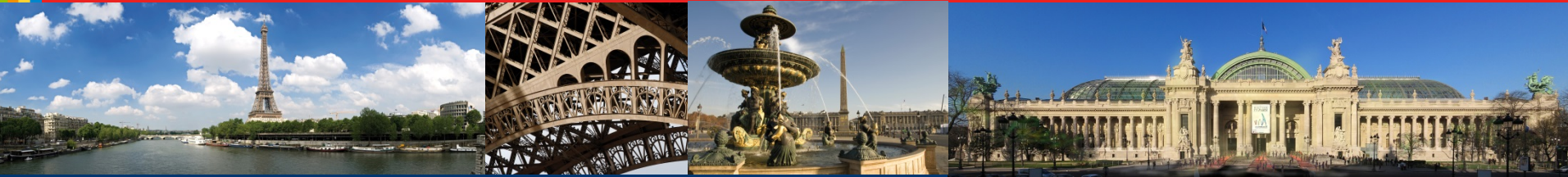




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UGS as Effective Tool for Optimizing Operational Mode and Investment Costs of New Export Pipelines

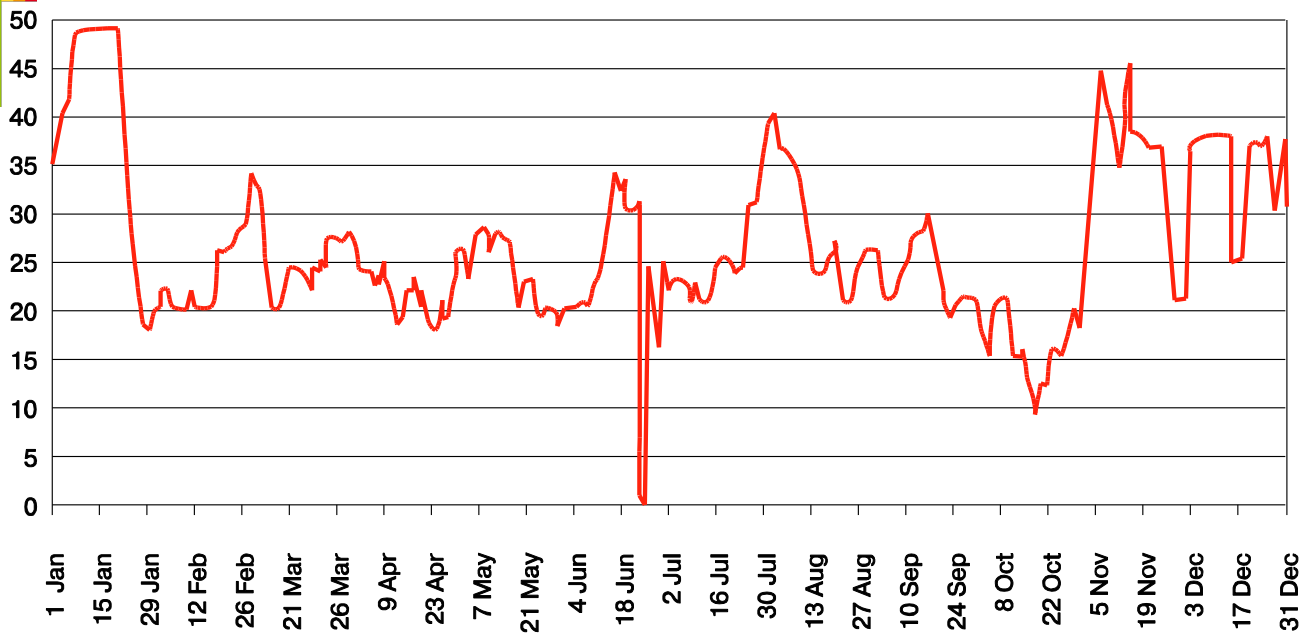
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High uncertainty of Gas Demand

