



Denmark and the Nordic Countries' Interests and Policies in the Arctic Region

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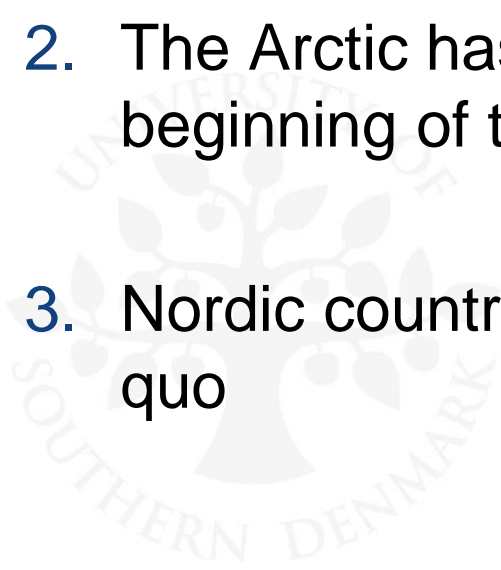
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3 overall points

1. Arctic politics is mainly about low politics issues (SAR, economic development, environmental protection, surveillance, oceans management)
2. The Arctic has largely remained peaceful, even after the beginning of the Ukraine crisis
3. Nordic countries work actively to support peaceful status quo





