

A personal view on Russia-EU energy collaboration story (in gas): evolution in line with & adaptation to changing externalities within broader globalized energy environment

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Changing/evolving multi-dimension environment for energy business in “Broader Energy Europe” (geopolitical, economic, regulatory, environmental, ...)

• Geopolitics:

- From USSR/COMECON to dissolution of socialist system (1991) and single states => new political map of new sovereign states with their sovereign right for “rule to regulate”
- EU integration trends: From velvet revolution in Eastern European countries (1988/1989) to their affiliation with EU (2004/2007), unification of Germany (1991)
- EU desintegration trends: Brexit (2016-2021) plus internal UK (Scotland) & Spain (Basques) disintegration tendencies; refugees crisis (result of “colour revolutions” in MENA); internal conflict between old & new Europeans (no homogeneity yet in the EU as well as in Germany); polarization of political parties...

• Regulation:

- From national champions within isolated markets to single EU common energy market still in the making through 1st (1996/1998), 2nd (2003) & 3rd (2009) EU Energy Packages and its Network Codes (2010-2017)
- New regulatory rules influence economics (more short-term-oriented model of economic development)

• Economics:

- Diminishing role of national states vs increasing role of international bureaucracy (national capitals vs Brussels)
- From maximization of shareholders value (profit) to sustainable development incl. social responsibility, “responsible investing”, ESG (environment, sustainable, governance), green financing => new development models with new balance of risks & rewards
- Changing parameters of global competition (increasing role of China, India, BRICS etc), new global supply chains emerge

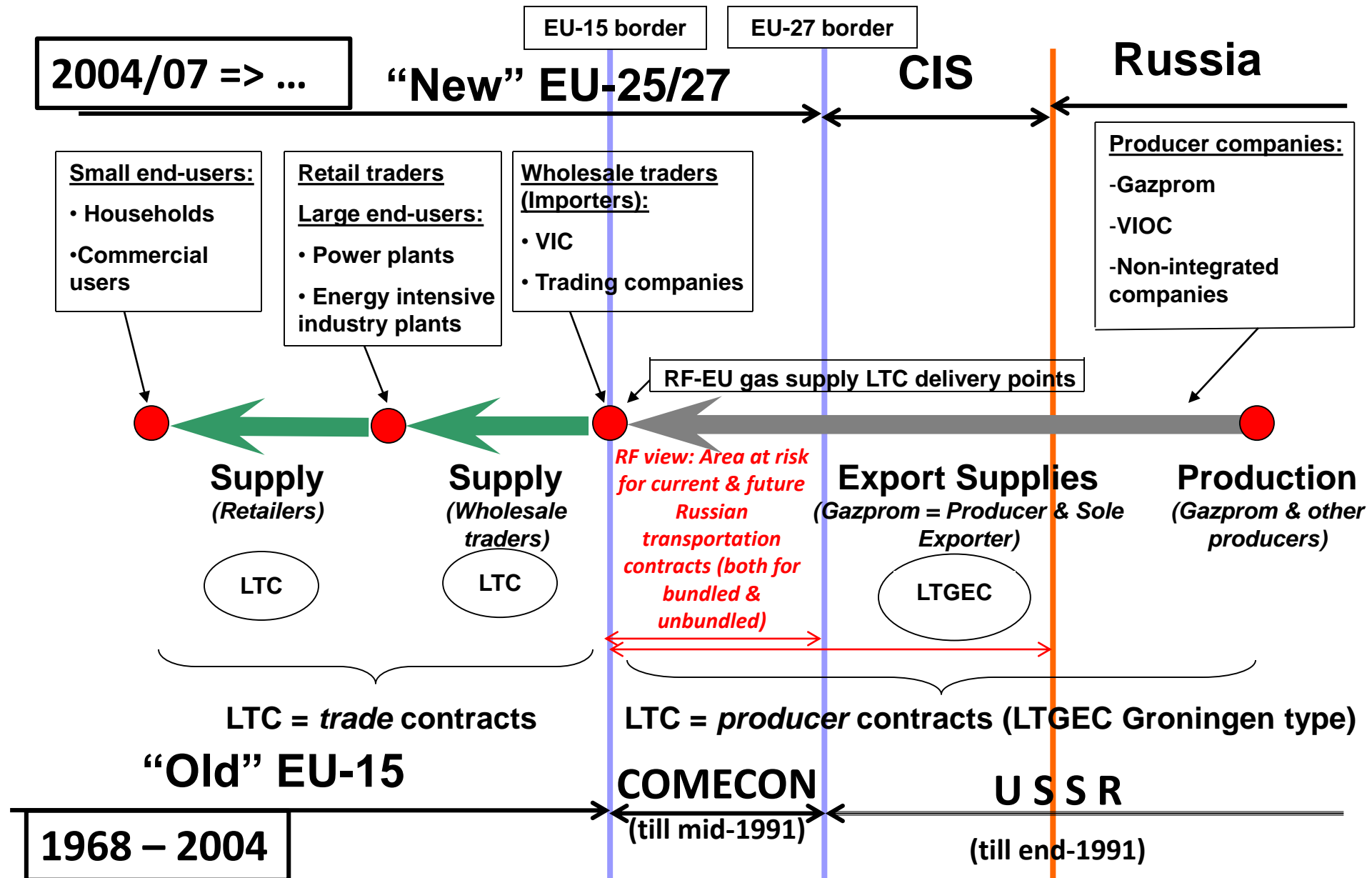
• Environmental:

- Green agenda (post-COP-21/2015): climate-related concerns dominate over shareholders value; political limitation (incl. retroactive) of investment activities (i.e. ECT modernization process)
- Increased reliance on public finance – deviation from open market rules & principles (increased direct & indirect role of public finance)
- Climate agenda as a means of redistribution of powers and new repartition of markets and spheres of influence

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Russia-EU gas value chain: three-step LTC structure since 1968 till nowadays



Russia-EU common interest & mechanisms for minimizing transit risks

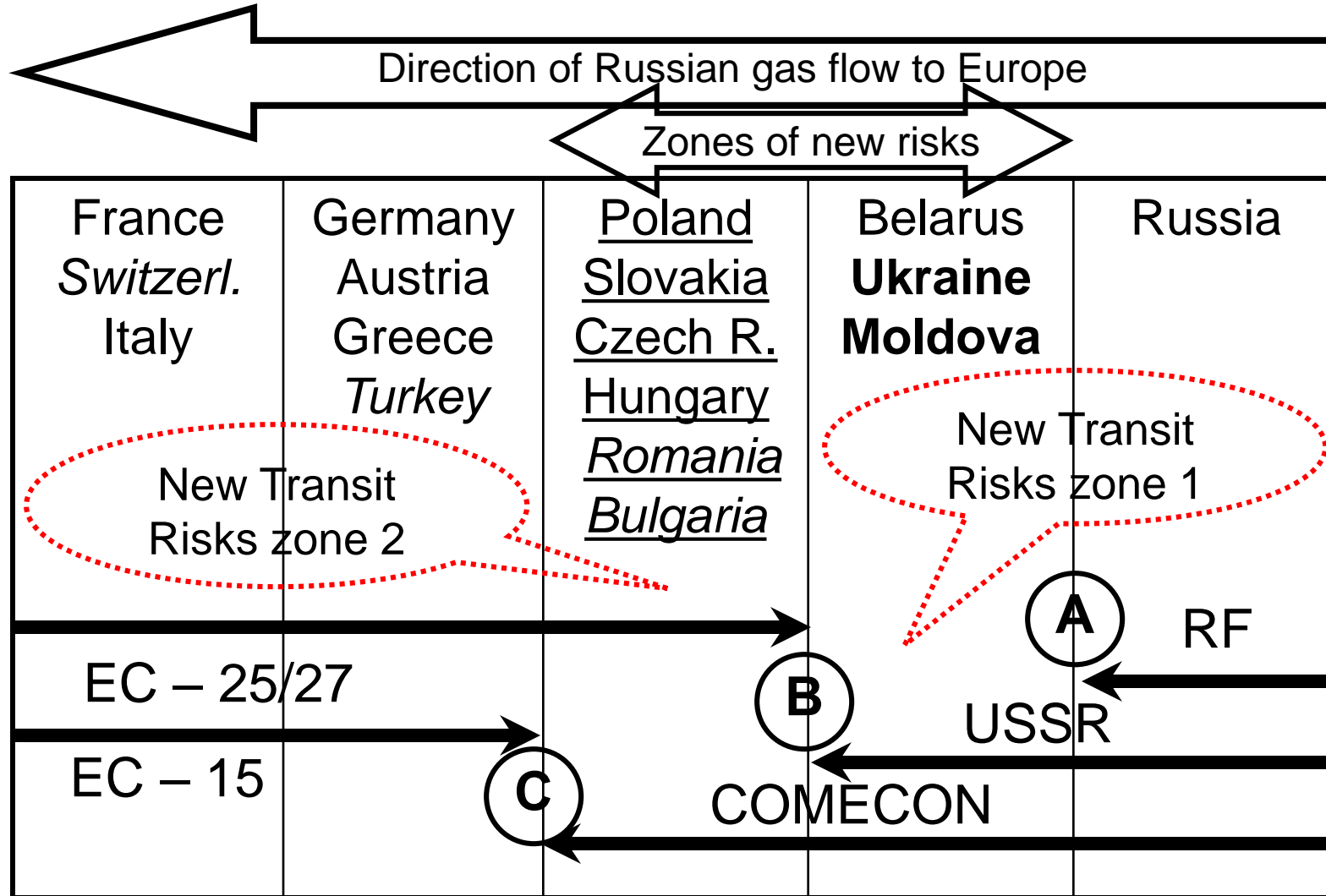
- Prior to dissolution of COMECON/USSR:

- Delivery points at COMECON-EU border, de facto no transit within COMECON (de facto single area for gas export), producer/exporter had full operational control on gas value chain from wellhead to delivery point

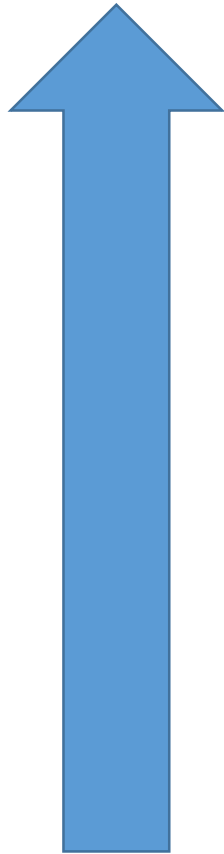
- After dissolution of COMECON/USSR:

- New sovereign independent states between producer/exporter (Russia) and the EU => producer has lost control on transit part of gas value chain (from its border to delivery points) => transit risks => acts for exporter & importer
- To minimize transit risks for importer & exporter = to diversify:
 - For importer (transit + supply risks): multiple **routes** + sources of supply + suppliers
 - For exporter (transit + demand risks): multiple **routes** + markets + importers
- => diversification of routes = common interest for producer/exporter & importer
=> to exclude transit totally or alternative pipelines (by-passes)

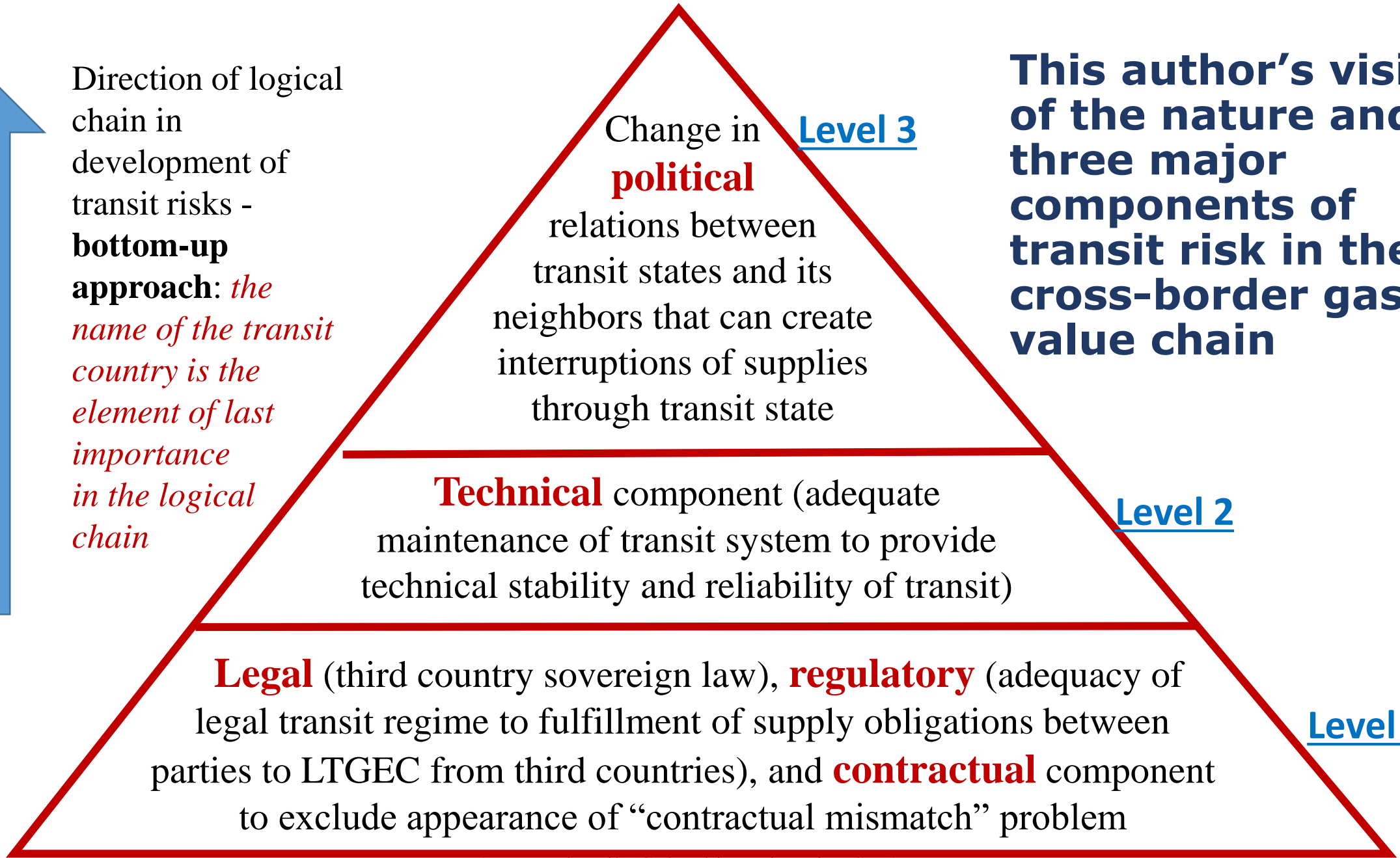
Russian Gas Supplies to Europe: Zones of New Risks for Existing Supplies Within Russia's Area of Responsibility



Italic – non-EU countries; New EU accession states: underlined – since 01.05.2004, underlined + italic – since 1.01.2007; **Bold** – FSU states members of ECOMT; A, B, C – points of change of ownership for Russian gas and/or pipeline on its way to Europe

