Integration: Critical at the Start of the Chemical Industry, Not So



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What I hope to leave you with

- Integration was crucial in the development of the chemical industry but has decreased in importance
- Inorganic chemistry created the chemical industry and remains important, but not particularly valued
- Scale remains the major source of competitive advantage in commodity chemicals



Chemical Industry Technology Waves

Inorganic

- · mined materials
- electrochemical
- active reagents allow transformations

Functionalization

- use inorganics to transform organic substrates
- make dyes, solvents and drugs

Cellulosics

- use inorganics to transform natural materials
- partially synthetic polymers

Polymers

- took off with synthetic rubber
- continues today



1760-1910

1870-1930

1895-1935

1925-present

rocks



coal



biomass 📛

petroleum NGL







What is Integration?



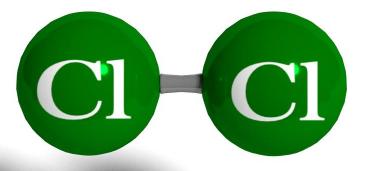


Integration



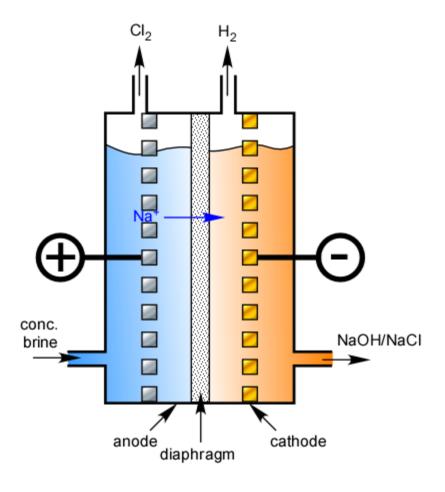
Linkage of mass and energy flows that create a significant advantage.







Chlor-Alkali



$$2 \text{ CI}^{-} \longrightarrow \text{CI}_{2} + 2 e^{-}$$

$$2 \text{ H}_{2}\text{O} + 2 e^{-} \longrightarrow \text{H}_{2} + 2 \text{ OH}^{-}$$

$$2 \text{ NaCI} + 2 \text{ H}_{2}\text{O} \longrightarrow 2 \text{ NaOH} + \text{CI}_{2} + \text{H}_{2}$$







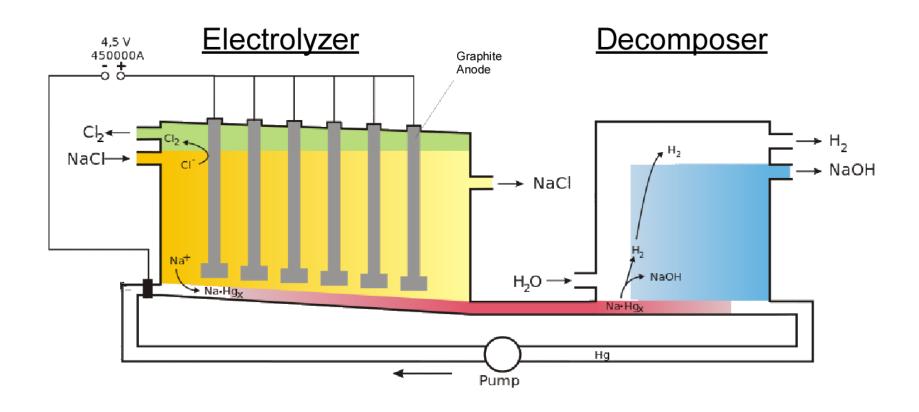
Bleach was the Product

$$Cl_2 + 2 NaOH \rightarrow NaOCI + NaCI + H_2O$$

The oxidizing power of chlorine was what was desired.

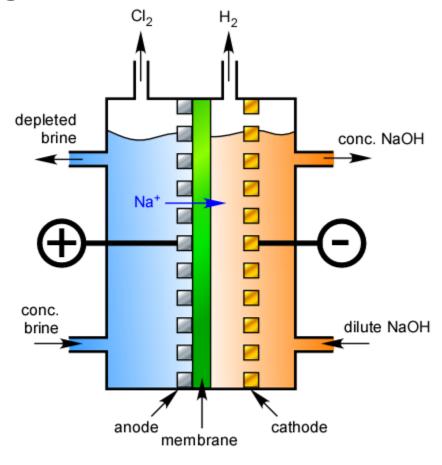
No net production of alkali

Mercury Cells





Membrane Cells



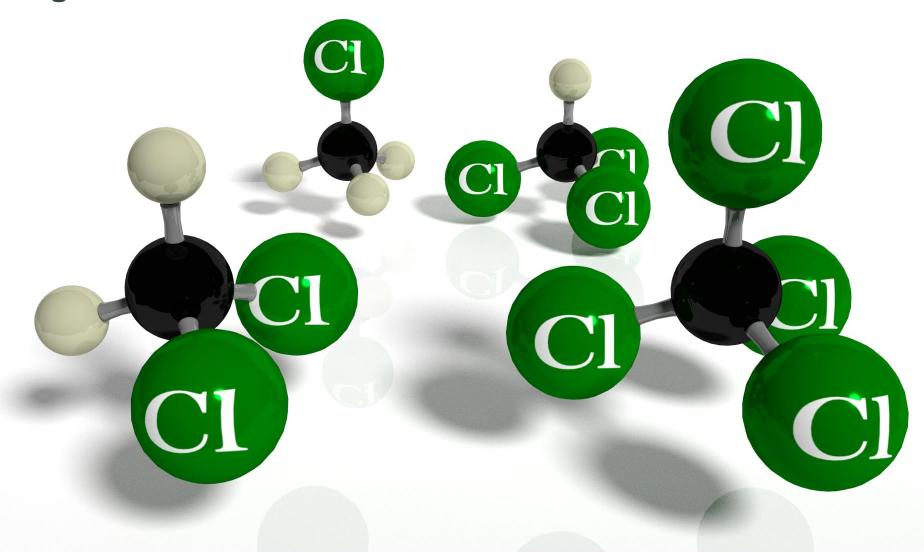
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Organochlorides





