



# ICIS Global Base Oil Scenarios 2019

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Expected New Capacities / Capacity Contractions

Shutdown

Last Update (UTC)	Region	Country / Territory	Company	Site	Plant No.	Total Annual Capacity	Cause	Outage Start Date	Start Date Source	Outage End Date	End Date Source	Total Outage Days	Total Capacity Loss	Force Majeure	Latest Article
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- A. The Current Base Oil Landscape
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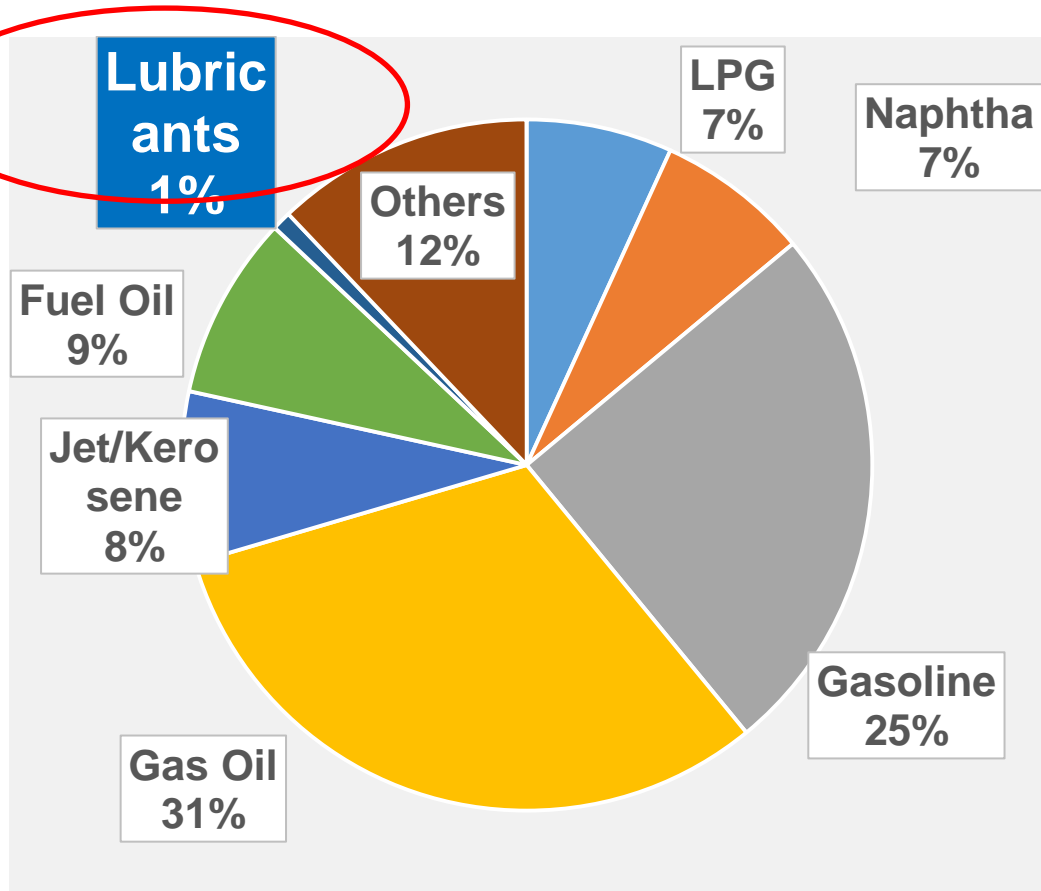
## Base Oils: the current Landscape



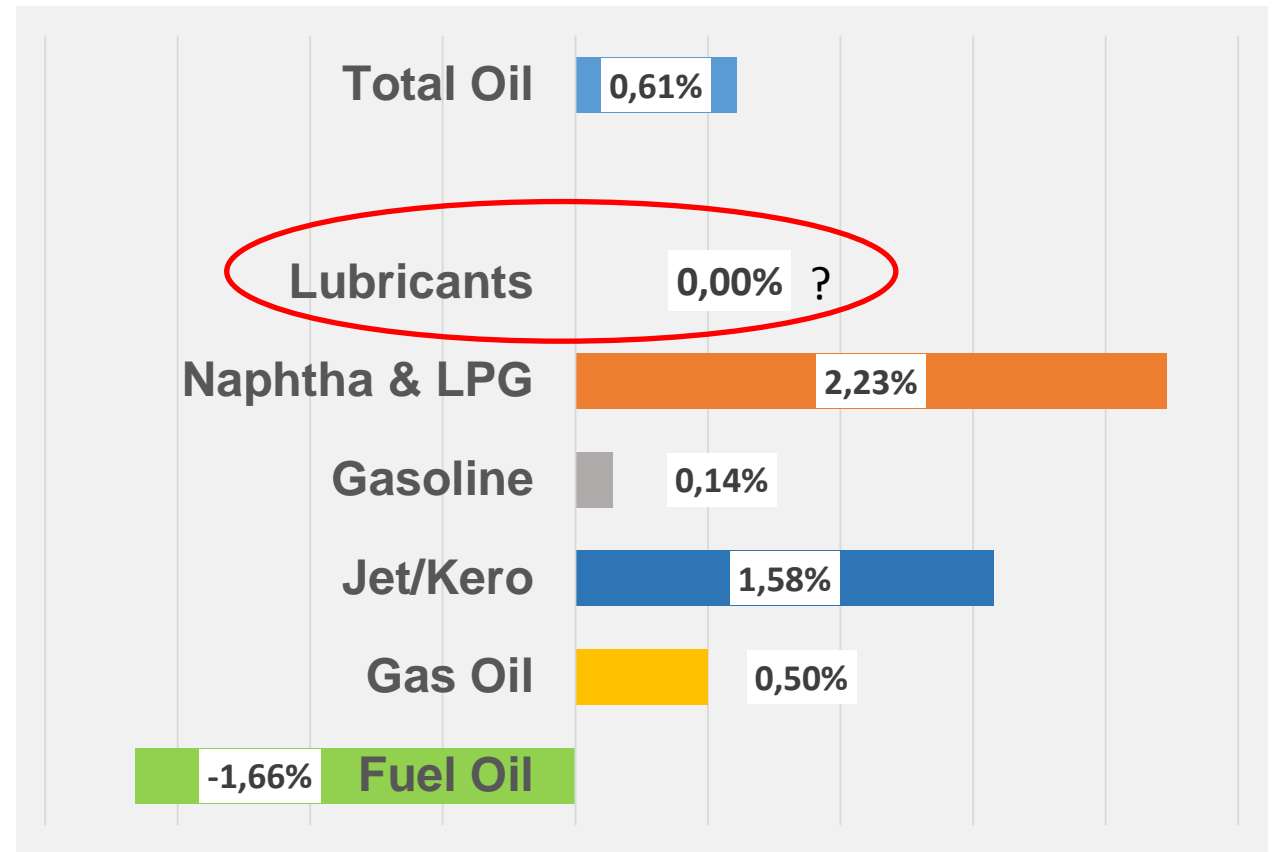
# Global Oil Demand Developments: a Refiners' perspective

