Russian Gas Supplies to Europe

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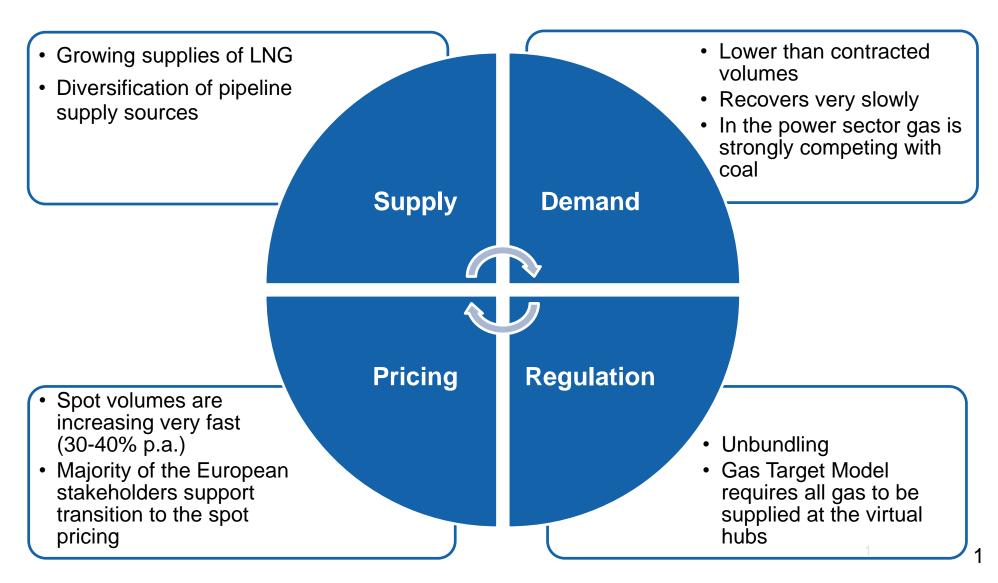
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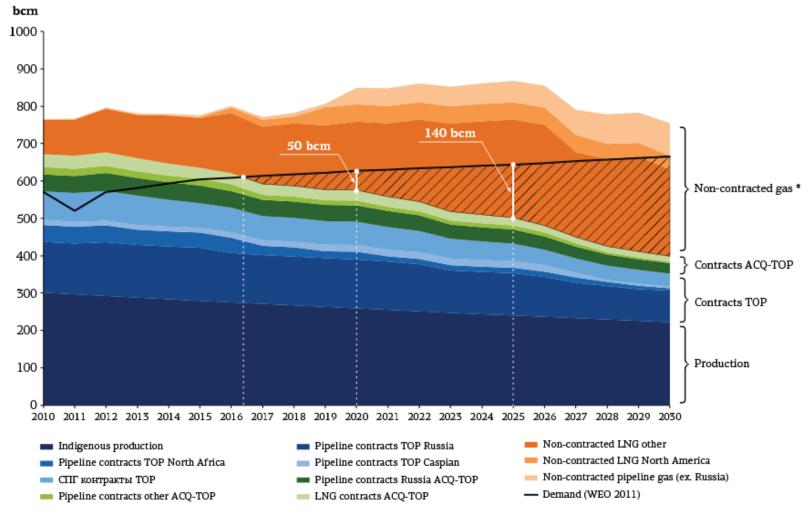




