



# Shell LNG

Outlook 2024



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# Summary

## Industry, heating and emerging Asia to drive LNG demand growth

- Demand for natural gas has peaked in some regions and globally is set to peak after 2040.
- The global LNG market will continue growing into the 2040s, mostly driven by China's industrial decarbonisation and strengthening demand in other Asian countries.



## Gas prices more stable in 2023 but volatility lingered in a tight market

- Global trade in LNG expanded slightly in 2023, with tight supplies constraining growth and prices staying above historic averages.
- A milder winter, high gas storage levels, modest economic recovery in China and lower demand in Europe helped balance the global gas market during 2023.

## Rising global demand for LNG expected to keep pace with new supply

- In the medium term, latent demand for LNG – especially in Asia – is set to consume new supply that is expected to come onto the market in the second half of the 2020s.
- To offset falling domestic gas production in South-east Asia, significant infrastructure investment will be needed to access the LNG that these countries need for their economic development.



# Industry, heating and emerging Asia to drive LNG demand growth

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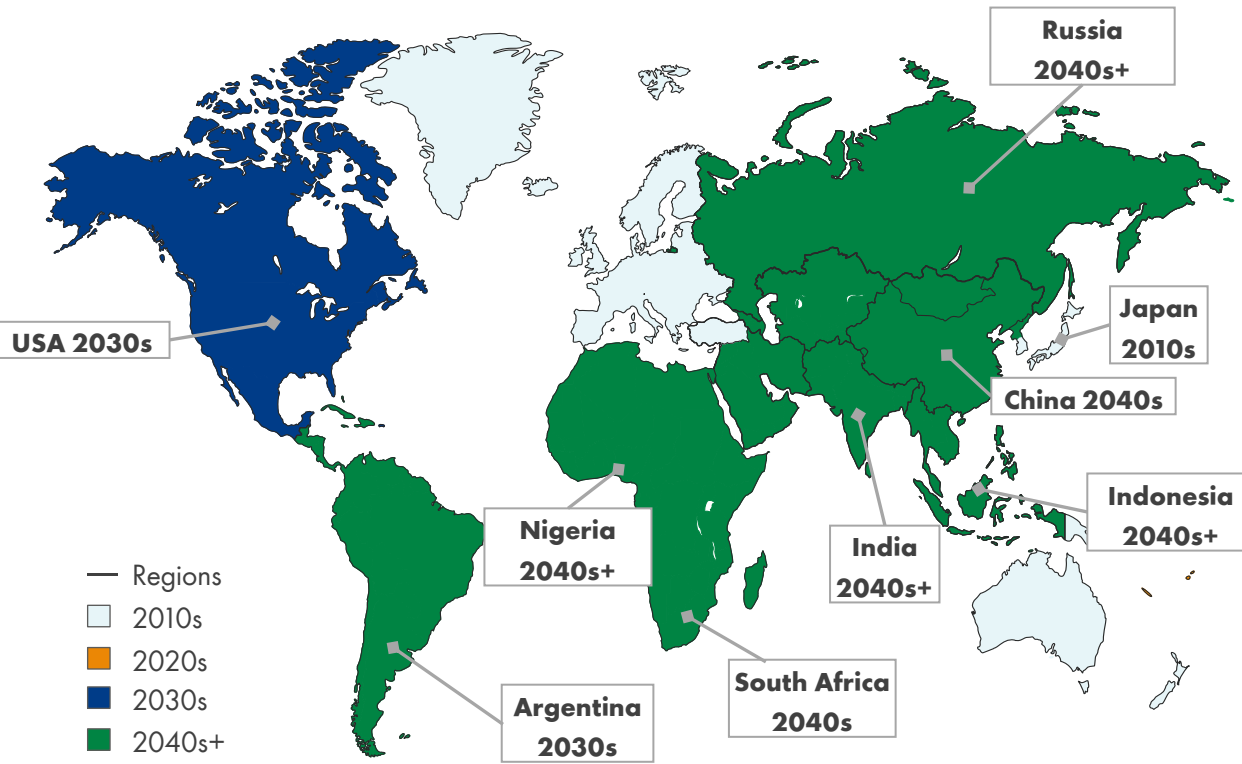
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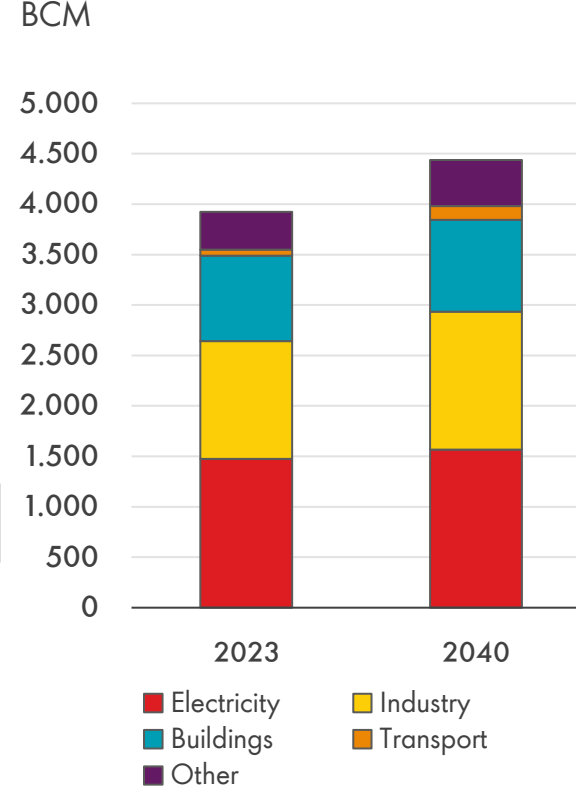
# Gas use peaks in some markets, continues to grow globally

## LNG to play increasingly important role in global gas supply

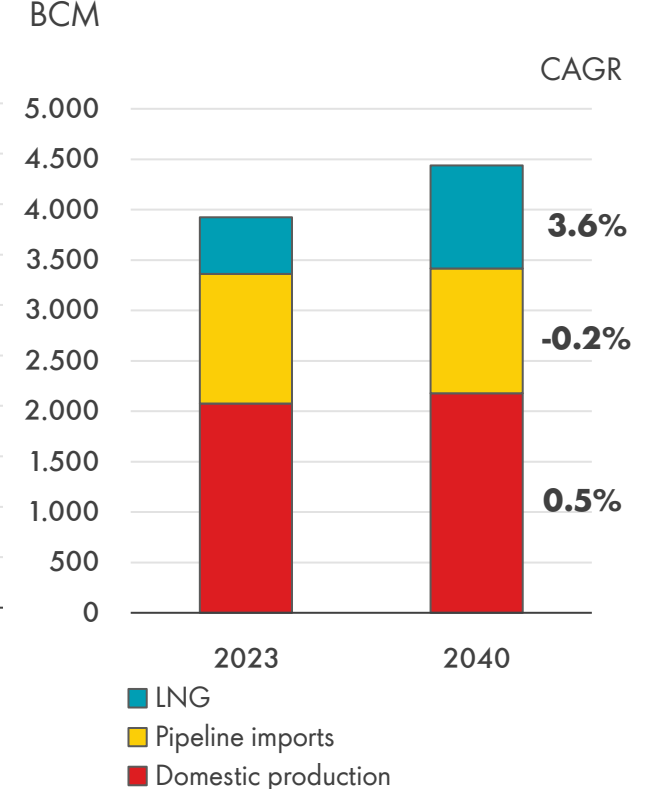
Peak gas demand by decade



Gas demand by sector



Natural gas supply source



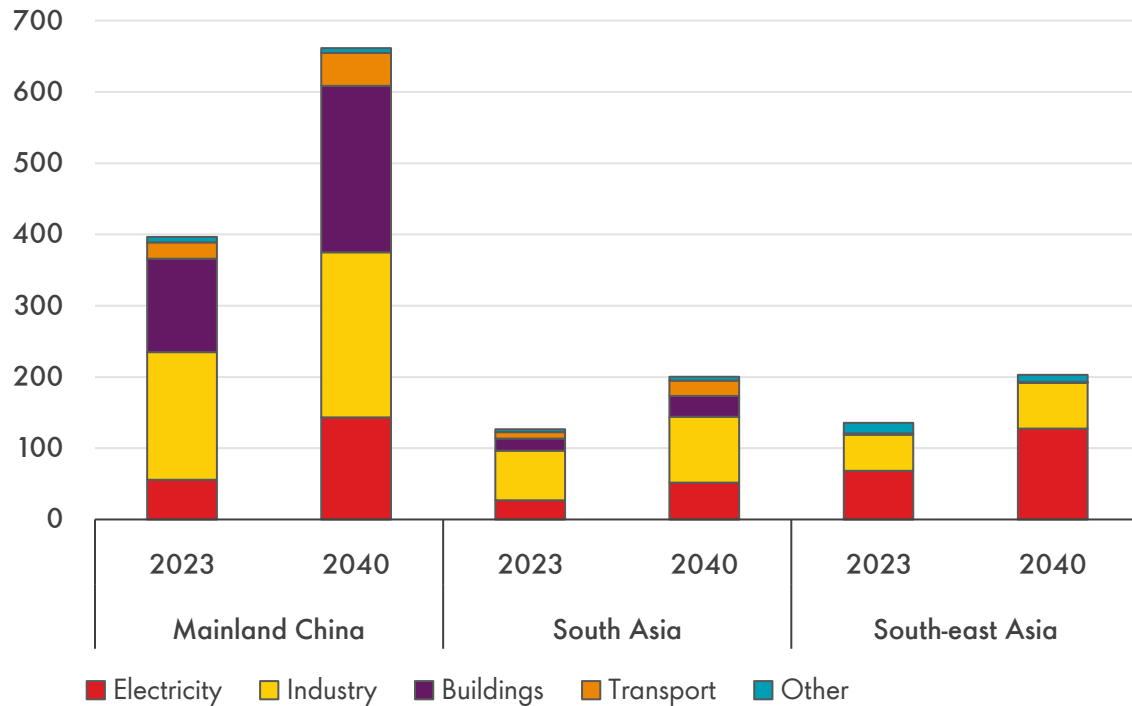
Source: Shell interpretation of Wood Mackenzie data  
CAGR: Compound annual growth rate

# Industry, buildings to be key demand drivers in emerging Asia

LNG expected to meet more than 75% of this growth

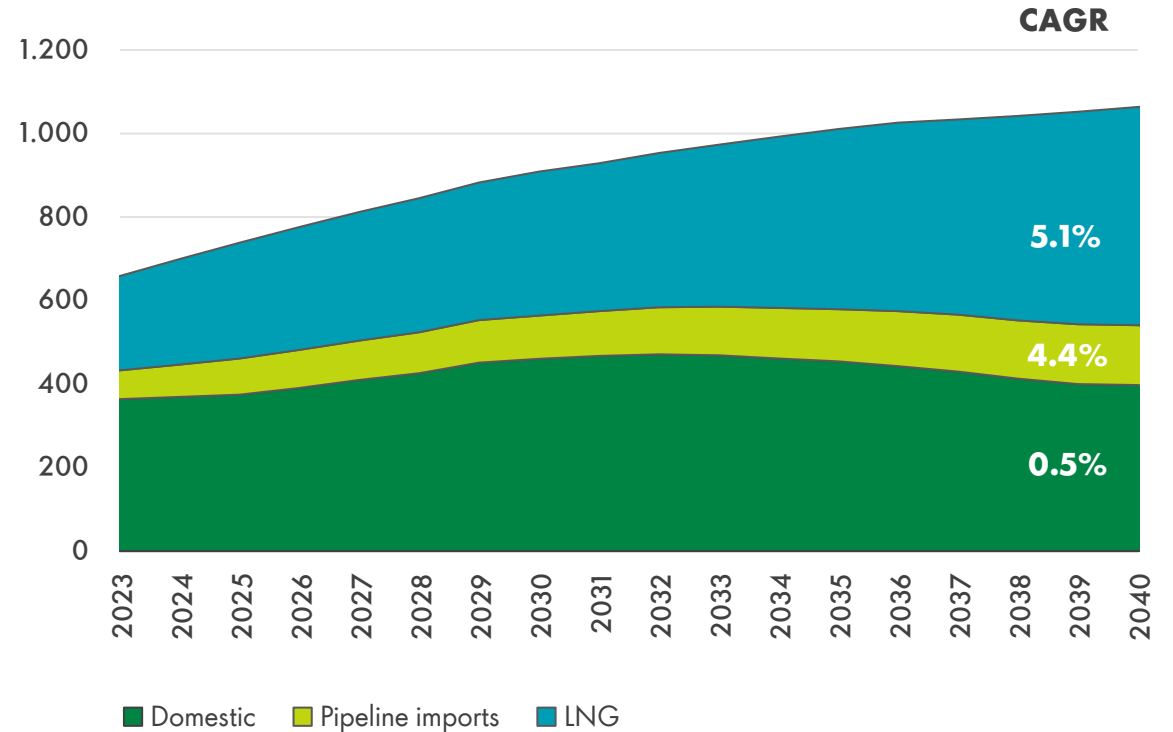
## Emerging Asia natural gas demand

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## Emerging Asia gas supply source

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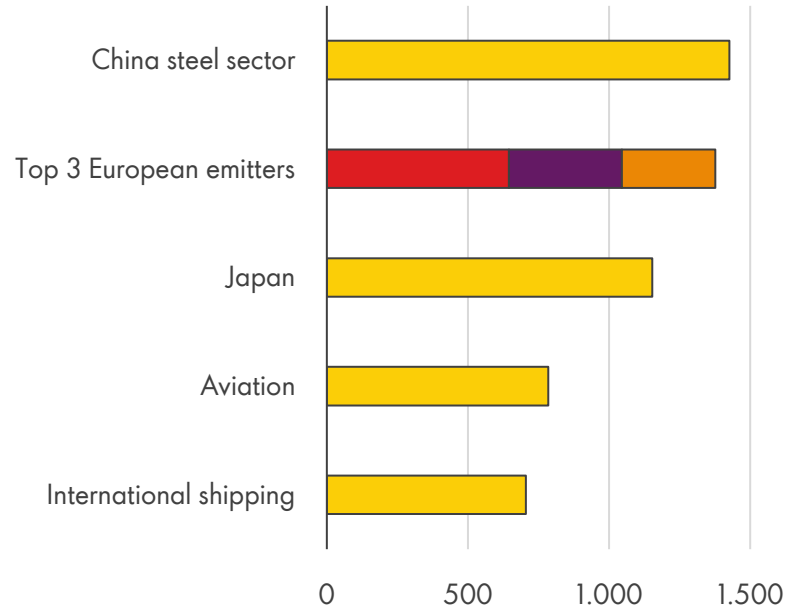
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# Industry must address CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Gases expected to play an important role in reducing sector emissions

## Comparative emissions

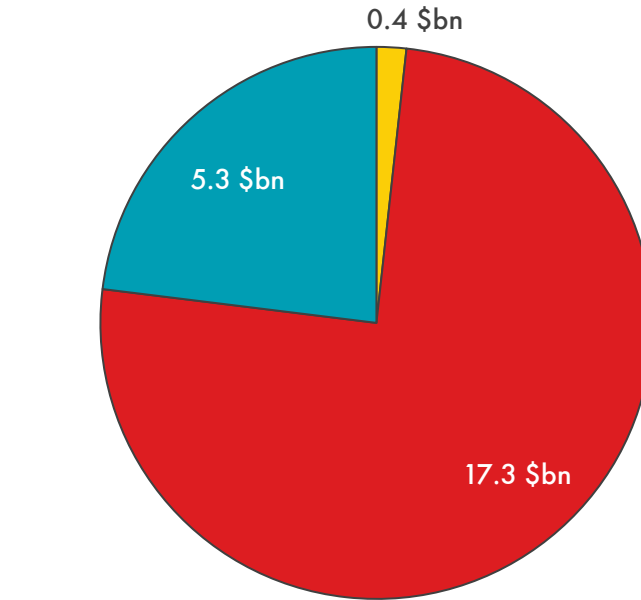
Mt CO<sub>2</sub>/yr.



