



# Prospects for Shale Gas Exploration in Europe

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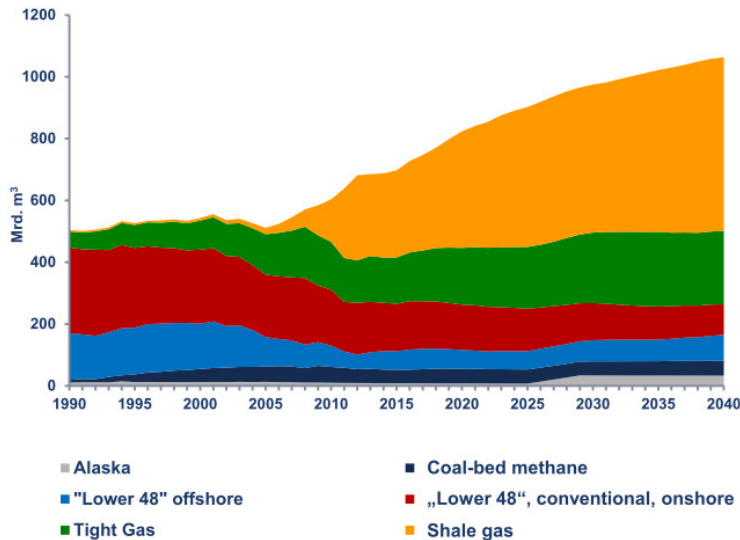
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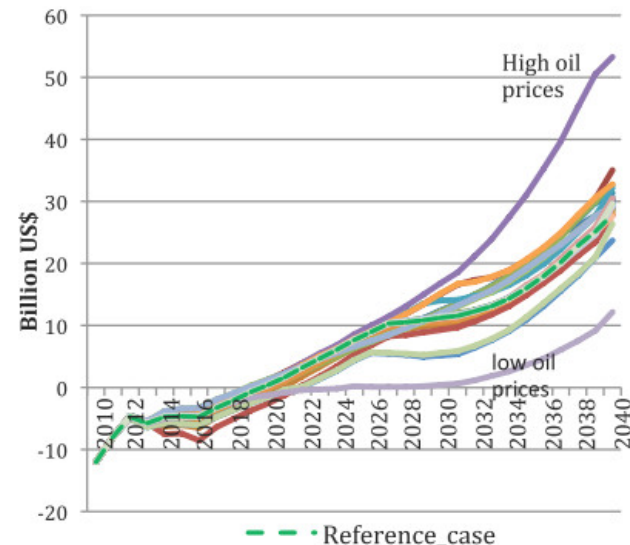
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# Unconventional wisdom



- ✓ In perspective US to become the biggest natural gas producer in the world and to change soon net status from “importer” to “exporter”

- ✓ In 2012 US produced 290 bcm of unconventional natural gas
- ✓ Wellhead prices for US natural gas had a sharp drop from 8 USD/Mbtu (2008) to 4 USD/Mbtu (2013)



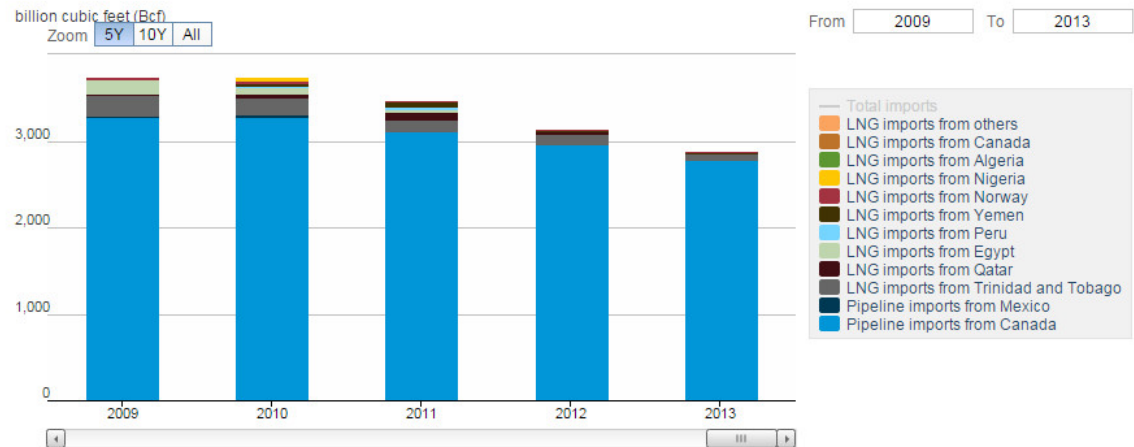
US natural gas trade balance forecasts (Spencer et al., 2013):

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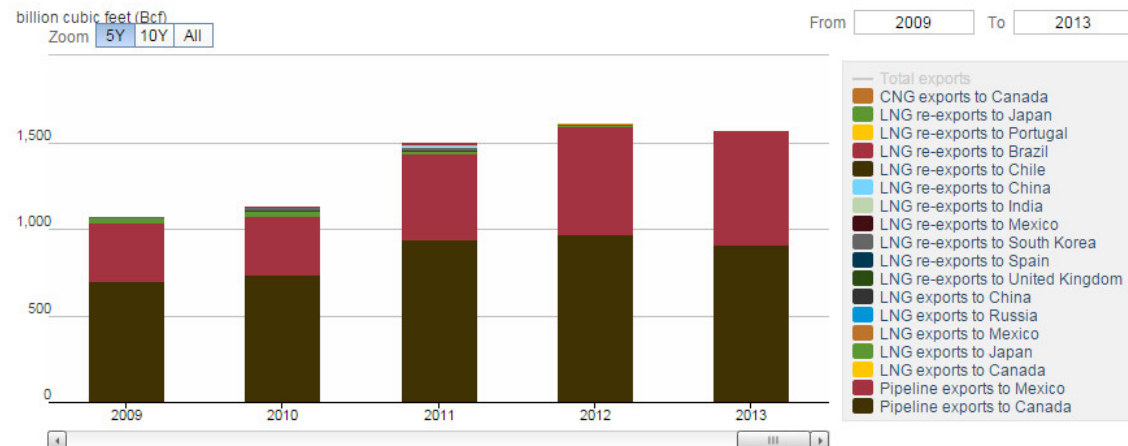
✓ LNG imports decreased by 45% from the 2012 level to 97 Bcf in 2013, the lowest level since 1998

✓ Pipeline exports to Mexico rose by 6% to 658 Bcf (a record level).