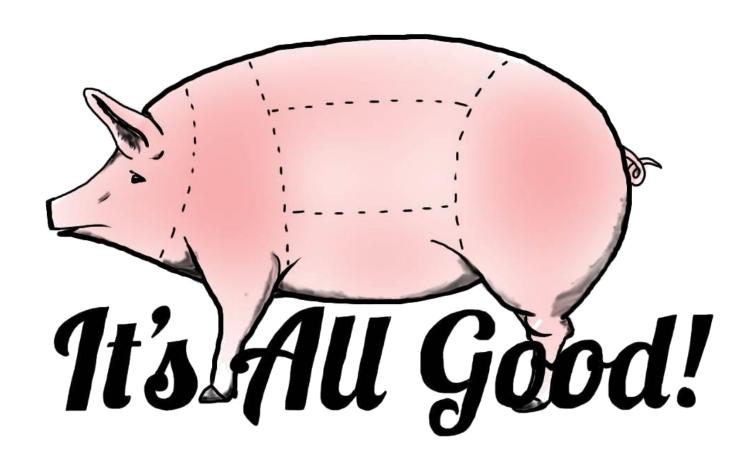




Chlorine as an Oxidant

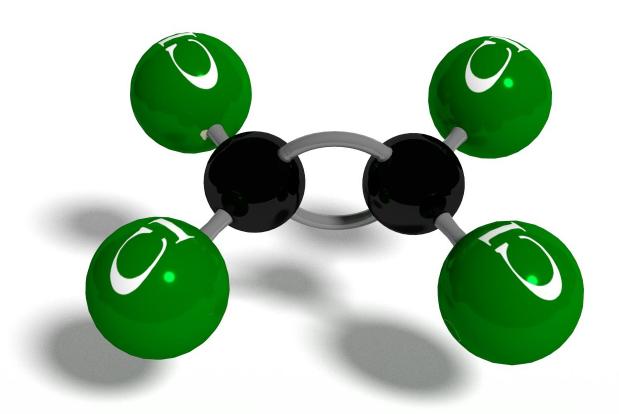


All Reaction Products Find Uses





Perchloroethylene

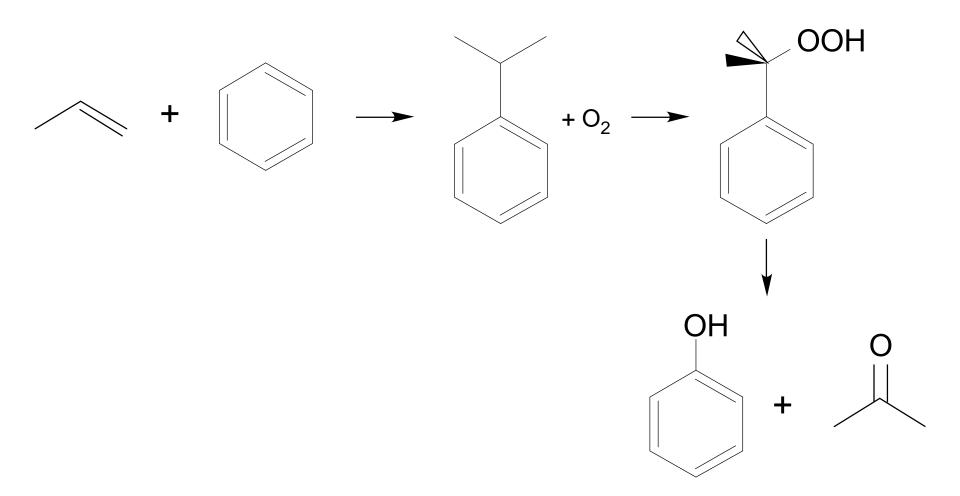




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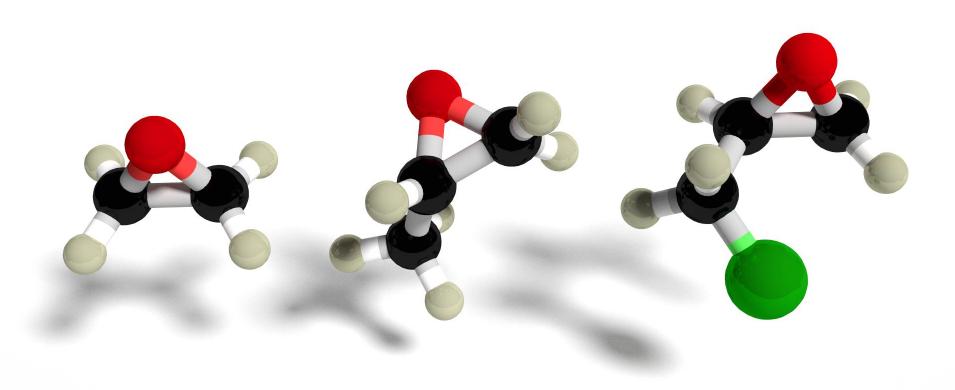


Phenol Today





Epoxides





Chlorohydrin Chemistry

Clorohydrin Ethylene Oxide

$$+ Cl_2 + H_2O \xrightarrow{aq} HO$$
 $CI \xrightarrow{NaOH} O$
 $CI \xrightarrow{NaOH$

1915-1975

Chlorohydrin Propylene Oxide

$$+ CI_2 + H_2O \xrightarrow{aq} OH \xrightarrow{NaOH} OH \xrightarrow{NaOH} Na^+ CI^-$$

$$+ HCI \xrightarrow{NaOH} Na^+ CI^-$$

More Chlorohydrin Chemistry

Chlorohydrin Epichlorohydrin

$$+ Cl_{2} \longrightarrow CI + HCI$$

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Epoxy Resins



Direct Oxidation

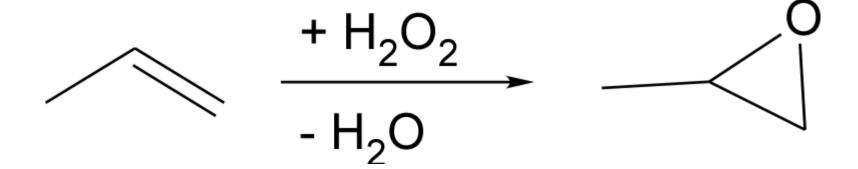
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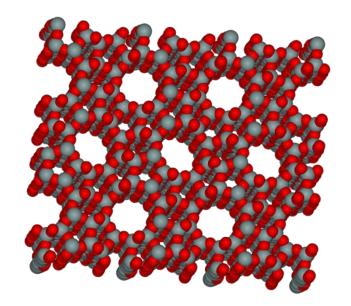
Direct Oxidation Ethylene Oxide

1937



Hydroperoxidation





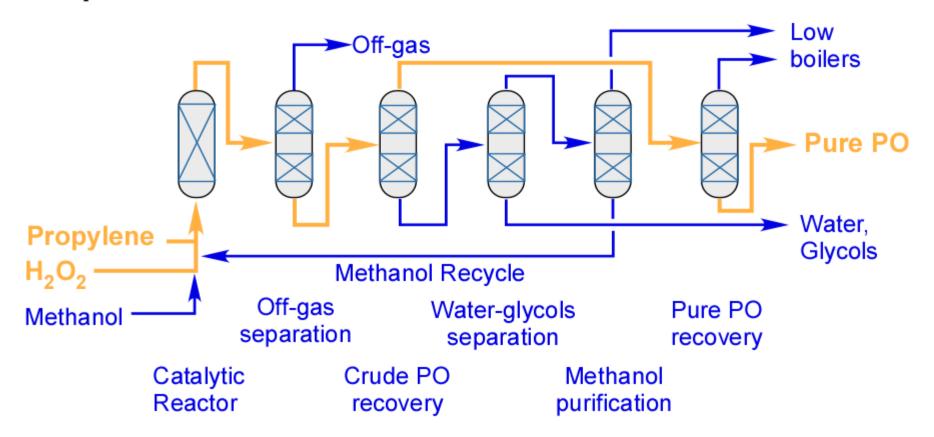
titanium silicate catalyst

0.5 nm pores

suitable for packed bed reactor



Simplified Process Flowsheet





Chlorohydrin Chemistry

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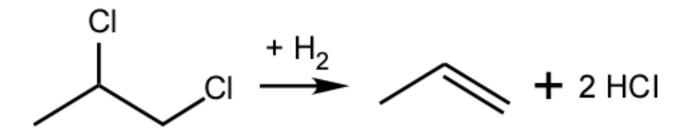
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1915-1975

PDC Hydro

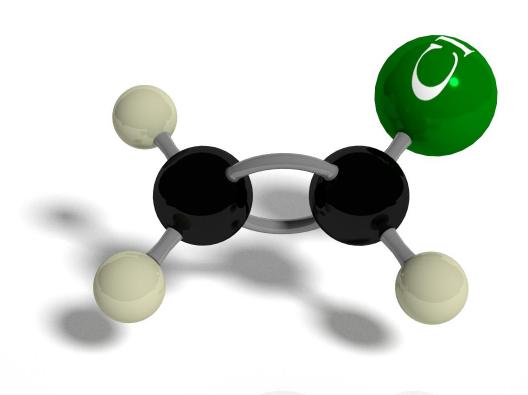


PtCu catalyst developed by Larry Ito

Carbon supported

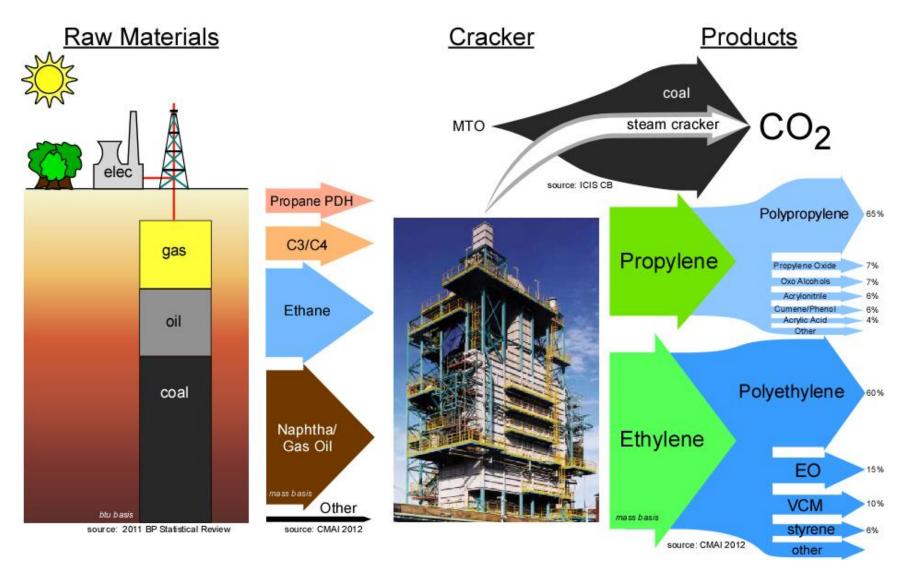


Vinyl Chloride

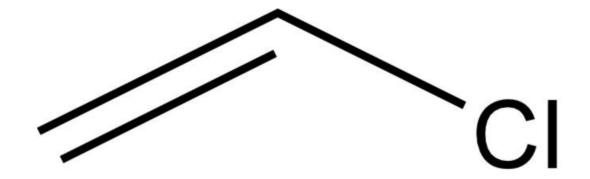




Chemical Industry Snapshot







Vinyl Chloride Monomer(VCM)

Dow produced ~5 billion pounds/year World demand is 49 billion pounds Growth averages 4-5%

