The Ormen Lange Gas Field, Norway Field Development, From Exploration to Production

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Ormen Lange, Gas from deepwater Mid-Norway to UK market Mega project on time and cost



Production Profile

Ormen Lange Recoverable Reserves						
	Expected	P90	P50	P10		
RF / Total (%)	75	68	75	81		
Recoverable Gas (GSm3)	399	310	397	490		
Recoverable Cond. (MSm3)	29	19.5	28.5	39.1		



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Future Compression

Ormen Lange - consists of

- ✓ Field developments offshore
- ✓ Pipelines to shore
- ✓ Gas plant on land for processing and export compression
- ✓ Pipeline to UK
- ✓ Gas to UK markets





Ormen Lange Field Location

MP

The ultimate challenge for pipelaying and marine operations Pipelines and installations in slide area 850 – 1100 metres water depth Sub zero temperatures at sea bottom

10 15000

Key Information - Ormen Lange Field

- Water depth of 850 1100 meter
- 500 GSm³ (18 TCF) GIIP
- Retrograde Condensate GCR <u>~</u>10.000 Sm³/Sm³
- 120 km off the coast of Norway
- App. 350 km² areal extent
- Harsh weather /sea conditions
- Sand rich turbidite
- App. : 50 m , 90% ntg and 500 md permeability
- 24 Producers (3 Predrilled)
- Subsea development
- Compression as required
- Gas production 12-22 billion Sm3 / year







The Top Reservoir Structural Depth Map





1989 to 1996 – Increased Certainty of Presence of Gas







Prognosis 1989-92 (no wells on Ormen) proven by wells

PROGNOSIS BASED ON ANALOGUES WELLS AND SEISMIC DATA



Only minor changes to the GIIP after 1989 for EGGA (main Reservoir)

Key Project Milestones



Ormen Lange Project Summary Schedule







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Ormen Lange flow assurance history

Offshore Processing





Flow assurance highest project risk prior to concept selection

- Risk of hydrate/ice formation
- Lack of viable hydrate remediation method
- Security of gas supply



Ormen Lange Possible well layouts at Concept Selection (2002)





- Concept Selection
 - Subsea development selected
 - -reduces total no of wells
 - -mitigates risk of sealing faults



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End 2002 (Subsea vs Dry wells) was a significant point in partner discussions

Flow Assurance Definition

"The ability to produce and transport multiphase fluids from the reservoir(s) to the processing plant"

Key issues:

- Thermohydraulic analysis
- Multiphase flow
- Hydrate management
- Operability
- Design premises
- System integrity





Ormen Lange unique environmental conditions challenging flow assurance

Production area located in slide area - Rough seabed

120 km full wellstream transfer to the onshore processing facilities – Long offset distance

Sub-zero temperatures (-1 °C)

Together, this makes Ormen Lange one of the most challenging field developments worldwide with respect to flow assurance.

Ormen Lange flow assurance technology Multiphase flow risk mitigation

Flexible system design !

2x6" MEG injection lines

- Redundancy
- Remote control

Subsea MEG distribution system

- MEG dosage unit
- Wet gas metering
- Formation water detection
- Remote control

Pigging loop

Subsea chokes

- Balance/control well production
- Control slugcatcher pressure
- Remote control

Onshore facilities

- Slugcatchers (2x1500 m³
- Gas backflow and circulation
- Pipeline monitoring and liquid holdup management system
- MEG injection control and monitoring system

2x30" multiphase production pipelines

- Improved turndown and swing flexibility
 - Enable production through only one line at low turndowns
 - Enable "dynamic pigging" for liquid holdup management
 - Enable gas circulation to improve liquid holdup management
- Reduced slug volumes during transient operations, i.e. reduced slugcatcher size
- Increased production availability in case hydrates blockage or failure in one line.

