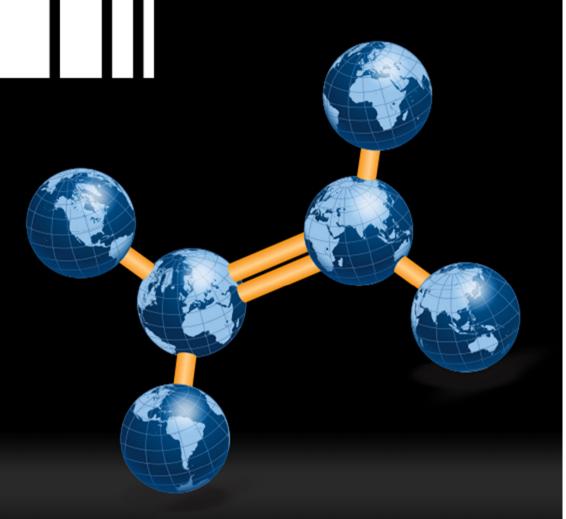
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### An Integrated Energy Perspective

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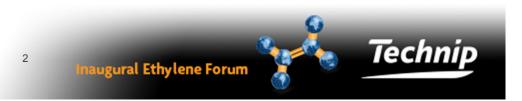




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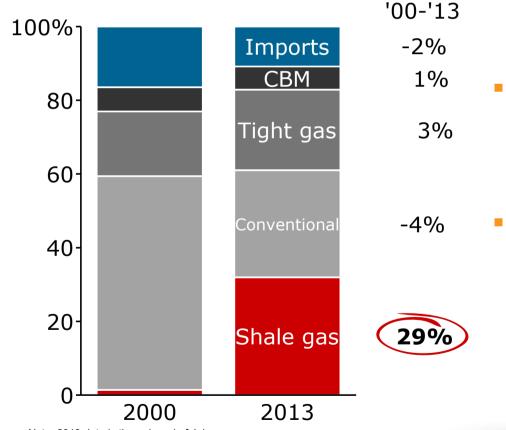
- Briefly review the shale gas and tight oil phenomena in North America
- Highlight major trends and sources of uncertainty that will drive the evolution of the energy landscape
- Introduce a framework to deal with unprecedented uncertainty in energy markets
- Share summary thoughts on how energy scenarios impact the petrochemicals industry



# The U.S. natural gas market has experienced a "supply shock" driven by the shale boom

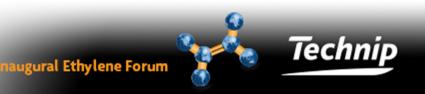
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U.S. natural gas supply by type (Bcf/d)



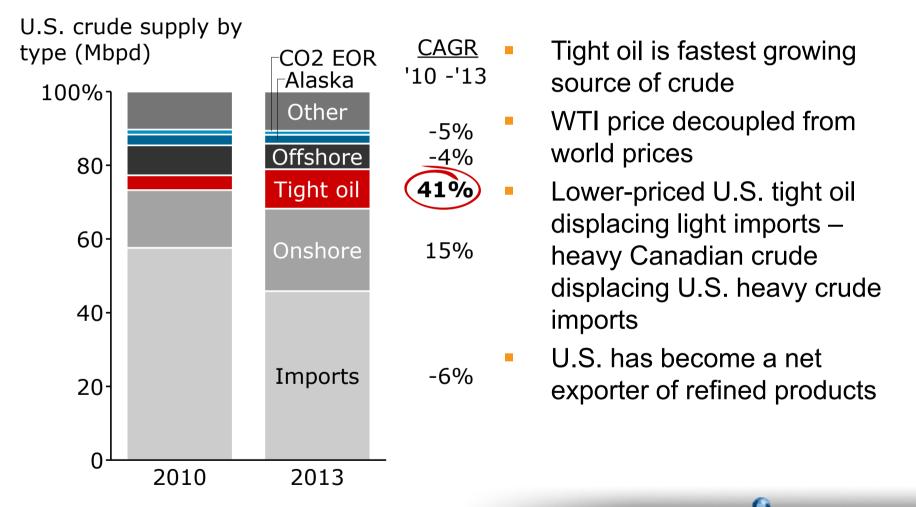
Note: 2013 data is through end of July Sources: EIA, Deutsche Bank, Bentek, Wood Mackenzie, CAPP, Calgary Herald  Shale gas is now the leading source of NG in the U.S.