■ Germany ■ UK ■ Turkey

## China exposure to EU CBAM

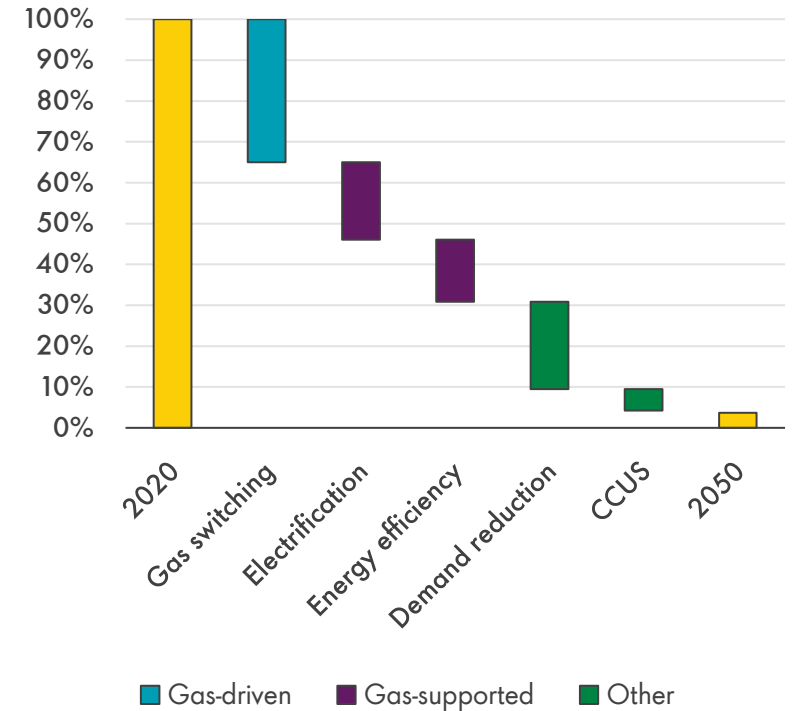
2022



■ Fertiliser ■ Iron and steel ■ Aluminium

## Ways to decarbonise Chinese steel

%

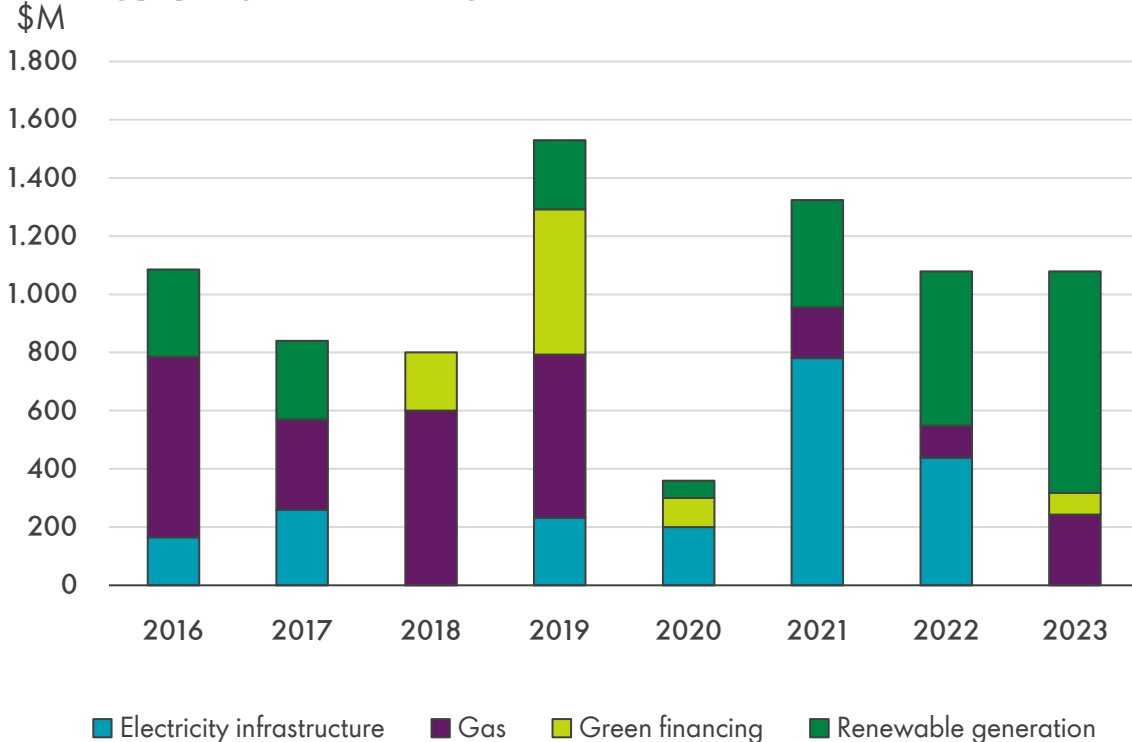


■ Gas-driven ■ Gas-supported ■ Other

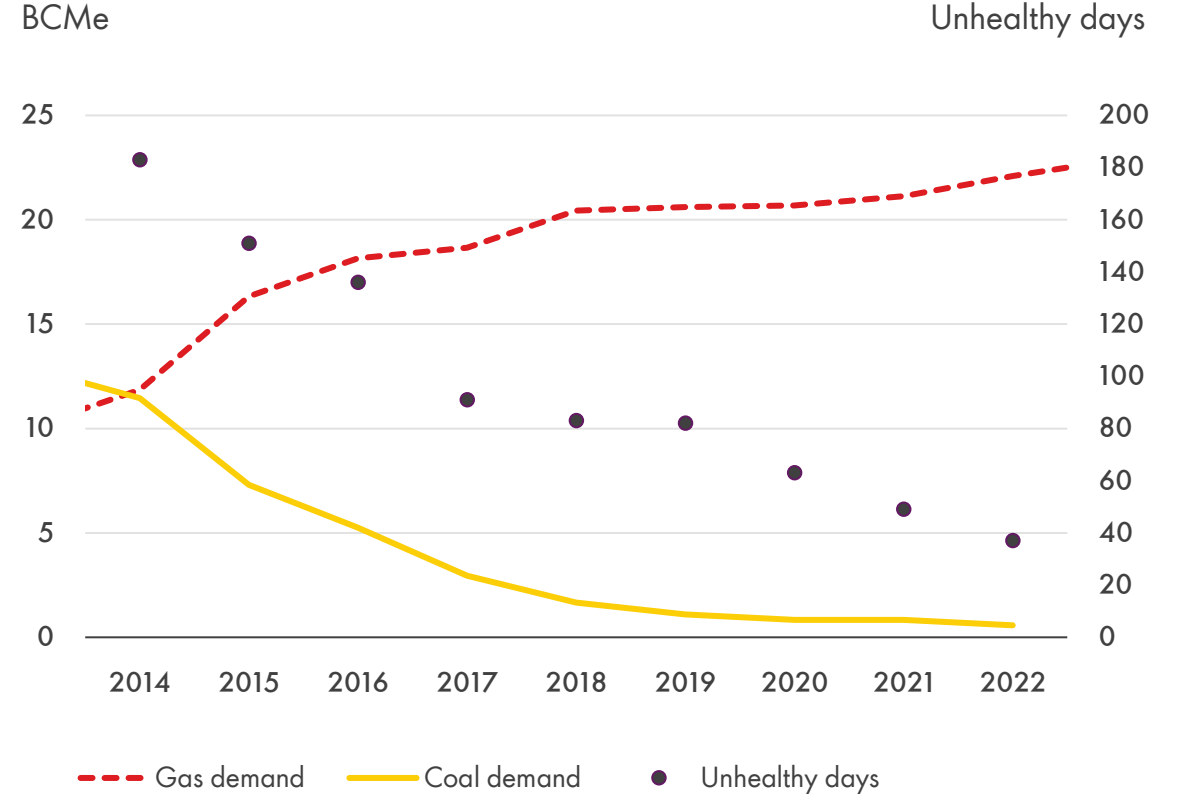
Source: Shell interpretation of Wood Mackenzie, IEA data, Net Zero Roadmap for China's steel industry study for Global Efficiency Intelligence & Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory 2023  
 CBAM: Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism. Value of Chinese exports to EU that will be covered by CBAM at implementation. CCUS: carbon capture, utilisation and storage (includes bio-energy CCUS). Three largest European emitters: Germany, UK, Turkey

# Policy and investment continues for gas projects with environmental and emissions benefits

## Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank energy project funding 2016 - 2023



## Energy demand and air quality in Beijing



Sources: Shell interpretation of Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank data, Beijing Municipal Bureau of Statistics and Air Quality Index data  
Unhealthy days: defined as an Air Quality index with PM 2.5 greater than 150 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

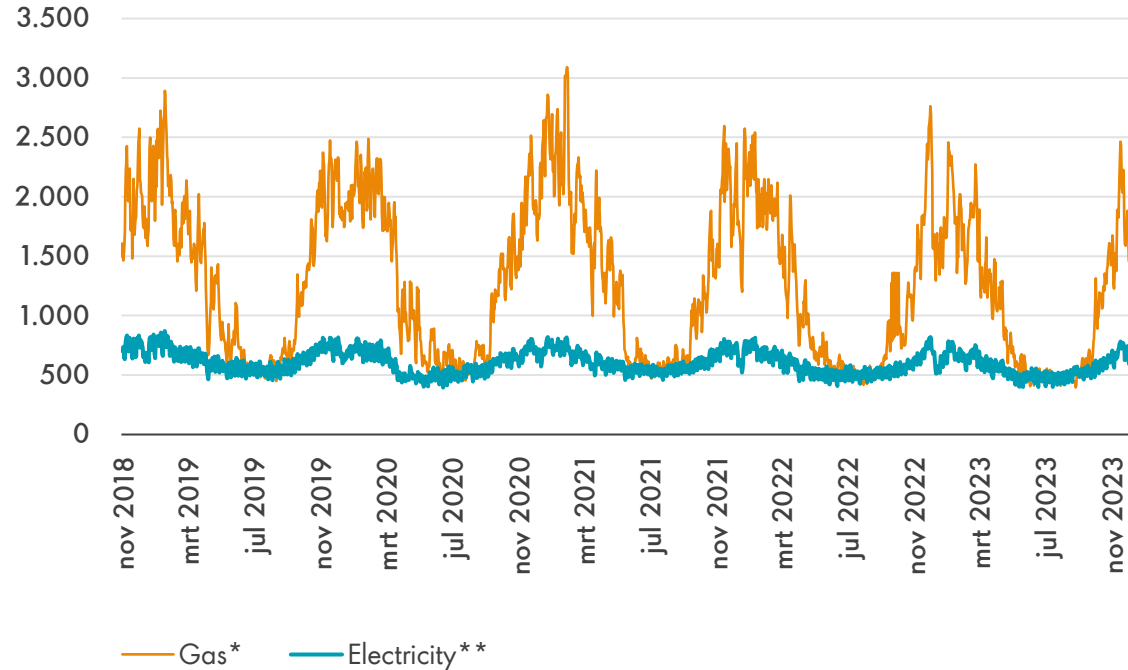


# Gas currently plays key role in meeting heating demand

Electrification will need investment, supply chain and buildings improvements

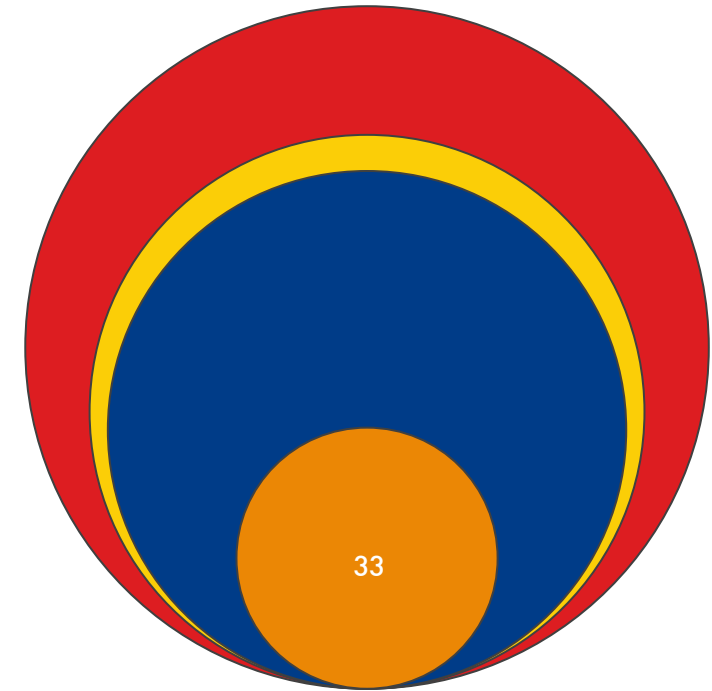
## England and Wales buildings: gas\* and total electricity demand

GWh/d



## Buildings gas demand BCM (2022)

- UK
- Mainland China
- European Union
- USA

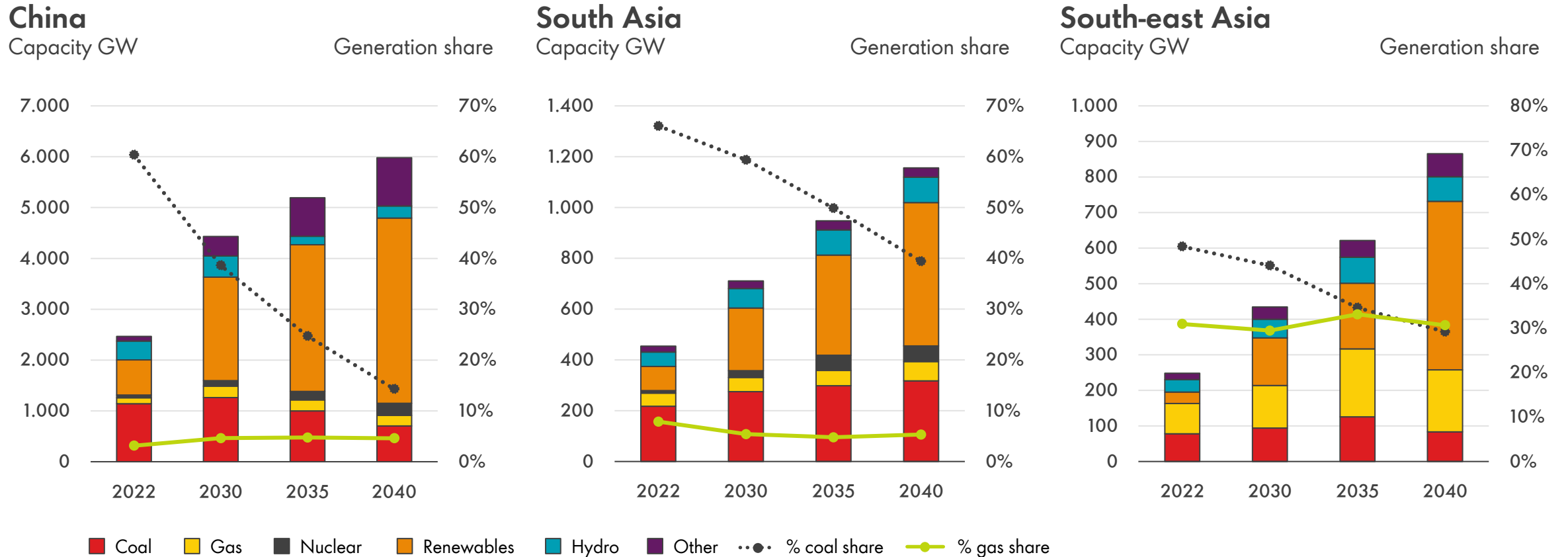


Sources: Shell interpretation of UK National Grid ESO and UK National Gas data 2023, Wood MacKenzie data 2023

\*Local Distribution Zones (low-pressure gas supplied to buildings) in England and Wales

\*\* Total electricity demand for England and Wales

# Renewables, supported by gas, erodes coal's role in Asia

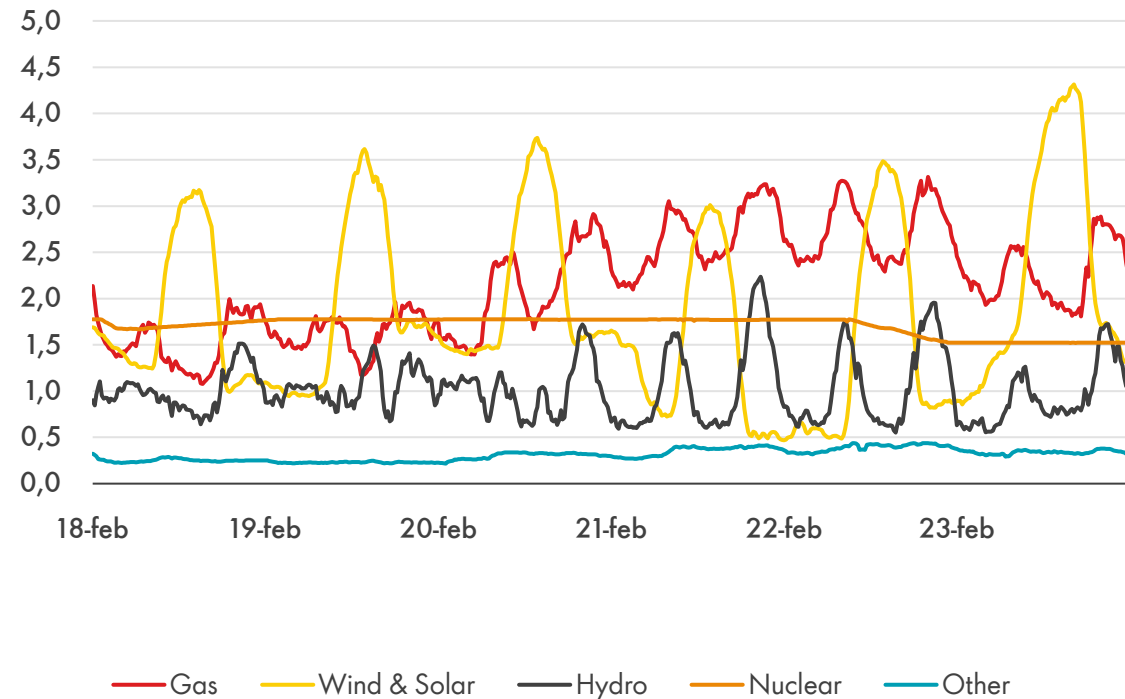


Source: Shell interpretation of Wood Mackenzie data

# Gas provides grid stability, enabling a higher share of renewables in generation

## Variable hourly power generation in Spain

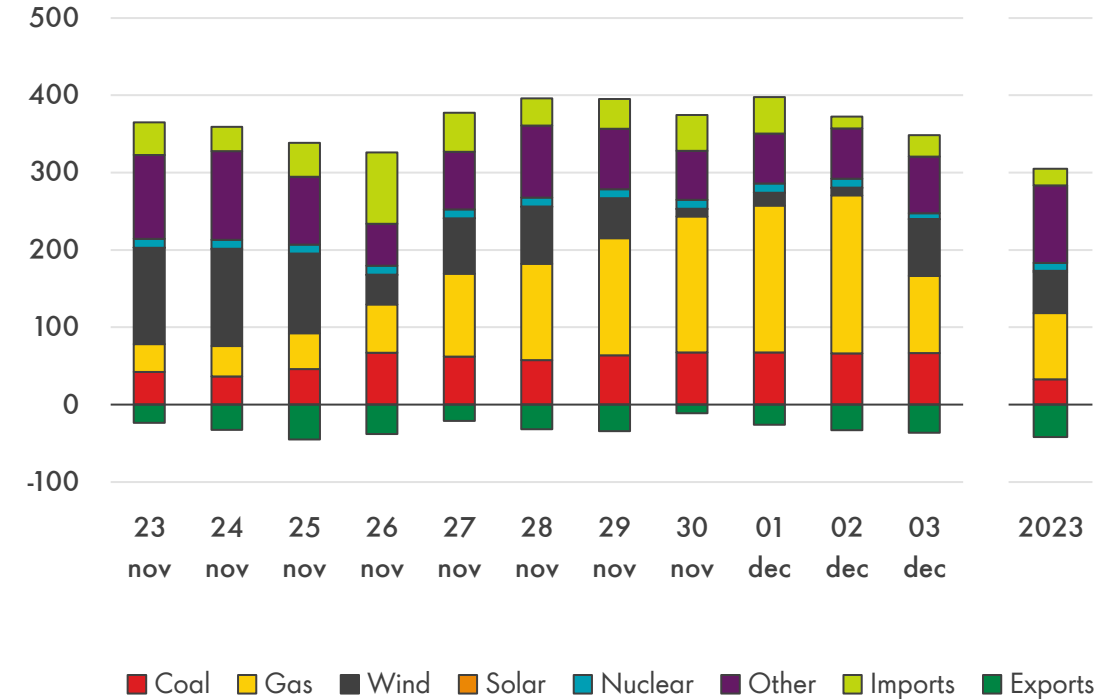
GWh/h



Source: Shell interpretation of European Network of Transmission System Operators data 2023  
Spanish figures calculated from 15-minute intervals  
Other includes biomass, other renewables and coal

