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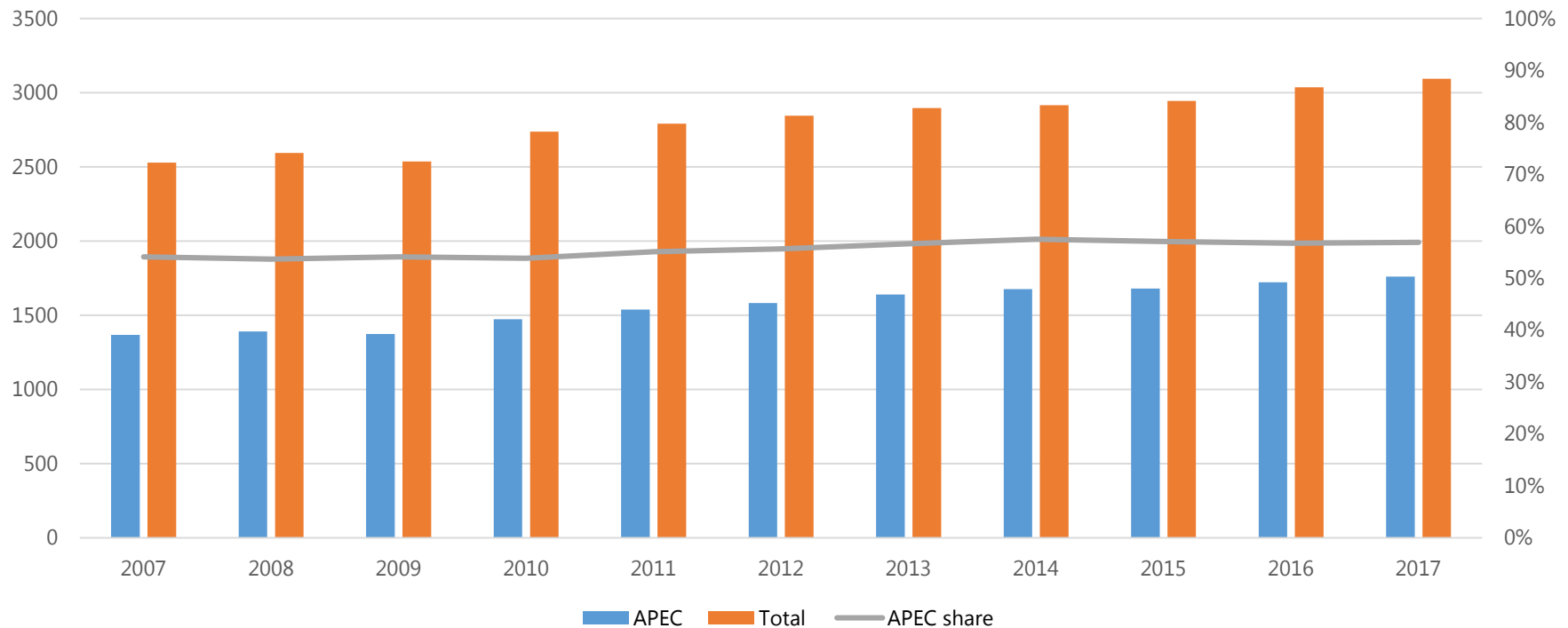


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- Second edition of these APERC fossil fuels annual reports.
- Structure:
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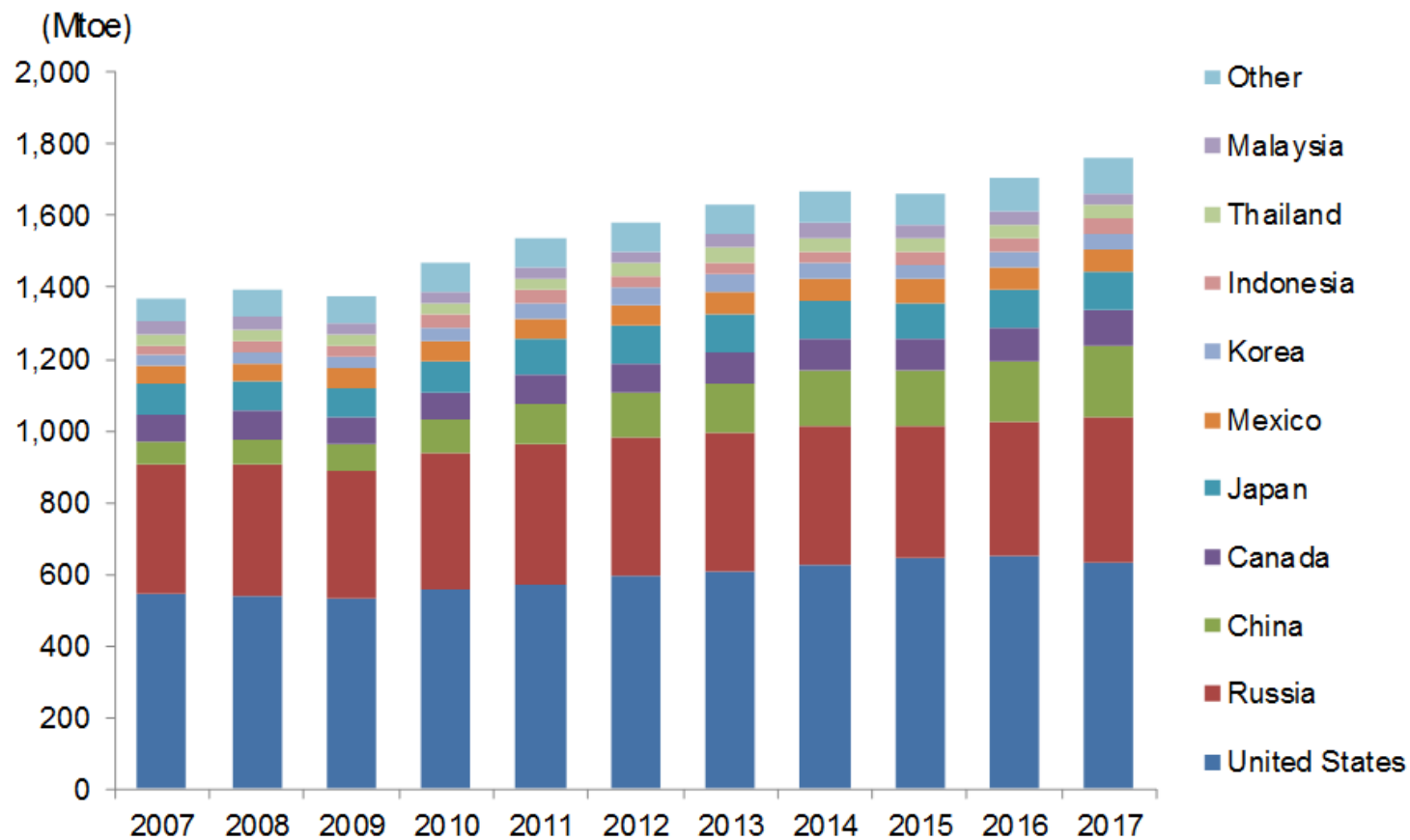
# 1- Gas Demand: World and APEC, 2007-2017

World and APEC Demand for natural gas, 2007-2017 (Mtoe, %)