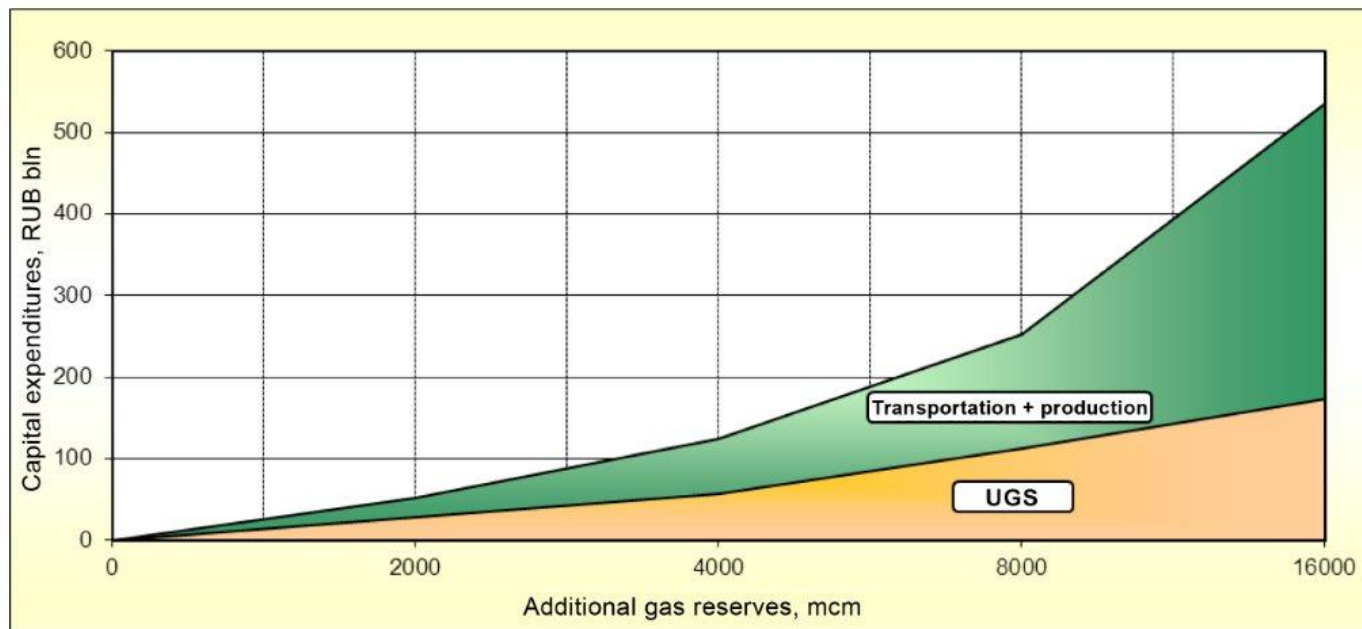


Gazprom's gas storage abroad is characterized by the following advantages:

- Covering seasonal fluctuations in gas demand;
- Improving reliability and continuity of gas export supplies;
- Emerging option of the participation in spot gas markets;
- Increasing gas export volume;
- Maintaining status of strategic supplier.

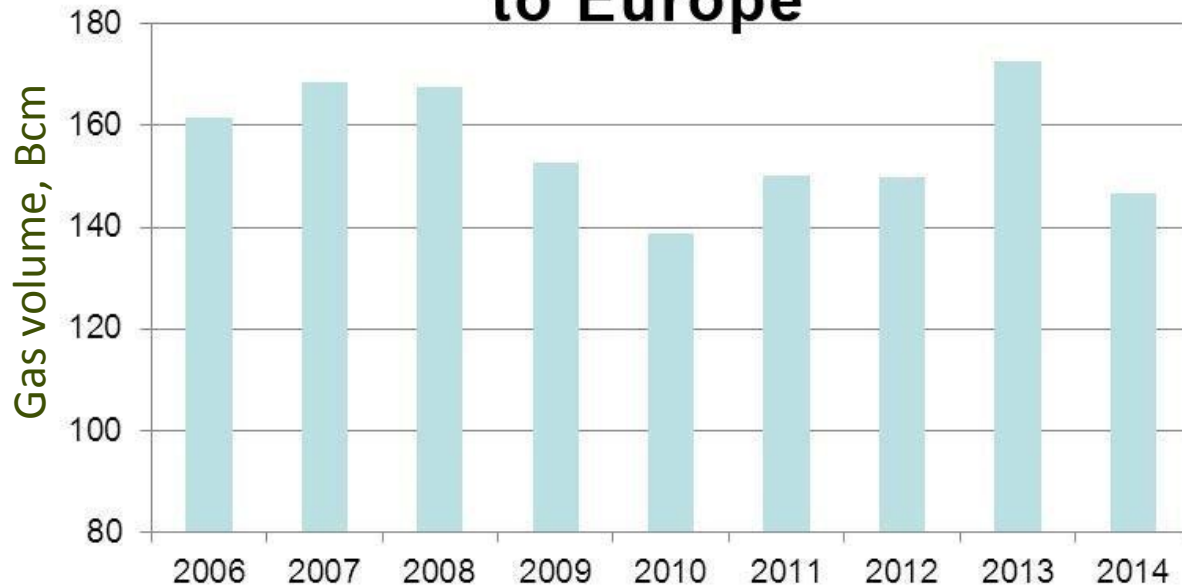
Gazprom Management Committee Directive No.5 dated January 27, 2011 "On building up Company's UGS capacities abroad" envisages Company's UGS capacities growth in foreign countries to achieving the active capacity of at least 5% of annual export supplies, with the priority of creating proprietary storage capacities.