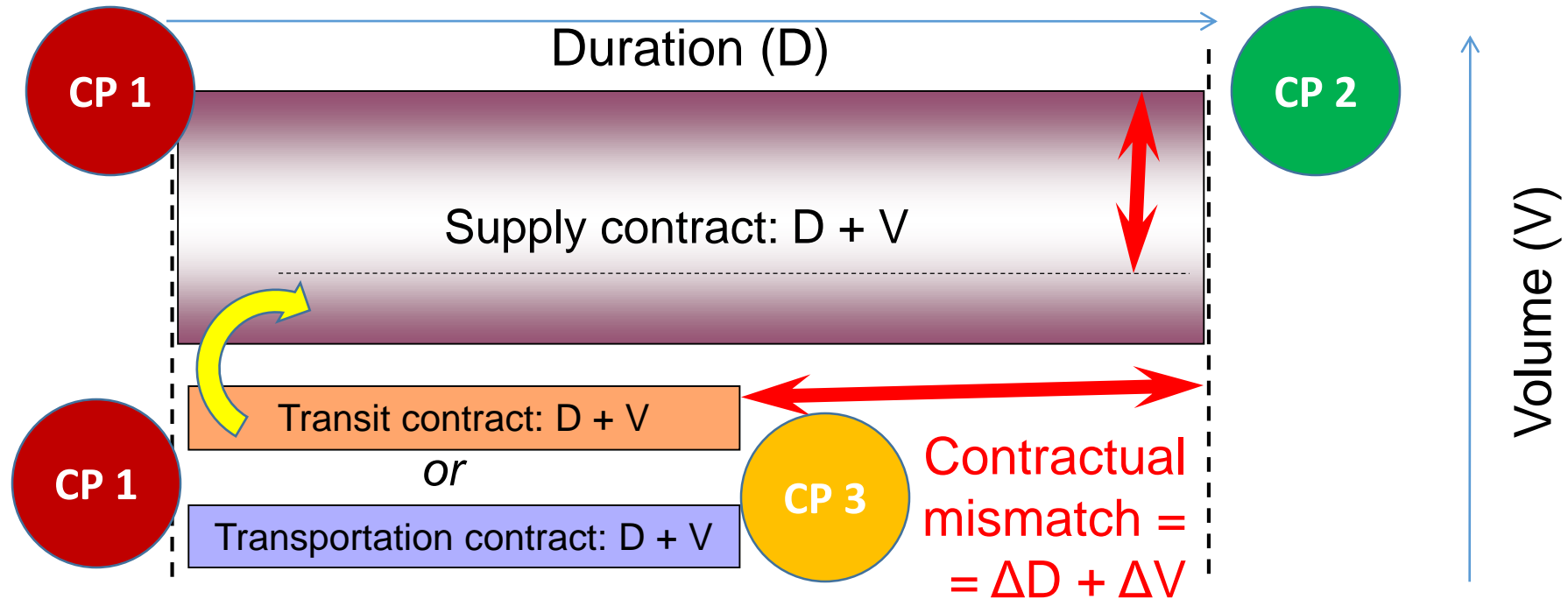


Direction of logical chain in development of transit risks - **bottom-up approach**: *the name of the transit country is the element of last importance in the logical chain*



This author's vision of the nature and three major components of transit risk in the cross-border gas value chain

Level 1 issue: Contractual Mismatch Problem

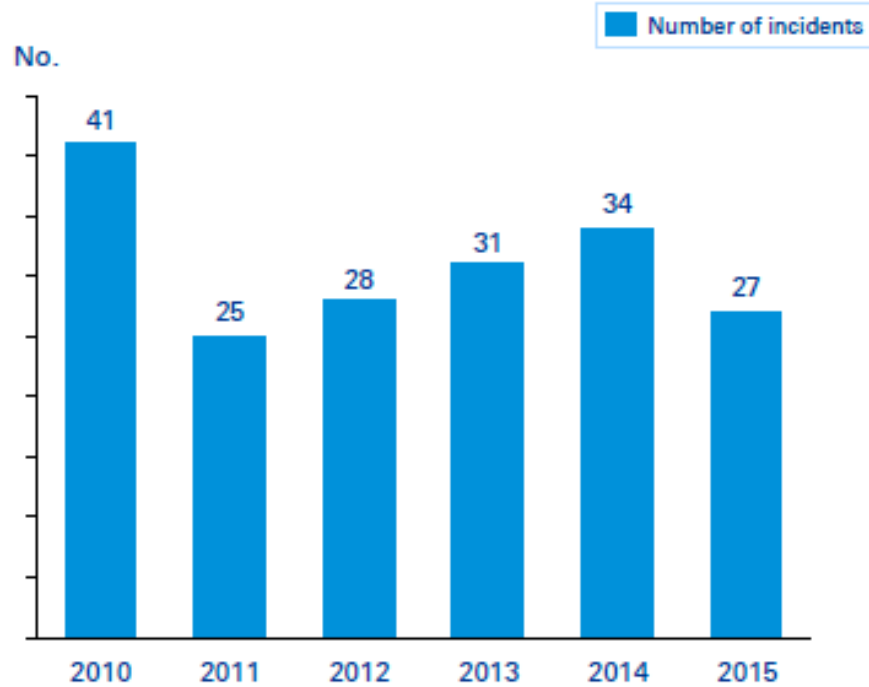


Mismatch between duration/volumes (D/V) of long term supply (delivery) contract & transit/transportation contract as integral part to fulfill delivery contract => risk of non-renewal of transit/transportation contract at **existing** capacity *or* non-creation of adequate **new** capacity => risk of non-delivery for existing/new **supply** contract (incl. arbitration consequences).

Core issue: to guarantee access to/creation of adequate transportation capacity for volume/duration of long term contracts; **shipper's contracts (booking guarantees) best financial security for debt/project financing**

Level 2 issue: Technical conditions of Ukrainian GTS (acc. to KPMG)

There was a slight improvement in 2011. but since then the number of incidents has been increasing



KPMG calculation methodology for failure index (No. of failures/(1000 km *1 bcm)):

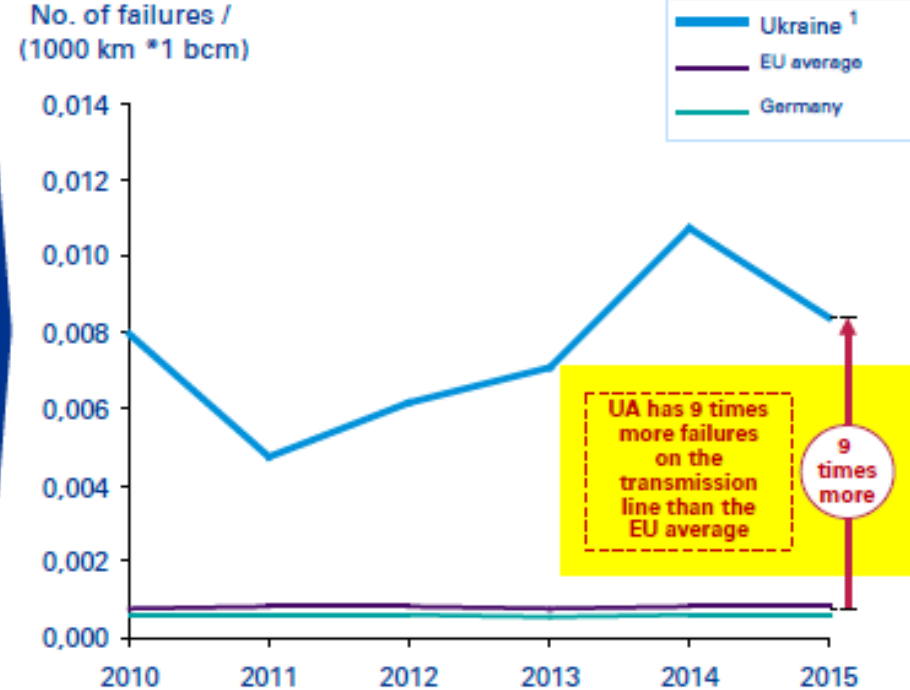
(1) Ukraine: Calculated on the basis of number of failures (published by Ukrtransgaz, 2015) and 38.5 th km long transmission system and sum of transit and net imports from Russia were taken into account.

(2) EU average: Number of incidents per 1000 km from EGIG 2015 report and quantity of imports from Eurostat Statistical Dashboard.

(3) Germany: Number of incidents per 1000 km from DVGW 2011-2015 statement and quantity of imports from Eurostat Statistical Dashboard.

Source: Ukrtransgaz Publication on Incidents on the transmission system („У 2015 році кількість відмов на магістральних газогонках України зменшилась на 21%“ Published on 2016.06.15), 9th Report of the European Gas Pipeline Incident Data Group on period 1970 – 2013 (2015); Sicherheit von Gasfernleitungen – das Technische Regelwerk im Licht der aktuellen Rechtsprechung (2011; 2013; 2015)

Compared to the international benchmark, Ukraine has the most failures per 1000 km times natural gas throughput

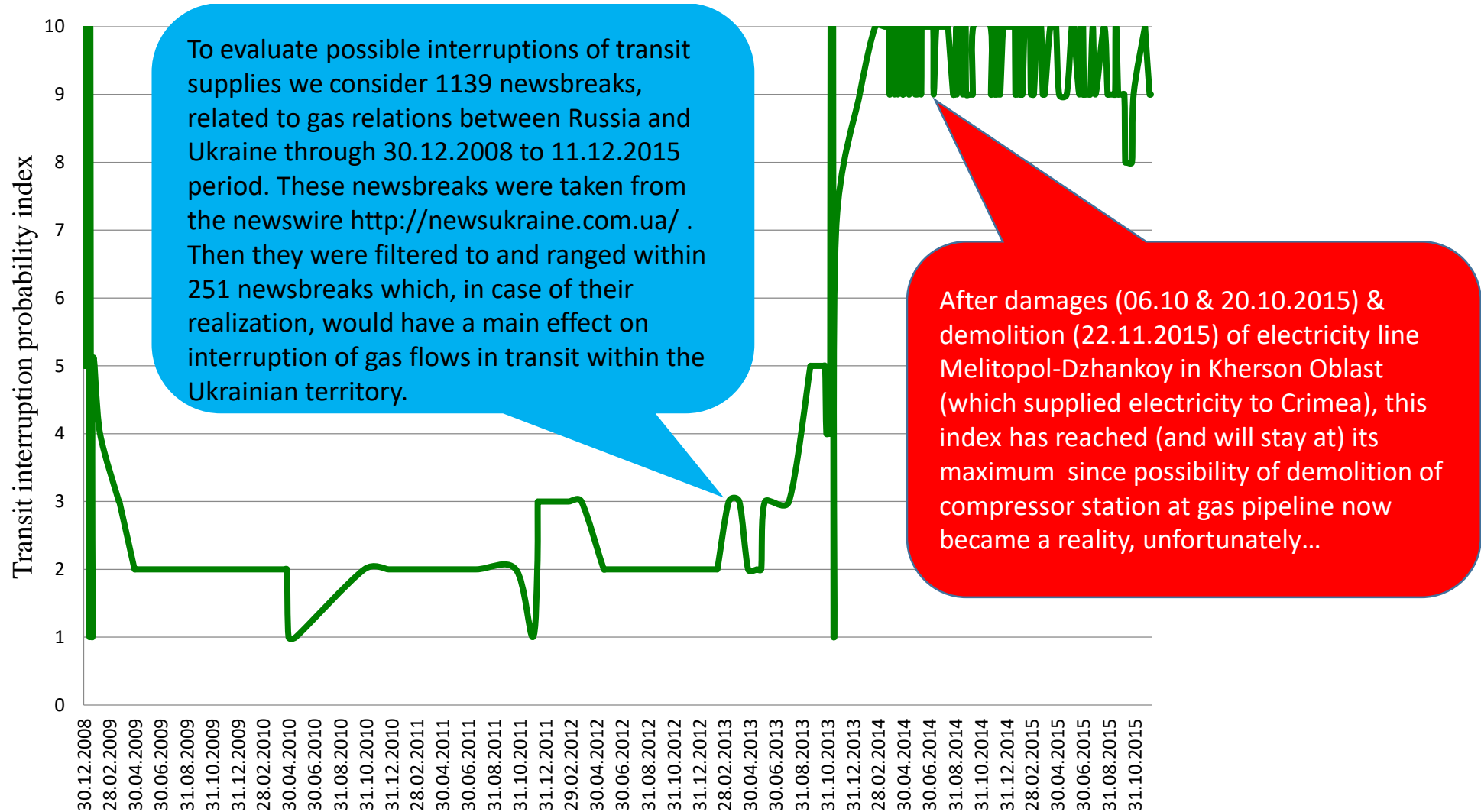


UA has 9 times more failures on the transmission line than the EU average

9 times more

Source: Situation of the Ukrainian natural gas market and transit system. Market Study. // KPMG, 10.04.2017, p.37-38

Level 3 issue: Ukraine: “transit interruption probability” index (2009–2015)

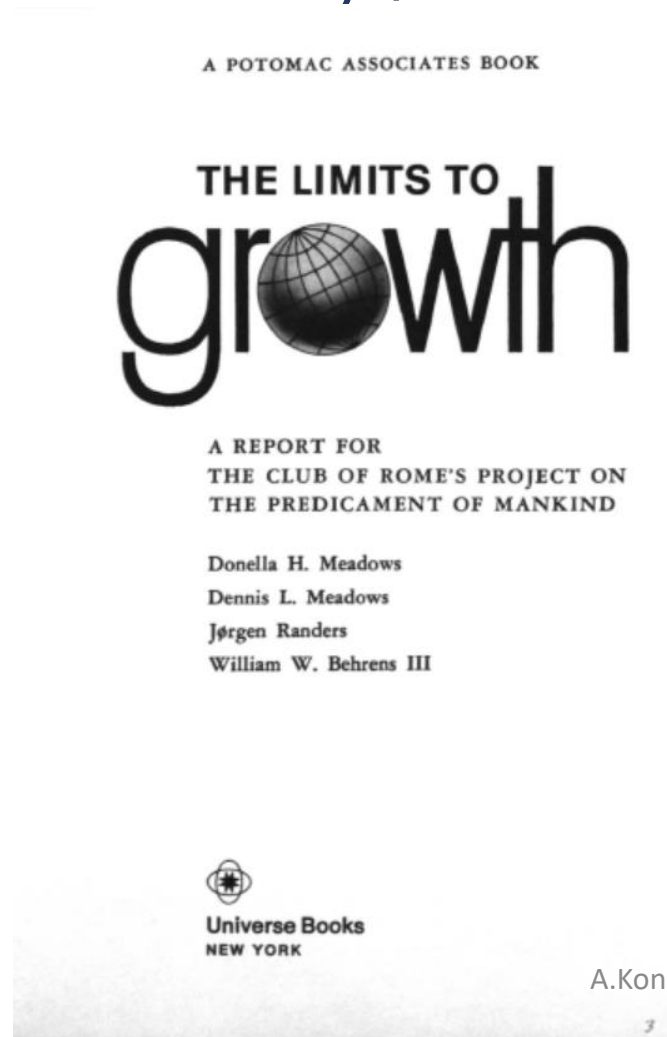


Calculated by M.Larionova, Russian Gubkin State Oil & Gas University, Chair “International Oil & Gas Business”, Master’s programme 2013-2015, on methodology, jointly developed with A.Konoplyanik, based on principles of credit ratings evaluation by major international credit agencies

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Analogy: “RF-EU informal consultations / GAC WsS” vs “Club of Rome” => informal organization = “invisible colleague” (informal means more trustworthy / trusted dialogue)



FOREWORD

IN APRIL 1968, a group of thirty individuals from ten countries—scientists, educators, economists, humanists, industrialists, and national and international civil servants—gathered in the Accademia dei Lincei in Rome. They met at the instigation of Dr. Aurelio Peccei, an Italian industrial manager, economist, and man of vision, to discuss a subject of staggering scope—the present and future predicament of man.

THE CLUB OF ROME

Out of this meeting grew The Club of Rome, an informal organization that has been aptly described as an “invisible college.” Its purposes are to foster understanding of the varied but interdependent components—economic, political, natural, and social—that make up the global system in which we all live; to bring that new understanding to the attention of policy-makers and the public worldwide; and in this way to promote new policy initiatives and action.