## We all know...Base Oil is a tiny piece...

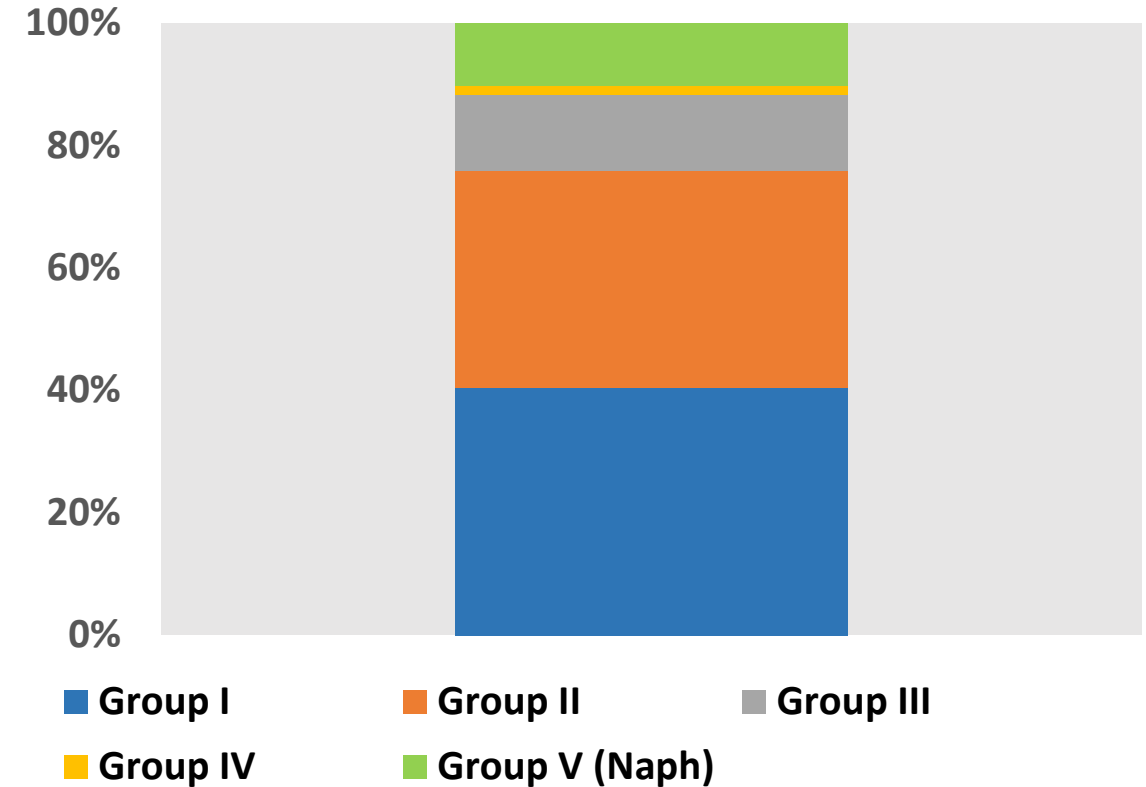
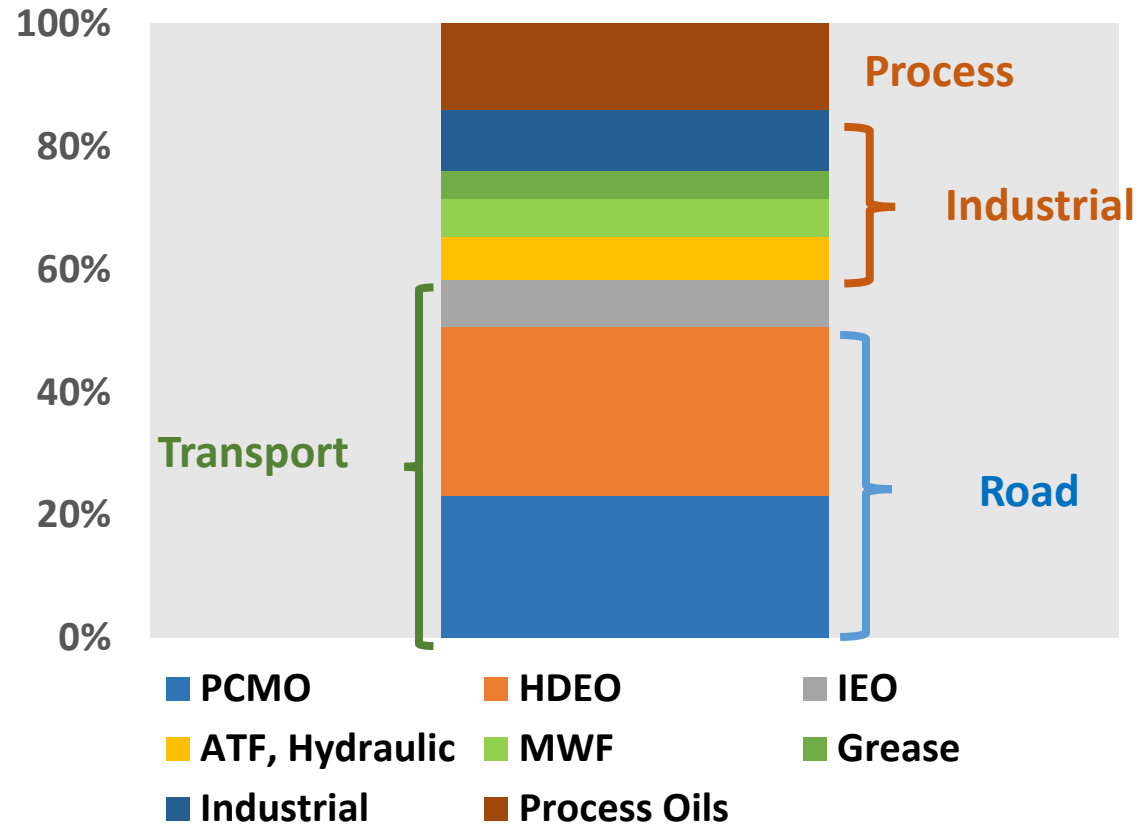
2018 Oil Demand Profile



AAGR% - 2018 - 2040

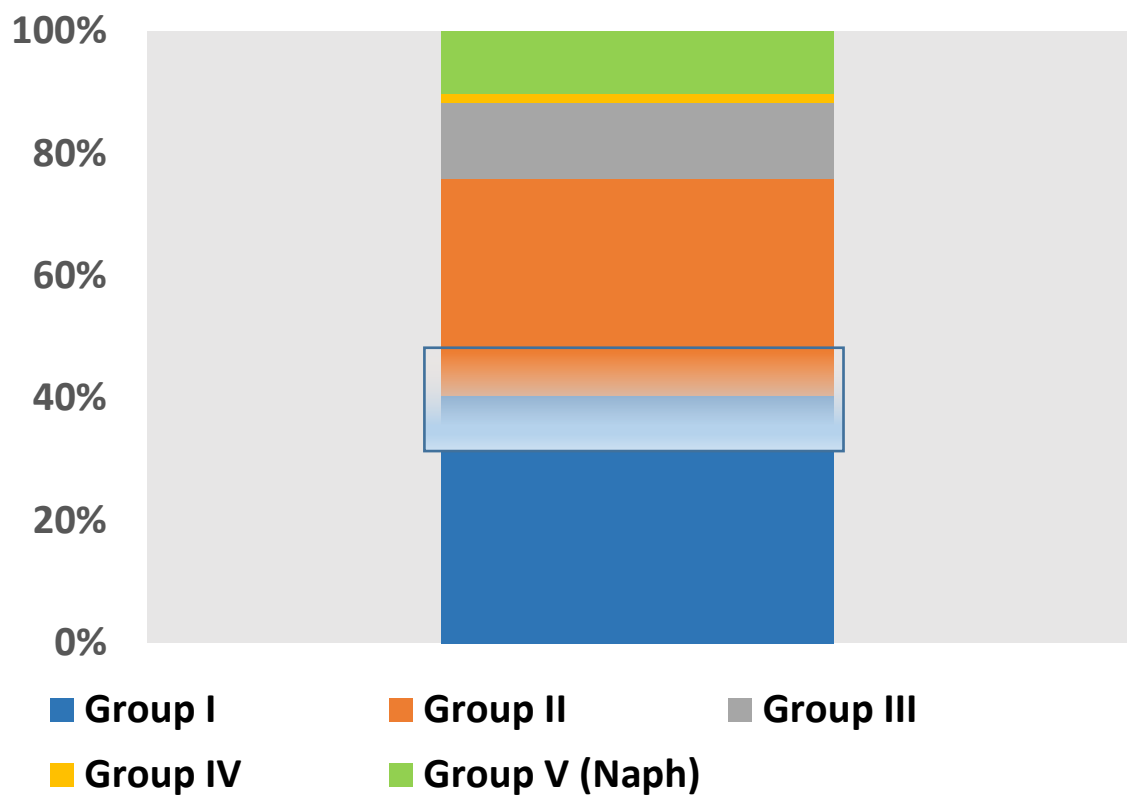
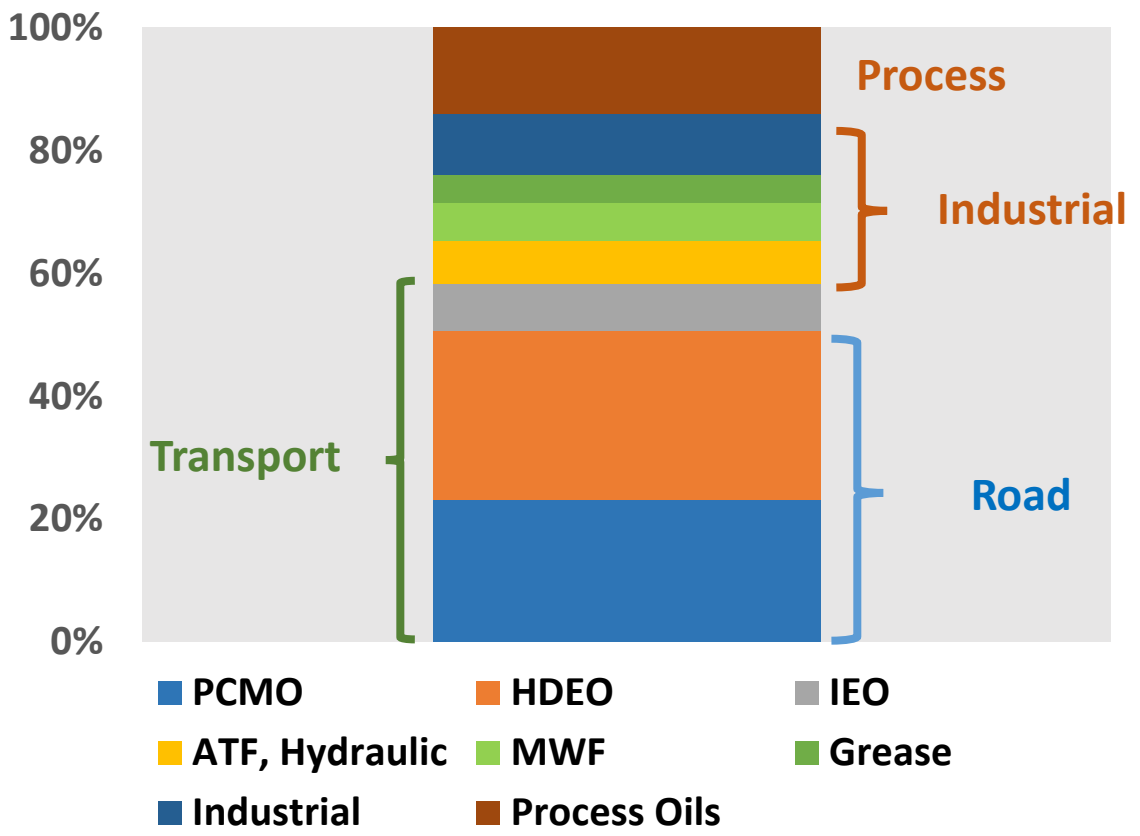


# From Lubricants to Base Oils: Global 2017 Demand Profile



Diverse end uses, with Transportation still key driver. Group I and Group II the main Products today

