

# Shifting trade patterns and North American methanol expansions

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Snapshot on US spot market Shale gas and methanol production Shifting trade patterns in N. American market

CTO/MTO process and economics Methanol as a non-traditional olefin feedstock Coal: China's feedstock advantage for feedstock production Q&A

## Spot methanol FOB USG

Cents/gal

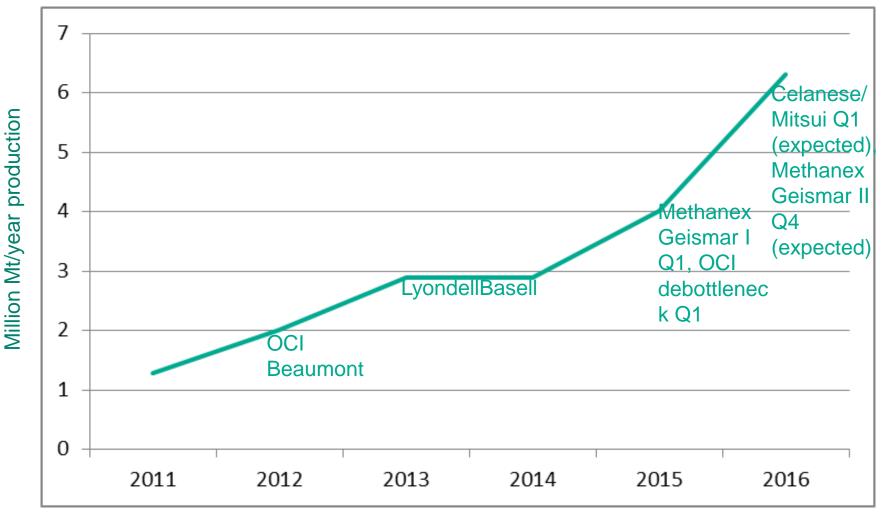




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## How much new production?



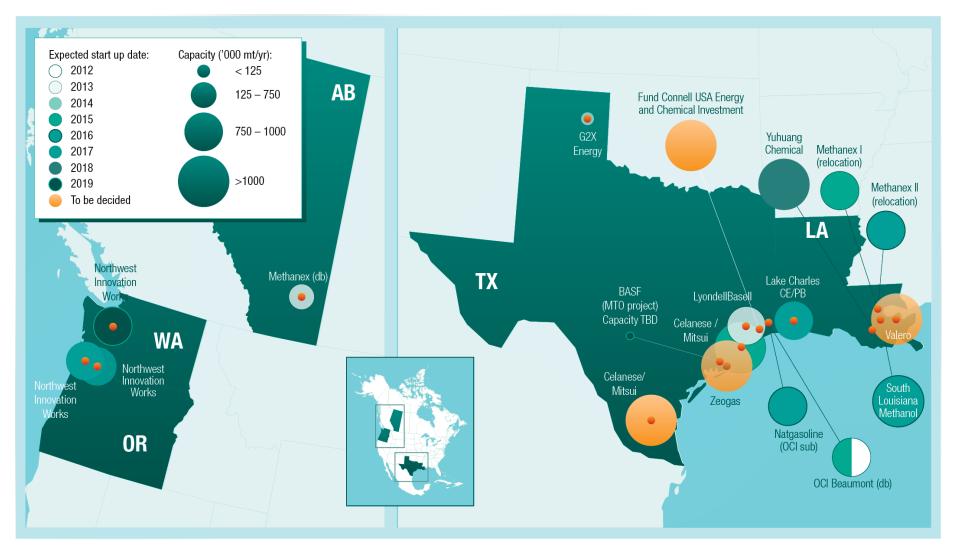
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## North American methanol projects