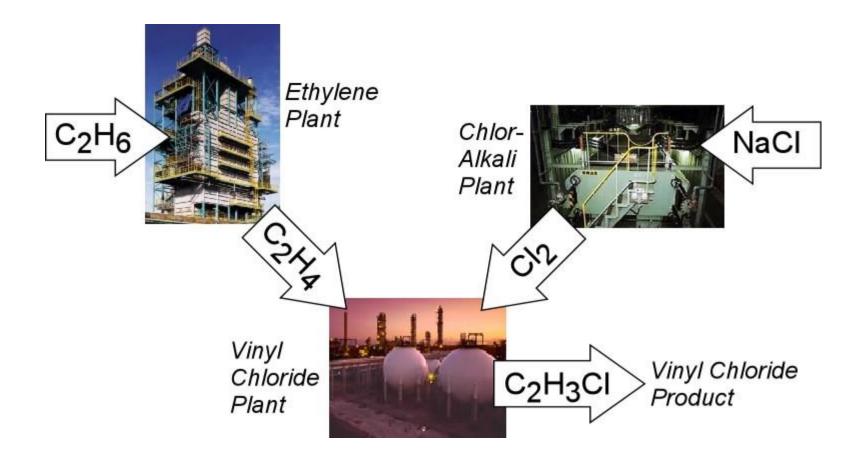


Conventional Production

$$C_2H_4 + \frac{1}{2} Cl_2 + \frac{1}{2} O_2 - C_I + H_2O$$



Conventional VCM

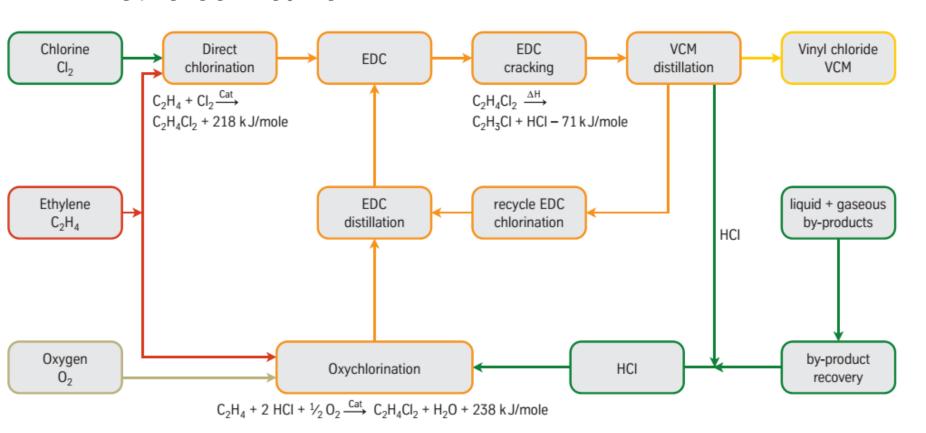




More Detail

VCM synthesis: $2 C_2H_4 + CI_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longrightarrow 2 C_2H_3CI + H_2O$

Schematic diagram of a VCM plant

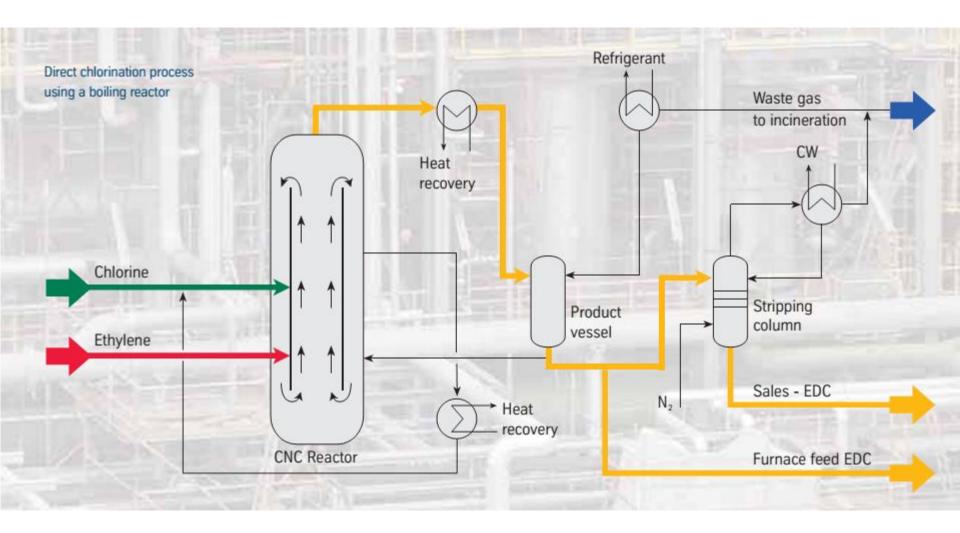








Direct Chlorination

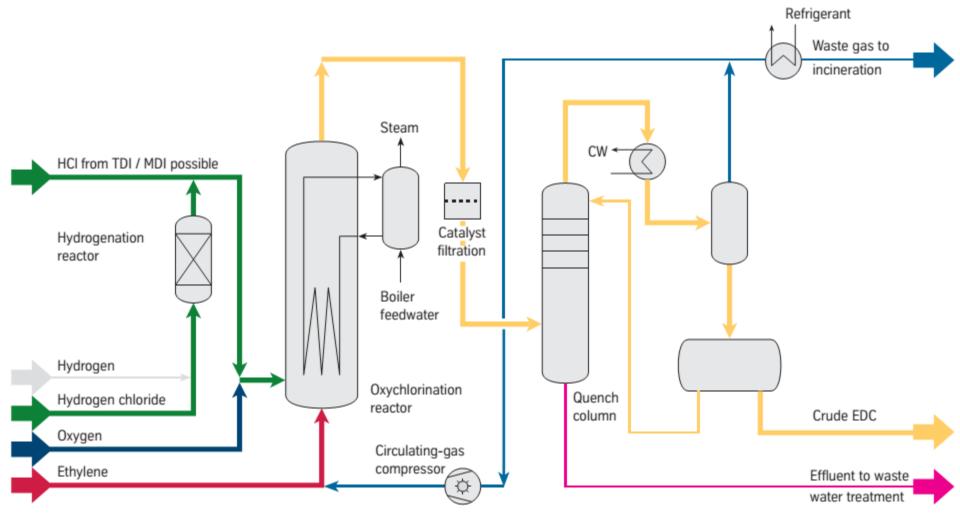








Oxychlorination

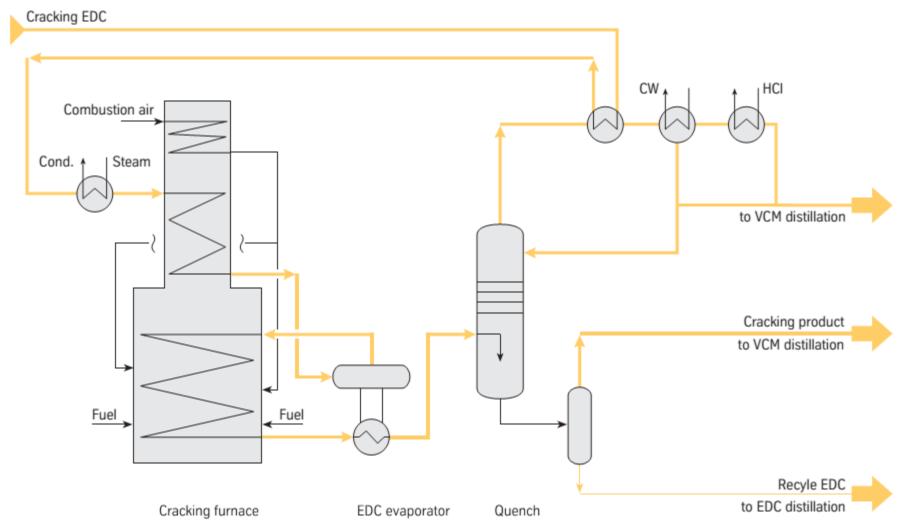








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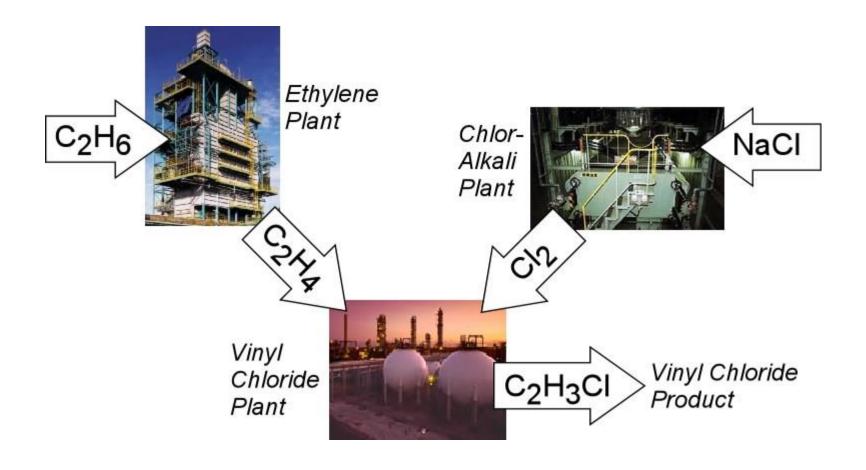