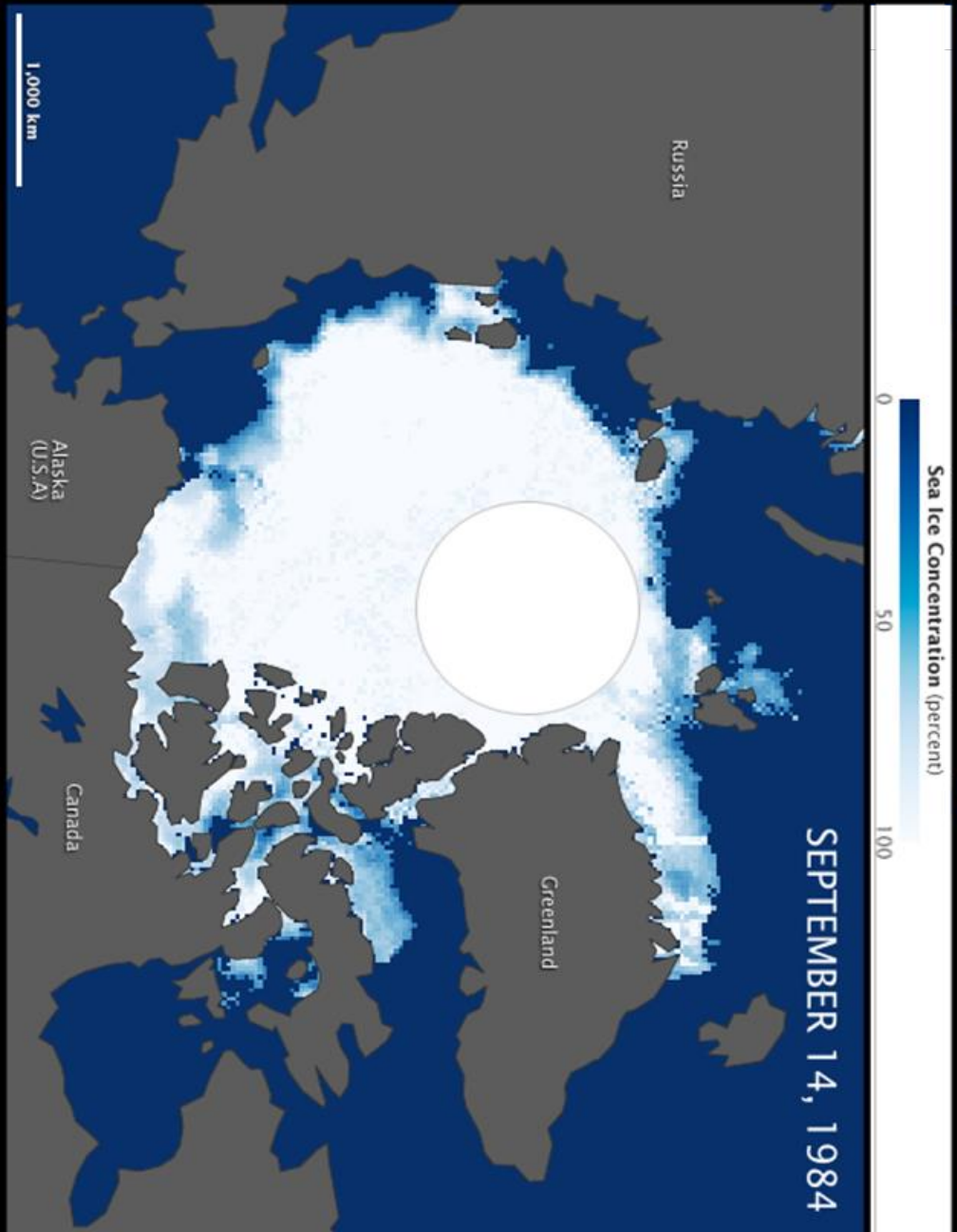
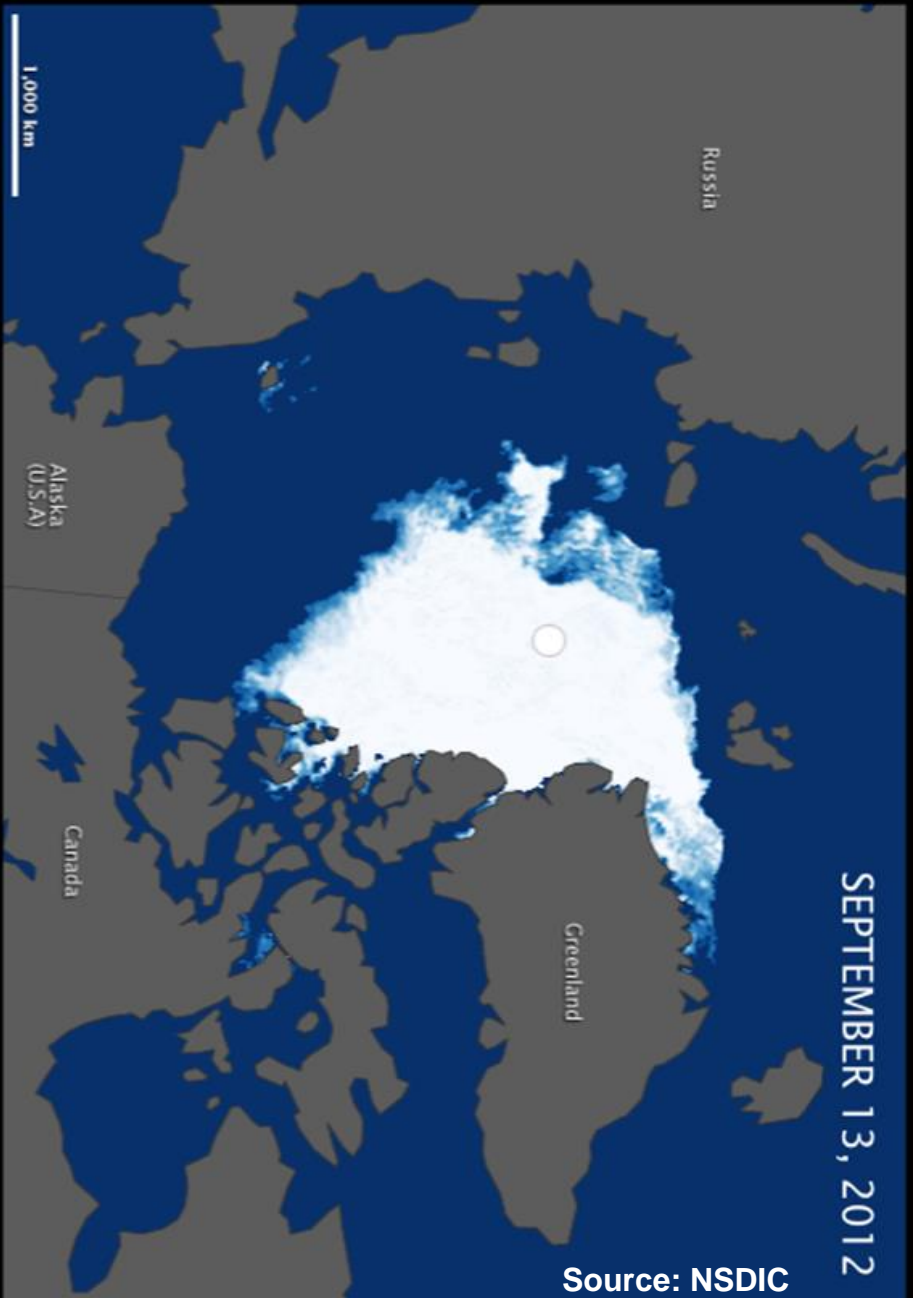
Regional politics focus on Arctic oceans