The Club of Rome remains an informal international association, with a membership that has now grown to approximately seventy persons of twenty-five nationalities. None of its members holds public office, nor does the group seek to express any single ideological, political, or national point of view. All are united, however, by their overriding conviction that the major problems facing mankind are of such complexity and are so interrelated that traditional institutions and policies are

Gas Advisory Council under Coordinators of Russia-EU Energy Dialogue, 2011 till nowadays (and the current status)

Coordinators of Russia-EU Energy Dialogue

Russia - Minister of Energy
EU – Commissioner on Energy

Russia-EU Gas Advisory Council

Co-Chairs:

Russia – Anatoly Yanovsky
EU – Philip Lowe (2011-2013),
Klaus-Dieter Borchardt (2014-2020)

Co-speakers:

Russia – Vladimir Feygin
EU – Jonathan Stern

Russian Ministry of Energy:

«...in Spring 2014 Russia-EU Energy Dialogue was frozen at EU initiative. Expert Work Stream 2 on Internal markets, among three existing WSs of GAC, is practically the only one working body of the Energy Dialogue»
(<https://minenergo.gov.ru/node/14646>)

DG ENERGY, European Commission:

«The EU-Russia energy dialogue... has been on hold since 2014... Only the technical work-stream on internal market issues under the [previous EU-Russia Gas Advisory Council](https://ec.europa.eu/energy/topics/international-cooperation/key-partner-countries-and-regions/russia_en) (GAC WS2) remains operational»
(https://ec.europa.eu/energy/topics/international-cooperation/key-partner-countries-and-regions/russia_en)

Work Stream 1

«Long-term gas scenarios and forecasts»

Co-chairs:

Russia – Vladimir Feygin
EU – Jonathan Stern

Work Stream 2 «Internal markets»

Co-chairs:

Russia – Andrey Konoplyanik
EU – Walter Boltz (2011-2019),
Wim Groenendijk (since 2020)

Work Stream 3 «Gas infrastructure»

Co-chairs:

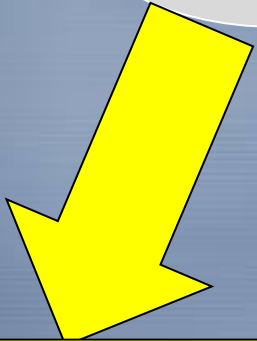
Russia – Theodore Shtilkind
EU – Stephan Kampues

Major Task of the EU-Russia Gas Advisory Council

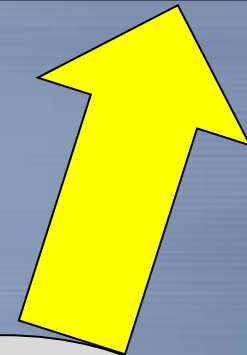
- **“...aimed to diminish mutual risks and uncertainties to the tolerable level”**
(Philip Lowe, Director-General, DG ENERGY, 1st/Inaugural GAC meeting, Vienna, 17.10.2011)

Crisis!!!

Danger



**Resulting point:
Proposals**



**Challenge,
Chance**

**Starting point:
Concerns**

WS2: evolution of the agenda/actors, “matryoshka” style (1)

- **Early/Past stages (2010+):**

- **Traditional gas agenda:**

- Contractual, pricing & related regulatory issues of Russian pipeline gas in the EU within new architecture of EU gas market post-Third EU Energy Package (2010-2017: TEP + NCs) =>
- evolving rules for single product (CH₄) = commoditization + financialisation of gas market with *single* product

- **Actors:**

- EU side: new regulatory rule creators & those who implement these rules (EC, NERs, TSOs)
- Russian side: suppliers, shippers of pipe gas who are to follow these rules = GP => GPE = Russian state export monopoly (by law) of pipeline gas, i.e. state agent of the sovereign state

- **Key issue for RF-EU debate:**

- Natural resource rent cross-border allocation

- **BUT:** objective trend: diversification/expansion of topics => actors

WS2: evolution of the agenda/actors, “matryoshka” style (2)

- **Current stages (since 2018+ - after “Borchardt turn”):**
 - **Traditional gas plus new (decarbonized) gas agenda & related issues:**
 - *Multiple* products: natural gas (CH₄) plus decarbonized & related gases (MHM, H₂, CO₂, bio-methane, syngas, renewable gases, etc.) =>
 - Integration of gas & electricity markets => some reverse trends to 1st, 2nd, 3rd Packages (from unbundling to re-bundling, etc.)?
 - **Actors:**
 - EU side: same plus participants of decarbonized gas value chain, incl. technology producers
 - *preference*: clean (CO₂ neutral) H₂ as renewable H₂ (from RES electricity)
 - Russian side: gas producers/suppliers (pipe gas + LNG) plus participants of decarbonized gas value chain, incl. technology producers
 - *preference*: clean (CO₂ neutral) H₂ from natural gas
 - **Key issue for RF-EU debate:**
 - Resource rent cross-border allocation *plus* technological rent creation and allocation in economically cost-effective & ecologically-neutral way

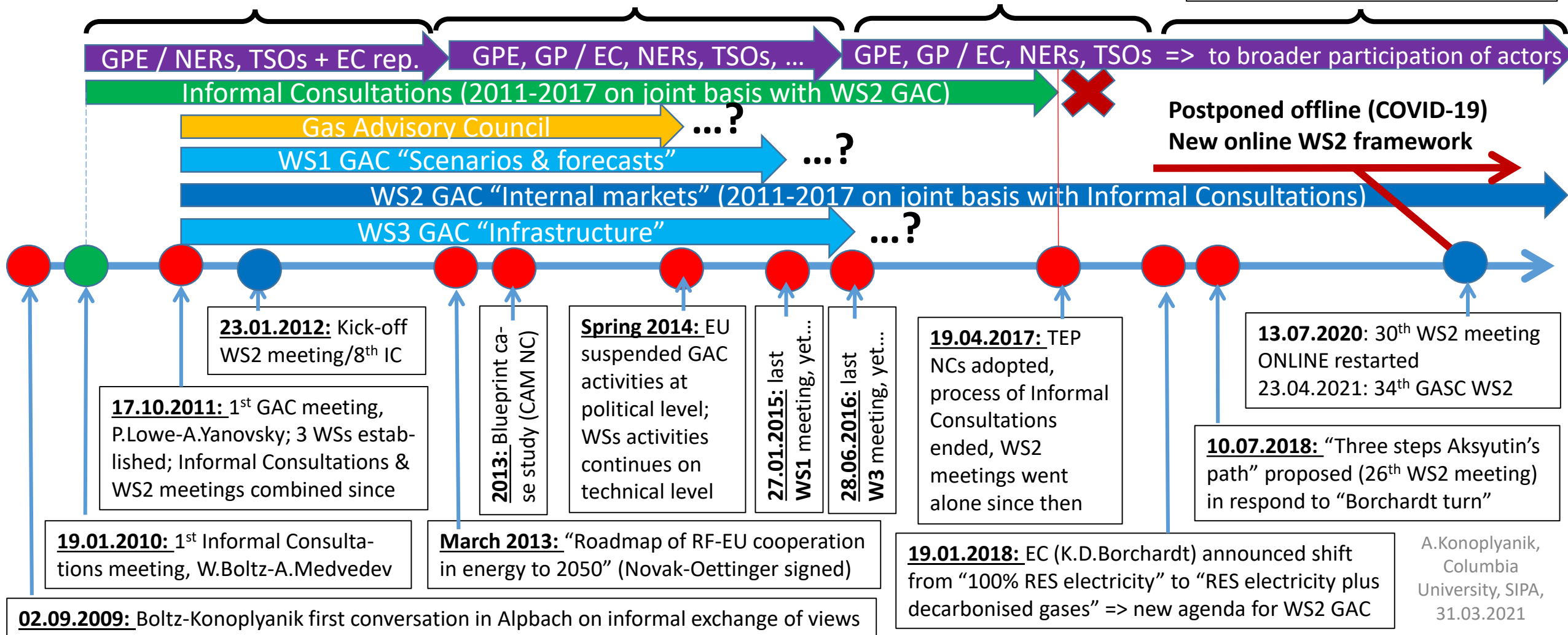
Historical evolution of WS2 GAC process

TEP EU consequences on LTC-based gas **cross-border trade**, incl. GTM, etc. (2010-13)

TEP EU consequences on **cross-border trade & investment** in new & incremental gas infrastructure (NCs: CAM NC INC, TAR NC), etc. (2013-16)

TEP EU overall **regulatory efficiency** (EC Quo Vadis consequences), etc. (2016-18)

EU Decarbonisation vision, incl. of gas value chain, & RF export-oriented **gas decarbonisation**: what are win-win opportunities, incl. in H2, etc. (1Q2018+)



Russia-EU Informal Consultations in gas => GAC WS2 meetings: offline (2010-2029) + online (2020 till nowadays)



=>



**Workshop – informal consultations,
1st round, E-Control, Vienna,
19.10.2010**

**29th meeting of Work Stream 2 "Internal
Markets", Russia-EU Gas Advisory Council,
21 October 2019, Russian Embassy, Berlin**

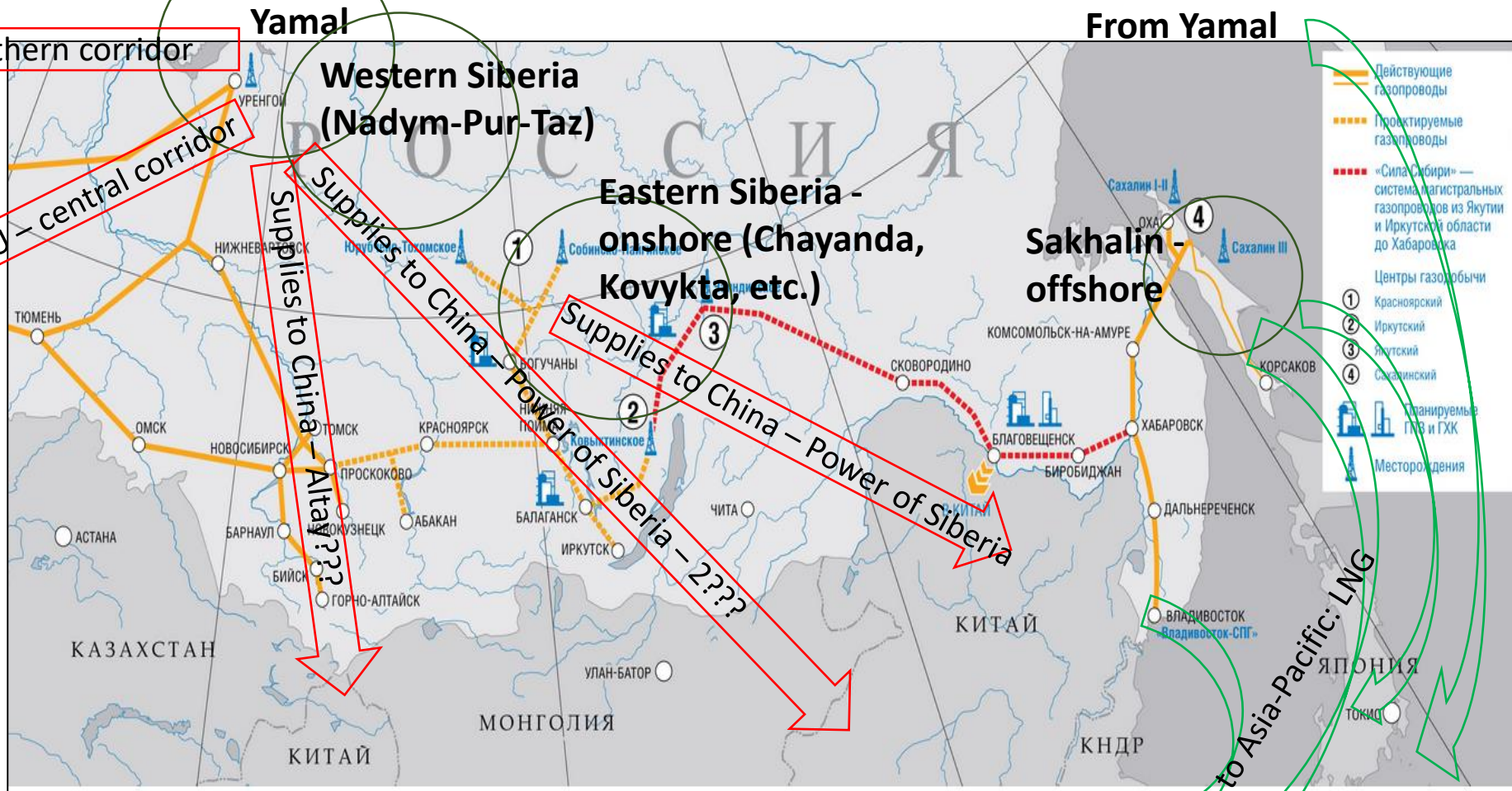
=> Since mid-2020 (update to COVID) – online: 34th GAC WS2 meeting on 23.04.2021

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The markets for Russian gas: European (export) and Russian (domestic) = past/present; same plus Asia Pacific (export) + arbitrage operations worldwide = present/future (*)

Supplies to EU – Northern corridor
 Supplies to EU – central corridor

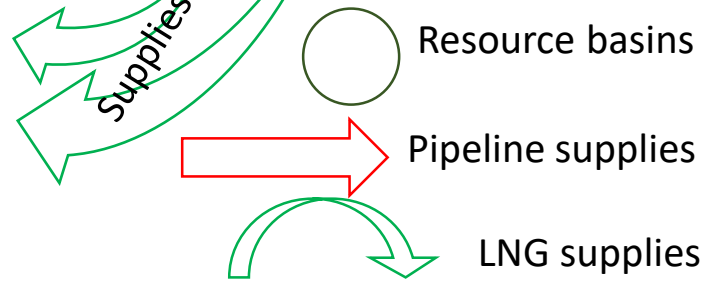


Supplies to China – Altay ???
 Supplies to China – Power of Siberia – 2???
 Supplies to China – Power of Siberia

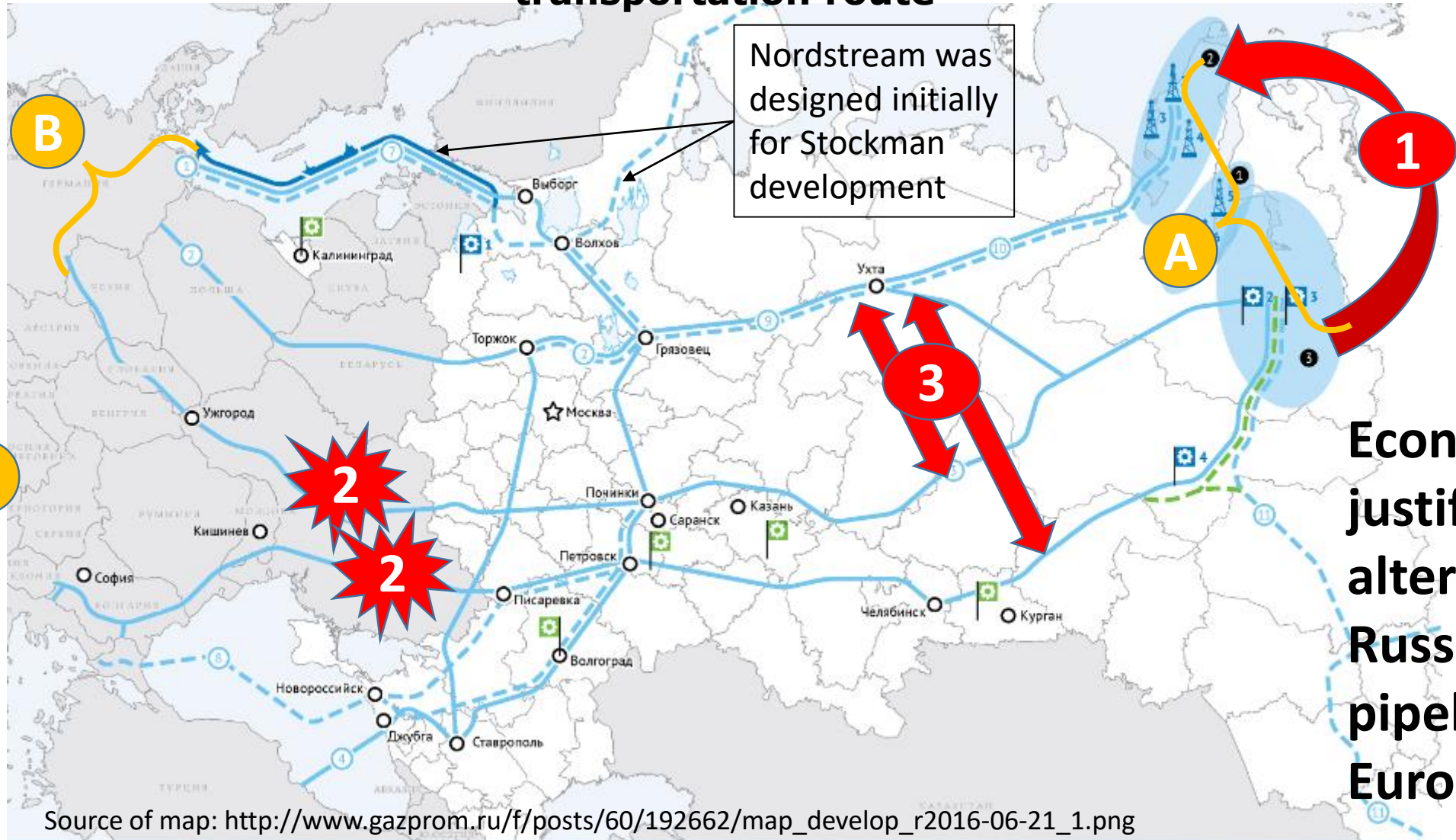
From Yamal
 Supplies to Asia-Pacific: LNG