# Global Base Oil Demand Profile: 2017

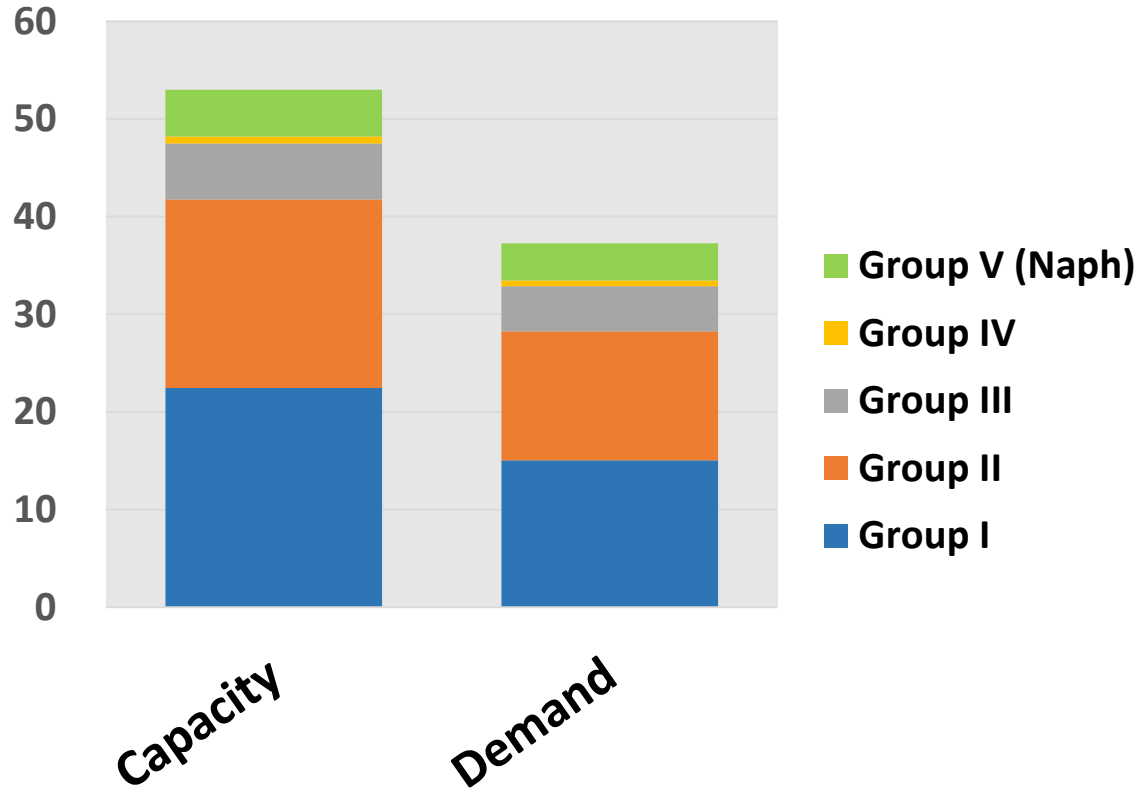


The analysis has considered the “Group I/II overlap”, allocating demand to each group.  
 A “Group II/III overlap” also requires considerations

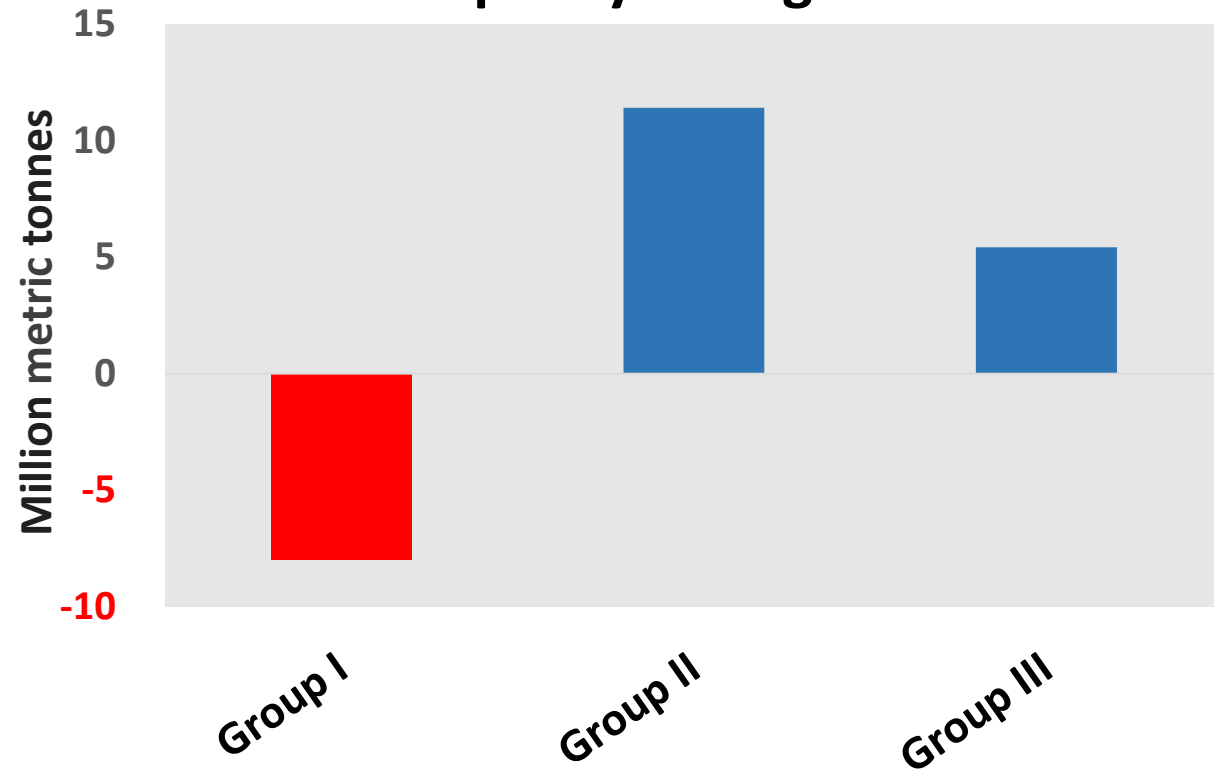
# Global Base Oil Capacity vs Demand: ample avails

