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# Sustainable Decision Making: Designing for a Sustainable Future at

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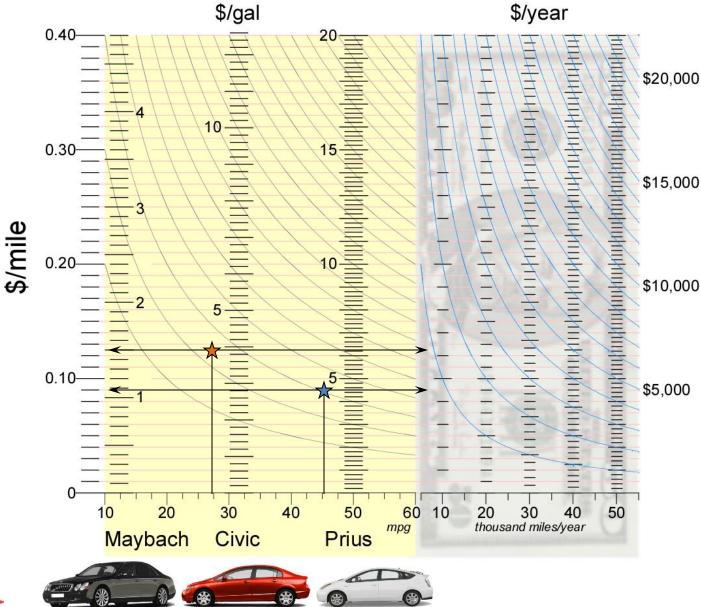
























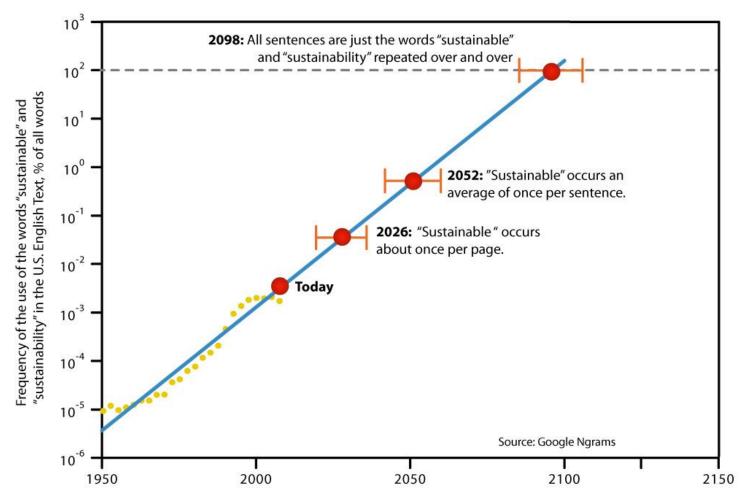


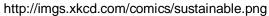






#### **Sustainability is Unsustainable?**







## Sustainable?





## Is this Cup Sustainable?



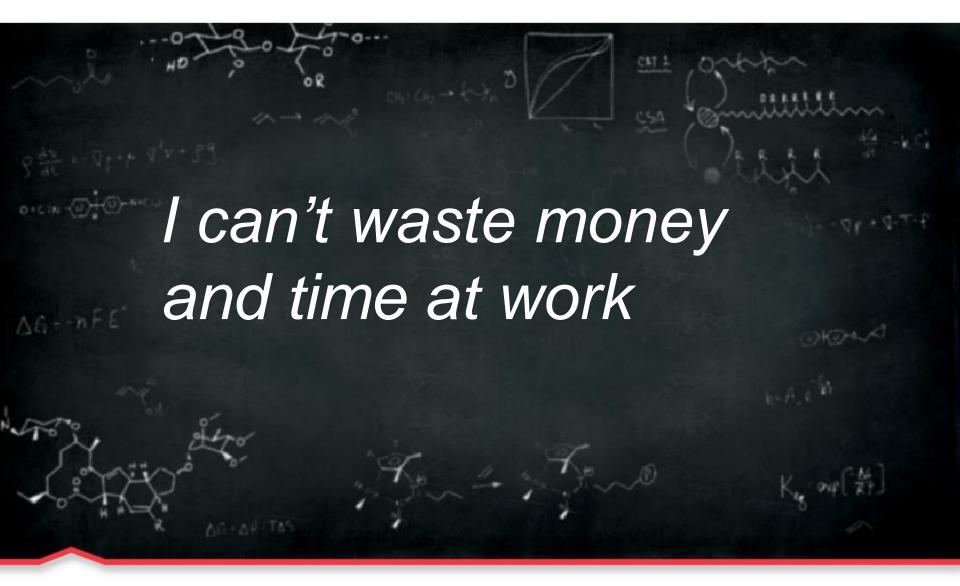
Sustainable is not an intrinsic property of a material! You can't know by just looking.



