

Gas Industry in Germany – Situation and Perspectives

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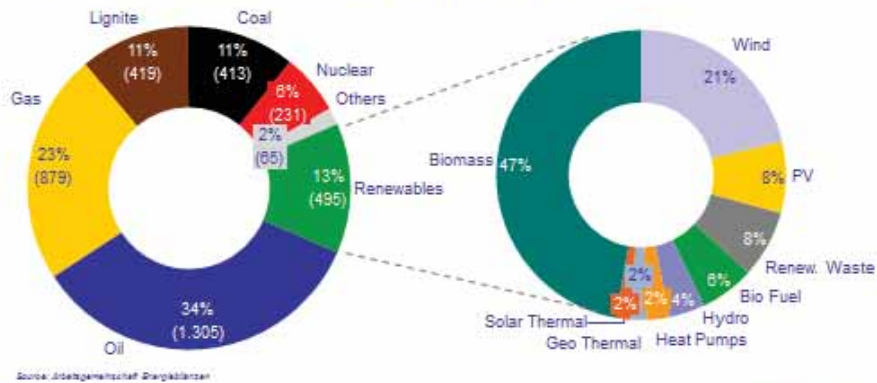
Agenda

- 1 **The current situation**
- 2 Motivation and Goals of the “Energiewende”
- 3 Challenges of the “Energiewende”
- 4 Reaching the goals - Sector coupling & Power-to-Gas
- 5 Summary

Gas plays still an important role in German energy supply and renewables now have a share of 13%

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Primary Energy Consumption in Germany in 2017 (in TWh)



Source: Arbeitsgemeinschaft Energiebilanzen

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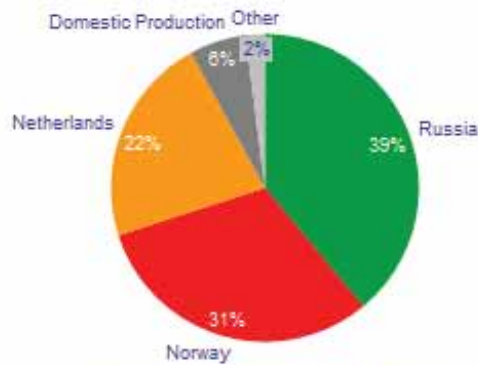
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Primary Energy Consumption in Germany today

- Nuclear power will be shut down soon and is of minor evidence now
- Power generation from coal is in strong political discussion and will at least decrease in the next future.
- Mineral oil consumption is decreasing but is still high especially in the transport sector.
- Renewables have now a share of 13 percent and are strongly growing - mostly biomass, wind and photovoltaics.
 - biomass is a baseload but limited
 - wind and photovoltaics have a big potential but are volatile
- Natural gas consumption is called as a „Bridge Energy“ and will probably increase in the energy mix.

1 For its gas supply Germany relies on four sources. Major entry points into the German market are located in the North West, North East and South East

Gas supply by country of origin in 2016



Total: 1.178 TWh (incl. 250 TWh Export)

Source: Arbeitsgemeinschaft Energiebilanzen & Team Consult Analyse

Gas supply by point of entry



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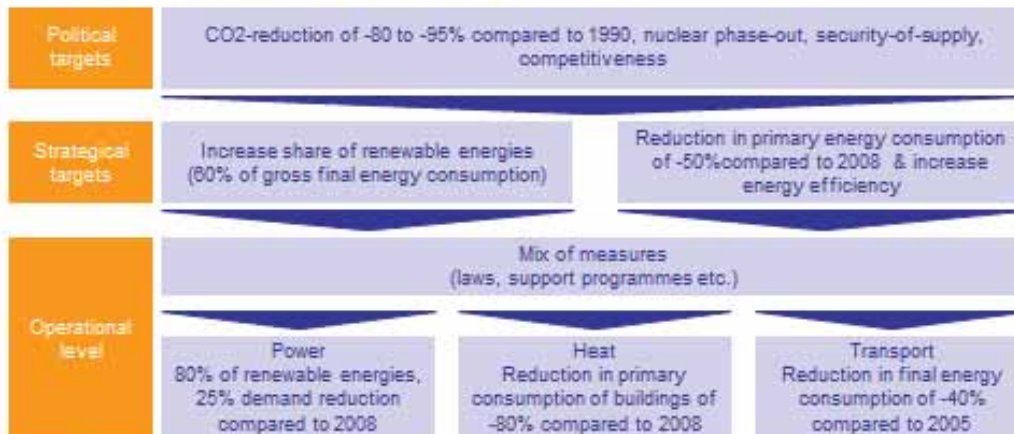
But things may change in the future