## Variable daily power generation in the Netherlands

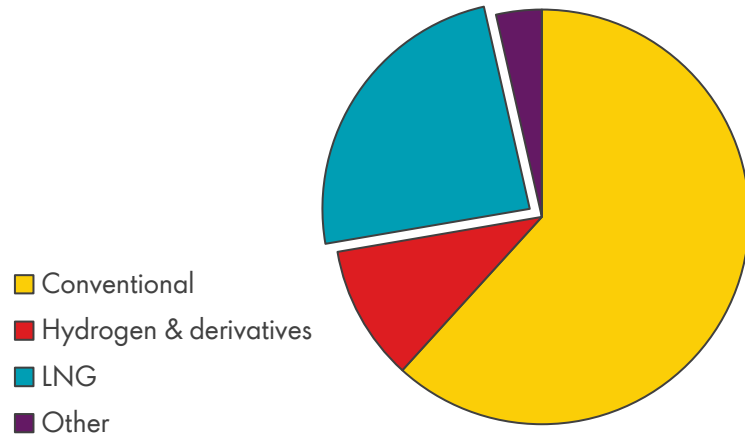
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# Marine sector continues to reduce emissions through LNG

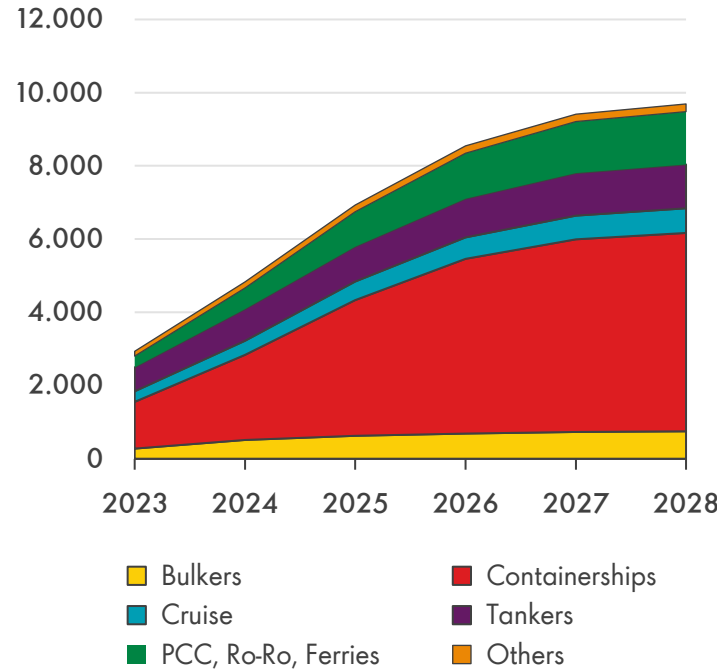
Liquefied gases can combine with technologies to help reduce emissions

## Vessel order book (2023) (Gross tonnage)

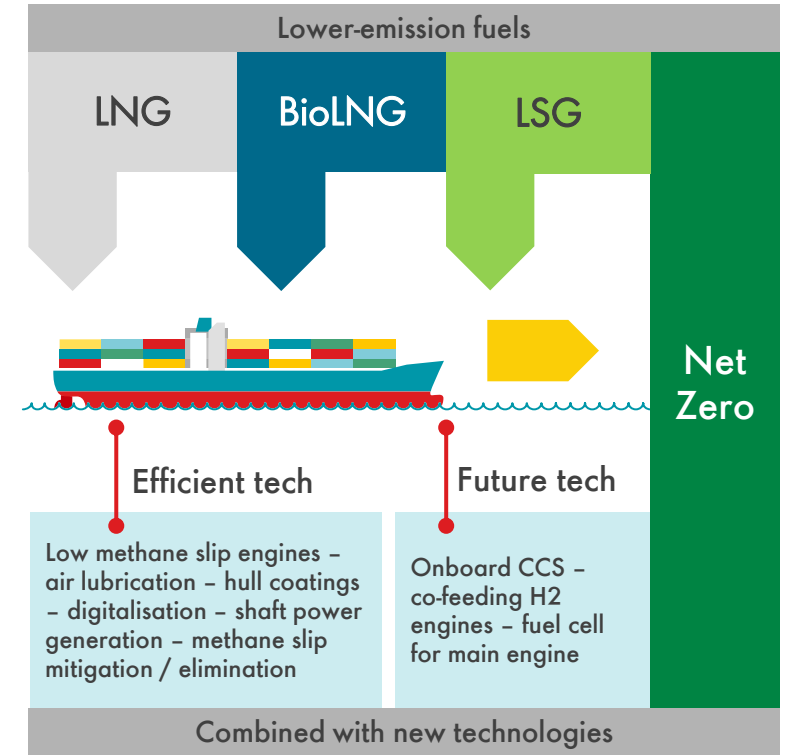


**537** LNG-fueled vessels on order  
**469** LNG-fueled vessels in operation

## Projected LNG bunkering to 2028 ('000 tonnes)



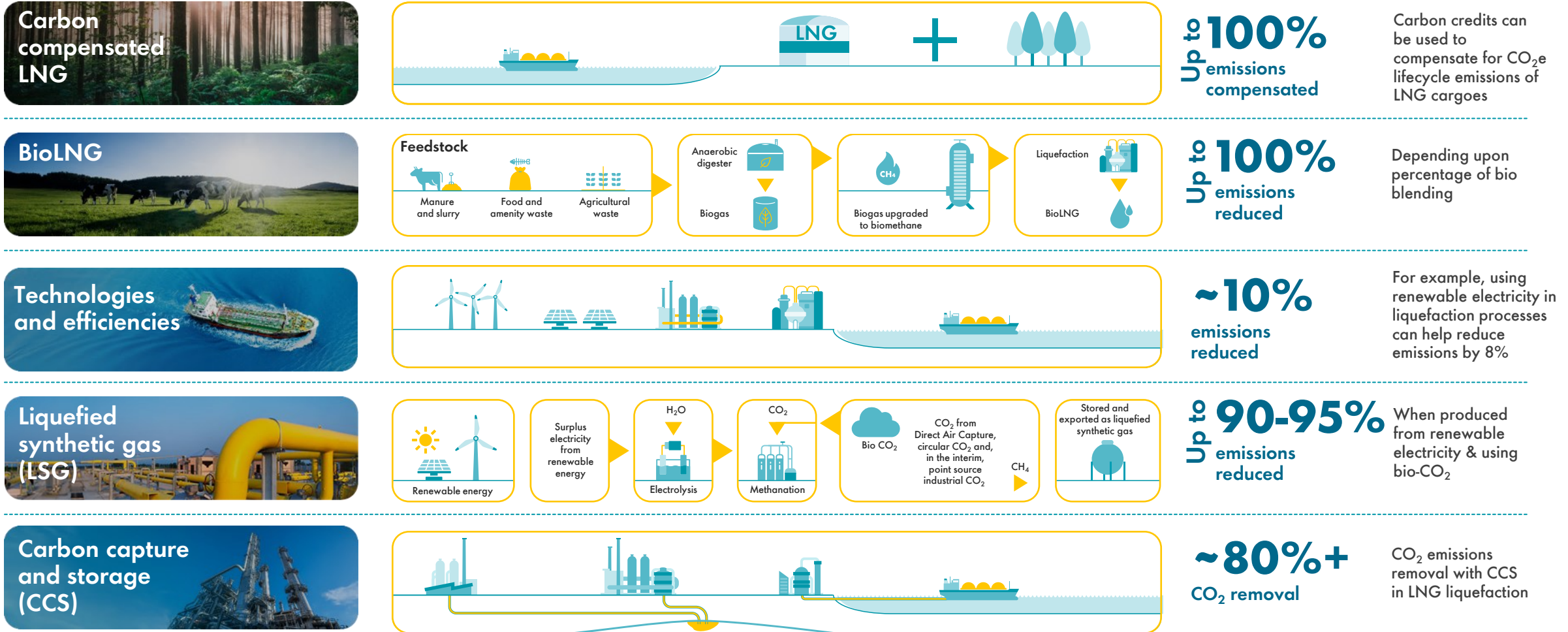
## Pathways to CO<sub>2</sub>e reduction



Source: Shell interpretation of Clarksons Research, DNV  
Hydrogen & derivatives: methanol, ammonia, hydrogen, biofuel. Other: Ethane, LPG, nuclear. PCC: pure car carriers. Ro-Ro: roll-on/roll-off. Others: dredgers, ferries, multi-purpose, LPG, tugs. LSG: liquefied synthetic gas. Energy efficient technologies include air lubrication, shaft power generation, digital technologies, wind technologies and improved hull coatings. Future Technologies include onboard carbon capture and storage, co-feeding hydrogen combined with dual-fuel LNG engines, fuel cell for main engine.

# LNG decarbonisation pathways need to be explored together

To address emissions today and progress zero emission options



Source: Shell interpretation of UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) GHG conversion factors 2022, JEC Well-to-Tank report v5, Wood Mackenzie announcement

# A common goal: reducing methane emissions to 'near zero'

## Driven by government, institutions and policy



**156 countries** now part of **Global Methane Pledge**, covering 86% of LNG importing countries\*

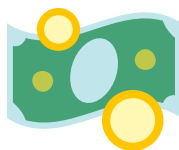


Groundbreaking **methane regulation** for oil and gas, including imports of gas and LNG into the **EU**

**Agreement** of EU, Japan, South Korea, USA and Australia to harmonised MRV

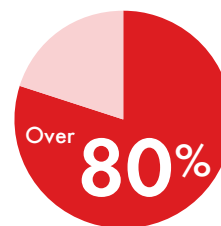


**\$255 mln** mobilised for **World Bank methane and flaring fund**



Source: Oil & Gas Methane Partnership (OGMP), public announcements, Methane Intelligence (MiQ) announcements, \*including EU; \*\* Announcement by Daphne Technologies (SlipPure™)

## Driven by industry

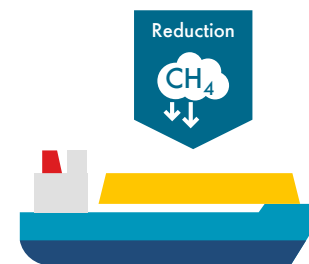


of LNG flows covered by more than **120 companies** and **70 countries** have joined **OGMP 2.0**



Lab tests of new shipping technology shows **methane reduced to low levels\*\***

**52 signatories** to oil and gas decarbonisation charter launched at **COP 28**



## Driven by customers



**First GIIGNL's MRV and GHG Neutral** aligned cargo delivered in Taiwan



**Increasing customer** led demand for **transparency and third-party verification**

**Gas prices more stable in 2023  
but volatility lingered in tight  
market**

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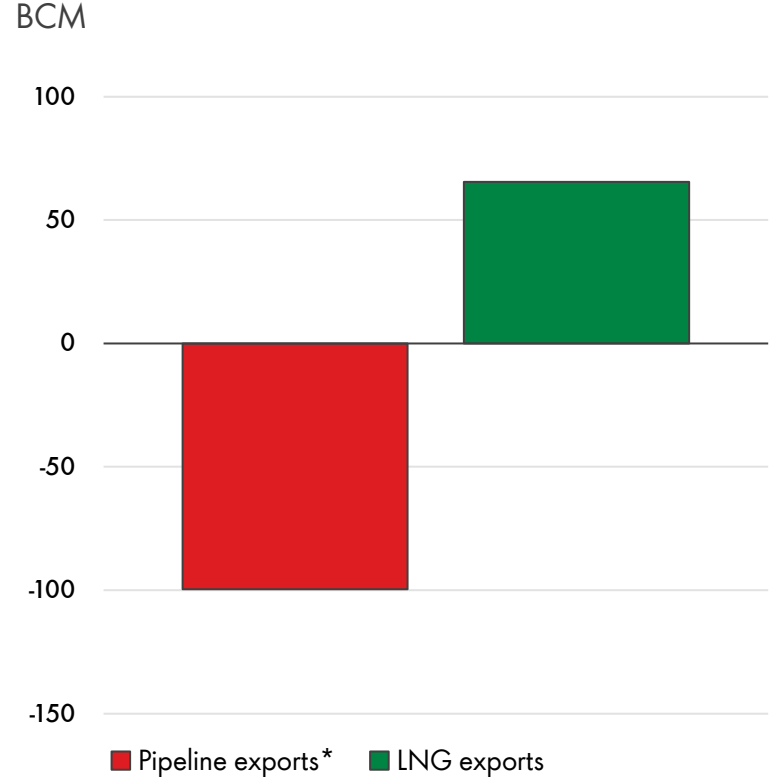
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# Despite structural tightness prices moderated in 2023

JKM prices fell but remained above historical norms

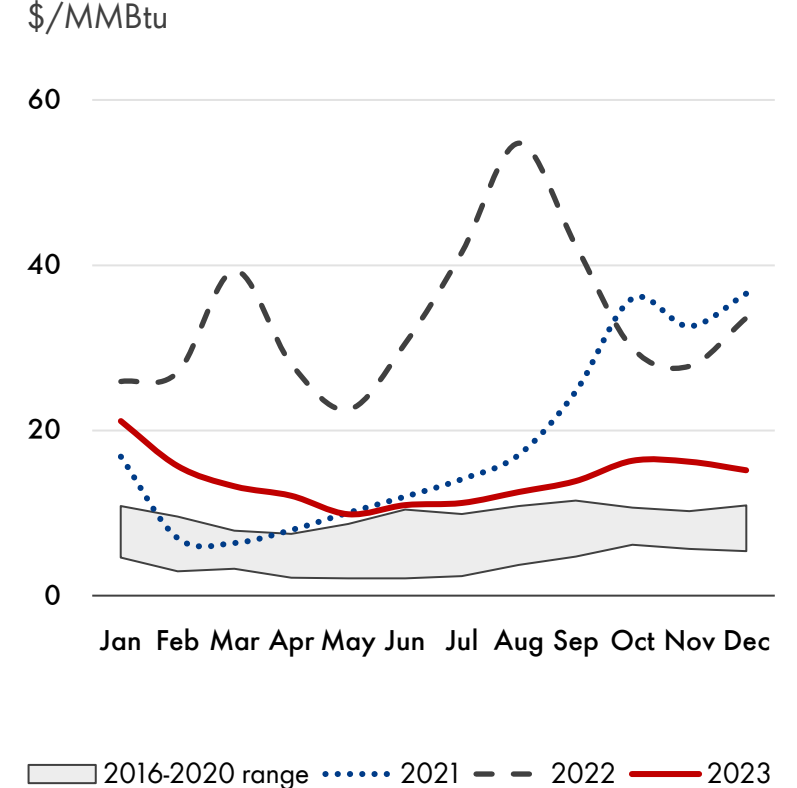
## Global gas trade change (2019 vs 2023)



## 2023 demand factors

- Mild winter temperatures
- High gas & LNG inventories in Europe & Asia
- Strong nuclear generation in France, Japan & South Korea
- Modest Chinese economic recovery
- Weak European demand & energy savings

## Average monthly JKM prices



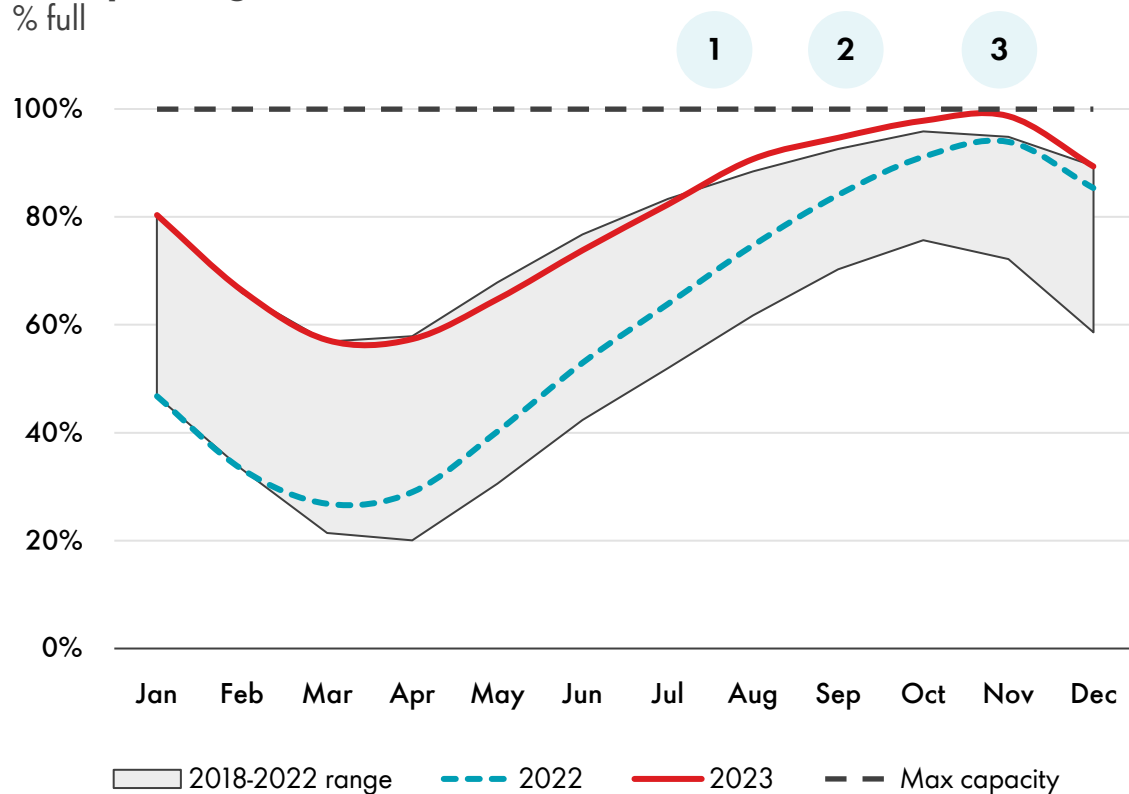
Source: Shell interpretation of Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) and Wood Mackenzie data  
JKM: Japan Korea Marker  
\*Pipeline exports exclude North America pipeline trade