- U.S. NG prices have decoupled from oil price – producing widely divergent global gas prices by region
- Lower NG prices have led to domestic substitution and opened up international arbitrage opportunities



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## A similar boom is underway in U.S. tight oil, and crude sources are changing quickly



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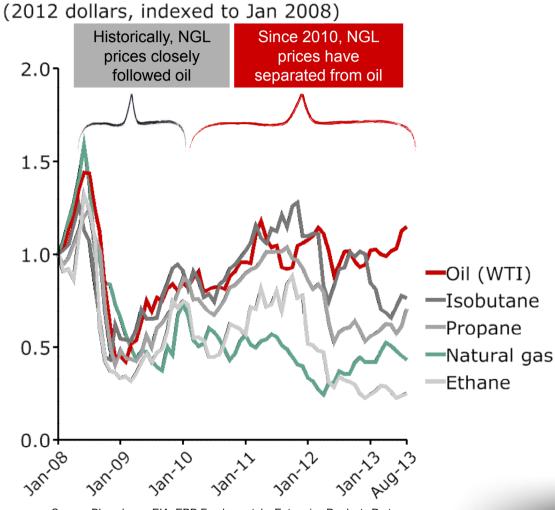
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## As a result of wet gas production, NGL prices have decoupled from WTI and from one another

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Oil and NGL prices



Source: Bloomberg , EIA, EPD Fundamentals, Enterprise Products Partners

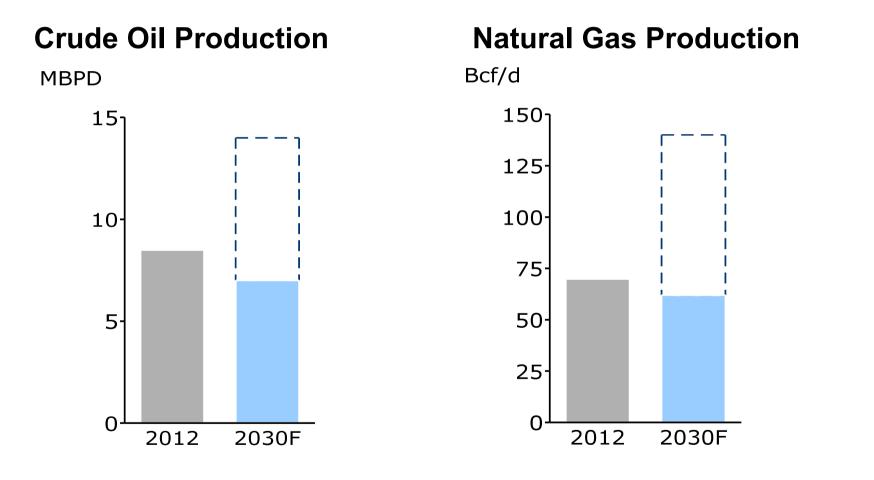
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Lower NGL prices have had a profound impact on the competitiveness of the U.S. petrochemicals industry

- Differing end uses require separate supply-demand analysis
- NGL prices still support attractive 'wet' well economics

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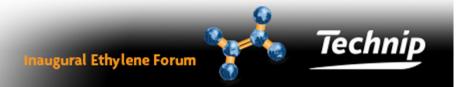
## Uncertainty remains – wide variation in predictions of future U.S. oil and gas production



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Source: Review of 2030 NA production forecasts

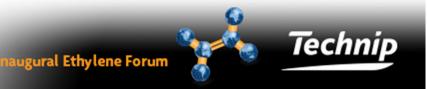
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## Bain perspective on better way to plan given the uncertainty in the energy markets