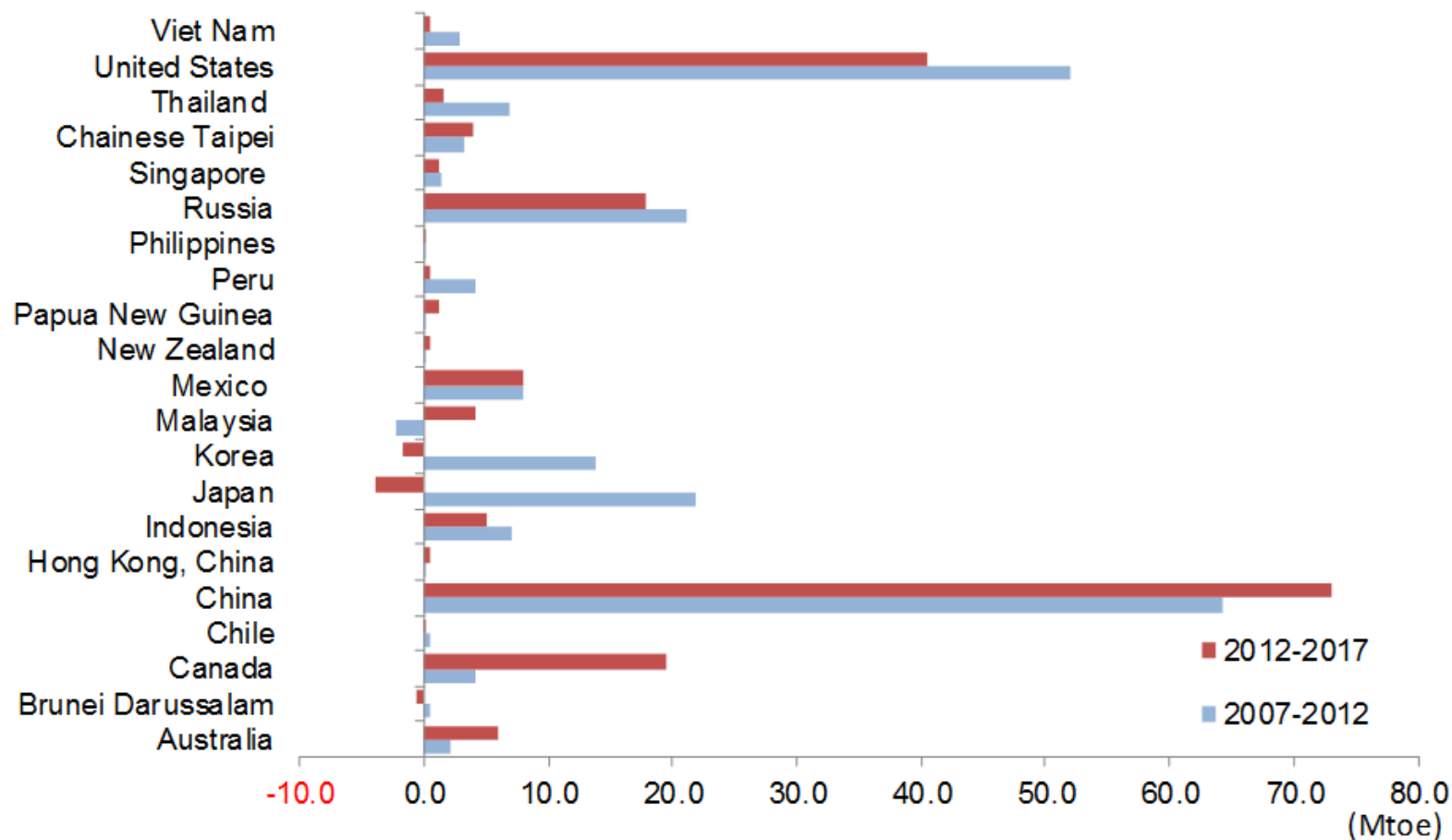
- *World gas demand has grown by 2.0% on average in the past 10 years*
- *APEC gas has grown by 2.6% in the past decade (64 Mtoe).*
- *In 2017, about 57% of global gas consumption took place in APEC (54% in 2007).*
- *In 2017, gas accounted for at least 10% of TPES in all APEC economies, except three.*

# 1- Gas Demand: APEC gas demand by economy, 2007-2017



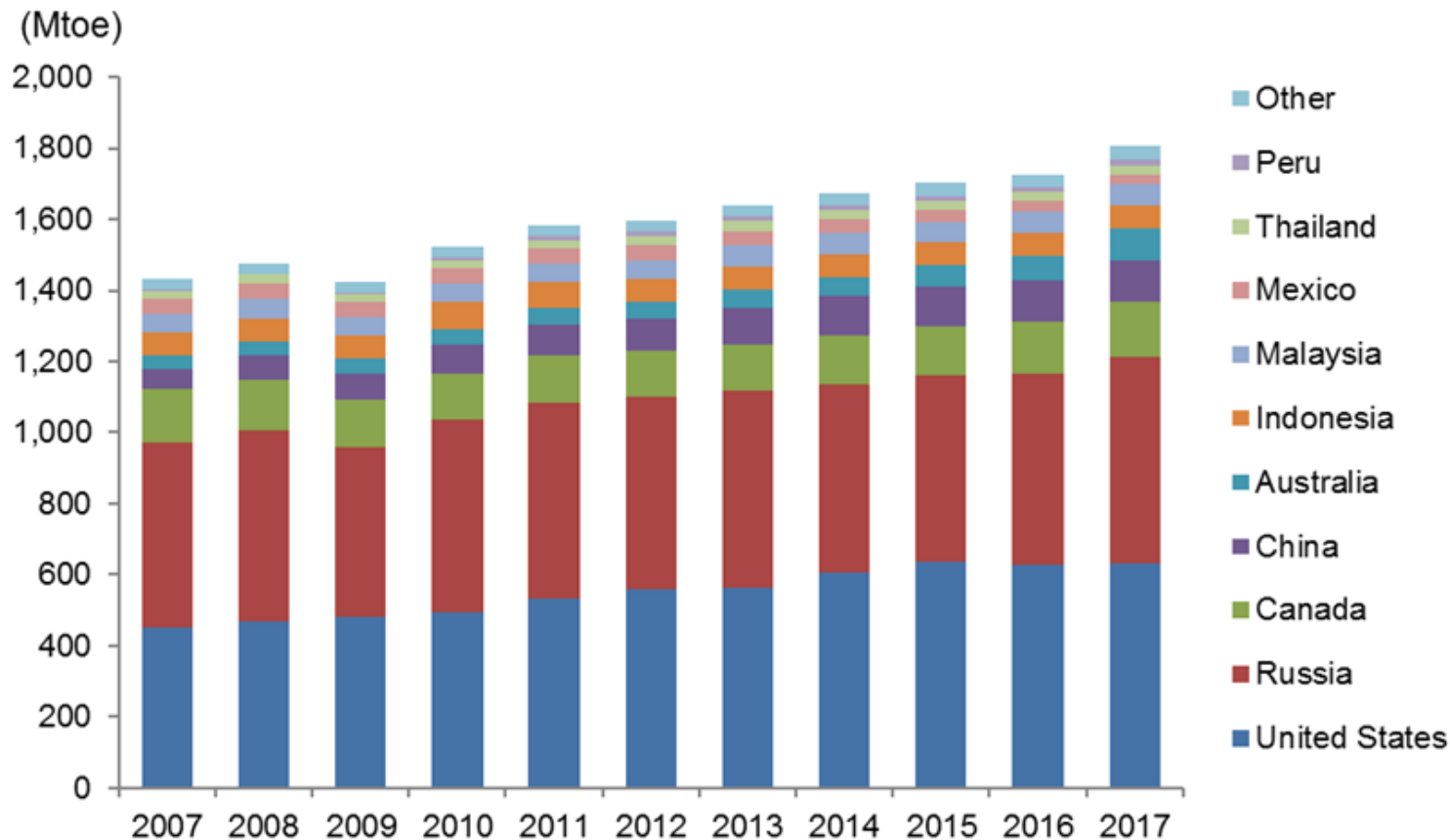
- *The US remains the main gas consumer in the world.*
- *Russia has had overall sluggish growth over the past decade.*
- *Electricity remains the main growth driver but industry also increased rapidly.*