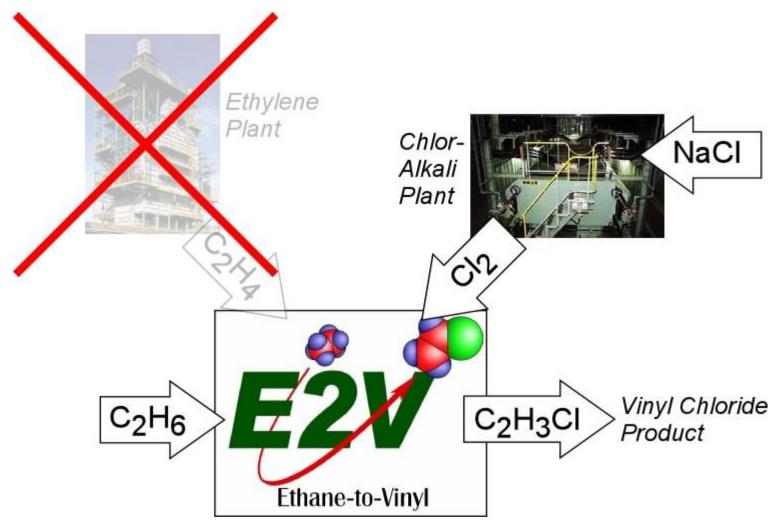


Conventional VCM





E2V





Vision



$${C_2H_6 \brace C_2H_4} + {HCI \brace CI_2} + O_2 \longrightarrow CI + H_2O$$

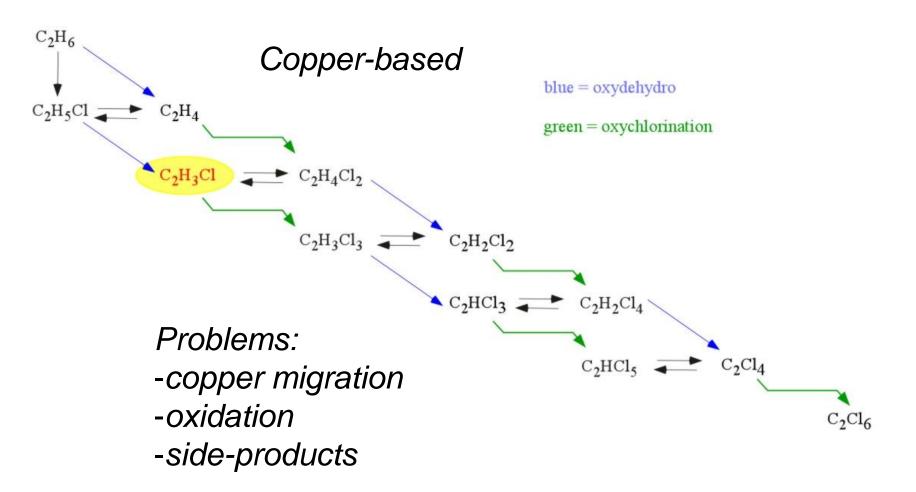


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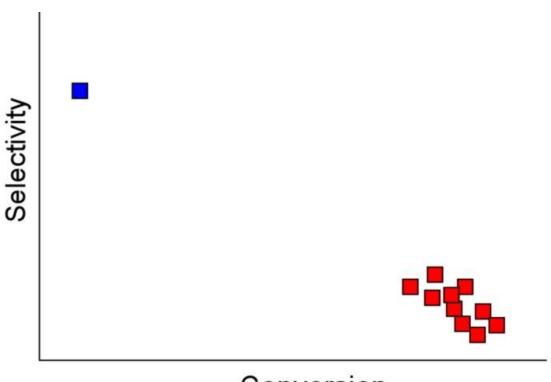


Mechanism





Literature Review







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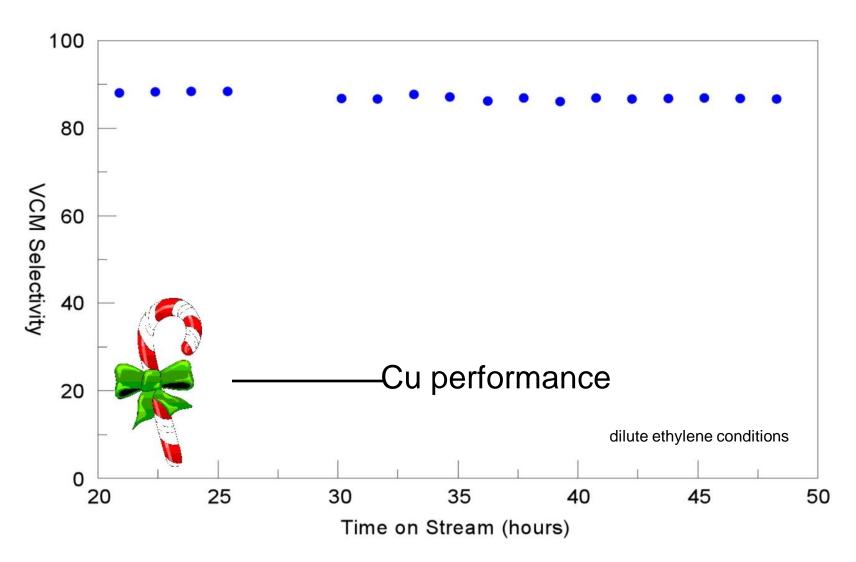
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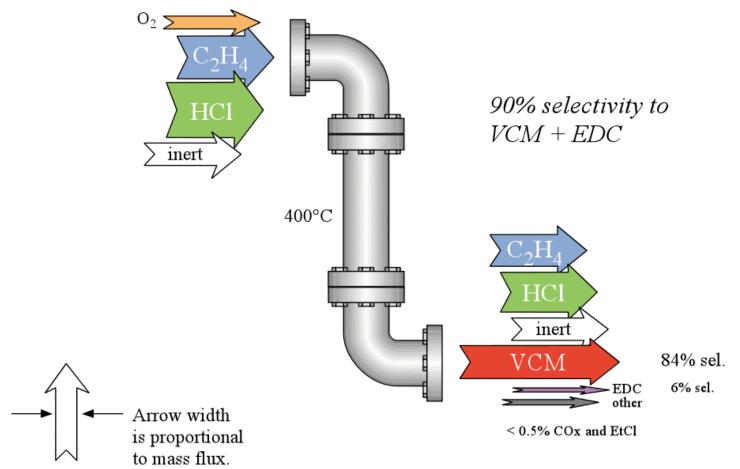
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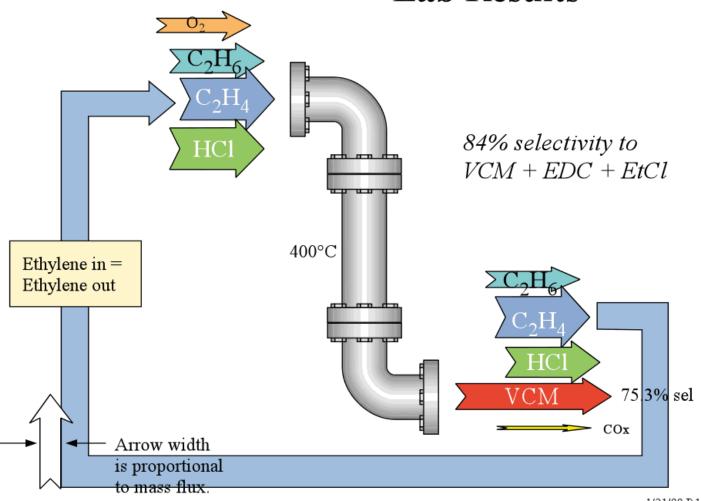
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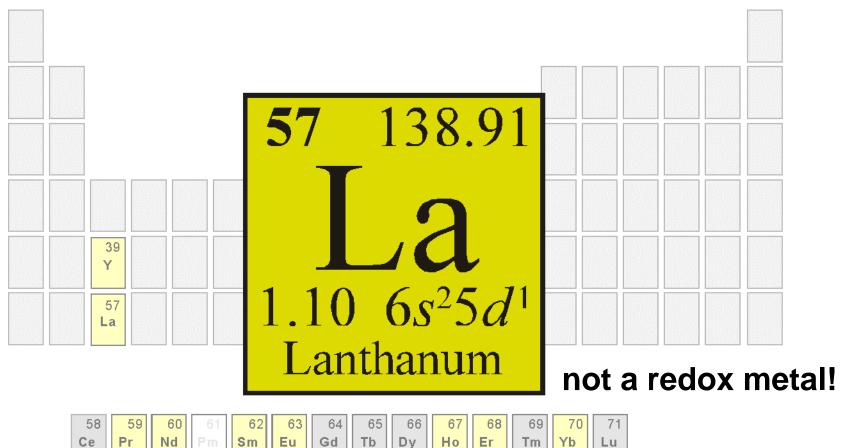
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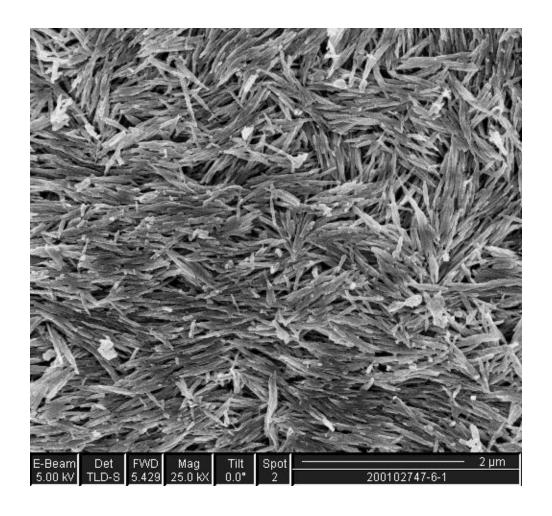
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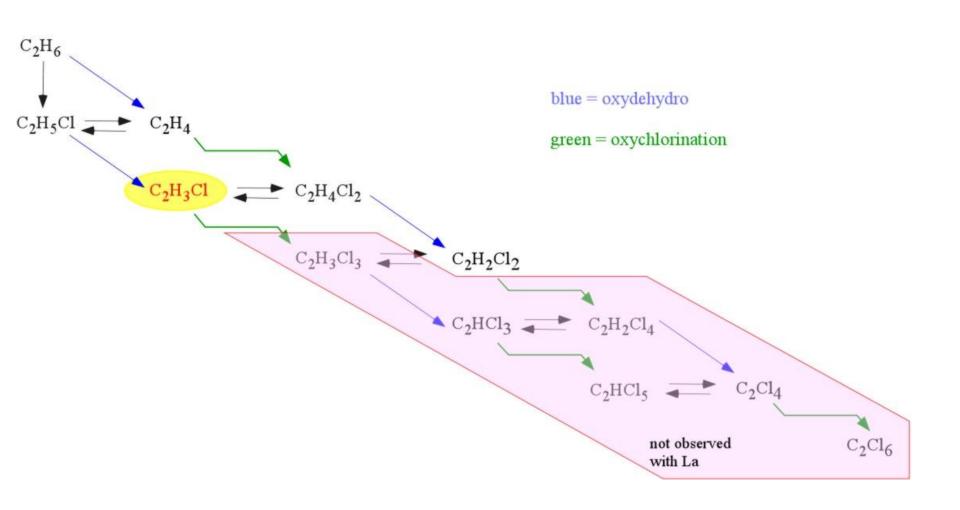