Source of original map: <http://www.gazprom.ru/about/production/projects/pipelines/ykv/>

(*) with the change of the model of access to export markets: from USSR/GOSPLAN model “one market = one pipe” to current/modern/future model “one market – multiple pipes/modes of delivery” with the same purpose: to minimize delivery risks and to improve security of supplies for both producer/supplier/exporter & consumer/importer



Russia's existing/new supplies to Europe (to the unbundled EU gas market):
(1) resource base moves from Nadym-Pur-Taz to Yamal,
(2) Ukrainian transit risks & costs increases, =>
(3) modernization existing (since end-60's) infrastructure *vs* construction new transportation route



Economic justification of alternative Russian gas pipelines to Europe

Source of map: http://www.gazprom.ru/f/posts/60/192662/map_develop_r2016-06-21_1.png

Comparison of length & some other parameters for different gas routes from Yamal to Germany/EU

	Yamal-Greifswald	NPTR-UA-Waidhaus
Pressure, bars	120/90	75/55
Distance between CS, km	240	120
Inner coating	Yes	No
Efficiency GCU	Twice high	18-25%
Gas-compressor units capacity, MWt	32, 25	12, 16 (new/UA)

Compiled from public sources, incl.: С.Правосудов. Почему Газпром не доверяет украинской трубопроводной системе. // «НГ-Энергия», 16.01.2018



Reminder: Since 2nd EU Gas Package supplies to the individual EU MS = supplies to the EU !

	Yamal – Germany routes	km
1	Yamal – Greifswald:	4166
	Yamal – Ust-Luga (within RF)	2977
	Ust-Luga – Greifswald	1189
2	Yamal – NPTR – UA - Waidhaus:	6051
	Yamal – Sudja (within RF)	3987
	Sudja – Waidhaus	2064

Length of the route via Nord Stream is 1885 km shorter than through UA GTS, incl. that within Russian territory the distance is shorter by 1010 km. Route via Ukraine is 45% longer than via Nord Stream.

Source: PJSC "Gazprom"

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Two rings for future European gas supplies in formation: “disruptive” ring of global LNG supplies & “integral” with internal backup ring of Russian pipeline gas supplies within radial-circle gas infrastructure system

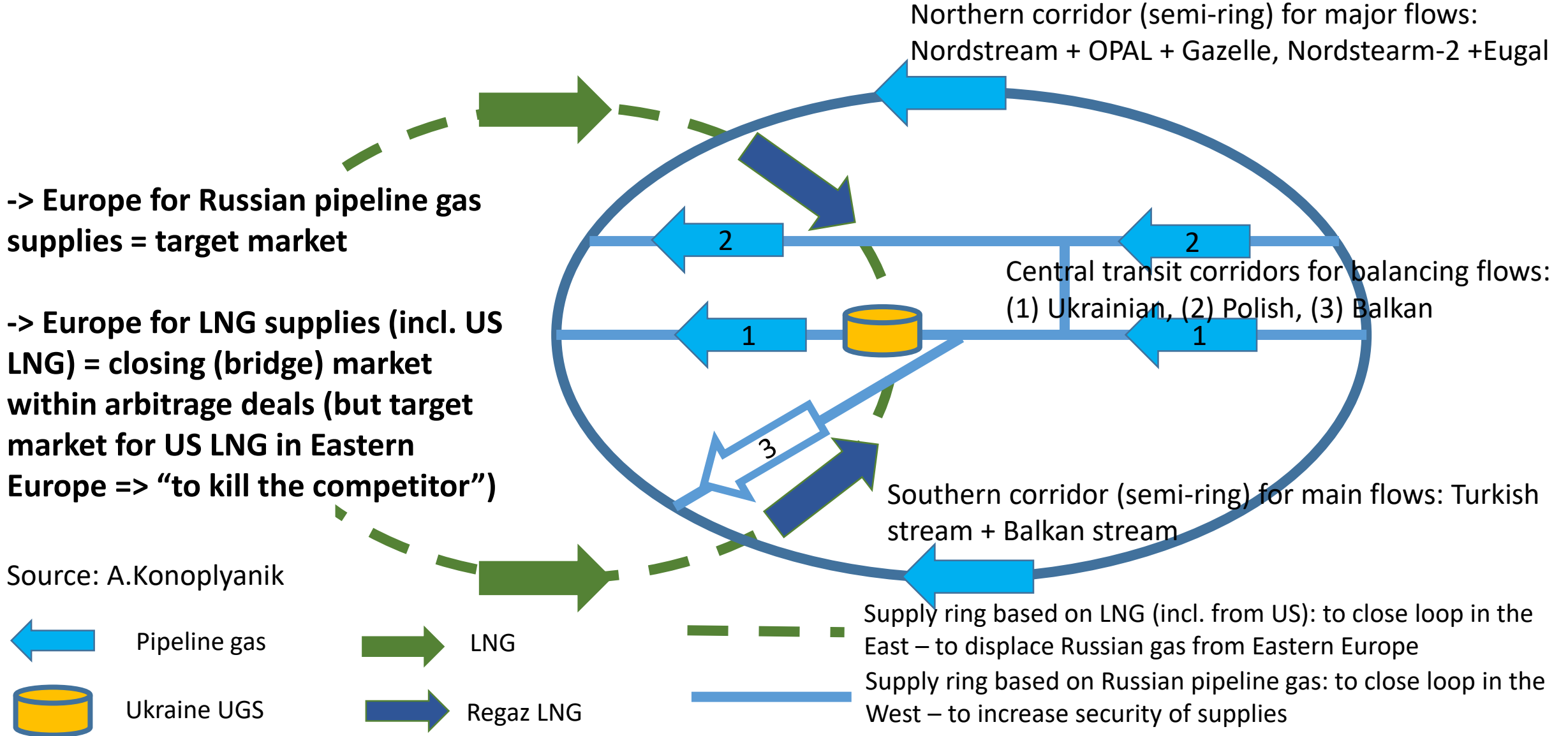


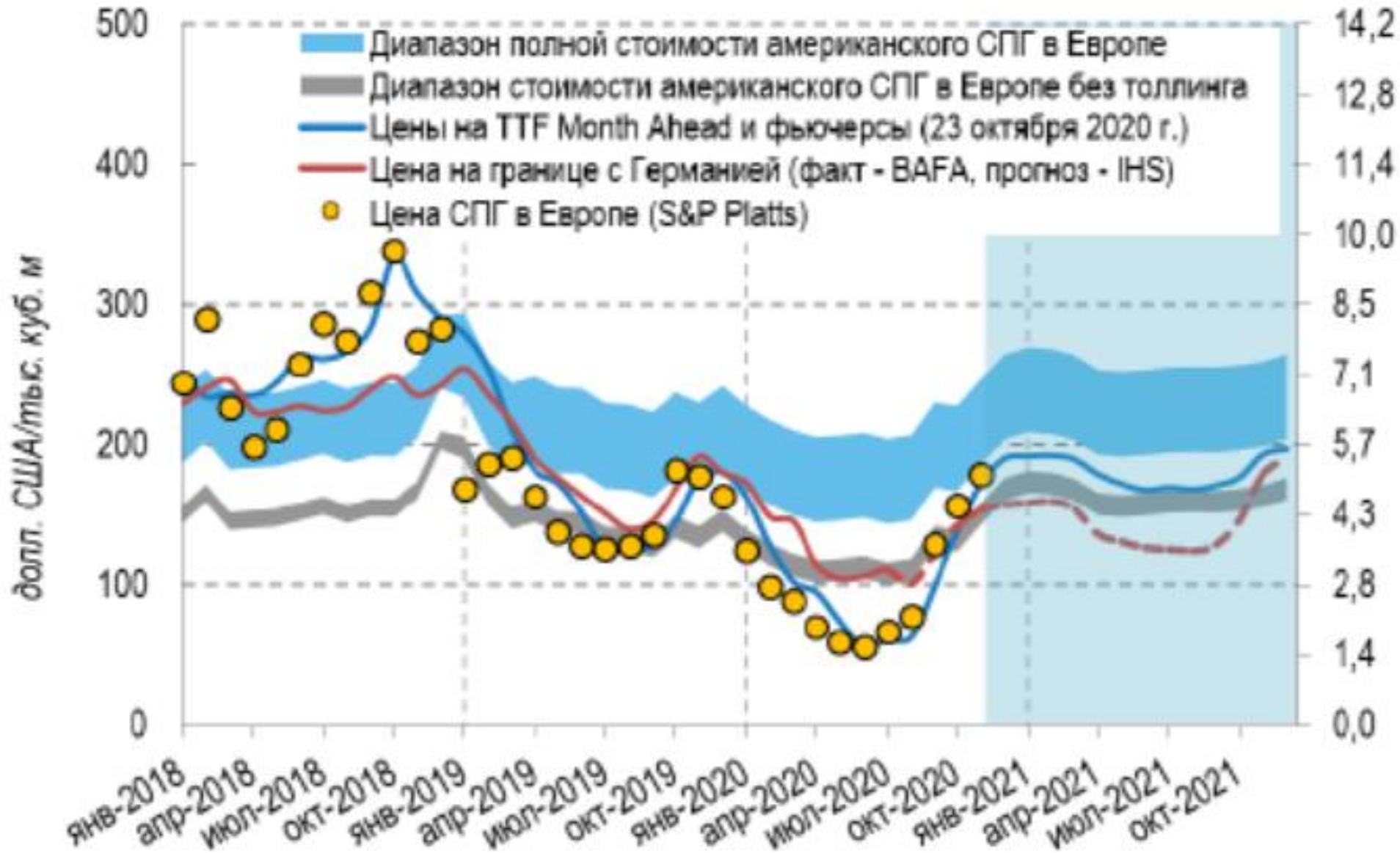
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Global macroeconomic competition & changing role of key players

- Three historic world economic centers (US/NA, WE/EU, Asia-Pacific/SEA)
- But: Growing role of emerging economies (BRICS et al) as additional world economic centers => tightening global economic competition both between “old” and “new”, & within “old” economic centers => threat for US dominance
 - Two ways (policies) to protect one’s competitive niche (to become more competitive yourself, to make another one less competitive)
 - USA (under “America First” & “US Global Energy Dominance” doctrines) is to improve its global competitive niche for the account of the “partners” => of the EU (!)
- EU as a “weakest player” among “old” economic centers:
 - Non-homogenous EU post-2014: expectations (pre-2014) & realities (post-2014) for new EU MSs - a deathblow to hopes on equality & same economic prosperity
 - Two EUs – “old” and “new” EU MSs: “old” EU MSs are EU-oriented, “new” EU MSs are US-oriented;
 - demand for “external threat” for “new” EU MSs in respond to their non-equal (secondary) role in the EU => thus closer ties with US over the head of Brussels
 - On top of this: refugees, BREXIT, US & EU anti-Russia (means: anti-EU) sanctions, etc., which weakens EU global competitiveness
- Increasing energy costs for EU (proposed US LNG instead of Russian pipeline gas) will further decrease EU global competitiveness & welfare (*Nothing personal. America First. Only business.*) => Russian gas to improve EU global competitive positions

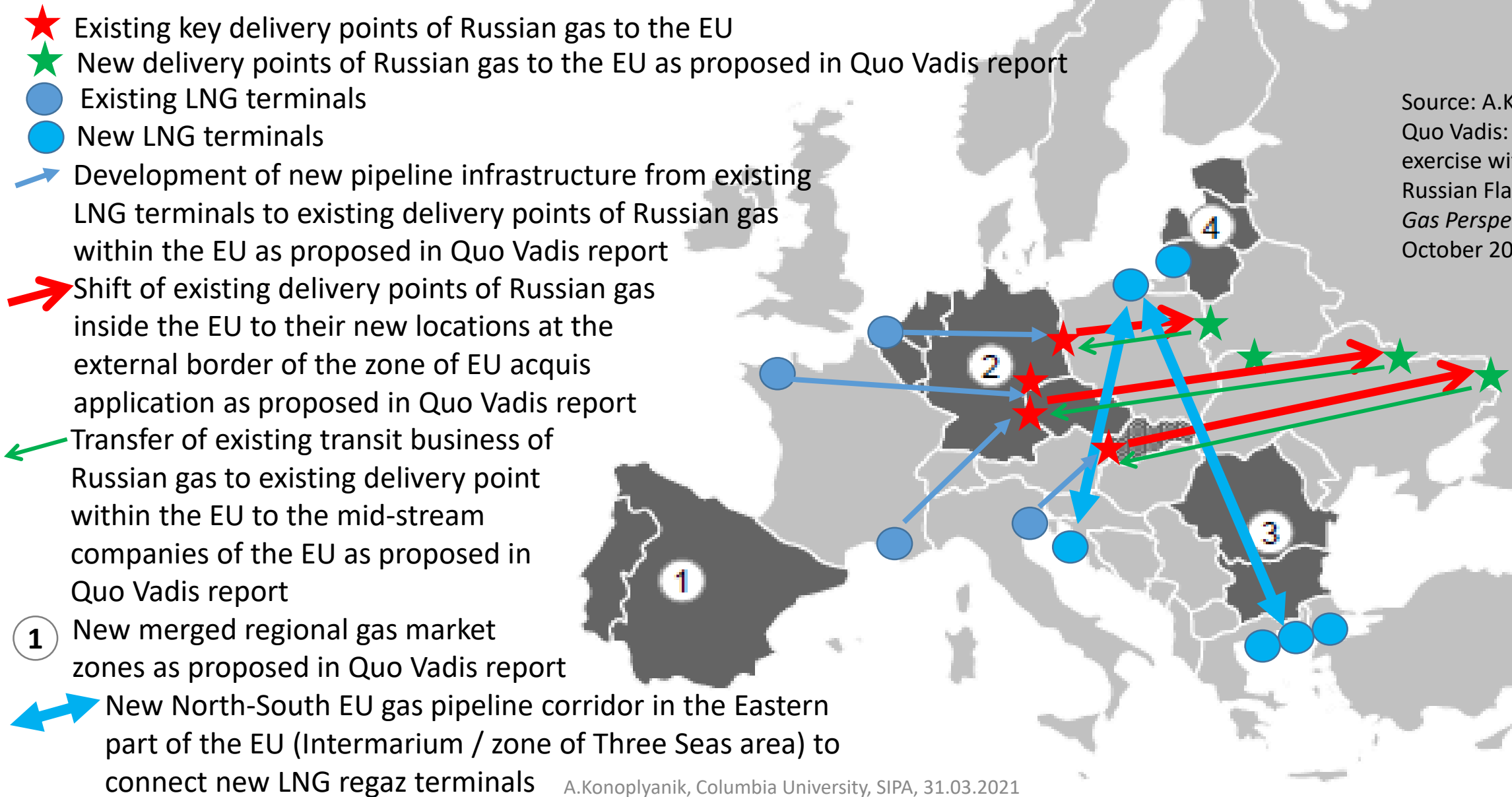
Динамика цен на газ и себестоимости* поставок СПГ из США в Европу



(*) Based on forward curves Henry Hub;
 $P = HH + 15\% + X$,
 X – costs of liquefaction, shipping, regasification

Source: Gazprom export

Possible application consequences (schematic) of five Quo Vadis scenarios, selected for quantitative modelling, under their most negative interpretation for Russian side (creation of new "Curzon line"?)