# 1- Gas Demand: Changes in demand by economy, 2007-2017



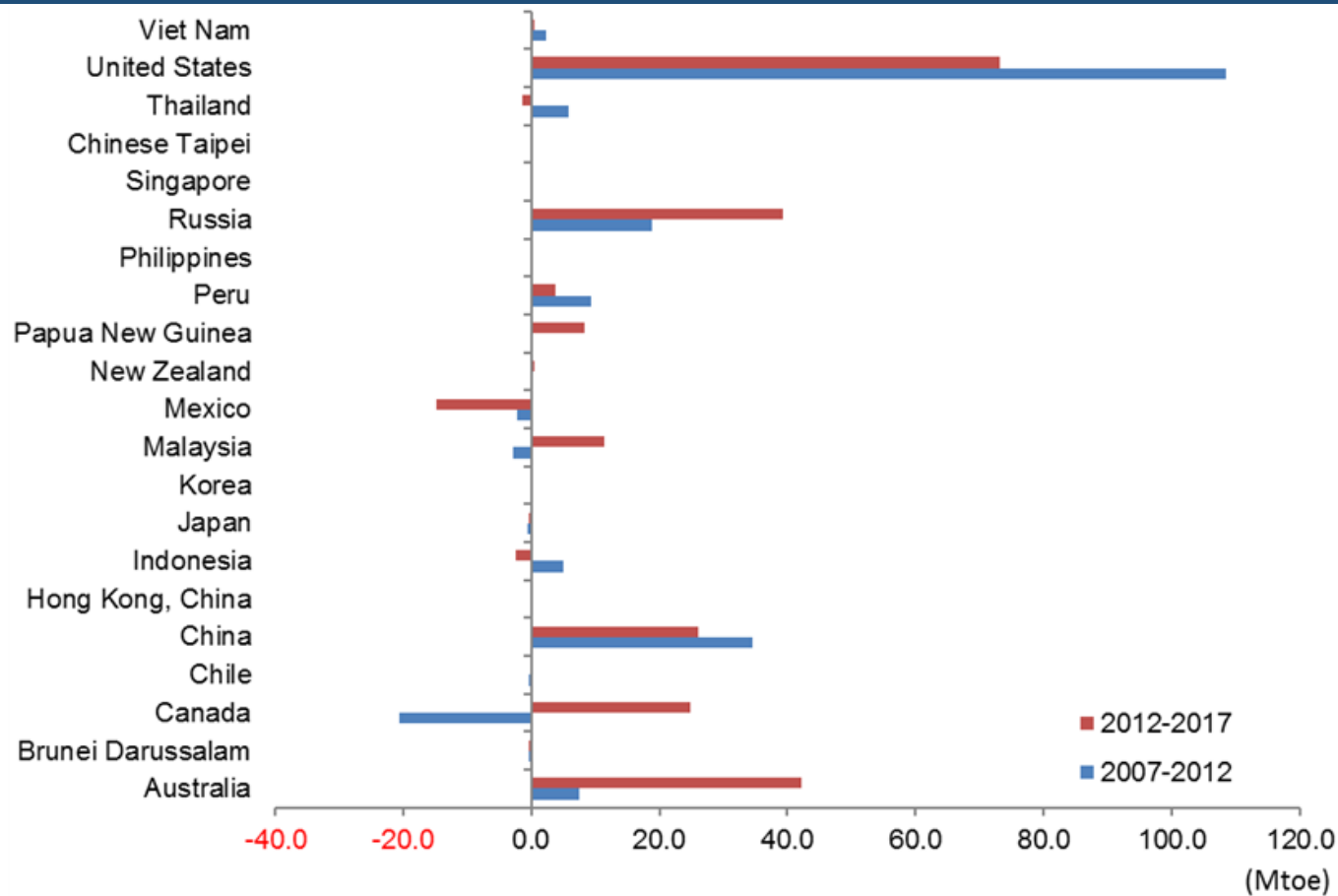
- Demand growth driven by China (363%) and the US (17%) in the past decade.
- Australia, Russia and Canada have also increased domestic demand.
- Korea and Japan had an overall decrease of its gas demand in the past 5 years.

## 2- Gas production: APEC production by economy, 2007-2017



- APEC gas production increased 26% in the last decade, while its share remained stable at around 57% of world's production.
- The US surpassed Russia in 2012 as the world's largest producer (shale revolution).
- 3 of the world's 4 largest gas producers are APEC members (US, Russia and Canada).

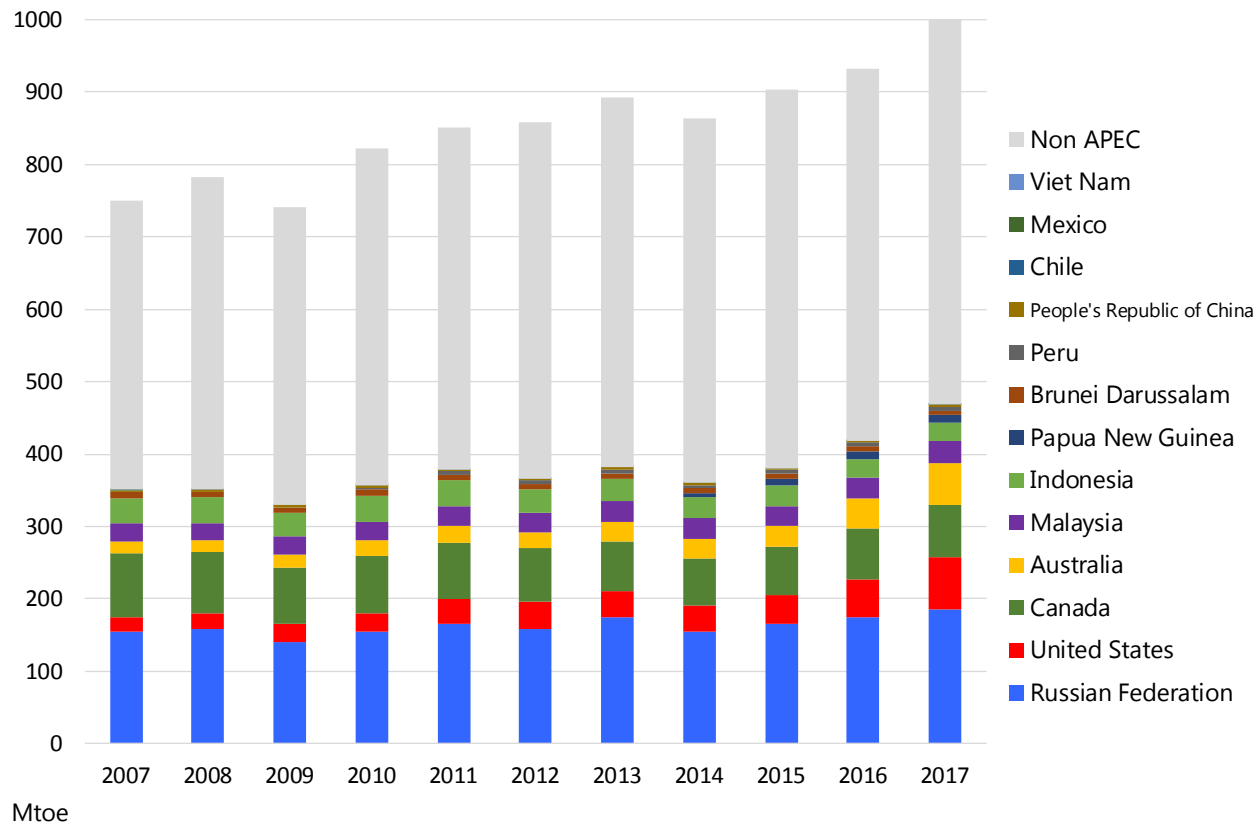
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- *The US, Russia, China and Australia are the largest contributors to APEC production growth.*
- *Conversely, Mexico's production shrank by 40% (17 Mtoe) in the last decade.*