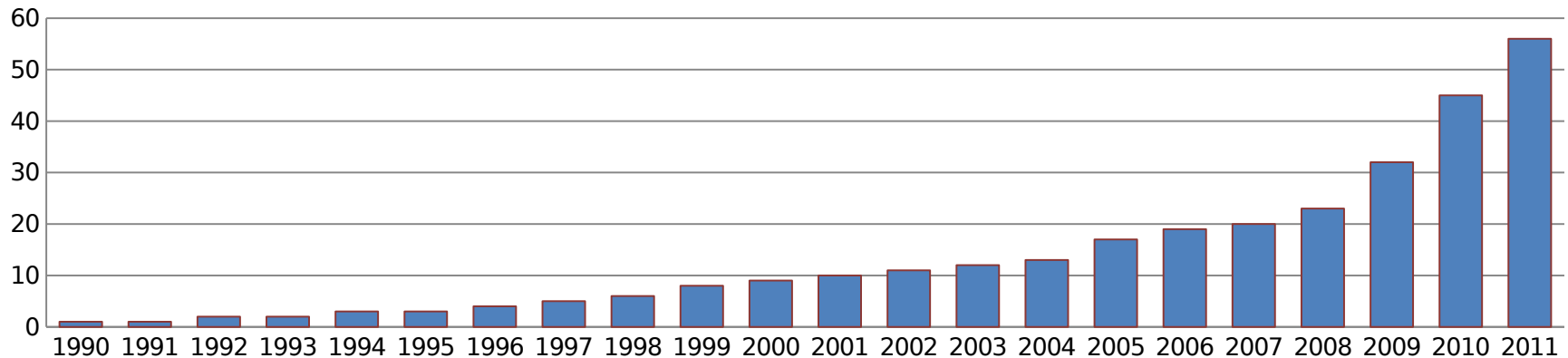
**Natural gas imports**



**Natural gas exports and re-exports**



## Cumulative number of reports published providing original country-level estimates of any of the unconventional gases



- The focus is on *original* estimates of OGIP, TRR or ERR
- “Original estimate” is the one from a source that has either *developed* the estimate itself using recognized methodologies, or *adapted* the estimate from existing sources

## Objective and questions to answer

- The objective of the study is to estimate a potential for shale gas exploration in Europe and consequent impact on natural gas market.

To what extent can shale gas production influence energy security concerns of EU (or certain member states) by

- compensating the drop of European indigenous conventional gas production?
- substituting natural gas imports?



