Gas Market Outlook

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The current picture A global oversupply



Gas oversupply

Short and long-term consequences...

2009-10 – Fundamentals

- Demand is falling
- Available supplies increasing
- Spot prices twice as low as oillinked gas prices

Short-term consequences



- Difficulty to respect TOP
- Decoupling between gas and oil prices?



Long-term consequences

- What is the role of gas in the energy mix?
- Where should companies invest?
- Gas glut or supply crunch?



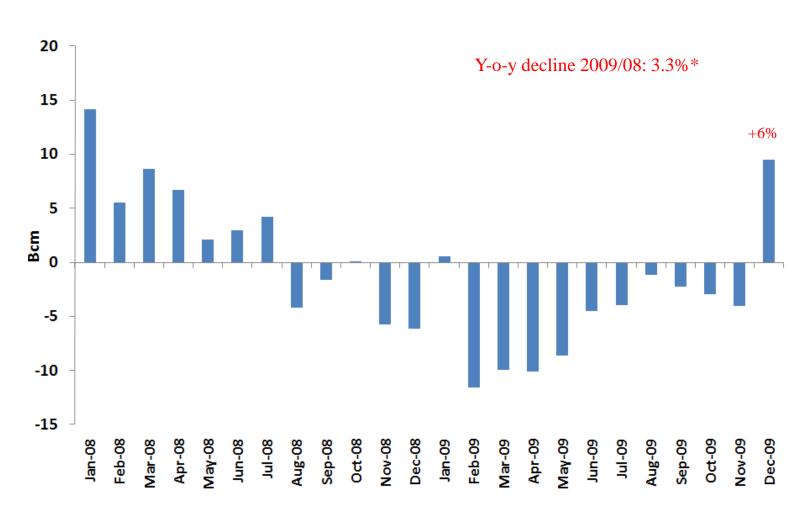
Gas demand highlights

- World gas demand is expected to decline by 3-4% in 2009
- OECD Europe is the most affected among OECD regions
 - In OECD Europe, demand has declined in the industrial sector and in the power generation as gas-fired plants are at the margin
 - In the US, industrial gas use collapsed but use in the power generation sector actually increased due to low gas prices
 - In OECD Pacific, demand has been increasing over the past months
- Non-OECD countries show a contrasted picture
 - Major economies (Russia) have seen their demand declining
 - But some notable exceptions: India, China, MENA
- Demand is expected to recover in the medium term
 - Driven by the power generation sector
 - Incremental demand over 2007-15 will come from non-OECD countries



OECD Gas Demand

Some green shots?



Source: IEA, Monthly Gas Data, *Preliminary data



Gas demand for power generators

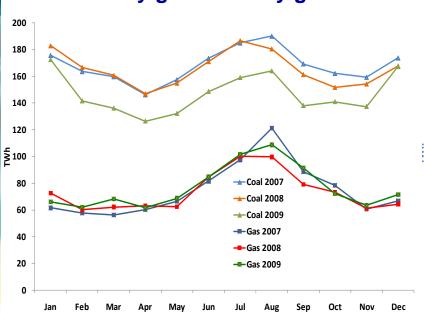
The US picture

- Electricity demand declines
- Coal-fired plants displaced by gas fired plants

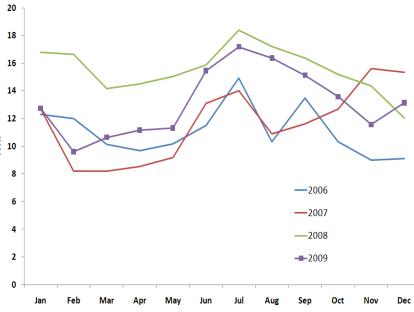
The European picture

- Electricity demand declines
- Gas-fired plants at the margin, dispatched after nuclear, wind

