



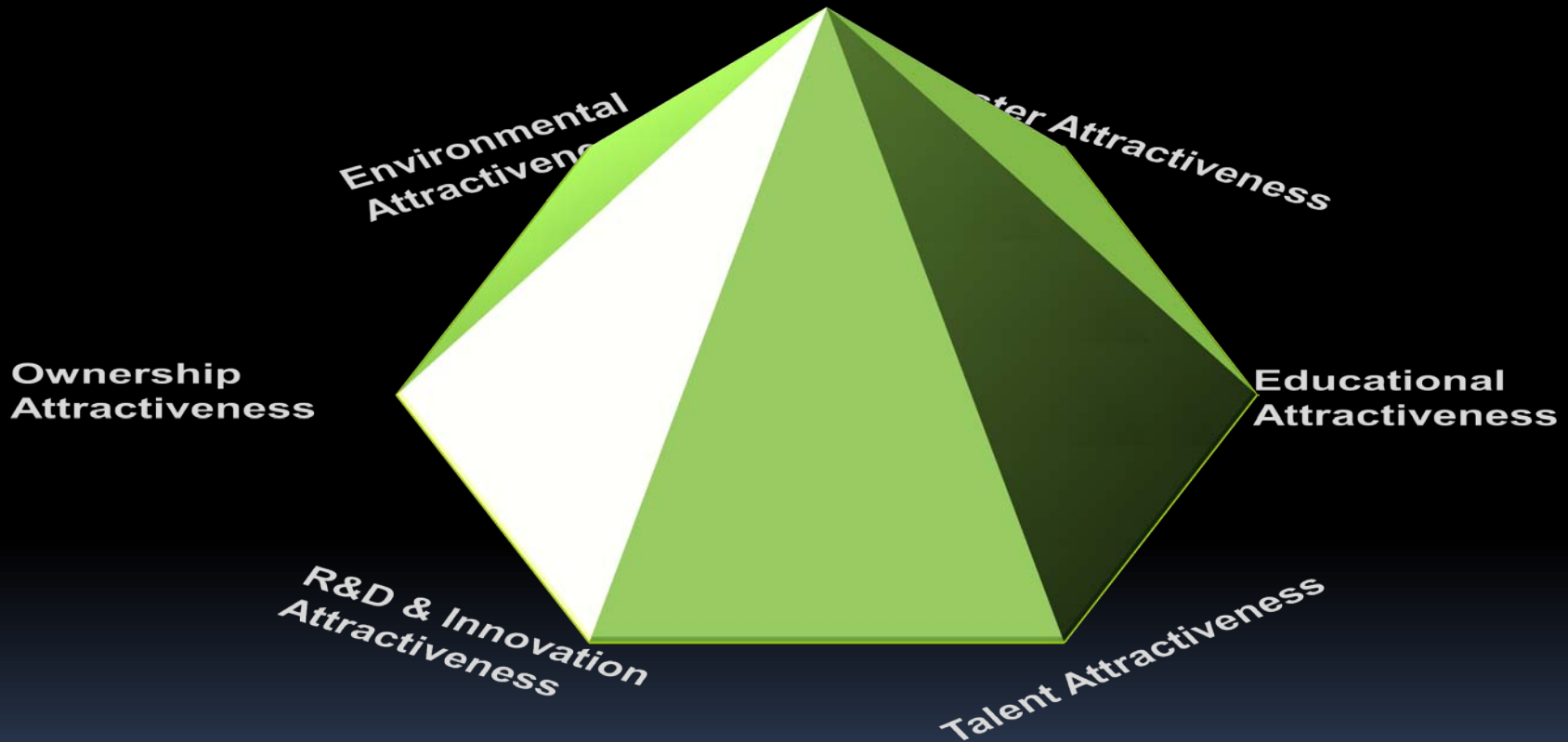
Double or Nothing

Metals: Status and future development

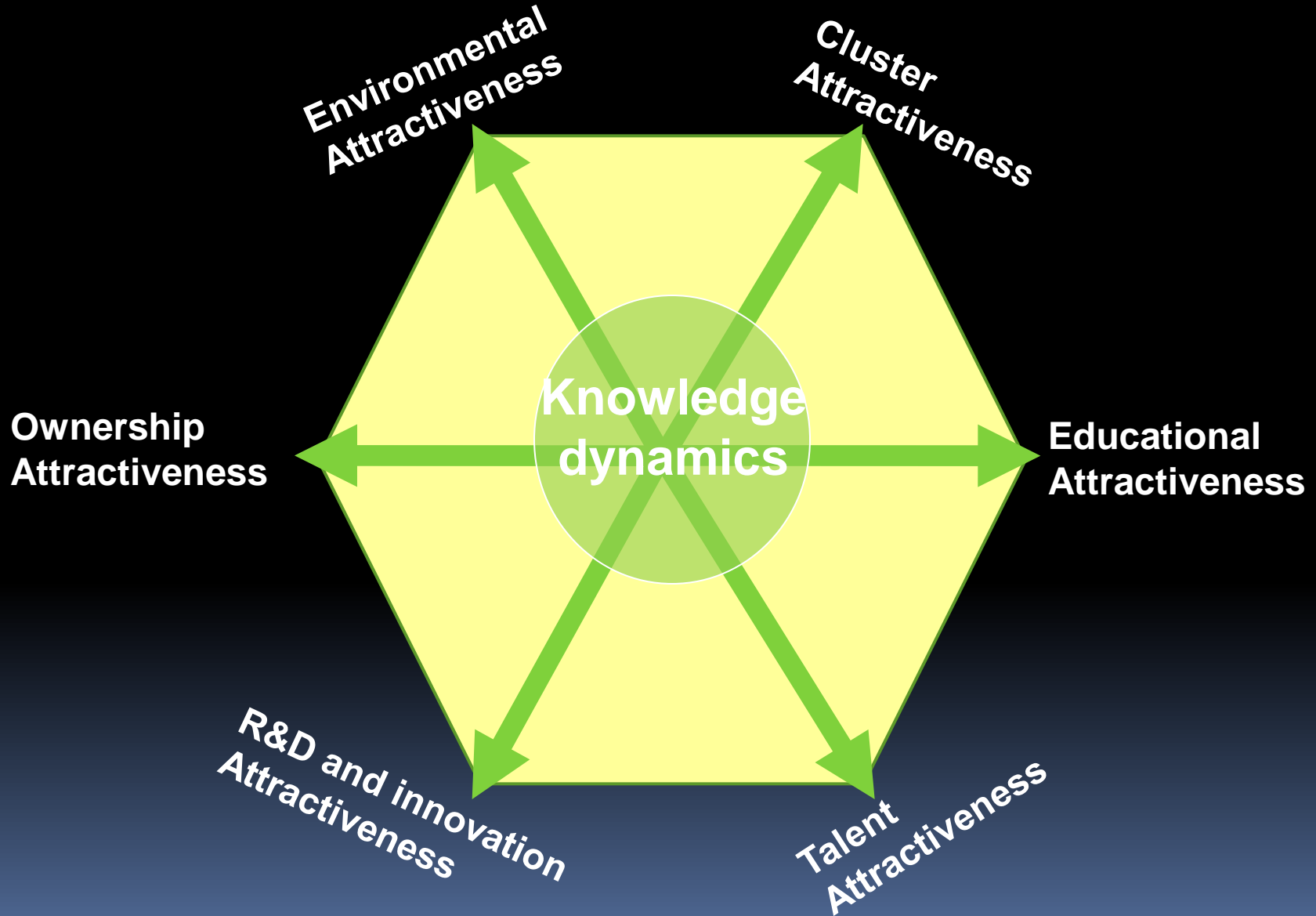