Loose order of complimentary institutions:

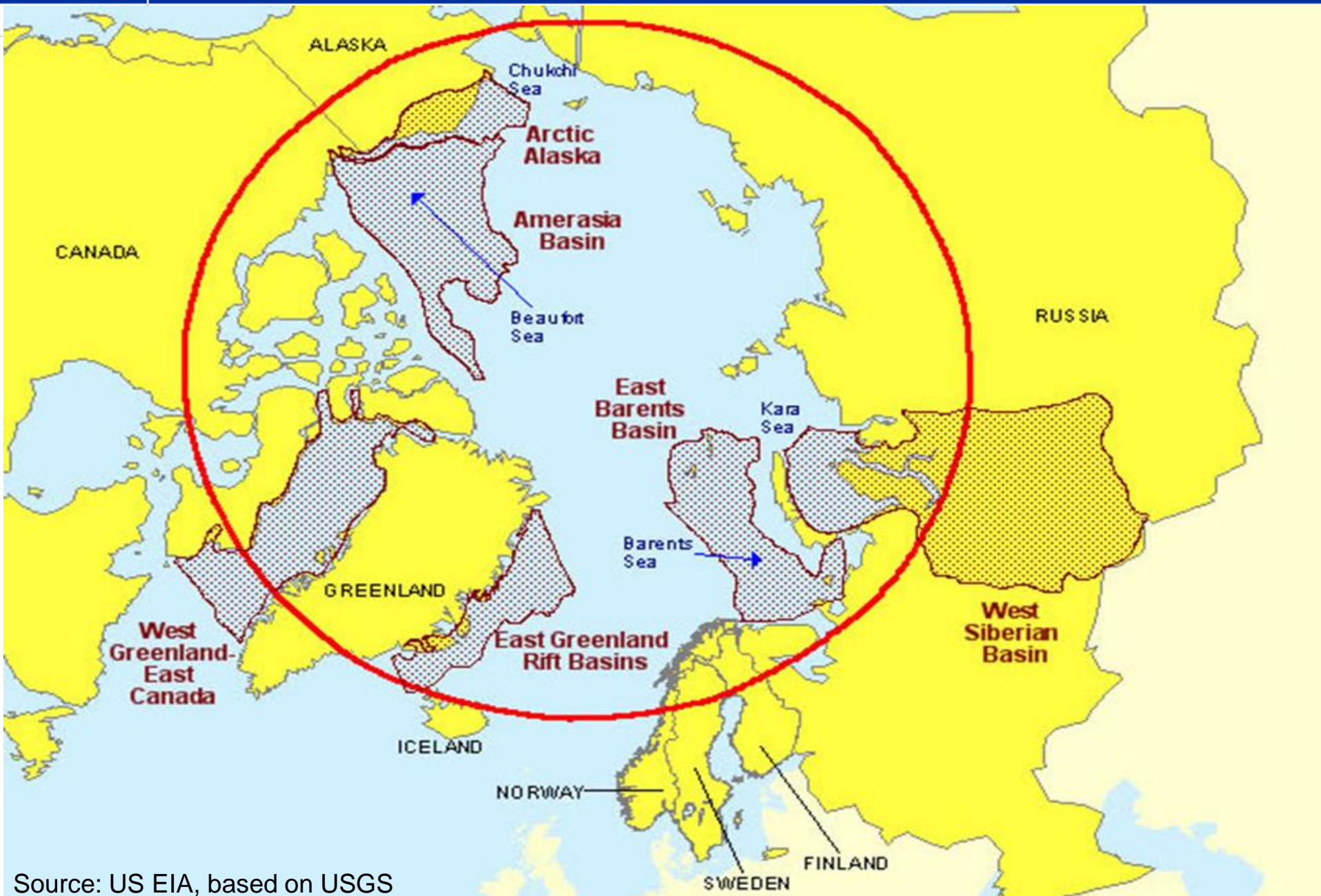
- Arctic Council
- Arctic 5
- Euro-Barents Council
- Etc.