- Reducing availability of gas from northern Germany and Netherlands
- Political discussions on pipeline gas from Russia
- LNG may play a more important role in future for diversity and due to pollution advantages

The long-term energy and climate policies set ambitious targets for the German energy system of the future

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Philosophy of the German "Energiewende"



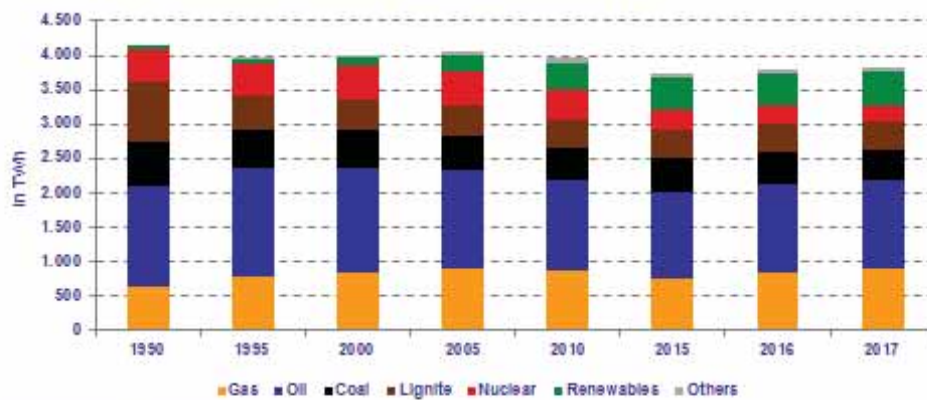
Source: BfW

- Germany started the "Energiewende" in 2010
- Until today the political targets are CO2-reduction of -80 to -95% compared to 1990, nuclear phase-out, but also security-of-supply and competitiveness.
- The strategy is
 1. Increase share of renewable energies (60% of gross final energy consumption)
 2. Reduction in primary energy consumption of -50% compared to 2008 & increase the energy efficiency
- With a mix of measures the overall CO2-reductions in all energy sectors together shall be realized.

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The reality – Primary Energy Consumption was in decline but has increased recently due to economic growth and a growing population

Primary Energy Consumption and development since 1990

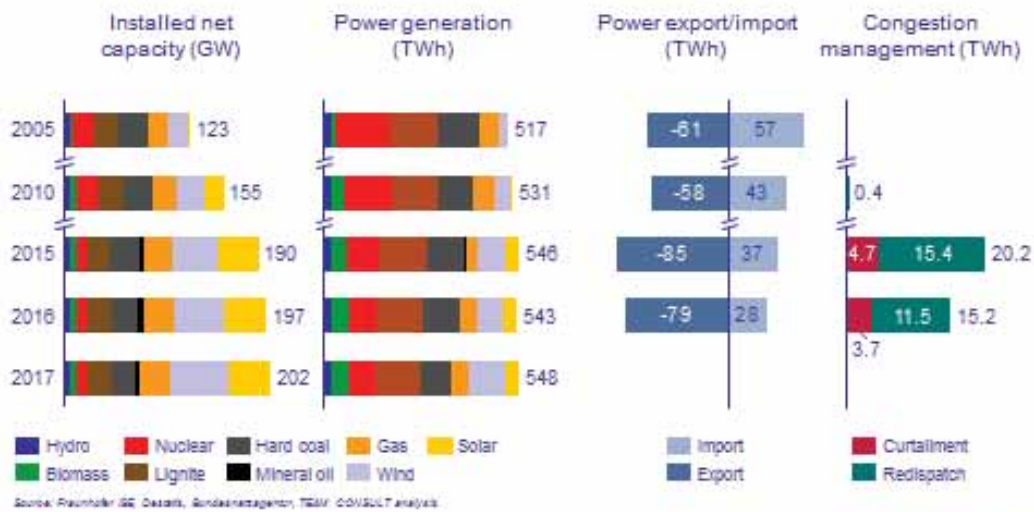


Source: Arbeitsgemeinschaft Energiebilanzen

The recent situation is

- Primary Energy Consumption was in decline in the last ten years but has increased recently due to economic growth and a growing population.
- Renewables are growing whereas nuclear electricity production is declining.
- The share of natural gas was rather stable in the past and is increasing recently.