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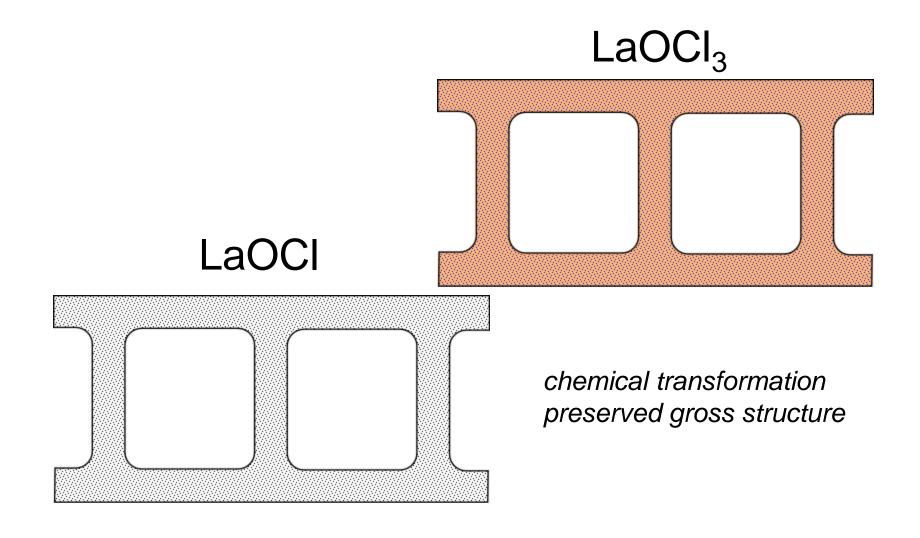


LaOCI Results





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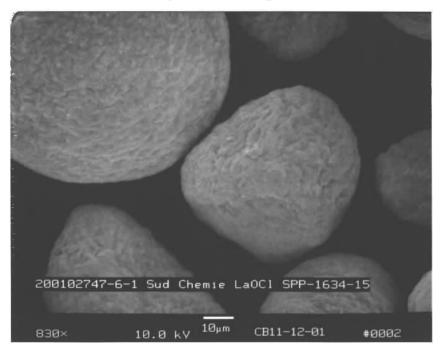




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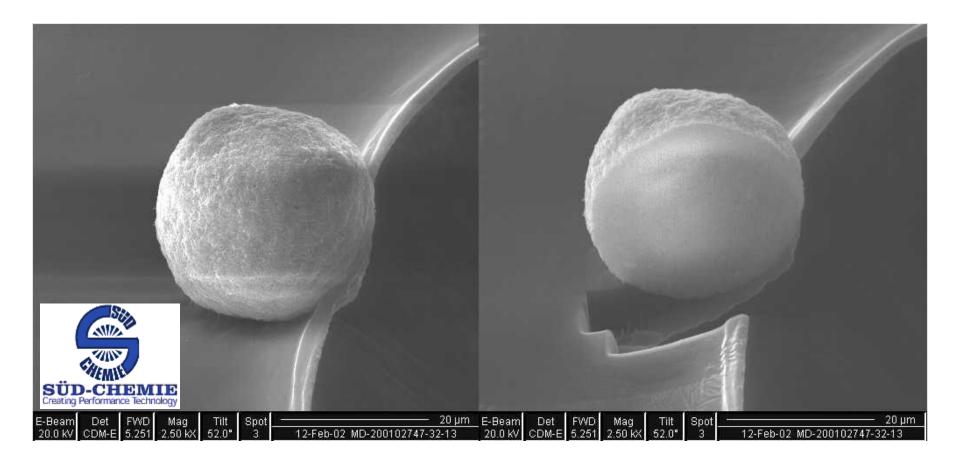
Vendor