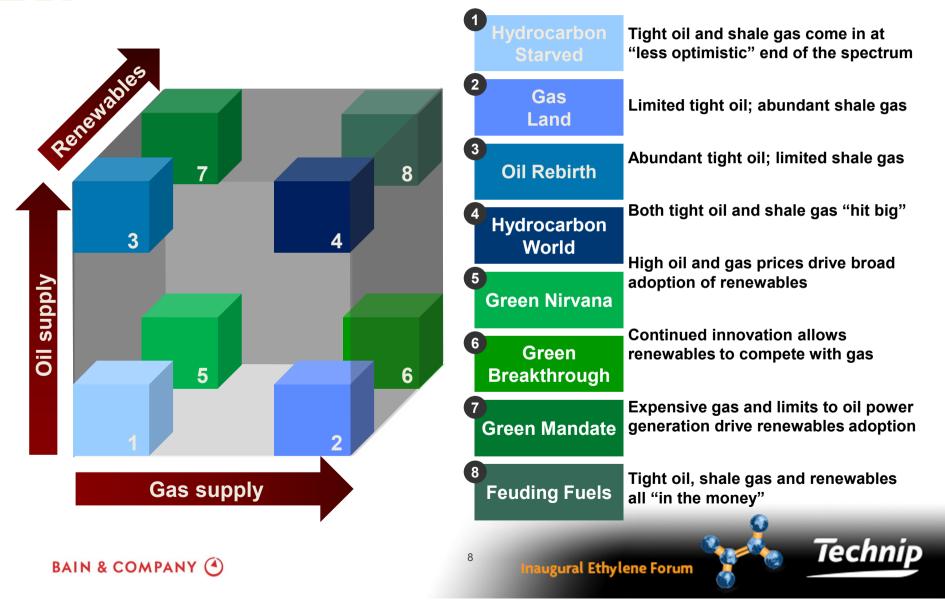
- Develop a tool to define and compare a set of intuitive, plausible scenarios:
  - Driven by potential supply shocks and inter- and intra-fuel substitution
  - Take into account inter-linkages between fuel supplies, intermediaries and demand markets
  - Take into account explicitly experience curves and substitution barriers
  - Collectively, explain a wide range of outcomes for production volumes and prices ("Corner Scenarios")
- Define a methodology for tracking the evolution of the energy markets:
  - Identify the most important variables to monitor ("signposts")
  - Define leading indicators to extend visibility into the future

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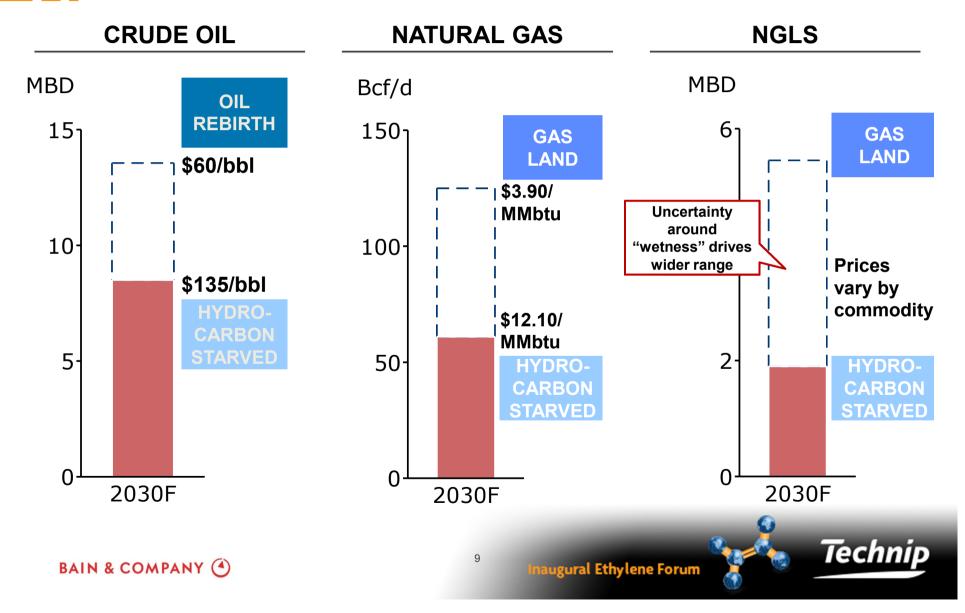


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## Permutations of supply levels for oil, gas and renewables define 8 'corner' scenarios



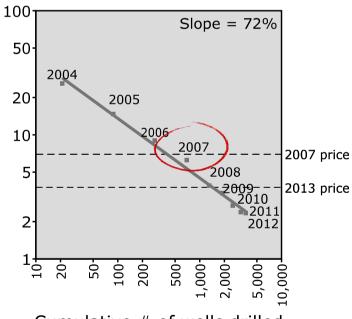
## Collectively, these scenarios cover a wide range of future potential U.S. production volumes and prices



## Two key concepts drive industry scenarios: experience curves and substitution barriers

#### SUPPLY: Experience Curves are Best Predictors of Future Costs

SWN Fayetteville shale gas well costs (\$/Bcf)



Cumulative # of wells drilled

Source: Argonne National Lab, EIA, Google Trends, The Atlantic, SWN company financials; EIA; Bain analysis

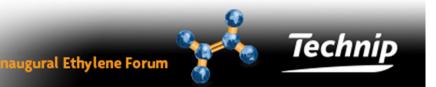
#### DEMAND: Substitution Barriers Inhibit Inter- and Intra-fuel Substitution

#### **Inter-fuel Examples**

- Power generation: slow replacement cycle for installed base of coal plants
- Transportation: lack of widespread LNG/CNG refueling infrastructure

#### **Intra-fuel Examples**

- Pipelines: bottlenecks preventing Bakken crude from reaching USGC
- Export: costs and lead time for LNG liquefaction and export facilities



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### A low tight oil scenario paints a U.S. picture not unlike the status quo...