# Supply security concerns sparked periods of volatility

Global events impacted market even with record-high inventories

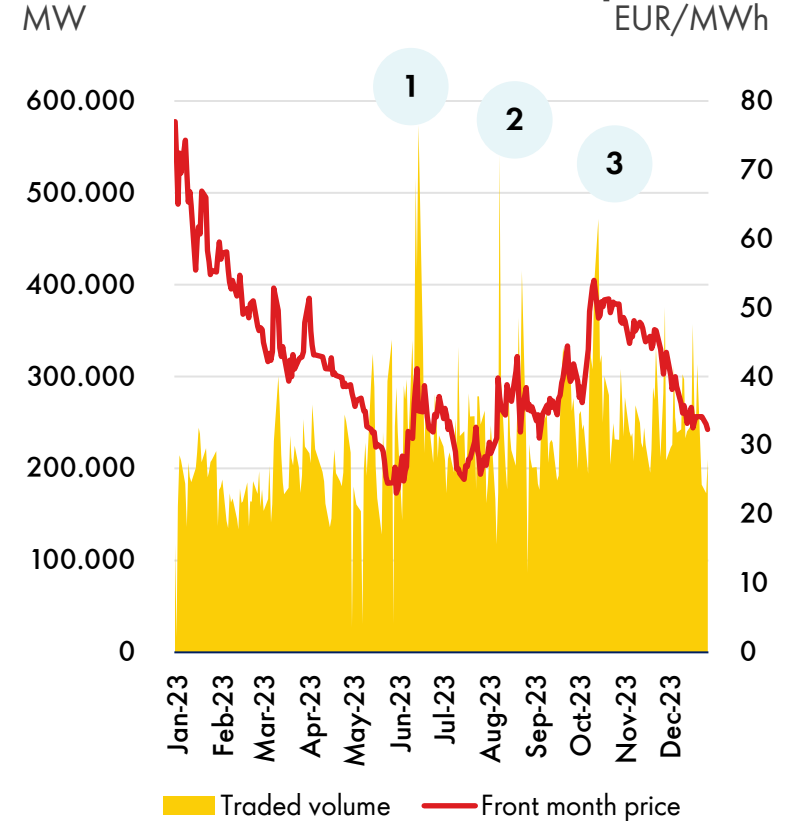
## European gas inventories



### Event-driven volatility

- 1 Prolonged Norwegian maintenance
- 2 Australian industrial action concern
- 3 Israel-Hamas conflict

## Dutch TTF traded volume vs price



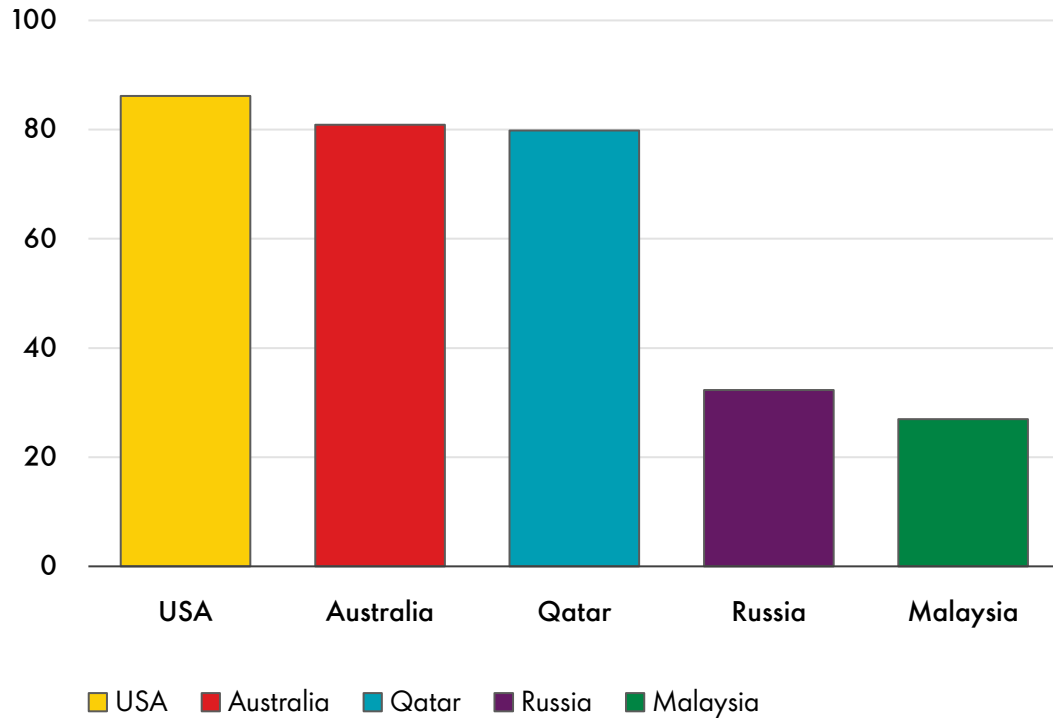
Source: Shell interpretation of Commodity Essentials and ICE data  
Europe includes UK, Germany, Belgium, France, Denmark, Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Austria, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Switzerland  
TTF: Title Transfer Facility

# USA became the largest LNG exporter

## Panama Canal constraints shifted trade patterns

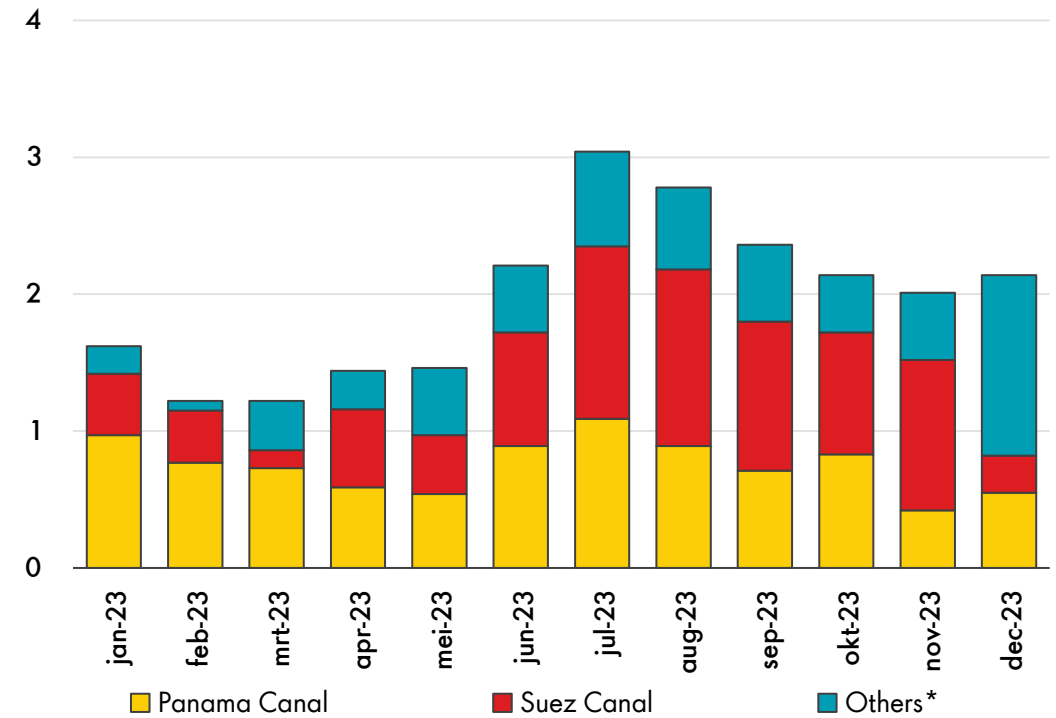
### Top exporters in 2023

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### US exports to Asia

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Source: Shell interpretation of Kpler data  
\*Others: Cape of Good Hope

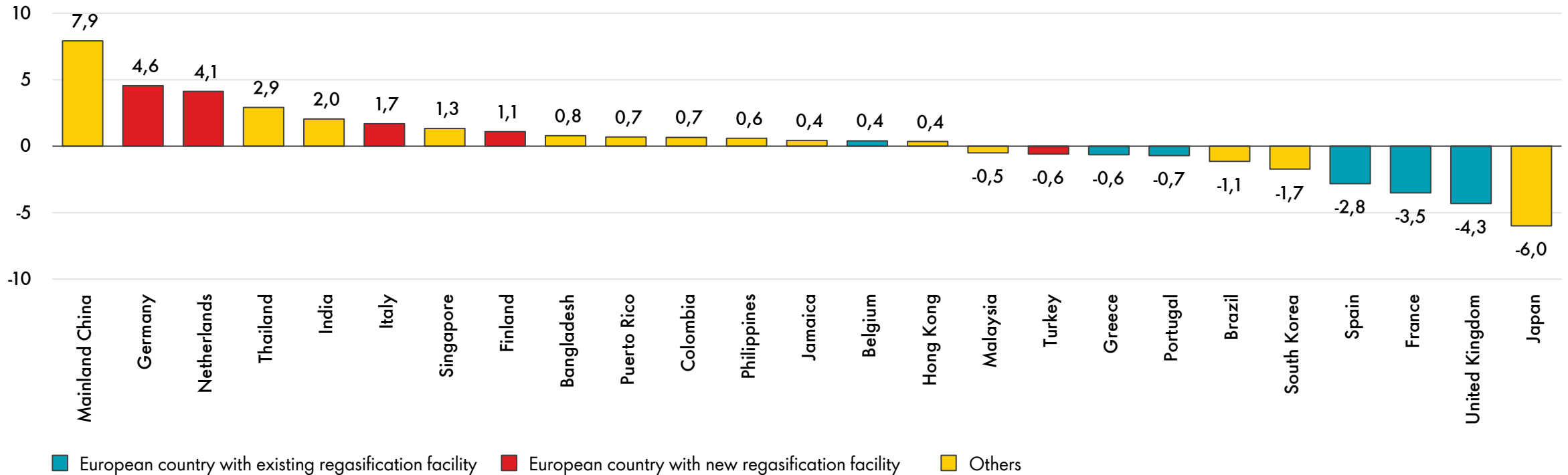
# New infrastructure helps redistribute European LNG imports

China retook top importer spot, emerging Asia shows growth potential

## Change in LNG imports 2023 (YoY)

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Total LNG trade: 404 MT



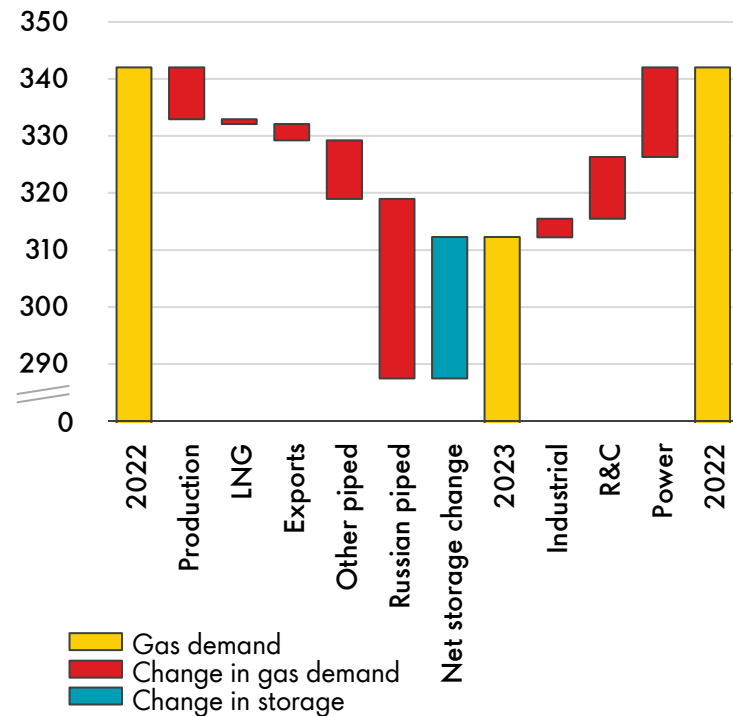
Source: Shell interpretation of Kpler data

# European gas demand fell in 2023

Demand destruction continued due to lower supplies and elevated prices

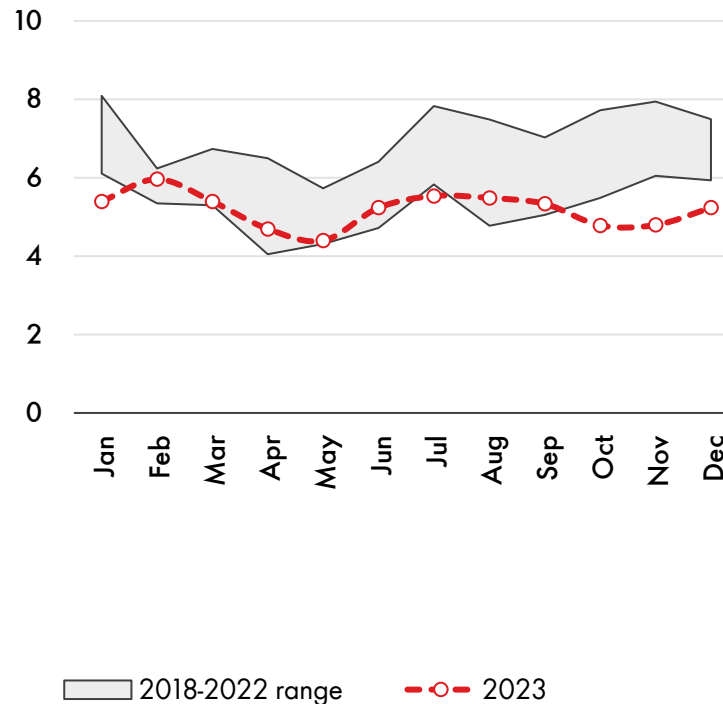
## Change in European gas balance

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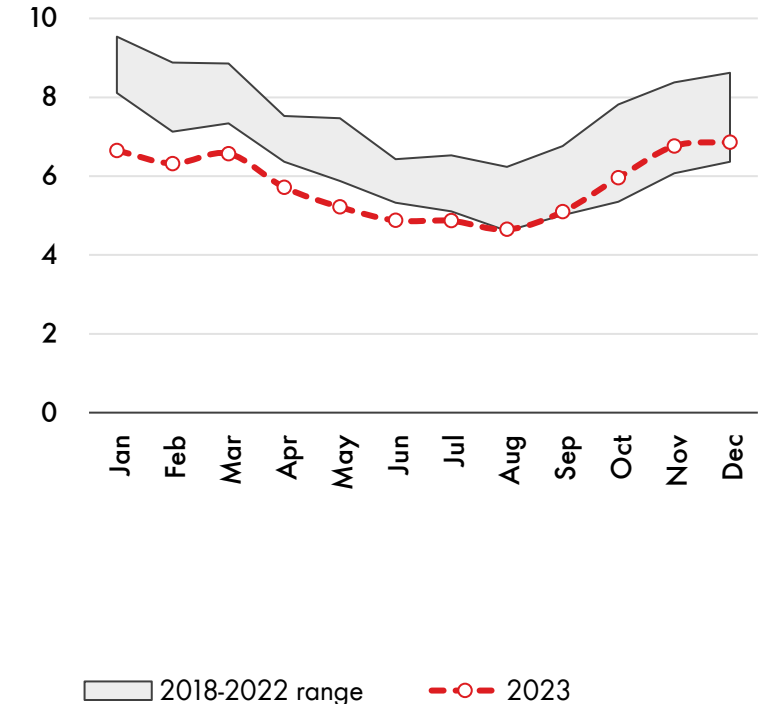
## Gas-power demand in Europe

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## Industrial gas demand in Europe

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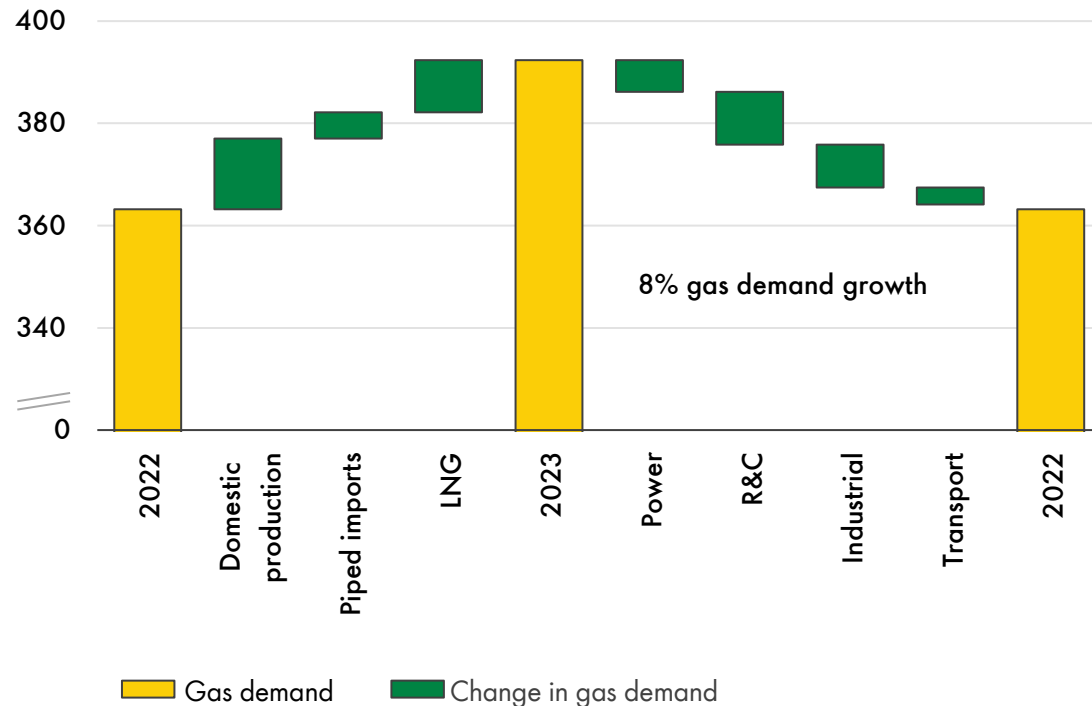
Source: Shell interpretation of Commodity Essentials data  
European demand includes UK, Germany, Belgium, France, Denmark, Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Austria, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Switzerland  
R&C: Residential and commercial