Situation on the European gas market does not favor Russian exports

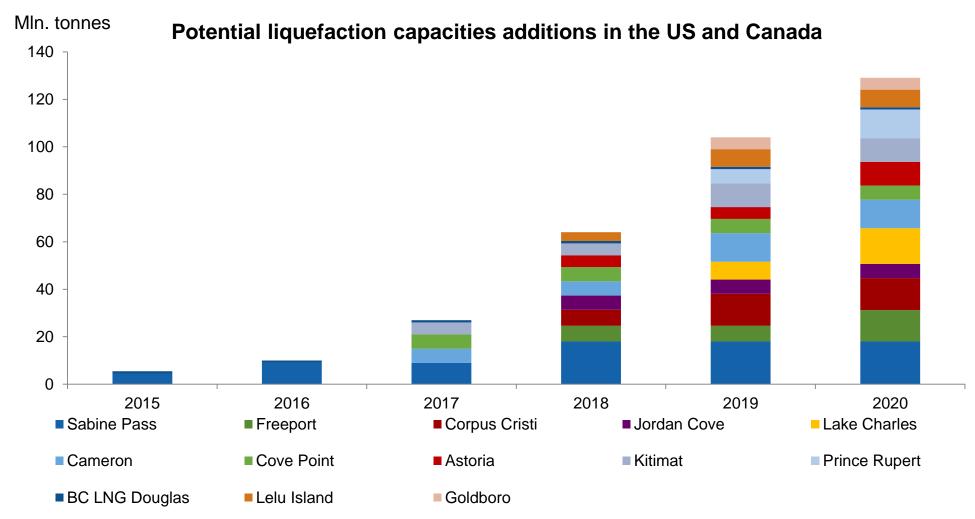


Market niche in Europe: strong competition in the future

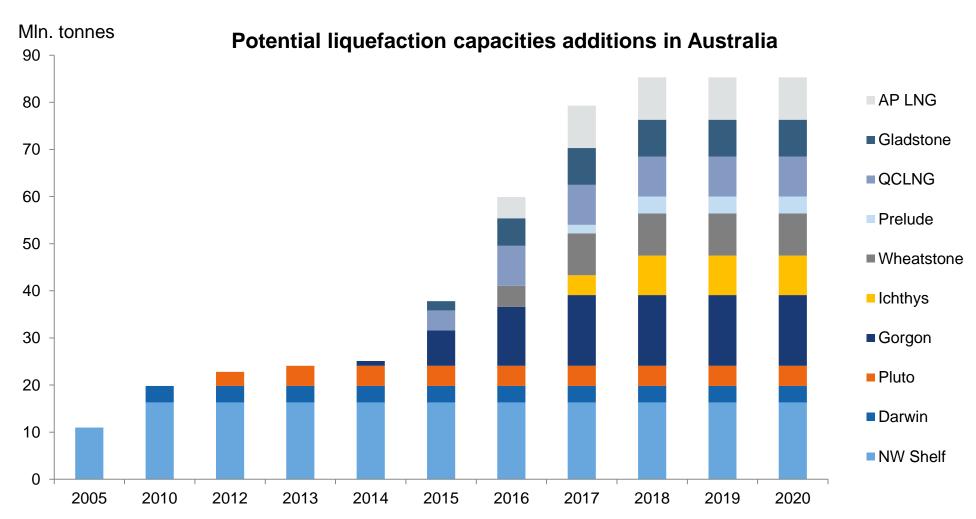


^{*} with supply cost below \$9/MBtu

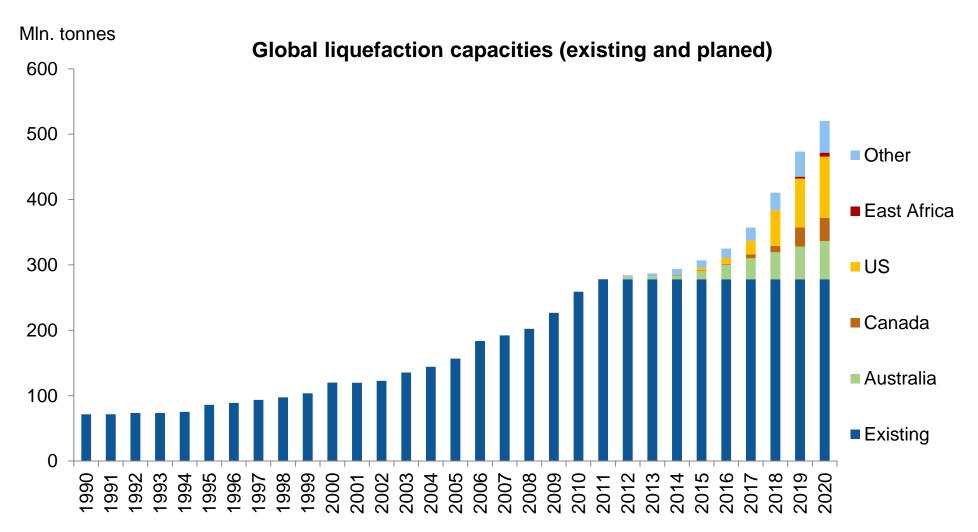
We don't know the future US (and Canadian) LNG export volumes