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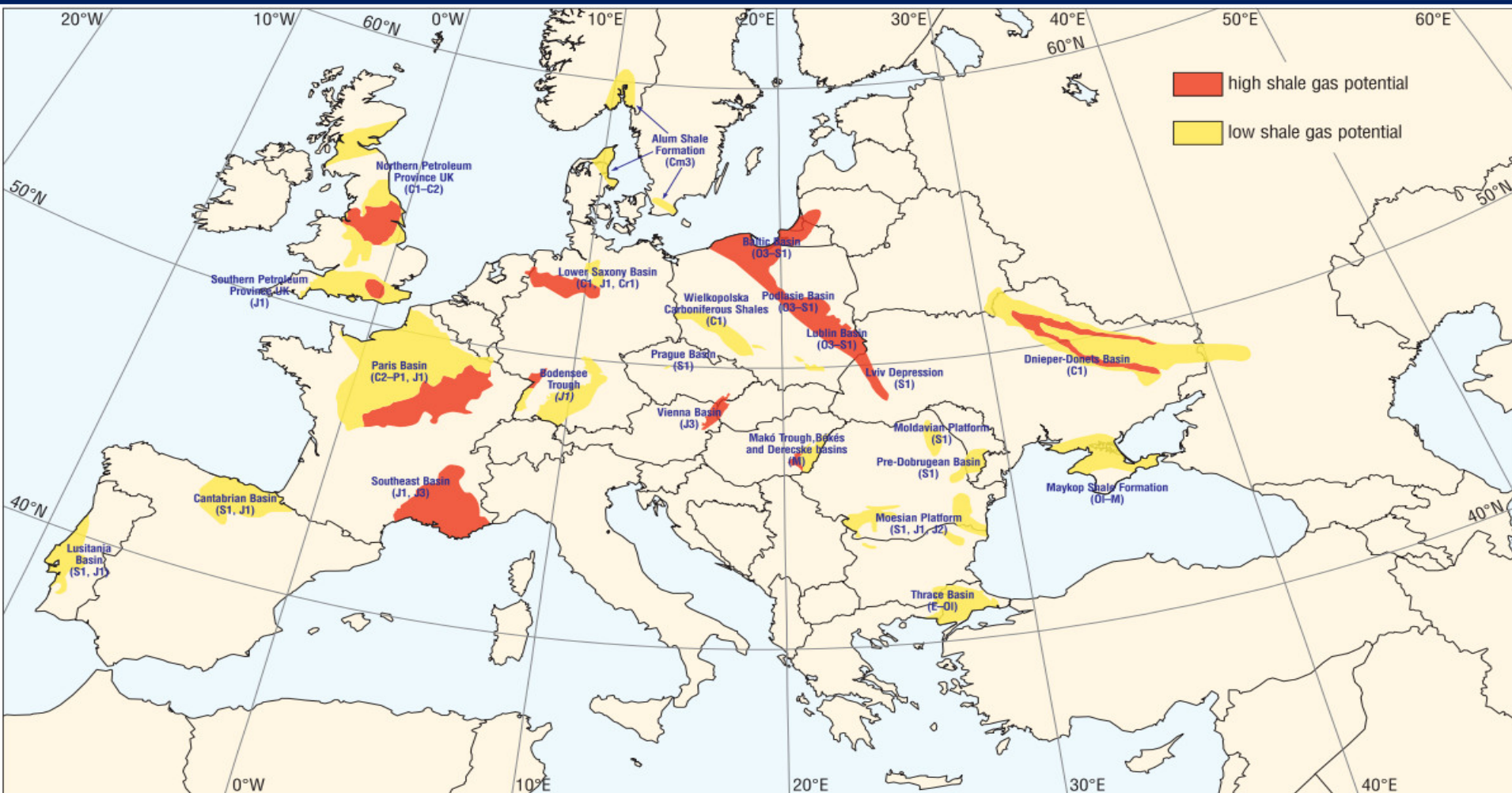
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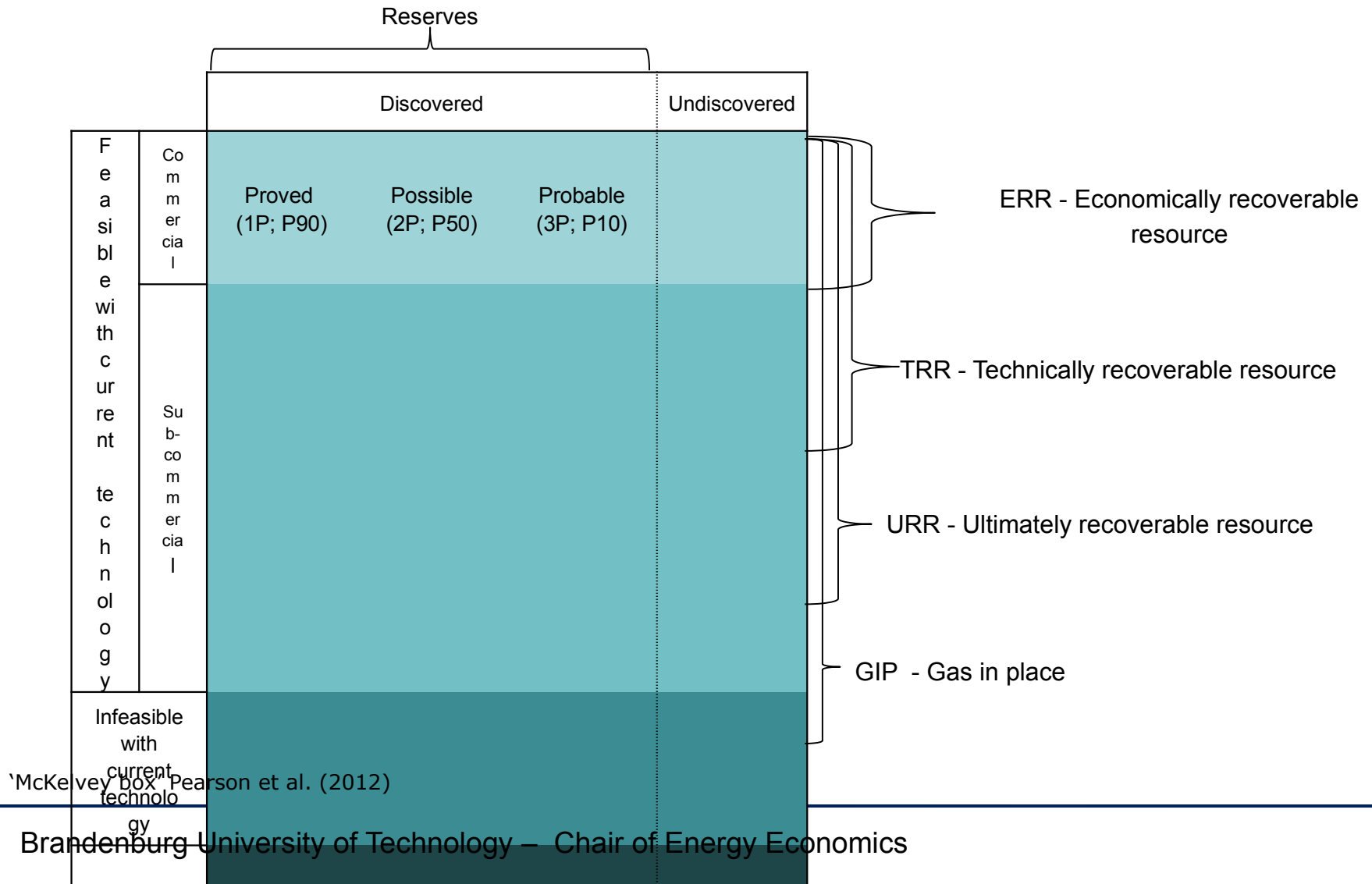
# Major European sedimentary basins with shale gas potential



P. Karcz et al.: Compilation based on Szalay & Koncz (1993), Poprawa (2010b), Schulz et al. (2010), Kuuskraa et al. (2011), BGR (2012)