How about this one?



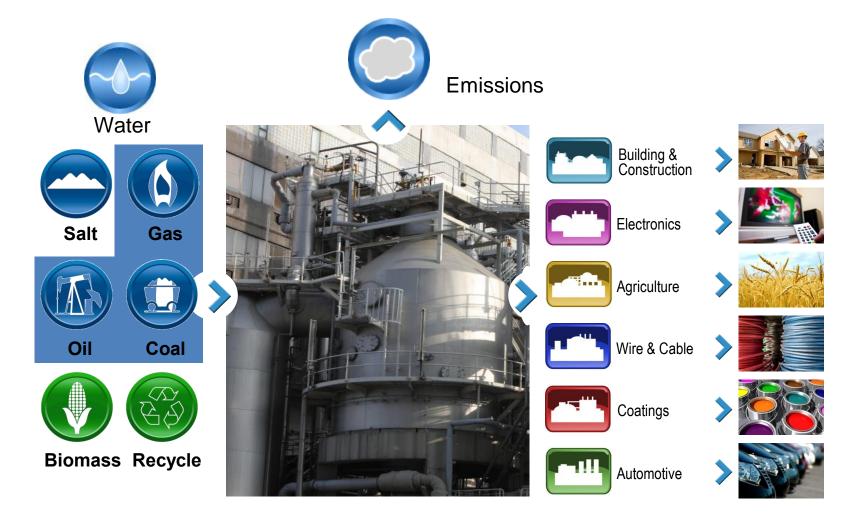
#### **Return Shareholder Value**





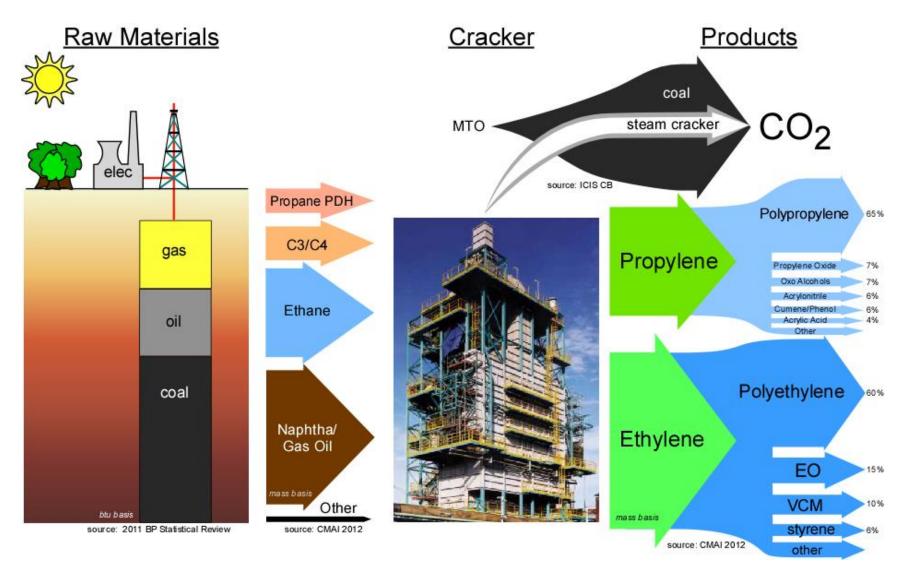


## **Chemical Industry Snapshot**



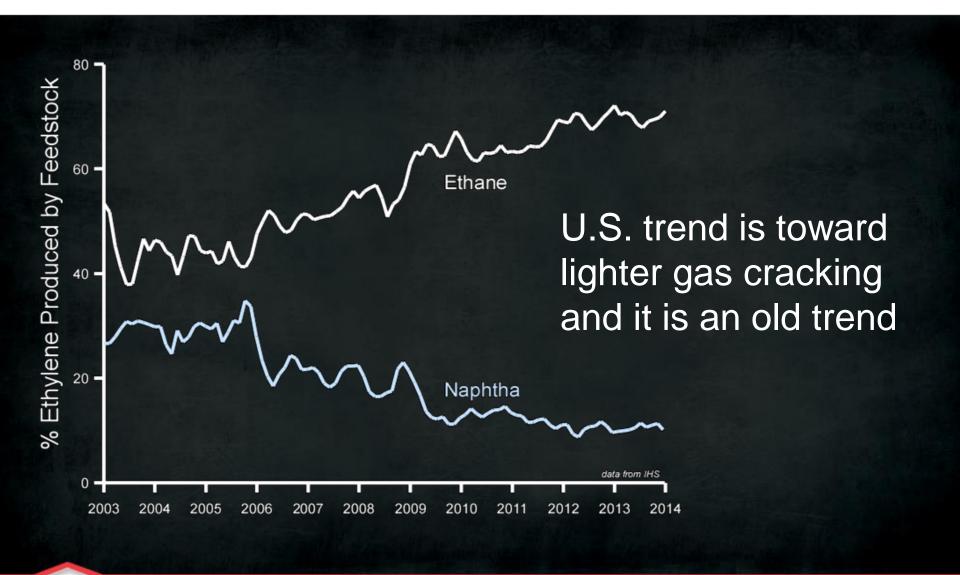


#### **Chemical Industry Snapshot**



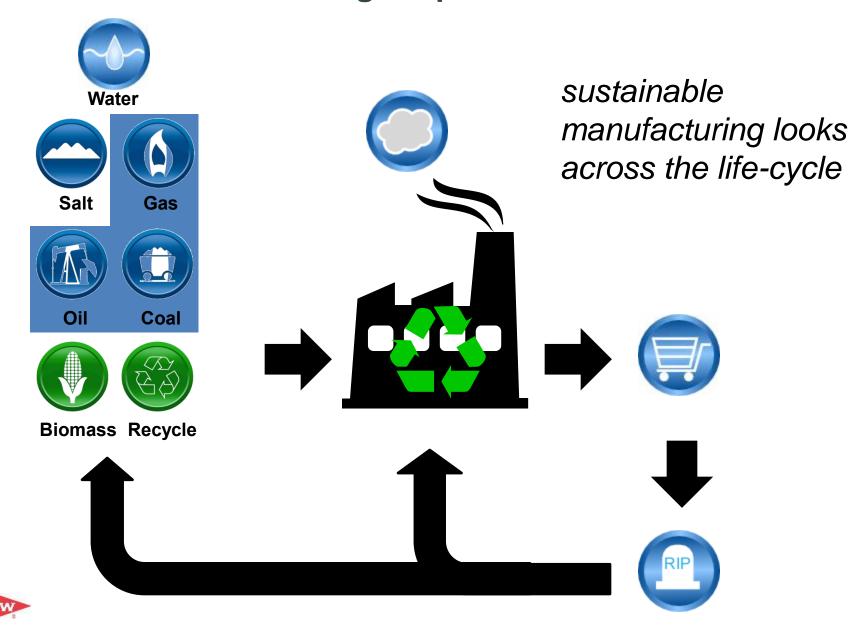


#### **US Trend**

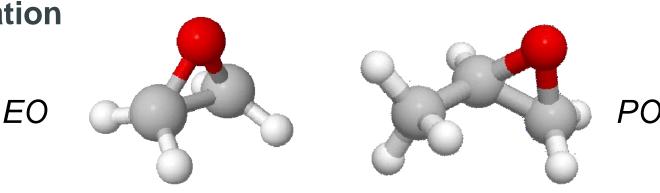




#### Sustainable Manufacturing Requires Broader Look



# **Epoxidation**

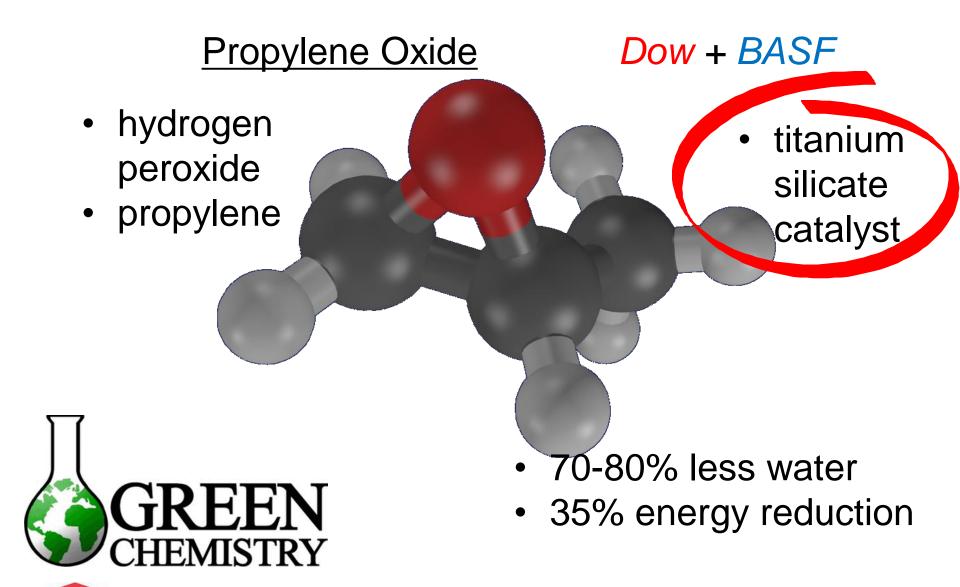