# China gas demand outpaced moderate economic growth

Robust domestic supply, piped imports and term LNG limited spot buying

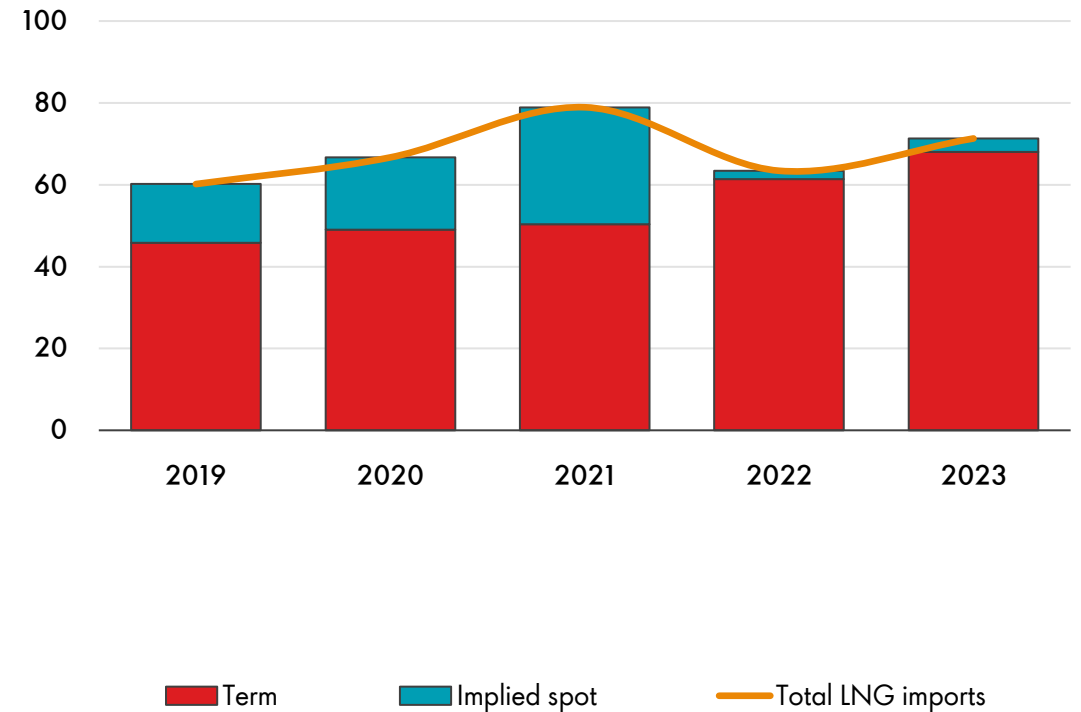
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## China term vs spot LNG imports

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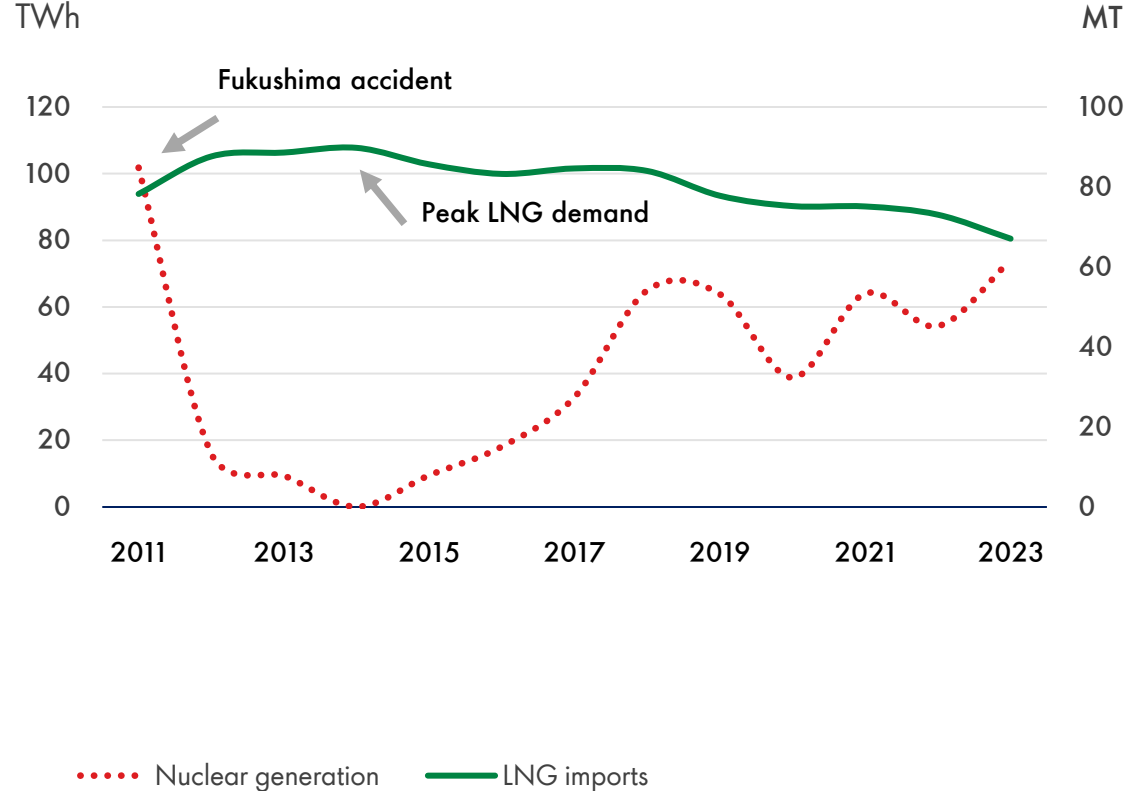


Source: Shell interpretation of National Bureau of Statistics of China and Wood Mackenzie data

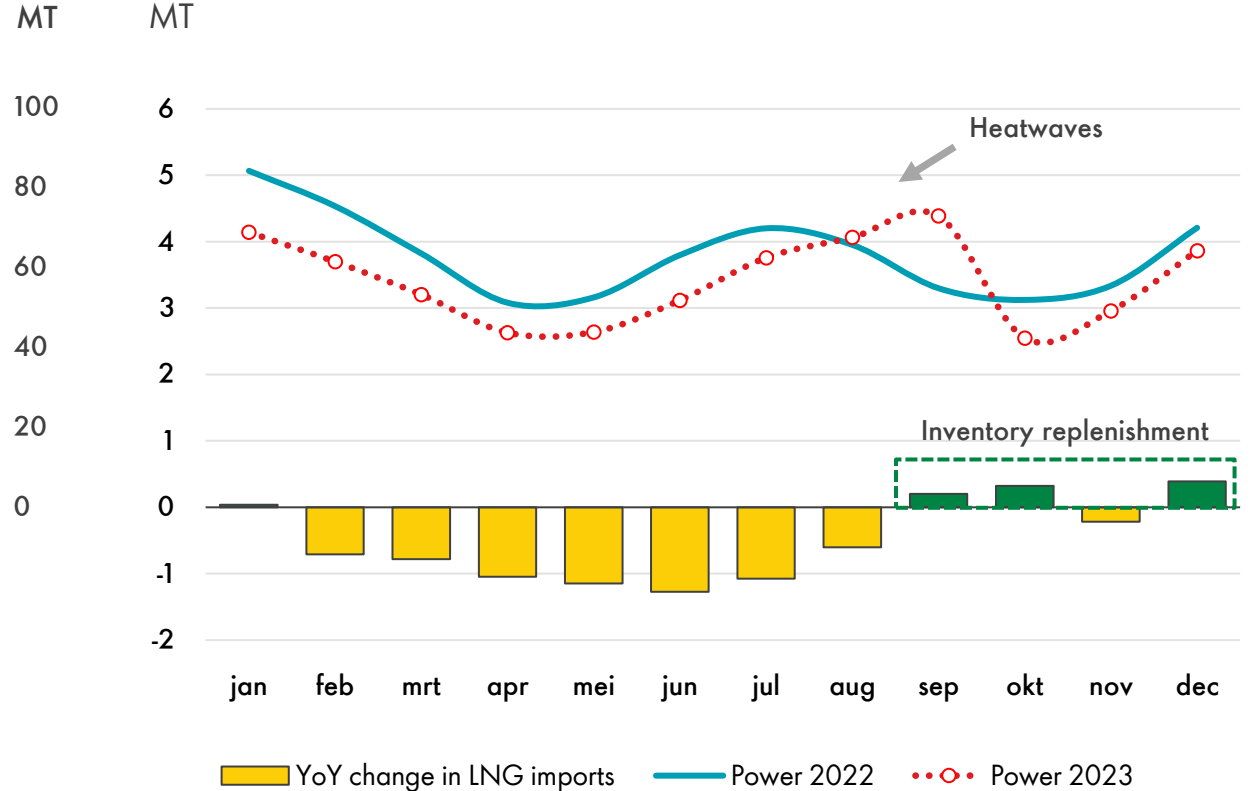
# Japan gas demand declines as more nuclear plants restart

## Heatwaves drove up imports briefly

### Nuclear availability vs LNG imports



### Gas-fired power demand vs LNG imports



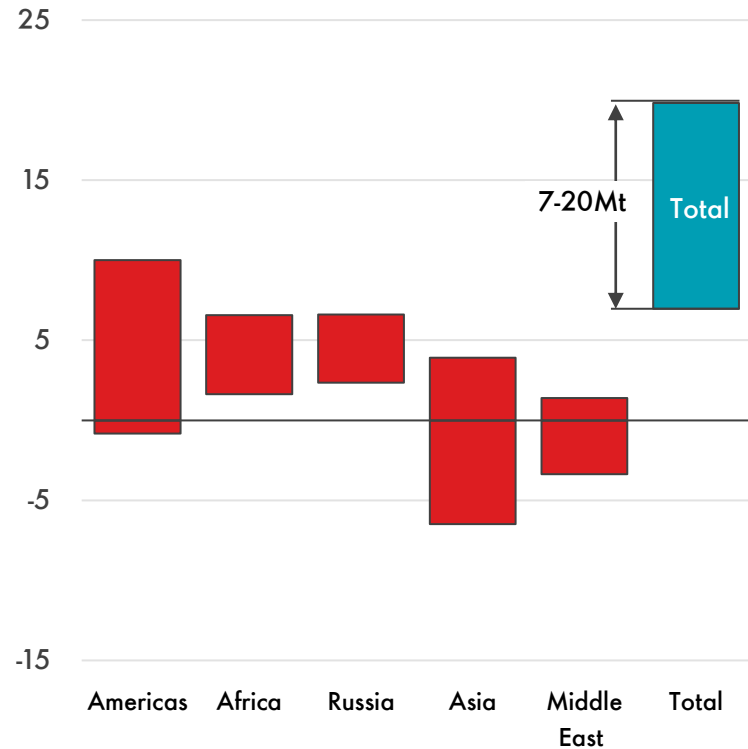
Source: Shell interpretation of Japan Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Wood Mackenzie, Energy Aspects data

# US supply and Asian demand to lead growth in 2024

Import infrastructure ready to meet potential demand upsides

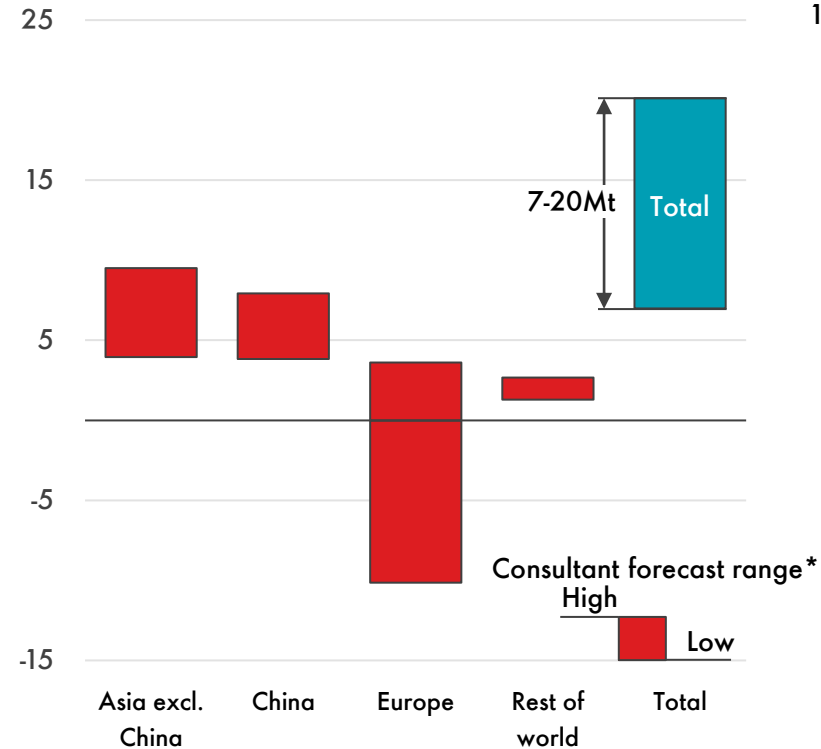
## Forecast LNG supply growth 2024

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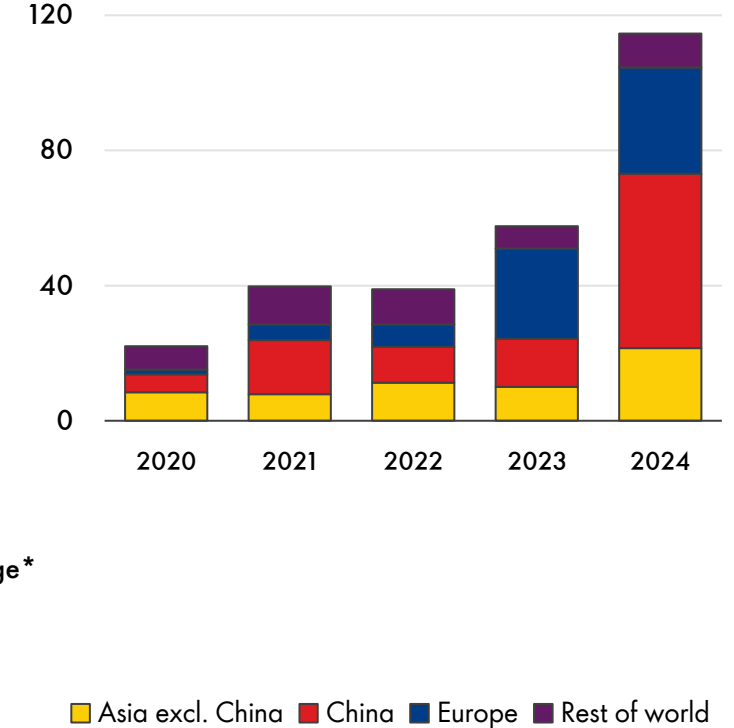
## Forecast LNG demand growth 2024

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## Global regas capacity growth

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Source: Shell interpretation of Wood Mackenzie, Poten & Partners, S&P Global Commodity Insights and FGE data

All forecasts are normalised to delivered volumes

\*Consultant forecast range represents the distribution of year-over-year supply and demand growth forecasts from Wood Mackenzie, Poten & Partners, S&P Global Commodity Insights and FGE

# Rising global demand for LNG expected to keep pace with new supply

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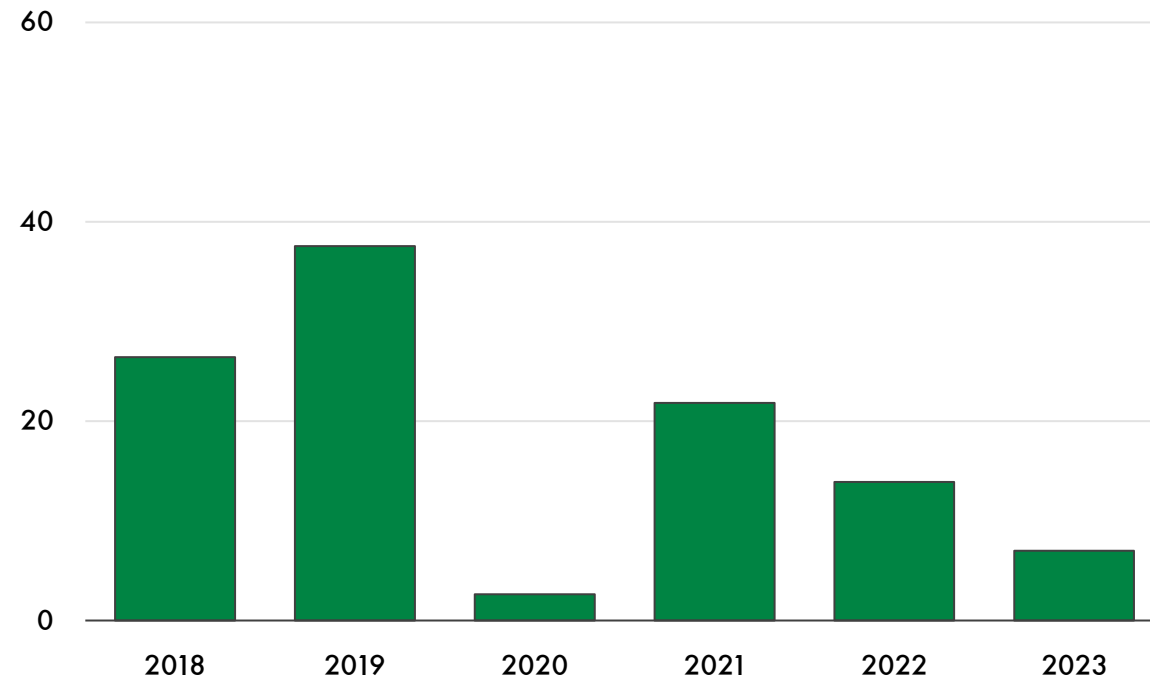