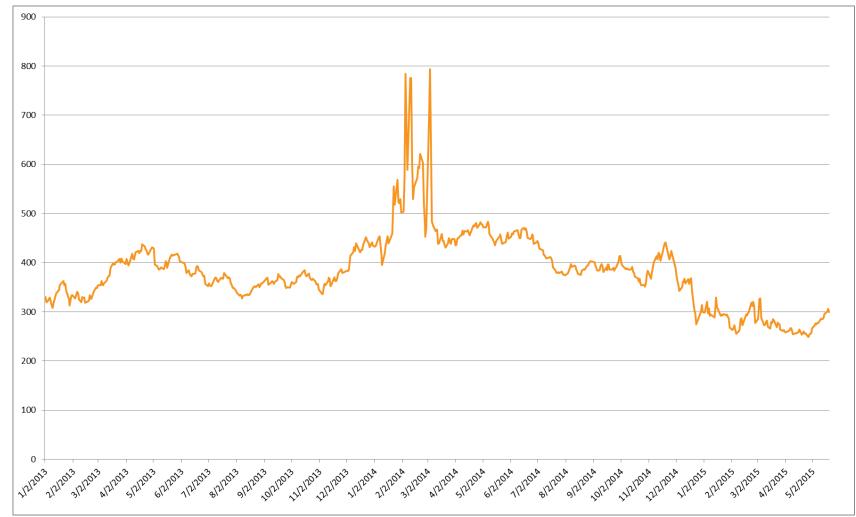




## Henry Hub

Cents/gal





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## Methanol spot price v Henry Hub







- Once US production outpaces demand, product has to go somewhere, which leads to several questions...
- Where will balance of North American production after 2016 go?
- Where will Trinidad & Tobago material go?
- Will pricing move lower once the new capacity is online?

## Increased European demand





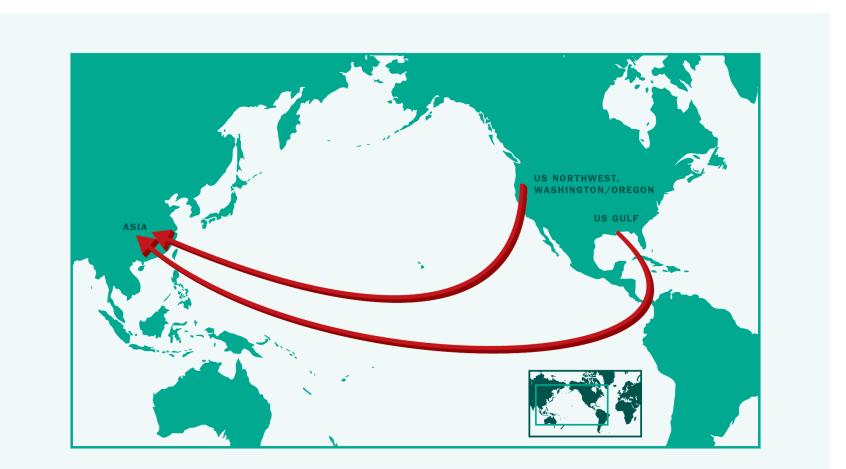
## Increased South American demand





## Asia MTO/CTO demand







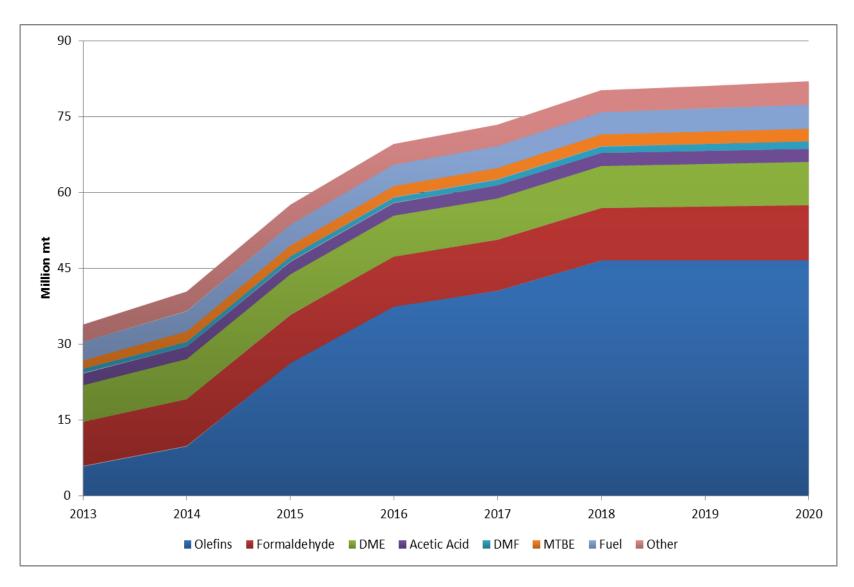
# How China's MTO push impacts Global Methanol Trade