Catalyst Particle



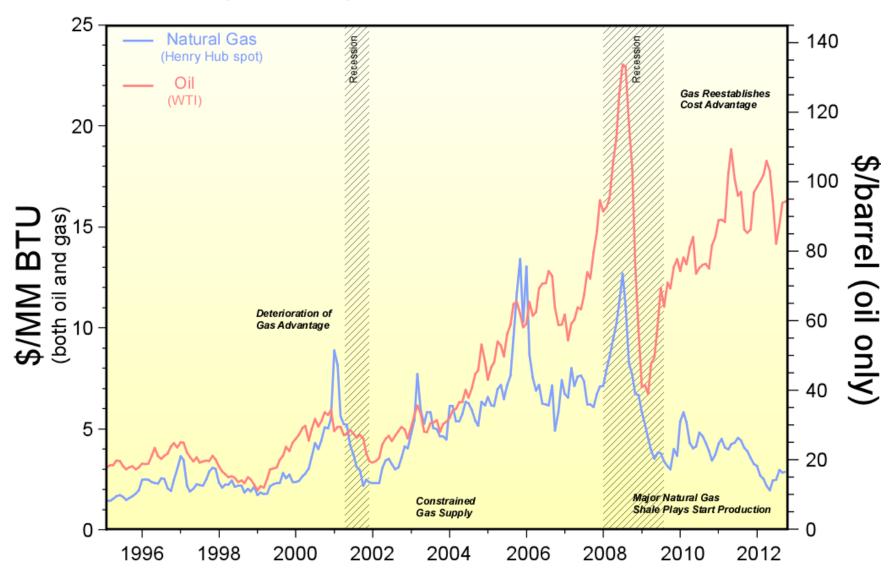


Fluidized Bed



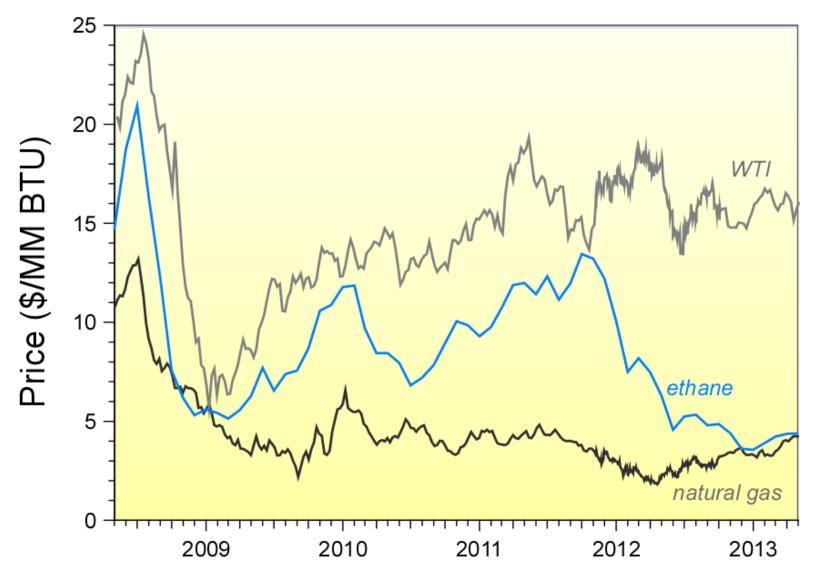


Recent Industry History





Ethane Price Now Tracks Gas

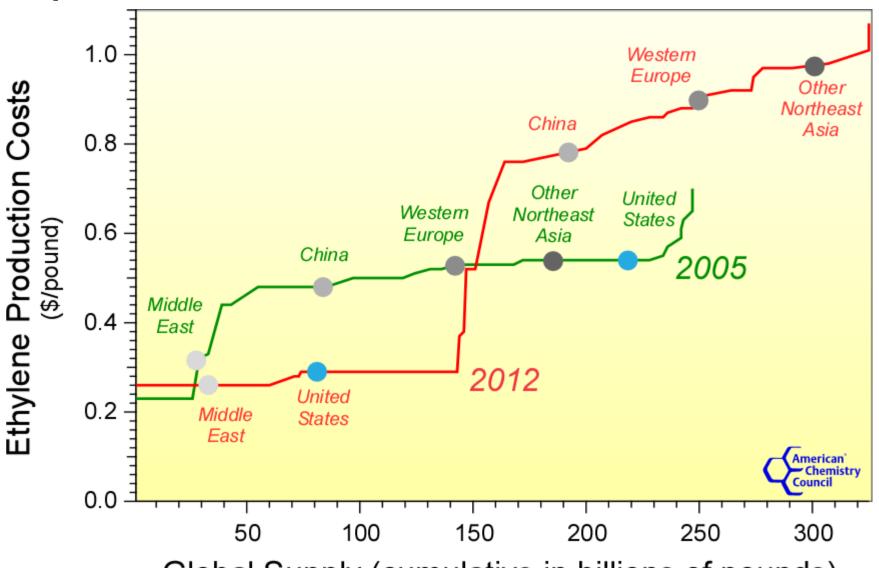








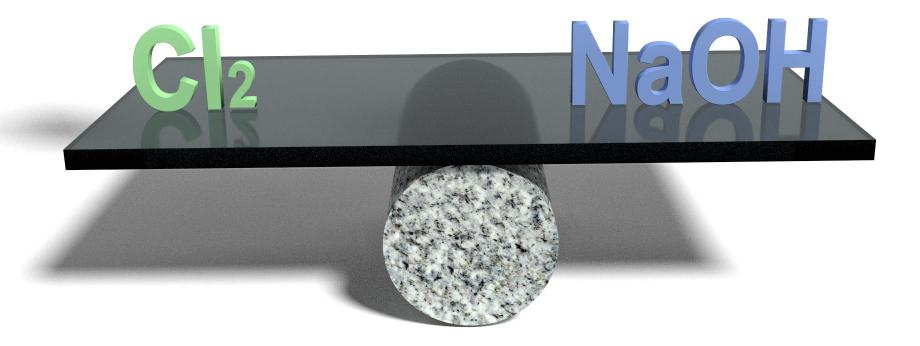
Impact of Low Gas Prices



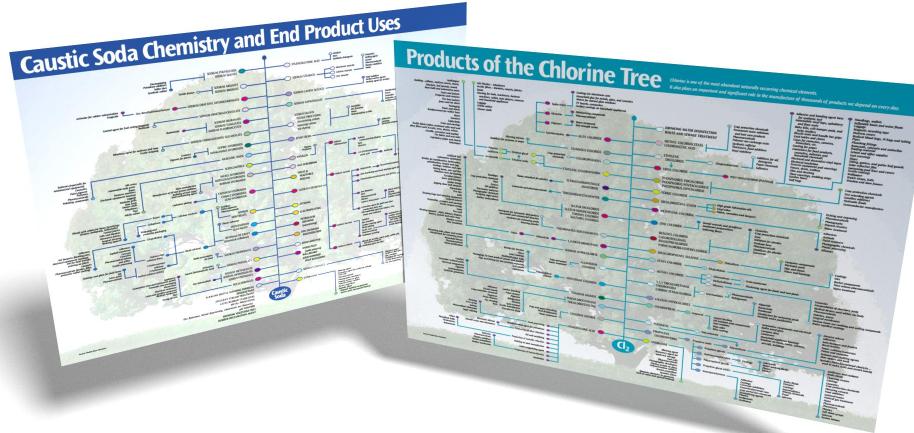




Balancing the ECU



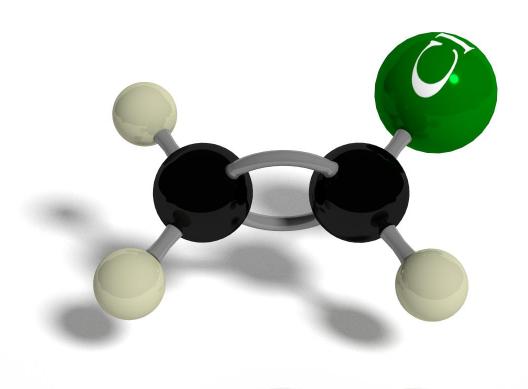






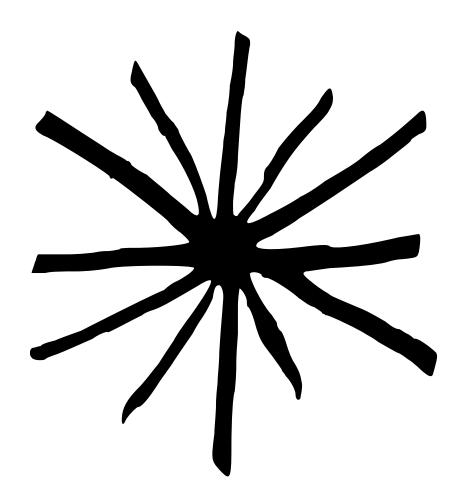


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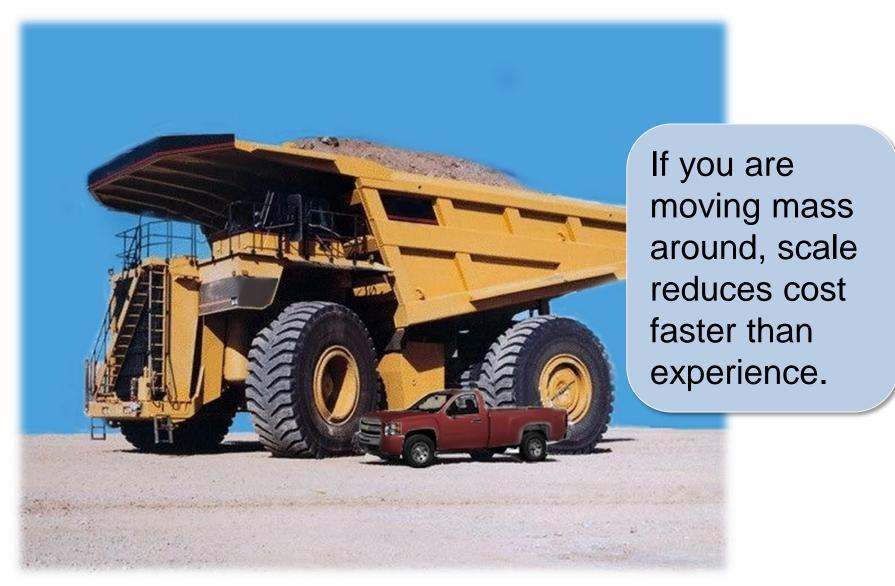


Breakfast of Champions



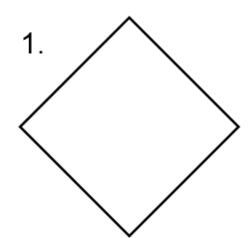


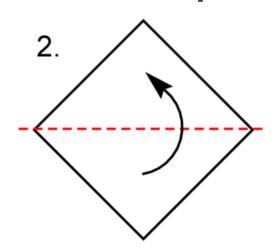
Scale Always Wins





Scale is Important – *An Example*





Make a cup with an 81/2" square and another with a 41/4" square





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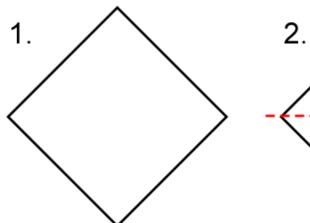


