

### Exploration opportunities in Denmark

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### Nordsøfonden - Danish State Company

- Independent state owned company with a Board of Directors
- Partner in all licences awarded since 2005 and partner in DUC with a 20% share
- Same rights and obligations as other companies, paying partner, non-operator
- 19 dedicated professionals make today's Nordsøfonden, located in Copenhagen

### Nordsøfonden - what we do

We strive to increase the value from oil and gas activities in Denmark

- Work as a full circle company active in exploration, development and production
- Manage the sale of own share of produced oil and gas
- Active during execution of technical work programs and evaluations in the licences
- Wide expertise in legal and financial matters in relation to the business



### Data - in a mature basin?



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- Sedimentary Basins
- Fractured Basement
- Tertiary Canyons

#### 2 Middle Jurassic Sandstones

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### Exploration wells in Denmark 1966-2018



### Modern 3D seismic coverage



### Prolific Petroleum System



### Hydrocarbons on the Ringkøbing Fyn High



### Simplified stratigraphic correlation

• Sandstones known as reservoir in Central Graben are seen in wells on RFH





### Plays on the Ringkøbing Fyn High



### Seismic profile across the Utsira High



### Basement wells on RFH

### The 4 wells on the Ringkøbing Fyn High all found highly fractured basement

<u>Per-1</u> (Chevron, 1978) discovered strongly fractured basement at TD of 2781m (9123<sup>'</sup>). At TD the crystalline rock was dated as Precambrian

<u>Ugle-1</u> (BP, 1985) discovered densely fractured and calcite veined metamorphic basement at TD of 3057m (10029<sup>'</sup>)

Sine-1x (Mærsk, 1998) discovered fractured gneiss at TD of 2840m (9318<sup>°</sup>)

<u>Ibenholt-1</u>(Phillips, 1987) discovered fractured granitic gneiss at TD of 2530m (8300<sup>'</sup>)



### Seismic example - 3D survey on RFH





# PGS15-12300 Geological Interpretation



### Possible Analogue

### Halifax – well schematic



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# nordsøfonden 2D seismic - DKR13-1141 140. L. Million BCU Tail End Graben Ringkøbing Fyn High Courtesy of TGS

### World-wide basement discoveries



Countries with reported HC discoveries in basement rocks

Algeria Angola Argentina Australia	Chad Chile China Czech Rep	Egypt Greenland Hungary India	Kenya Korea Libya Lithuania	Morocco Namibia New Zealand Norway	Serbia Thailand Ukraine United Kingdom	Vietnam Yemen	
Brazil Canada	Croatia Cuba	Indonesia Japan	Malaysia Mexico	Romania Russia	United States Venezuela		Info from GeoScience Limited, December 2013

### Tertiary Canyons on the RFH



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### Middle Jurassic Sand Fairway

- Two provinces; northern and southern province
- Sequence stratigraphic subdivision based on wells
- Fluvial and estuary sand in incised valleys
- Prograding deltas; sand in mouth-bars and distributary channels
- Deep incised valley in N, sand in channels and tidal bars
- High energy fluvial system in S, fluvial sand depot not yet found?
- Production in Lulita and Harald Fields
- Development of BroderTuck



### Sand distribution in 4 Phases







### Middle Jurassic - Phase 4



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## Summary - Still Underexplored

- Frontier exploration on the Ringkøbing-Fyn High
  - Weathered basement
  - Local sedimentary basins
  - Tertiary canyons
- More work to be done outside of the proven chalk play
  - Cenozoic shallow potentials
  - Lower Cretaceous tight chalk or sandstones
  - Upper Jurassic fan systems
  - Deep seated Middle Jurassic incised valleys
  - Older reservoirs older sources still to be explored

# **Significant Potential**

- More than 90 pct. of the production from Chalk
- 3 billion barrels oil equivalents in ground
- Remaining potential consists of a range of small and medium sized exploration targets
- Medium an larger sized stranded discoveries to be evaluated for appraisal and development



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### 8th Licencing Round - Relevant players

- Legislation and regulation
- Danish Energy Conditions and further information
  - Application
  - Technical consultancy/G&G advisor
  - Data provider
- State Partner (20 pct)



### Thank you! Inger Salomonsen, Exploration Manager Søren Holm, Senior Geoscientist