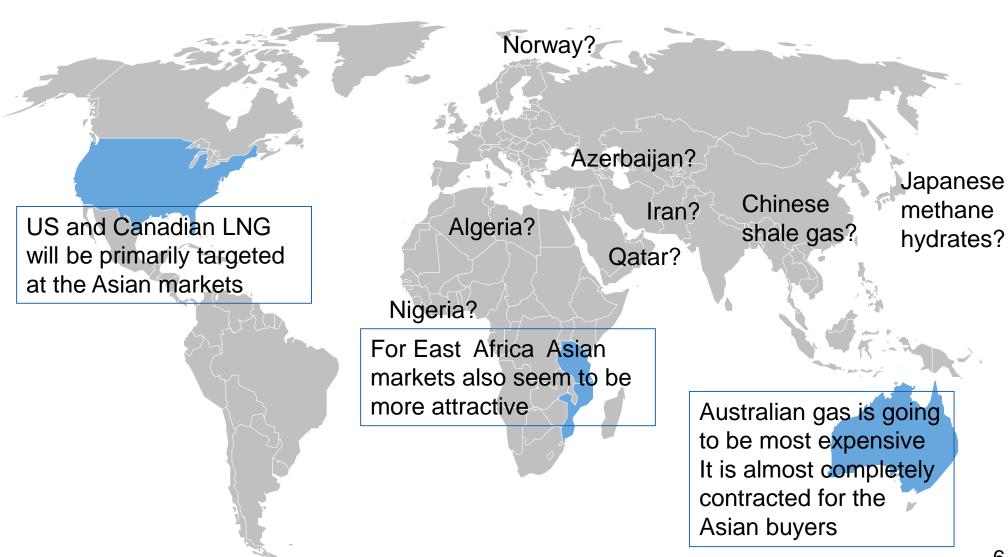
New projects will make Australia LNG producer #1 by 2018



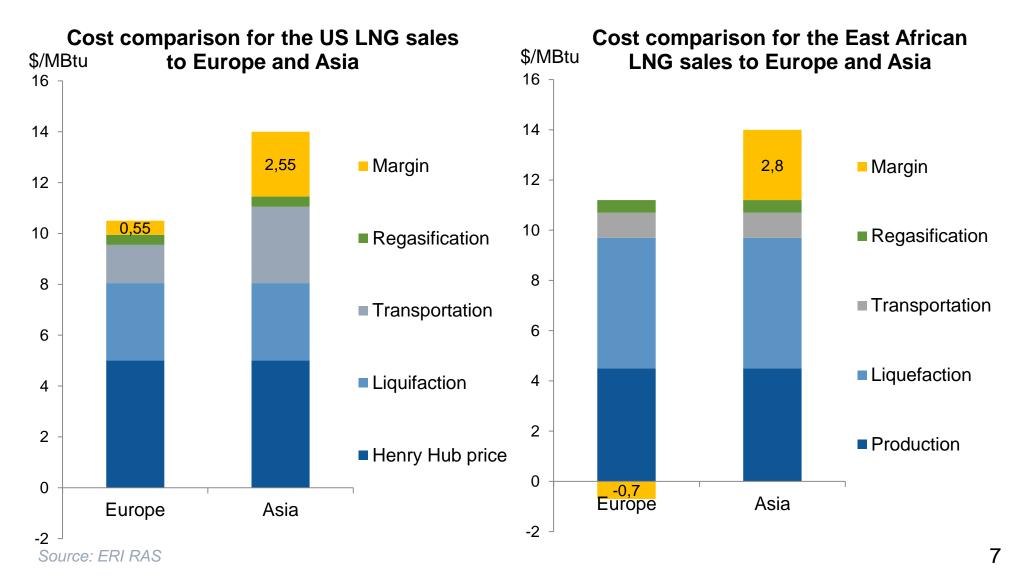
Global LNG supply is expected to boom during the next decade



Devil is in the details: new additional gas to Europe - where will it come from?