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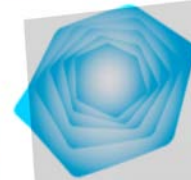
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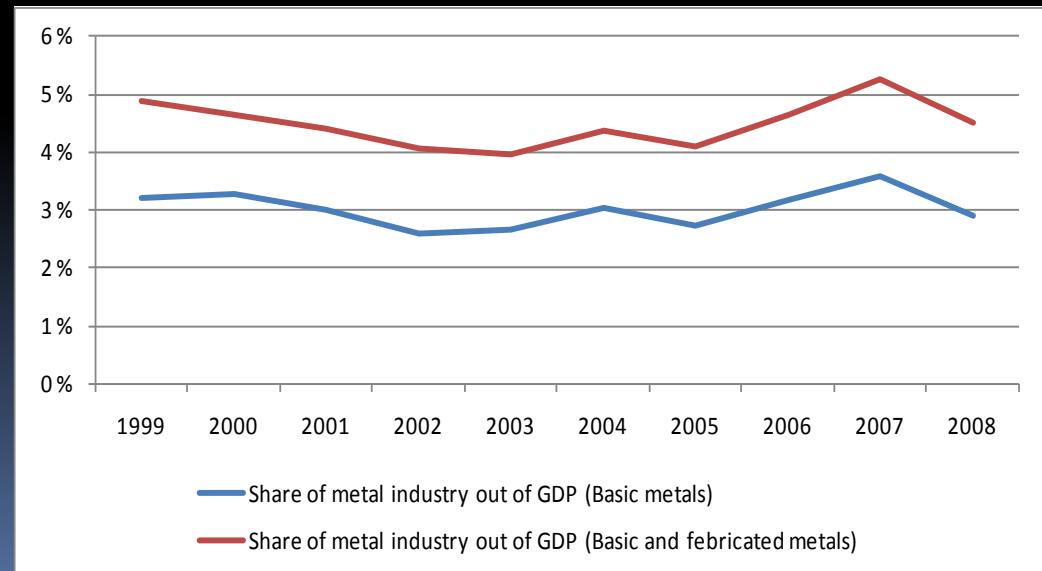
