

## Dr Christian A. Rumpke Natural gas and biomethane in the future fuel mix. 17 January 2011

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# dena study: Energy sources and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in transport.

- Transport still over 90 % dependent on oil
- Rise in price of oil
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in transport sector only reduced by about 6 % since 1990
- Federal Government's CO<sub>2</sub> reduction goal across all sectors: - 40 % to 2020
- Possible approach: increase in energy efficiency and greater use of renewable energy
- Need to diversify fuel mix through alternative engines and fuels
- Contribution of natural gas and biomethane



- Schienen- und Luftverkehr, Binnenschifffahrt
- Straßenverkehr



## dena study: Natural gas as a fuel in Germany.

- For many years, steady growth of this technically established alternative – but at a low level
- Only 85,000 of the total of about 50m vehicles powered by natural gas (0.2 %)
- Of these, 80 % are cars and 20 % commercial vehicles
- Annual growth fell by half between 2008 and 2009
- Approx. 880,000 natural gas vehicles in Europe
- Italy is leader with 585,000 vehicles

#### Number of natural gas vehicles in Germany:



#### Number of natural gas vehicles worldwide (millions):





## dena study: Federal Government's Fuel Strategy, 2004.

- Share of natural gas in German fuel market currently 0.3 %
- Goal of fuel strategy by 2010 not achieved: share of natural gas in the fuel market 0.5 to 2 %
- Assumption for 2020: 4 to 10 %
- Goal achievable, if sales figures increased sharply in next few years
- Annual growth needed in natural gas vehicles of 29 % to 1.4 m vehicles
- Potentially, increased market penetration of commercial vehicles

Increase in natural gas vehicle fleet required to reach goals for 2020 (million vehicles):





## dena study: Greenhouse gas benefits of natural gas/ biomethane.

- Greenhouse gas reduction potential of natural gas compared to petrol up to 24 %
- Further CO<sub>2</sub> reduction through addition of biomethane
- Reduction potentials of pure biomethane on same level as electric power/ hydrogen (assuming these come from renewable sources)



#### Greenhouse gas emissions, well-to-wheel (gCO<sub>2</sub> eq/km):



# dena study: Pollution and noise level benefits of natural gas/ biomethane.

- Natural gas also has air pollution benefits compared to diesel or petrol vehicles
- Natural gas vehicles as a lever for noise reduction especially compared to diesel-driven commercial vehicles in urban use



#### Relative pollutant emissions of selected fuels (%):



## dena study: Raw material availability benefits of natural gas/ biomethane.

- Proportion of oil imported greater than 97 %
- Reserves of fossil fuels for transport extended by natural gas
- Portfolio of transport-relevant energy supply countries broadened by natural gas
- Possibility of gradually switching to renewable energy sources later, through input of domestically produced biomethane

Reserves-to-production ratios of Germany's main suppliers of natural gas and mineral oil:





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## Area for action: Vehicle offer.

- Six of twelve largest car brands in Germany have no natural gas vehicles
- Hardly any mass-production vehicles in the lower or upper segments of car market
- Correspondingly limited offer of light or heavy commercial vehicles, buses or special vehicles

#### Natural gas vehicles from largest car brands:

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Segment	volka wage	Dain	BMW	Opel	Audi	Ford	Rena Daci	Skod	Toyo	Fiat	Peug	Citro
Mini	-			-		-	-		-	Panda	-	-
Kleinwagen- klasse	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Punto Evo	-	C3
Kompakt- wagenklasse	-	B-Klasse	-	-	-	Focus	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kastenwagen	Caddy			Combo		-	-	-		Fiorino/ Qubo	-	-
Van/Minivan	Touran	-	-	Zafira		C-Max	-		-	Doblo	-	-
Mittelklasse/ Obere Mittelklasse	Passat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oberklasse	-	E-Klasse *	-		-		-		-		-	-



## Area for action: Fuel supply infrastructure.

- Approx. 860 of 14,500 fuel stations in total are natural gas stations
- Capacity utilisation too low, at approx. 90 vehicles per natural gas station
- Only two natural gas stations (of approx. 385 total) directly on autobahns
- Requirement for demandoriented development of fuel station infrastructure



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Anzahl Erdgastankstellen pro 100 Tankstellen

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### Area for action: Taxation.

- Reduced energy tax on natural gas until end of 2018
- Little differentiation from LPG based on CO<sub>2</sub> output – unlike e.g. in other European countries
- Need for continuation and differentiaton of energy tax reduction

#### Energy taxes for CNG and LPG in Europe (cents/kWh):





## Area for action: Price display.

- Different sales units currently used for petrol, diesel and LPG (litres) and natural gas (kilograms)
- In future, prices at fuel stations for electricity (kWh) and hydrogen
- Value-for-money of natural gas not immediately obvious
- Need to increase price transparency by consistent measurement basis (e.g. kWh)

Fuel prices by energy content (per 10 kWh):

Benzin	E	5	
Diesel	E	E	
Autogas	B		
Erdgas	E	H	E
Strom		B	
Wasserstoff		H	B



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## Recommendations for action by actor group (I/II).

 Clear signals about continued relevance of natural gas and biomethane in fuel mix in future



- Updating of federal government's 2004 fuel strategy
- Continuation of energy tax reduction and differentiation by CO<sub>2</sub> output
- Introduction of "high efficiency vehicle" category for promotion of energy efficiency vehicles through regulatory and fiscal measures



- Demand-oriented development of network of natural gas stations
- Establishment of natural gas as a brand across all fuel stations
- Increased input of biomethane
- Development of a certification system for use of biomethane as a fuel



## Recommendations for action by actor group (II/II).



- Coverage of main brands, segments and fields of application
- Intensification of marketing and sales for natural gas vehicles
- Improvement of cost structure of natural gas-relevant vehicle components



- Reduction of purchase costs of natural gas vehicles below level of diesel vehicles
- Increased information about natural gas as an alternative fuel
- Consistent introduction of natural gas vehicles into own fleets

- Establishment of a Round Table
- Agreement of concrete measures in a common Road Map
- Monitoring of implementation



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#### **Compilation of study**

- October 2009 to January 2010
- Benefits, Areas for action, Demands
- Language: German, plus summary in English



#### **Publication**

- January 2010
- Press conference
- Event with approx. 130 participants from politics, science, business
- Speakers: BMVBS, ADAC, DBV, Total, VDA



#### **Round Table and Road Map**

- Start in fourth quarter 2010
- Initiated by dena
- Supported by Federal Ministry of Transport (BMVBS)
- Participation of 15 well known companies
- Development of "Road Map" with concrete goals, measures, responsibilities
- First results by mid-2011
- Monitoring of implementation
- Takes account of federal government's mobility and fuel strategy, etc.



## Next steps: Participants Round Table and Road Map.





## Next steps: Contacts.

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