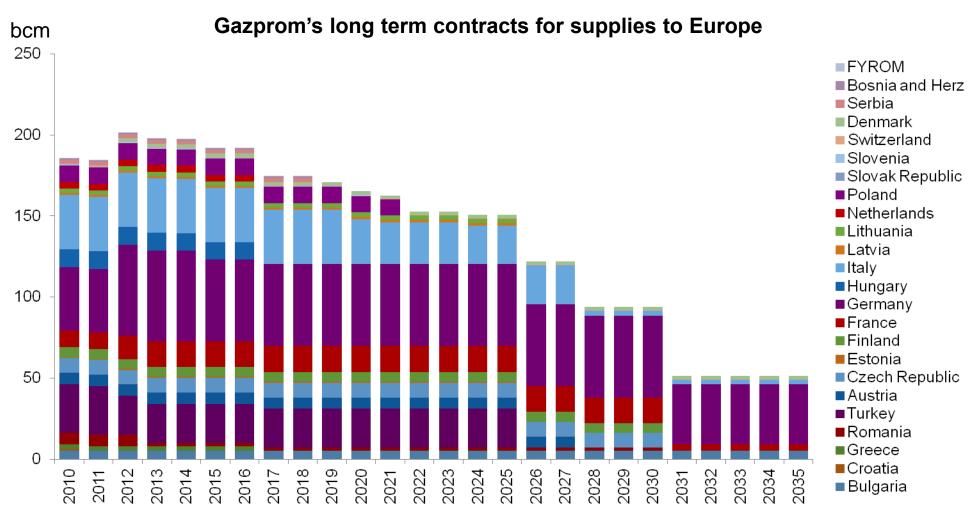
Both for the North American and for East African LNG Asia seems to be much more attractive market



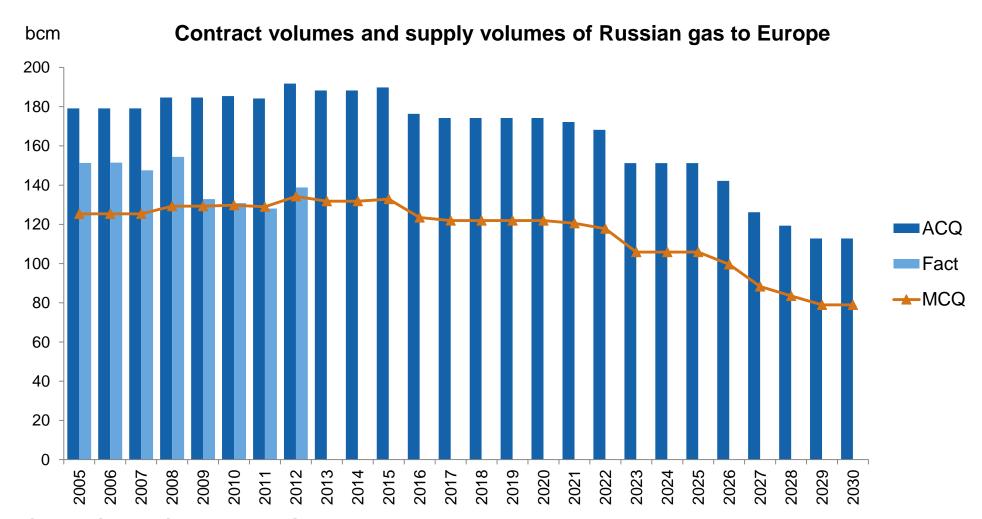
Evolution of the Russian gas export strategy: what will be the Russian response?

Miller's team **Traditional Anti-crises ???** strategy strategy strategy 2013-2020 1990-2002 2002-2008 2009-2013 Volume maximization, Price maximization and Minimal price Most probably price adjustments acceptable maximization Price damping volume growth for the consumers (price maximization in the new conditions), stagnating volumes One target market – One target market – Attempts to diversify Europe Europe markets (Asia) Only pipeline gas Only pipeline gas Strong desire to develop LNG

Gazprom has a huge portfolio of oil-linked long term contracts for supplies to Europe for the next 25 years and longer



Existing long-term contracts guarantee stable sales volumes for Russia until at least 2022



Sources: Cedigaz, Gazprom, ERI RAS.