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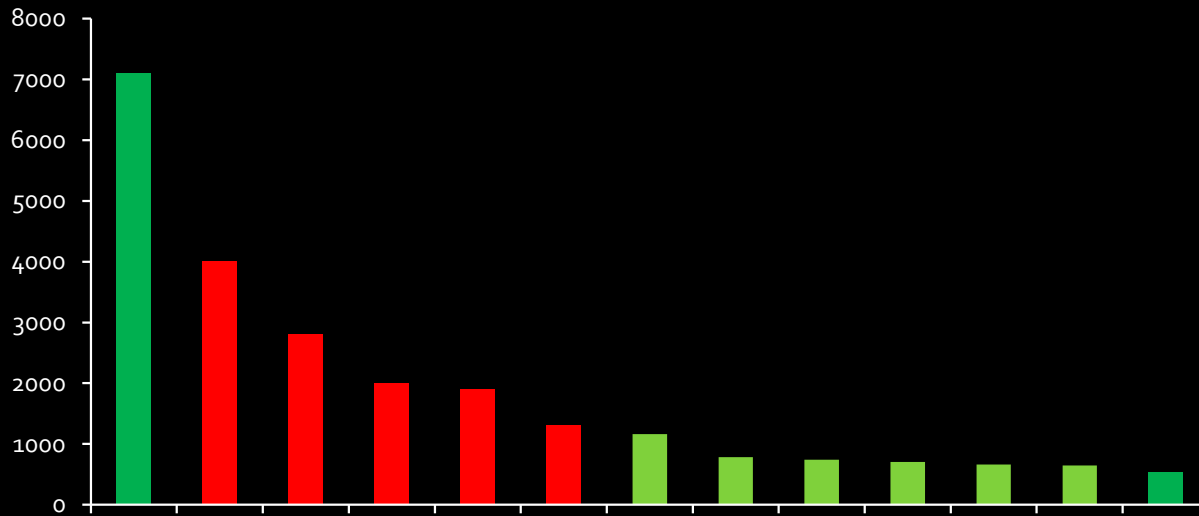
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Consistent portion of GDP

