

The Magic of Petroleum



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The Prize

- In 1970, several major US oil companies paid the government millions of dollars for oil-drilling rights off the coast of Oregon and Washington
- They drilled three holes, then abandoned the operation, losing millions of dollars

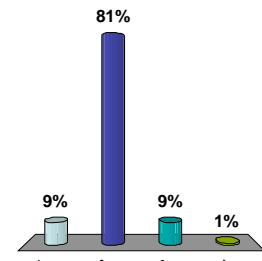


What went wrong?

- They forgot the story about the Texas county that produced oil after 30 dry holes were drilled
- They did not listen to the economists telling them that the amount of oil discovered depends on the number of dollars spent on the search
- Environmentalists were better organized in Oregon and Washington than anywhere else
- There was really bad news in those three holes
- All/None of the above

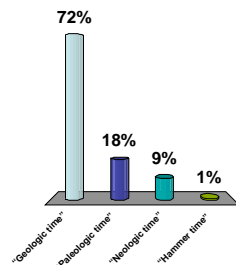
A key concept in the reading was...

1. Hubbert's folly
2. Hubbert's peak
3. Hubbert's equilibrium
4. Hubbert's squash



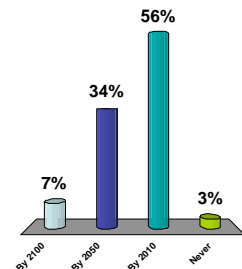
The time scale relevant for oil formation is known as

1. "Geologic time"
2. "Paleologic time"
3. "Neologic time"
4. "Hammer time"



The author of the article argues that world oil production will decline

1. By 2100
2. By 2050
3. By 2010
4. Never



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Outline



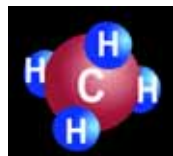
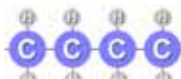
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- II. Petroleum - A Strategic Natural Resource

I. Where does petroleum come from?



What is petroleum?

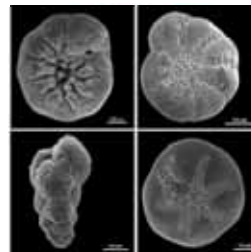
- **Petroleum:** A general term for all naturally occurring hydrocarbons (hydrogen + carbon)
- **Solid Hydrocarbons:** Asphalt
- **Liquid Hydrocarbons:** Crude oil
- **Gas Hydrocarbons:** Natural Gas: methane, butane, propane, etc.



The simplest hydrocarbon is Methane (CH₄)

1. Source Rocks

Organic Matter



- Sedimentary rocks rich in organic matter
 - 0.5 - 2% by weight
- Most commonly microscopic marine material, but it can be land based material
- Organic material cannot decay too much
 - It has to keep its carbon

1. Source Rocks

Modern Sedimentary Basins

- Gulf of Mexico
- Parts of the Mediterranean and Black Sea



2. Transform organic matter

Add heat and pressure by burying it (**Maturation**)

PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS FORMATION



They eat plants and animals that and were buried on the ocean floor. Over time, they were covered by layers of silt and sand.

3. Carrier beds

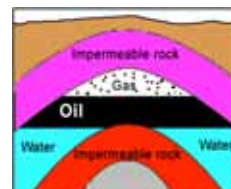
Oil on the move

- Oil is less dense than water and will rise through the fluid system of the surrounding rock
- **Carrier beds** are rock layers that allow fluids to pass through them
 - Ex: Sandstone
- If petroleum stays buried, it can become post-mature



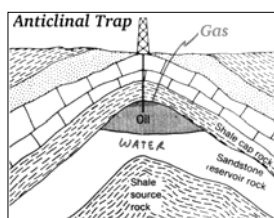
4. Traps

- If nothing stops oil from rising, it will reach surface
 - Ex: The La Brea tar pits
- **Traps** can be rocks that do not allow fluids to pass through them, or folds and faults in the rock can trap petroleum



5. Reservoir rocks

The oil needs to be trapped in a good place



- A good reservoir rock is:
 - **Porous:** holes
 - **Permeable:** holes are connected
 - so that its fluids can be **produced** (removed from them)