2 The Energy Transition has caused a fundamental transformation of the German power market – How are different asset categories affected?



- The Energy Transition has caused a fundamental transformation of the German power market
- The question is: How are the different asset categories affected?

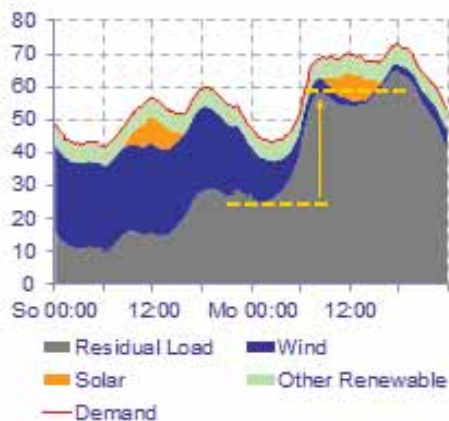
We can see here:

- There has been nearly a doubling of installed electricity capacity in the last ten years, mainly caused by photovoltaics and wind energy
- Biomass has been increased too and nuclear power plants have been shut down.
- The tendency with Gas power plants is not really clear but seems to develop now.
- In total power generation has been increased only a little bit in contrary to the nearly doubling of installation.

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Variations of demand and wind/solar production do not match. Accordingly, the residual load profile fluctuates strongly.

Electricity demand, must-run production and resulting residual load (GW)



- Sunday night: Low demand and high wind production → low residual load (25 GW)
- Monday morning: Electricity demand increases by 25 GW within 8 hours, while wind generation drops → residual load increase of 30 GW within 8 hours
- General demand profile:
 - Maximum load: approx. 80 GW, normally reached in the early evenings of a winter work day
 - Daily load fluctuation: approx. 30 GW
 - Average load: approx. 63 GW

Source: E.ON

Period: Dec 6-7, 2012

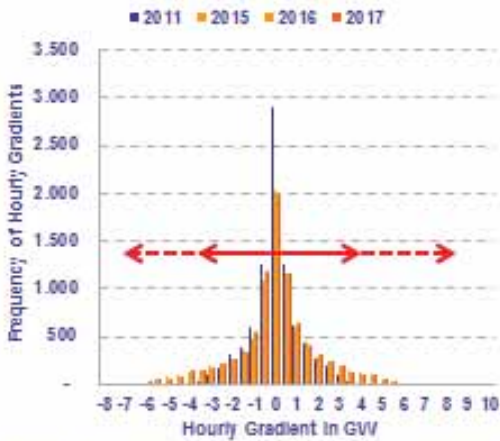
Renewable Energy with exception of bioenergy is strongly volatile. Variations of demand and wind/solar production do not match. Accordingly, the residual load profile fluctuates strongly.

- Wind energy fluctuates erratically, but reliable forecasts within two days are possible.
- Variations of demand and wind/solar production do not match. Accordingly, the residual load profile fluctuates strongly.
- High production periods (>20 GW) are normally reached in the winter months.
- Solar power follows a more predictable daily and seasonal pattern.
- The main increase is between 8 am and noon, the main decrease between 2 pm and 6 pm.

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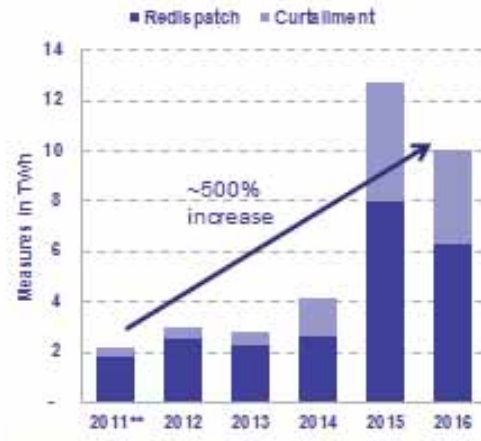
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Distribution of hourly gradients on renewable generation*