- ❖ While GDP is increasing, the portion of oil is exploding, basic and fabricated metals maintain their national respective market shares.
- ❖ This cannot be said about many other industries



Value creation and locomotives

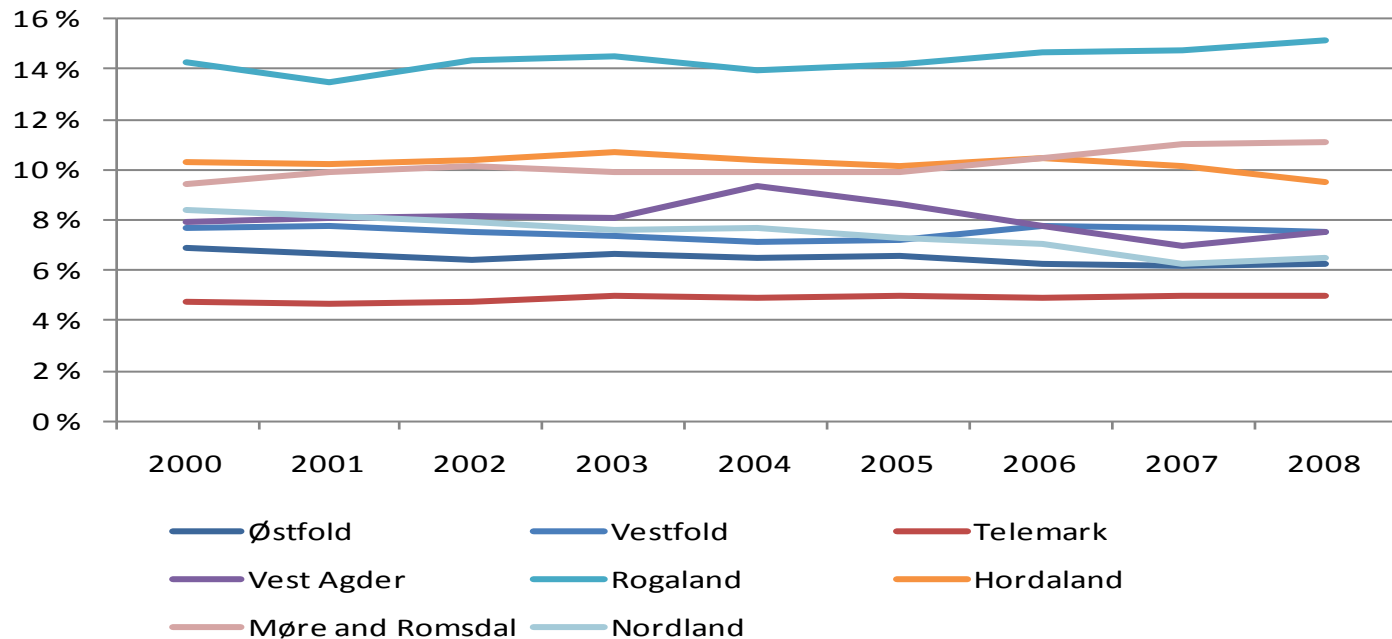


- Expected returns in secondary and tertiary production.
- Above average returns in primary production, but for 2009...
- Not doing worse than many “central” industries e.g. health, tourism, or construction.



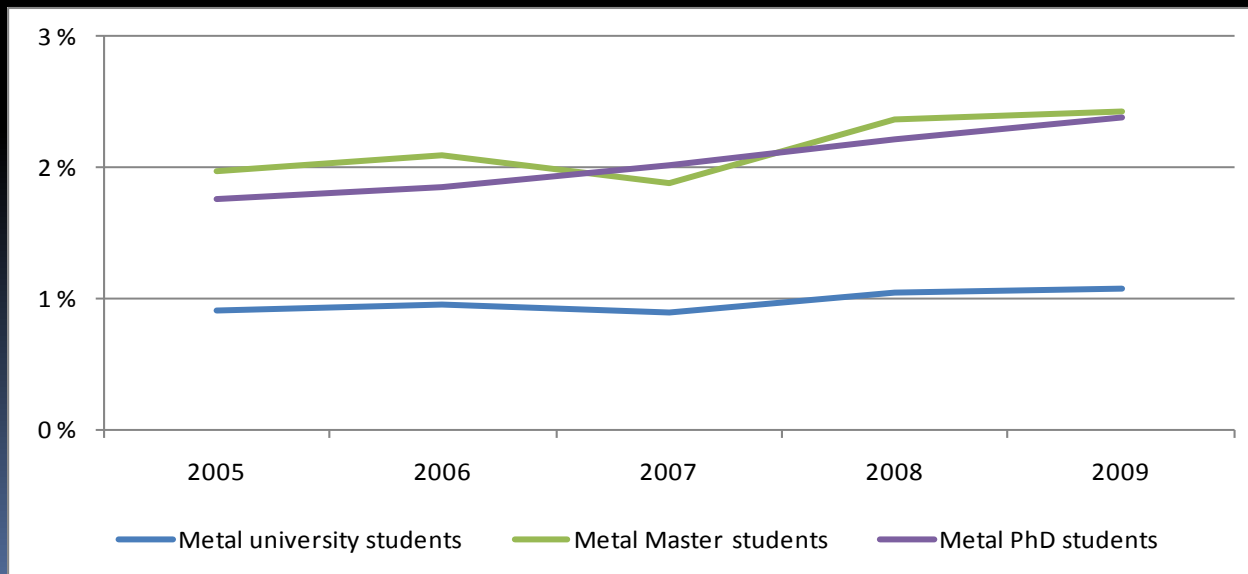
Industrial agglomeration

- Not really...
- Broadly distributed.
- Under a few roofs only.