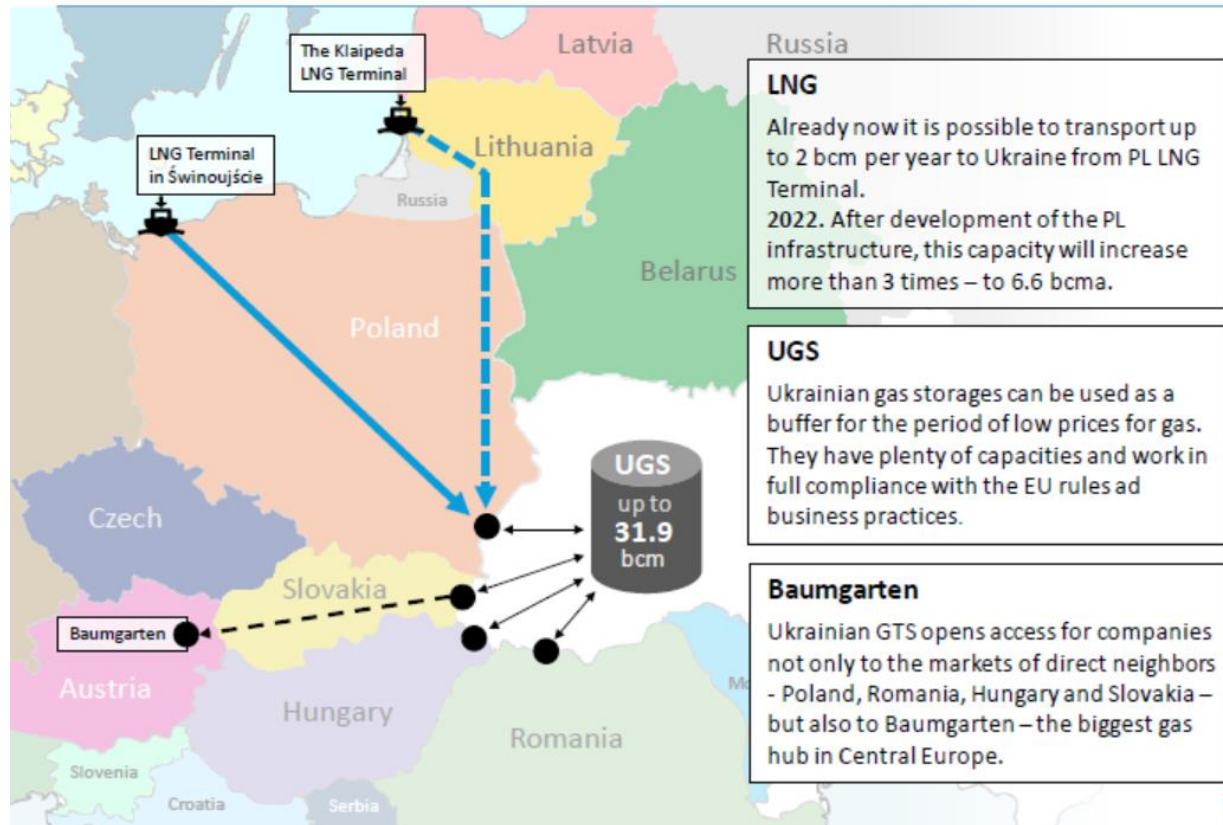
Source: A.Konoplyanik. EU Quo Vadis: a theoretical exercise with an anti-Russian Flavour? // "Global Gas Perspectives", 19 October 2017,

New (incremental) gas infrastructure in the East of the EU (projects of common interest/PCI): technical & economic logic and EU regulatory requirements (3+ sources of supplies for individual EU member-state) is added by political interests



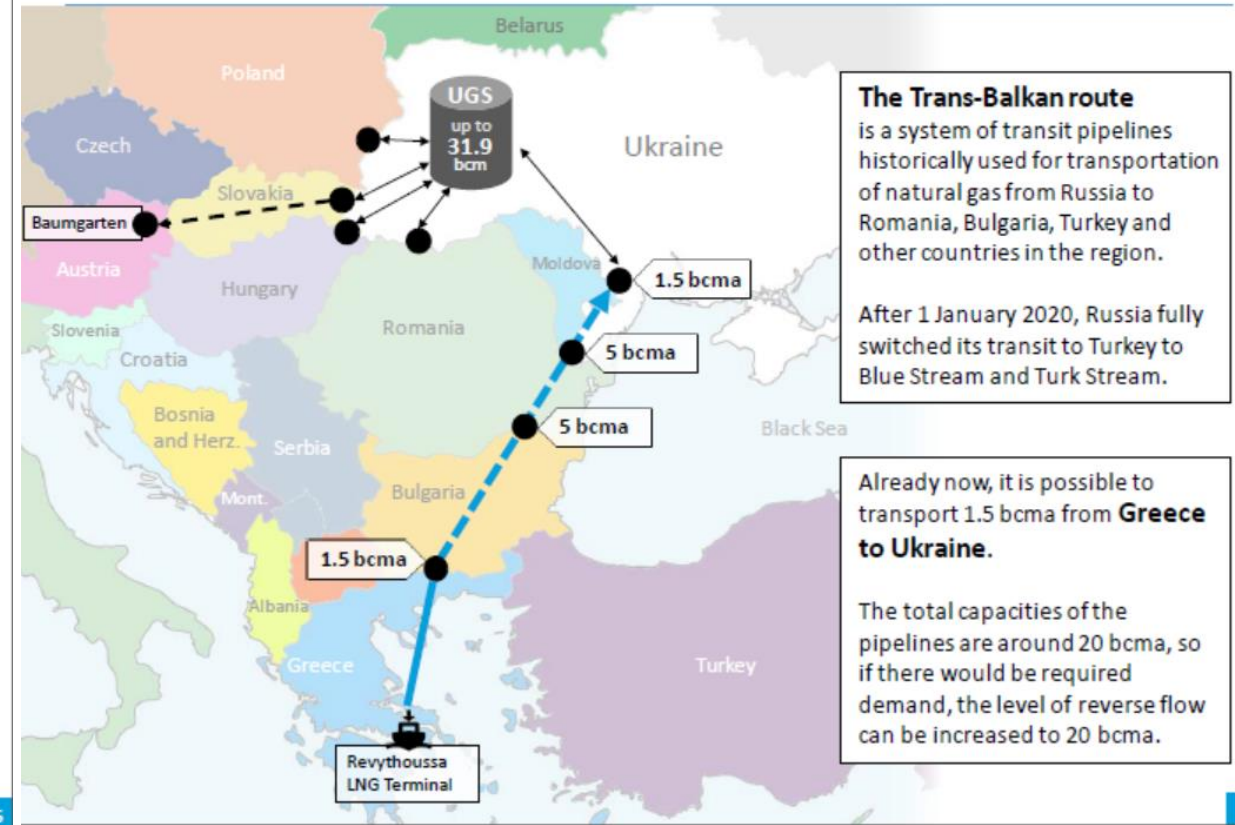
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http://ec.europa.eu/energy/infrastructure/transparency_platform/map-viewer/main.html

LNG and Ukraine – “Northern direction”



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LNG and Ukraine – “Southern direction”



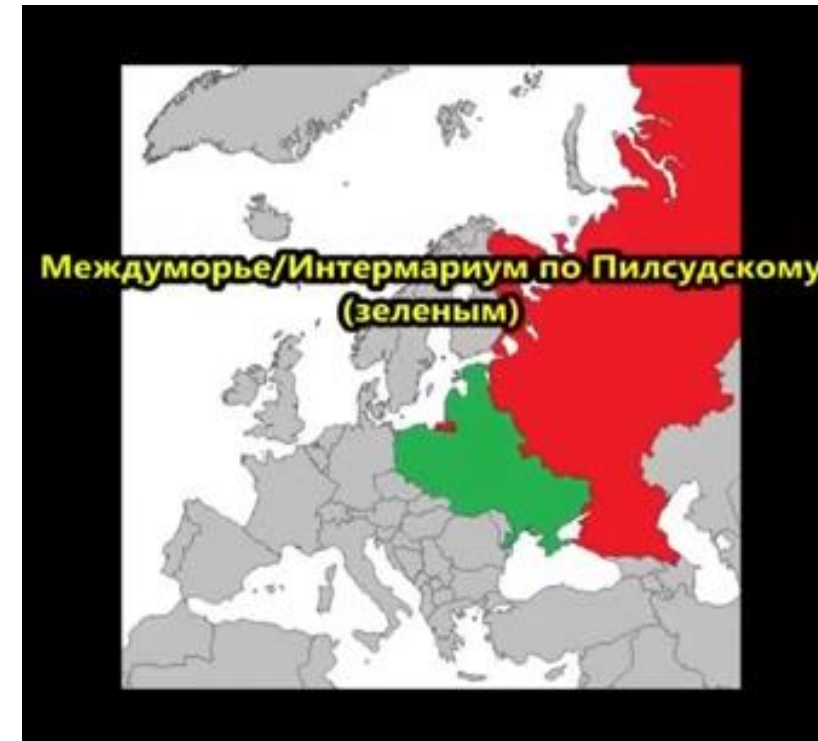
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Source: Sergii MAKOGON (CEO of Gas TSO of Ukraine, LLC). GTSOU presentation. Overview. // Presentation at webinar “Ukrainian Gas Storage Opens for Business”, LNG-Worldwide Ltd, DMG-events/World LNG & Gas Series, 10 June 2020

Fight against NS2: multilayer task for US & EU

- To force Russia continue gas transit to EU via UA post-2019 & to pay transit fees (instead of supporting UA from EU/US public finance)
- Special Third Gas Directive amendments for NS2: to slow down (if not to prevent) construction/start-up + export EU acquis (MTPA/ competition between Russian companies)
 - Export EU acquis upstream cross-border gas value chains = regular long-standing EU task in favour of EU business
- Additional (hidden?) aim (?): to provoke further conflict between Gazprom & Rosneft (on Russian gas market “liberalization” issue):
 - Gazprom: state agent (sole pipeline exporter by law) on monetizing Russian pipeline gas (maximize marketable rent) => to escape Rusgas-to-Rusgas competition
 - Rosneft: would like to monetize its large gas resources (preferably internationally), agent agreements on gas marketing at external markets: with GPE vs with BP
 - Political consequences: open conflict between two Russian state companies = a blow on prestige of “Putin’s regime”?
- Series of US sanctions against NS2: “to kill the competitor” (to US LNG in EU)
 - Sanctions being earlier as a nerve-point instrument of UN international community against individual states in individual cases, now became a standard instrument of US competition policy in international sphere, incl. energy

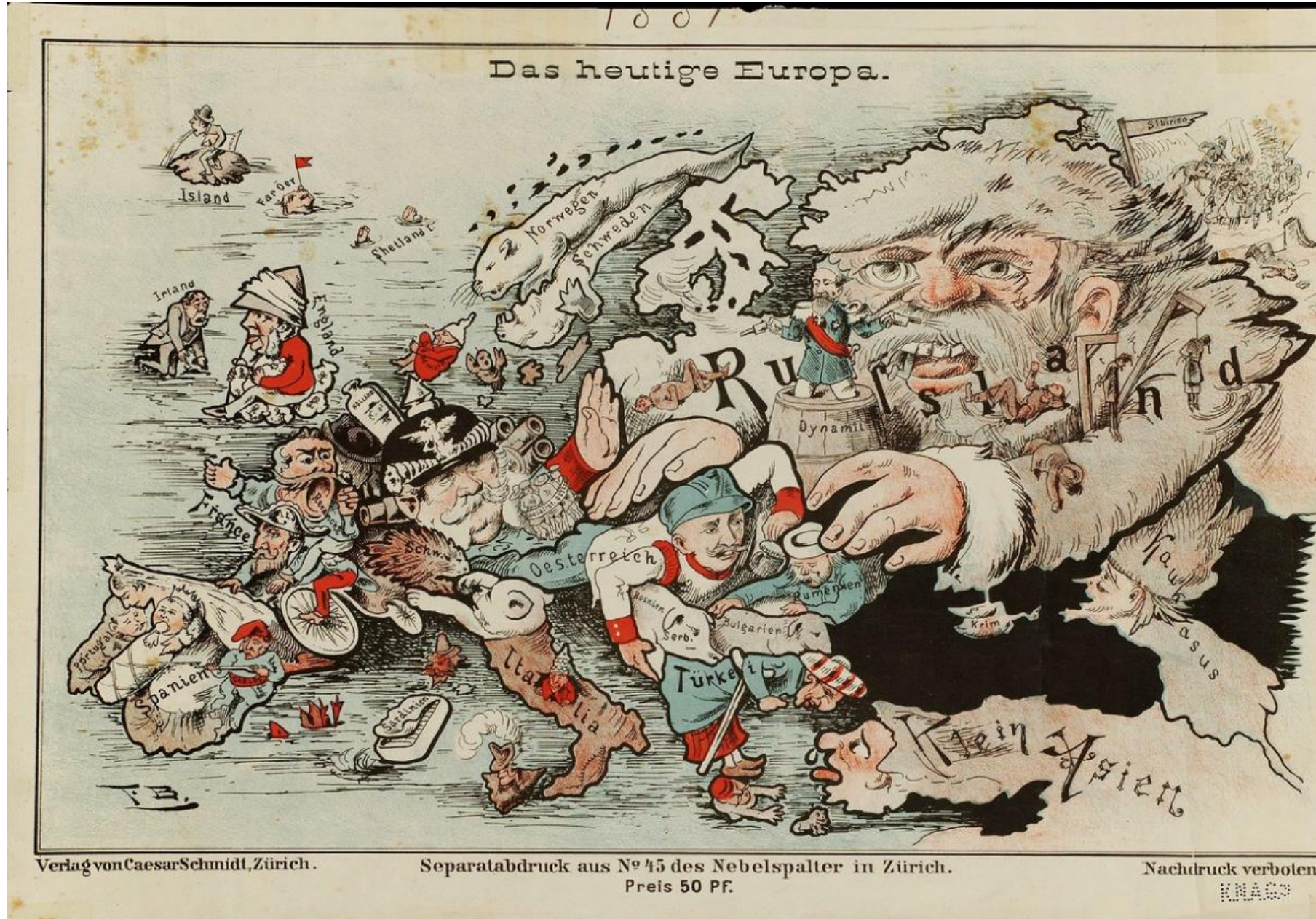
Dividing line from Baltic to Black sea (Project "Intermarium") – major aim of USA in Europe (acc. to G.Friedman, "Stratfor")



“...final aim of the US consists in creation of “*Intermarium*” – territory between Baltic and Black Seas, which concept was developed as far back as by Pilsudski. First aim for US is not to allow that German capital and German technologies were united with Russian natural resources and labour resources in the invincible combination. ... Trump card of US which defeat such combination - dividing line between Baltic states and Black Sea.”