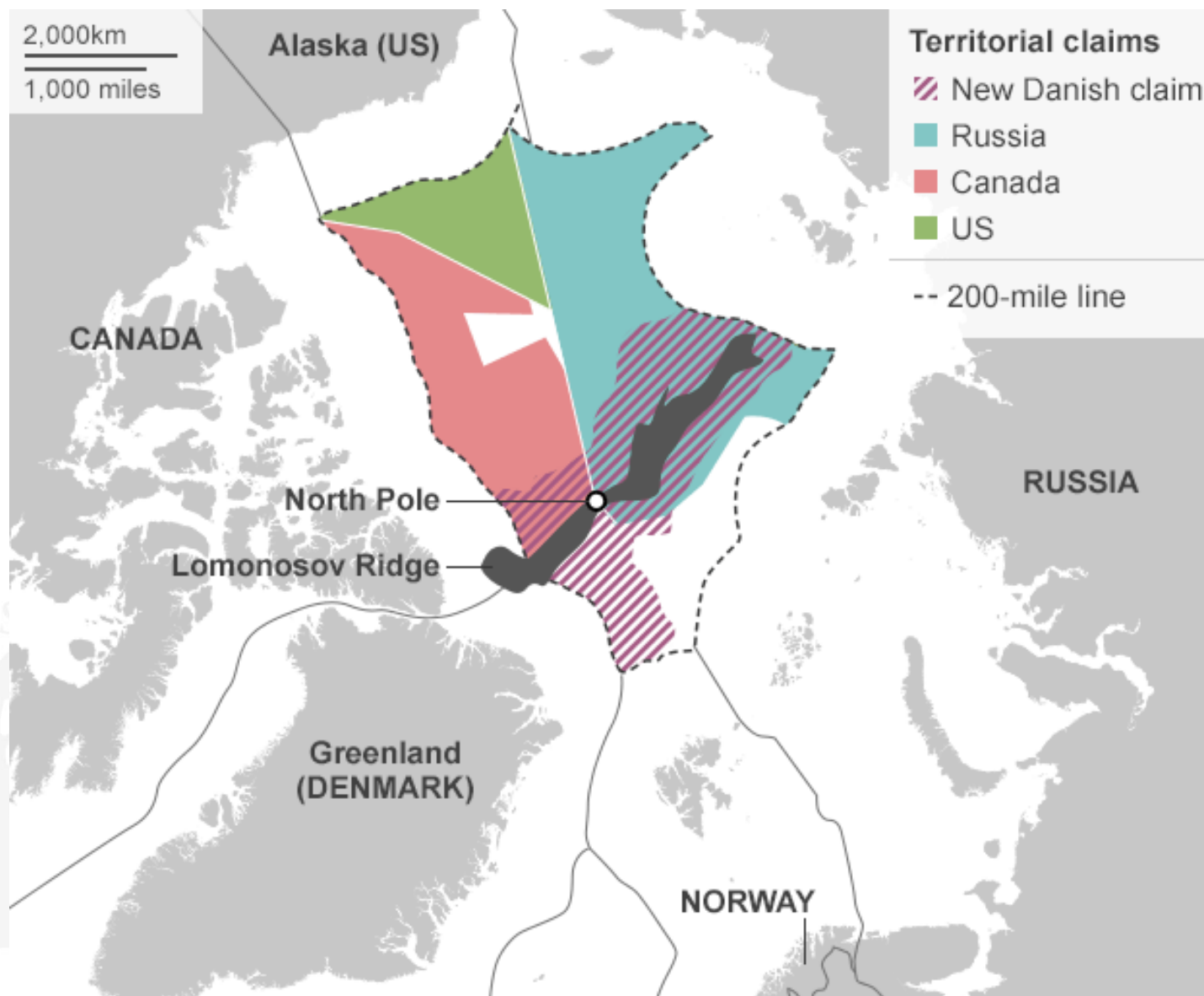
No Arctic great game for resources











Source: BBC

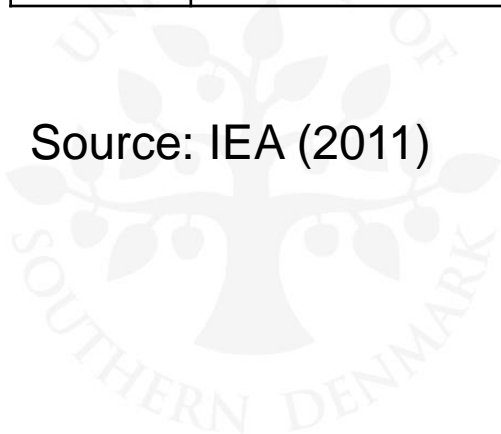




Reserves in Russian Arctic (estimate)