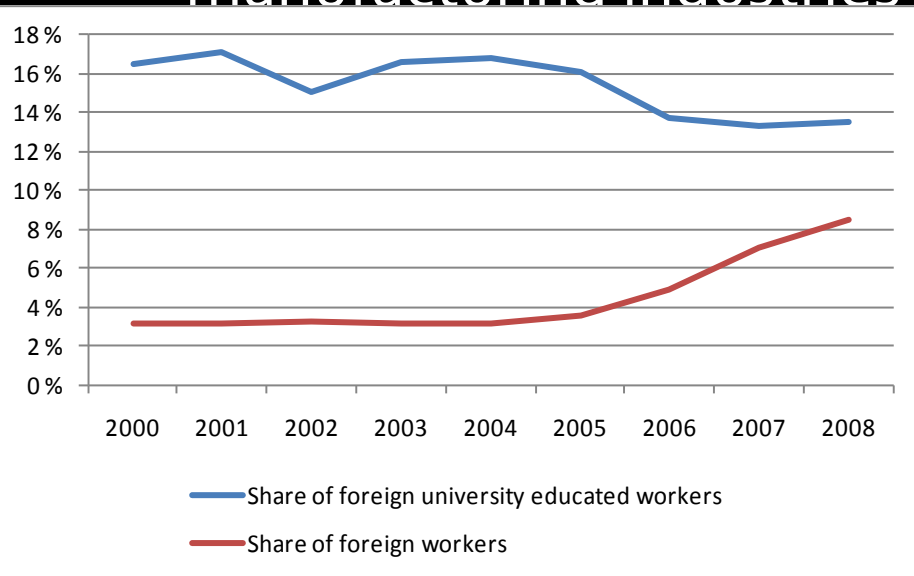
Educational Attractiveness

- The pool of graduates with relevant advanced knowledge of metal and materials is increasing in absolute and relative terms.
 - Availability
 - Attraction

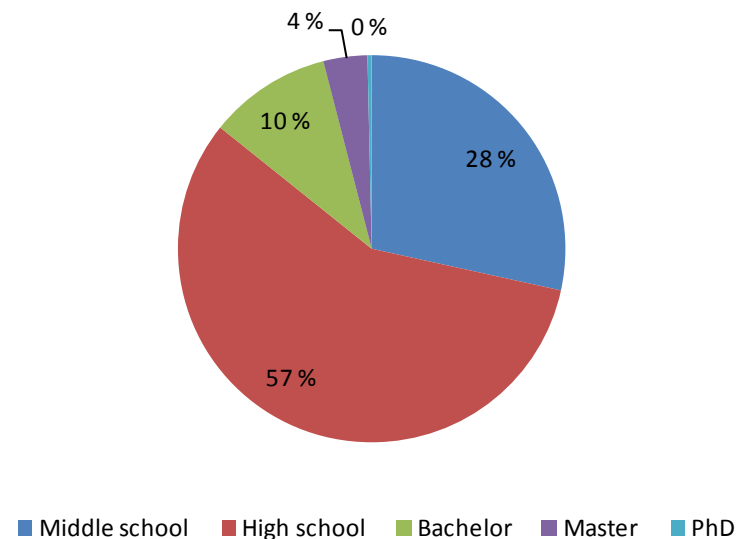


Talent Attractiveness

- Industry composition is in line with the industry's focus on manufacturing as evident from the composition in other manufacturing industries