# Resources and reserves

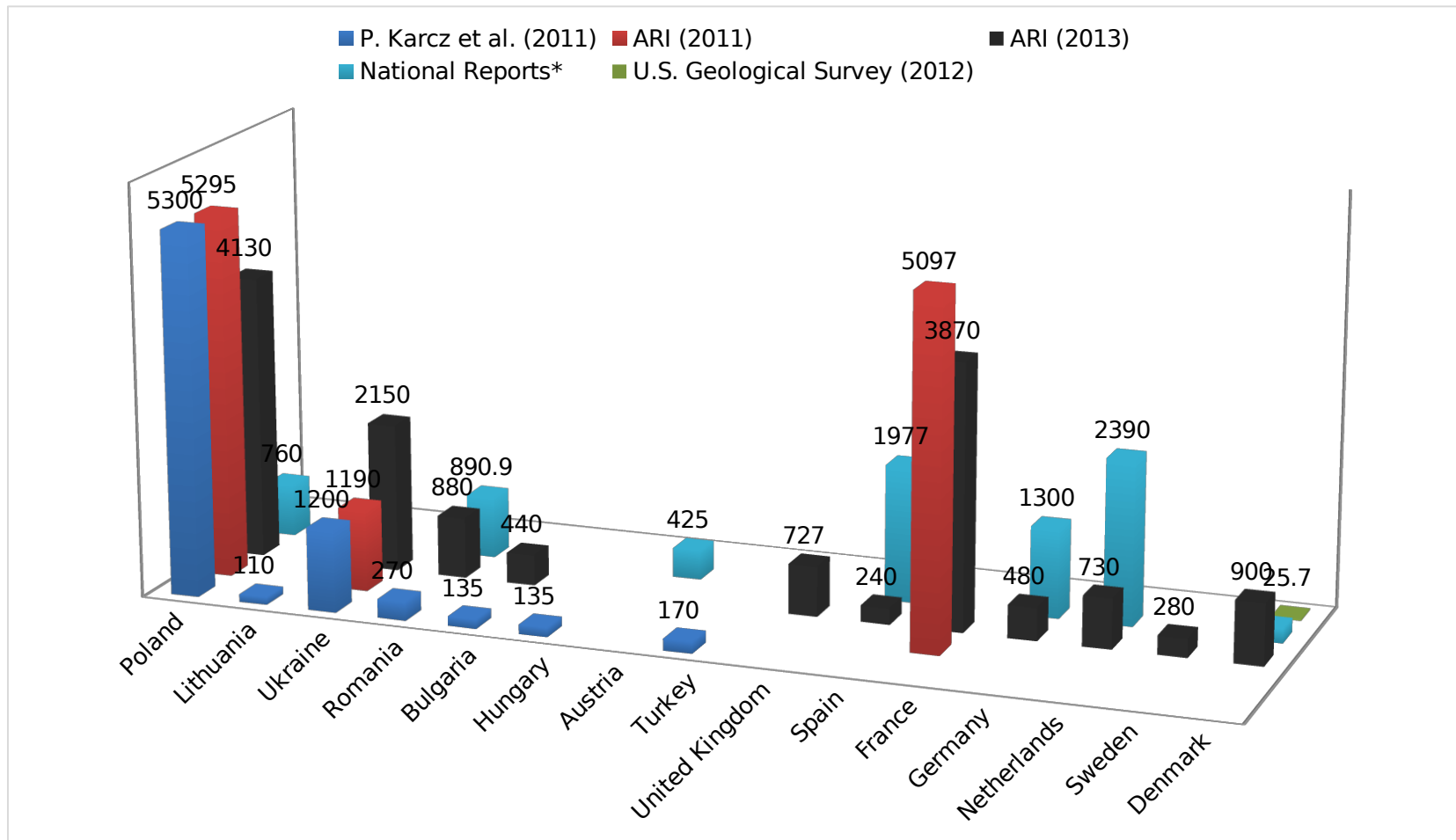


# Set of basic geological parameters characterizing European shale rocks

| State          | Basin                        | Depth (m)                  |                          | TRR (TCM)          |                         |                       |                   |                     |
|----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Poland         | Baltic                       | 1000 - 4500 <sup>112</sup> | 1900 - 4800 <sup>4</sup> | 3,65 <sup>1</sup>  | 0,34 -0,76 <sup>5</sup> | 0 - 0,11 <sup>2</sup> | 2,98 <sup>4</sup> | 0,0257 <sup>6</sup> |
|                | Podlasie                     | 500 - 5000 <sup>112</sup>  | 1820 - 4800 <sup>4</sup> | 0,4 <sup>1</sup>   |                         |                       | 0,29 <sup>4</sup> |                     |
|                | Lublin                       | 1000 - 4000 <sup>112</sup> | 3350 <sup>4</sup>        | 1,25 <sup>1</sup>  |                         |                       | 0,26 <sup>4</sup> |                     |
|                | Fore Sudetic                 | 2400 - 4900 <sup>4</sup>   |                          | n.d.               |                         | 0,6 <sup>4</sup>      |                   |                     |
| Lithuania      | Baltic                       | 1950 - 2120 <sup>112</sup> |                          | 0,11 <sup>1</sup>  |                         |                       |                   |                     |
| Ukraine        | Lviv Depression              | 1000 - 1500 <sup>112</sup> |                          | 1,2 <sup>1</sup>   |                         | n.d.                  |                   |                     |
|                | Dnieper-donets               | 1000 - 5000 <sup>4</sup>   |                          |                    |                         | 2,15 <sup>5</sup>     |                   |                     |
|                | Maykop Shales                | n.d.                       |                          | n.d.               |                         |                       |                   |                     |
| Romania        | Pannonian                    | n.d.                       |                          | 0,54 <sup>1</sup>  | n.d.                    |                       |                   |                     |
|                | Moldavian/ Scythian Platform | n.d.                       |                          |                    | 0,1579 <sup>4</sup>     |                       |                   |                     |
|                | Moesian Platform             | 1800 - 4400 <sup>112</sup> | 1500 - 5000 <sup>4</sup> |                    | 1,32 <sup>4</sup>       | n.d.                  |                   |                     |
| Bulgaria       | Moesian Platform             |                            |                          |                    |                         | n.d.                  |                   |                     |
| Hungary        | Pannonian                    |                            |                          |                    | n.d.                    |                       | n.d.              |                     |
| Austria        | Vienna                       | 2000 - 8500 <sup>112</sup> |                          | 0,425 <sup>4</sup> |                         |                       |                   |                     |
| Turkey         | Thrace                       | n.d.                       |                          | 0,17 <sup>1</sup>  |                         |                       |                   |                     |
| United Kingdom | North UK                     | 1500 - 4000 <sup>4</sup>   |                          | 0,71 <sup>4</sup>  |                         |                       |                   |                     |
|                | South UK                     | 1200 - 1830 <sup>4</sup>   |                          | 0,017 <sup>4</sup> |                         |                       |                   |                     |
| Spain          | Basque-Cantabrian            | 2400 - 4420 <sup>4</sup>   |                          | 0,24 <sup>4</sup>  |                         | 1,084 <sup>5</sup>    |                   |                     |
|                | Others                       | n.d.                       |                          | 0,893 <sup>5</sup> |                         |                       |                   |                     |
| France         | Paris                        | 1200 - 5000 <sup>4</sup>   |                          | 3,66 <sup>4</sup>  |                         |                       |                   |                     |
|                | South -East                  | 2500 - 5000 <sup>4</sup>   |                          | 0,21 <sup>4</sup>  |                         |                       |                   |                     |
| Germany        | Lower Saxony                 | 1000 - 5000 <sup>4</sup>   |                          | 0,48 <sup>4</sup>  |                         | 1,3 <sup>5</sup>      |                   |                     |
| Netherlands    | West Netherlands             | 1000 - 5000 <sup>4</sup>   |                          | 0,73 <sup>4</sup>  |                         | 2,39 <sup>5</sup>     |                   |                     |
| Sweden         | Alum Shale                   | 1000 - 2150 <sup>4</sup>   |                          | 0,28 <sup>4</sup>  |                         |                       |                   |                     |
| Denmark        | Alum Shale                   | 3300 - 4600 <sup>4</sup>   |                          | 0,9 <sup>4</sup>   |                         | 0,2061 <sup>5</sup>   |                   |                     |