Efficiency of the Unified Gas Supply System in relation to UGS facilities and export pipelines



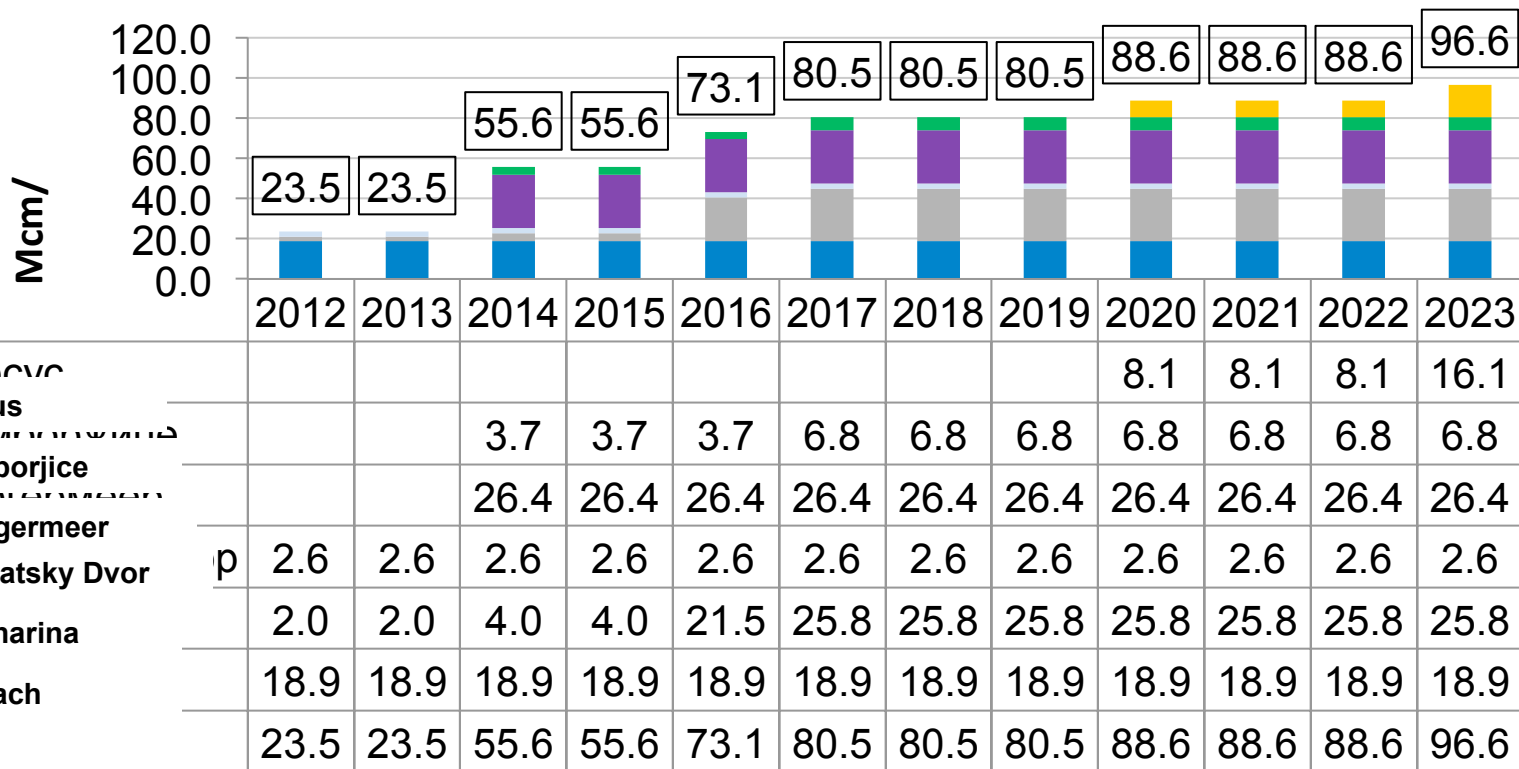
Each thousand cubic meters in UGS facilities provides for saving EUR 200 – 250, that is an UGS facility with the active capacity of 1 bcm provides for net saving of capital expenditures amounting to EUR 200 – 250 million. Besides, specific capital expenditures in making gas reserves become lower for UGS facilities and higher in a transportation system, with growing volumes of