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#### 2030 Hydrocarbon Starved Scenario Cost of production/import (\$/BBL) 150 U.S. Demand = ~12 MBD Imports Arctic 100 Tight oil Deep wtr CAN hvy 50 Dom. EOR hvy Conventional 0 -8 12 16 4

NA crude production and imports into the U.S. (MBD)

- Tight oil production plateaus in Bakken and Eagle Ford as best resource is drilled out
- None of the new plays in appraisal today "hit big" in the future
- Dependence on imports is reduced, but relatively little change from status quo



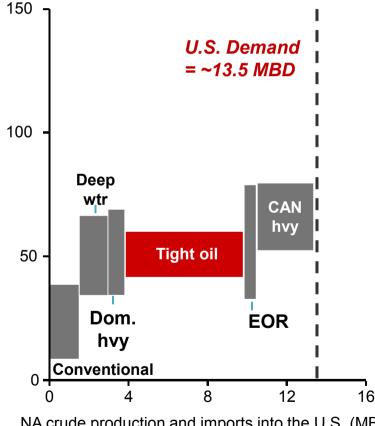
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### ...but an Oil Rebirth scenario would have significant impact on U.S. supply, pushing out all non-N.A. imports

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2030 Oil Rebirth Scenario

Cost of production/import (\$/BBL)



NA crude production and imports into the U.S. (MBD)

- Tight oil reserves estimates increase and recovery methods improve
- Increased production and learning improves cost position
- Surge in domestic production displaces nearly all imports (except Canadian heavy)
- Displaced foreign oil must find new markets – impact on Brent pricing

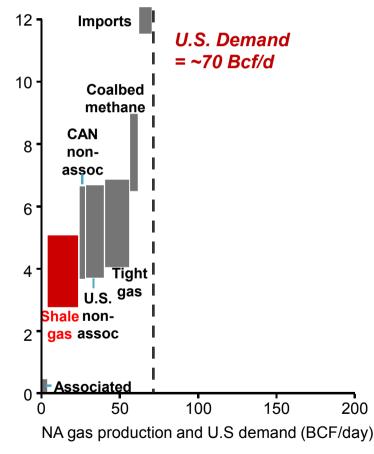
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### A low shale gas production scenario in North America would induce higher cost gas supply

2030 Hydrocarbon Starved Scenario

Cost of production/import (\$/MCF)



- Shale "sweet spots" are limited – high-EUR wells are not as pervasive as currently believed
- Shale cost reduction trends falter as activity slows and low hanging fruit is picked
- US returns to gas import status barring a significant reduction in demand

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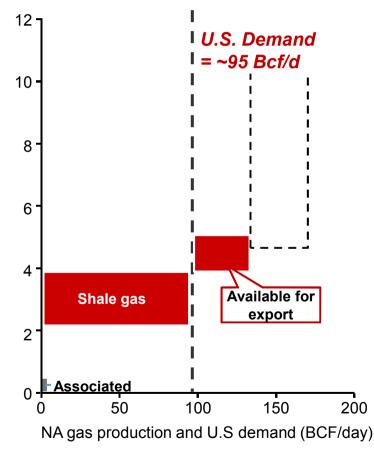
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## Impact of a Gas Land scenario in North America would result in persistent (and sustainable) low gas price

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**2030 Gas Land Scenario** Cost of production/import (\$/MCF)



- Improvement in recovery techniques expands size of "sweet spots" and continues lowering costs
- Potential to push all other sources of NG "off the supply curve" and support high levels of LNG exports
- Low-cost NG expands domestic demand by ~30%

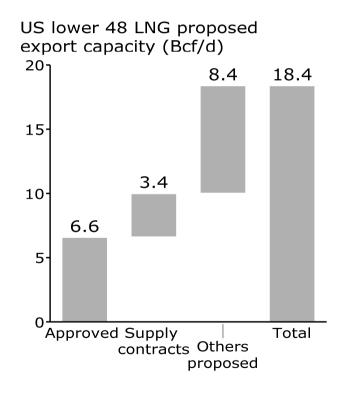
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# There is significant uncertainty around how much LNG the U.S. will ultimately export

