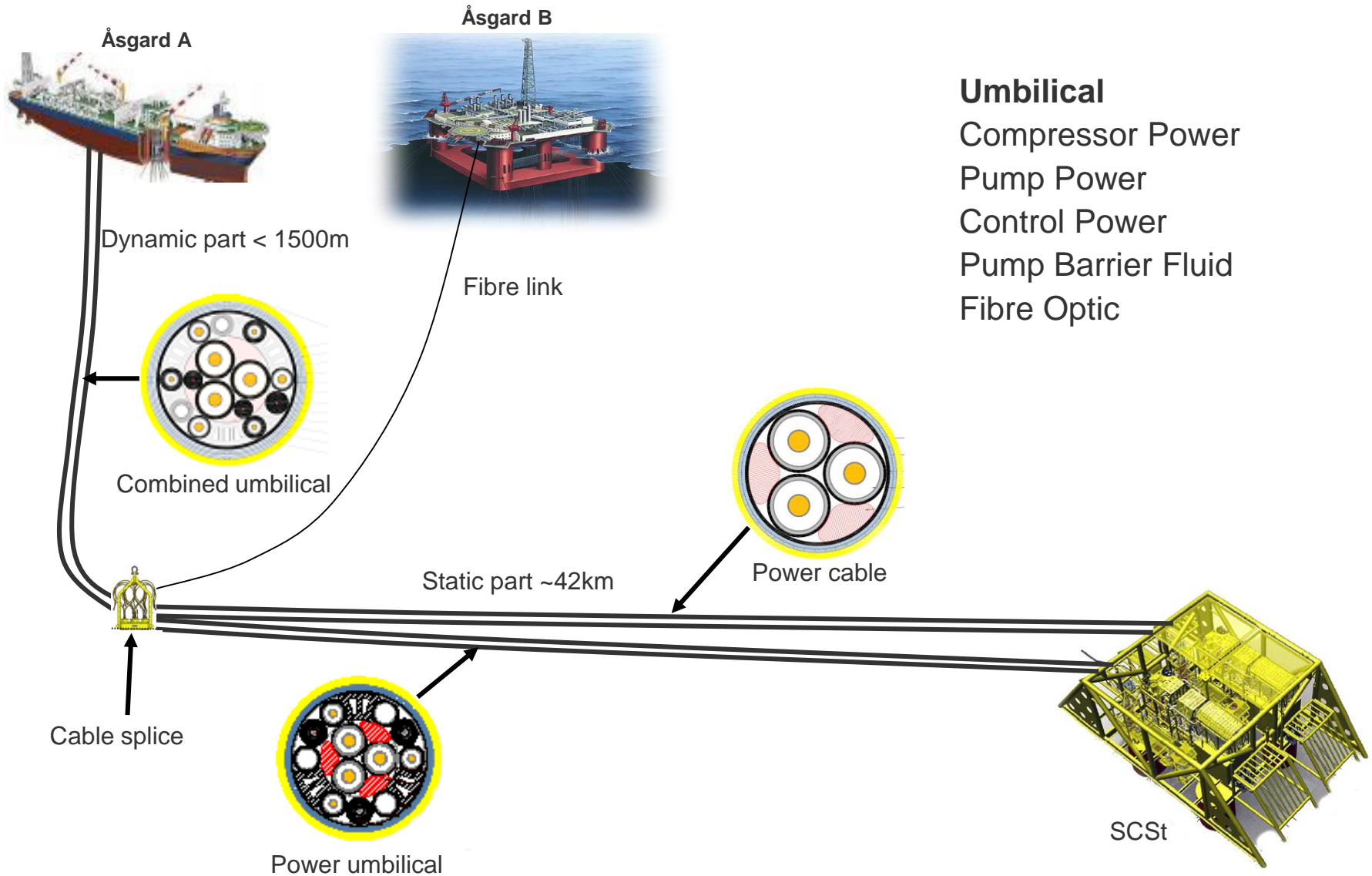


# Control System



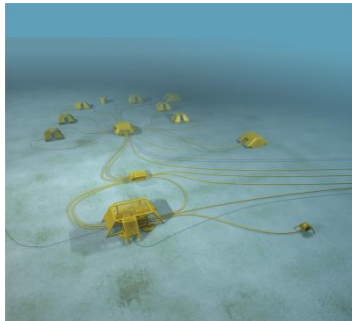
- All controls functionality integrated in SAS
- Power Supply
  - Topside UPS
  - Subsea Control Power Distribution Unit (CPDU)
- All electric system
- 3 segregated redundant systems
  - Process Control System (PCS)
  - Process Shutdown System (PSD)
  - Condition Monitoring System (CM)
- Subsea closed loop functionality
  - Active Magnetic Bearing System (AMB)
  - Anti Surge
- 100 Mb TCP/IP (Modbus/ModSafe) on separate fibers
- Subsea Control Modules:
  - 2 SCM per compressor train
  - 1 SCM on manifold station
- Hydrocarbon leak detection system