Gazprom's gas supplies to Europe



Gas supplies from Russia are still reasonably the most beneficial for Europe and they do not have a viable alternative. LNG capacities are less than one-third loaded, and for facilities built in recent 10 years the average utilization coefficient came to only 15%.

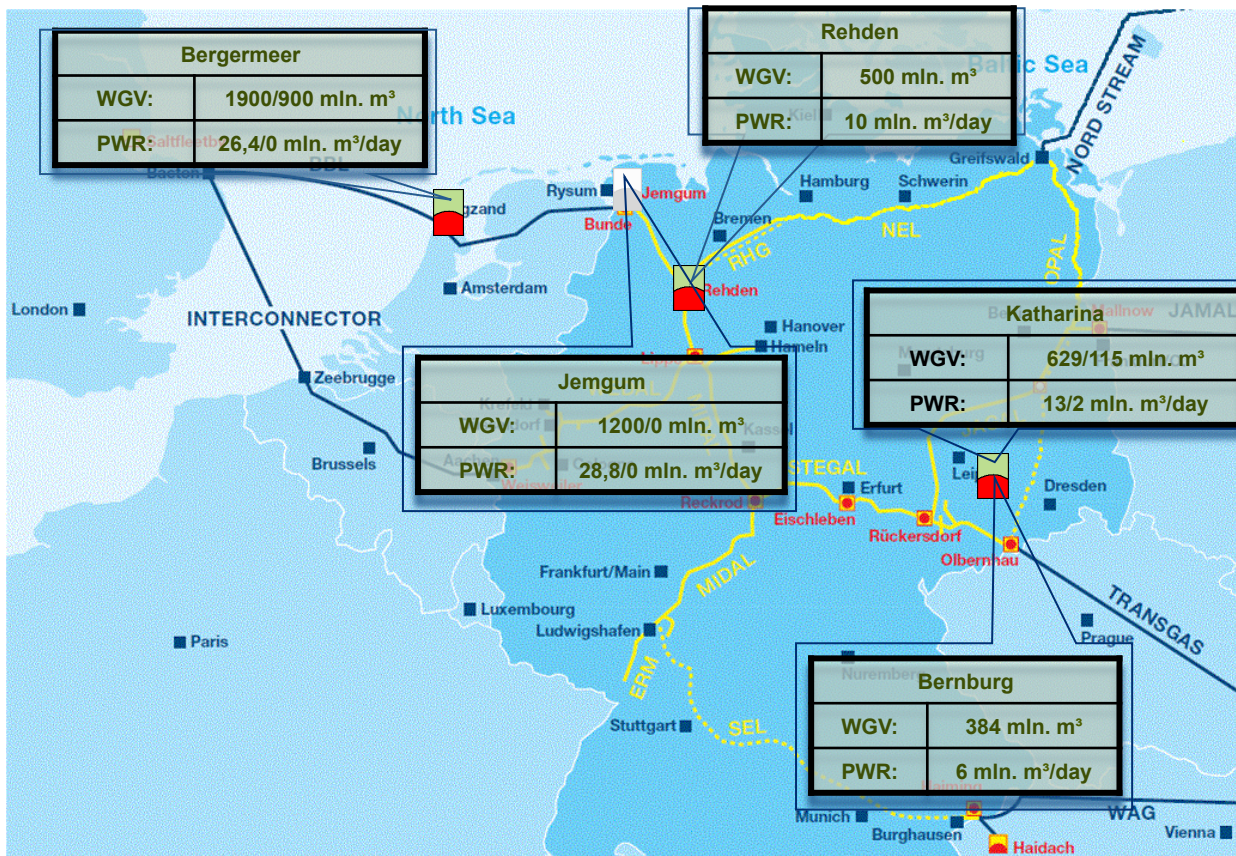
Growth of productivity of Gazprom UGS in Europe





