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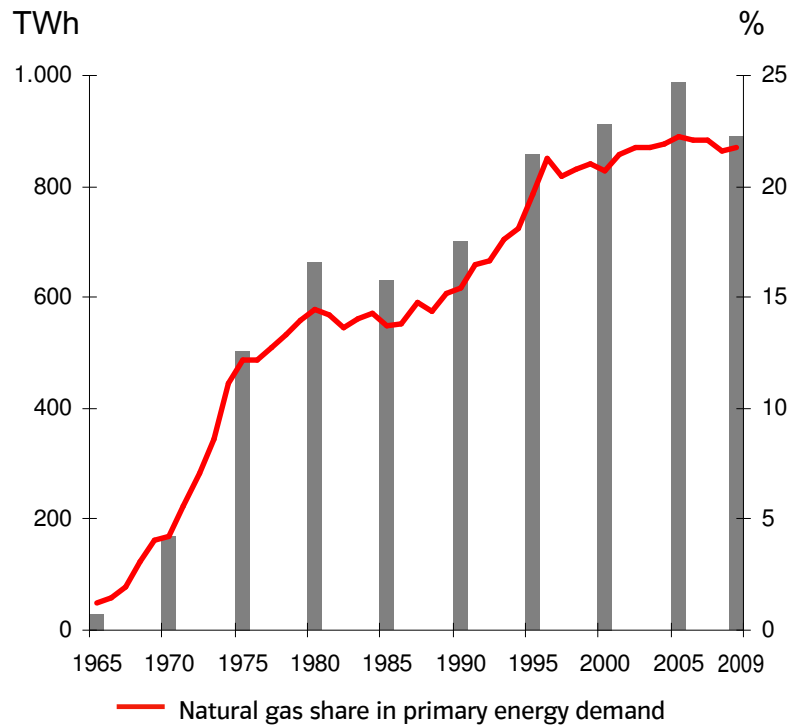
**Managing market uncertainties –  
what gas managers can rely on**

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# The rise of gas in Germany: an unprecedented success story

## Gas demand in Germany



## Gas sectors and competing energies



Households



Gasoil



Industry



Fuel oil

## Gas-to-power: the 'dash for gas' has not (yet) materialised

### Highly efficient technology available



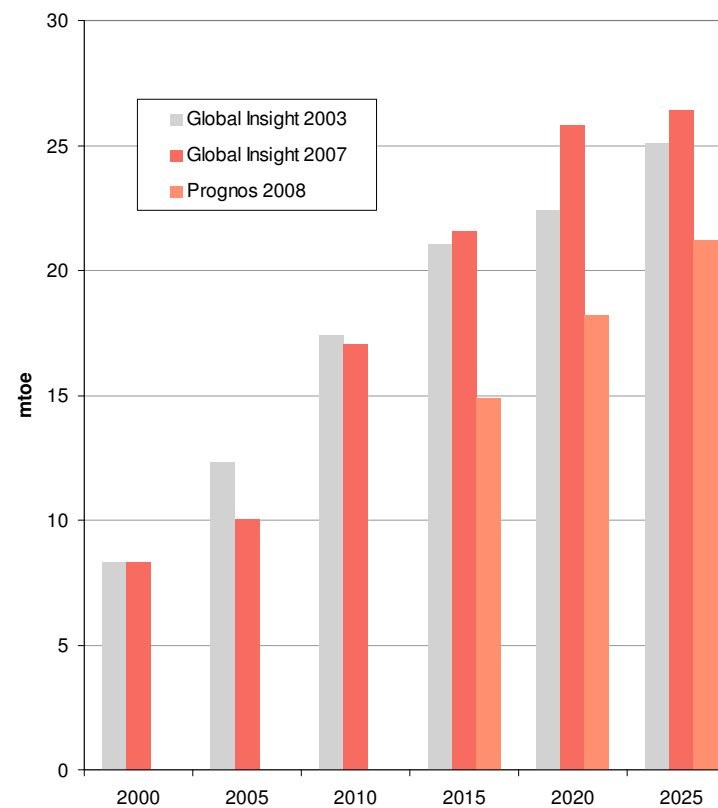
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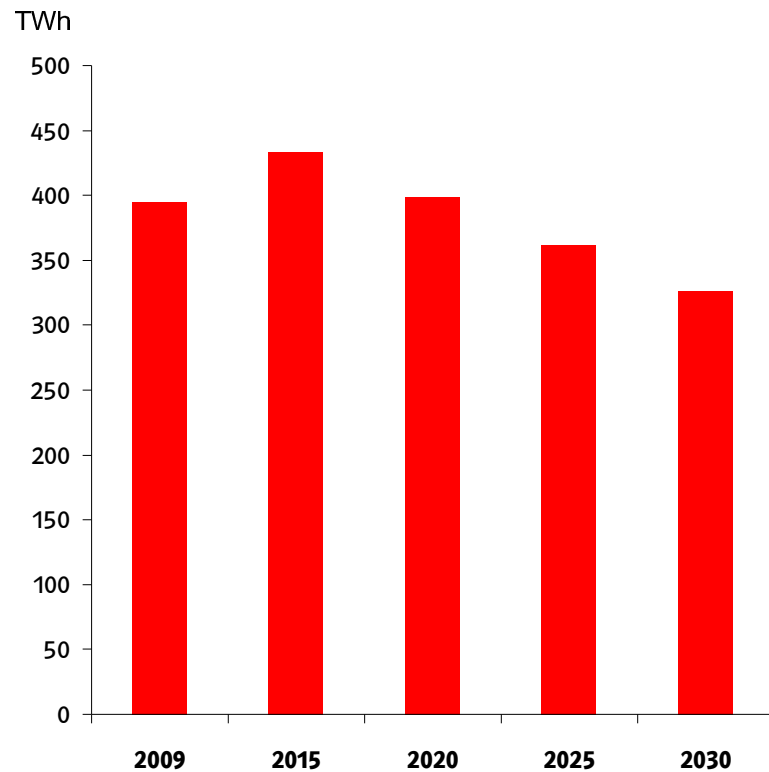
- Combined Cycle Gas Turbine
- Energy efficiency ~60%