MTO and CTO basics

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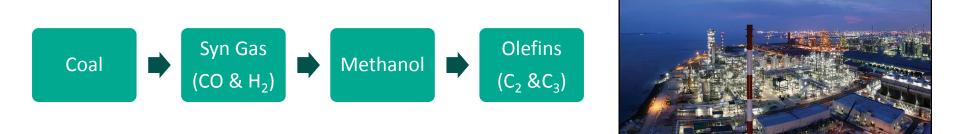
## Methanol Consumption in China





## CTO/MTO Process





#### • Coal gasification, syngas cleaning, methanol synthesis, olefins polymerization

- Coal is synthesized in a gasifier to produce the synthetic gas
- Syngas is then converted into methanol
- Transformation into olefins



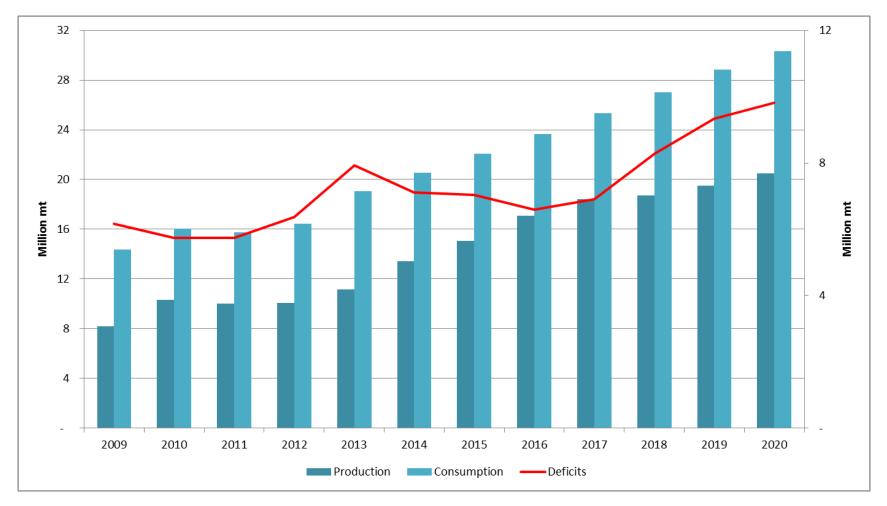




- Movement away from oil feedstock in petrochemicals
  - Oil imports account for about 60% of China's demand
- Coal mining diversification as traditional downstream coal demand levels off
  - More than 70 per cent of China's miners are losing money (China Coal Industry Association)
- Power generators looking for non-regulated investments with higher margins
- Job creation in poor regions