Source: Presentation of George Friedman, Founder and President of private intelligence agency “Stratfor” at the conference of “The Chicago Council on Global Affairs”, 4 февраля 2015 г., <https://www.thechicagocouncil.org/event/europe-destined-conflict>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iOY1dDqa7F0>; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xewzbMYmC_I

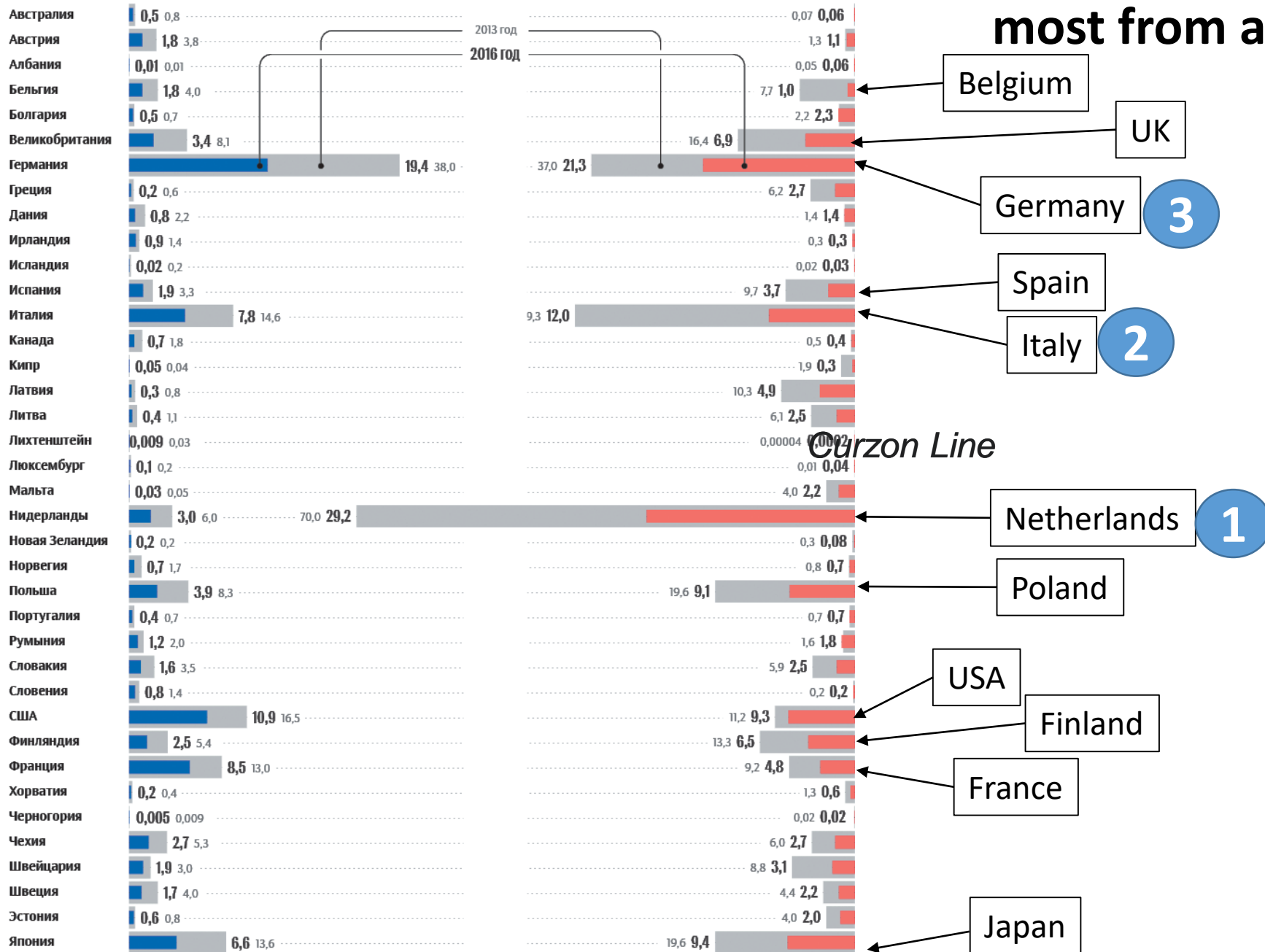
Demonizing Russia is nothing new... Déjà vu...



Экспорт в Россию, млрд долл.

Импорт из России, млрд долл.

Which Western countries suffered most from anti-Russian sanctions



Source: <https://ria.ru/infografi-ka/20171123/1509243542.html?inj=1>

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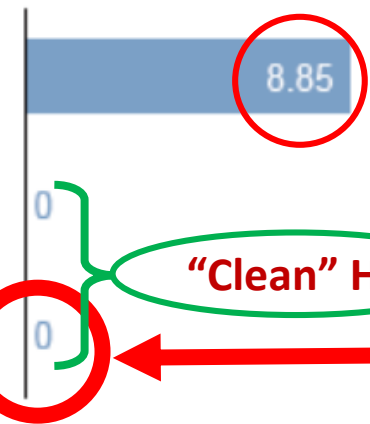
All other conditions being equal, methane pyrolysis (& similar technologies) have clear competitive advantages against two other key technologies in hydrogen production (MSR+CCS & electrolysis) under technologically neutral regulation

CC(U)S is needed!!! => additional imputed costs (CAPEX + OPEX) => add. 20/30+% (*) (CEC: twice as high (**)) => additional element of cost budget => **WORSENS** financeability

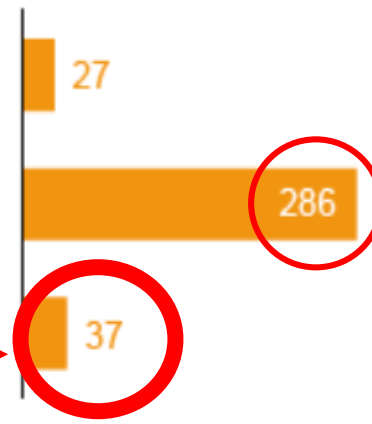
Vision to diminish high-cost energy density – to use excessive RES electricity at zero or negative prices => this leads to unstable (regularly interrupted by natural reasons) RES-based H2 production cycle => prolongation of pay-back periods (of debt-financed CAPEX) => **WORSENS** financeability

Steam reforming of natural gas	$\text{CH}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 4\text{H}_2 + \text{CO}_2$
Water electrolysis	$2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2$
Methane pyrolysis	$\text{CH}_4 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2 + \text{C}$

CO₂ emissions
in kg CO₂/kg hydrogen



energy demand
in kJ/mol hydrogen*

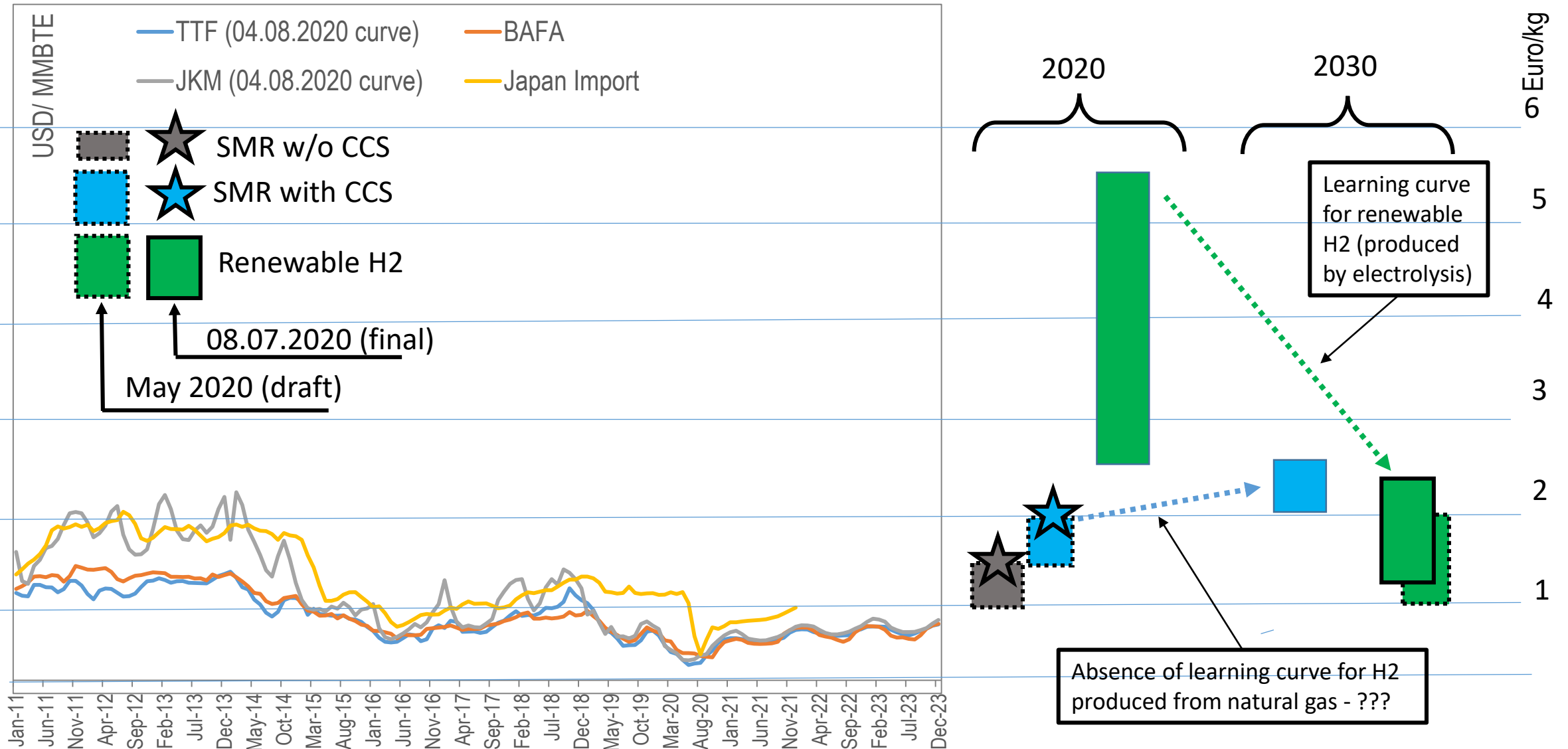


Source: A.Konoplyanik based on: Dr. Andreas Bode (Program leader Carbon Management R&D). New process for clean hydrogen. // BASF Research Press Conference on January 10, 2019 / (<https://www.basf.com/global/en/media/events/2019/basf-research-press-conference.html>)

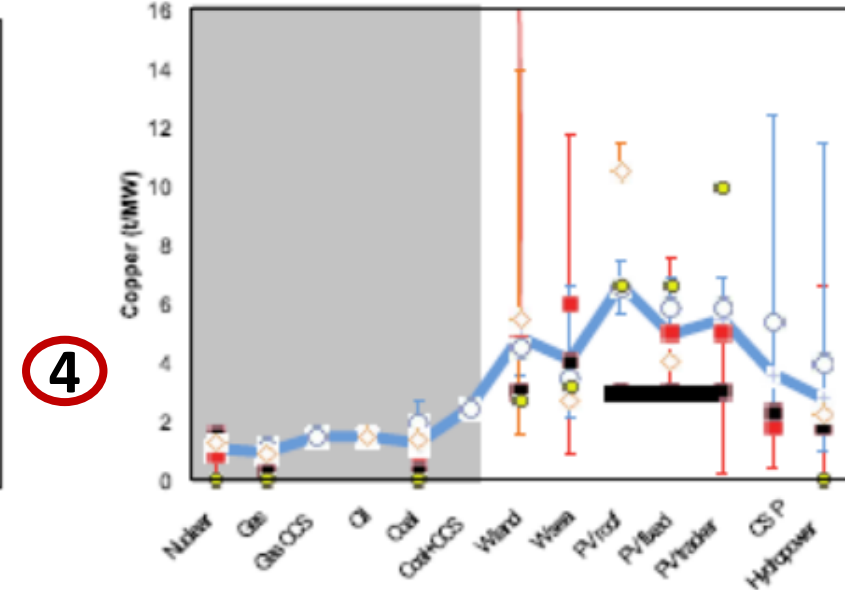
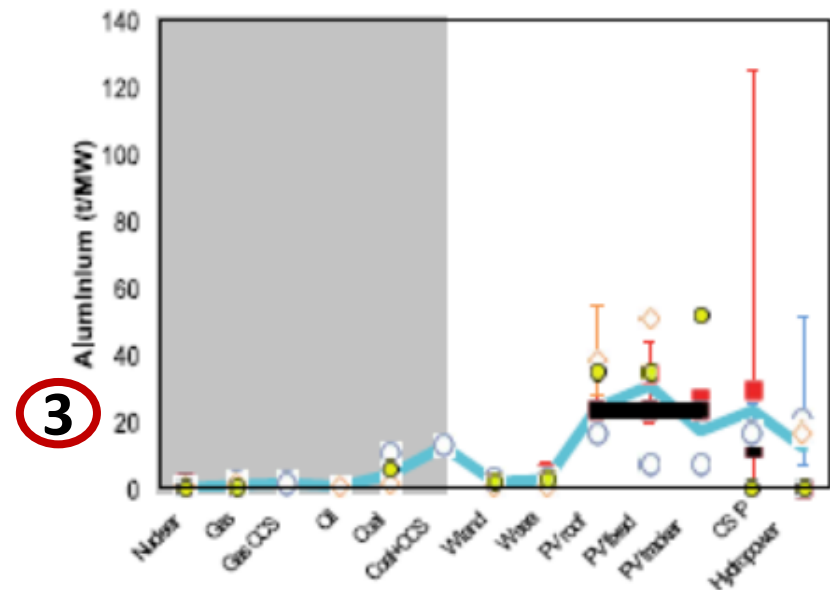
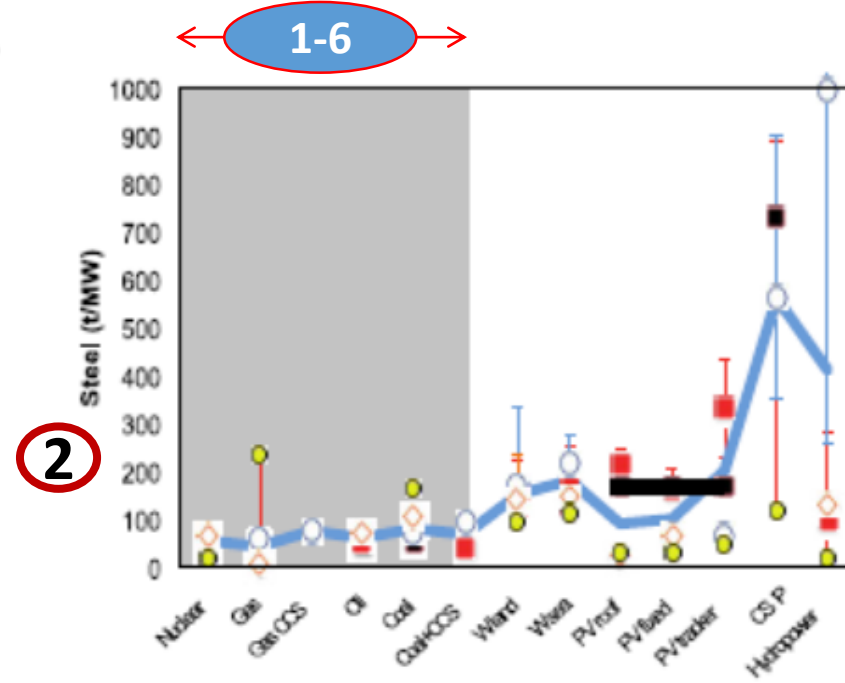
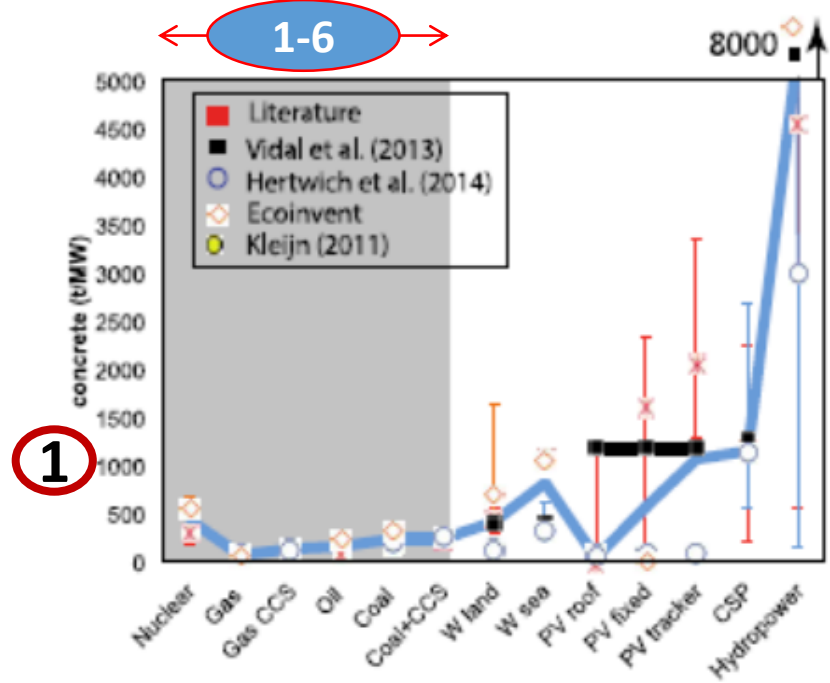
- (1) No need in CC(U)S => CAPEX/OPEX saving
- (2) Marketing of carbon black = additional element of revenue budget => start of new investment cycle(s) based on carbon black
- (3) In case of storage, carbon black does not provide same negative effects as CO₂ => **IMPROVES** financeability