### LNG Export Facilities Proposed



### **Sources of Uncertainty**

#### Global demand

Already aggressive projections are edging upwards

#### U.S. regulatory approval

- 4 facilities approved to date
- FERC, DOE approvals will proceed one at a time

#### EPC constraints

 Concurrent construction of multiple facilities will strain EPC capabilities; likely lead to continued cost inflation

#### **Competitive LNG supplies**

- ~50 LNG facilities being built or planned; many with rated lower landed cost vs. U.S.
- High variability for on-time and on-budget

#### China supply-demand balance

- Aggressive policy push toward use of natural gas in favor of coal
- Three-pronged supply strategy: pipeline, LNG and shale



Sources: BP, BG, Department of Energy, Bloomberg, Platts

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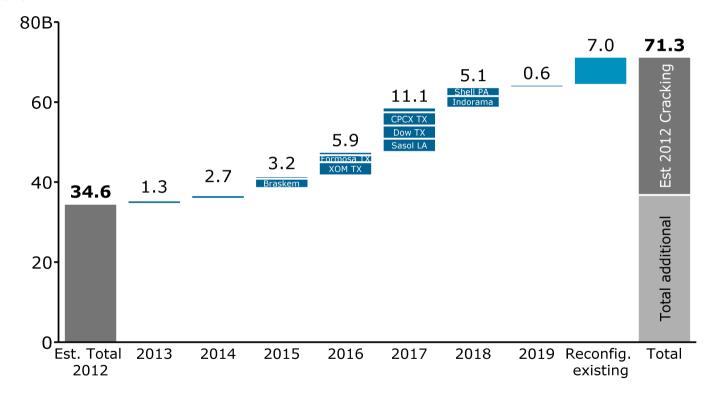
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## Ethane cracking capacity projected to double in North America by 2020

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Ethane requirements for additional planned ethane crackers (lbs/yr)

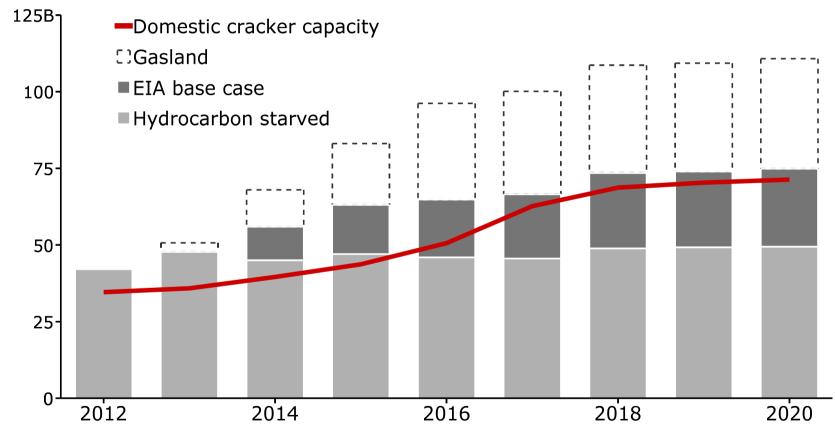


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Note: Assumes 100% ethane feedstock in new capacity; new steam crackers take 4-5 years to build; analysis includes plants that are expected, but not completely certain, to come online by 2020 Source: Literature research; Company websites; Bain analysis; ICIS; Oil & Gas Journal

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### However, plausible low and high cases for ethane result in very different supply-demand outcomes for crackers US ethane demand vs. supply (lbs/yr)



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Note: Ethane-starved supply based on percentage difference between EIA high and low cases – current analysis is closely tied to EIA's high case

Source: EIA - Annual Energy Outlook 2013; Wells Fargo May 2013; Morgan Stanley May 2013; Bentek May 2013; company websites; lit. search