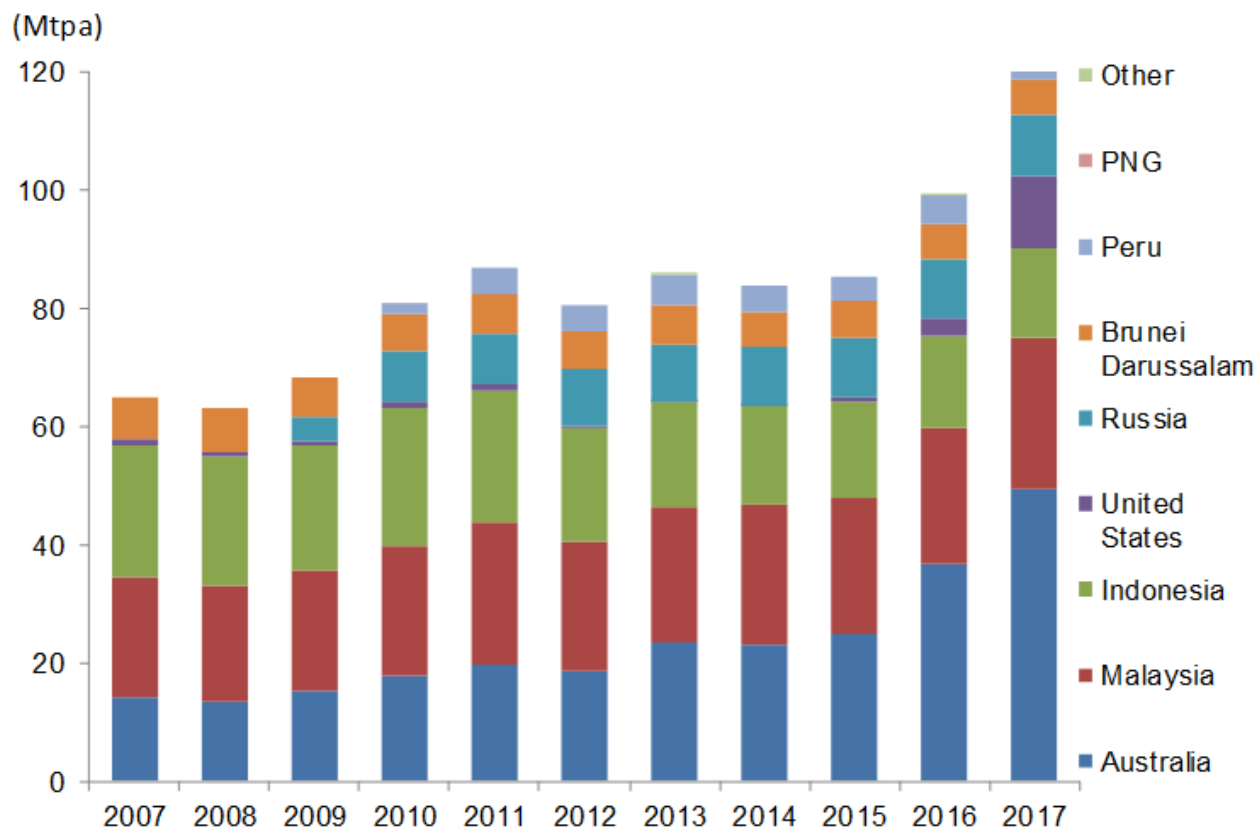


# 3- Trade: World and APEC gas exports, 2007-2017



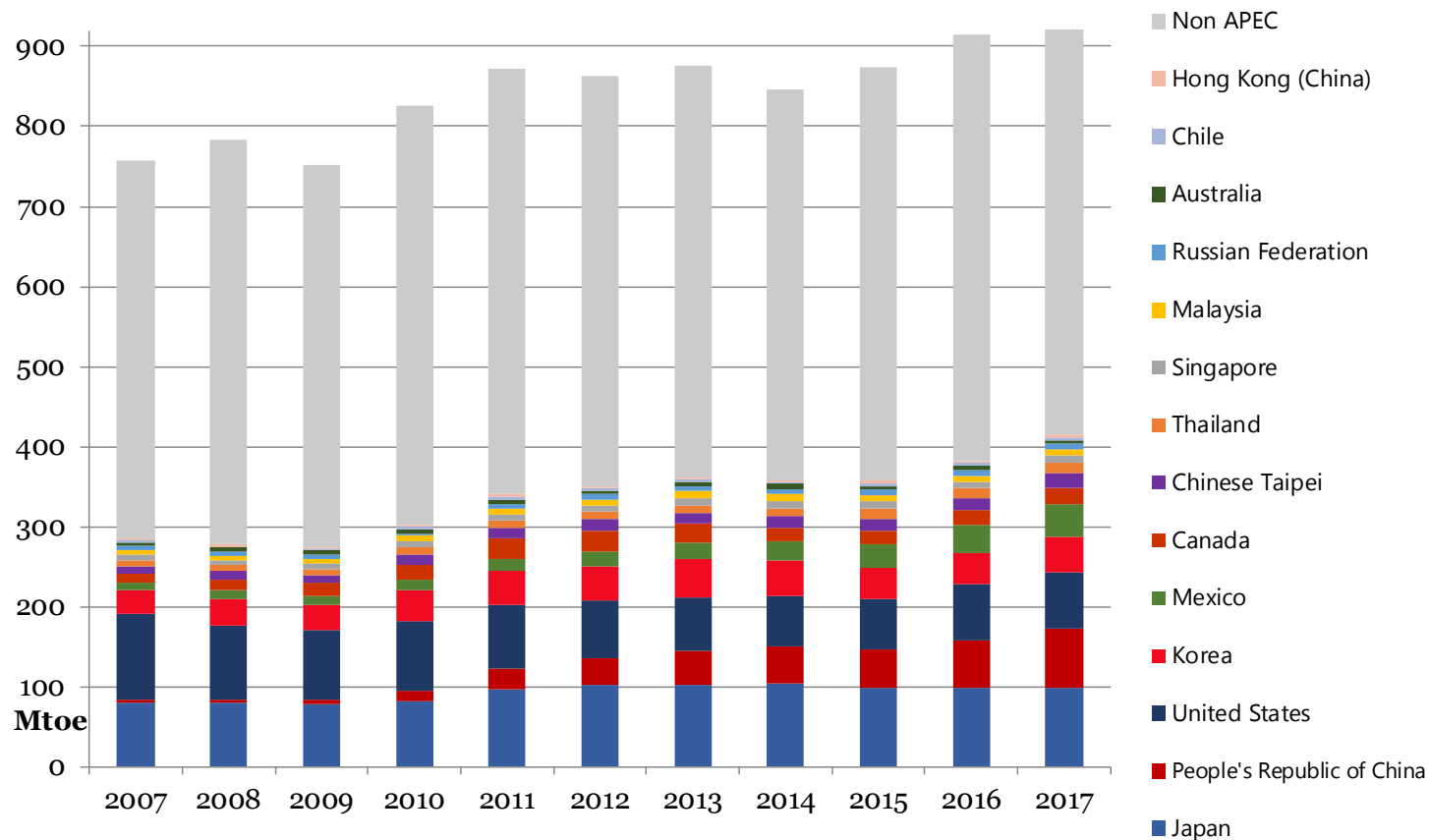
- *APEC remains a net exporter region, 25% of gas production being exported.*
- *Russia remains the world's largest gas exporter.*
- *The US more than tripled natural gas exports including pipeline deliveries and LNG exports.*
- *Canada exported 88 bcm to the US in 2017, 20% lower than in 2007.*