(*) René Schutte, N.V. Nederlandse Gasunie. Production of Hydrogen. // Masterclass in Hydrogen, Skolkovo – Energy Delta Institute, Moscow, May 23, 2019 (https://drive.google.com/open?id=1g_4TiiKAKGajziXG8TWjTdpncfipj9x1)
 (**) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the regions. A hydrogen strategy for a climate-neutral Europe // EUROPEAN COMMISSION, Brussels, 8.7.2020, COM(2020) 301 final, p.4-5, footnote 26 (https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/ener/files/hydrogen_strategy.pdf)

European Commission's estimated costs of H2 production by the key technologies (as presented in the EU Hydrogen Strategy as of 08.08.2020) – and natural gas prices



Source: natural gas prices – Gazprom export; H2 costs – European Commission (EU Hydrogen strategy: dotted lines – draft version, May 2020; solid - final document, 08.07.2020)



Quantities (t/MW) of four structural materials used to manufacture different power generation infrastructure (material intensity) :

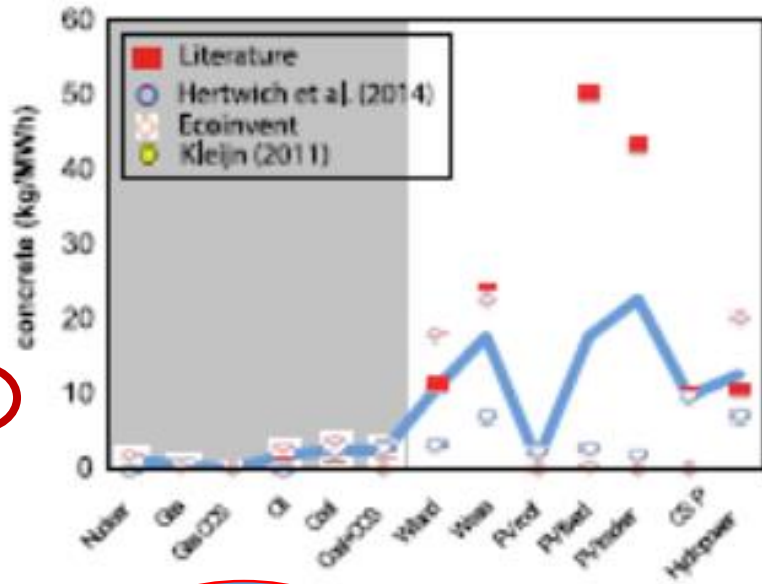
- 1 - concrete,
- 2 - steel,
- 3 - aluminium,
- 4 - copper

(fossil fuel power generation technologies are in the gray shaded area; colour version of the figure at: www.iste.co.uk/vidal/energy/zipp)

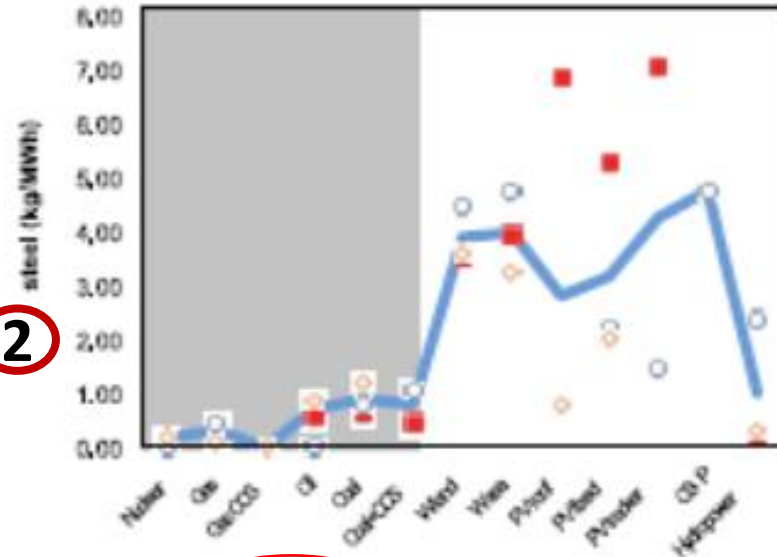
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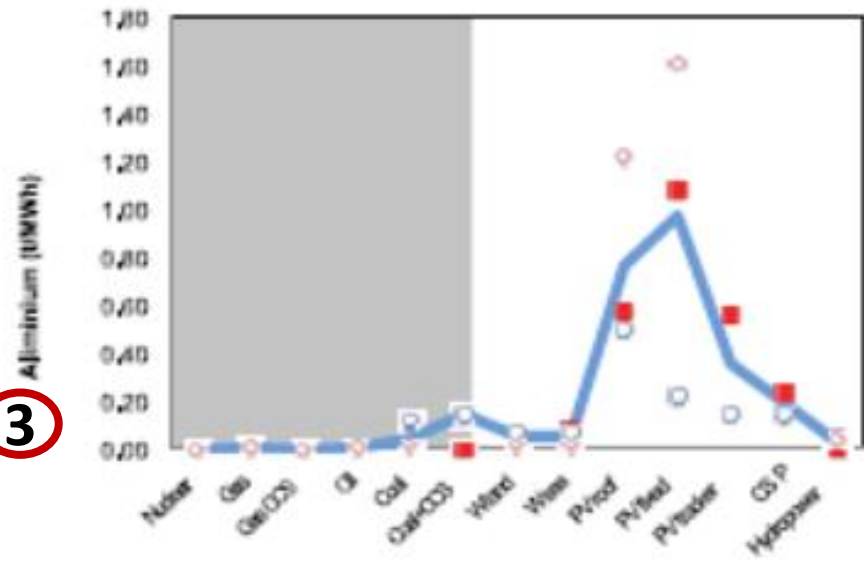
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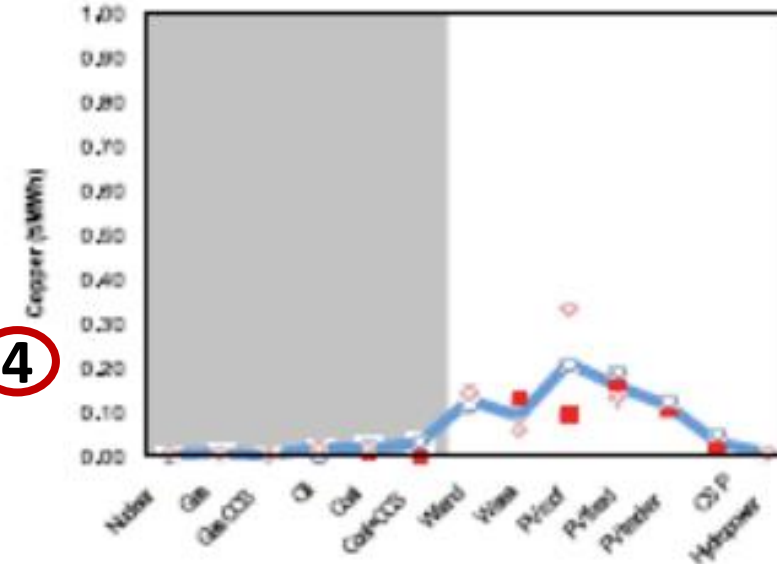
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Mass of material in kg required to produce 1 MWh electricity:

- 1- concrete,
- 2- steel,
- 3- aluminium,
- 4- copper

(calculated with the material intensities shown in Figure 5.2 and Table 5.1; the gray shaded area indicates fossil fuel-based electricity production; colour version of the picture at: www.iste.co.uk/vidal/energy.zip)

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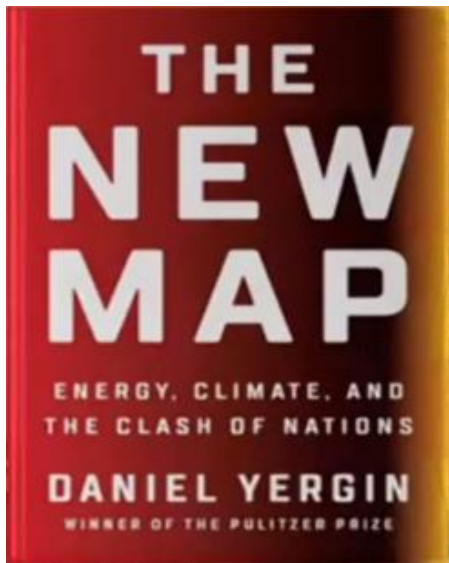
What is clean energy? Depends on how you calculate/consider it...

A hydrogen strategy for a climate-neutral Europe (Brussels, 8.7.2020 COM(2020) 301 final):

‘**Renewable hydrogen**’ is hydrogen produced through the electrolysis of water (in an electrolyser, powered by electricity), and with the electricity stemming from renewable sources. The full life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions of the production of renewable hydrogen are close to zero

Siemens/Gascade/Nowega (Hydrogen infrastructure – the pillar of energy transition..., 2020):

“If the electricity required for electrolysis comes exclusively from renewable, CO2-free sources, the entire production process is completely CO2-free.”



Daniel Yergin,

Pulitzer Prize winner for “The Prize” book at presentation of his new book “The New Map” (US Atlantic Council, 25.09.2020, online):

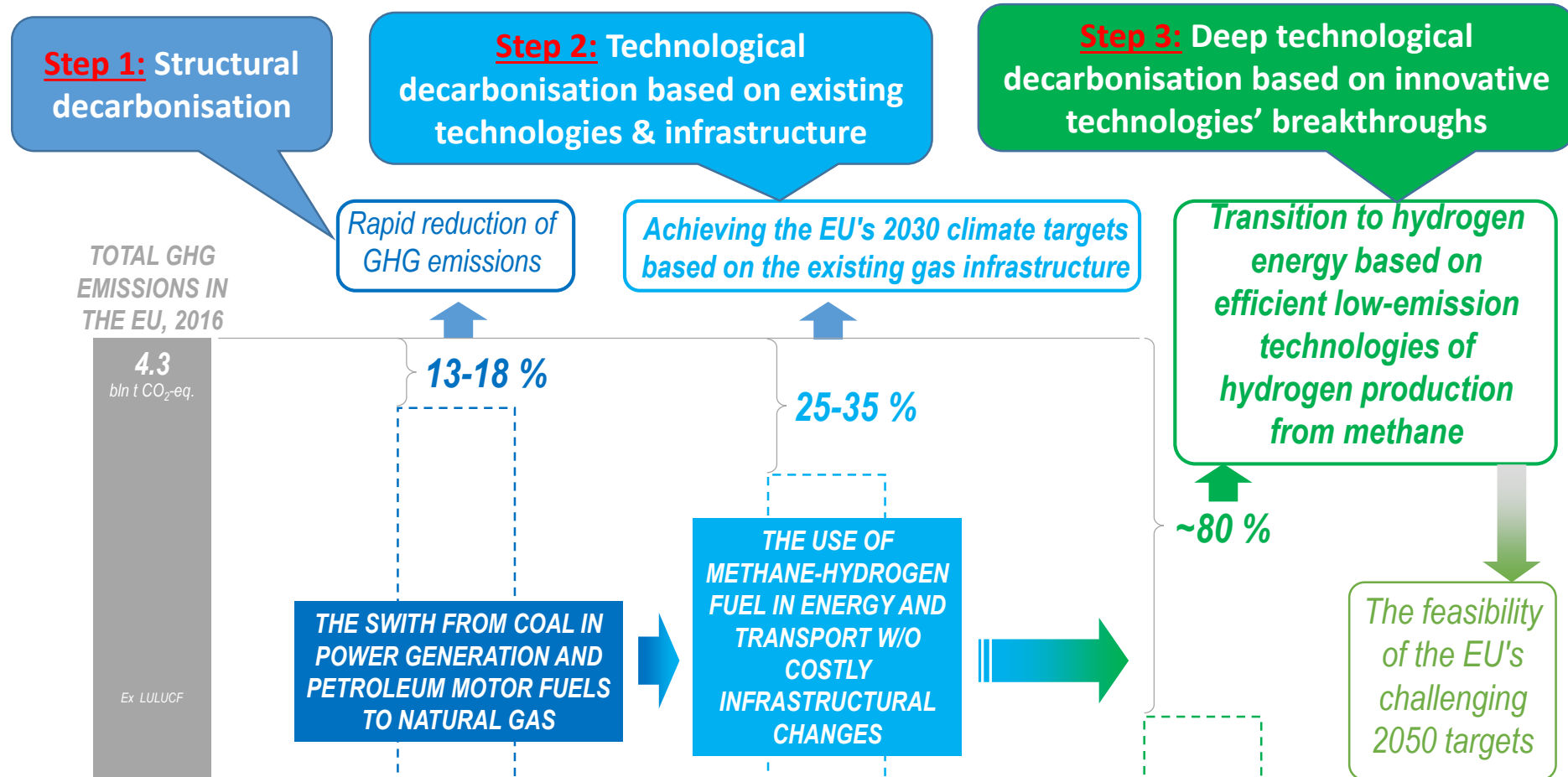
“NEW SUPPLY CHAINS FOR NET-ZERO CARBON REQUIRES CARBON!!! ... They require diesel to operate shuttle in mining...”

Source: A conversation with Pulitzer Prize winner and energy expert Daniel Yergin, Atlantic Council, 25.09.2020 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWMOU8IjRhI>)

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How to decarbonize: Gazprom's three-steps cooperative vision ("Aksyutin's pathway")