1. P. Karcz et al. (2011); 2. Gautier et al. (2012); 3-4. ARI (2-11, 2013); 5. National Reports\*; 6. U.S. Geological Survey (2012)

## TRR by country: comparison



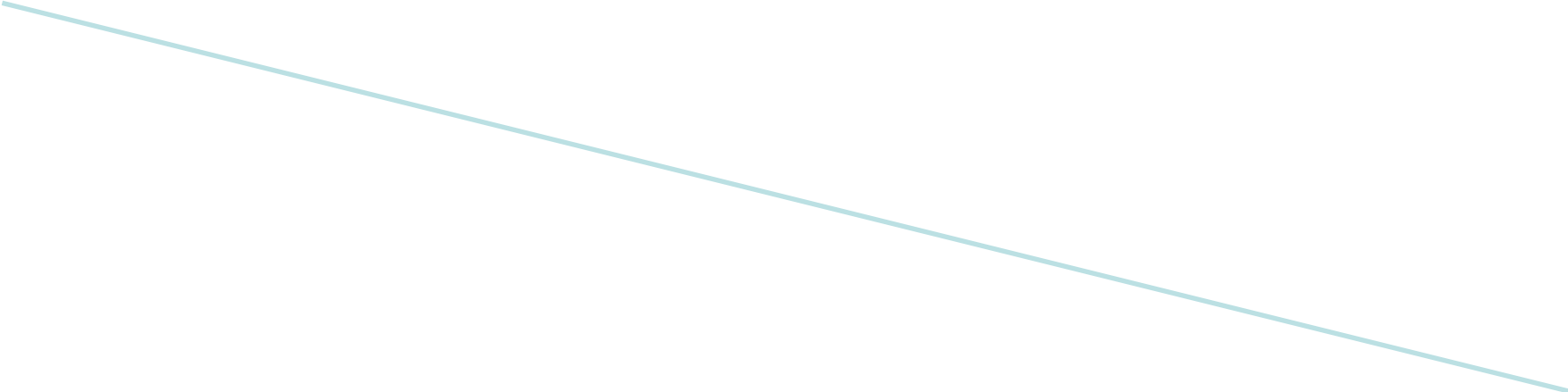
\* Spain: ACIEP (2013), Germany: BGR (2012a), Netherlands: TNO (2009), Denmark: Gautier et al. (2013), Austria: OMV (2012), Poland: PIG-PIB (2012)

# Countries included in a model and costs assumption

| State          | Basin                          | Depth (m)                  |                          | Costs* (\$/tcm) |               |               |
|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
|                |                                |                            |                          | Conservative    | Reference     | Optimistic    |
|                |                                |                            |                          | EUR 20<br>mcm   | EUR 40<br>mcm | EUR 60<br>mcm |
| Poland         | Baltic                         | 1000 - 4500 <sup>1'2</sup> | 1900 - 4800 <sup>4</sup> | 731             | 365           | 241           |
|                | Podlasie                       | 500 - 5000 <sup>1'2</sup>  | 1820 - 4800 <sup>4</sup> |                 |               |               |
|                | Lublin                         | 1000 - 4000 <sup>1'2</sup> | 3350 <sup>4</sup>        |                 |               |               |
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|                | Maykop Shales                  | n.d.                       |                          |                 |               |               |
| Romania        | Pannonian                      | n.d.                       |                          | 646             | 323           | 213           |
|                | Moldavian<br>Scythian Platform | n.d.                       |                          |                 |               |               |
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| United Kingdom | North UK                       | 1500 - 4000 <sup>4</sup>   |                          | 539             | 270           | 178           |
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| France         | Paris                          | 1200 - 5000 <sup>4</sup>   |                          | 562             | 281           | 185           |
|                | South -East                    | 2500 - 5000 <sup>4</sup>   |                          |                 |               |               |
| Germany        | Lower Saxony                   | 1500 - 5000 <sup>4</sup>   |                          | 577             | 289           | 190           |

\*G. Thonhauser, JRC EC (2012)

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# Design of employed natural gas market model

## Model focus

- The model simulates operation and future developments of European gas sector for a middle- and long time periods