#### Clorohydrin Ethylene Oxide

$$+ Cl_2 + H_2O \xrightarrow{aq} HO$$
 $\longrightarrow HO$ 
 $\longrightarrow CI \xrightarrow{NaOH} O$ 
 $\longrightarrow HO$ 
 $\longrightarrow 1915-1975$ 

## **Direct Oxidation Ethylene Oxide**

#### Sustainable Manufacturing Examples: Catalysis

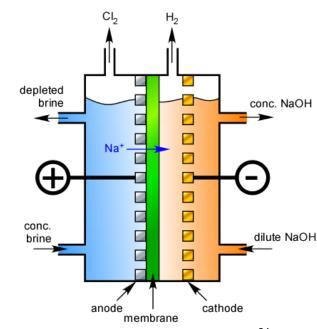


#### **Chlorohydrin Process**

Chlorohydrin Propylene Oxide propylene

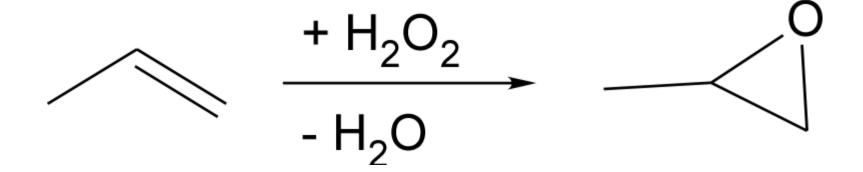