## Current Profile

Million metric tonnes



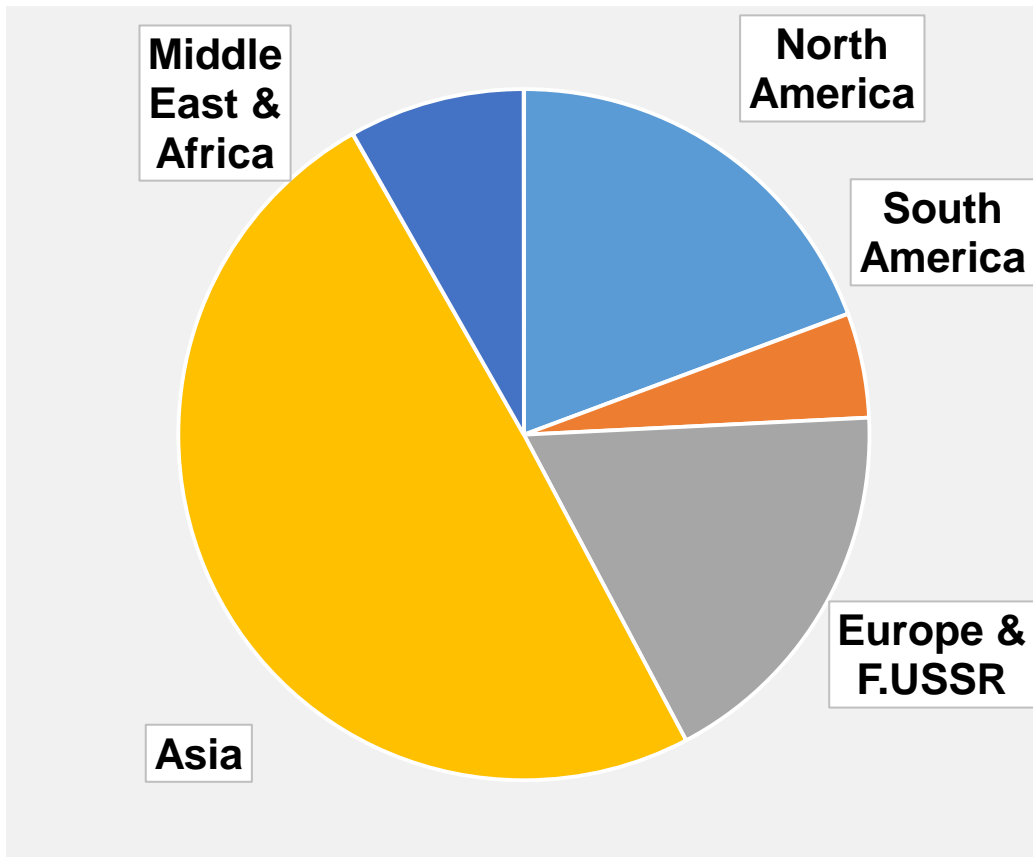
## Last Decade: Capacity Changes



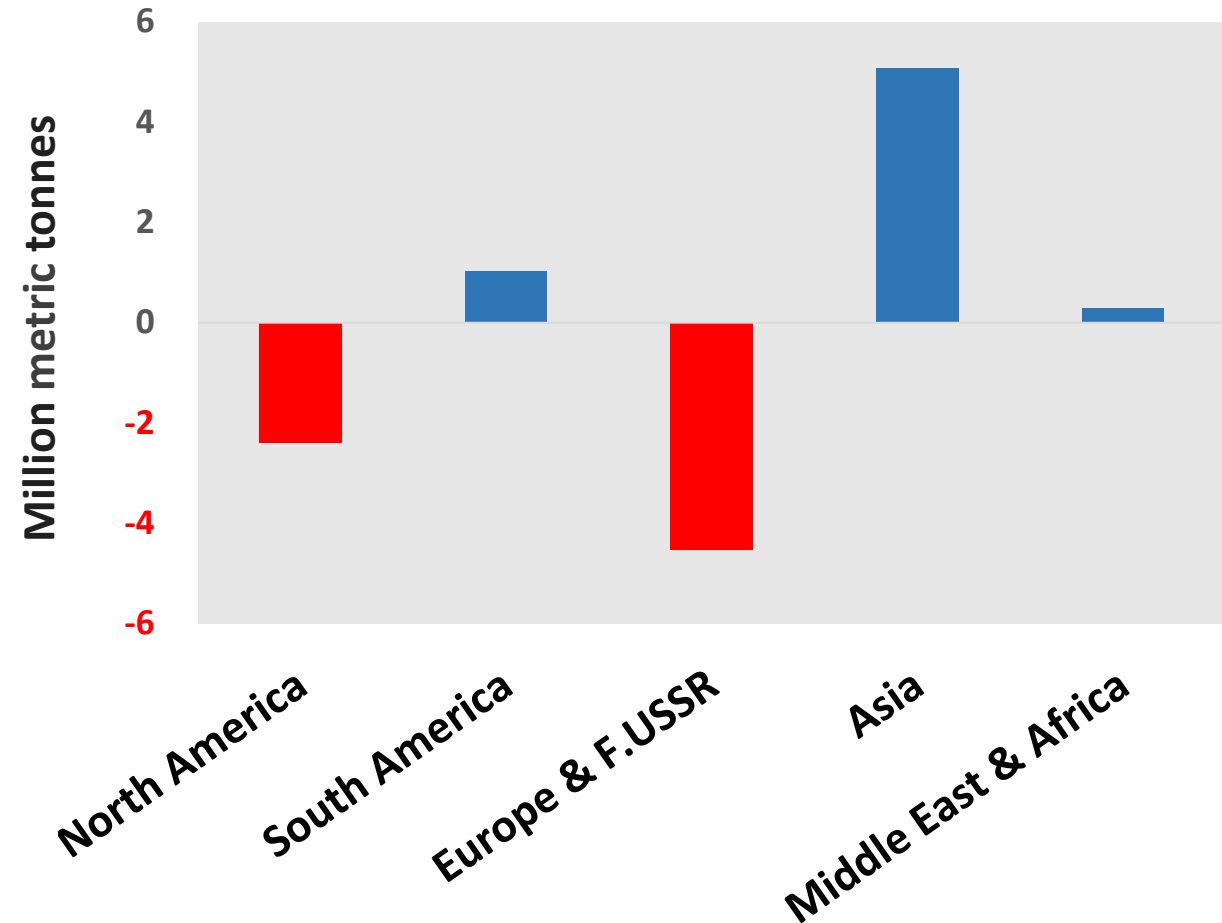
Demand driven rationalization on traditional grades, but sizeable increases taking place...

# Recent Developments in Global Base Oil Demand: Asia Dominates

## Current Demand Profile: ~ 37 MMt

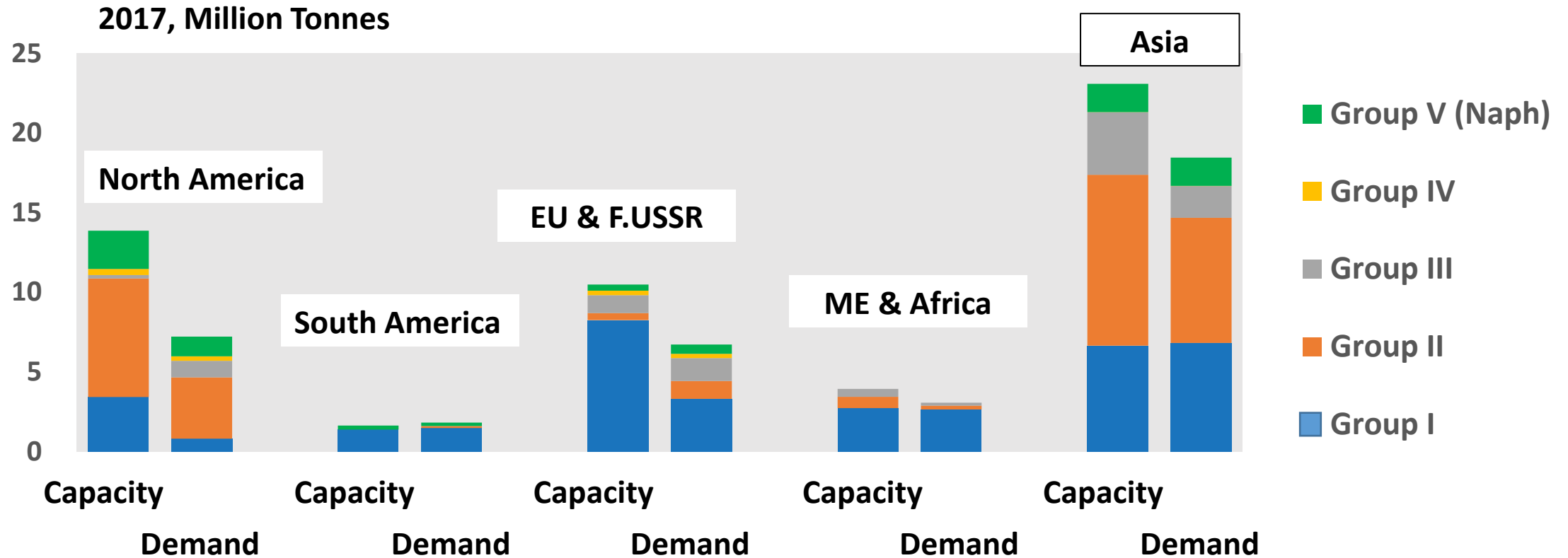


## Last Decade: Incremental Demand by Region



Growth in Asian and developing economies barely compensated for loss of demand in mature markets

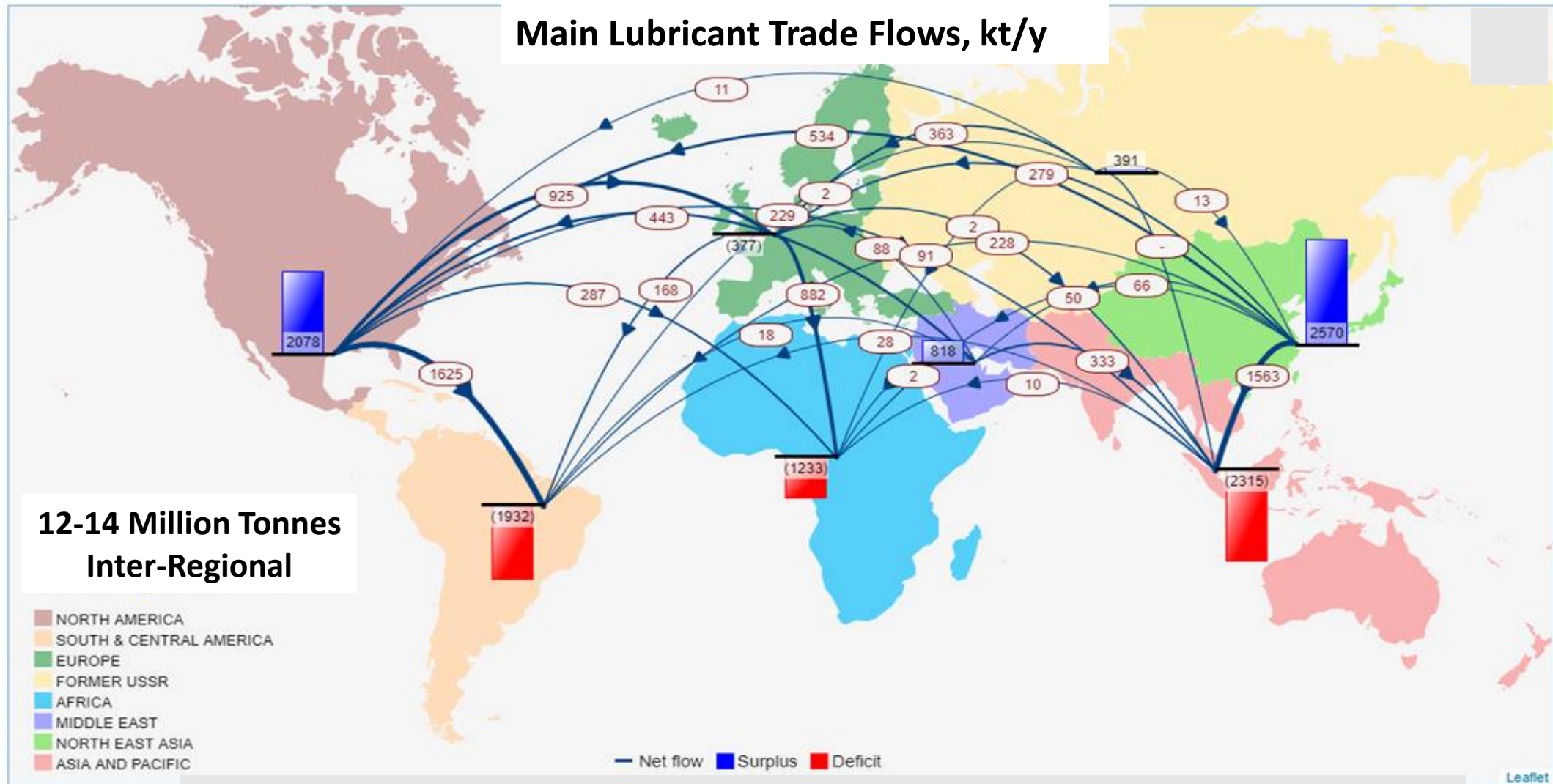
# Global Base Oil Capacity vs Demand: Regional Dimensions