## Model scope

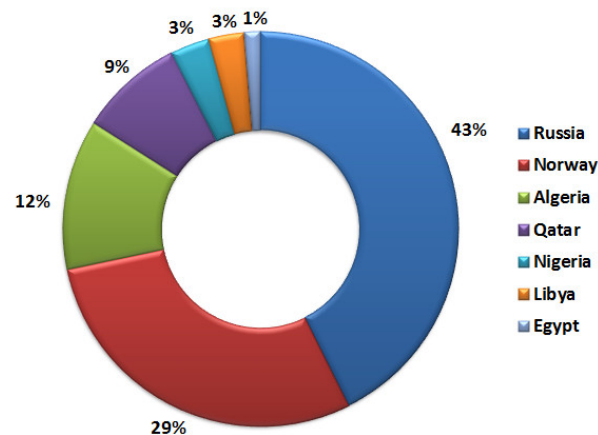
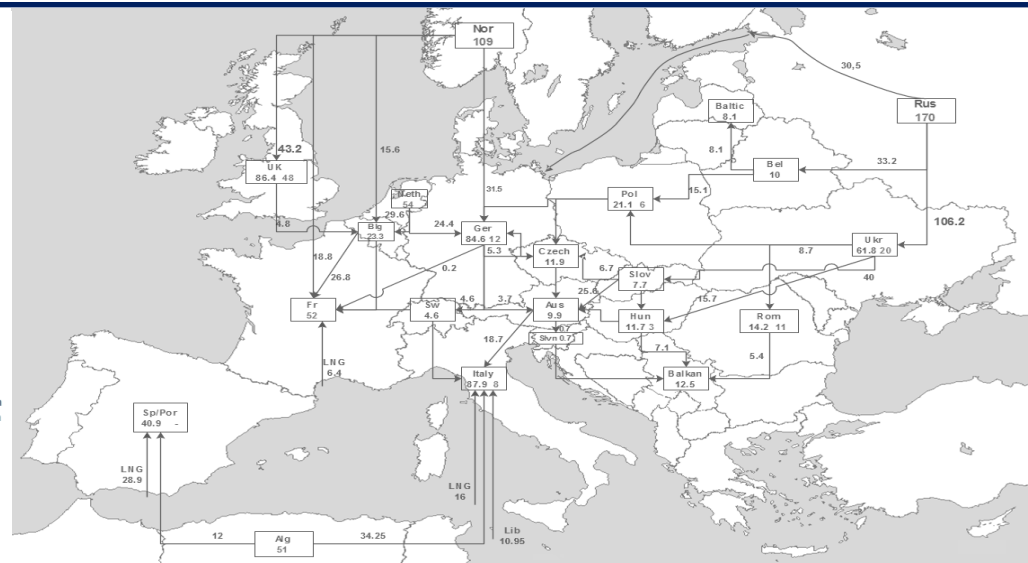
- European, FSU, North Africa and Middle East countries
- Natural gas pipeline infrastructure
- LNG liquefaction and regasification terminals
- Storage facilities

## Model output

- Production&Consumption volumes
- Gas traded volumes
- Physical gas flow volumes
- Price levels for natural gas
- Seasonal storage dispatch

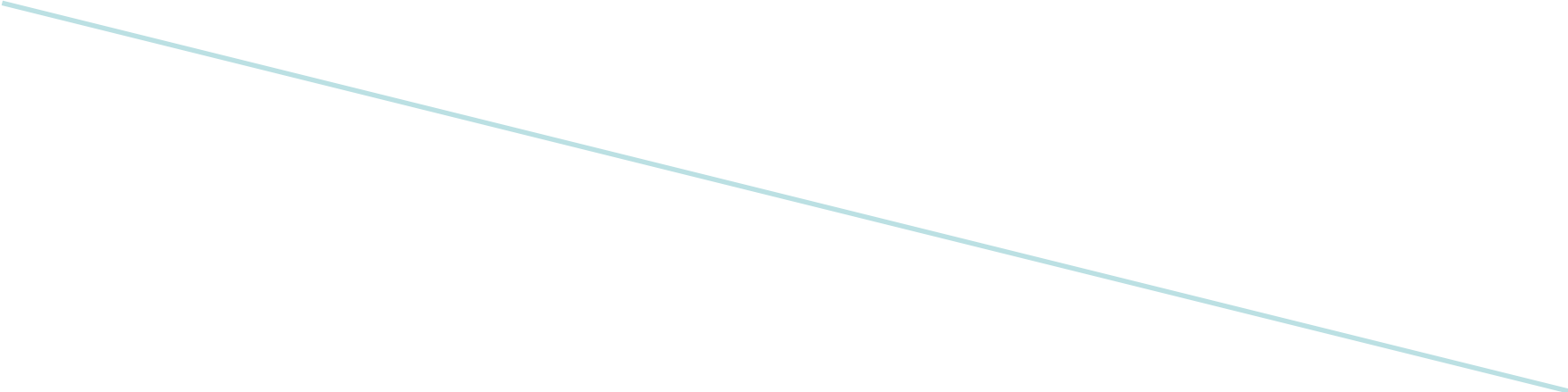
## Model approach

- Model formulated as a mixed complementarity problem (MCP)
- Solved in GAMS



Right – model output for 2013)

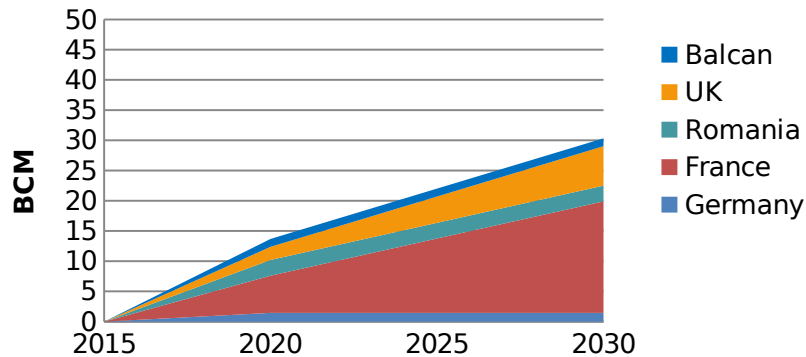
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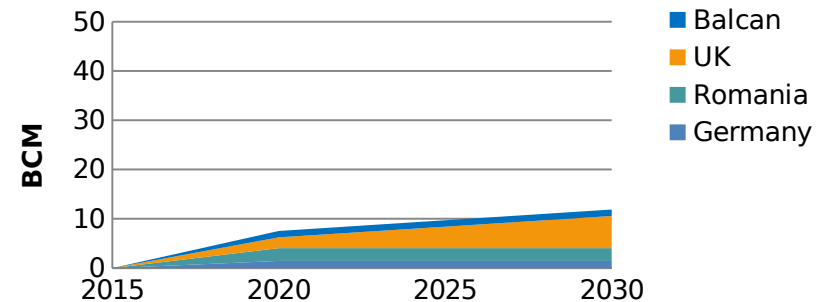