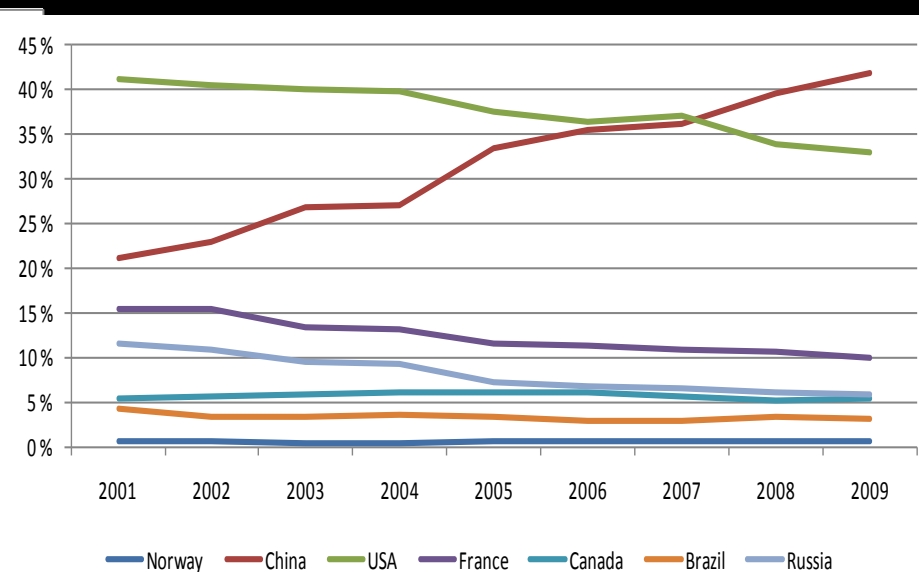
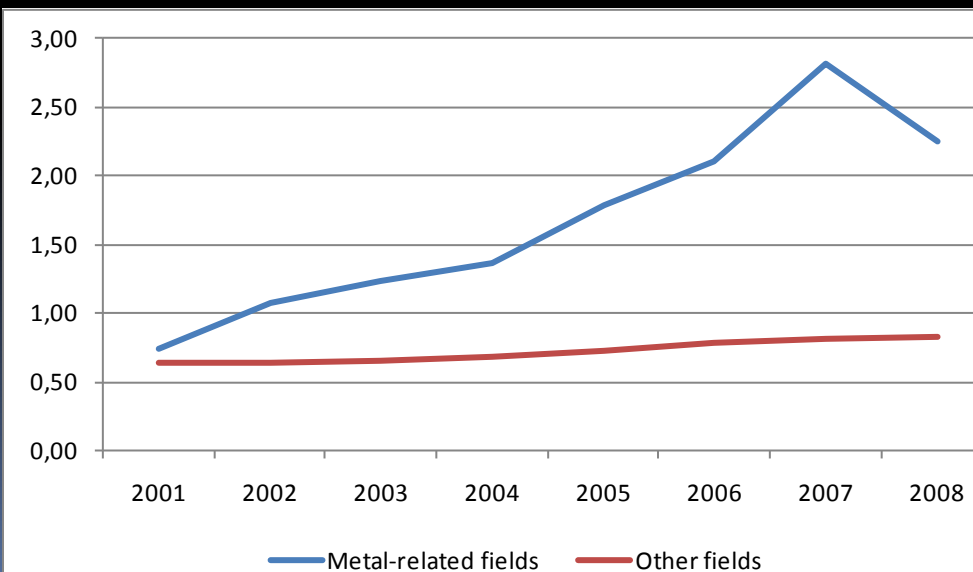


- But:
- It is attractive to the “wrong” type of foreign workers...
- And engineers are



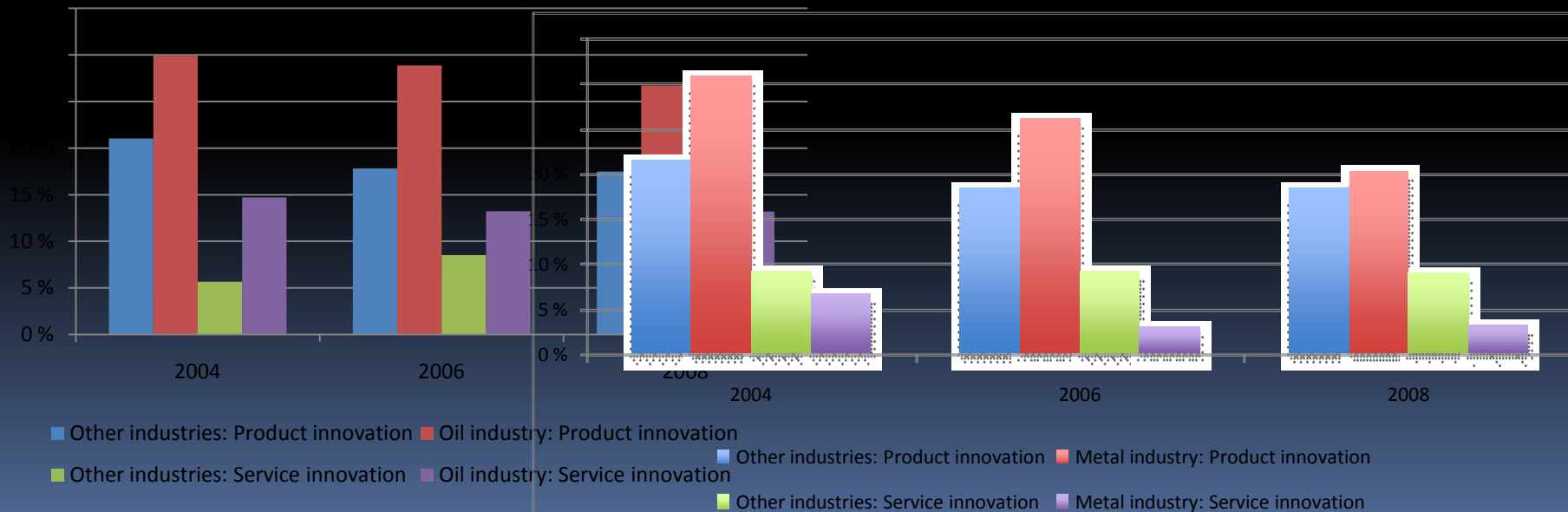
R&D and Innovation Attractiveness I

- Metal: Relevant academic contributions are up to three times the national average
- But a marginal role in the global picture of metals and materials.



