#### World Gas Markets

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### Outline

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## Sources

- International Energy Agency (IEA) World Energy Outlook (WEO), 2015
- (US) Energy Information Agency (EIA): International Energy Outlook (IEO) 2015
- BP Statistical Review of World Energy June 2015

### IEA, 2015

#### Figure 2.1 World primary energy demand and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by scenario



## Gas is a major World Energy Input

Especially for electricity generation



## BP, 2015

Yom Kippur war

#### Crude oil prices 1861-2014

US dollars per barrel World events

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					Growth of Venezuelan production			Loss of Iranian supplies					Netback pricing introduced			Asian financial crisis					
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#### More Gas Reserves than Oil

#### Figure 2.13 Lifetimes of fossil-fuel and uranium resources\*



Source: IEA, 2014

#### Primary Energy Use by Region in IEA (2014) New Policies Scenario



#### **IEA – example Impact of policy scenarios**





#### Figure 2.2 > Fuel shares in world primary energy demand in the New Policies Scenario

#### Gas – some important properties

#### 1. Physical:

- Gas is less easy to transport & has less energy density than oil
- Gas is mainly CH4: a clean fuel (low C, S, NOx, particulates, etc) and easier to clean than oil & coal
- Gas easier to store than electricity, but less so than oil or coal
- Often a by-product off Oil E&P ('Rats, I found gas')

#### 2. Geophysical:

- Gas resources are (were) more concentrated in limited regions than oil

- There are more years of global gas reserves than oil reserves

#### 3. Economic:

- Gas markets function both like a network industry (eg electricity) as a 'natural resource' industry (eg oil)

- More likelihood of 'stranded gas' than 'stranded oil'

- Some major 'game changers' over recent decade & future = role of gas has been coming more important again ('Golden Age of Gas'?)

#### Where/how do we find gas

Schematic geology of natural gas resources







### Gas Markets

#### Network industry:

- Essential facility
- Economies of scale
- Monopoly characteristics
- Time & quality component (as in electricity)

#### Natural Resource Industry

- Scarcity and non-renewability of resource
- Quality & time dimension
- High cost, high risk E&P (prospectivity, cost, price)
- Boom&bust cycles in prices and investment

## Traditional gas trade

- Problem: high E&P AND high transport costs
- Physical solution:
  - create 'demand ' on location (factory, power gen, residential infrastructure); or
  - export gas by pipeline to other 'stable' market

#### Organisational/financial solution:

- government backing
- long-term contracts with both volume & price components:
  - Take-or-pay
  - Fixed price (or inflation indexed price)
  - Oil-linked price
  - S-curve (oil linked with floor and cap)

## Gas Supply Chain



 Game Changer/Effects Shale Gas Revolution

## Major impact on US-Power Generation; transport next?

Figure 4.9 Percentage change in selected economic and energy indicators in the United States, 2006-2011



Note: MER = market exchange rate.

## US Gas market well integrated

Average Spot Gas Prices, 2009 (\$MMBtu)



#### IEA, Nov 2014





Notes: MBtu 
million British thermal units. Average import prices are shown for Japan and Europe; the wholesale price is shown for the United States.

### EIA, 2015

Figure ES2. Average Henry Hub spot prices for

natural gas in four cases, 2005-40 (2013 dollars per

#### Figure ES1. North Sea Brent crude oil spot prices in four cases, 2005-40 (2013 dollars per barrel)



### EIA, 2015

Figure ES4. Net crude oil and petroleum product imports as a percentage of U.S. product supplied in four cases, 2005-40 (percent)



#### Figure ES5. U.S. total net natural gas imports in four cases, 2005-40 (trillion cubic feet)



### **Replacing LNG-imports**



#### But: Investment & Drilling respond to economics of gas & (tight) Oil in USA



## U.S. mining and exploration investment declined 35% in 2015



# Also potential in other countries but less

Figure 4.5 ▷ Unconventional gas production in leading countries in the New Policies Scenario, 2035



## Game changer 2: LNG







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Note: Trade volumes less than 5bcm are not shown.

#### BP, 2015

#### Major trade movements 2014 Trade flows worldwide (billion cubic metres)



Many regional gas markets still largely long-term contract, but LNG-sport trading will equalize/integrate markets in due time

World LNG Estimated March 2011 Landed Prices





#### Prices \$/Mmbtu





#### U.S. natural gas prices remain well below crude oil prices



Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2014 Early Release

#### Figure 1.4 Coal price relative to gas price by region in the New Policies Scenario (in energy equivalent terms)



## Summary

- Gas has low CO2- & other emissions and could be seen as good 'transition fuel'
- Physical & economic properties of gas make less easily tradable
- Gas has seen big game changers
- Reserves have been majorly upgraded (esp USA)
- Not without potential environmental impacts ('fracking debate')
- Not sure whether repeatable in other countries
- Starting to repeat in Shale& Tight Oil (USA)
- Not sure how this will play out in the future:
  - Integrating of gas prices around the world (as with Oil)
  - More & faster responsiveness of gas (&Oil) supply to demand changes due to drilling requirements shale

## Thank you