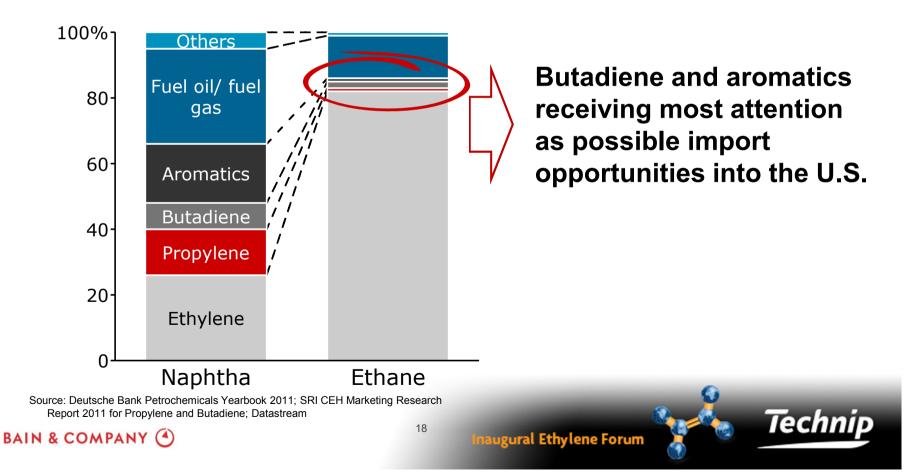
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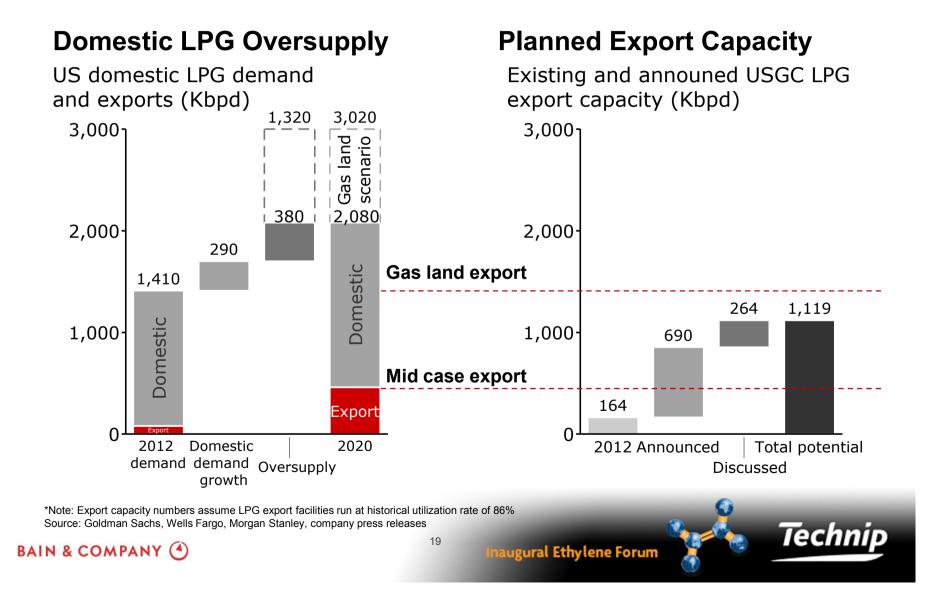
## Second order effects: shift to ethane crackers in U.S. could create a shortage of typical naphtha yields