# 3- Trade: APEC LNG exports, 2007-2017



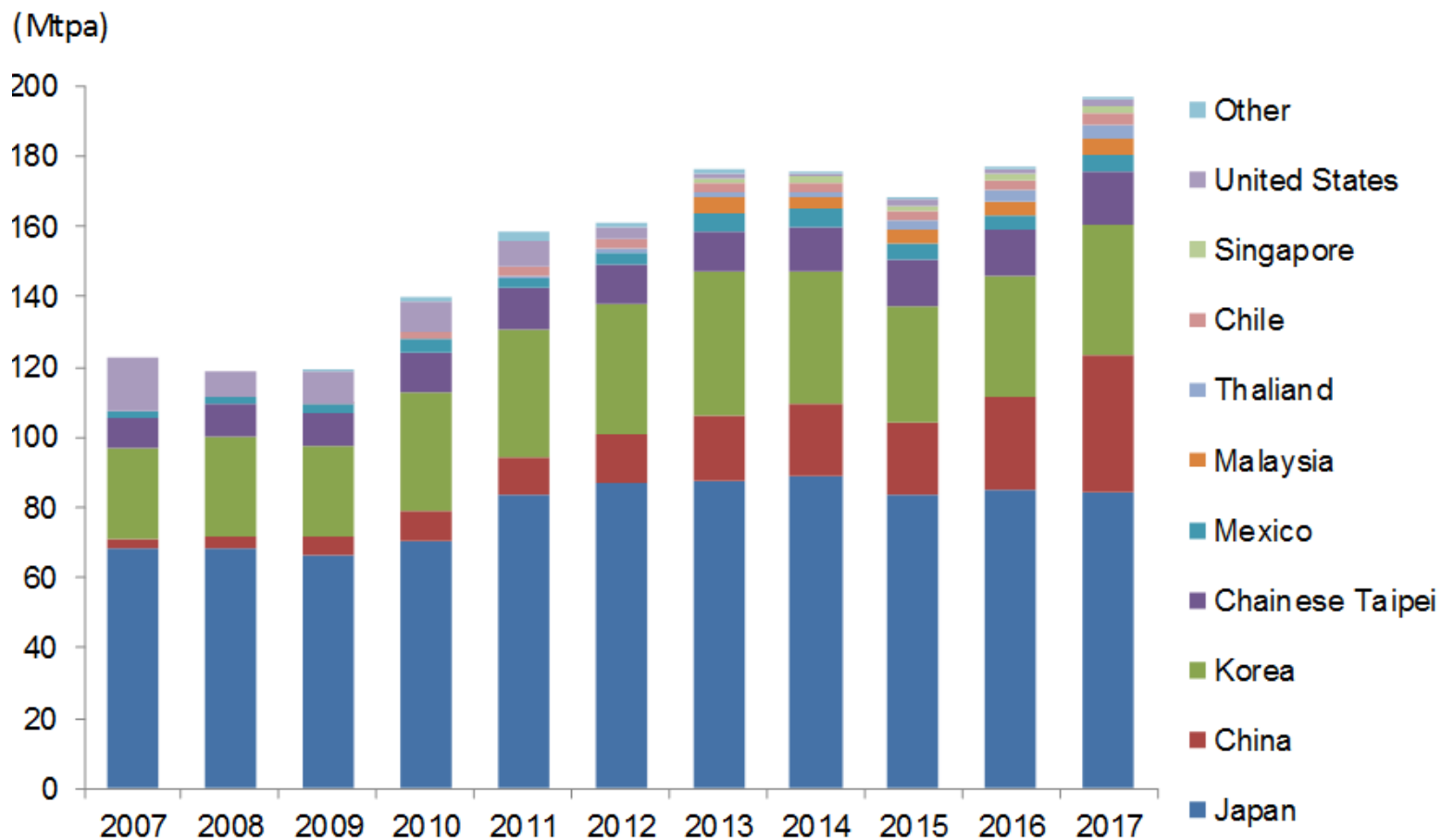
- From 2007-17, APEC LNG exports grew annually by 6.7% (world's LNG by 6.0%).
- Australian LNG exports more than tripled in 10 years, leading growth.
- US LNG exports more than quadrupled compared with 2016.
- In 2017, Malaysian LNG exports were stagnant while Indonesia's have been decreasing.

# 3- Trade: World and APEC gas imports, 2007-2017



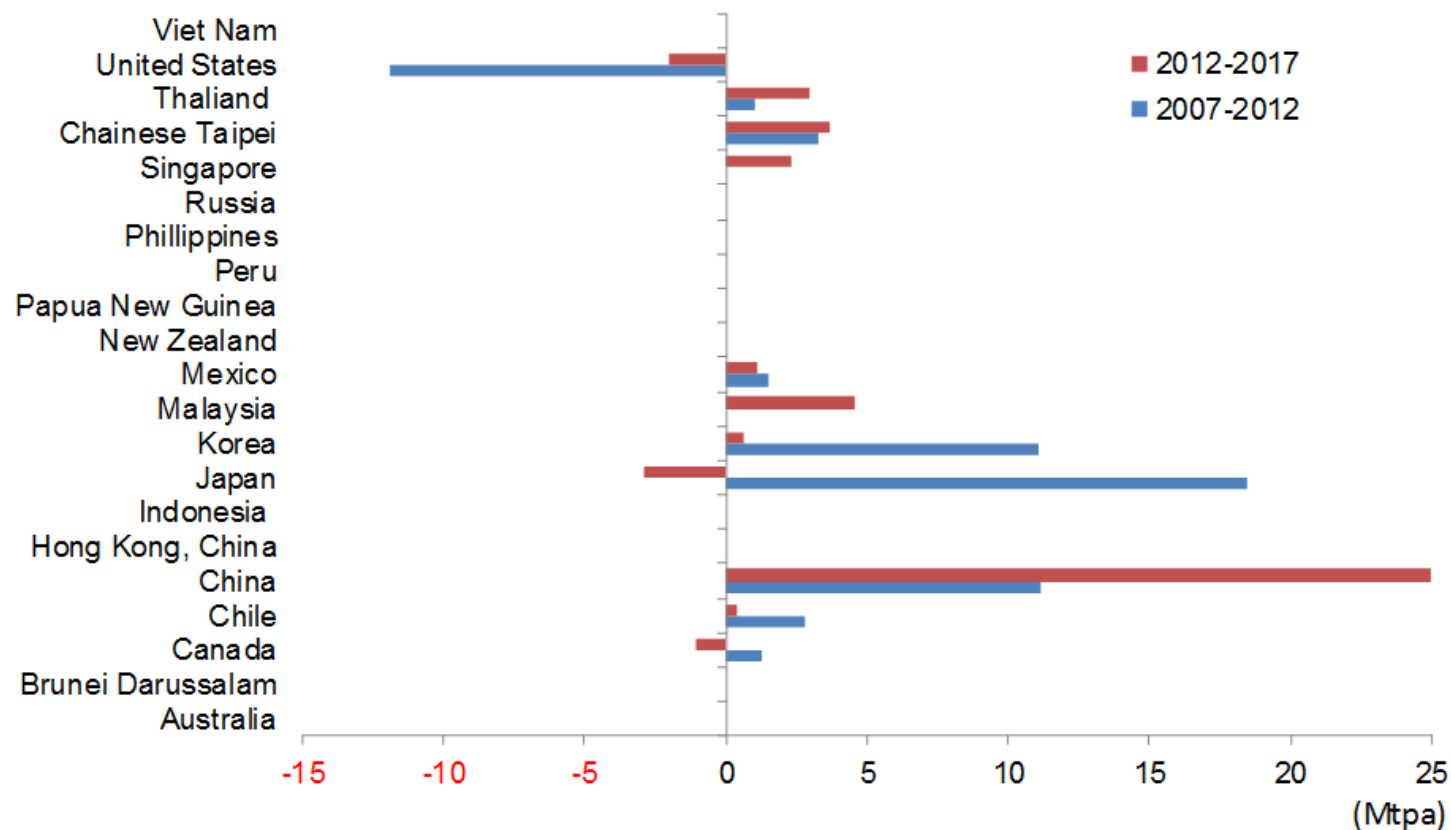
- *APEC imports represent 42% of world imports.*
- *Japan was the largest natural gas and LNG importer in the world in 2017.*
- *China is the fastest growing importer in the world, with LNG accounting for 57% of imports.*
- *While US imports decreased, still the third largest gas importer in APEC.*

