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Headline: Peak Gas Has Passed, and Higher Prices Might Be Next

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Summary: One side effect of the decline in consumption could be, paradoxically, higher gasoline prices. Worldwide supply and demand set oil prices, and peak oil demand has yet to arrive globally. Meanwhile, cutbacks in US refining capacity in the face of falling gasoline demand could bring bigger refiner profit margins. On the West Coast, where EV market share is highest (it was 17.1% in California in 2022), refinery capacity has fallen faster than gasoline consumption since 2010, which translates to fatter margins for refiners and higher and faster-rising gasoline prices in the region than elsewhere in the country.

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