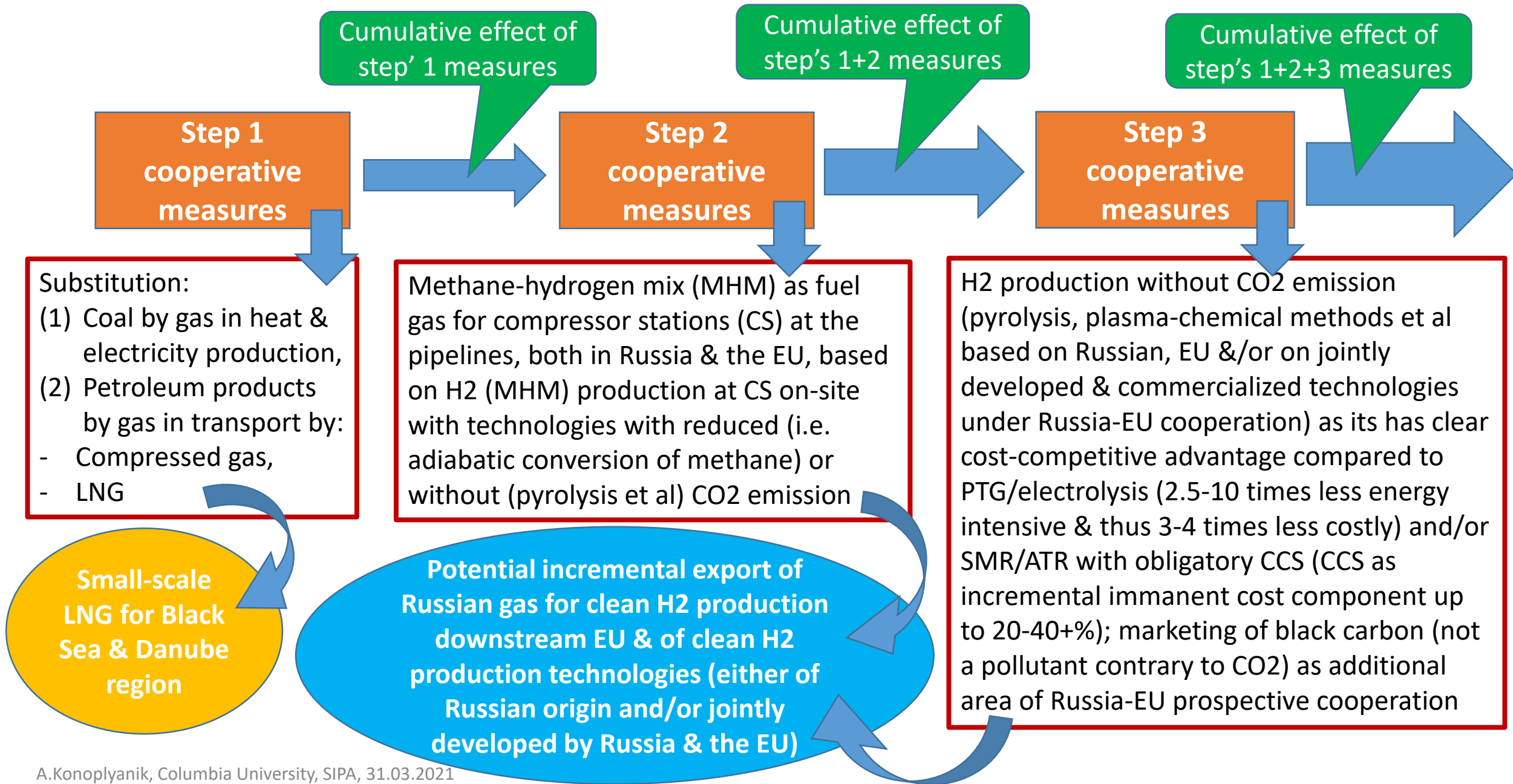


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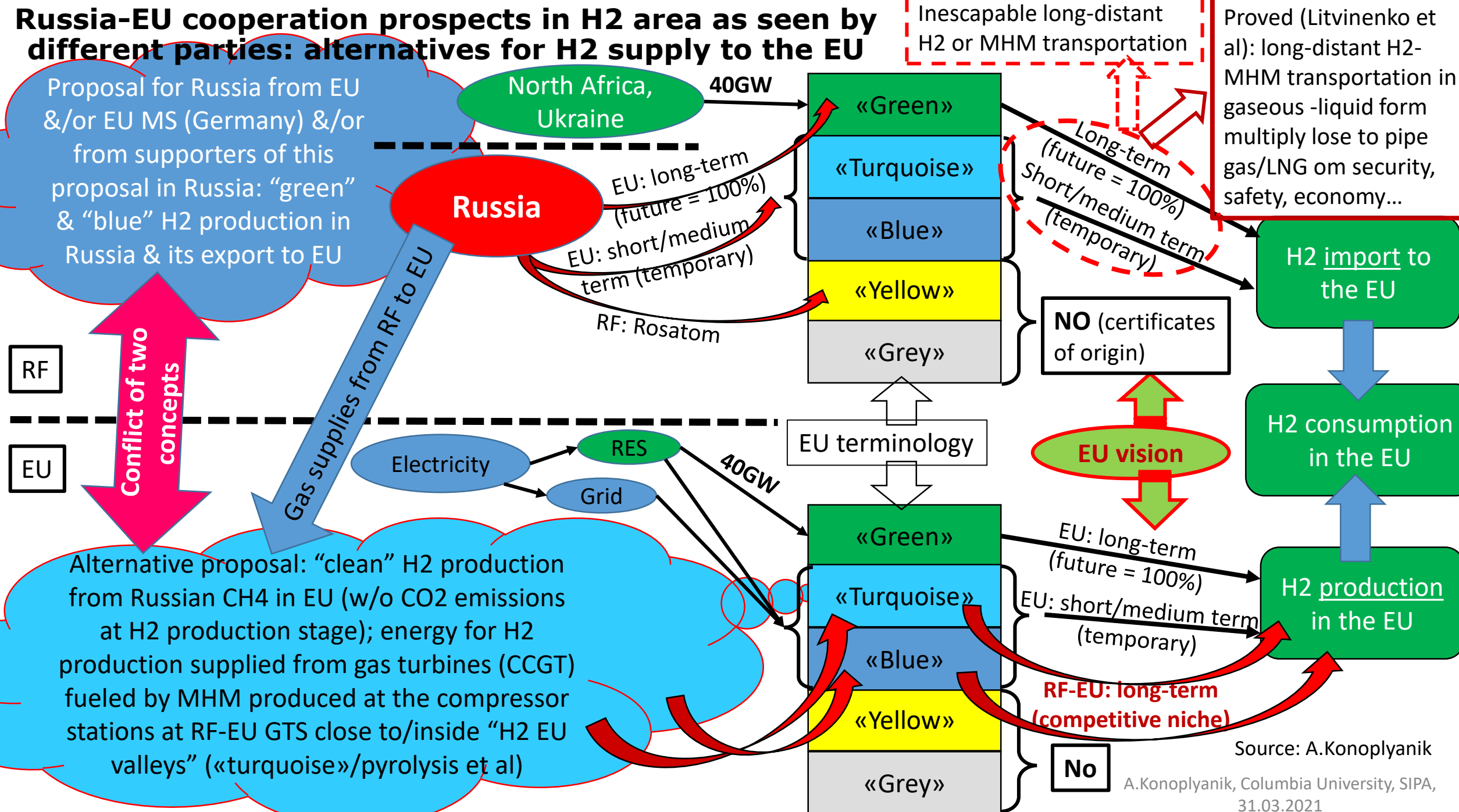
- Carbon intensity from different fuels (U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates);
- Carbon footprint of various motor fuels (European Natural gas Vehicle Association report, 2014-2015);
- EU GHG emissions (1990 – 2016 National report on the inventory of anthropogenic emissions by sources and GHG removals by sinks not controlled by the Montreal Protocol , IEA)

Source: O.Aksyutin. Future role of gas in the EU: Gazprom's vision of low-carbon energy future. // 26th meeting of GAC WS2, Saint-Petersburg, 10.07.2018 (<https://minenergo.gov.ru/node/14646>; www.fief.ru/GAC); PJSC Gazprom's feedback on Strategy for long-term EU greenhouse gas emissions reduction to 2050 // https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2018-3742094/feedback/F13767_en?p_id=265612

How to cooperate & implement three-steps "Aksyutin's pathway"?



Russia-EU cooperation prospects in H2 area as seen by different parties: alternatives for H2 supply to the EU



Approximate potential areas of preferential use of key H2 production technologies in Europe under state regulation based on “technological neutrality” principles



P2G wind P2G hydro

P2G solar P2G nuclear

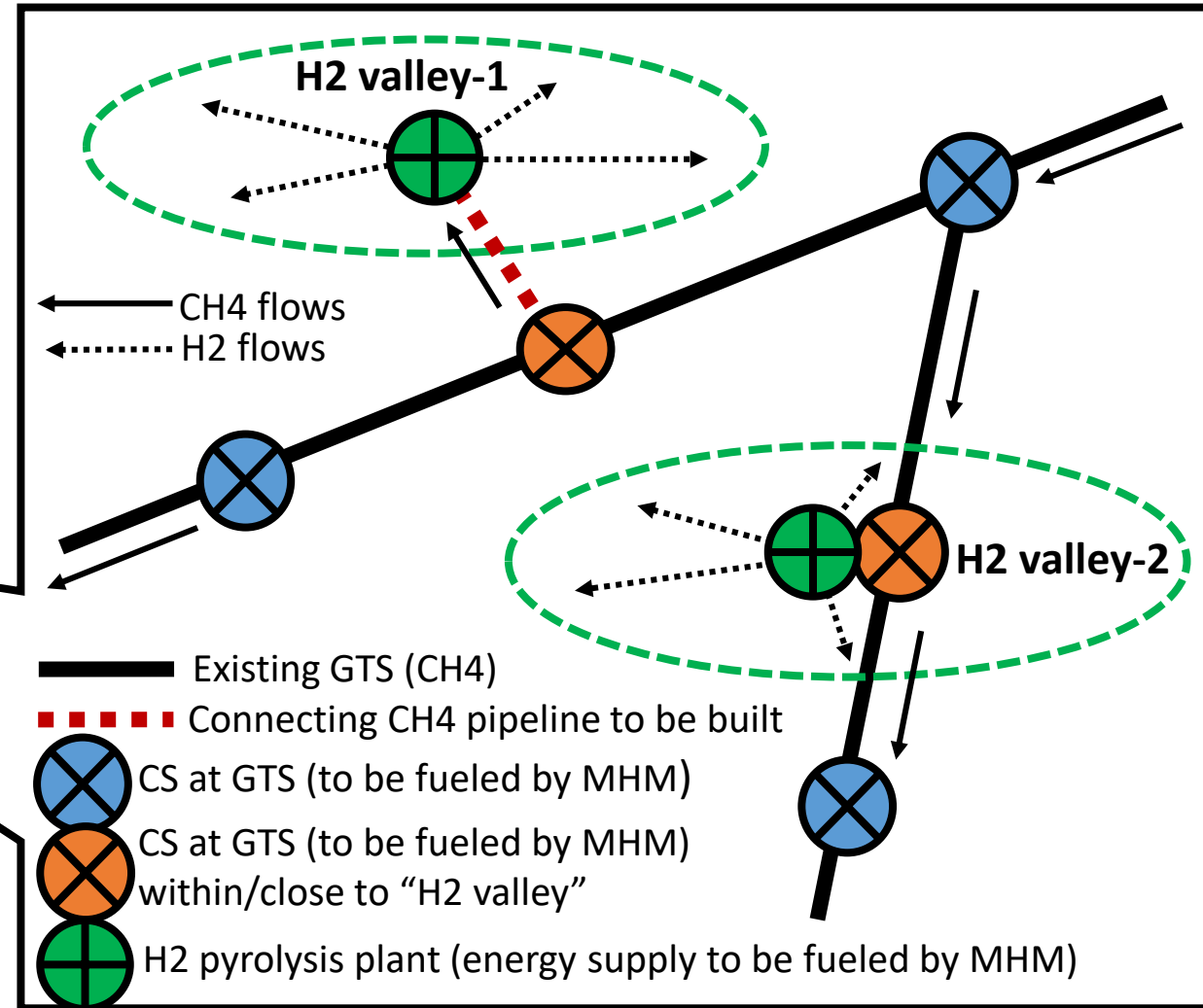
MSR/ATR plus CC(U)S

Methane pyrolysis, plasma-chemical method et al w/o CO2 emissions (to incorporate both Step 2 & Step 3 Cooperative measures from “Three Step Aksyutin’s Path”)

Electrolysis based on different primary electricity sources

Source: dashed lines - A.Konoplyanik, based on conversations with Ralf Dickel; dotted lines - Ukraine & North Africa are added based on “The 2x40GW Green Hydrogen Initiative Paper” Hydrogen Europe study for illustration purposes with the observation of this author’s skepticism in regard to long-distance transportation of H2 produced in these geographical areas; source of map – ENTSOG

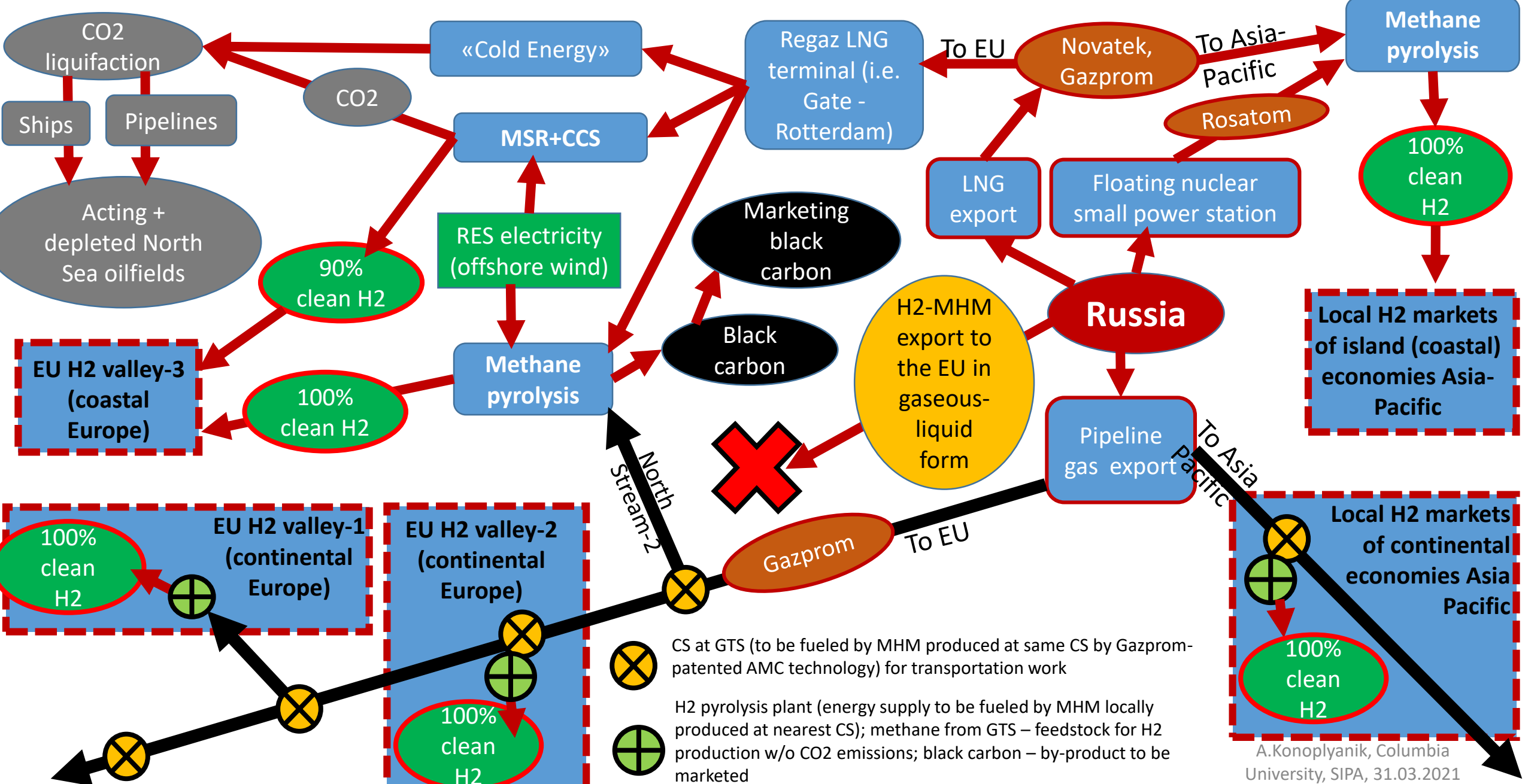
Complementarity of different H2 production technologies within the EU (Konoplyanik's vision)



Clean H2 production (w/o CO2 emissions) from natural gas downstream EU based on existing Russia-EU GTS & MHM produced at CS on-site

- Clean H2 production close to EU demand centers (H2 valleys) located close to existing compressor stations (CS) at cross-border RF-EU GTS. To use gas from the grid:
- As energy source for:
 - (1) transportations work:
 - to produce MHM on-site at CS on transportation routes of Russian gas to the EU;
 - to use this MHM at these CS as a fuel gas instead of methane for further gas transportation.
 - Such substitution of CH4 by MHM as fuel gas at CS diminishes CO2 emissions by 30% (acc.to Gazprom);
 - (2) clean H2 production:
 - at the H2 production plants which are to be built close to these CS in “H2 valleys”;
 - scale of production adequate to H2 demand of particular “H2 valley”;
 - energy supply of CCGT of adequate capacity - acc.to above-mentioned scheme in (1).
 - Though substitution of CH4 by MHM as fuel gas is not for transportation work, but for energy supply (electricity &/or heat) to H2 production plant;
- (3) As a feedstock for:
 - new clean H2 production plants from CH4;
 - plants to be located close to CS and aimed to cover H2 demand of local “H2 valley” (this will exclude demand for long-distance transportation of H2 or MHM).

Alternative concept for export-oriented segment of Russian hydrogen energy economy – based on clean H2 (w/o CO2 emission in production) from natural gas (Konoplyanik's vision)



Thank you for your attention!

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