Source: EEG Transparency data, TEM CONSULT analysis *Wind and solar

Redispatch and curtailment measures*



Source: Monitoring Reports BNetzA 2011-2016, TEM CONSULT analysis *according to §131 and §132 BNetzG ** determined trend value

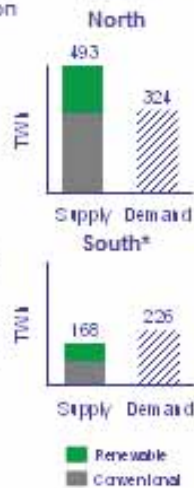
- The big and strongly increasing of volatile power generation leads to rapid changes of load in the power grid.
- These rapid changes in load present a challenge for the German power system and Transmission System Operators.
- In the last 5 years redispatching and curtailment measures have increased by about 500 % and this will be ongoing with further building of wind and photovoltaic plants without additional measures.

The North-South disparity...

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- ... between generation and consumption puts security of supply at risk
- Existing generation park in Southern Germany is not sufficient to provide necessary backup capacity
- Solutions & barriers:
 - Grid development (~30% of to be built 1,876 km were completed by Q3'2015)
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Balances of energy volumes 2025



Sources: Statistisches Bundesamt 2015, Netzelectric 2015, TEAM CONSULT Analysis

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The Challenge - Managing the Excess Power

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1. Power demand
2. Load management reaches its limits
3. Limits to grid extension
4. Overproduction: Removal of RE capacities from the grid
5. Storage of excess power to balance peaks = full use of renewable power

Source: DZGW Innovationsforum, ZON/ Rutzgas

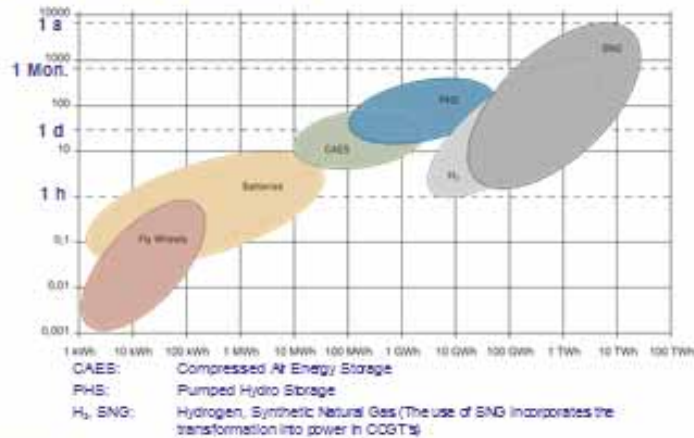
The overall challenge is:

- Managing the amount of excess power. And this amount will exceed in the future dramatically.
- A possible solution is: Storage of excess power to balance peaks and so to come to a full use of renewable power.

Long-term and seasonal storage can only be realized by chemical energy

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Comparison of storage technologies



If you compare different storage methods you will find:

- Batteries are suitable for short time storage with smaller amounts.
- Gas, that can be synthetic methane fuel or hydrogen, are the best for long time storage and big amounts.
- The only possibility for seasonal storage of excess electricity production is transformation of excess electricity to hydrogen or methane.

Gas infrastructure and electricity transmission grid fit together very well

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Electricity Grid, Gas Grid and Gas Storage Facilities



- ▼ Natural gas storage facilities
- Natural gas grid > 60 bar
- Electricity grid 220 kV
- Electricity grid 380 kV

- Well developed gas infrastructure in Germany
- Annual throughput 1000 Bill. MWh (twice the electricity grid throughput)
- Thermal storage capacity about 250 TWh
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➤ **Power to gas is a solution**