Export trunk pipeline Nord Stream

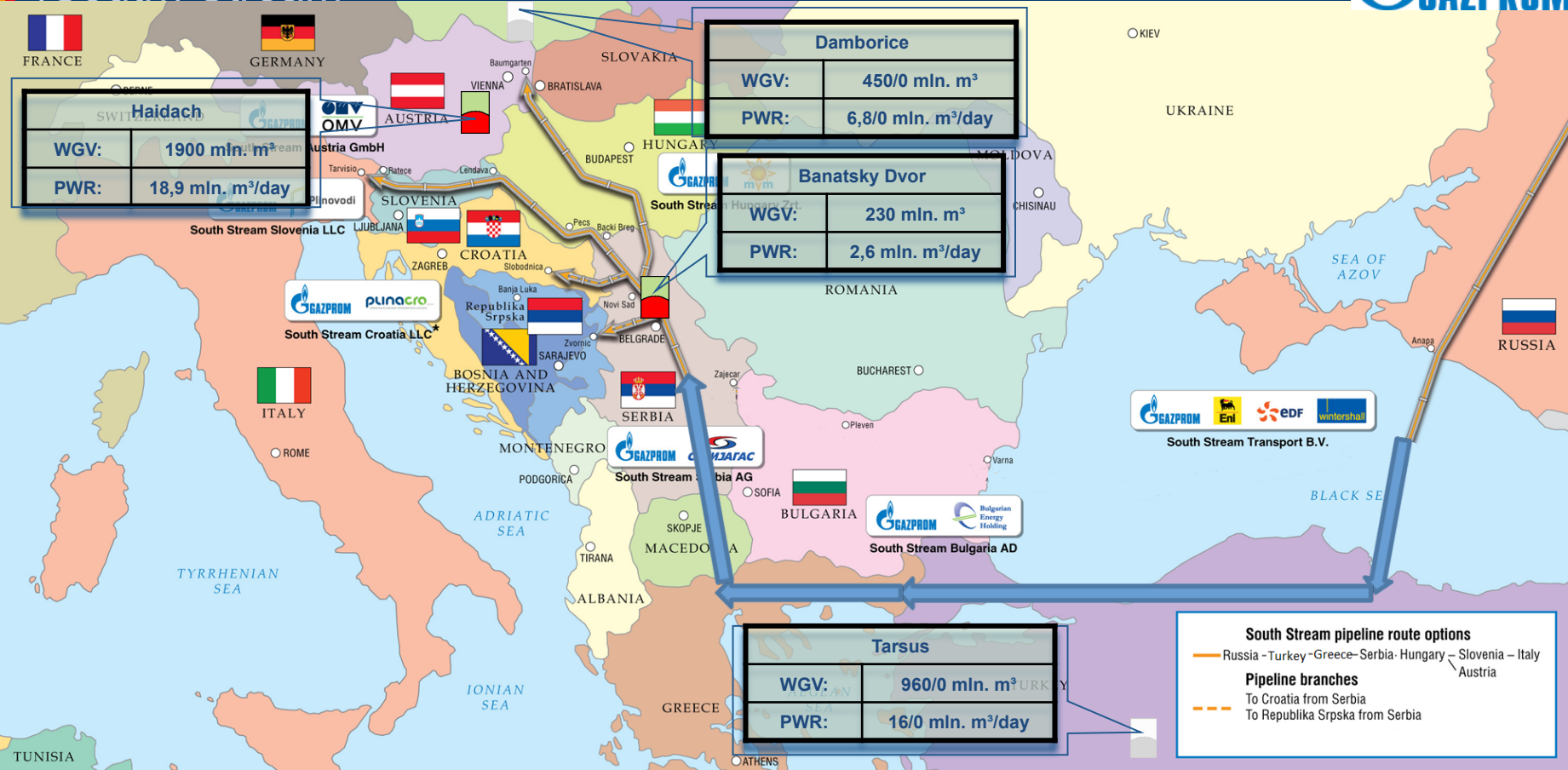


UGS to optimize operational mode of the Nord Stream

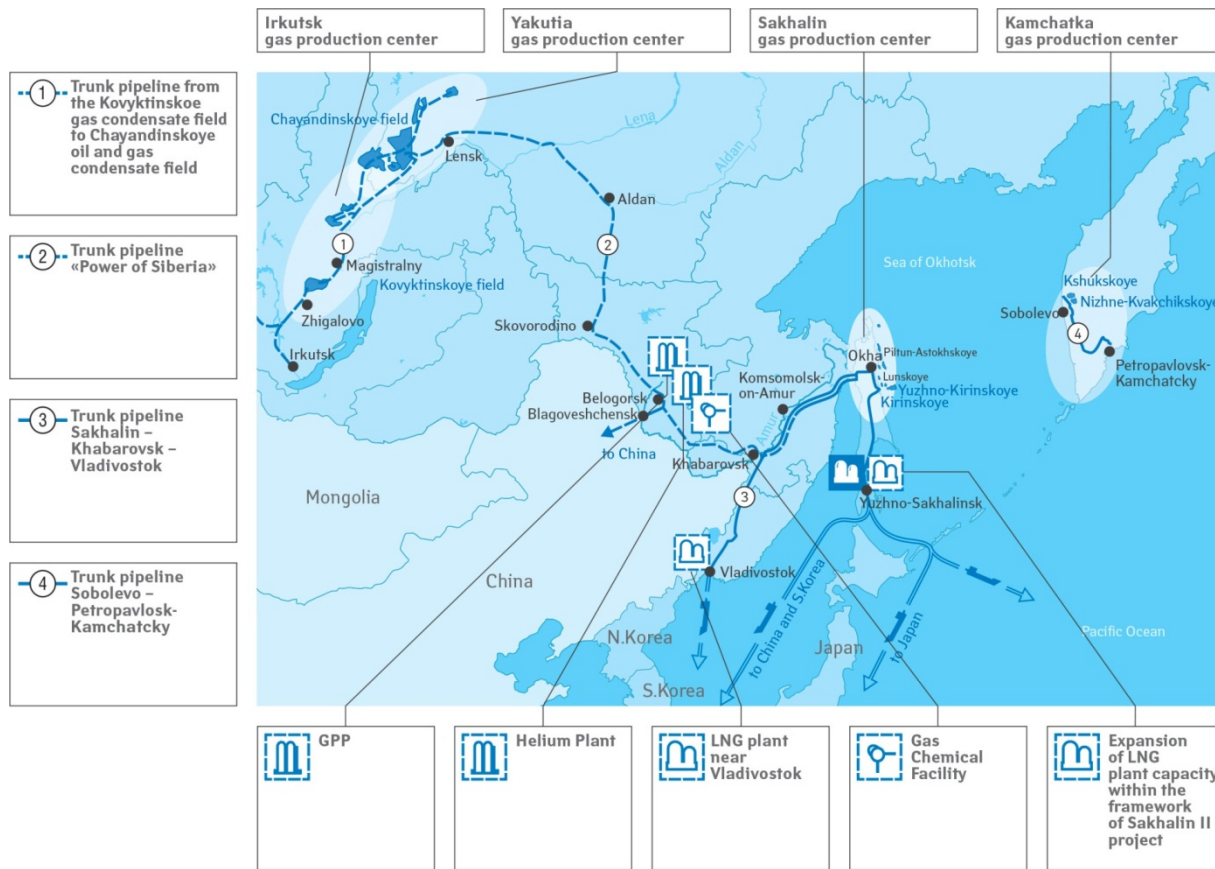


- TRANSPORT pipeline
- - - TRANSPORT pipeline under planning/construction
- Pipeline connection within the European network
- - - Pipeline connection within the European network under planning/construction
-  underground storage facility
-  underground storage facility under planning/construction
-  TRANSPORT compressor station
-  TRANSPORT compressor station under planning/construction

UGS to optimize operational mode of the Turkish (South) Stream



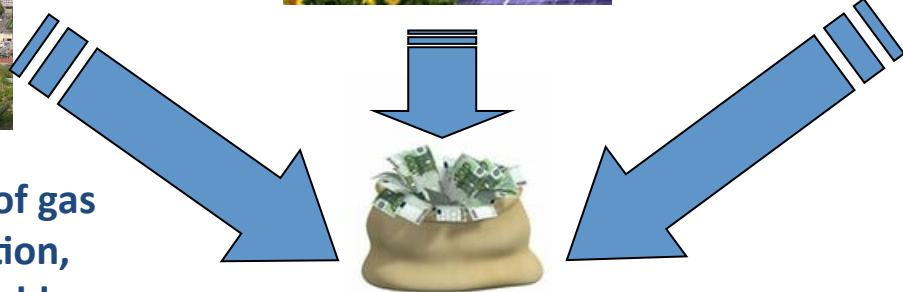
Eastern Gas Program of JSC «Gazprom»