#### Issues:

- requires a chlorine plant
- chlorine is lost to an aqueous salt stream
- chlorinated co-products are produced
- brine for chlor-alkali is solution minded
- difficult way to add oxygen





#### **Improved PO Process - HPPO**



Hydrogen peroxide is the oxidant – *only water as coproduct* 

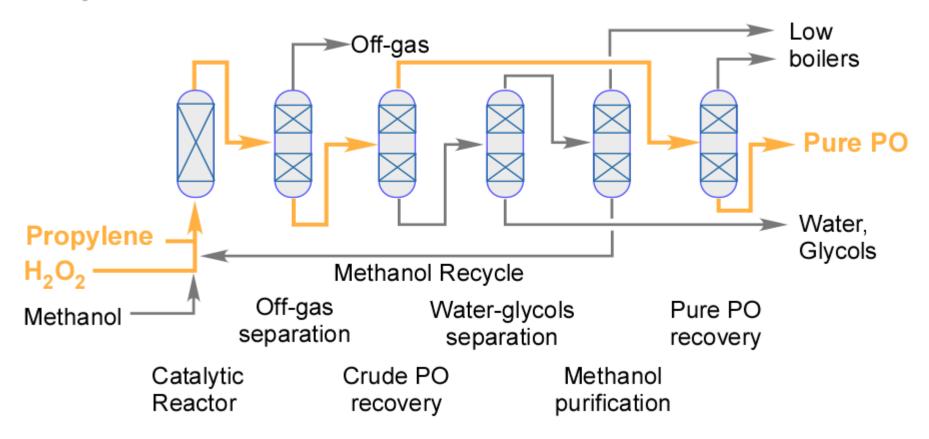
Peroxide provided as an aqueous solution from co-located hydrogen peroxide plant – *eliminate transportation* 

