

Polyethylene

PE Resin Market Dynamics

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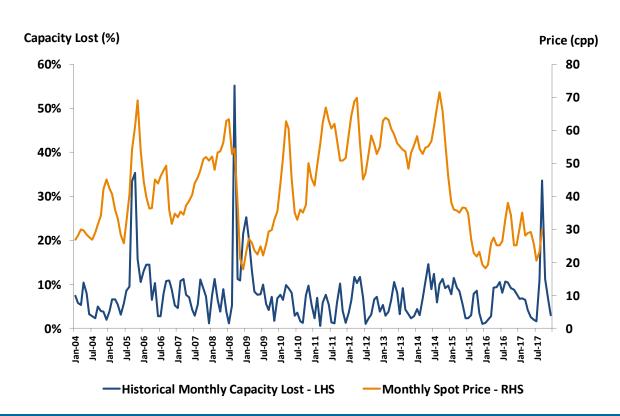
Discussion topics

Factors affecting business conditions will govern the impact of new capacity

- Macroeconomic conditions
- Crude oil / energy prices
- Supply <u>and</u> demand
- Cost advantage / disadvantage
- Reliability of assets



U.S. Ethylene Capacity Lost



Details of the impact of Harvey are still emerging:

- Substantial impact on operations
 - Most ethylene units have returned to normal operations
- For NA, ~6% unplanned outage level in late September, 14% including planned turnarounds
 - Difficult to know details, some units at reduced rates
- Approximately one quarter delay in CPC new cracker start-up to late Q1 2018

Polyethylene:

- Most units appear to be operating, either at or approaching typical rates
 - Exception is CPC at Cedar Bayou, where an extended outage has been reported
 - NA Proportion: 7% HDPE, 8% LDPE, 3% LLDPE

Logistics:

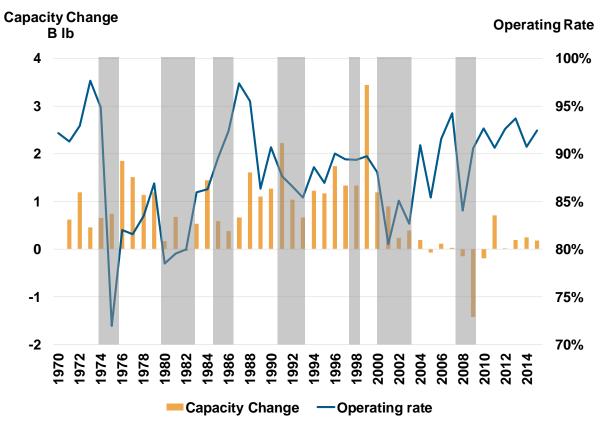
- In recovery
 - Pockets of congestion, few embargoed areas, impacts sometimes far-reaching

Comonomer:

- Extended outage at CPC Cedar Bayou LAO units
 - Hexene: ~30% of global and 60% of N. American supply
 - Some flexibility of full-range LAO units, trade, may mitigate



Historical Capacity Changes and Operating Rates

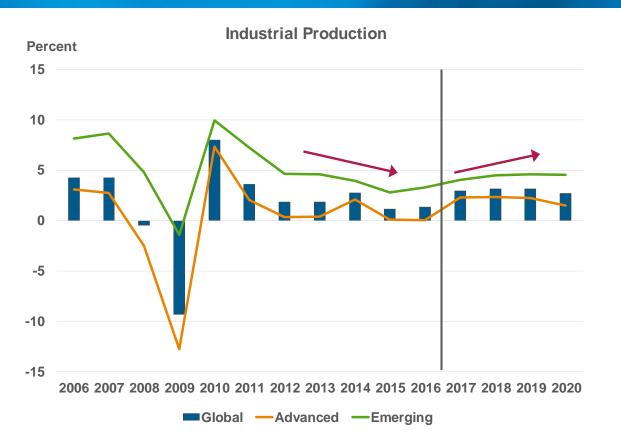


Key factors driving industry trough				
Period	Crude Oil	Economy	Cost Position	Capacity Growth
1974/75	XXX	XX		Х
1980/82	XXX	XX		Х
1985/86	ХХХ			Х
1991/93	XX	XXX		Х
1998	XXX			Х
2001/03		ХХ	XXX	Х
2008/09	ХХХ	XXX		