### Demand projections gas-to-power in Germany



## Future demand: decline, uncertainty and 'wild cards'

### Declining demand heating sector (GER)



Source: Prognos

### Uncertainty and ...



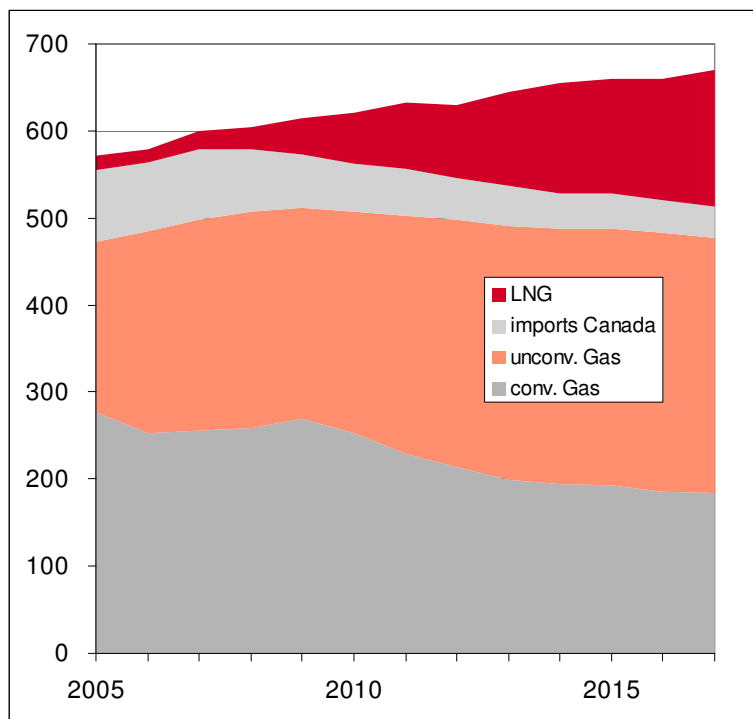
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### ... 'wild cards'