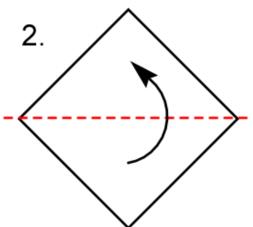




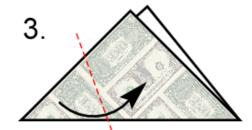


Scale is Important – *An Example*





Make a cup with an 8½" square and another with a 4¼" square



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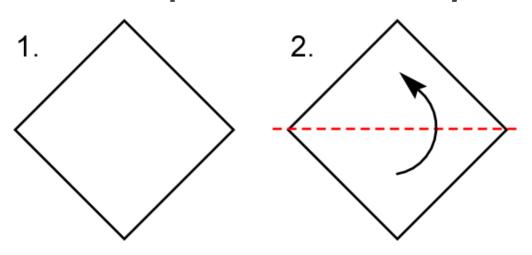
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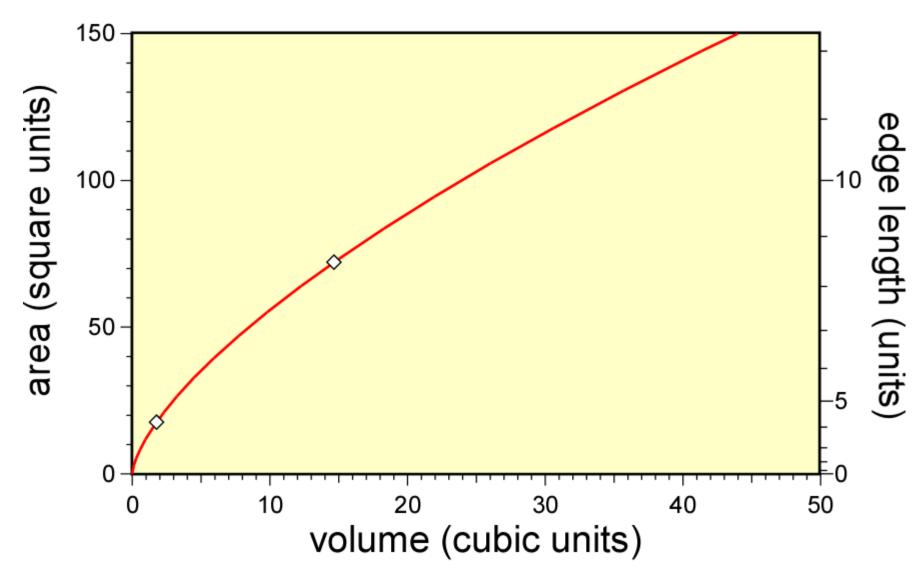
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The bigger cup holds about a cup. The smaller only about 1/8 of a cup. The amount of paper required increases by the volume to the 2/3 power.

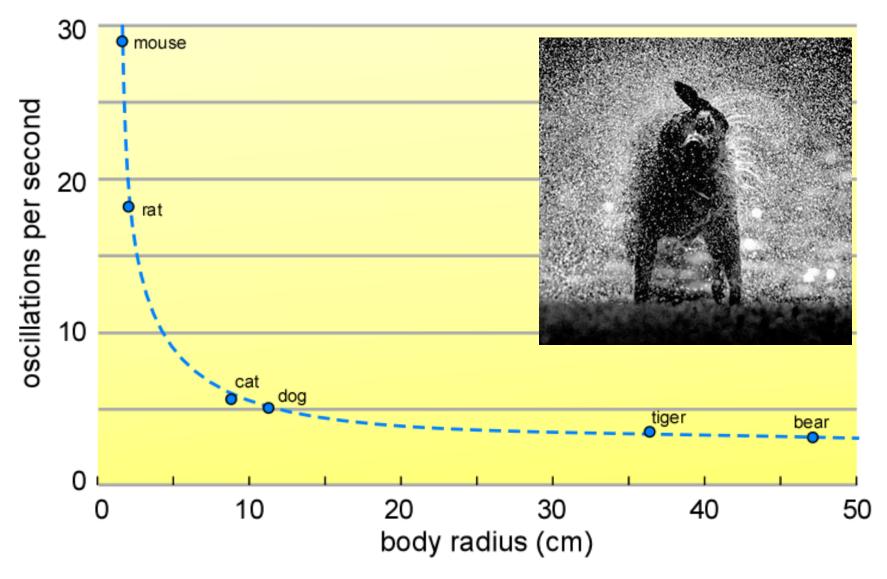


Power Law



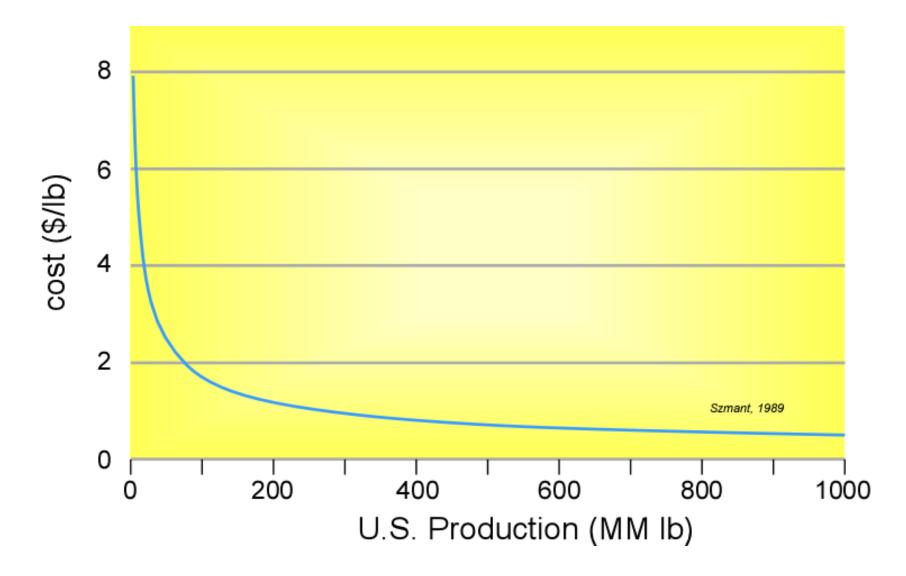


Interesting Correlation



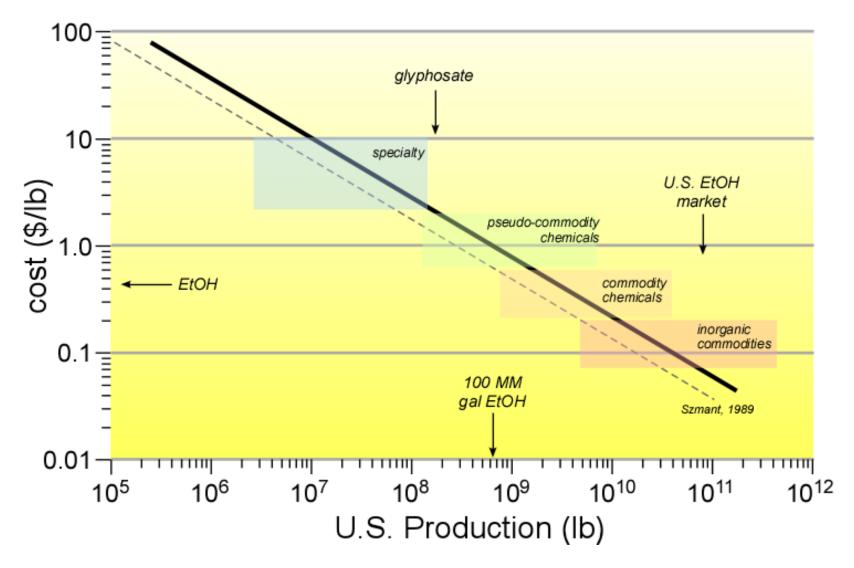


Scale Matters!