US: electricity generated by gas vs. coal



Spain: gas demand in power sector



Source: EIA Source: cores



Gas supply highlights

- OECD Production has been stable in 2009
 - -0.2% (+3% in 2008)
 - Production increased in North America and Pacific
 - But declined in Europe (except Norway)
- Non-OECD gas production more affected by the crisis
 - Russian production declined by 12% to 582 bcm
 - Turkmen production dropped significantly
 - Production increased in Qatar, India; Yemen started producing
- Two major changes
 - The unconventional gas revolution in the US
 - The massive expansion of liquefaction capacity over 2008-13
- Global surplus expected for the upcoming years

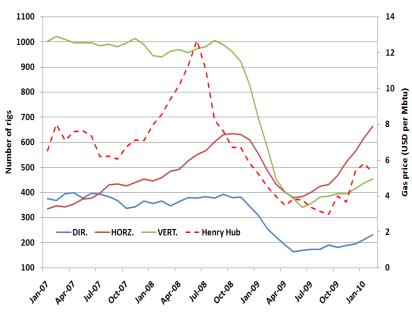


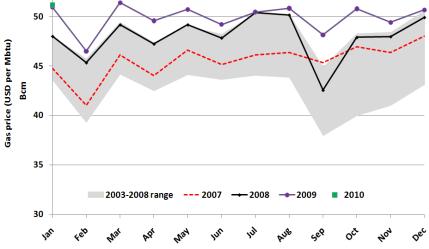
Unconventional gas revolution

Still going on...

Number of rigs vs. HH prices

US production: +24 bcm in 2009





Source: IEA, Baker Hughes

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LNG Markets

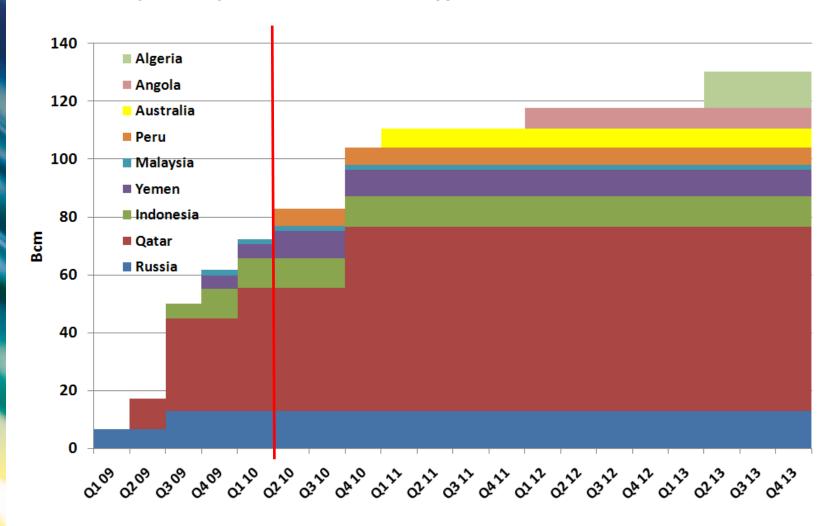
A look back at 2009, what to expect for 2010

- Problems are now common in new and existing liquefaction plants
- There was little growth of LNG trade in 2008 and during the first half of 2009
 - Output has been improving only during the second half of 2009
- LNG imports a contrasted picture
 - LNG imports in Japan and Korea declined by 7 and 9% respectively
 - UK imports increased by more than 10
 - US LNG imports increased by 30% to 13 bcm
 - China LNG imports increased by 66% to 7.5 bcm
 - New players are appearing: Kuwait, Canada
- The year 2010 will see the actual ramp up of production
 - All facilities will progressively increase output
 - Peru and further Qatari plants expected to start



Significant expansion of LNG capacity

But many delays or technical difficulties



Source: IEA, NGMR 09



The long-term view How long will it last?