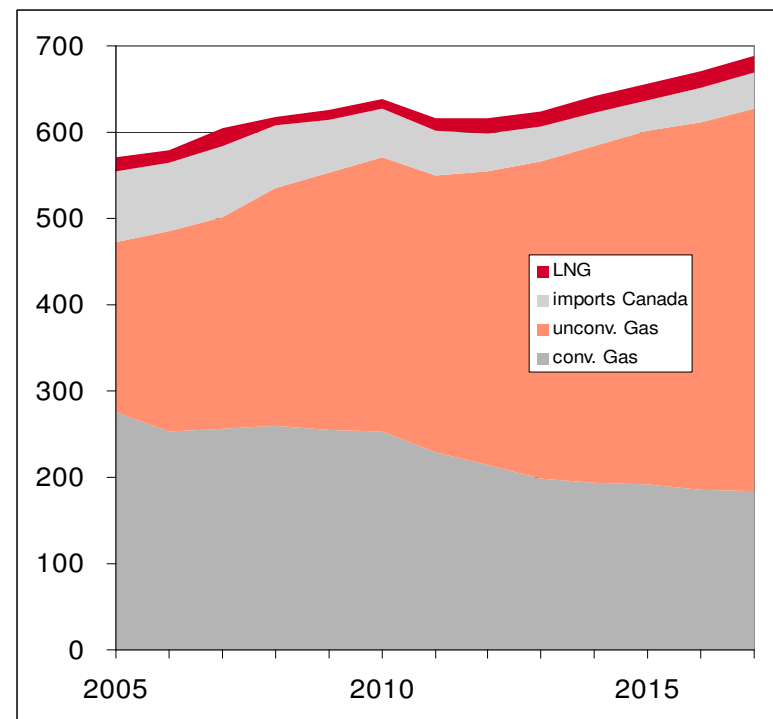


## Changing the supply game: US unconventional gas 'revolution' diverts LNG to Europe

**US forecasts February 2008**



**US forecasts August 2010**



Source: EIA

## Shtokman et cetera: will they ever be developed?

### Huge supply projects

- Yamal/Bovanenko
- Caspian region/Shah Deniz
- 4th corridor/Nabucco
- Barents Sea/Shtokman

### Production regions



## At least one 'certainty': liberalisation moves on unshakeable

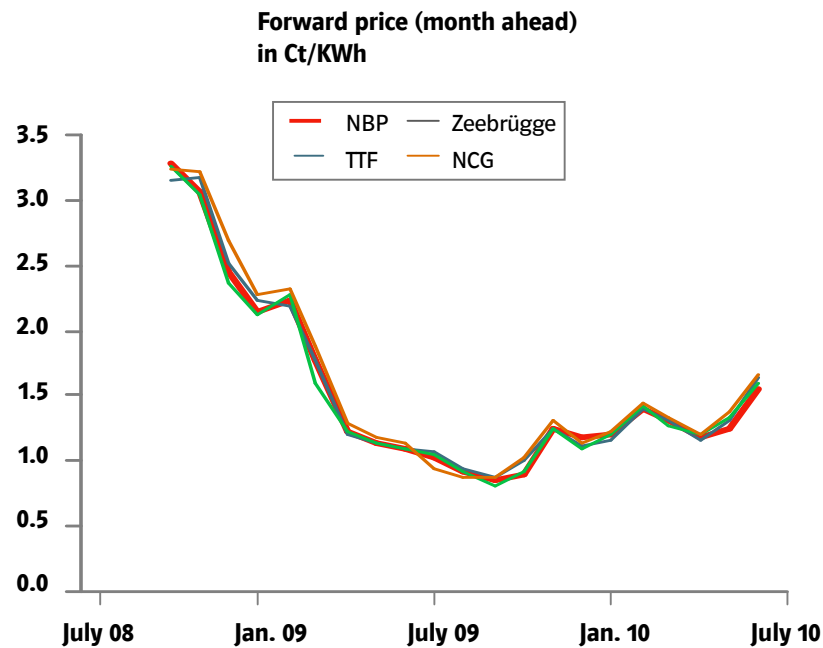
### Change of market framework

- EU and national legislation (e. g. 3rd energy package)
- Abolition of destination clauses
- Unbundling rules
- TPA for gas infrastructure
- Capacity allocation and congestion management rules
- Commitments of EU gas-importing companies regarding release of entry capacities
- Limitation of long-term sales contracts
- Reduction of TSO market areas in Germany