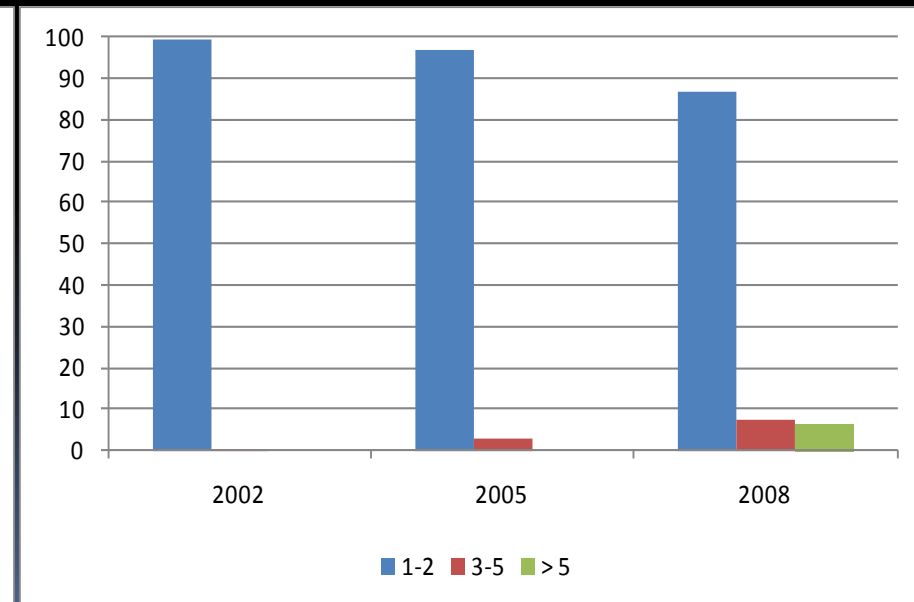
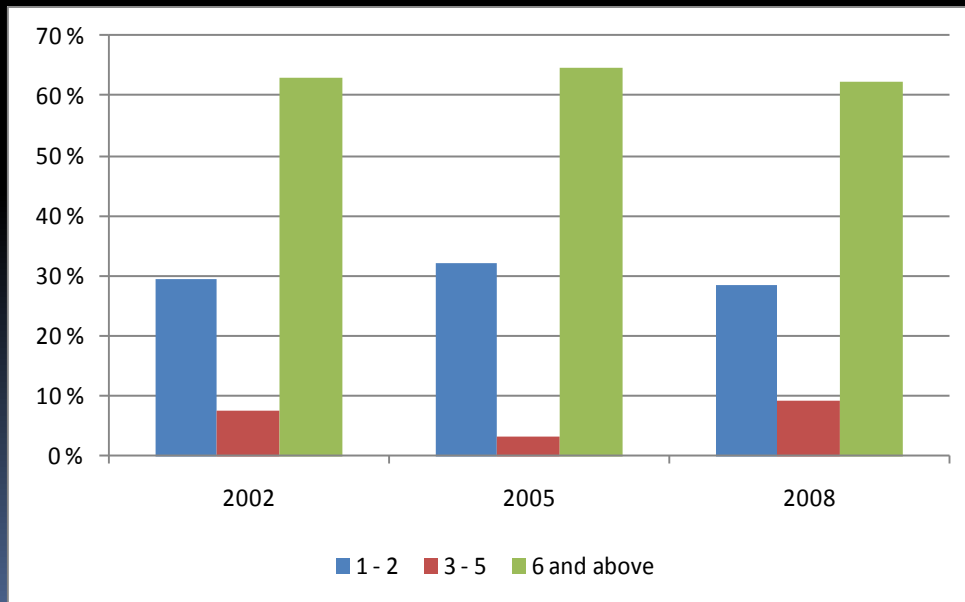
R&D and Innovation Attractiveness II

- Oil: Both product and service innovations are significantly above national averages
- Metal: Decreasing innovation activity over time.