6. Proper timing

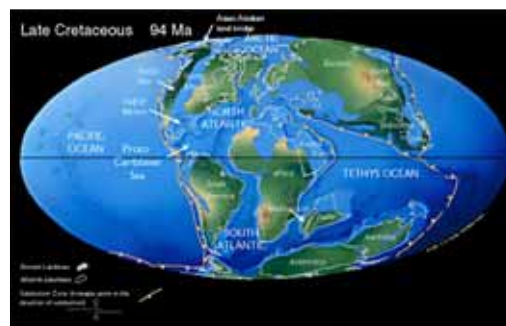
- Timing between accumulation of organic material, petroleum maturation, migration, and trap formation is vital



Review: Where does petroleum come from?

1. **Source rocks** rich in organic matter
2. Transform the organic material with heat and pressure to into petroleum (**Maturation**)
3. **Carrier beds** that allow the generated petroleum to move
4. **Traps** that keep the petroleum below ground
5. Adequate **reservoir beds** from which the petroleum can be extracted
6. Proper **timing** of events 1-5

Why is there oil in Texas?



II. A Strategic Natural Resource

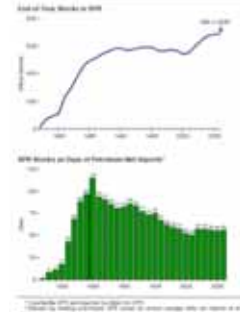


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Strategic Natural Resource

- A) a resource that supports military power in a vital way
- B) a resource to which states would be willing to fight to protect their access to

Figure 9-17 Strategic Petroleum Reserve, 1977-2006



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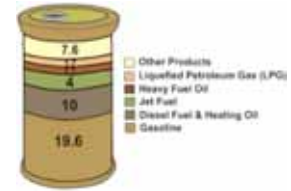
World Wars

- World War One
 - Churchill switches British navy to diesel
- World War Two
 - Japanese oil embargo
- Carter Doctrine, 1980



What do we get from oil?

- 1 barrel = 42 gallons of crude oil
- 83% becomes fuel
 - Gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, heating oil, and liquefied petroleum gas (propane and butane)
- 17% other
 - Solvents, fertilizers, pesticides, plastics



* These add up to 44.6 gallons because volume is increased during the refining process.

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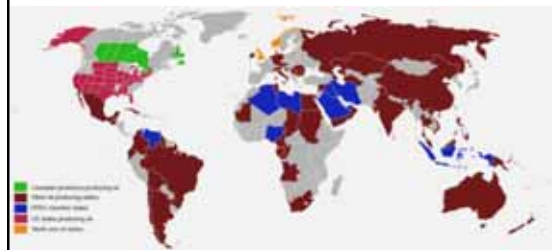
How much oil do we use?

- US consumes 20,680,000 barrels of oil each day (2007)
- US motor gasoline consumption 9,286,000 b/d (390 million gallons/day) (2007)
- World consumes 83,607,000 b/d (2005)



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Where do we get our oil from?



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2007 US Imports by Country

Rank	Country	Mb/d
1	Canada	2.5
2	Mexico	1.5
3	Saudi Arabia	1.5
4	Venezuela	1.4
5	Nigeria	1.1
6	Algeria	0.67
7	Iraq	0.48
8	Angola	0.51
9	Russia	0.41
	All Countries	13.5
	Non-OPEC	8.1
Total	OPEC	5.98



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Oil exports by country



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Oil imports by country



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Who Produces the World's Oil?

How much oil is there?