Ethane Cracking Primarily Yields Ethylene – At Expense Of Other Outputs

Yields by feedstock type, per ton of ethylene

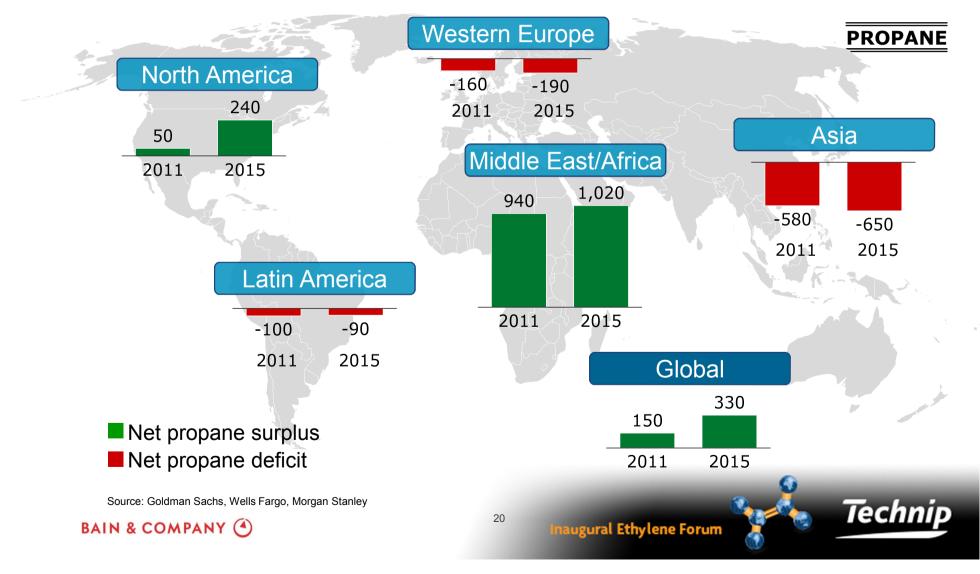


### A continued surge in LPG supply will require export capacity to balance the market



## Key question will be whether global LPG markets can support new seaborne supply from the U.S.

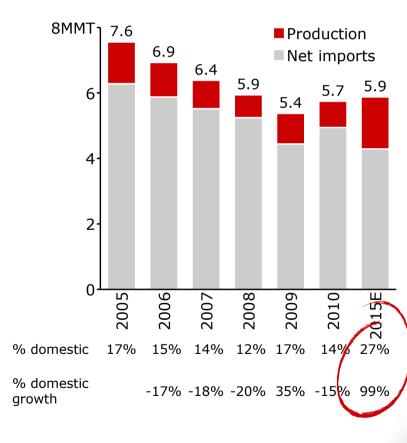
Example: short-term world propane balance (Mbpd)



### Second order effects: low natural gas prices inducing expansions in domestic methanol production capacity

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US Supply-Demand of Methanol



- Investing ~\$1B to build a new methanol plant in Texas
- Capacity of 1.3 MMT per year, as feedstock for acetyls production



- Moving two methanol plants from Chile to Louisiana
- Cost of >\$1B

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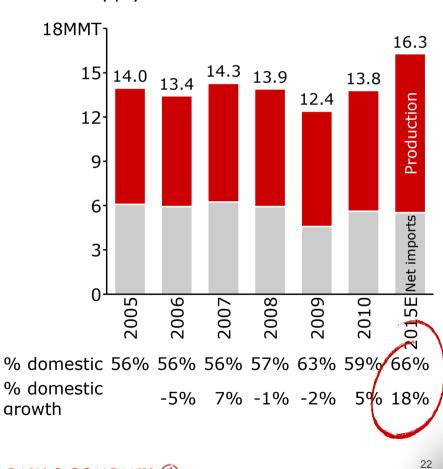
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## Second order effects: resurgence in U.S. ammonia plants planned due to low-priced gas feedstock

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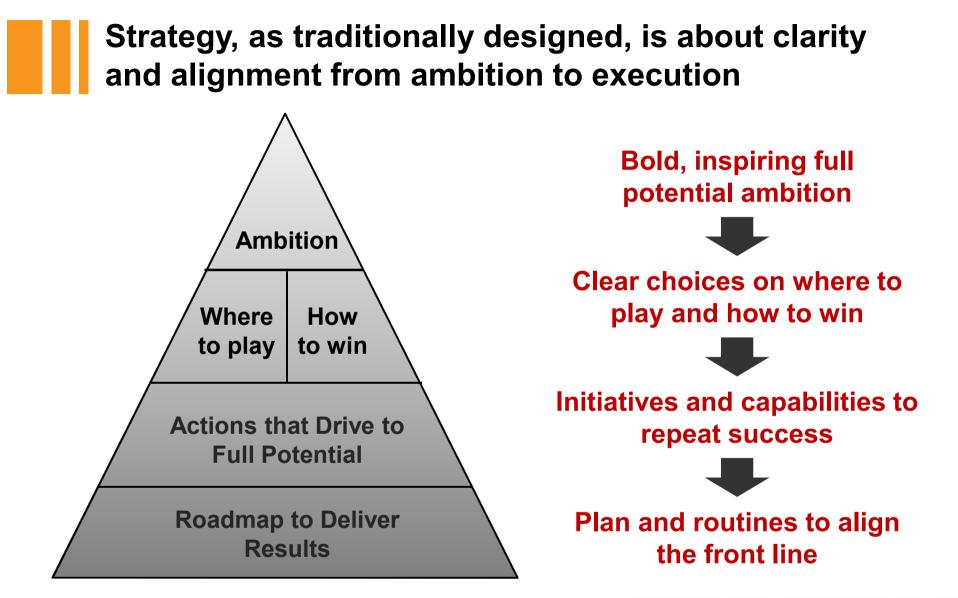