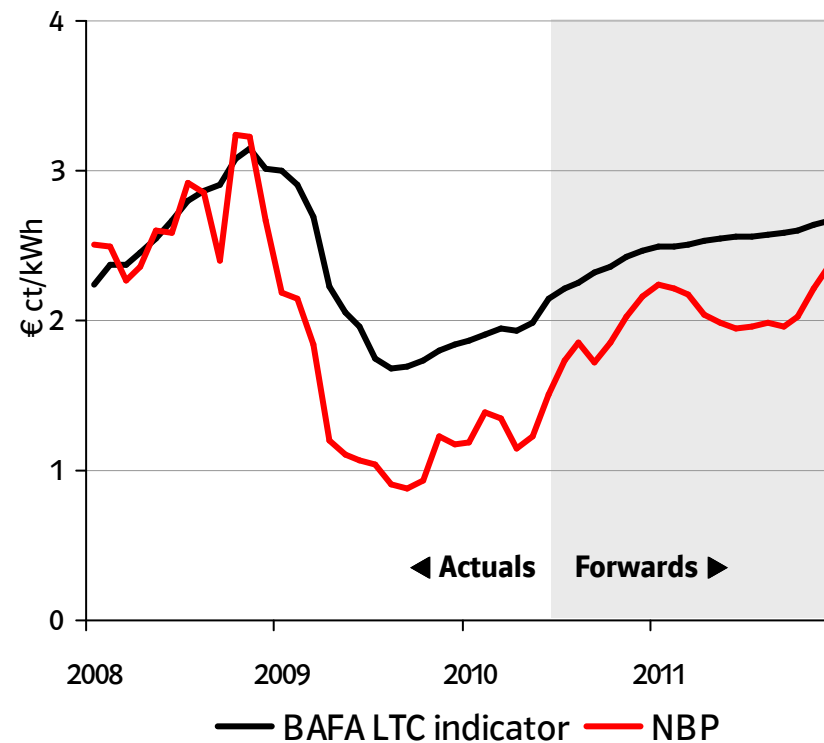


## Liberalisation takes its toll: hub prices converge and put long-term contracts (LTCs) 'out of the money'

### Recent hub price development



### Gas prices in NW Europe



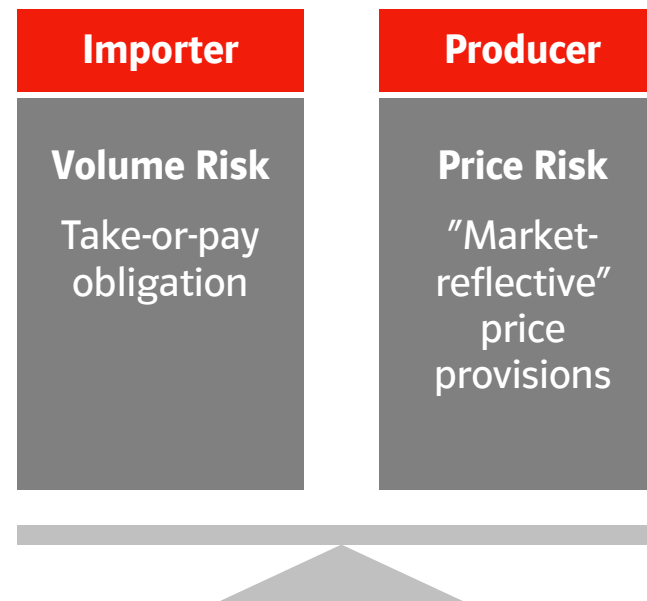
Source: E.ON Ruhrgas

## The 're-engineering'-challenge: making traditional LTCs fit for the future

### Main LTC characteristics

- Support of long-term investments in supply chain (upstream, transportation)
- Duration is typically around 25-30 years
- Volume flexibility defined by corridor with maximum and minimum take limitations
- Price indexation based on competing fuels (e.g. oil products, coal)
- Entitlement to periodic renegotiation to adapt pricing and overall contract situation to market developments (price review)