# Umbilical System





# Subsea Processing



## Lufeng: 1997

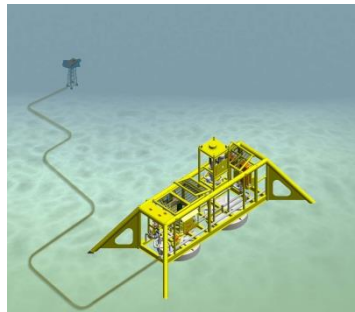
Subsea pump  
5 x 0,4 MW  
1 km

## Troll: 2001

Subsea sep.  
1 x 1,6 MW  
4 km

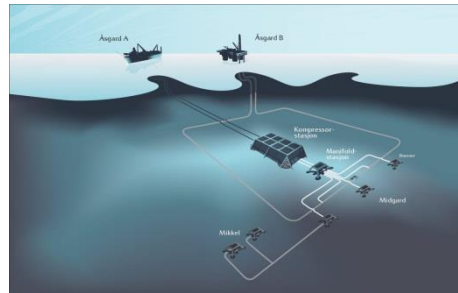
## Tordis: 2007

Subsea sep.  
Sand handling  
2 x 2,5 MW  
12 km



## Tyrihans: 2009

Subsea raw  
seawater  
injection  
2 x 2,5 MW  
43 km



## Åsgard: 2015

Subsea  
compression  
2x11,5 MW  
50 km



## Gullfaks: 2015

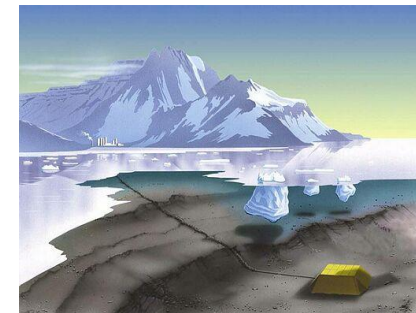
Subsea  
compression  
2x5 MW  
17 km

## Snøhvit: 2017-2020 ?

Subsea  
compression  
140 km

## Arctic: 2020+ ?

Subsea  
processing  
Large step-out,  
large duty



# The Statoil Subsea Factory™

Subsea  
factory tool  
box by 2020

Subsea gas  
compression  
by 2015

Produced water  
injection template



Produced water  
injection pump



ROV  
intervention



Gas, oil, produced  
water separation

Production  
template



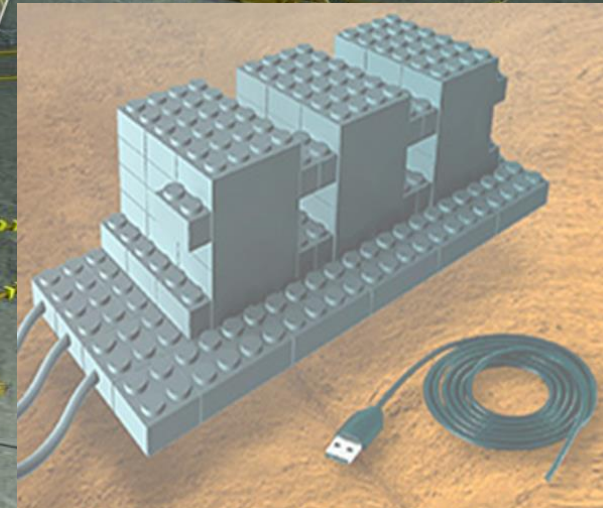
Production  
template



Oil export

Gas export

Gas compression



*Main Subsea Factory technology elements ready for deployment*

*Large potential for reuse of technology and utility systems in new projects*

# Subsea compression importance for future

Subsea compression can be enabling technology to gain:

1. Profitable tie back of gas fields by
  - Accelerated production & Increased recovery
2. Operational flexibility compared to topside
  - To reduce impact on weight, space, HSE
  - Energy efficient & robust flow assurance
  - Act as hub for new tie backs, avoid new platform
3. Access deep water, environmentally sensitive locations