UGS in China



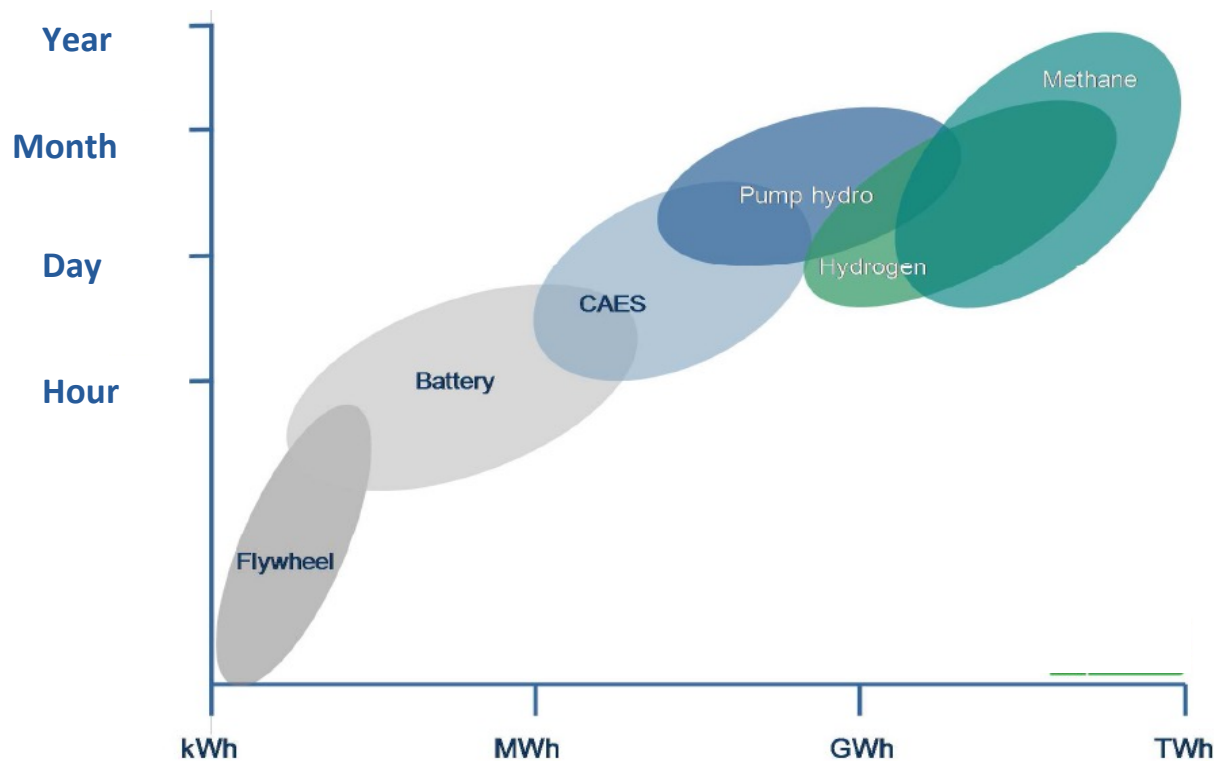
New functions of UGS



UGS as an efficient tool of gas market commercialization, maintenance of renewable energy sources (wind generators and solar batteries) and development of absolutely new areas in energy sector, such as 'energy storage'

1. Pumped Hydraulic Energy Storage (PHS)
2. Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES)
3. Conversion of electricity to H2 and/or "green methane" (Power2gas)
4. Other electricity storage options currently under development such as flywheels, batteries, condensators, supraconductors, etc

New functions of UGS



Respective characteristics of the main options available in terms of energy storage content

Source: International Gas Union

PHS - 400 facilities in operation, total capacities 125 GWh. Low capacity facility, below GWh. High capital cost.