# Significant LNG supply coming but start-up timings uncertain

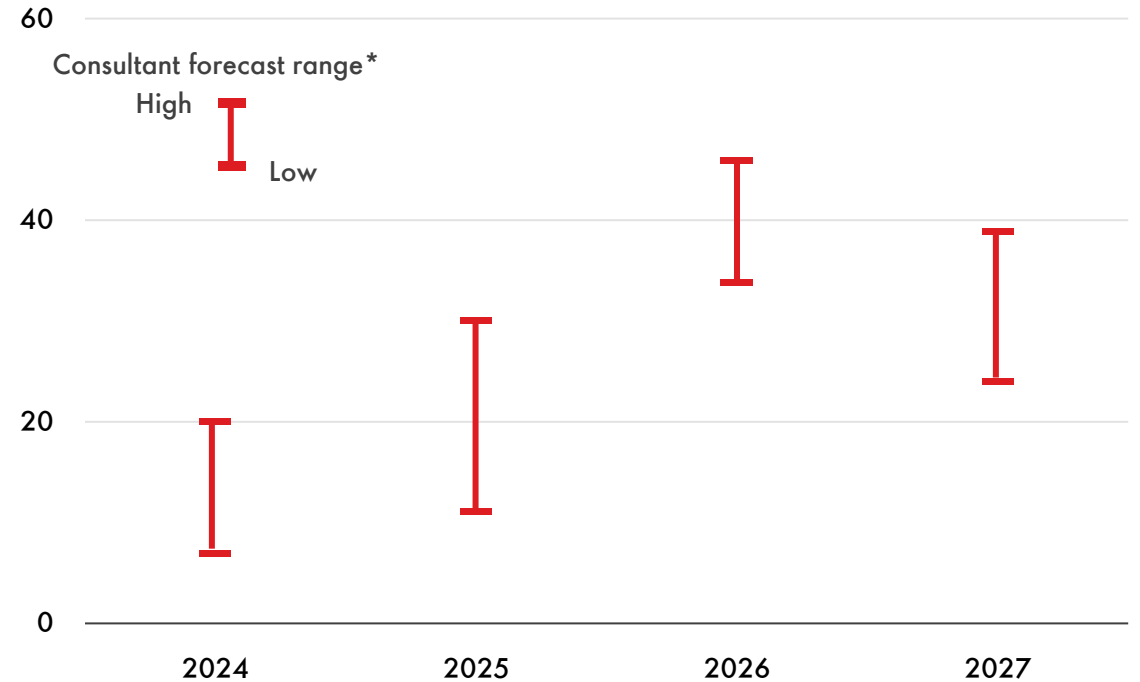
## Historical global LNG supply growth

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## Global LNG supply growth forecast range

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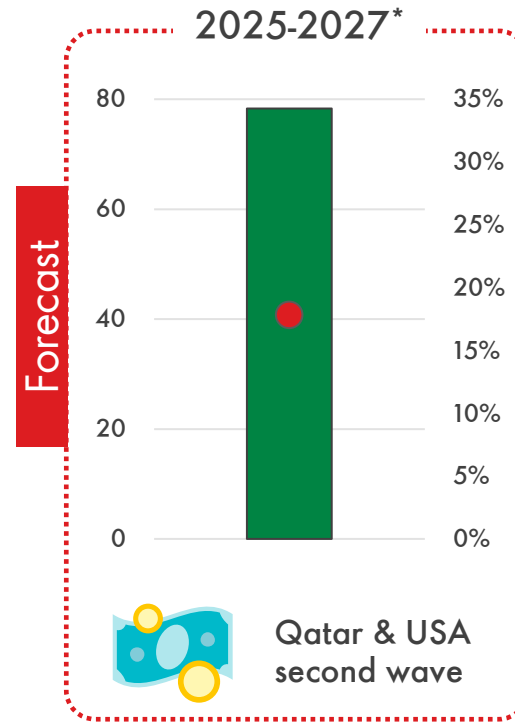
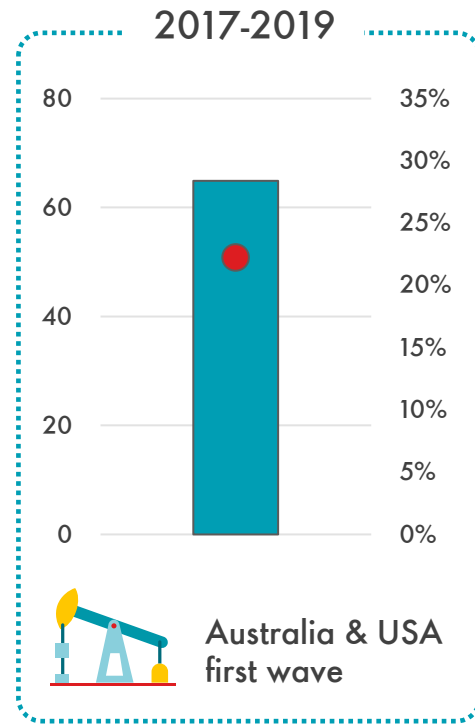
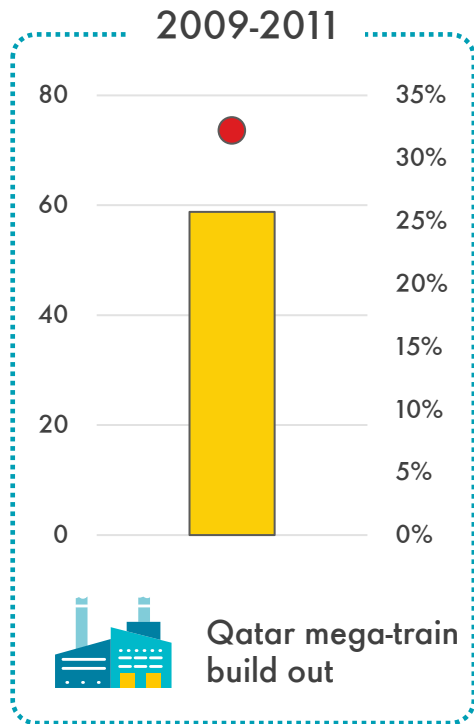
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# LNG industry has managed large expansions before

Diverse demand sectors poised to consume new LNG supply

## Three-year historical and forecast global LNG supply increases

MTPA - % increase



### Latent demand for LNG

**New markets**

**Shipping demand**

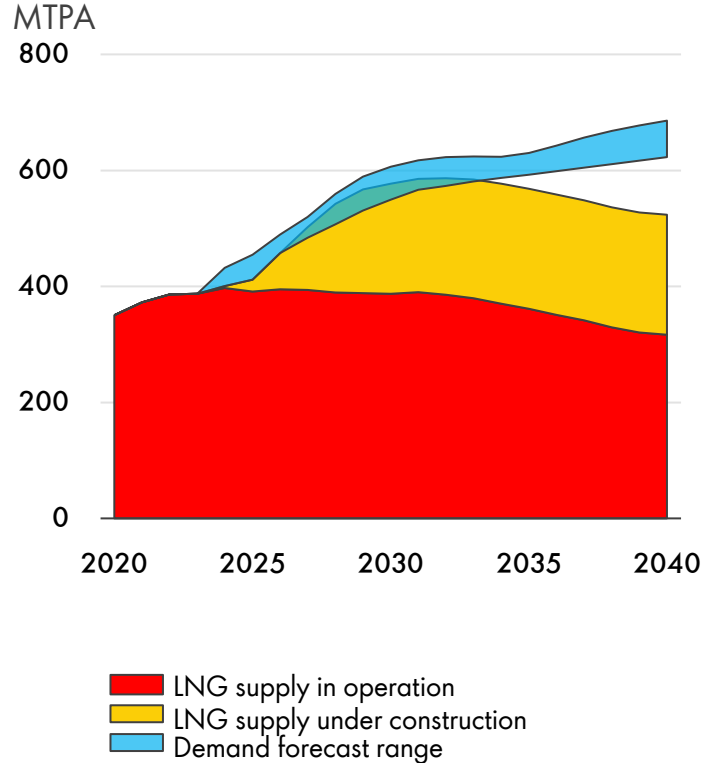
**Price sensitive buyers**

**Fuel switching**

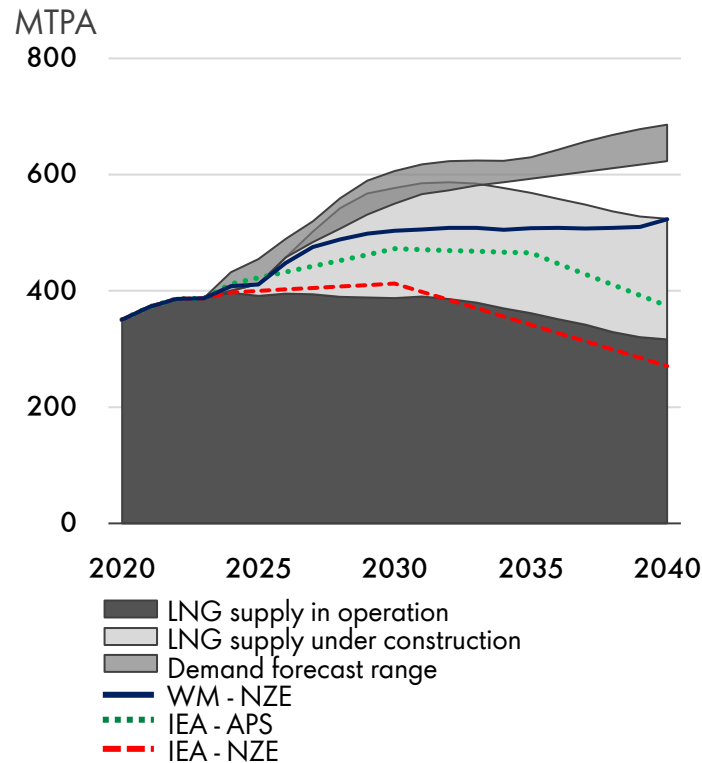
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# New LNG liquefaction investment underpinned by demand growth in China, South Asia and Southeast Asia

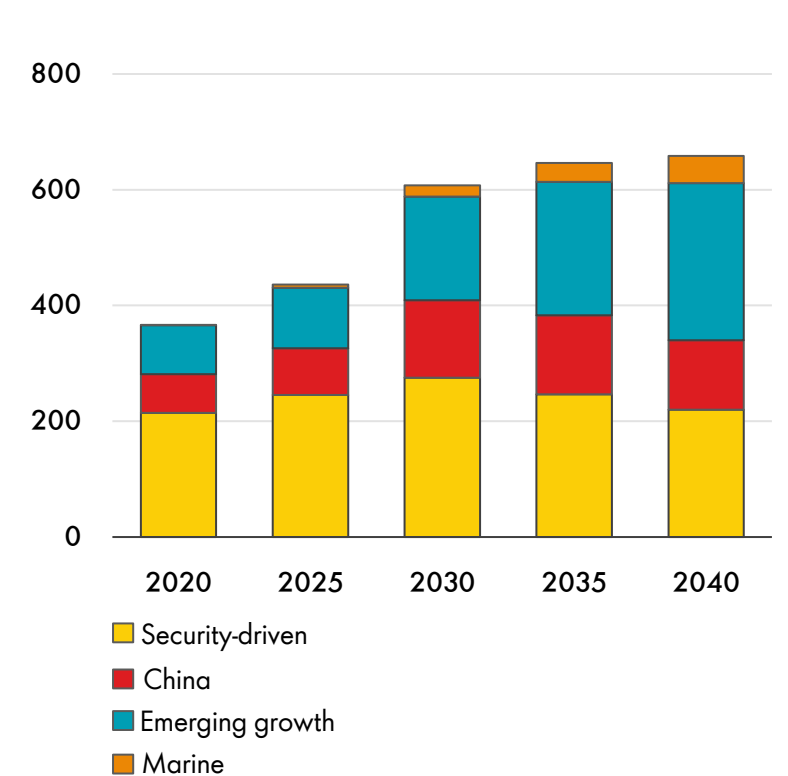
## Global LNG supply vs demand forecast range



## Global LNG supply vs demand scenarios



## Global LNG demand MTPA



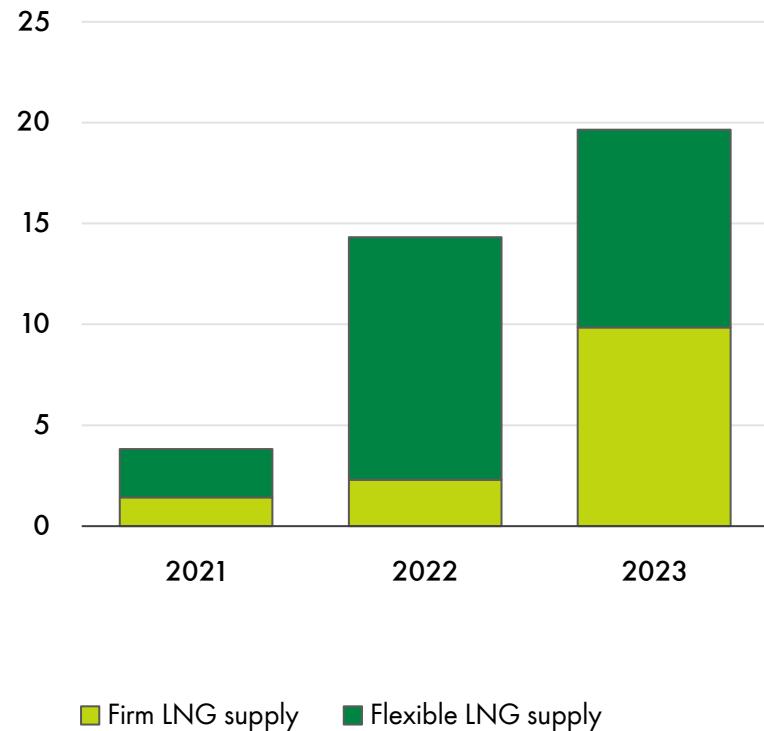
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 WM - NZE: Wood Mackenzie Net Zero Scenario. IEA - APS: IEA Accelerated Pledges Scenario. IEA - NZE: IEA Net Zero Emissions Scenario  
 Security-driven: Japan, South Korea and Europe. Emerging growth: South Asia, South-east Asia and other demand

# Europe will still need LNG despite declining gas demand

Increased term contracting in 2022-2023 is not enough

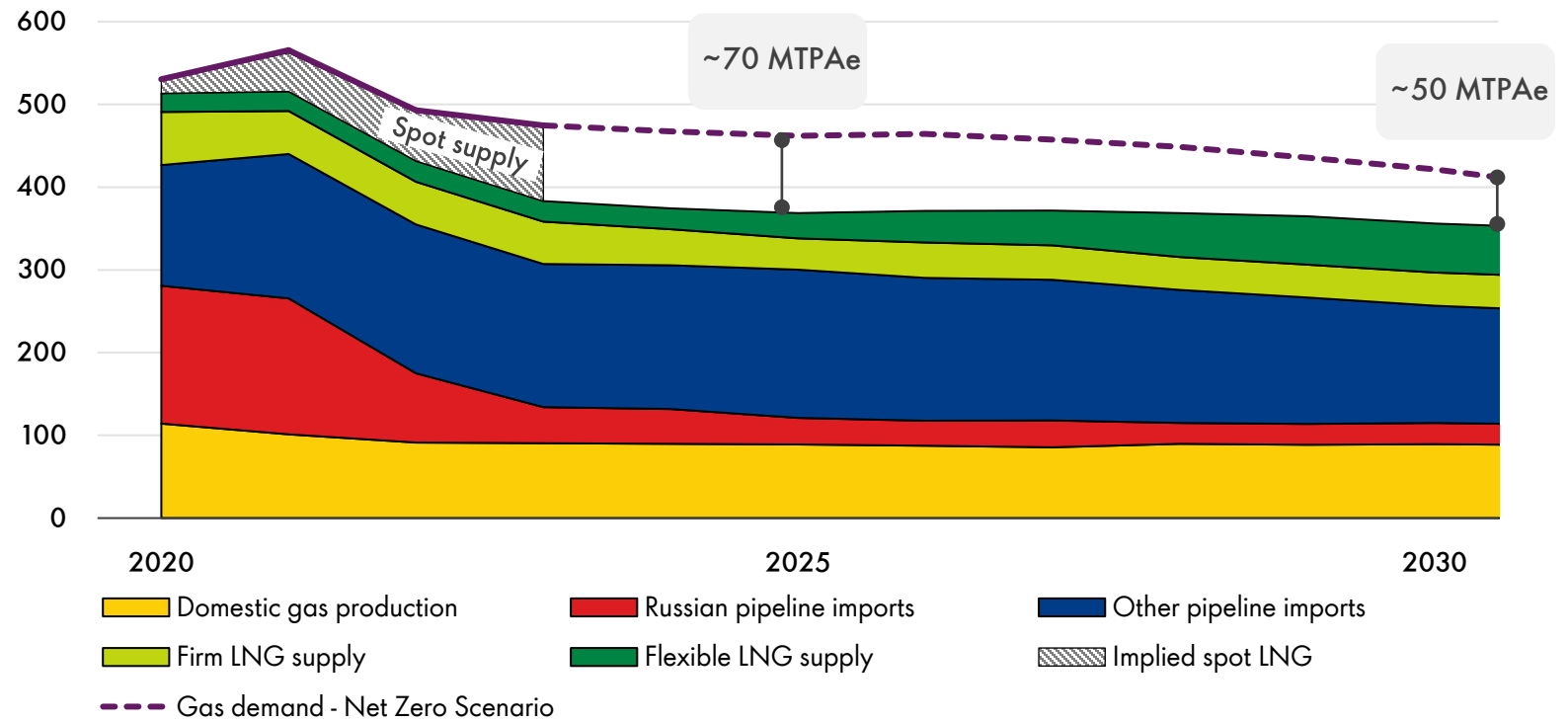
## Europe LNG SPAs

MTPA



## Europe gas balance

BCM



Source: Shell interpretation of Wood Mackenzie data

LNG contracts include LNG SPAs and secondary contracts. Europe comprises EU, UK, Norway, Turkey and Ukraine. Flexible LNG supply: supply contracted for loading at the supply plant (FOB), which can be diverted. Firm LNG supply: supply contracted for delivery to the buyer (DES)

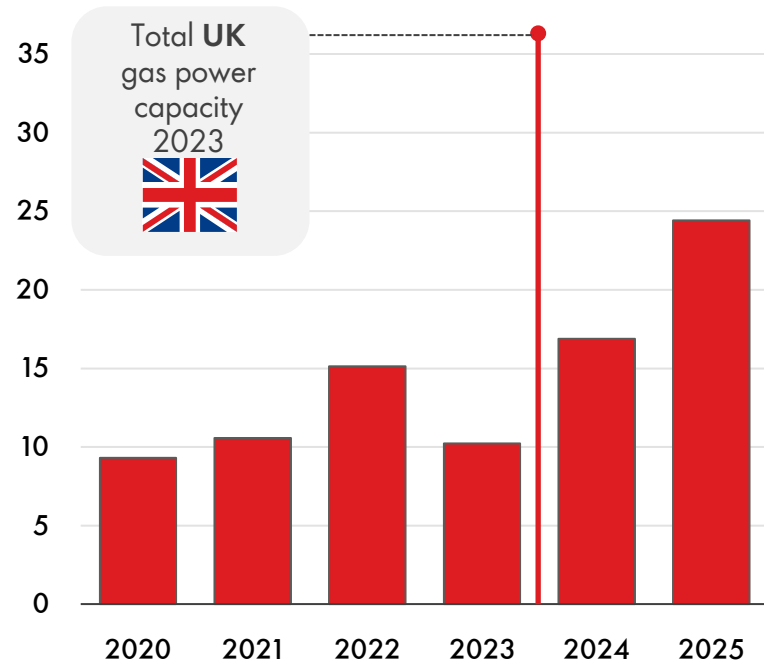
Gas demand - Net Zero Scenario is Wood Mackenzie's net-zero forecast, which represents the European Commission's Fit for 55 decarbonisation policy.