Manifolds with dual headers

- Wells may be routed to either of the two manifolds
- Remote control

Integrated reservoir and pipeline model

- Simulation "from reservoir to processing plant" including
 - Reservoir
 - Coupling to the wellbore
 - Wells and surface pipeline network
 - Processing facilities
 - MEG injection system

in one single simulation model

- Establish and verify production profiles taking into account total production system limitations
- Define operating conditions (Q, P, T, dP) in all parts of the total production system during the entire lifetime of the field
- Define compression requirements





Seismic Interpretation Challenges identified in 2000-2003

- Seismic Interpretation shows more than 1000 faults found as polyginal faults with < 10 m to > 60 m throw
- More faults makes gas move more tortuous;
- Reprocessing (2003)
 - Improved depth data
 - Improved fault imaging main production area for well planning





Faults better defined on reprocessed data but generally small changestatoilHydro

Seismic 1996-2000 (Project Sanction)

- 3D Seismic
 - -Field outline proved
 - Gas Water Contact Mappable over extent of field
 - Gas seen on AVO seismic analysis
- GIIP estimated to 500 GSm3 (still base case)
- Challenges in Depth conversion (south) -> PSDM reprocessing
- Faults seen as main issue



Only minor changes to the seismic interpretation since 2001 EGGA

2002: Concept Selection: Water Handling Strategy decided:

- Gas Water Contact on Ormen at 2917 mMSL
- Contact steps more than 100 m northwards due to stratigraphical trapping /Faults
- Perched water ("lakes")
- Main strategy
 - <u>Stay away</u> from main aquifer in the south
 - <u>Monitor</u> formation water break trough in producers (multiphase measurements)
 - If considerable formation water breaks trough <u>reduce</u> <u>well rate</u> to formation water free production or <u>shut in</u> well



Even 2 m oil!!

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End 2002 : Water was high on risk decision to be closed out

Drainage

•Main Production Area

Reservoir geometry requires multiple drainage locations, but not necessary multiple platforms

AT PRODUCTION START



AFTER PRODUCTION START-BEFORE TEMPLATE 3



AFTER PRODUCTION START-PLACE TEMPLATE 3 IF AND WHERE REQUIRED







Ormen Lange - Main Drilling Program-Pre-Drilling Strategy

- Spreading of the wells North-South (East-West secondly).
 - Cover large structural segments
 - wells from template B stretch to the North and wells from template A drill dominantly towards the South and West.
 - Place wells in areas with large segments.
 - Mitigate against the scenario where all faults are sealing.
- Thick Egga Isopach.
 - More Egga reservoir, increased well production potential.
- - Proximity to faults.
 - The minimum distance any well should be from a fault is 200 m.



Figure 12: Updated Top Våle map based on the final PSDM velocity model

Ormen: Status Pre-Drilling Jan 2008

- Only 3 Wells actually pre-drilled (4-6 planned)
- Remaining wells to be drilled from 2008 and onwards as required
- 3rd template approved by partners in 2006

	Target Name	Well Name	Planned Step-out	Original Sequence	Original Step-out
	P4-1	6305/8-A-7H	350 m	1	396 m
	P4-2	6305/8-A-3H	1,075 m	2	1,316 m
_	P3-9	6305/8-A-2H	1,235 m	3	1,478 m
	P3-8	6305/8-A-6H	1,569 m	4	1,015 m
	P3-1	6305/5-B-12H	46 m	5	241 m
	P3-6	6305/5-B-3H	2,205 m	-	2,205 m
	P3-4	6305/5-B-7H	2,422 m	8	2,224 m
	P3-5	6305/5-B-8H	2,600 m	-	2,215 m

Table 8 Summary of updates to pre-drilling targets

Actual Predrilled

Test Background

During the well tests of **A7** and **A3** there is an opportunity to investigate potential pressure interference with **A2A**. The interference test could provide valuable information about the sealing of faults in the Ormen Lange field.



WT and SS control system layout

Ormen Lange Interference Tests Preliminary results

Template A area; reactivated faults

Assumptions for Interference Test

• Base case parameters (A template area)

Pres = 287.59 Bar

T = 89.4 deg C

k = 523.5 mD

phi = 0.283

Net Pay = 50m

Cg = 2.61e-8 Pa-1

Mu = 0.024cp

- Distance Between wells
 - A7-A2A 2,218m
 - A7-A3 2,435m
 - A2A-A3 1,180m



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Ormen Lange Interference Tests Preliminary results

Ormen Lange Exploration, appraisal and development plan





Opening of Ormen Lange Saturday October 6, 2007

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