### 3- Trade: APEC LNG imports by economy, 2007-2017



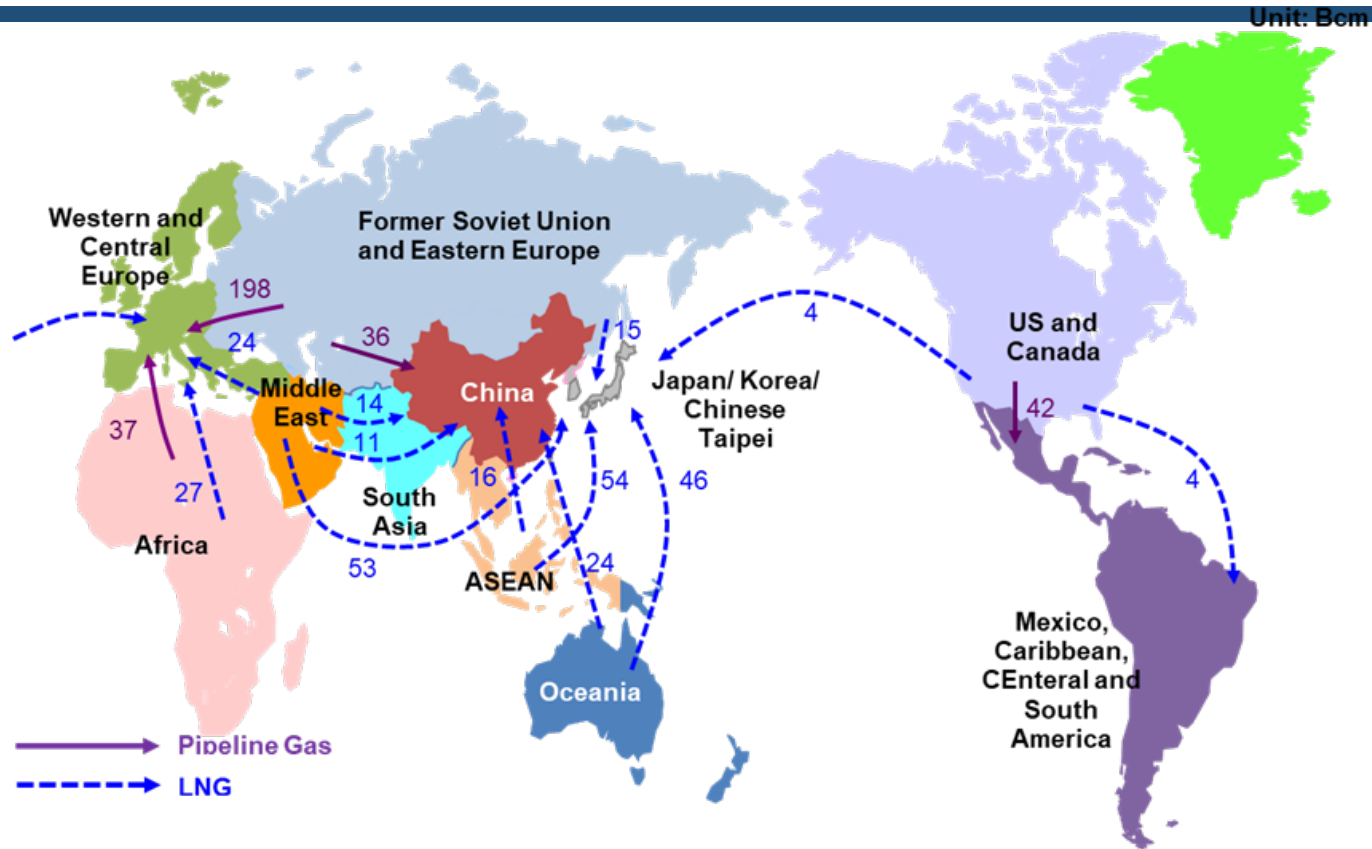
- APEC LNG imports grew 4.8% per year (116 Mtpa increase, 2007-17); world LNG imports by 5.7%.
- LNG imports to APEC represented 72% of global imports, with 14 APEC members importing LNG.

### 3- Trade: Change in APEC LNG imports (2007-2017)



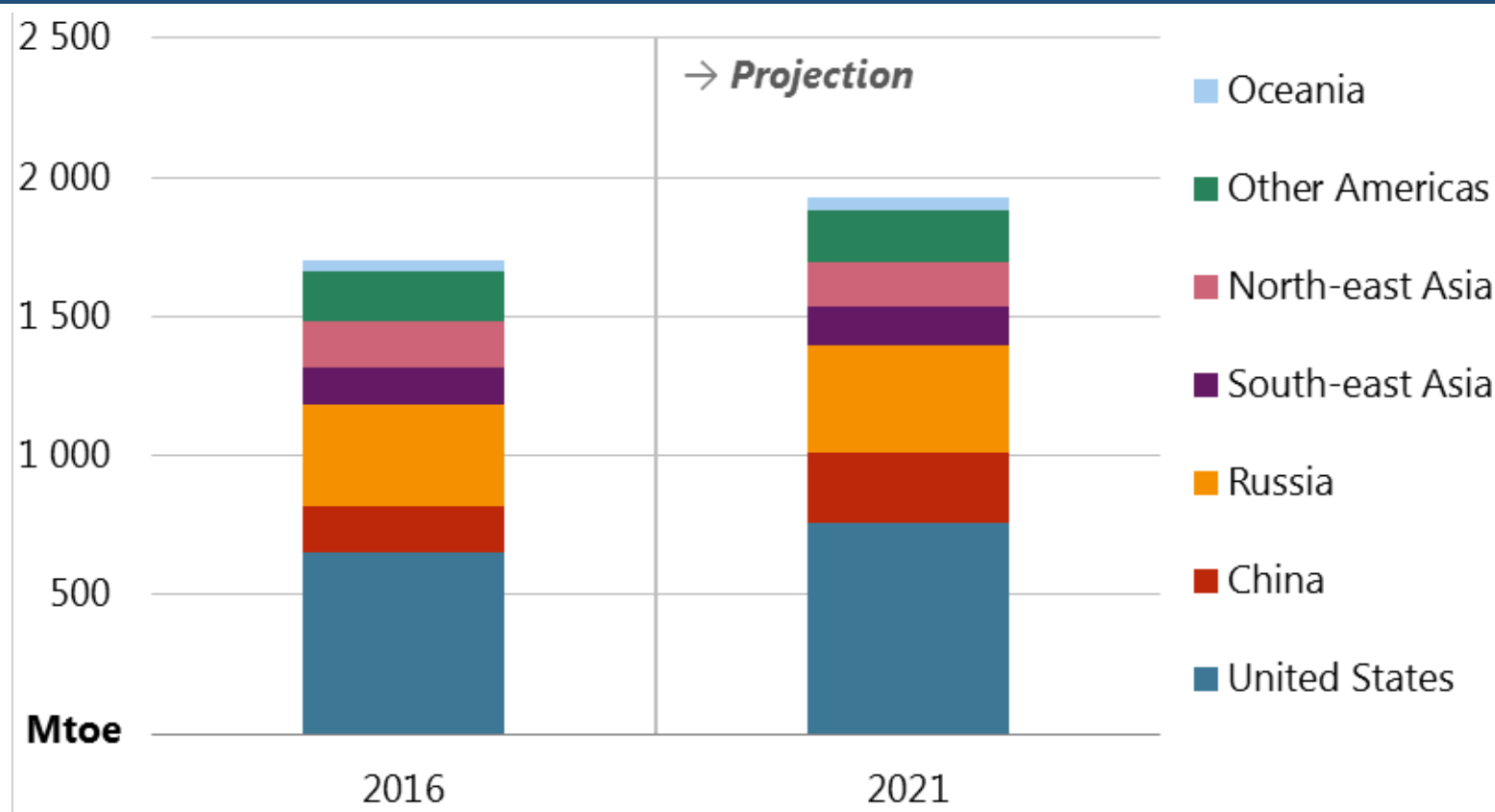
- *Japan remains the largest LNG importer, despite its demand falling since 2014.*
- *China became the second world's largest importer in 2017 (35 Mtpa growth 2007-17).*
- *US imports shrank by 13 Mtpa since 2007, following increased production.*
- *Korean LNG imports grew for the first time since 2013, but uncertainty remains.*