	Potential reserves (boe)	Share of potential reserves	Years of current annual production
Oil	48.000.000.000	14 %	13
Gas	258.000.000.000	40 %	67

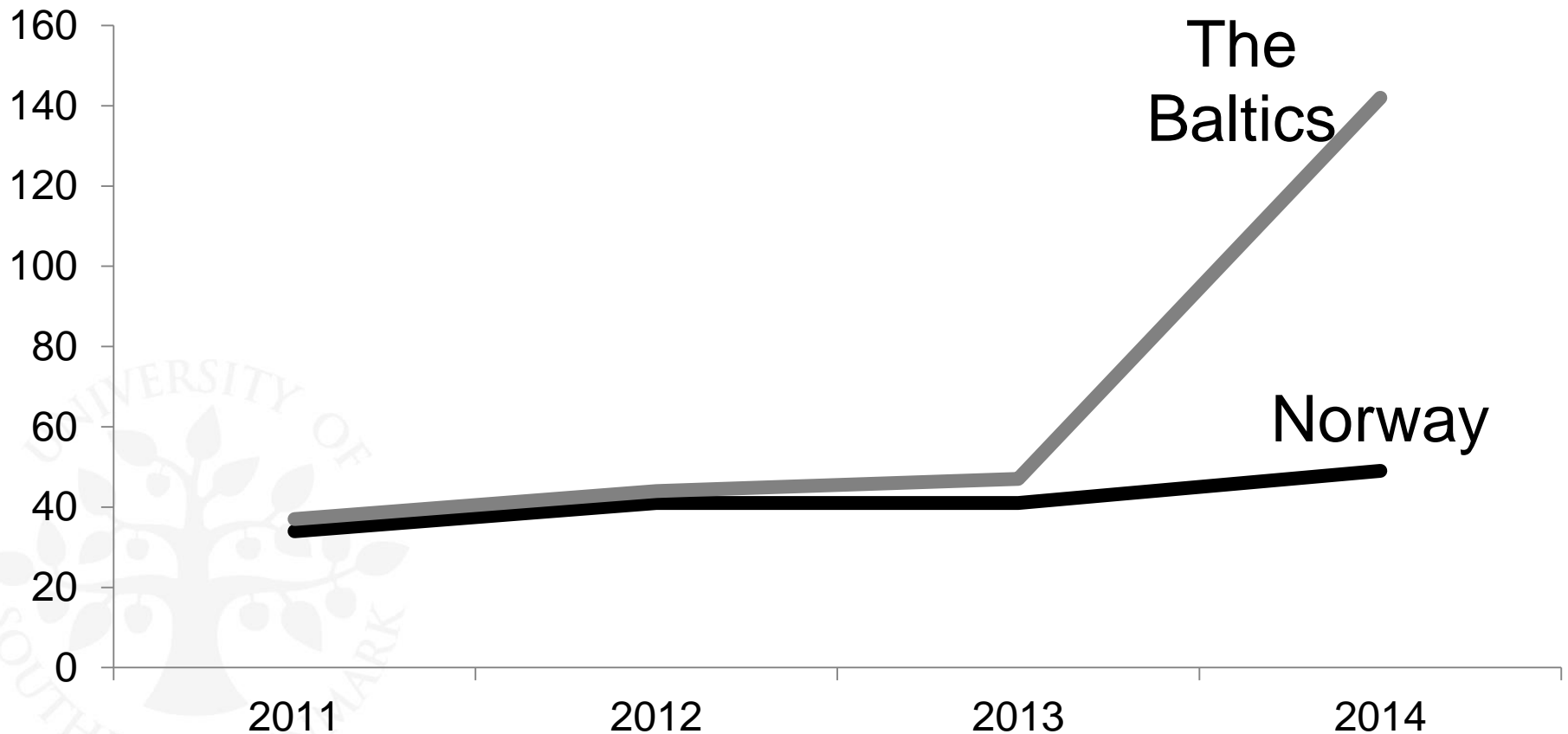
Source: IEA (2011)