Arguments: oil indexation vs. gas indexation

Oil indexation

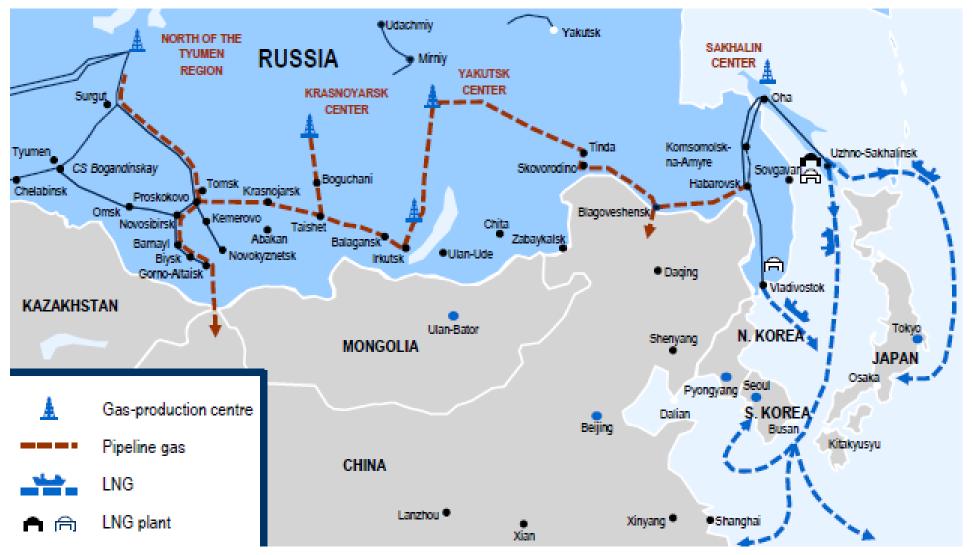
- Disappearing gas glut on the European gas market in the medium term – gap between oil-indexed and spot prices will narrow
- Arbitration lasts for several years
- Gazprom will face price reopening and contract expiration only after 2015
- With high oil prices even lower sales volumes are providing high revenue
- New projects need high prices
- Oil indexation is needed for the project financing

Spot indexation

- Strong pressure from the customer side
- Gazprom could demand financial compensation for contract review + 3rd Package exemption for the South Stream and NEL + transitional period for price adjustments + European-level financial support for its mega-projects (like EBRD and other European financial institutions)
- Gazprom could become a dominant player dictating prices at the spot market by changing its supply volumes

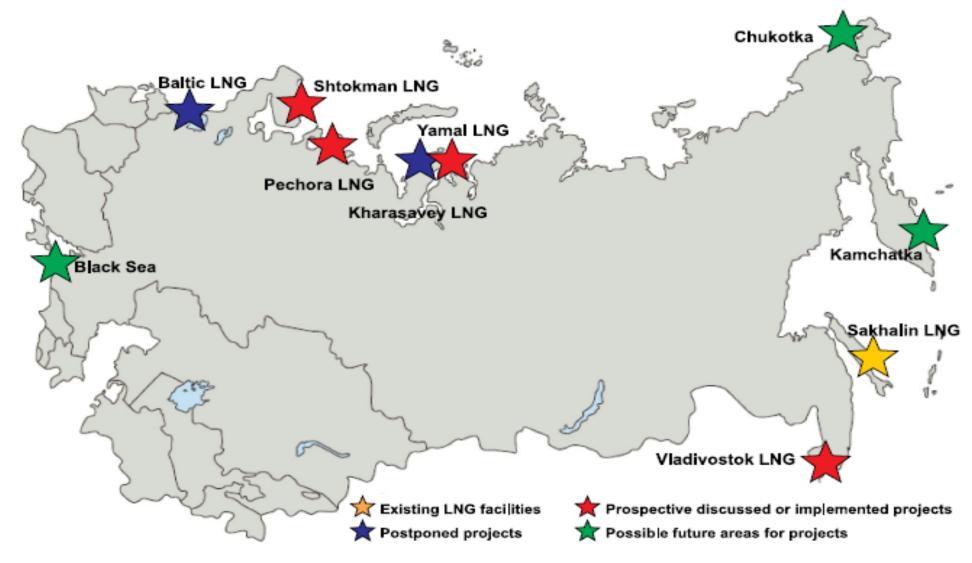
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Eastern Gas Program: from discussion to the real investments