# China's gas infrastructure development accelerates

Growth in scale and connectivity enables China to balance the LNG market

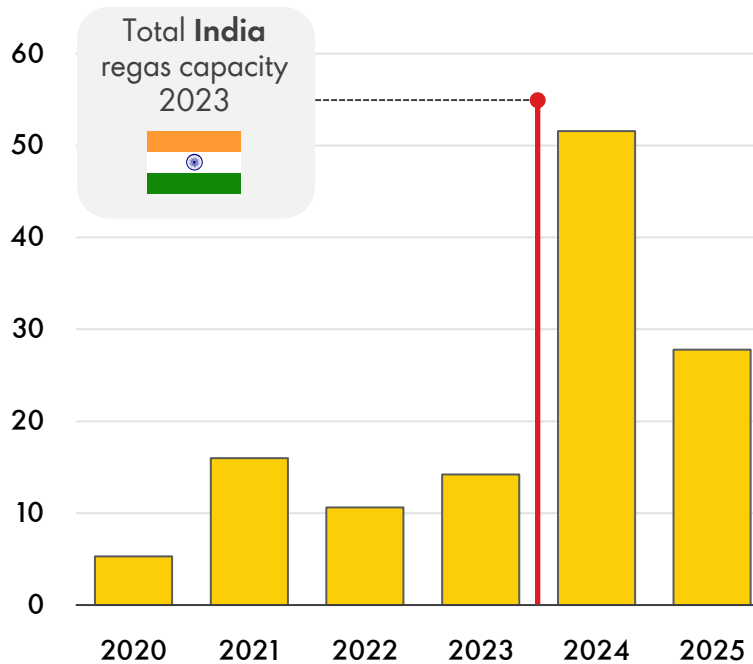
## China gas-power capacity growth

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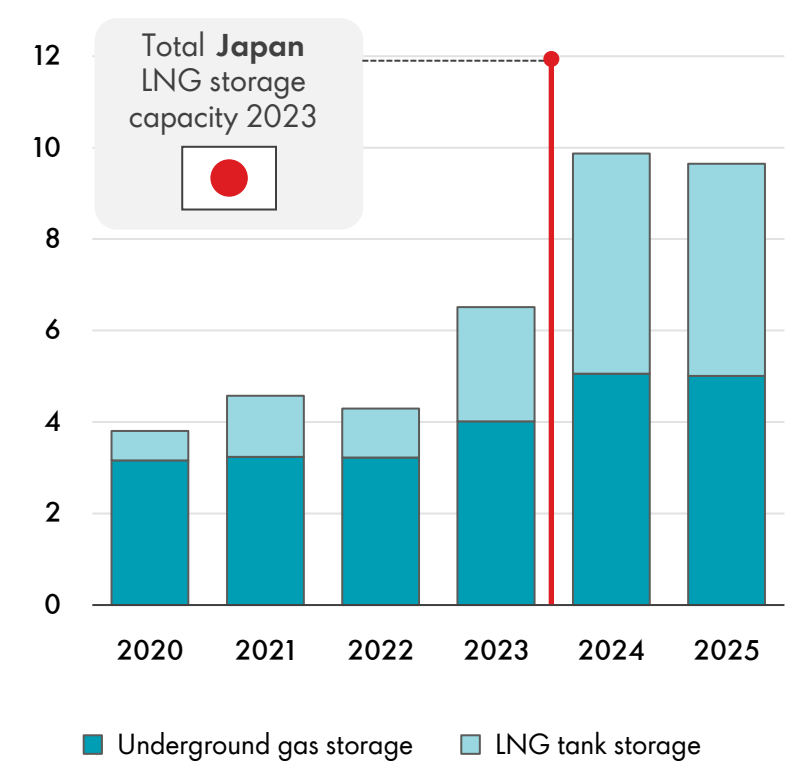
## China regas capacity growth

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## China storage capacity growth

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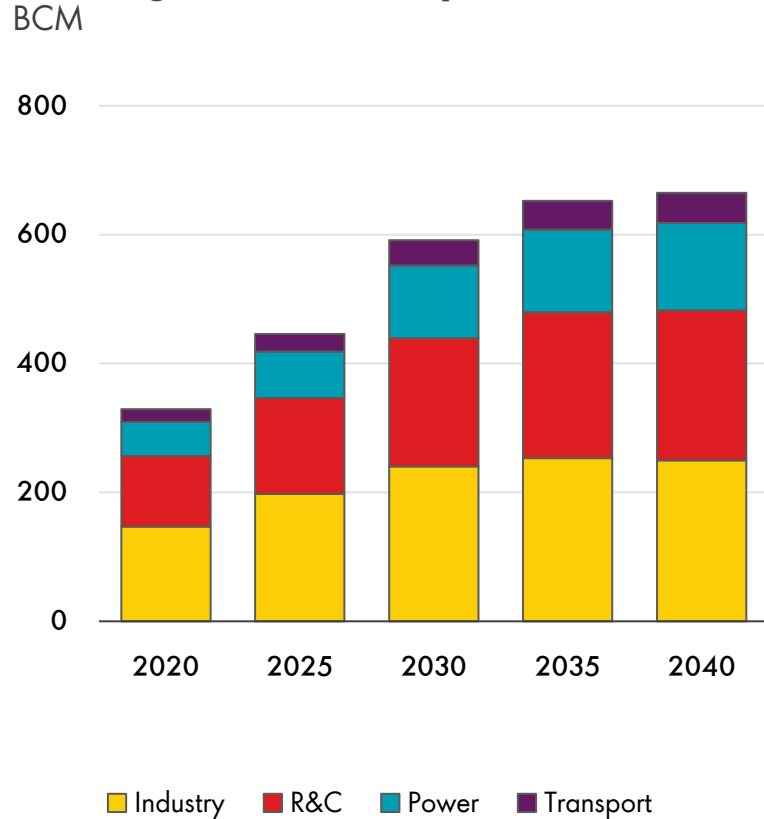


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Capacity growth considers projects that are operational and under construction.

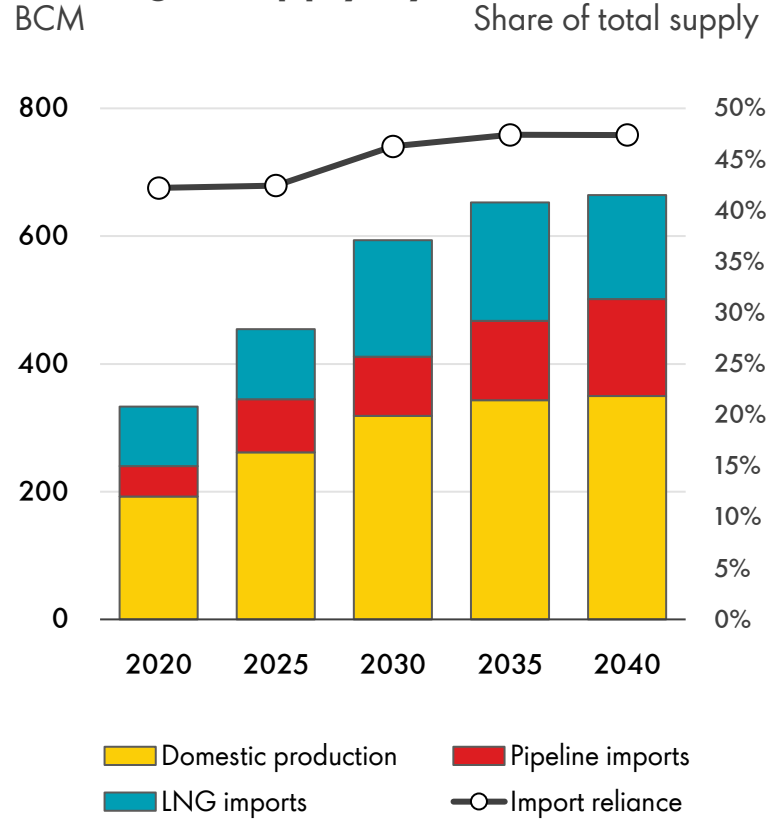
# China's long-term gas and LNG demand outlook is strong

Supply diversification is a key characteristic of China's growth

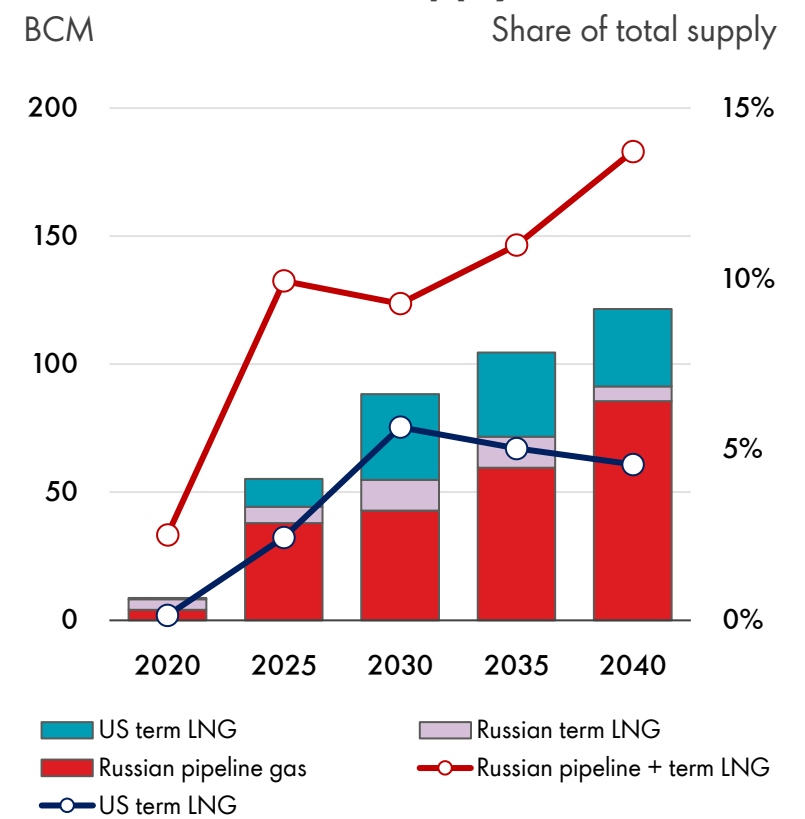
## China gas demand by sector



## China gas supply by source



## Russian, US term supply to China



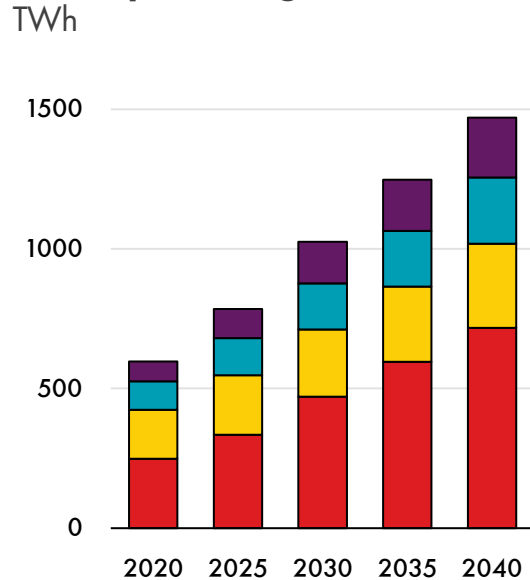
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# South, South-east Asia emerging as major LNG import regions

Vietnam, Philippines started importing LNG to backfill domestic gas declines

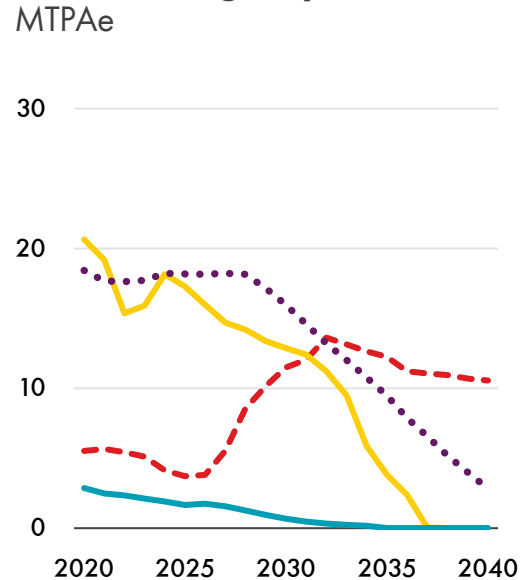


## Total power generation



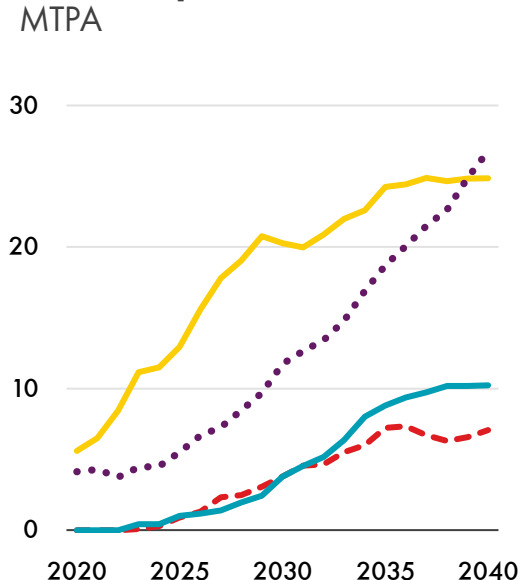
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## Domestic gas production



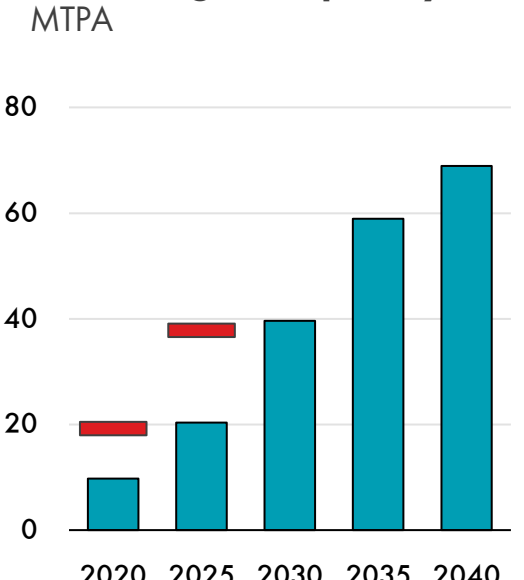
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## LNG imports



--- Vietnam --- Philippines --- Thailand ..... Bangladesh

## Total regas capacity\*



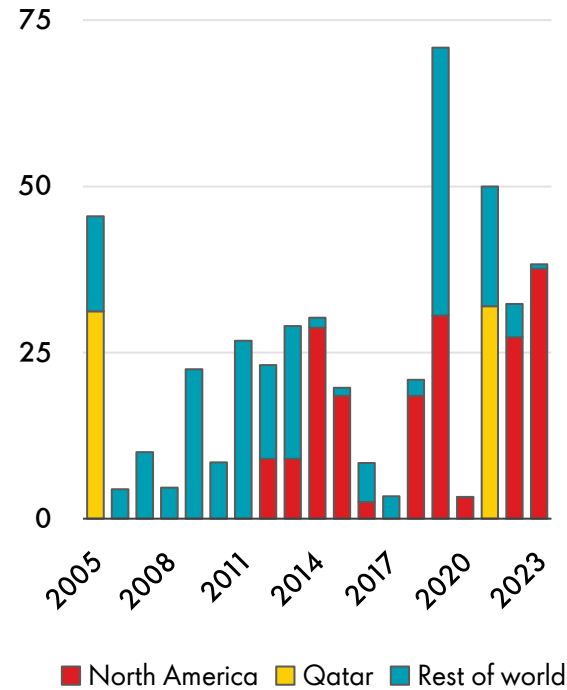
■ LNG Imports ■ Regas capacity\*

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MTPAe: billion cubic metre equivalent in million tonnes per annum of LNG

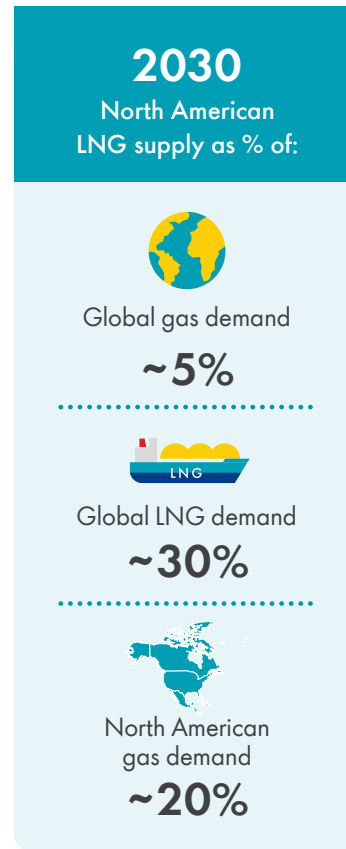
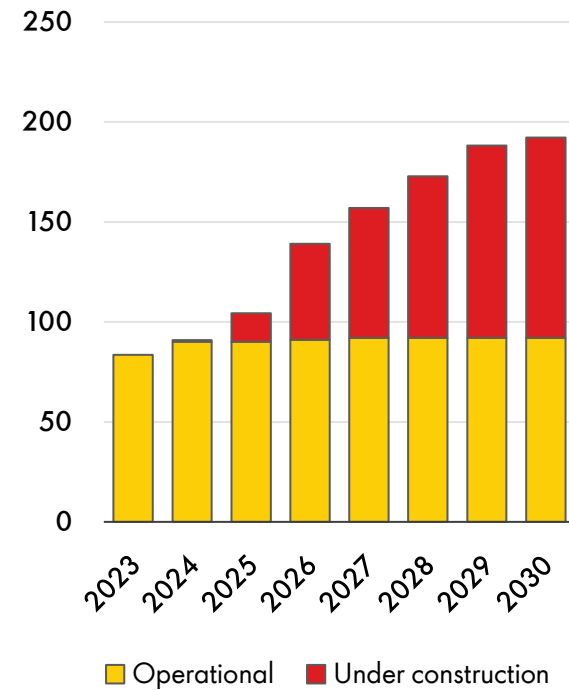
\*Total regas capacity includes projects that are operational and under construction for the four countries referenced (Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines & Bangladesh).