Russia acts differently in the Arctic

Scrambles of Russian planes



Source: Lithuanian MoD, Norwegian Defense Command

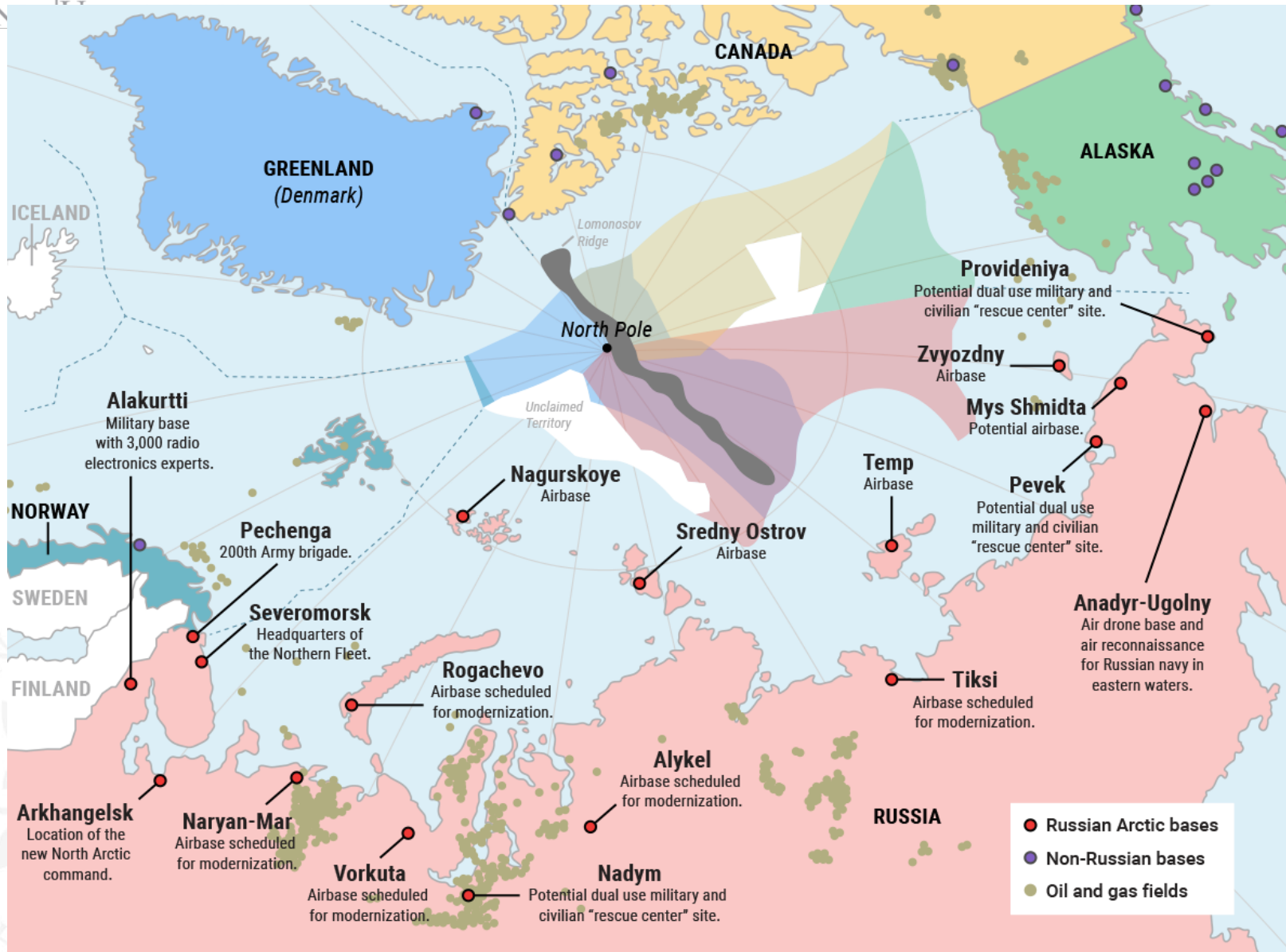


Nordic states' Arctic policies

- Variations shaped by geography, history, and political culture
 - Some disagreement about regional institutions
- Agreement that possible to cooperate with Russia in the Arctic
- Policies that emphasize maintaining communication, transparency, common diplomatic and governance activities
- Further economic development through capacity-building and regional cooperation