### Traditional LTC (risk-sharing) business model



## Still a case for LTCs: traditional division of labour remains mutually beneficial

### Security of Supply



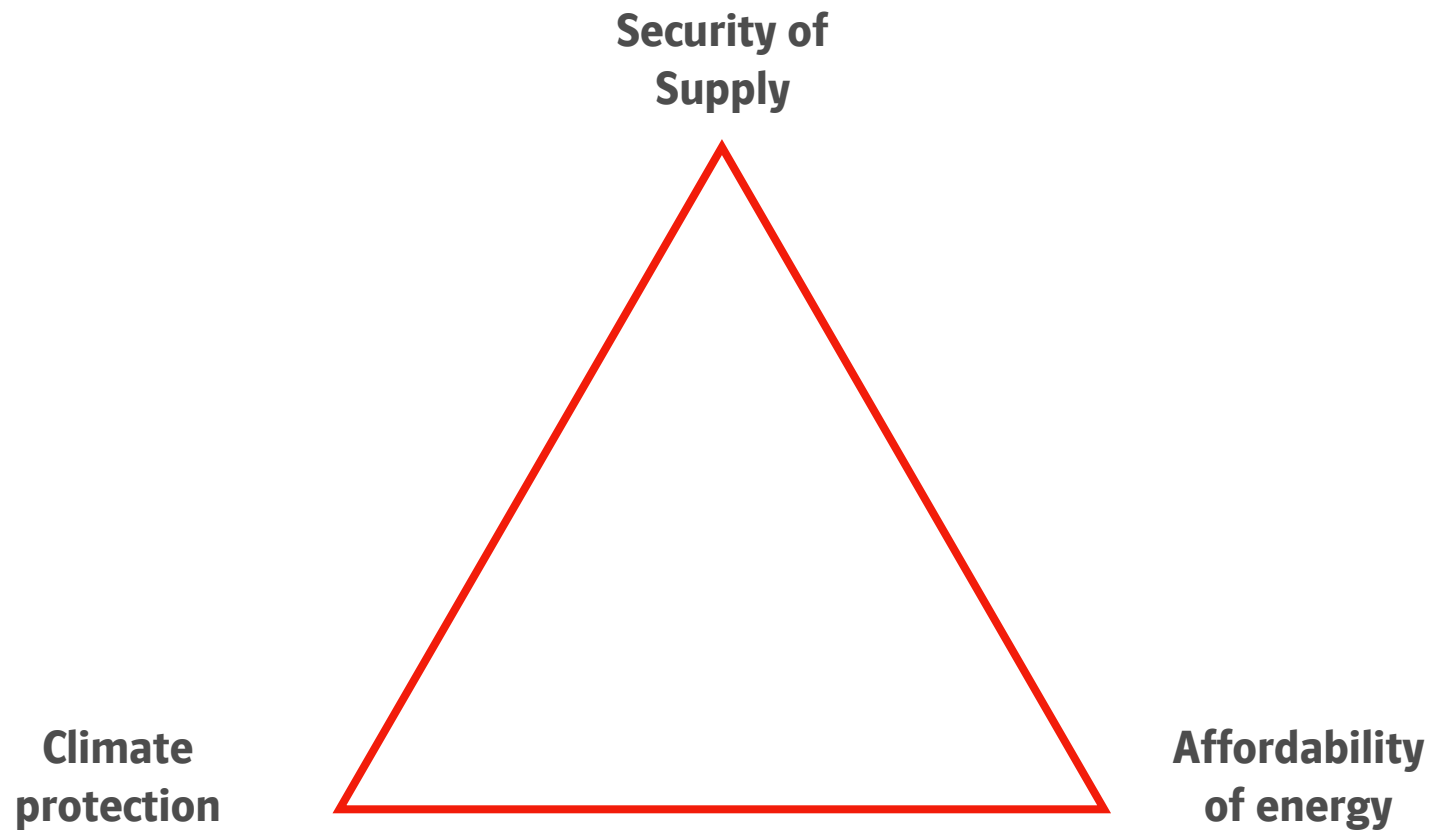
- Constant exploration undertakings
- Flexible production activities
- International pipeline and LNG transports

### Security of Demand



- Active midstream and downstream marketing
- E.ON is one of the largest operators of gas-fired power plants in Europe, bringing on stream 5,200 MW in 2010/11
- Development of new markets for natural gas (micro CHP, gas mobility)

## Mastering the Energy Trilemma – will the market do the job?



## An uncertain future: natural gas deserves better

- ▶ **Cleanest fossil fuel**
- ▶ **Long strategic reach**
- ▶ **'Crowding out potential' still significant**
- ▶ **However, the challenges remain:  
Import dependence, huge investments, long lead times**
- ▶ **Regulatory framework must address these challenges**



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