Potentially lower operating rates in NA going forward due to operability issues, not lack of demand



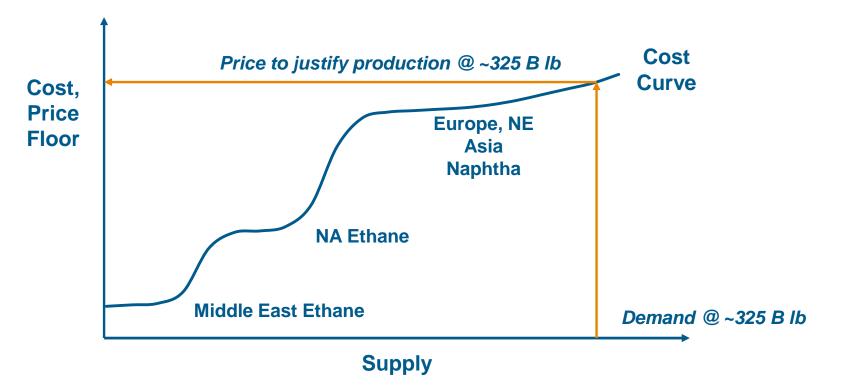
Global Industrial Production Growth



- Modest, synchronized upturn in economic growth in 2017
- Low probability of recession in next couple of years

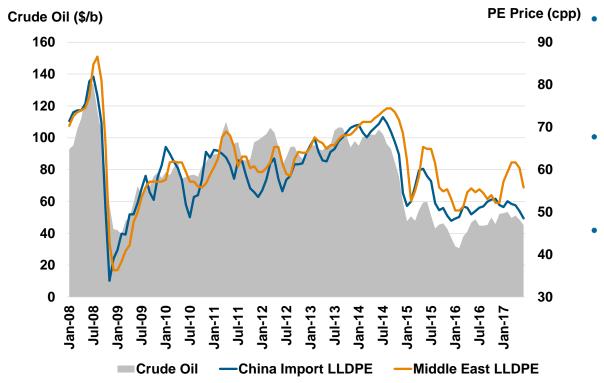


Price Setting Mechanism – Ethylene Cost Curve





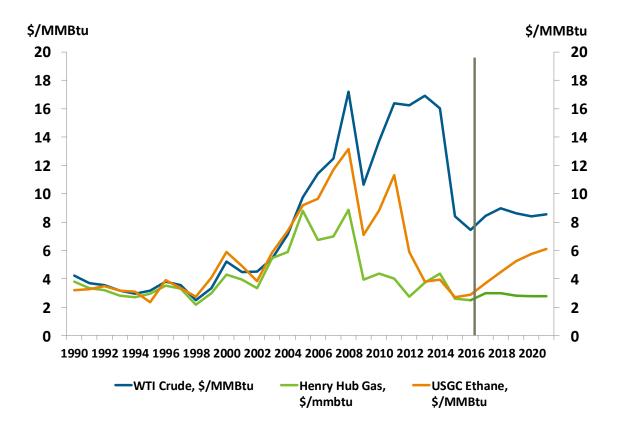
Crude Oil and PE Prices



- Crude oil and PE prices tend to move together, linked through naphtha
 - PE prices in low-cost and highcost regions similar
 - Lower for longer the current consensus
 - Sustained lower than current prices unlikely
 - Consensus in 2014 was \$100/b...