## China's PE Deficits

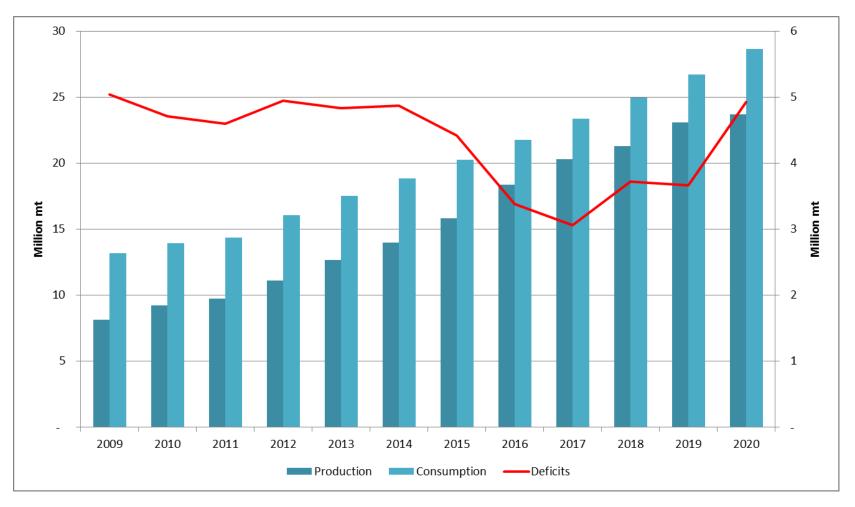




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## China's PP Deficits





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#### Challenges

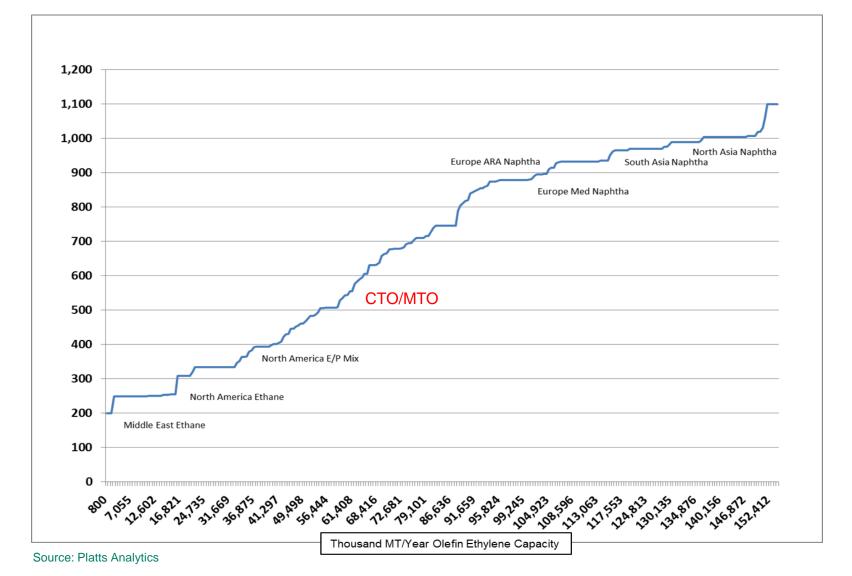
- High Capital Costs
- •Consumes ~40 mt of fresh water to produce 1 mt of olefins
- •Water depleted in production regions
- •Near coal mines away from coast
- •MTO projects relies on imports

#### Benefits

- Higher return on investment
- Abundant feedstock for CTO projects
- Lower Feedstock (Coal) Prices
- Lower cash cost for producing 1 mt of ethylene

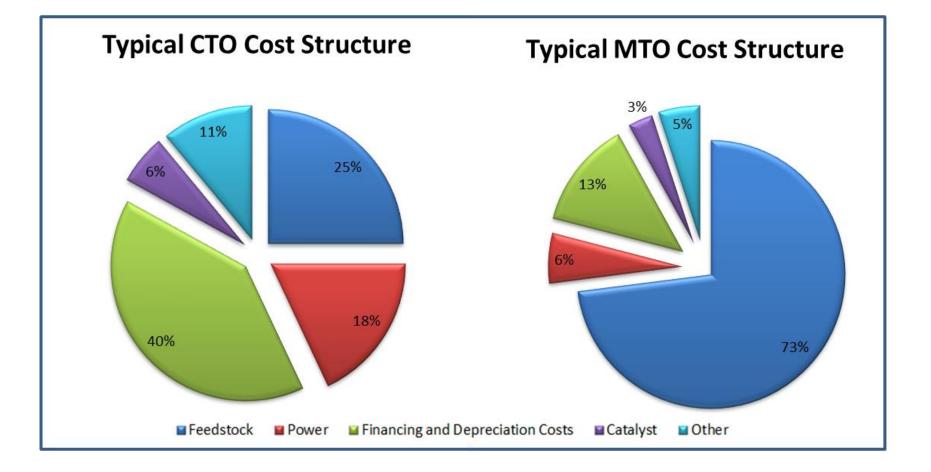
## **Global Ethylene Production Cost Curve**





