Challenges in creating an infrastructure for transportation of gas

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Objective of Presentation

Put focus on future development of pipeline systems for long-distance transport of natural gas







Background

- Increasing natural gas demand
- Increasing distance from resources to key markets
- Development of alternative ways of transport (LNG, GTL, CNG, etc.)
- Could pipeline systems also meet the requirements for future demands?





Offshore trunkline systems

NEW CHALLENGES AHEAD

- System design
- Design criteria
- Material properties
- Installation and water depth
- Operational requirements
- CAPEX and OPEX





Offshore trunkline systems

WHAT COULD BE LEAVERS FOR

A STEPCHANGE

- Multi-diameter systems
- High operating pressures
- Material selection
- New installation methods
- Pipeline integrity management
- Low OPEX transport









Offshore tie-back to shore

- Development of multiphase transport technology
 - Step-change over the last few years
- Subsea facilities development
 - Compression
 - Processing





Onshore pipelines

- What may contribute to more efficient transport systems?
 - Construction methods
 - High-grade steels
 - Operating pressure
- Challenges
 - HSE
 - Codes and standards
 - General conservatism





Transport solutions



What may be achieved?

- More cost effective pipeline transport
- Longer tie-backs to shore
- Development solutions for new areas
 - Sub-ice
 - Harsh environment
- 3-4000 km + offshore pipelines
- 3-4000 m water depth
- Low OPEX solutions



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Summary

- By challenging the pipeline industry new solutions has been developed in the past
- High ambitions very often result in remarcable results

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