# 3- Trade: Major natural gas trade flows, 2017



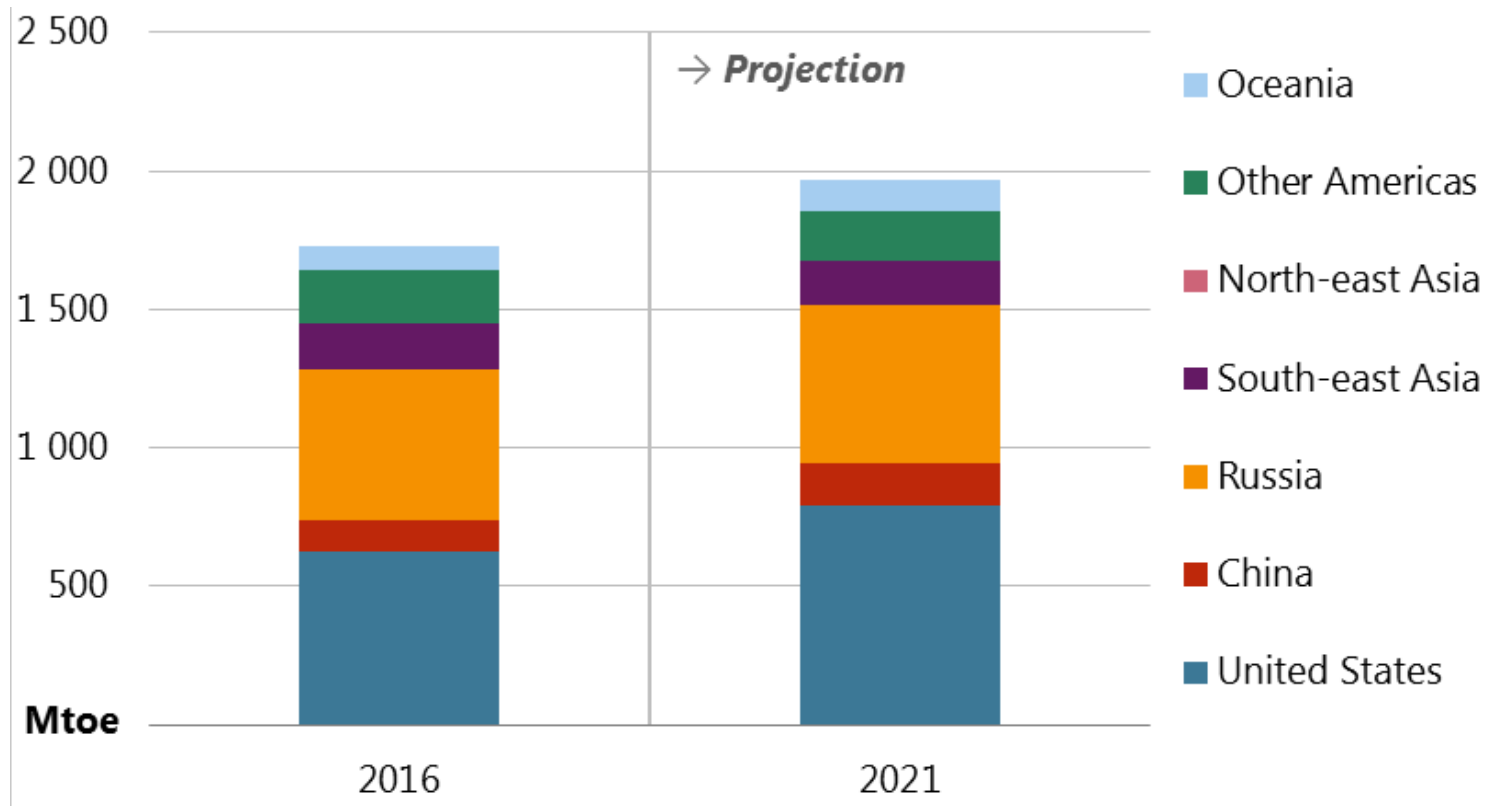
- *International gas trade grew by 2.8% per year from 2007 to 2017.*
- *LNG trade grew 5.7%, increasing its share from 23% to 33% in the same period.*
- *Only 3 out of 21 APEC members do not trade gas: NZ, Viet Nam and the Philippines.*

# 4- Outlook: Natural gas demand in APEC, 2016 and 2021



- *APEC gas demand increases by an average 1.8% to 1 900 Mtoe by 2021.*
- *All APEC economies grow, except New Zealand and Japan.*
- *Demand growth continues to be driven mainly by the US and China.*

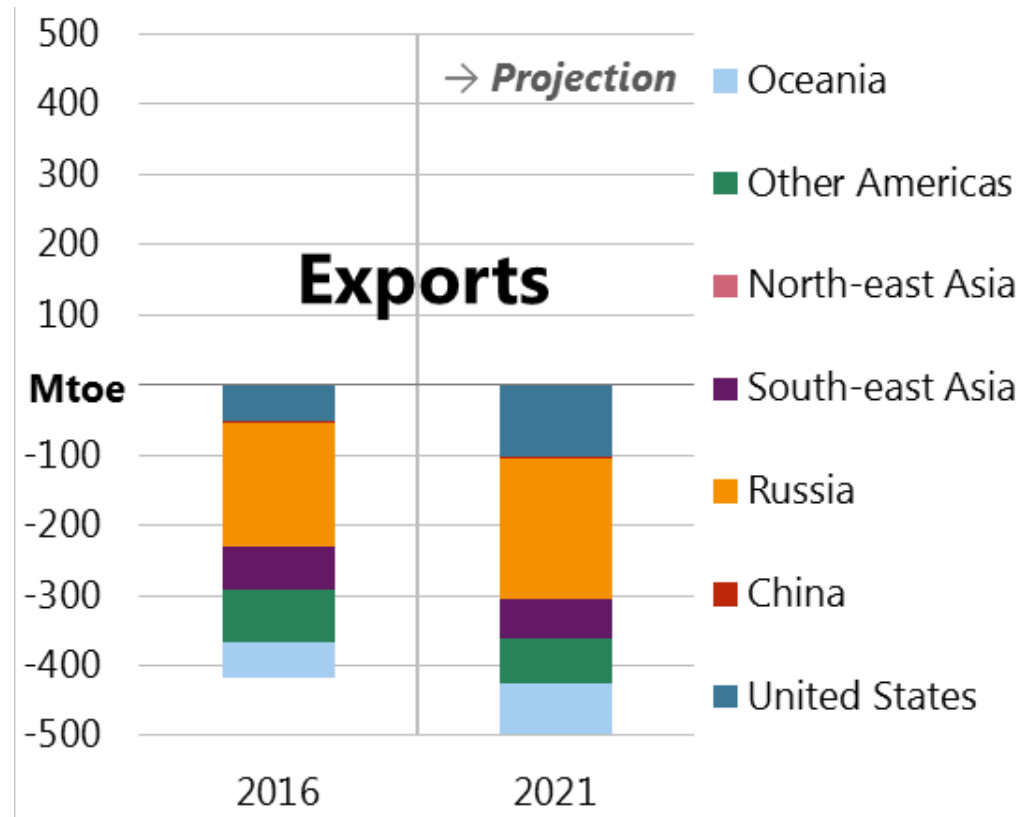
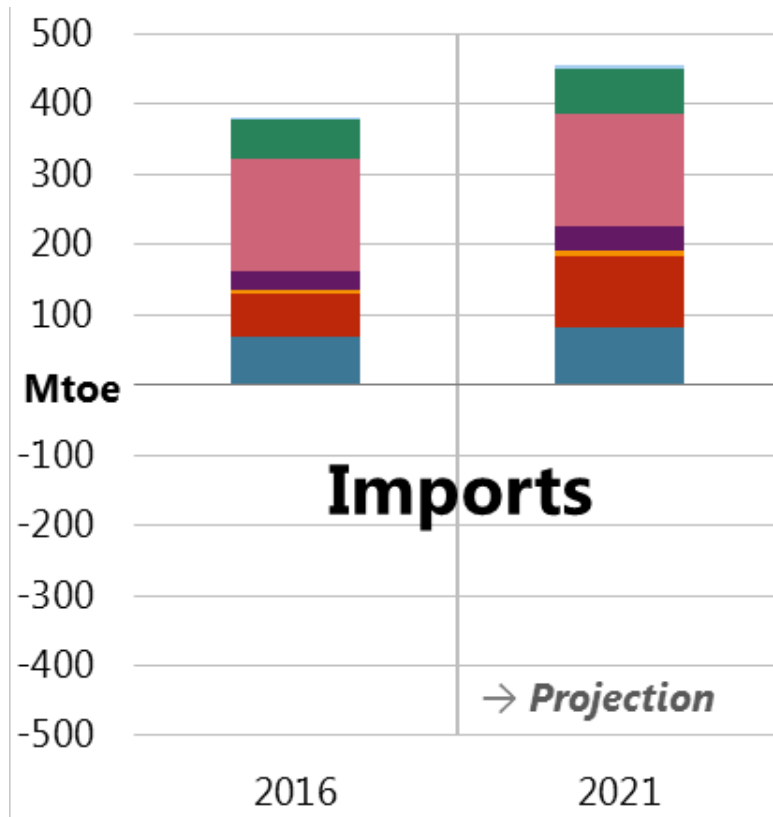
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- *APEC gas production increases to almost 2 000 Mtoe by 2021.*
- *Combined production in United States, Russia, China and Australia increases by more than 230 Mtoe by 2021.*
- *Production in Mexico, Indonesia and Thailand decreases steadily towards 2021.*