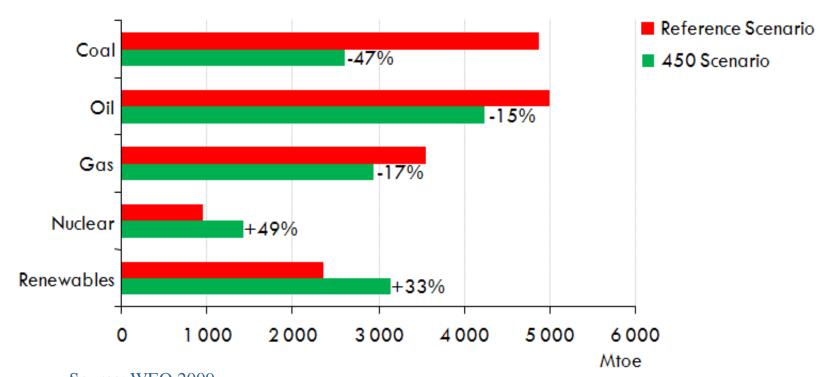


Long-term gas demand outlook

- Gas demand is growing in any scenario (WEO 2009)
 - 41% in the reference scenario
 - 17% in the 450 scenario
- Most of the growth comes from non-OECD countries
 - China and India show the most impressive growth rates
 - Middle East has the largest incremental growth
 - OECD Europe gas demand would grow only by 0.8%/y over 2007-30
- Demand is expected to slowly in the medium term
 - Limited growth in OECD countries: back to 2007's levels by 2014-15
 - Non-OECD countries gas demand grows by over 300 bcm between 2007 and 2030
- But many uncertainties
 - Economic recovery
 - Gas demand from power generators

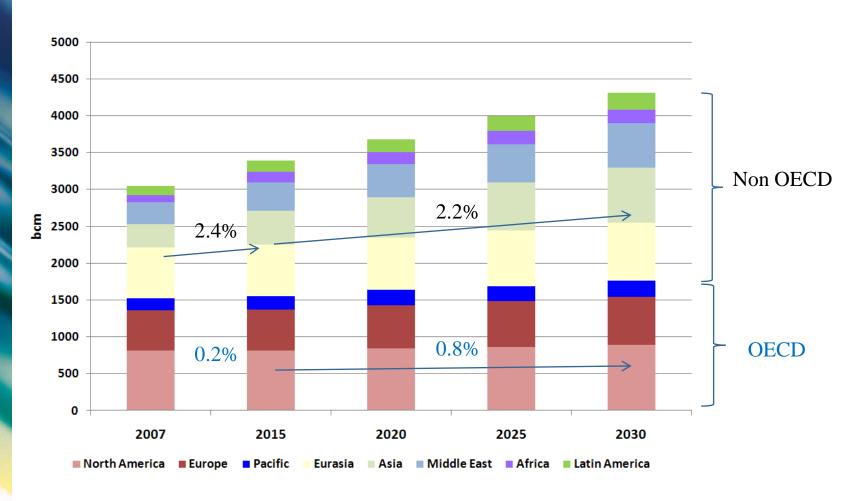


World primary energy demand by fuel and scenario in 2030





Different regional gas demand trends



Source: WEO 2009



Long-term outlook

Focus on the EU27

Gas demand grows very modestly (at best)

- 0.7%/y over 2007-30 in the Reference scenario (619 bcm by 2030)
- -0.1%:y over 2007-30 in the 450 scenario (509 bcm by 2030)
- But imports would increase in any case