Regional Imbalances are evident for all the key Groups, generating trade flows

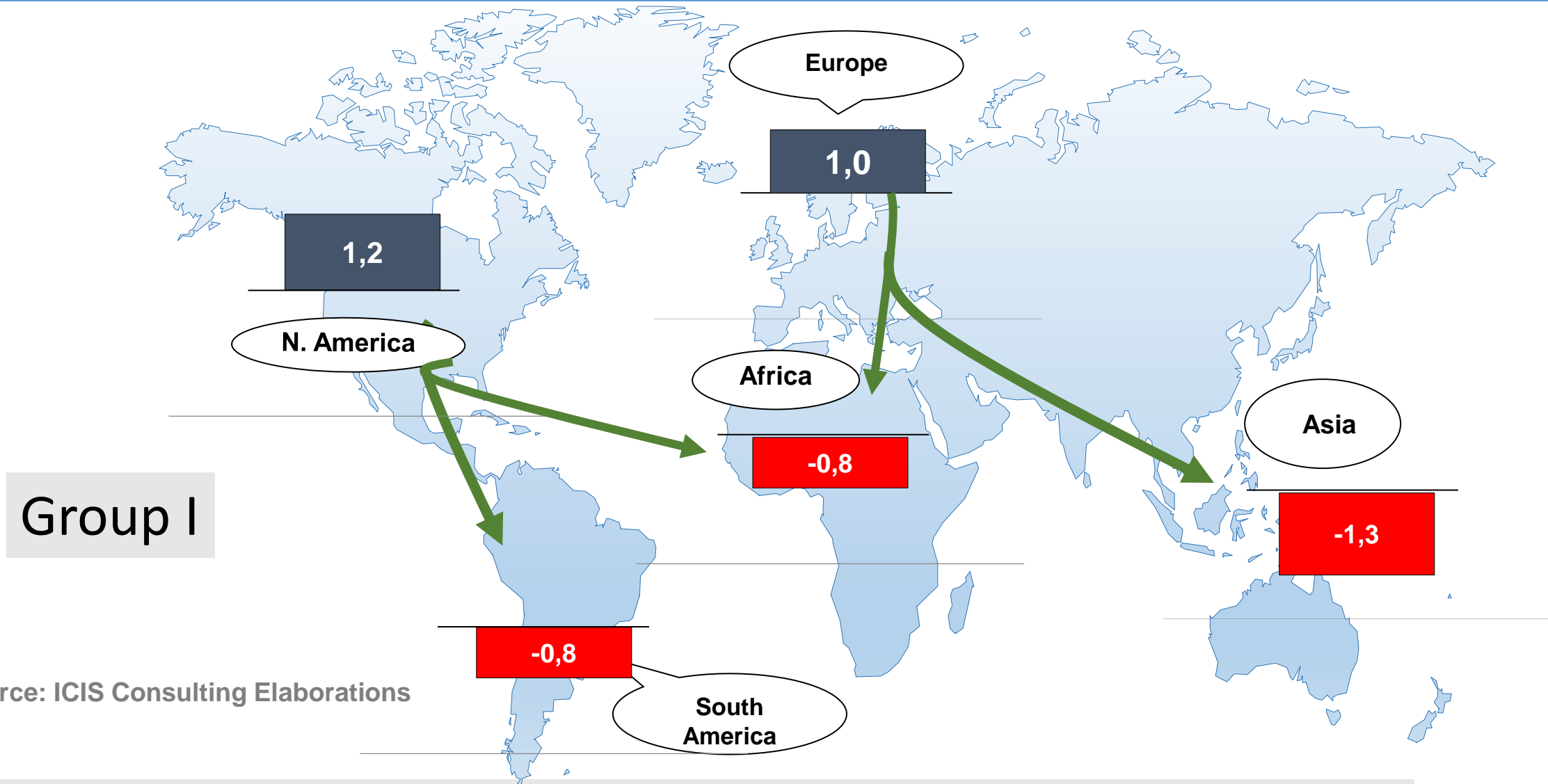
Note: 2017 Middle East capacity count is affected by plant closures (GTLs...), delays etc.

# Regional Trade



Largely traded, with evident “Supply and Demand Centers”

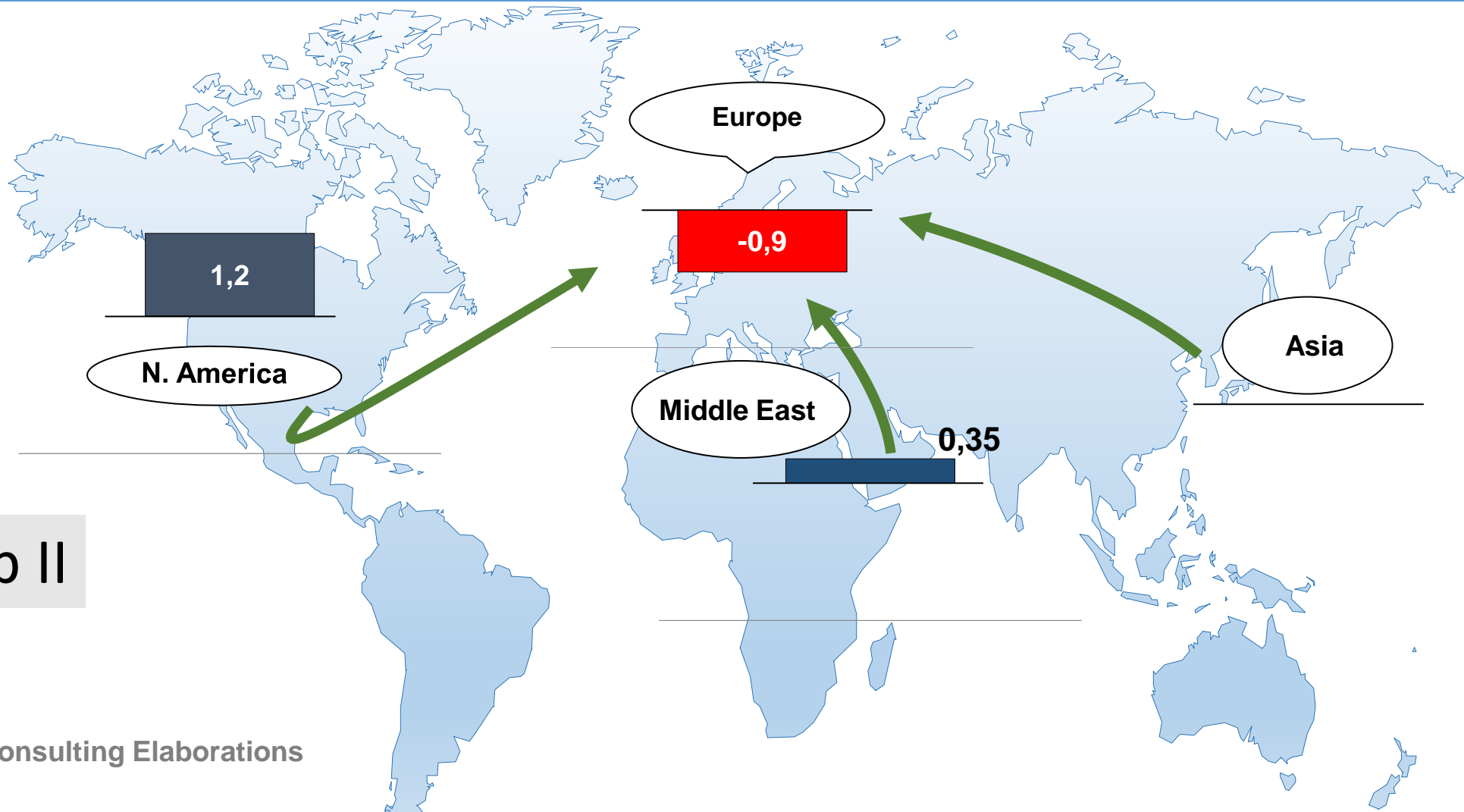
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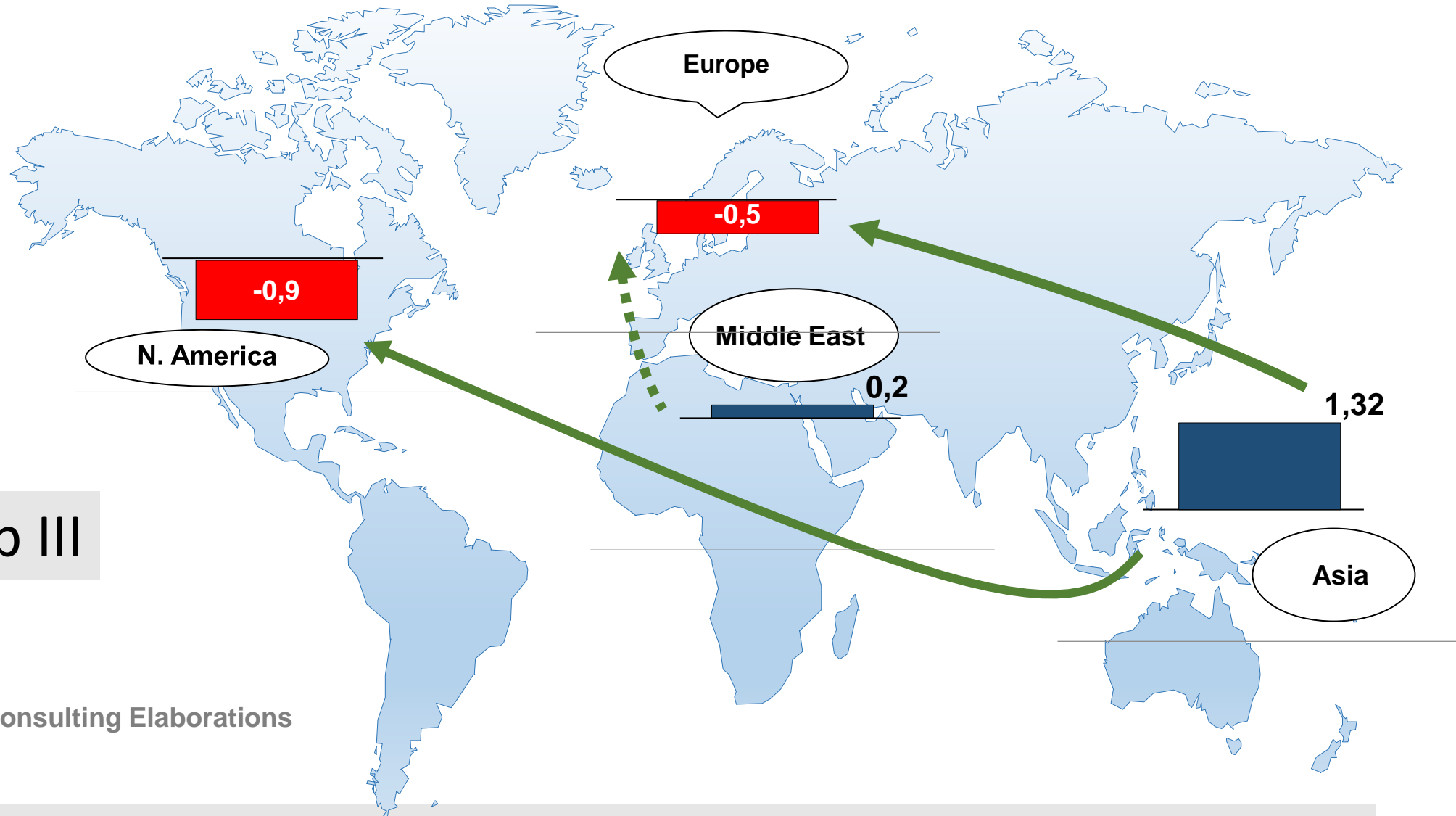
Group II