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## CTO/MTO Projects

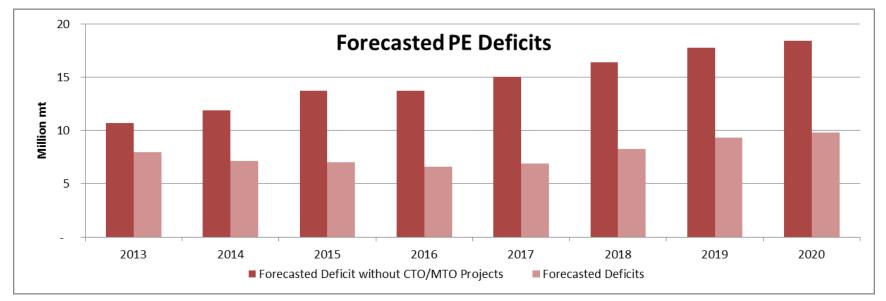


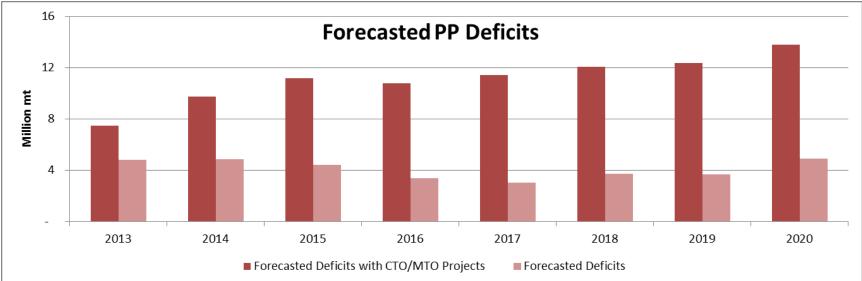
#### CHINESE CTO/MTO/MTP PROJECTS



## Domestic Impact of CTO/MTO

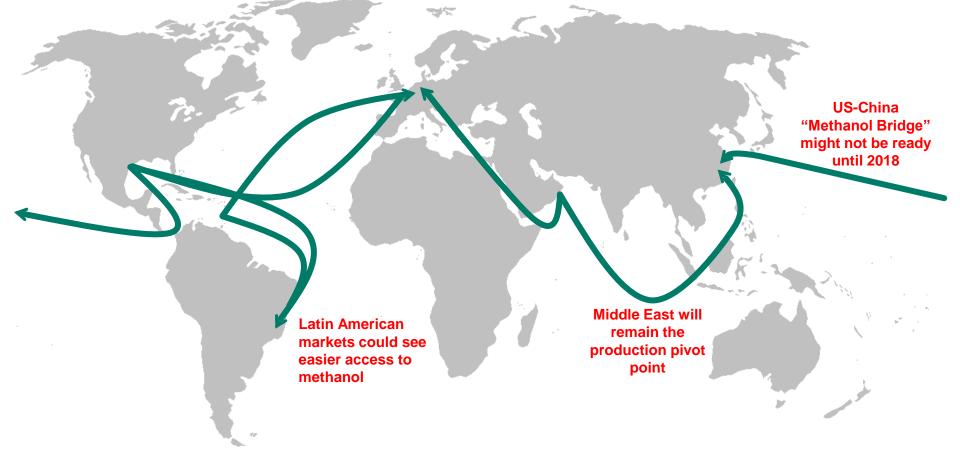






## Trade Scenario







- New builds in North America and soaring demand in China setting the stage for shifts in global trade patterns
- Methanol will move from Americas to China
- Latin American markets could see easier access to methanol
- Despite greater availability of methanol, pricing not expected to decline significantly



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