# Investments in shale gas

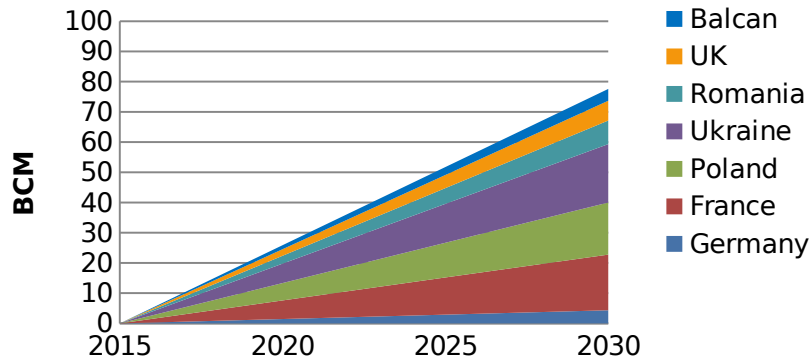
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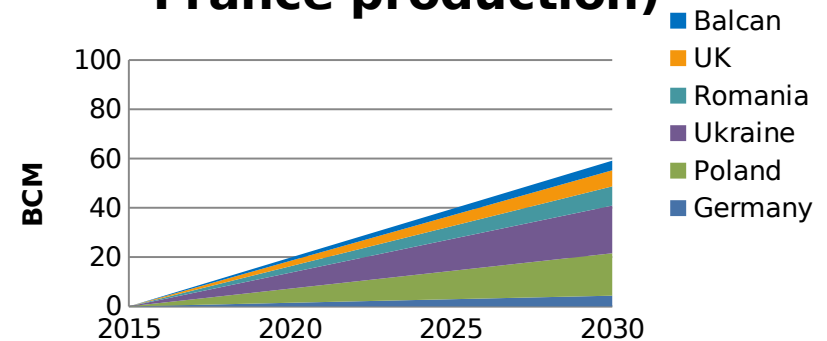
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## Optimistic scenario



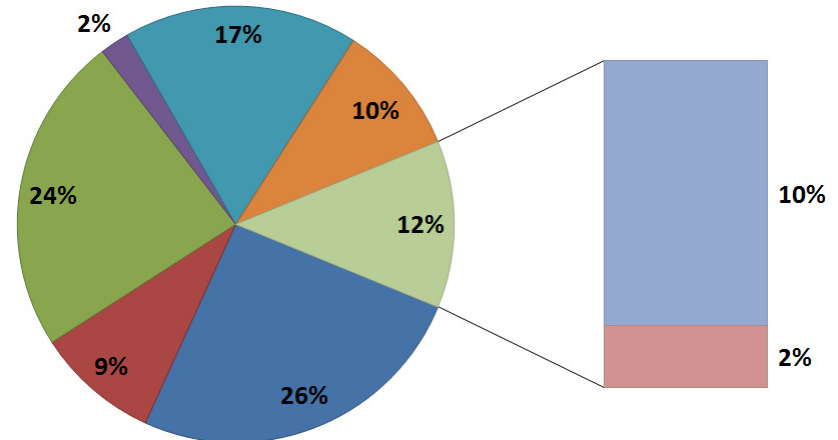
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# European supply mix for year 2030

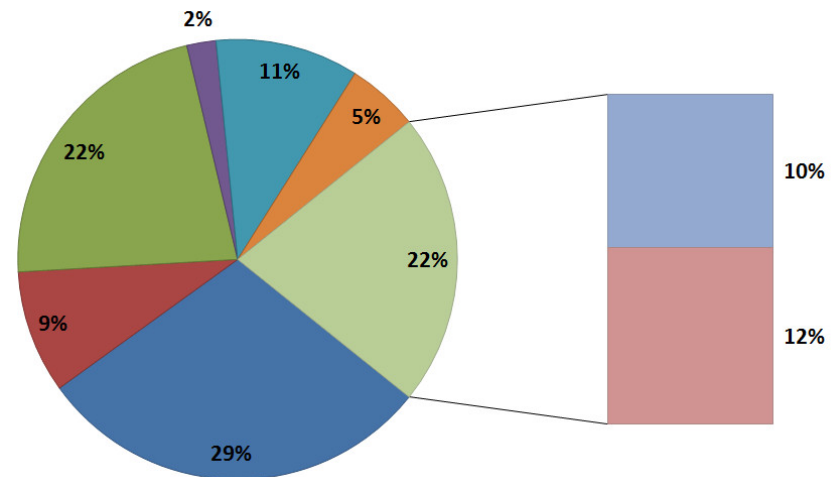
## Reference scenario:

Consumption: 526.2 BCM  
Shale gas: 11.9 BCM\*



## Optimistic scenario:

Consumption: 530.4 BCM  
Shale gas: 59.1 BCM\*

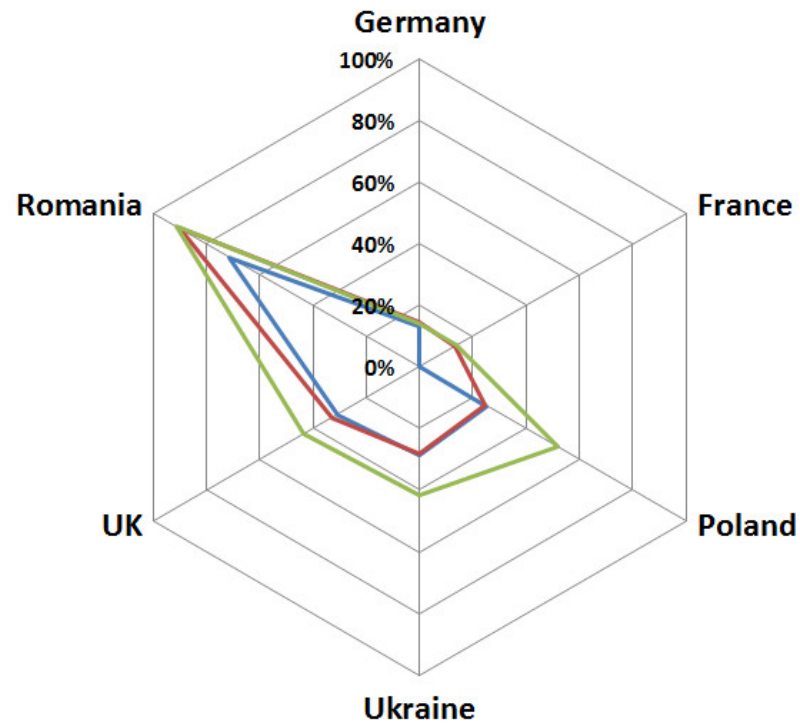


\*Excluding production in France

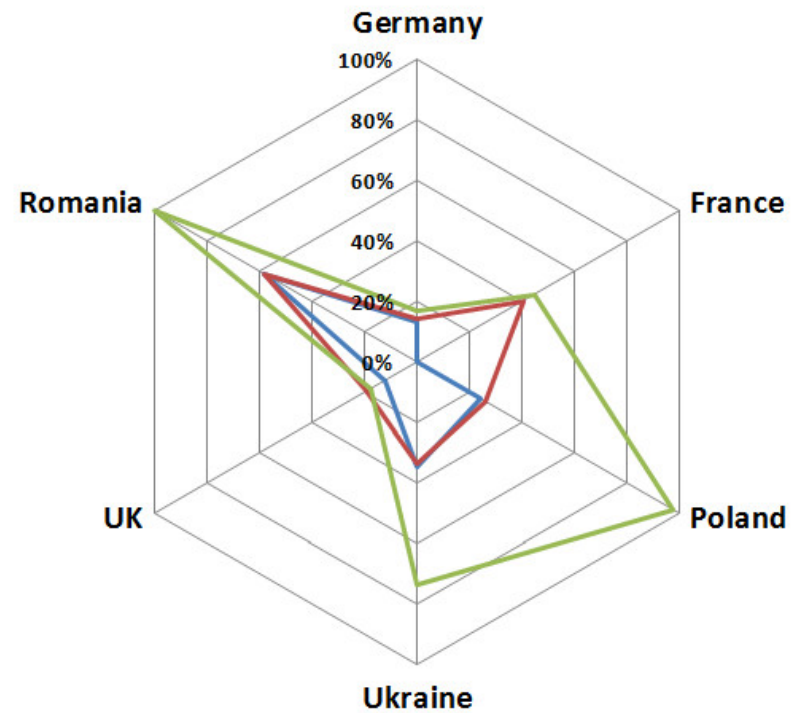
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# Natural gas self sufficiency for selected countries

Year 2020



Year 2030



— No Shale Gas Scenario — Reference Scenario — Optimistic Scenario

## Conclusions

- ✓ Shale gas in *itself* should not be perceived as a solution to European energy security concerns
- ✓ Under a reference scenario shale gas will not provide any significant contribution to European supply mix by 2030
- ✓ The shale gas production, though, can have a positive influence on a market situation in particular European countries by reducing their import dependence.
- ✓ The analysis examines only the *economic potential* of shale gas exploration and should be seen together with the associated reports addressing *regulatory, environmental, technical and social* issues.



# THANK YOU!

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This presentation is based on a joined research with Felix Müsgens

## Appendix A: Approaches used by reports providing country-level shale gas resource estimates

- Bottom-up analysis of geological parameters
- Literature review
- Extrapolation of production experience
- Expert judgement
- Method not stated

## Appendix B: European shale gas potential estimates

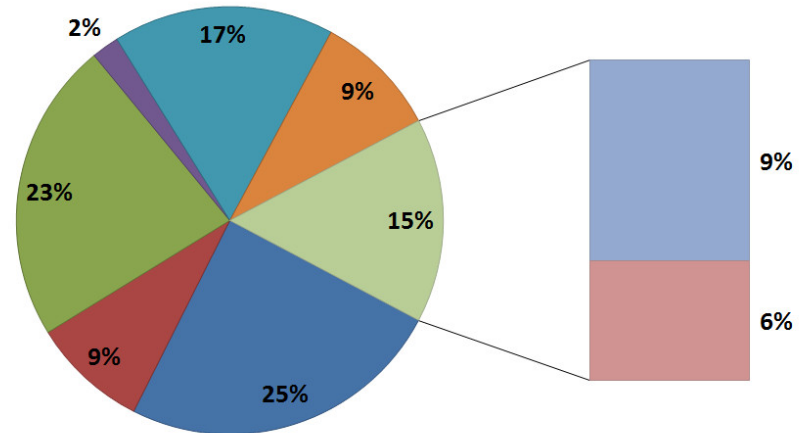
| Study  | Cost Assumption | Projected EU shale gas production in 2035            | NG import dependence in 2035 (63% in 2011) |
|--|-----------------|--|--|
| JRC 2012   | 5-12 USD/Mbtu   | 1 to 2.1 tcm cumulatively to 2035                    | 57% (high scen.)<br>72% (low scen.)        |
| IEA WEO 2013   | -               | 20 bcm in 2035                                       | 81%  |
| Poryry and Cambridge Econometrics study for IA of Oil and Gas Producers, 2013) | 9 USD/Mbtu      | 60 to 150 bcm in the high scenario                   | 63% (high scen.)<br>80% (low scen.)        |
| BP WEO 2013  | -               | 37 bcm in 2035                                       | C.a. 75%                                   |
| EIA 2013   | -               | 79 bcm in 2035 (figures for OECD Europe, not the EU) | 75%  |

T. Spencer et al. (2014)

# Appendix C: European supply mix (with France) 2030

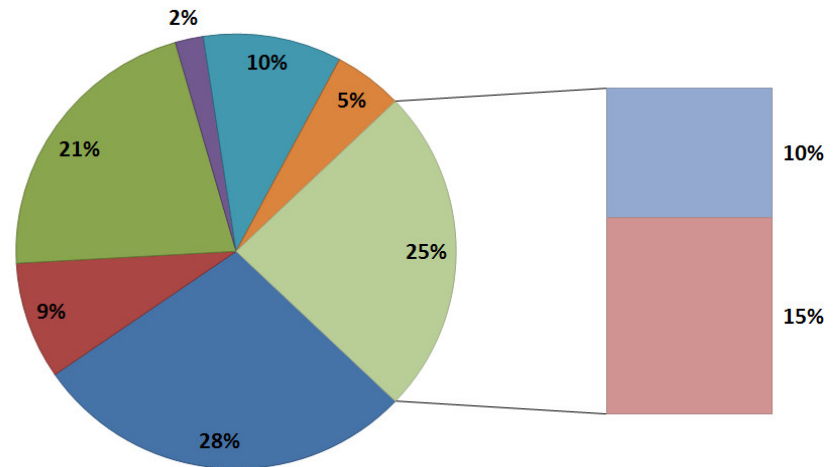
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