Catalyst system enables the technology



#### **Process Flow Diagram**

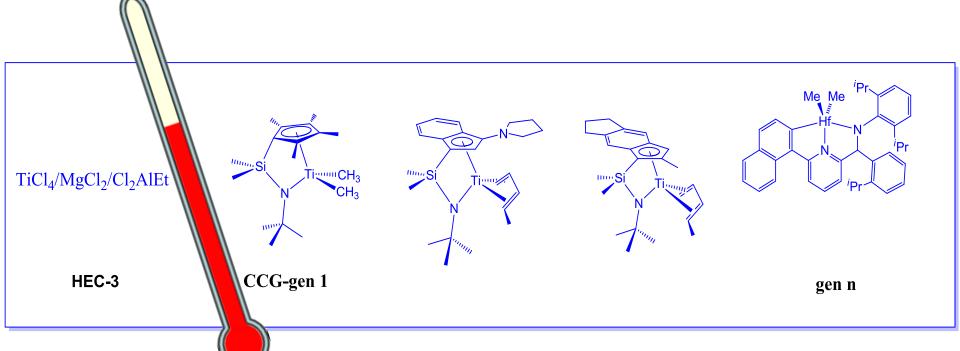
#### **Simplified Process Flowsheet**





#### Sustainable Manufacturing Examples: Catalysis

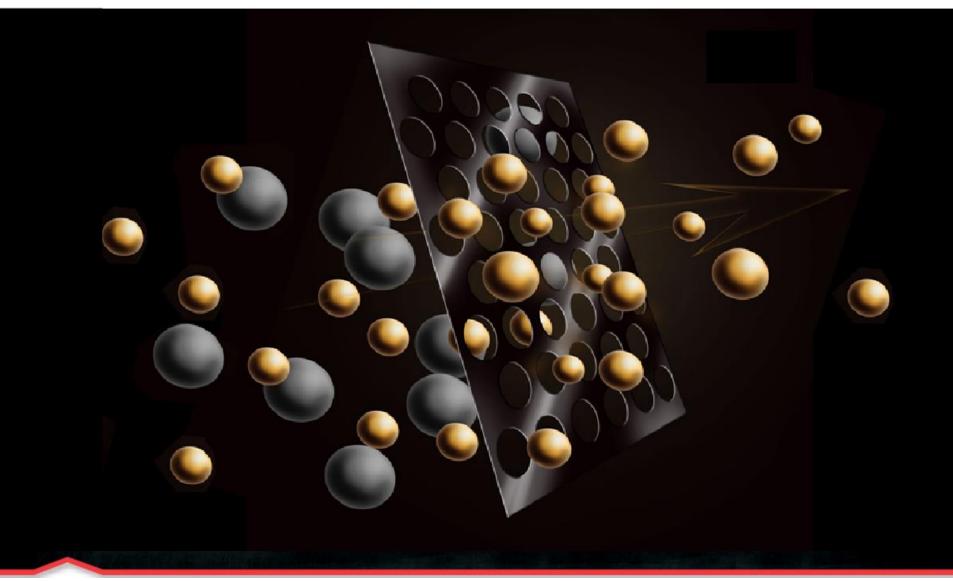
# Polyethylene: Higher Efficiency and Plant Throughput Through Improved Catalyst Design