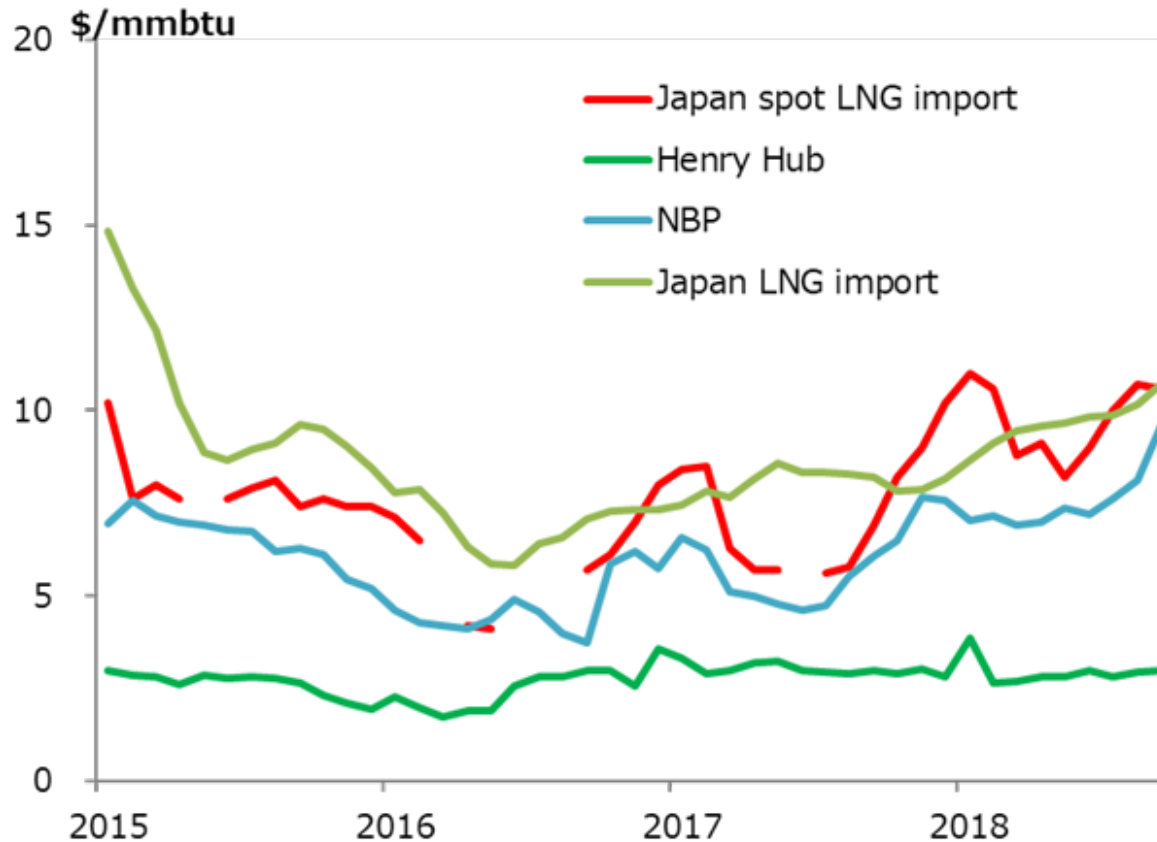


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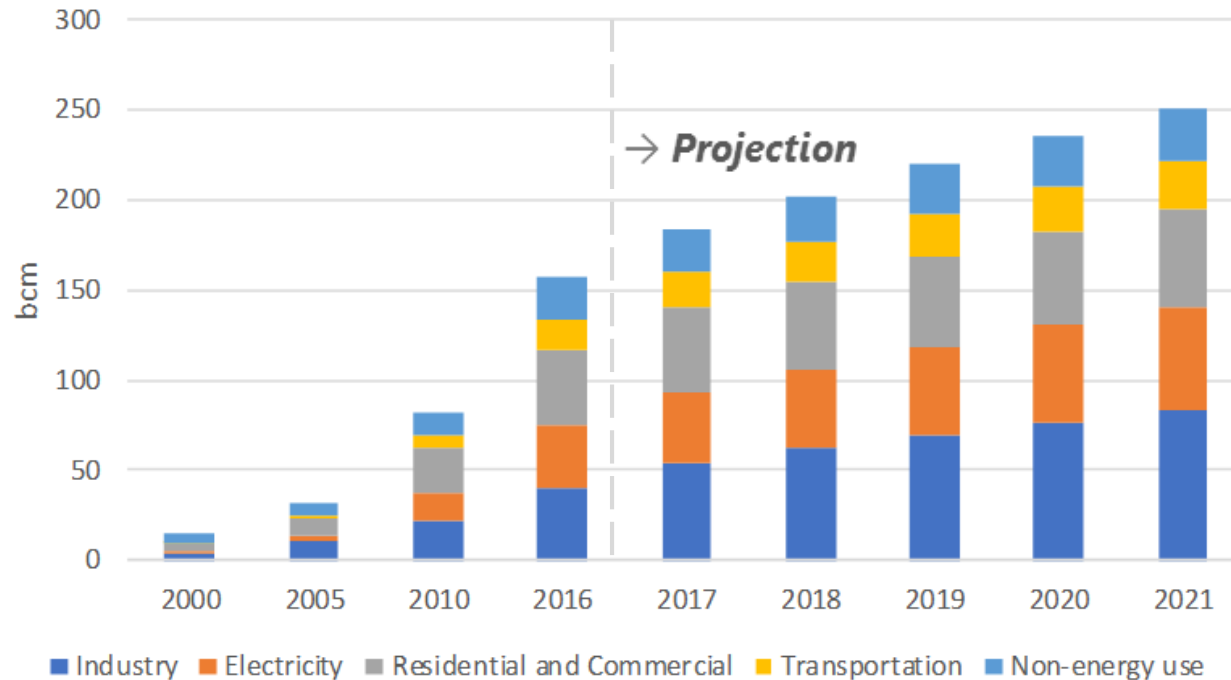
- *Piped and LNG imports to China almost double towards 2021, while North-east Asia and South-east Asia also grow.*
- *US exports more than double, most to the APEC region but some to Europe.*
- *Russian gas exports also increase, mainly to China.*

# 5- International gas prices



- The Japan LNG import price rose to \$10/Mmbtu, following crude oil prices until mid 2018.
- NBP increased to almost \$10/Mmbtu; increased demand to Europe and declining production in the Netherlands.
- Henry Hub remained around \$3/Mmbtu

## 6- Case study: China, growing demand and import dependence



- *LNG has filled supply shortfalls to become the fastest growing source of gas supply for China in 2017.*
- *Pollution reduction policies that mandate coal to gas switching in residential and industrial sectors have driven growth.*
- *The policy-led surge in demand was so strong between 2017/2018 that it outpaced natural gas supply, resulting in widespread fuel shortages in several regions.*

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- *Supply security measures*
  - *Gas storage*
  - *Transmission and distribution measures*
  - *LNG regasification capacity expansion (currently 20 projects, up to 190 bcm)*
- *Key policies*
  - *13th Five-Year Plan and General Guidelines*
  - *Winter Clean Heating in northern China*
  - *The Battle for Blue Sky Policy*
  - *Transport*
- *Fuel competition*
  - *Price competitiveness*
  - *“Clean coal” policies*
- *Impact on international markets*

# Conclusions

- *With 57% of global gas consumption and production, APEC members are at the centre of the global natural gas dynamics.*
- *China and the US are driving gas demand growth.*
- *While the shale revolution has substantially changed gas demand in the US, the impact of US LNG exports is still relatively limited compared to its potential.*
- *China gas demand will keep growing to become the world's largest gas importer and later the biggest LNG importer in the next 5 years.*
- *After sluggish developments of new LNG projects in recent years, linked to low LNG prices in Asia, supply and demand balance could become tight in the early 2020s as demand in China and Southeast Asia continues to grow.*
- *Three dynamics to follow:*
  1. *Russian piped and LNG exports to China and their impact.*
  2. *China's actions on increasing domestic pipeline infrastructure, further regasification and storage capacity as well as pricing mechanisms.*
  3. *US LNG exports and their competitiveness in global markets, particularly in Asia.*



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