Demand would only come back to 2007's levels by 2014-15

And even later in the 450 scenario

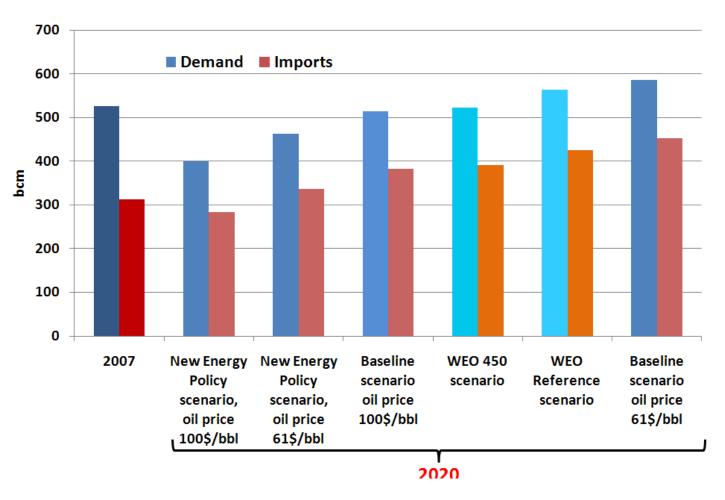
Two main uncertainties

- Economic growth: will European industrial sector ever recover?
- The 20:20 targets: what is the role of gas in the power generation sector?
 - Most of the planned power plants projects are CCGTs



EU27 gas demand and imports by 2020

Wide disparities between forecasts



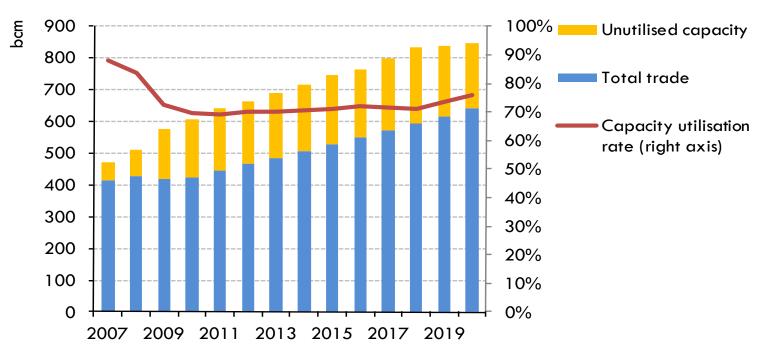
Source: WEO 2009, EU Second Strategic Energy Review



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The impact on infrastructure use

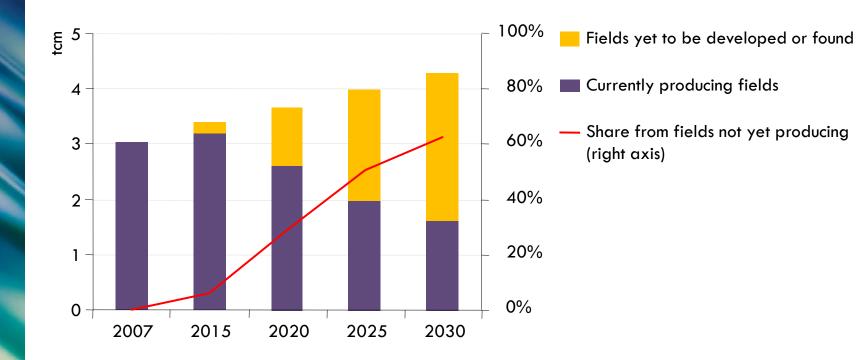
Use of interregional transport capacity (LHS)



- Surplus of 200-250 bcm versus 60 bcm in 2007 (which was tight)
- But strong regional differences
- Pipelines less flexible, likely to be more affected
- And some "surplus" capacity is also desirable for security of supply reasons



But investments in the upstream sector would still be needed



Additional capacity of around 2 700 bcm, or 4 times current Russian capacity, is needed by 2030 – half to offset decline at existing fields & half to meet the increase in demand



Can the US success story be reproduced elsewhere?

- The potential of unconventional resources is still poorly mapped and quantified
 - Even in the United States
 - Difficulty to apply the same methodology as for conventional gas
 - Uncertainties on how much of this gas is actually recoverable?
- Some key success factors
 - Identification of the location and potential of the best areas
 - Rapid leasing of large prospective areas
 - Availability of rigs and of engineers
 - Acceptance by local communities
 - Resolution of environmental issues (water management)
 - Possibility to link to existing pipeline infrastructure

Once some potential has been identified, population support and respect of environmental regulations will be key



Thank you for your attention