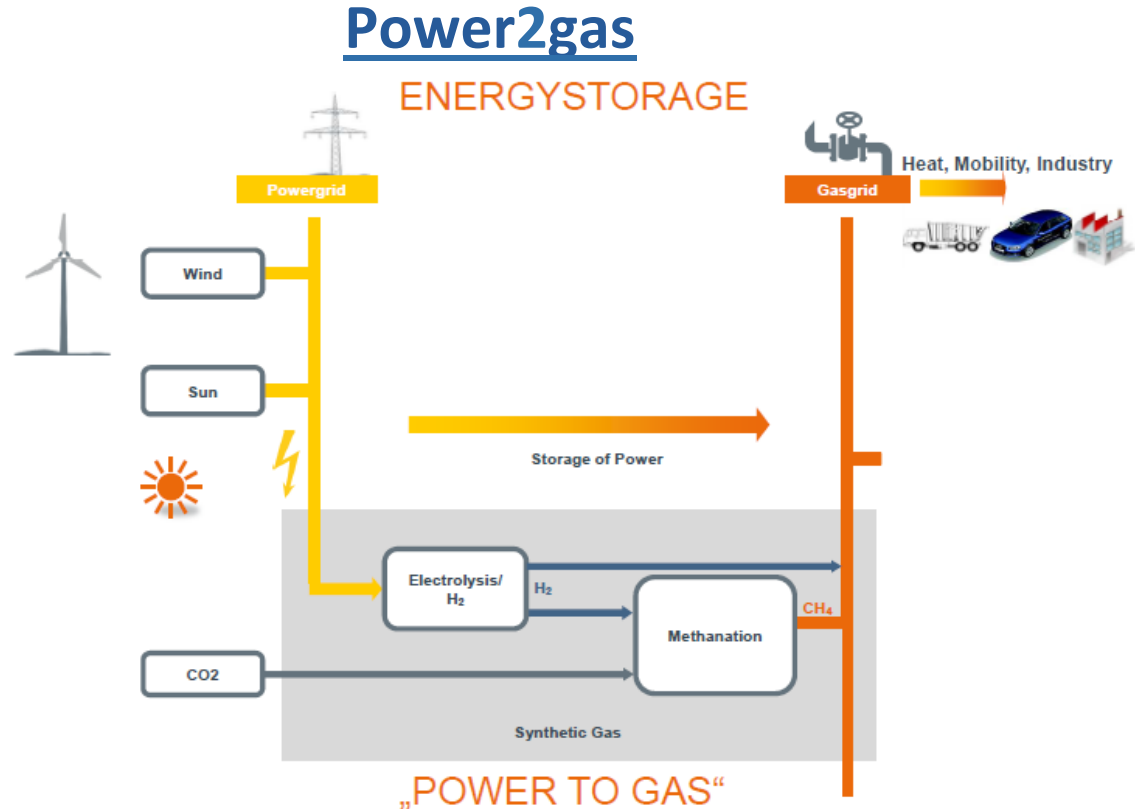
CAES – even less capacity, only two facilities in operation, total capacity 0,7 GWh. Technology still under development. CAES need to be located at “sweet spots” of the grid at reasonable distance from both intermittent renewable energy production sources and the high voltage electric transportation system in order to avoid high connection costs, especially if buried lines are considered. No one project have been constructed in the last 30 years .

One 500 000m³ cavern with a typical 120 bar operating pressure range can accommodate the following working gas:

- 45 Mm³ (n) i.e. some 4000 tons Hydrogen or some **135 GWh**

or

- 60 Mm³ (n) Natural gas i.e. some **700 GWh**



UGS as Effective Tool



Other electricity storage options currently under development such as flywheels, batteries, condensators, superconductors, etc. do not seem as of today, to offer a field of application for UGS solutions.



Modern batteries

- Volume - <1 kWh
- Cost \approx € 10/kWh/год



UGS

- Volume – tens billions kWh
- Cost \approx € 0,005/kWh/год

One European household needs 10 000 kWh (1000m³) for heating in wintertime.

UGS as Effective Tool



Gas is the cheapest and most efficient means of storage and transportation

Comparison of technical and economical characteristics (case study Europe) *Source: International Gas Union*

Electricity:

- Length - 260 km;
- Capacity – 1 GW;
- Capital cost – 600 mln.€;
- Operation cost per unit – 230 € per kW/100 km

Gas pipeline:

- Length - 230 km;
 - Capacity – 20 GW;
 - Capital cost – 500 mln.€;
 - Operation cost per unit – 11 € per kW/100 km
- «Nord Stream» - 9 € per kW/100km



UGS as Effective Tool



Hence despite undisputable importance of UGS as an efficient tool of gas market commercialization, maintenance of renewable energy sources (wind generators and solar batteries) and development of absolutely new areas in energy sector, such as 'energy storage' in pure form, support of energy security of vast regions in continental scale remains the primary function of underground storage. Implementation of such system can only be provided under conditions of the United Gas Supply System functioning, with UGS and main gas pipelines being its integral elements.



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