Increasing Thermal Stability and Efficiency



## Next Generation Manufacturing Processes

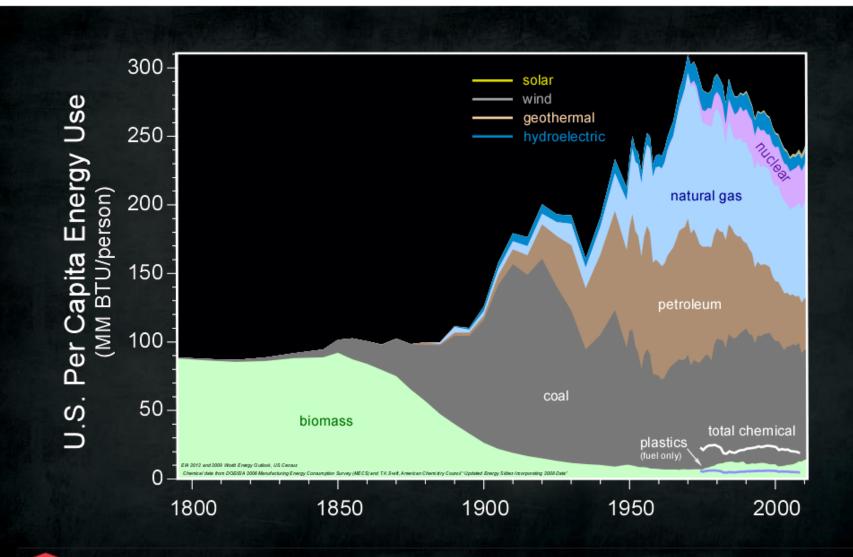






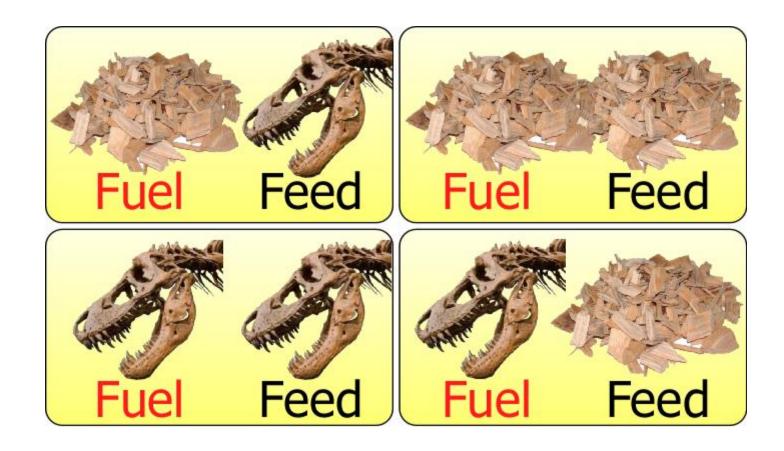


#### Per Capita Energy Use





#### **Two Carbon Flavors**





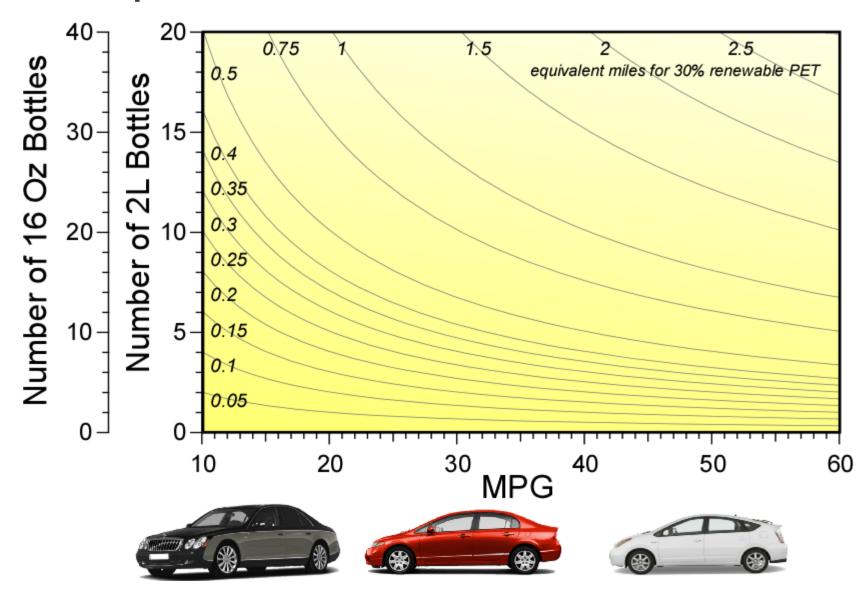
#### What Impact?