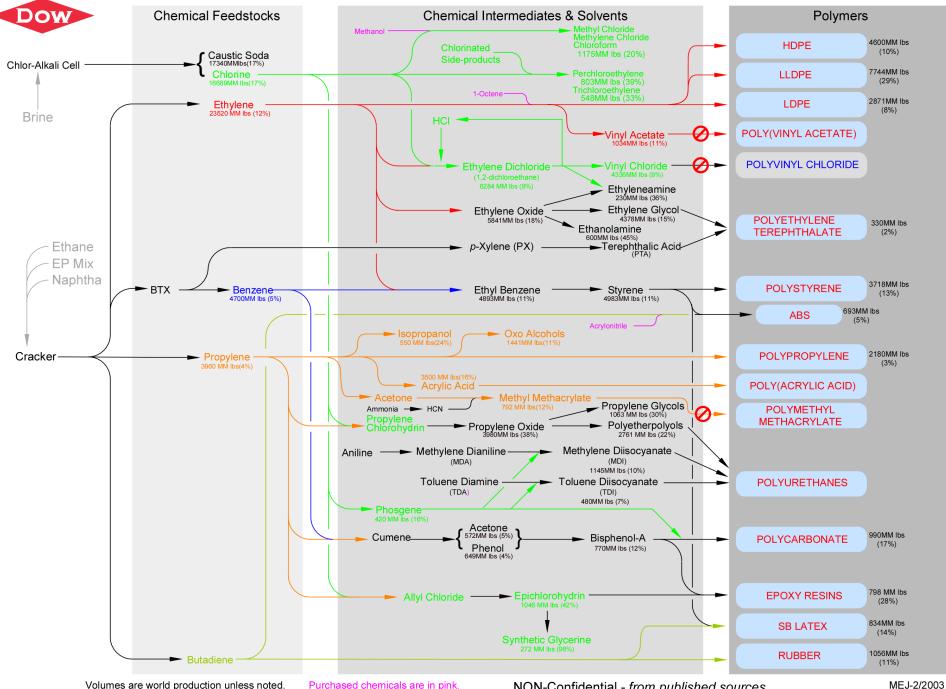


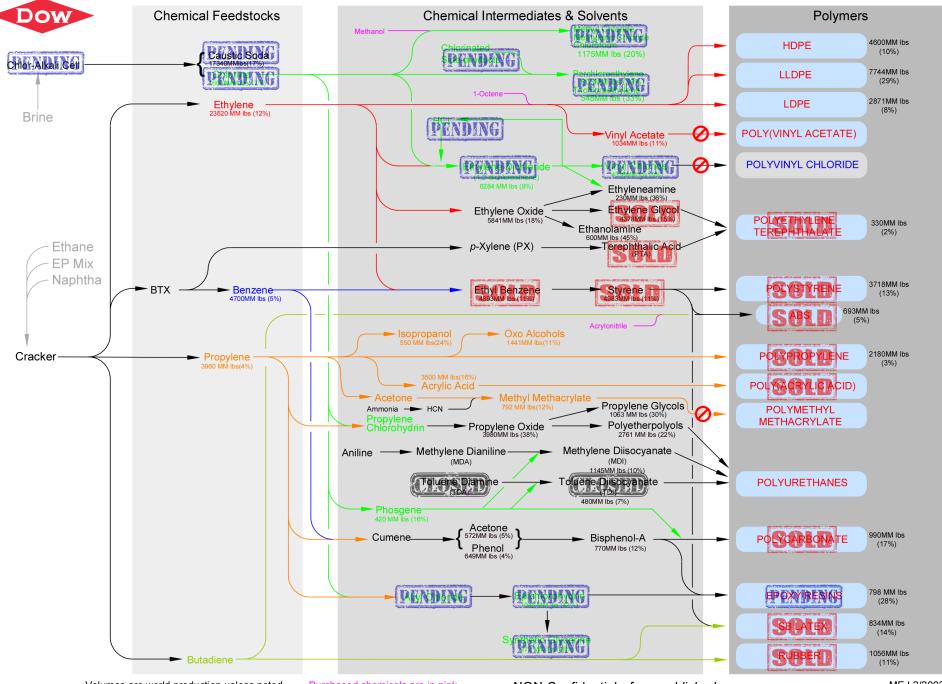


Most Common Version





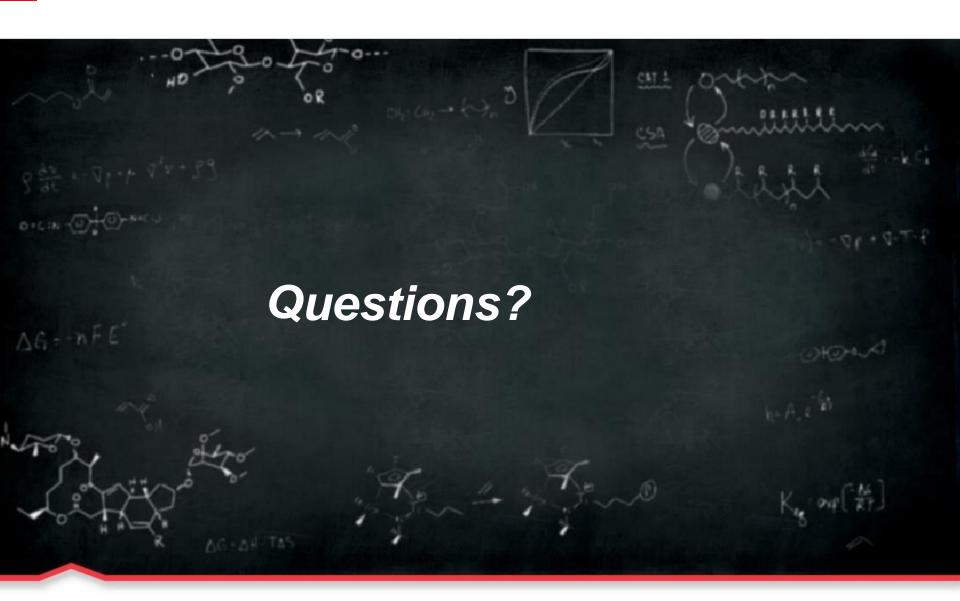




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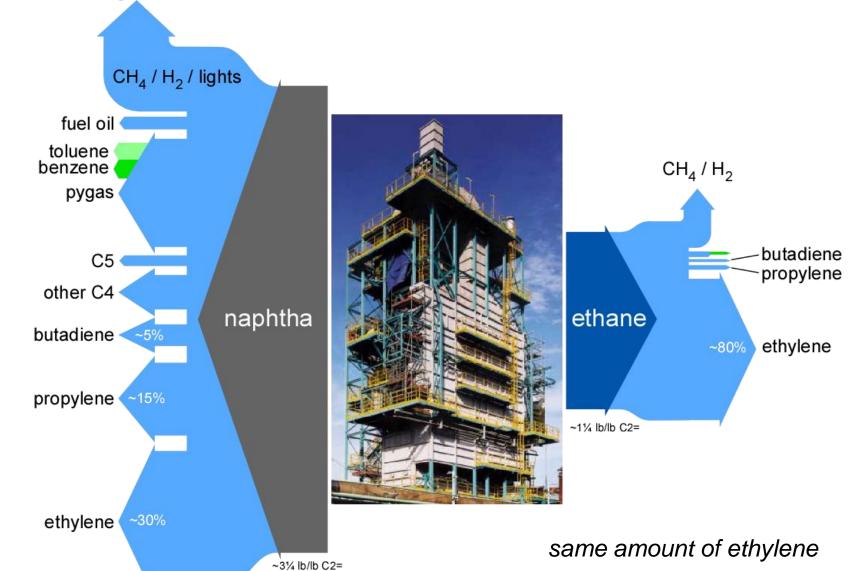
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- Scale remains the major source of competitive advantage in commodity chemicals for undifferentiated materials, production cost is king and scale lowers production cost





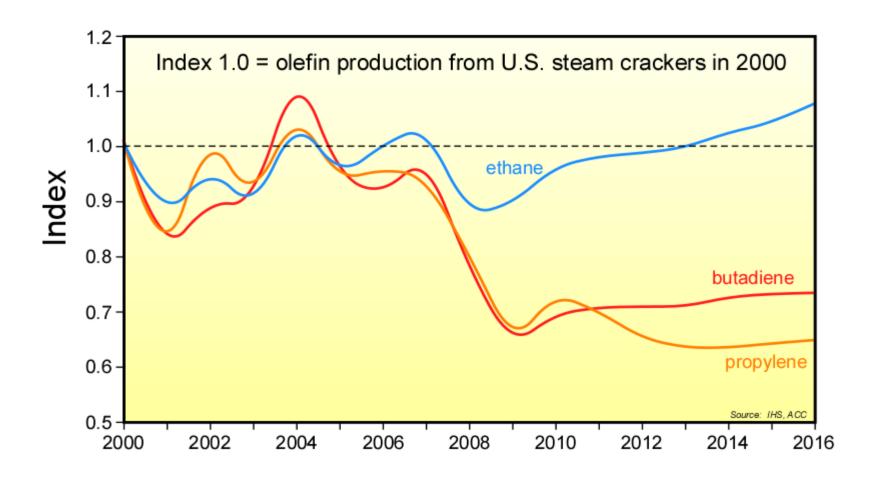


Cracking Comparison



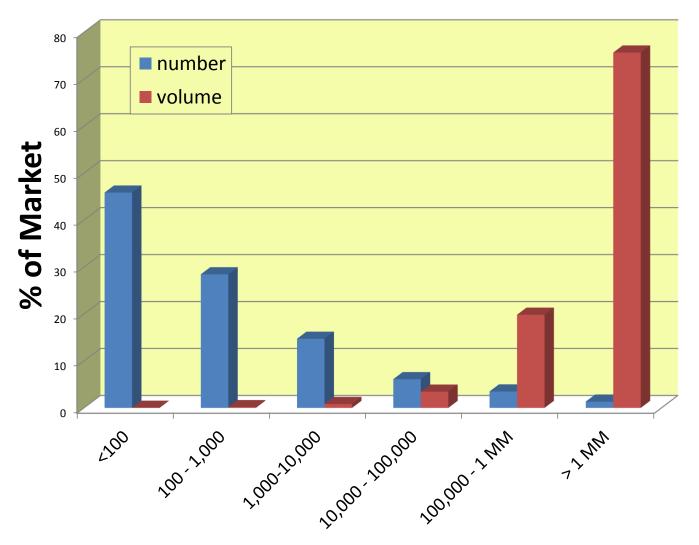


Production of C3/C4 Dropped





Scale Falls Quickly



Production Scale (metric tonnes per annum)



Brine Mining