#### US Supply-Demand of Ammonia

#### Surge in Domestic Ammonia

- No new ammonia US plants in 20 years
- Currently, 14 proposed ammonia plants planned over next 3-5 years
- Up to 12 MMT new capacity by 2018 and \$10B total investment
- Example: PotashCorp resuming ammonia production at previously dormant US plants

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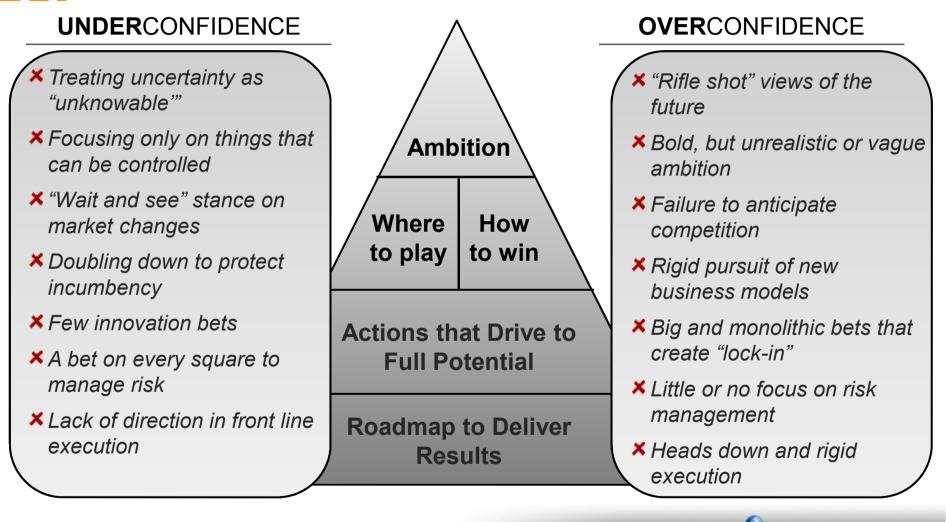


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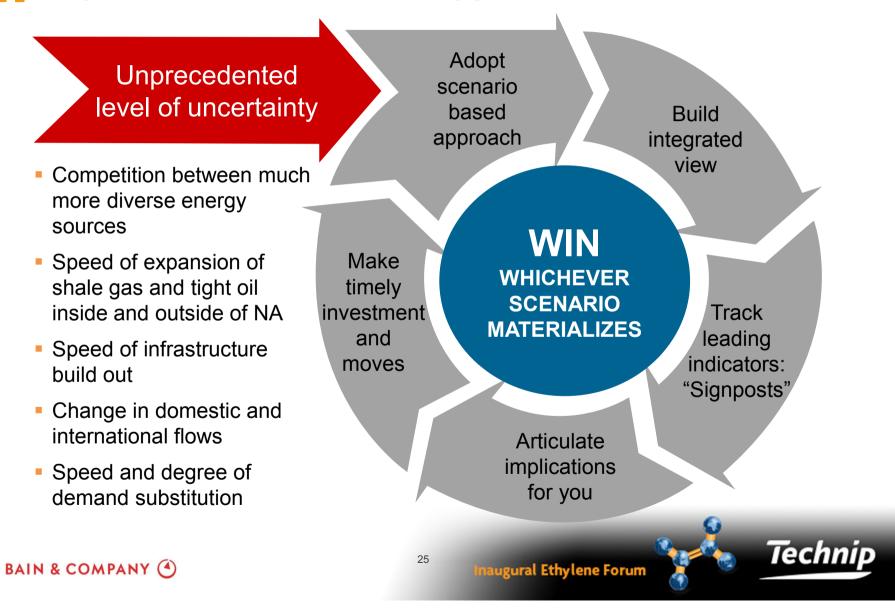
## In periods of heightened uncertainty, strategy creation can fall into two common traps



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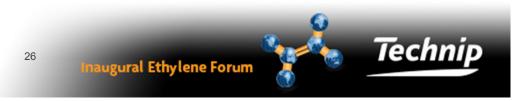
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## Strategy in an environment of high uncertainty requires a non-traditional approach



# Strategies using this approach have a number of advantages

- Strategies are developed that are robust under multiple scenarios
  - Clear "no regrets" moves
- Strategies have built-out element of optionality
- Improved capability to monitor the environment provides visibility 3-5 years out into the future further than today's strategies
  - Experience curves
  - Substitution barriers
  - Key technological developments
- Clear decisions are triggered when signposts flash "red" prior to imminent change in the environment
- Signposts accord greater time to execute and adjust



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### An Integrated Energy Perspective

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