Ownership Attractiveness

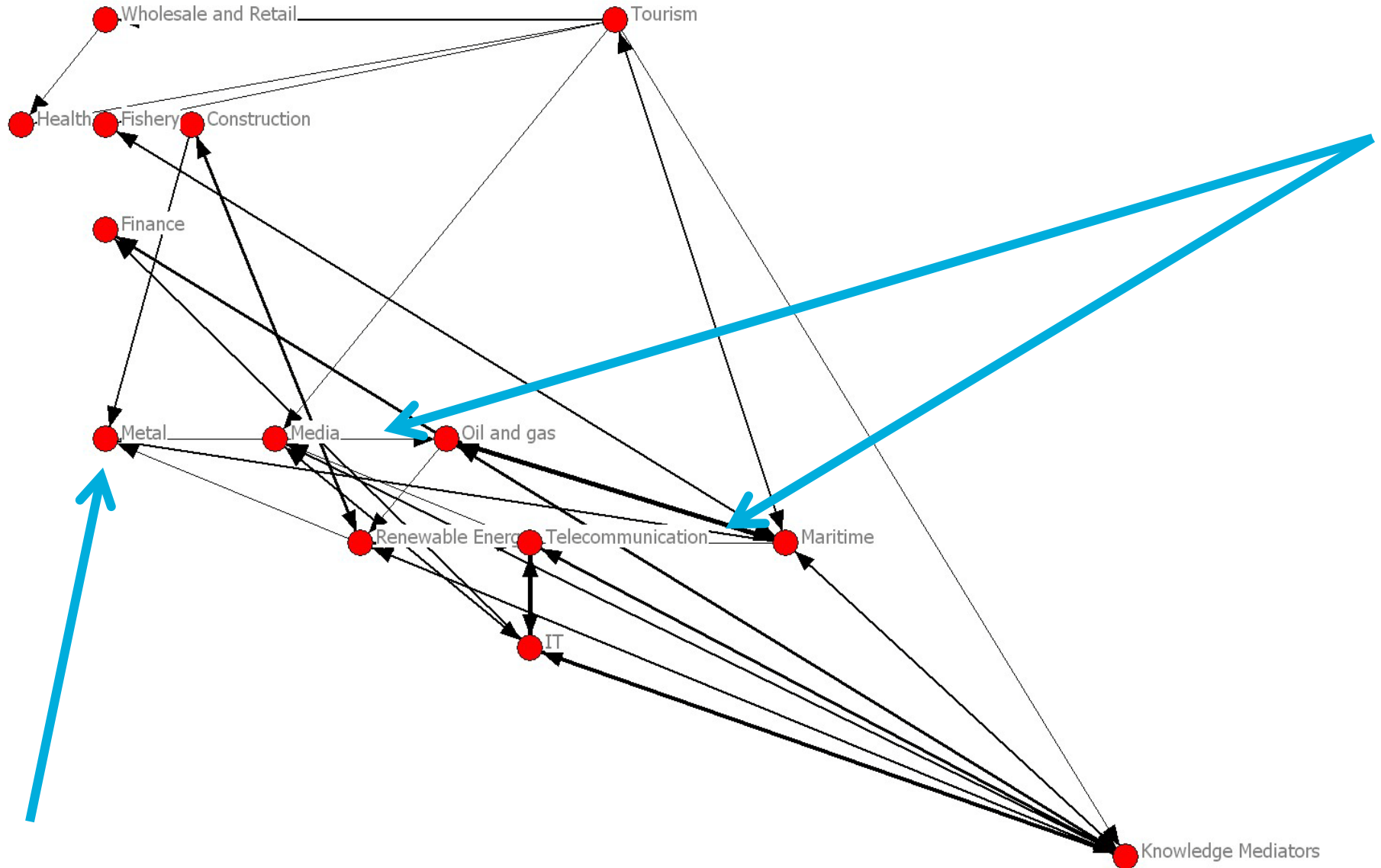
- Oil: Serial owners are technology developers
- Metal: A serial owner. Attractive for foreign portfolio builders.



Knowledge Dynamics

- **Local competition:** Local competitors are of comparatively little significance, with only 17% of firms meeting intense competition locally. Secondary production and tertiary production firms experience high levels of local competition but this is not the source of the toughest competition that they experience.
- **Suppliers:** Metal firms in all sectors perceive their international suppliers as more technologically leading than their national suppliers. This clearly indicates a lack of competitiveness among local and national suppliers to all sectors.
- **Local customers:** They are not the most demanding.
- **Collaborative linkages:** 55% state that R&D institutions are irrelevant in their innovative product developments. This percentage is much higher than in the oil industry (38%) or the health industry (32%).
- **Intra-industry labor spillovers:** Non-existent

Parts of the metal industry are not isolated within the Norwegian economy.



Competence development

- The metal industry as a whole does not distinguish itself in terms of high investments in intra-firm competence development relative to other industries. Its distribution is similar to that seen in other labor-intensive industries. It differs from investments made in more knowledge-intensive industries.