Feedstock Relationships and Costs



Prior to 2005 / 2006

 No NA cash cost advantage

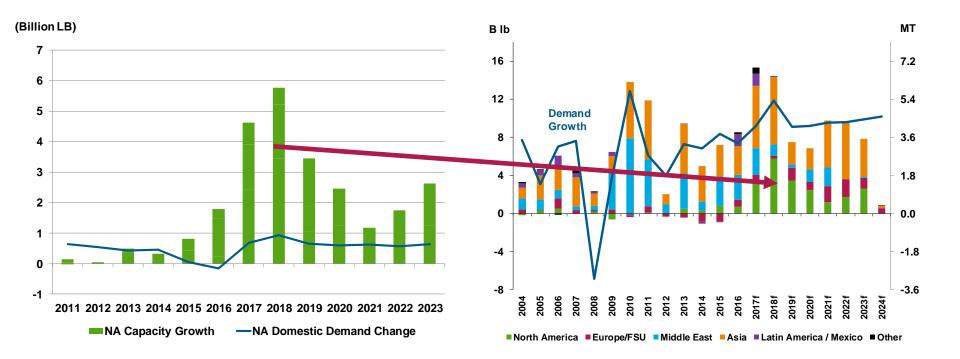
After shale development

- Sustained advantage for NA ethane-based producers
- Export opportunities balance domestic market despite oversupply

Currently, looking forward

 Reduced advantage, but sufficient to support exports

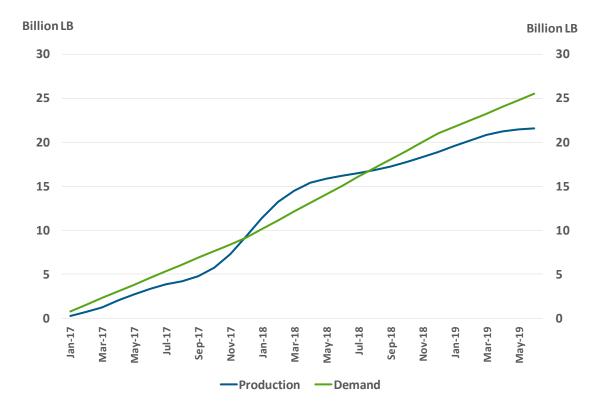
NA and Global PE Capacity Expansions



Global market needs North American supply



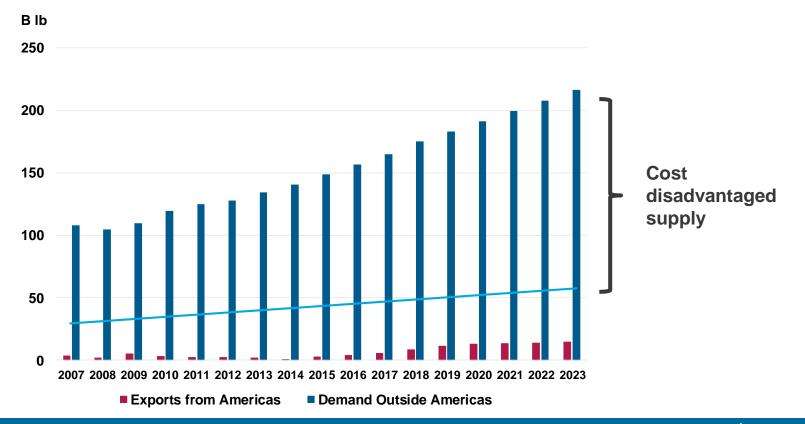
Global Production and Demand Growth Trajectory



- All new global capacity increases, including NOVA from end 2016
- No delays, latest start-up announcements captured
- 4-month ramp-up to 90%
- No ethylene constraints



Americas PE Exports and ROW Demand





Many factors affect business conditions

Economic growth

• Modest, synchronized upturn, low probability of recession

Crude oil prices

• Volatility, but general upward trend, lifts price floor

Supply and demand

- Global market needs new capacity being put in place here
- Unlikely to be significant imbalance in near term

Cost position

- Cost advantage to persist, exports continue to balance the N. American market
- Margins may be compressed as cost rises incrementally

Operational reliability

• Aging asset base, outages, may contribute to volatility





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