Oil Reserves: Year-end 2007

Region	Billions of Barrels	Percentage
North America	69.3	5.6%
Latin America	111.2	9.0%
Europe and Eurasia	143.7	11.6%
Middle East	755.3	61.0%
Africa	117.5	9.5%
Asia and Pacific	40.8	3.3%
Global	1237.9	100%

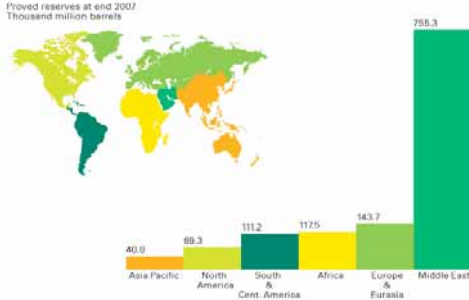
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Top World Oil Producers, 2005*		
<i>(OPEC members in underlined italics)</i>		
Rank	Country	Total Oil Production** (million barrels/day)
1	<u>Saudi Arabia</u>	11.1
2	Russia	9.5
3	United States	8.2
4	<u>Iran</u>	4.2
5	Mexico	3.8
6	China	3.8
7	Canada	3.1
8	Norway	3.0
9	<u>United Arab Emirates</u>	2.8
10	<u>Venezuela</u>	2.8
11	<u>Kuwait</u>	2.7
12	<u>Nigeria</u>	2.6
13	<u>Algeria</u>	2.1
14	Brazil	2.0

*Table includes all countries total oil production exceeding 2 million barrels per day in 2005. **Total Oil Production includes crude oil, natural gas liquids, condensate, refinery gas, and other liquids.

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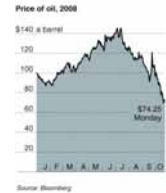


Reserves vs. Resources

- **Reserves** are natural resources that have already been discovered and can be produced for profit today
- **Resources** are deposits that we know of (or believe to exist), but are not producible at a profit today
- Example: *oil reserves* ~1.2 trillion barrels, *oil resources* ~2 trillion barrels

A Problem for Oil Producers

A slide in oil prices has caused problems for oil producers that were banking on higher prices. For example, Venezuela's 2009 budget was based on \$60-a-barrel oil and Russia's was pegged to roughly \$70.

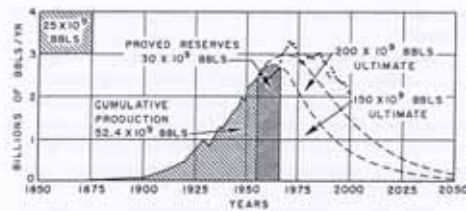


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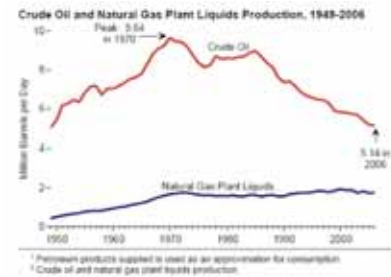
Are We Running Out of Oil?

Marion King Hubbert (1903-1989)

- Shell geophysicist
- Hubbert's Peak and Curve

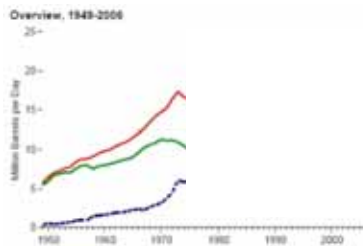


US Peak Crude Oil Production



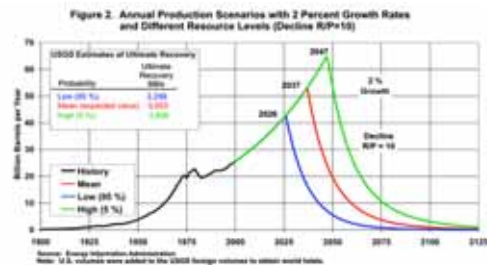
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Does consumption follow Hubbert's curve?



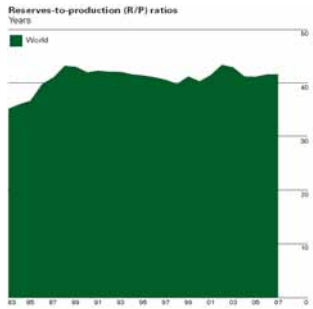
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Reserve to Production Ratios