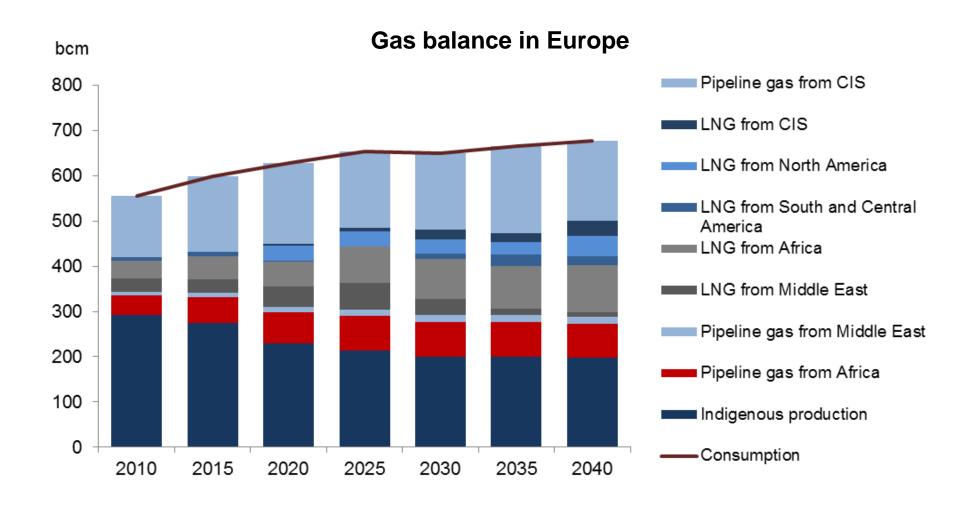


Sources: Gazprom 12

Russian LNG projects: challenges and increasing competition

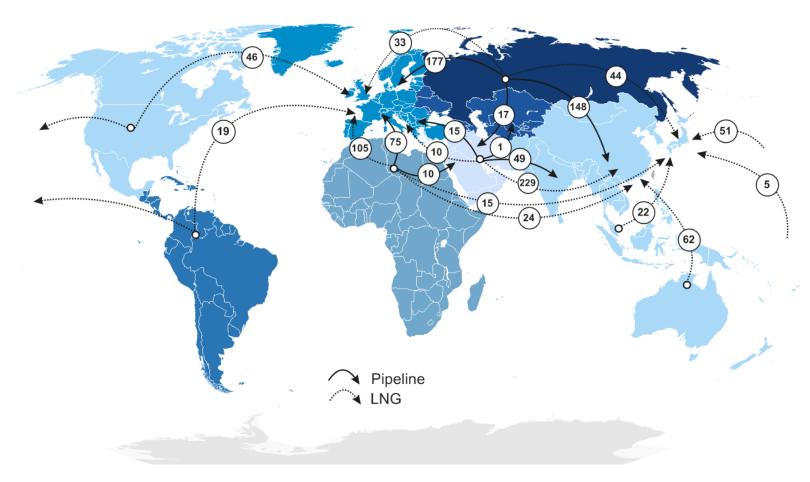


European gas market: in the long term all suppliers will be needed to feel the gap



In the long term Europe will have to compete with Asia for gas supplies

Inter-regional gas trade in 2040, bcm



Conclusion: Russian response

- » Russia is for the first time facing demand constraints on its export markets
- » European policy and market situation create no incentives to invest in additional gas supplies to Europe
- » There are strong commercial reasons for Gazprom to protect the oil indexation at least during the next 3 years, and there is strong political will to protect oil linkage
- » Russia will have to market more expensive gas from the new projects, revenue maximization seems to be more attractive
- » Russian gas export policy response so far includes three pillars:
 - Price reviews with minor adjustments (remaining oil indexation as a basis)
 - Eastern development
 - LNG
- » Discussion on gas exports liberalization might be only for special cases and only under very strict control of the State

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