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Total Asia is balanced, but established outgoing flows from North East Asia 2017 supply ex M.East affected by plant closures, delays etc.

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# Key Trade movements: 2017 (Million Tonnes)



Group III

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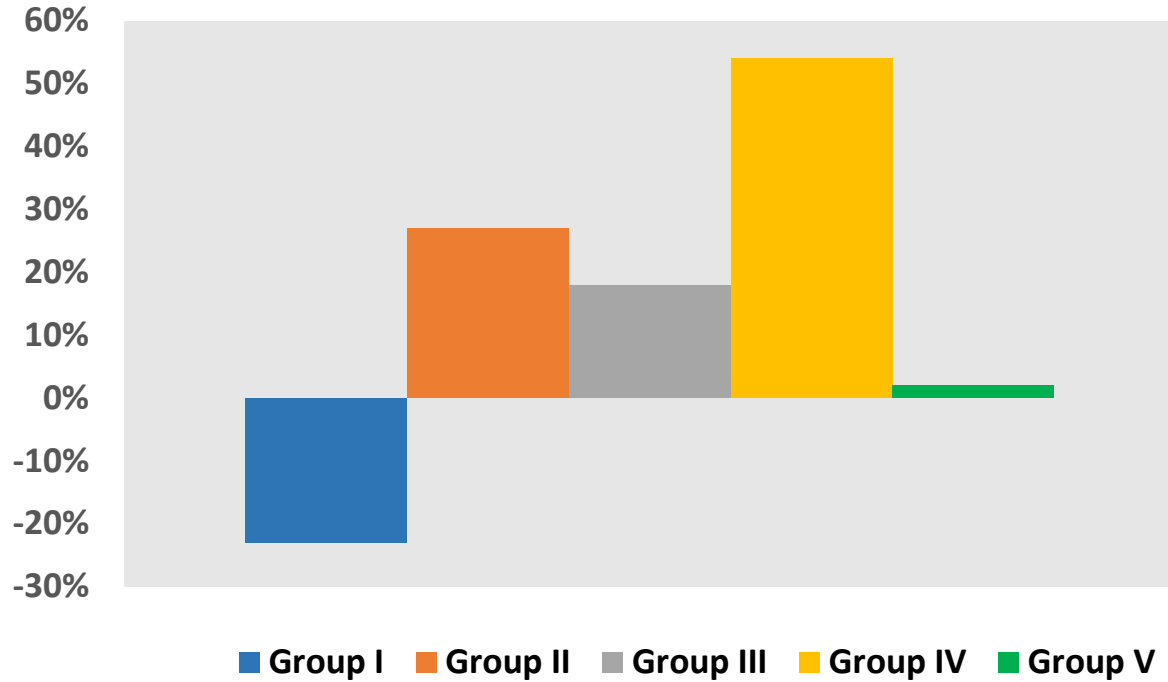
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## Base Oils: potential developments



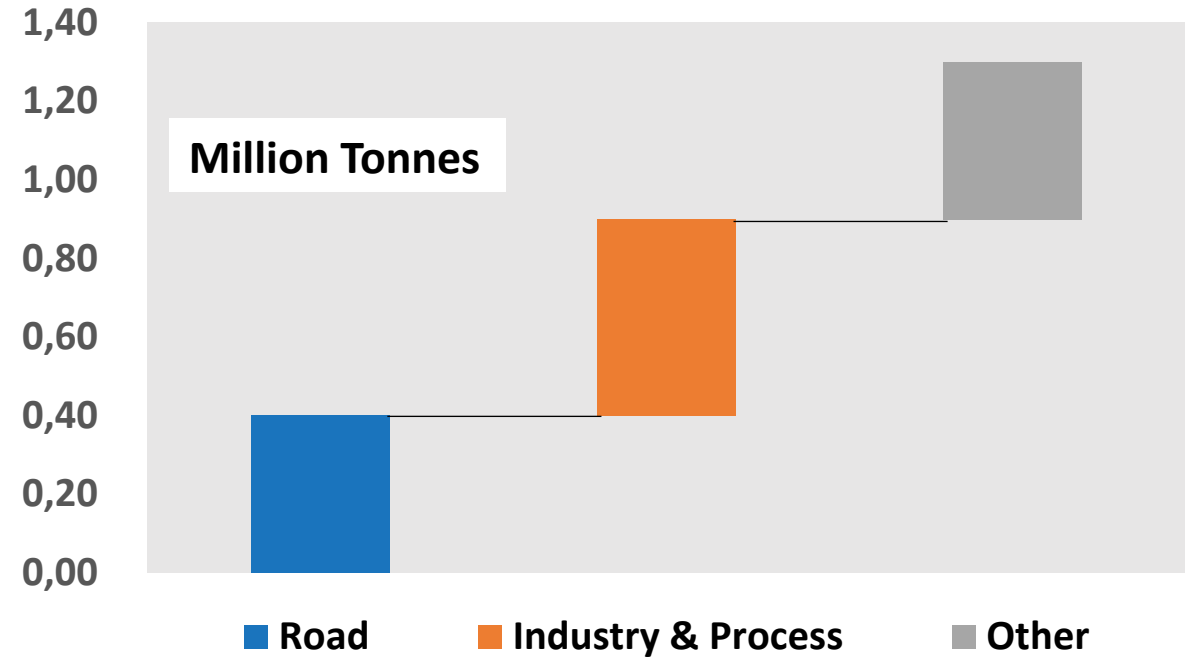
# Global Base Oils Demand Potential Developments 2017-2025

## Absolute Demand Growth %



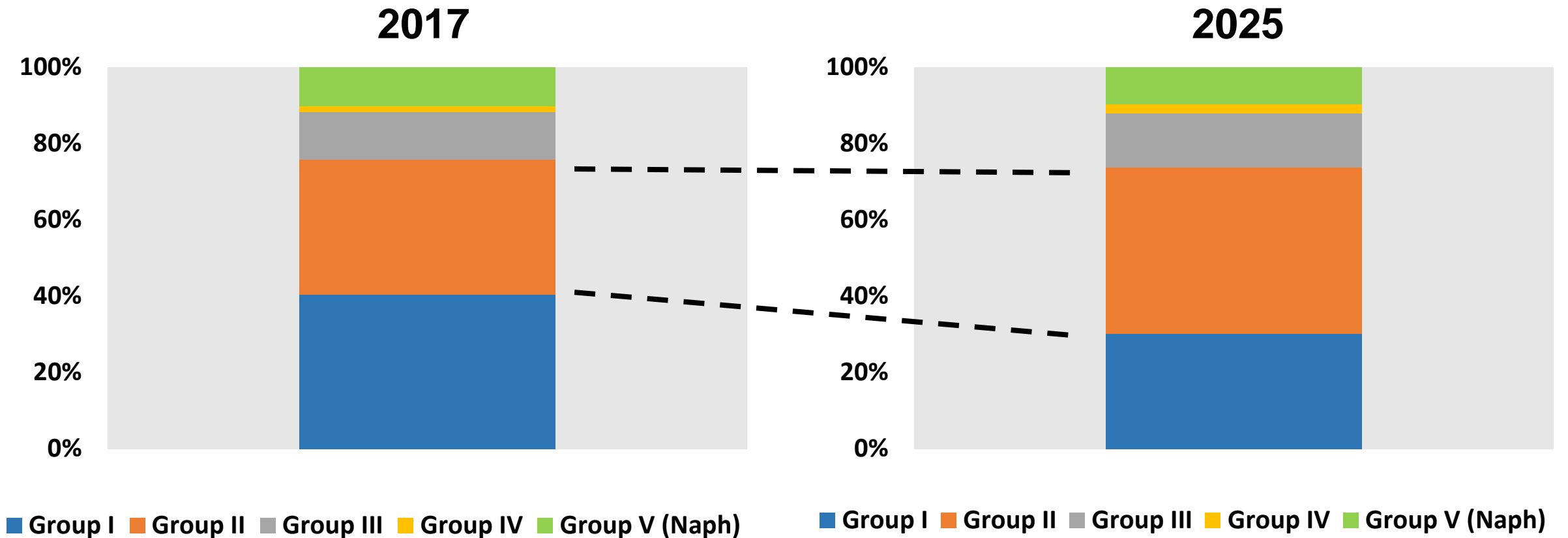
Group I affected by continuous penetration of Group II (quality requirements in selected applications). Group II also assumed as a potential economic alternative to Group III in specific segments, showing largest volume growth opportunity.