Source: O&G

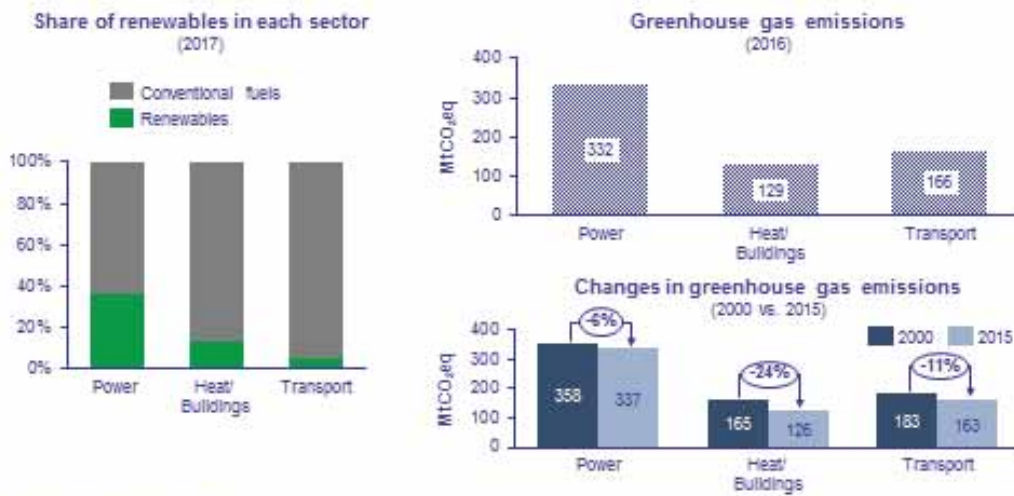
Gas infrastructure and electricity transmission grid fit together very well in Germany.

- There is a well developed gas infrastructure.
- The annual throughput is about 1000 Bill. MWh (twice the electricity grid throughput).
- Thermal storage capacity is about 250 TWh. And not to forget the grid itself.
- Natural gas storages are often situated at the crossings of the electrical and the gas grid.

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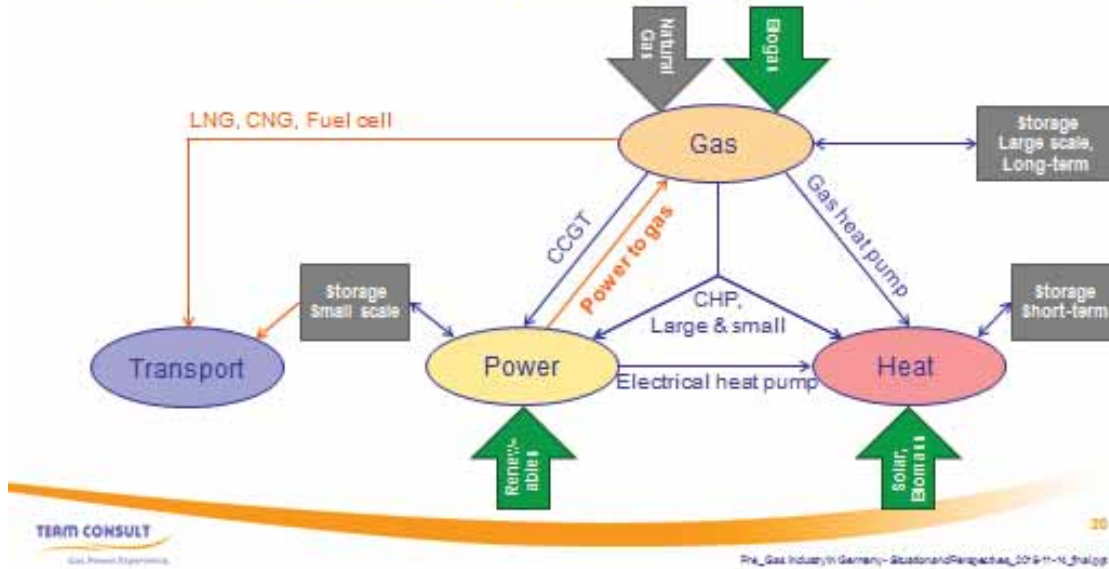
Source: IGGF, Stat, Umweltbundesamt

- But the potential in the power sector alone is not high enough to reach the ambitious goal of about 90 % CO₂ reduction.
- And there is still potential to enlarge the „Energiewende“ to the heat and transport sectors as you see in the graphics very well.

The coupling of the systems for power, heat and transport could be a key element in the overcoming of challenges. Gas could be an enabler

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Connections between the power, heat and transport sectors – future?



- The solution is sector coupling by combining all energy sectors with power transformation.
- This is not only Power to gas but Power to X, that means transformation of electricity to gas, heat and synthetic fuels not only in one direction but vice versa.

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- The german energy concept of 2010 did not take gas into account, anywhere !
- Today gas is the enabler for renewable energy and an indispensable part of the future energy system.
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