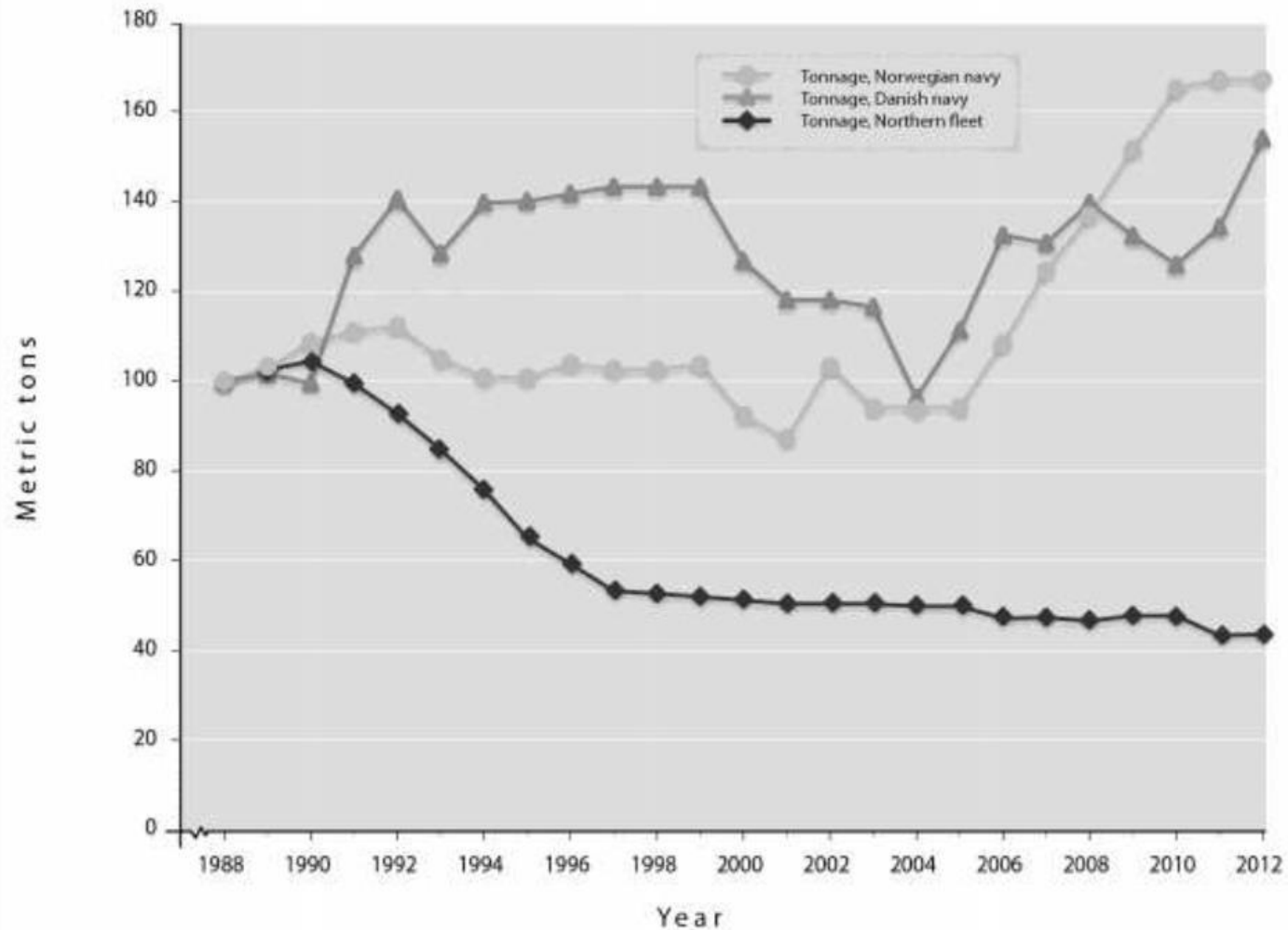




Source: Klimenko (2016)



Fig. 7 Compared evolution of the tonnage of Danish and Norwegian navies with the Russian Northern fleet, 1988-2012 (index 100 for 1988)



Source: Lasserre et al (2012)



Sweden and Finland

Few security interests. Mainly low politics interests instead:

- Economic development
- Environmental protection
- Minority interests





Norway

- Avoid territorial threat from Russia
- Protect economic interests (energy, fish stocks)
- Participate in development of Russian Arctic
- Maintain current Arctic order

Engaging and deterring Russia





Denmark

- Preserve political union with Greenland and Faroe Islands
- Use Greenland as leverage in NATO
- Develop Greenland economically
- Maintain current Arctic order

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