## Incremental 2017-2025 Growth by Sector



Mid Term growth supported by expanding car fleet in Asia, despite increased efficiencies with use of higher grades, with additional opportunities in Aviation. Demand still supported by expanding industrial sector. Longer term overall requirements expected to gradually decline

# Global Base Oil Demand: 2017 versus 2025

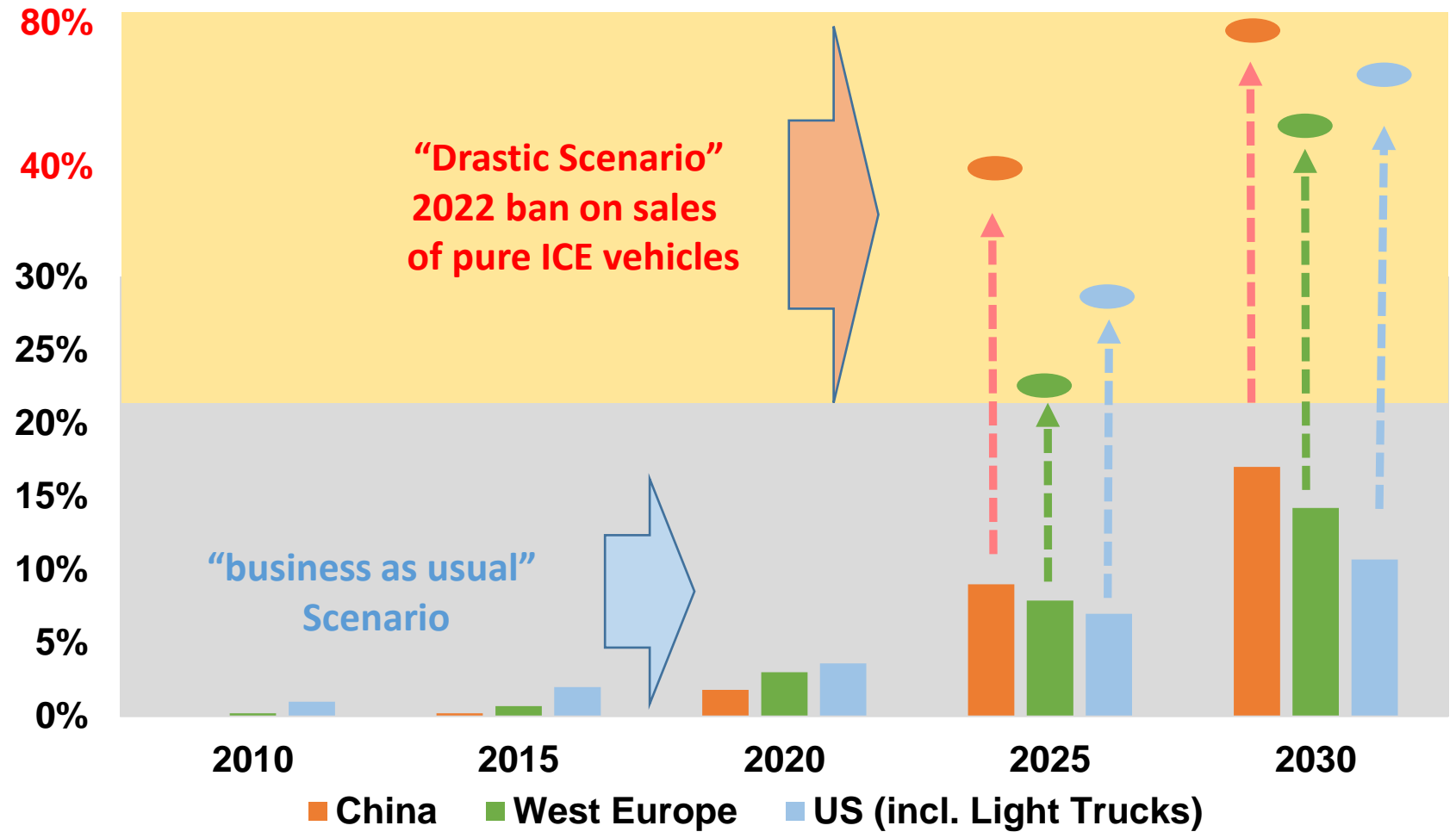


**Group II Becomes Major Grade on a global basis, but different Regional profiles will persist**

# A Key Demand Sensitivity

## EV Developments: a Base Case unlikely to impact on Base Oil Demand before 2025

### Passenger Vehicles Fleet's Electrification Scenarios Key Markets (Battery + all Hybrids)



- ▶ Future electrification scenarios may present huge variations in terms of ICE vehicles share on the road.
- ▶ A “business as usual” scenario would take a long time to replace conventional ICEs (hybrid would still use, albeit considerably downsized, ICEs)
- ▶ It would require a “Drastic” Scenario (i.e. assuming no pure ICE vehicles sales after 2022) to consistently bring electrification beyond 50% of the fleet by 2030
- ▶ The effect of this “Drastic” scenario would be faster in the Chinese market.

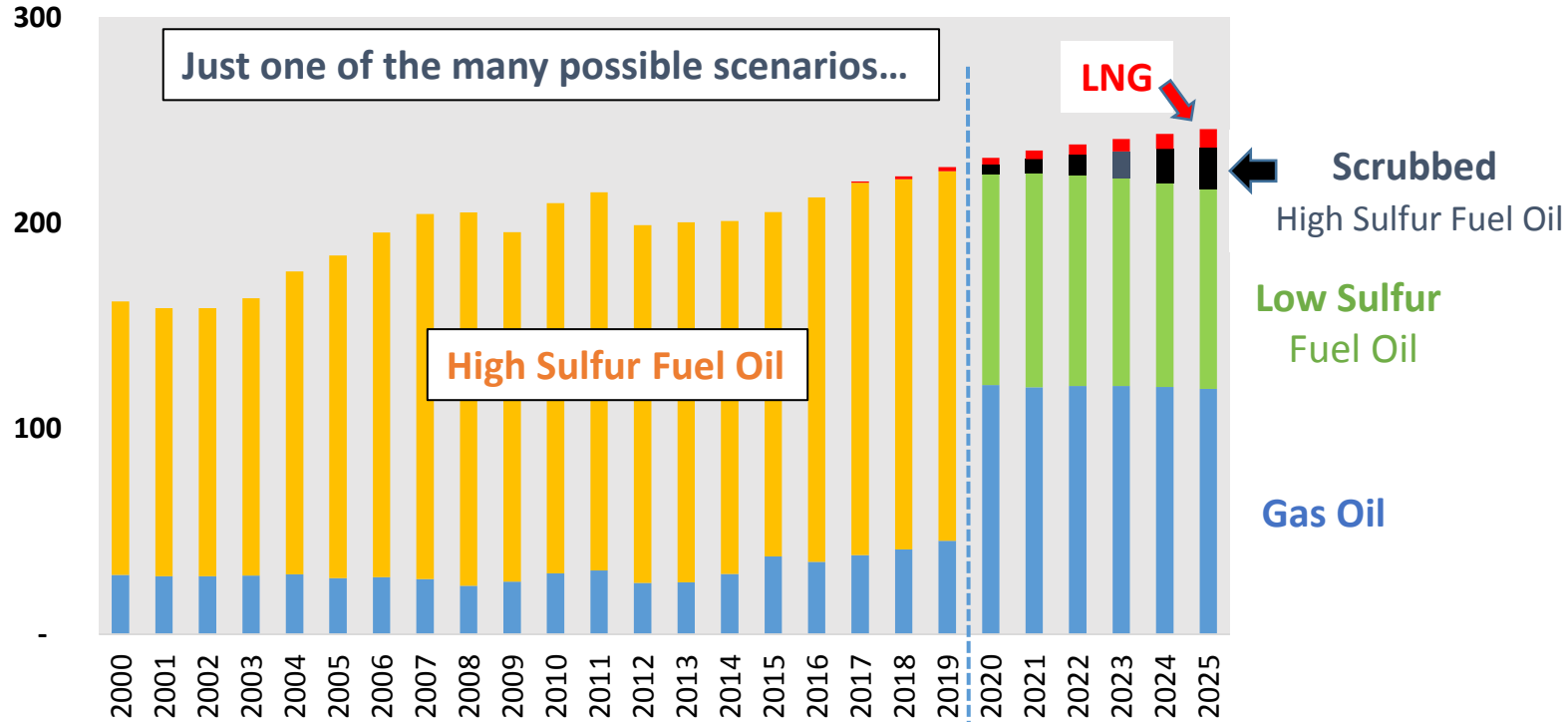
Source: various statistics with forecast and elaborations from ICIS Consulting

# A key **Supply Sensitivity**

## The IMO Impact is expected to be disruptive and will affect Base Oils

Global Bunker Demand by Fuel (Million Tonnes)

The short story...