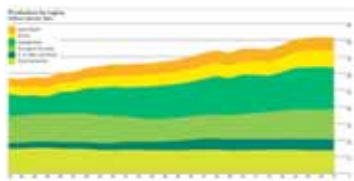


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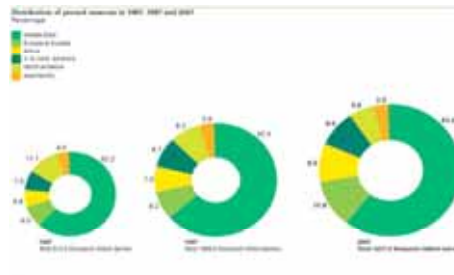


Oil Production by Region



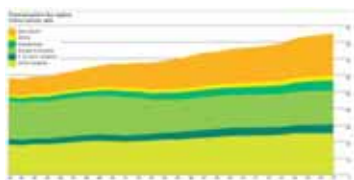
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Distribution of Reserves



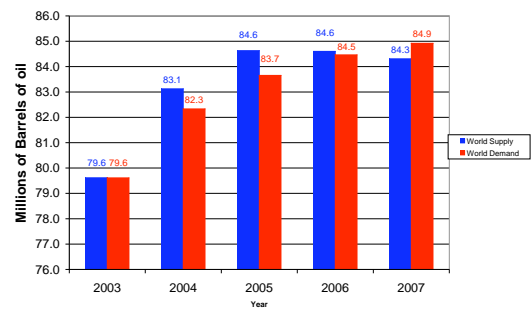
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Oil Consumption

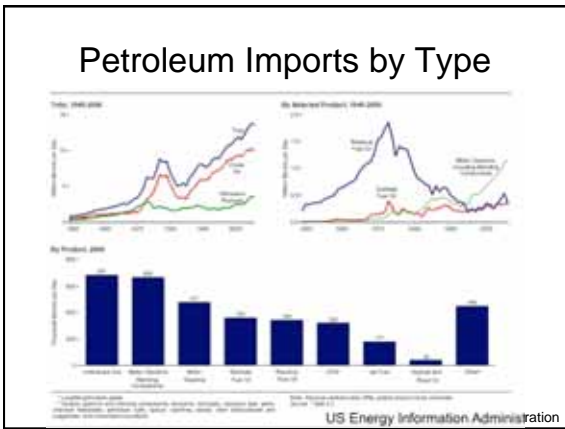
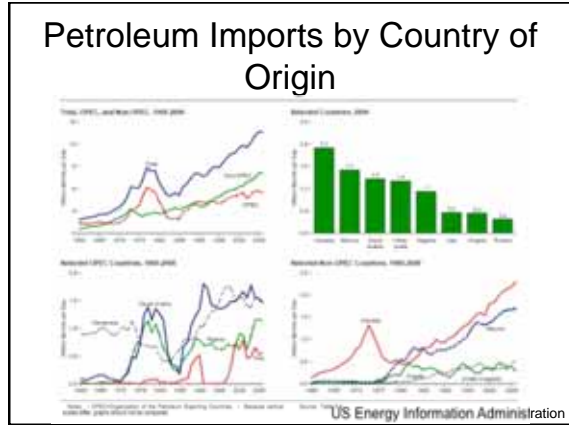
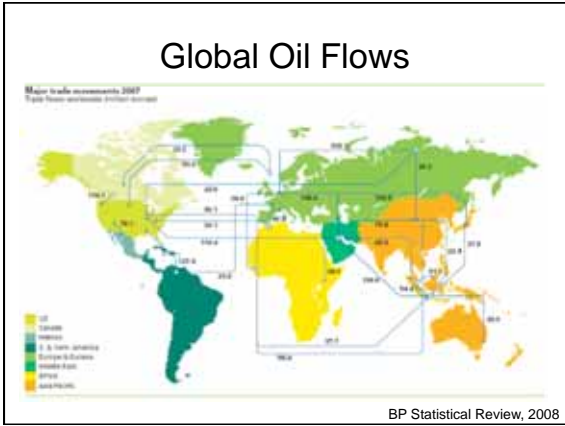


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Petroleum Exploration

- Surface and subsurface geological studies
- Seismic surveys
- Gravity and magnetic surveys
- Horizontal magnetic gradient
- Helium content of soils

