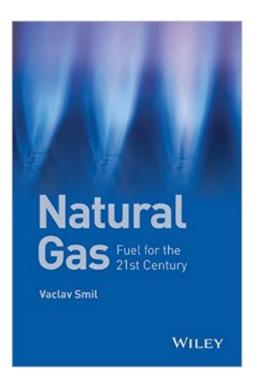
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# Natural Gas: Fuel For The 21st Century





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