material	per capita consumption (lb/yr)	
PET packaging	17	
petroleum	6619	
natural gas	8037	
coal	6439	
gasoline	2495	
sand and gravel	13923	
cement	512	
iron ore	340	
salt	403	
beef	54.3	
chicken  data from HIS, 2012 ERS	55.7 USDA, 2011 National Mining Assoc., World Bank	



#### **PET Comparison**





# **FILMTEC™** Modules for Water



Process	Operating Energy Consumption (Kwh/m³)	Customer Energy Savings 2005-2015 (Barrels of Oil-eq)
Multi Stage Flash (MSF)	13.5 - 25.5	242 million
Multi Effect Distillation (MED)	6.5 – 11	82 million
Reverse Osmosis	3 - 3.5	



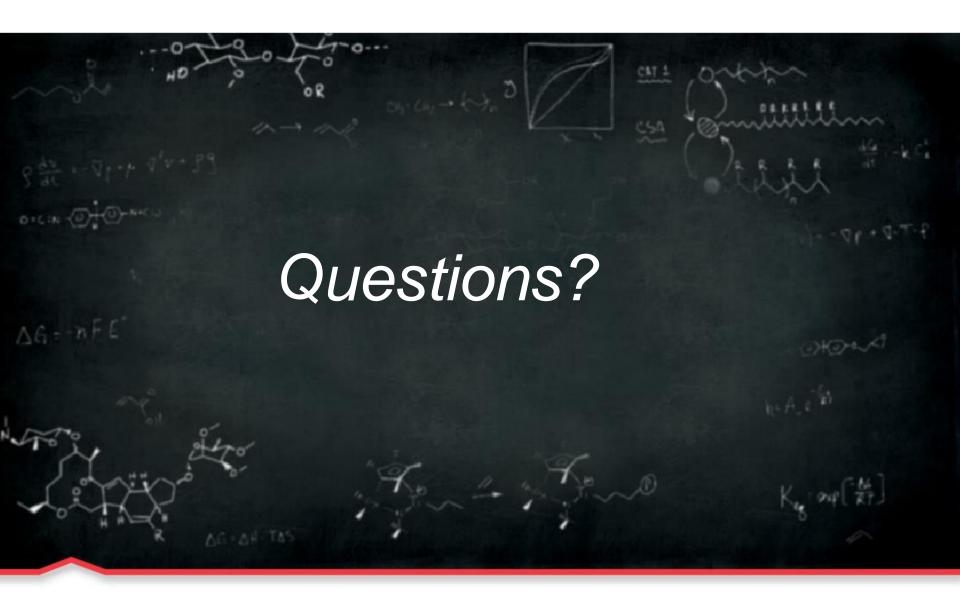
# Go After the 21,000 lbs





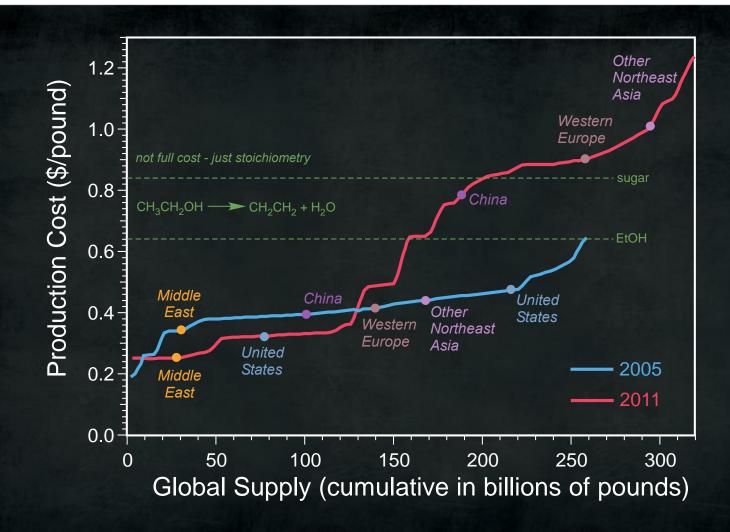


#### The End





#### **Shale Gas Impact**



Owen Kean and T.K. Swift, American Chemistry Council, "Industry-Transforming Natural Gas into Products", National Academy Forum on Unconventional Gas, 11 September 2012.



#### Which is environmentally better?



A vegan in a Hummer