### Group I Refineries most affected:

- Crude and VGO Feedstock likely more expensive
- Value of Fuel Oil linked co-products affected
- Lower yields of higher value Diesel
- ...different refineries will have different options

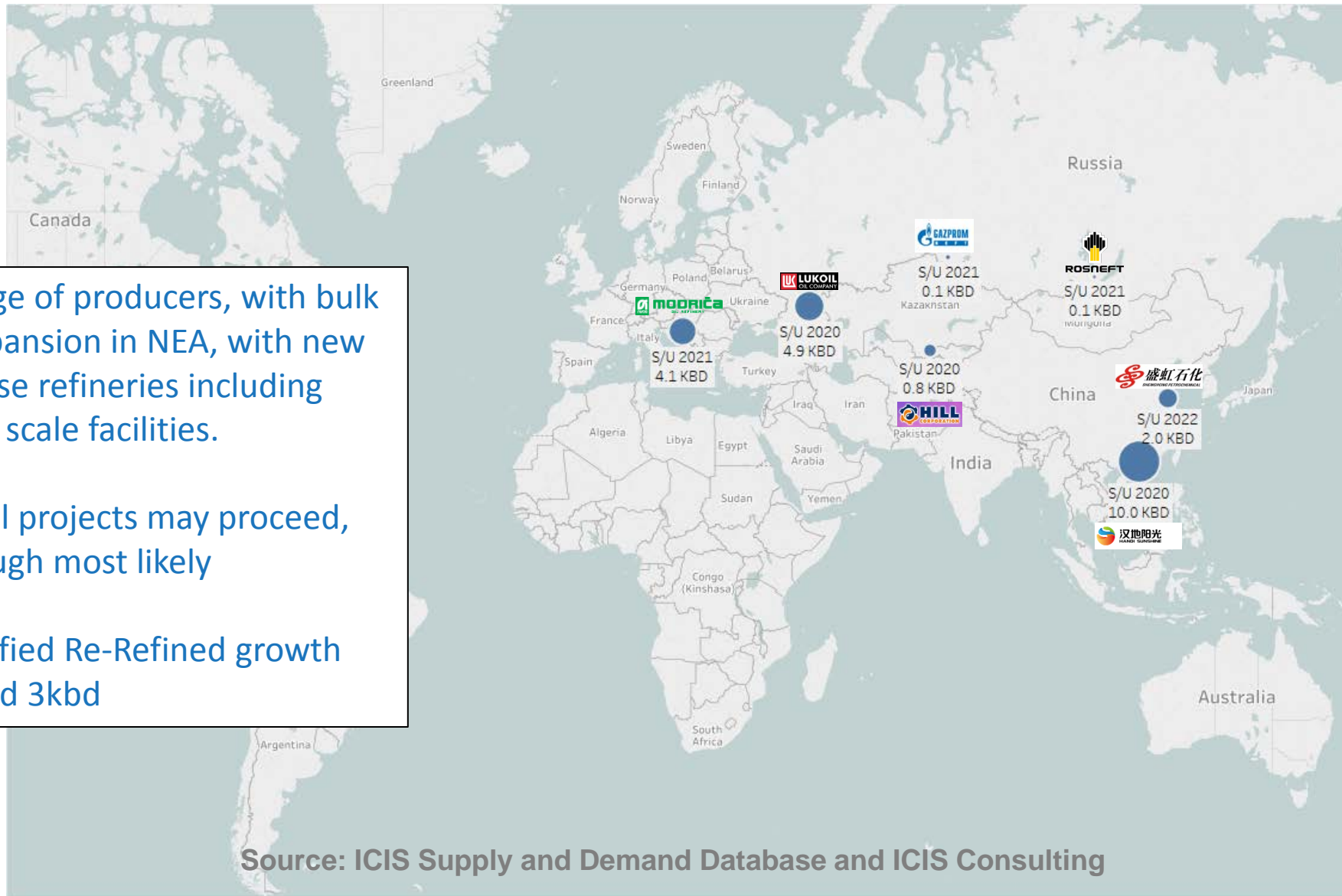
But higher cost freight rates will be there for everyone...

- ▶ **IMO 2020** rules focus on reducing SOx emissions from global shipping. They will require reducing global sulphur content in Fuel Oil for ships to a max 0.5% by Jan 1, 2020. Ships may also meet the SOx emissions requirements by using exhaust gas cleaning systems or “**scrubbers**”.
- ▶ “Straight run” production of **low sulfur fuel oil** is very limited, and production by “blending lower sulfur streams” not enough. VGO type of material likely to be in greater demand for bunkers, and lower sulfur/lighter crude more valuable.
- ▶ The shift away from High Sulfur Fuel Oil will require a major increase in demand for **Gas Oil** bunkers and call for the need of “cracking more fuel oil”. Lower sulphur gas oil (diesel) will be relatively more valuable. Heavier/higher sulphur crude to be valued relatively lower. “Deep Cracking” refineries, with large desulfurization capability will be economically advantaged.
- ▶ By 2025, contribution from **LNG** and from “**Scrubbers**” will still be limited. LNG based fleet needs time to develop, and Scrubbers additions not always a fit.



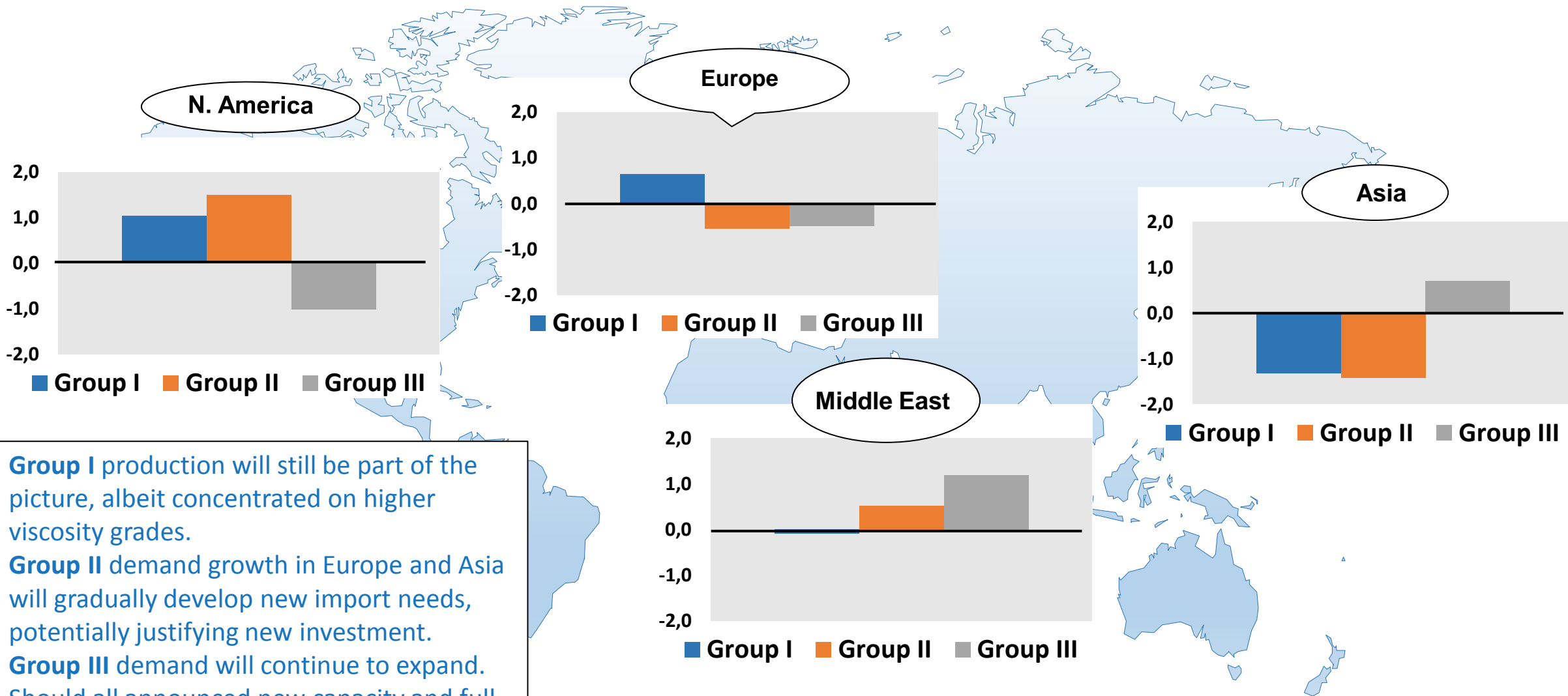
# New Group III Capacity

- A range of producers, with bulk of expansion in NEA, with new Chinese refineries including world scale facilities.
- Not all projects may proceed, although most likely
- Identified Re-Refined growth around 3kdb



Source: ICIS Supply and Demand Database and ICIS Consulting

# Key Potential Balances: 2025 (Million Tonnes)



- **Group I** production will still be part of the picture, albeit concentrated on higher viscosity grades.
- **Group II** demand growth in Europe and Asia will gradually develop new import needs, potentially justifying new investment.
- **Group III** demand will continue to expand. Should all announced new capacity and full Middle East capabilities take place, new requirements could be mostly satisfied

# Conclusions



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Base Oil Demand is expected to show moderate growth 'till 2025, but efficiency trends are expected to flatten or possibly even decrease demand longer term

- Asia will dominate future incremental demand, while mature markets will trend lower. In the key road sector, efficiency will be a major factor. The pace of “electrification” remains uncertain, and unlikely to affect Base Oil demand by 2025. But ignoring its potential could be a mistake...
- Group I decline is expected to continue, with Group II to become the dominant grade. New Group II capacity should be rapidly filled, while more rationalization will be necessary for Group I. The path for Higher Quality/Group will continue, increasing demand for Group III. Potential new investment, however, needs to be carefully evaluated. New trade developments may develop, with imbalances still expected to prevail around specific groups.
- The IMO 2020 will affect Group I refineries more than other Groups. This may call for a more “concentrated production” of the higher viscosity grades: “lighter streams” may have to look at the fuel pool. Overall, long haul Base Oil exporter will be affected by higher freight costs.

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