# Global gas market increasingly exposed to US risks

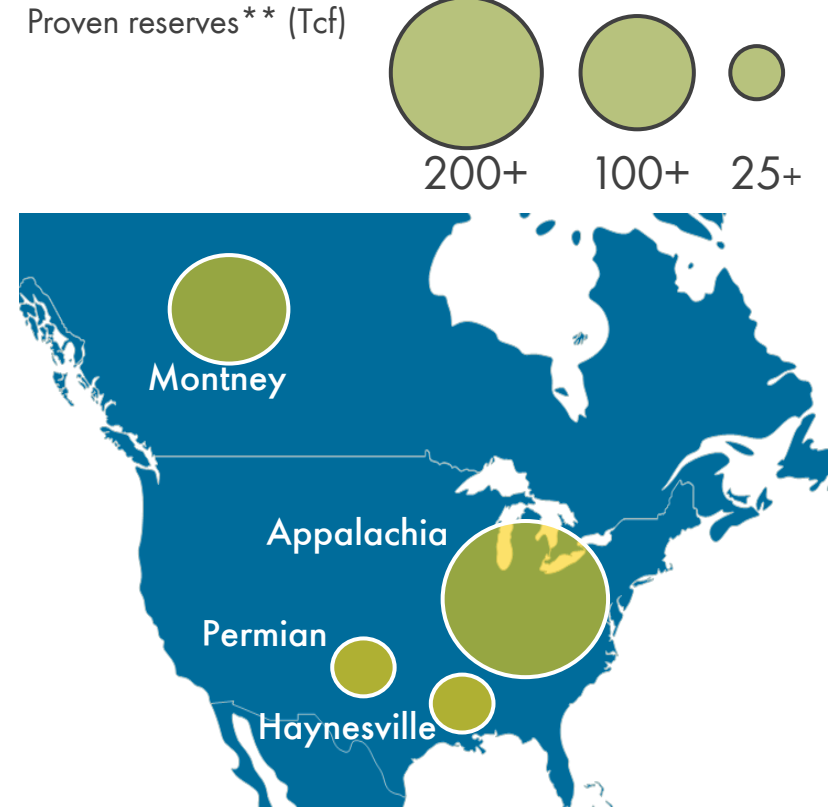
## Global liquefaction investment\* MTPA capacity



## North American LNG supply MTPA



## Major North American gas basins



Source: Shell interpretation of Wood Mackenzie data

\*Global liquefaction investment considers projects that have taken a Final Investment Decision (FID)

\*\*Proven reserves: represent 2P commercial reserves as defined by Wood Mackenzie. Bubbles are not exact geographical representations of the shale basins. Appalachia includes Marcellus and Utica plays

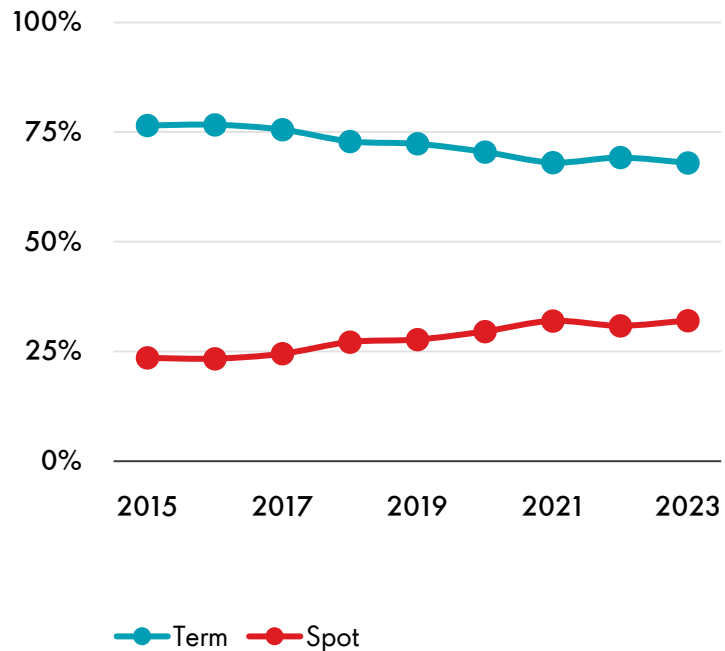


# Qatar and USA deals dominate long-term contracting

Brent and Henry Hub indexation underscores three commercial structures

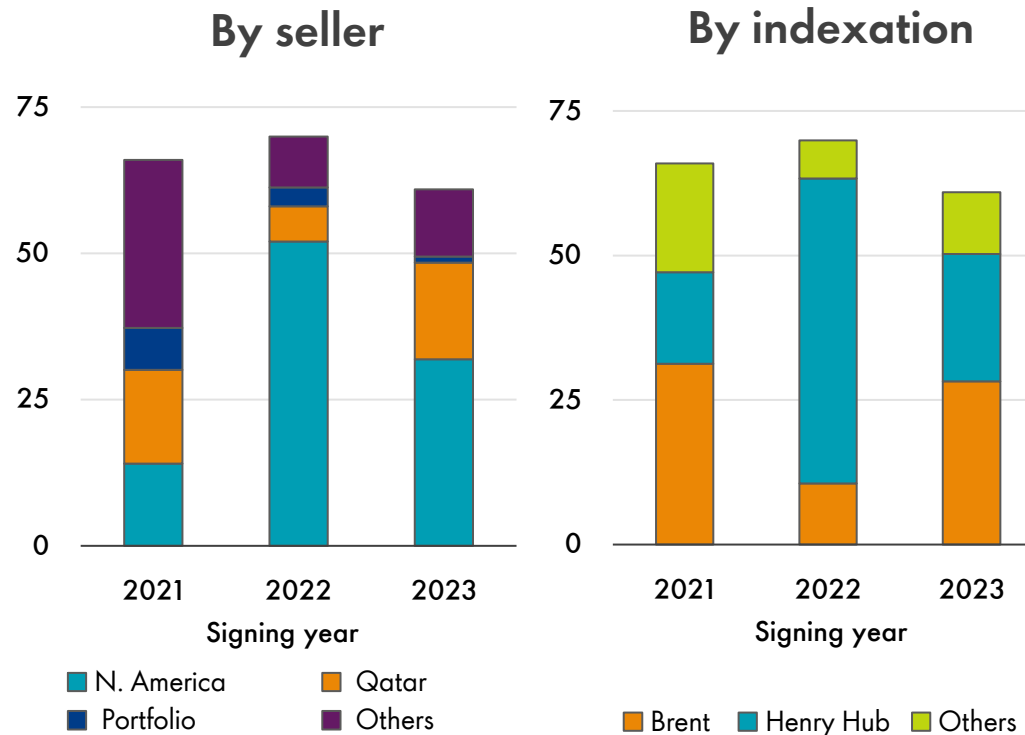
## Global LNG market trade

% total

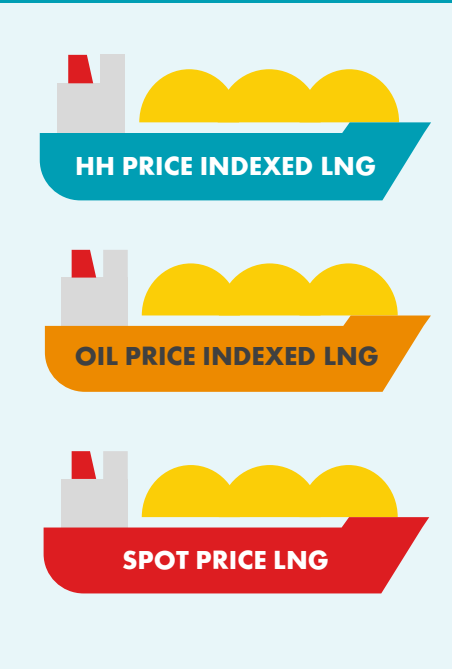


## Long-term LNG SPA signings

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## Three independent commercial structures

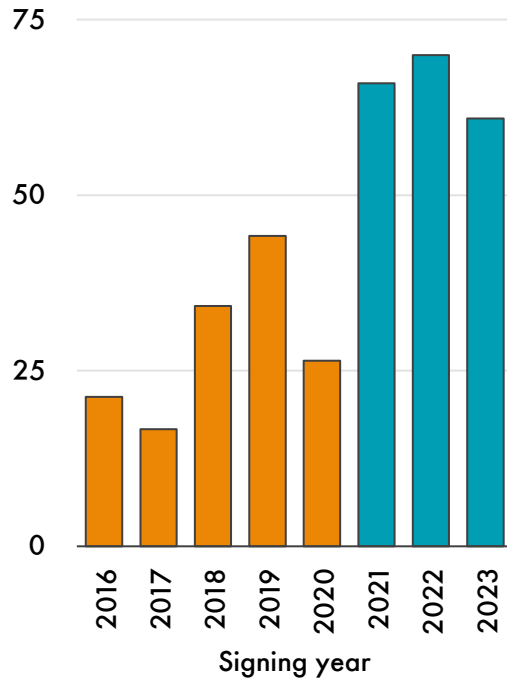


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SPA: Sales and purchase agreement  
N. America represents USA, Canada and Mexico

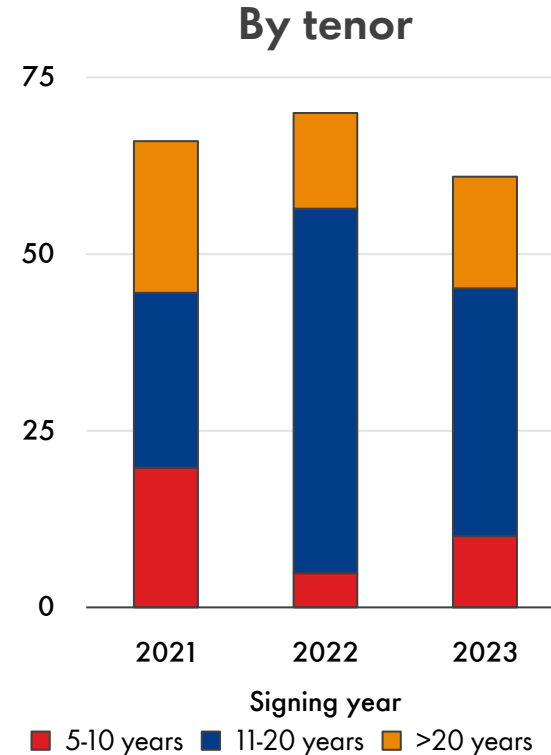
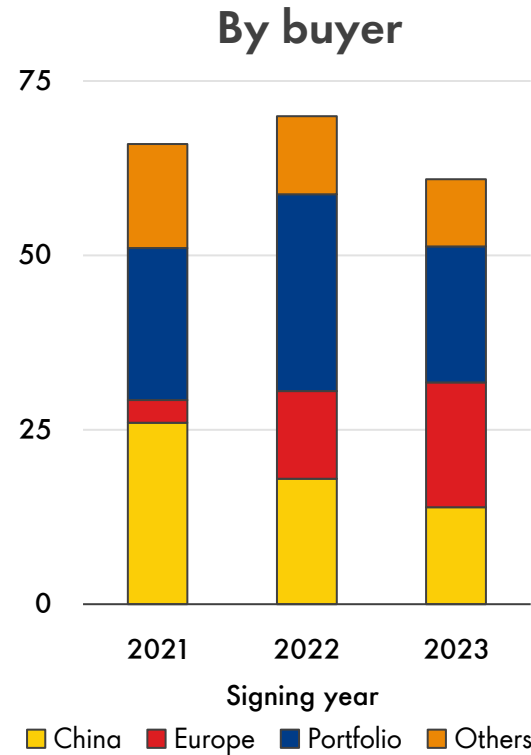
# Buyers pursue long-term supply for energy security

Three-year upswing in contracting shows industry's commitment to LNG

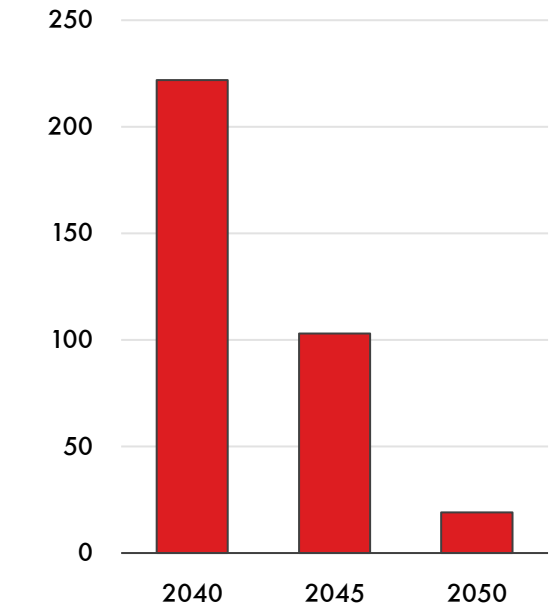
**Long-term LNG SPA signing history**  
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**Long-term LNG SPAs in effect**  
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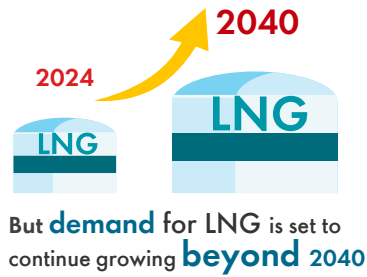


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## Industry, heating and emerging Asia to drive LNG demand growth



Demand for natural gas has already **peaked** in some regions

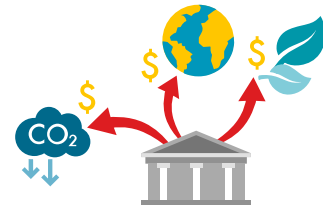


China to drive demand for LNG this decade to meet industry needs and decarbonisation goals

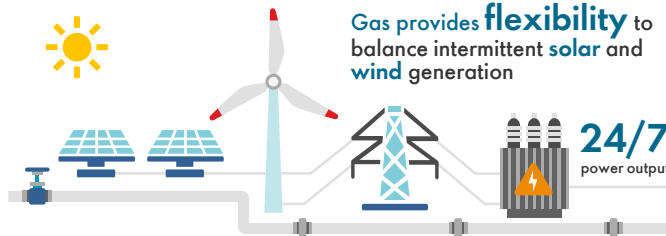
LNG continues to lower emissions in the marine sector



LNG-fuelled vessels in operation set to double over the coming years



Continuing policy support for natural gas projects in Asia that deliver environmental and economic benefits



## Gas prices more stable in 2023 but volatility lingered in tight market

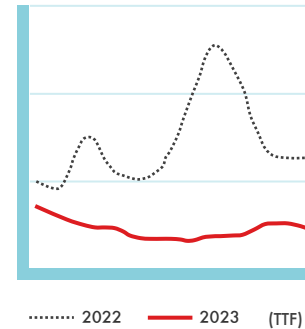


Gas and LNG prices stabilised during 2023

But limited new LNG supply has kept gas prices above historic averages

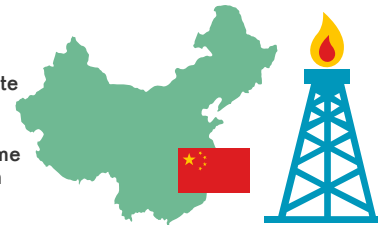


USA became largest LNG exporter in 2023, shipping 86 million tonnes



Chinese gas demand grew 8% despite modest economic recovery

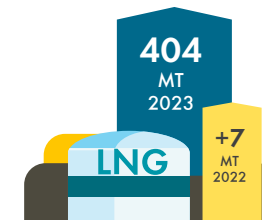
Overtakes Japan to become largest LNG importer again



European gas use fell due to continued elevated prices



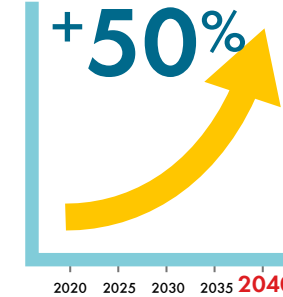
LNG continued to play a vital energy security role with Europe importing more than 120 million tonnes



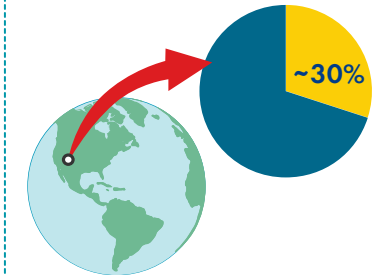
Global trade in LNG reached 404 million tonnes in 2023, an increase of 7 million tonnes compared to 2022

## Latent LNG demand to keep pace with new supply but dependent on regas infrastructure investment

China's gas demand expected to rise by more than 50% by 2040



North America expected to meet ~30% of total global LNG demand. But reliance on four basins could create midstream constraints



Europe will continue to need LNG to meet gas supply needs despite consensus for falling gas demand



Global LNG supply expansion coming this decade but startup timings uncertain



Declining domestic gas and growing power markets set to drive South and South-east Asia LNG imports

Dependent on investment in regasification infrastructure



