

# Impact of natural gas depletion on oil production due to the interconnect between Natural gas and oil production

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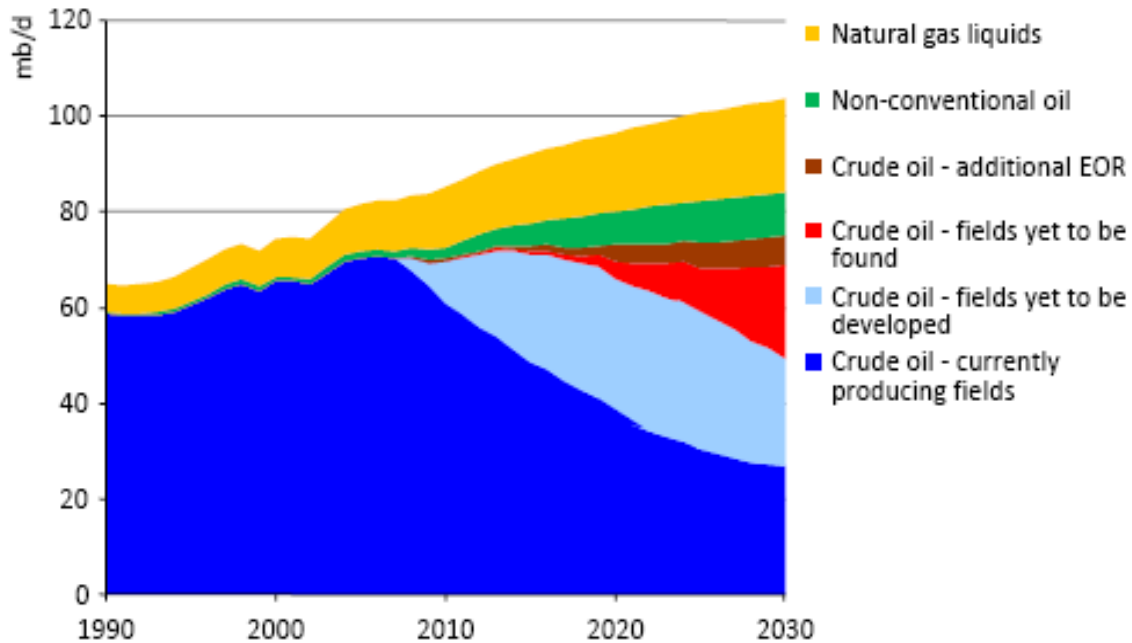
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# Natural Gas Liquids

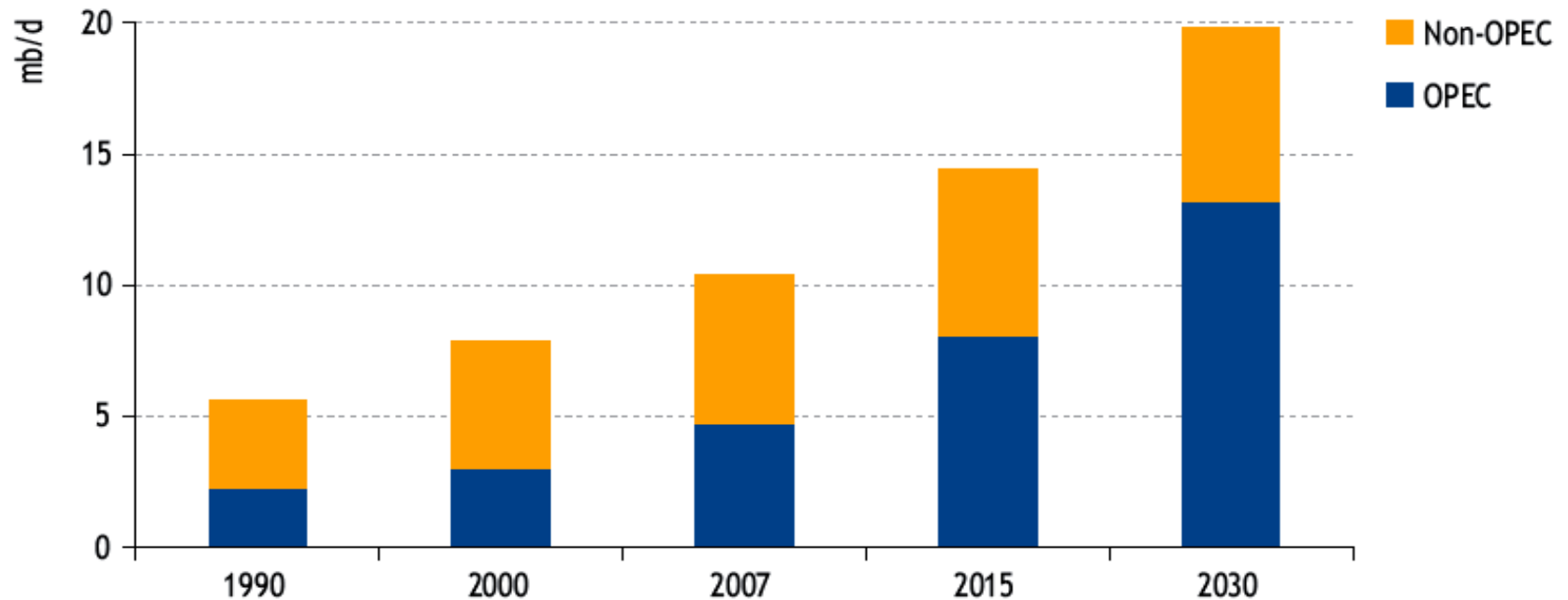
approximately 10.5 mb/d or 10% of total liquids production



World Oil Production by Source,  
Reference Scenario IEA WEO 2008

# Natural Gas Liquids

**Figure 11.11** ● World natural gas liquids production by OPEC and non-OPEC countries in the Reference Scenario



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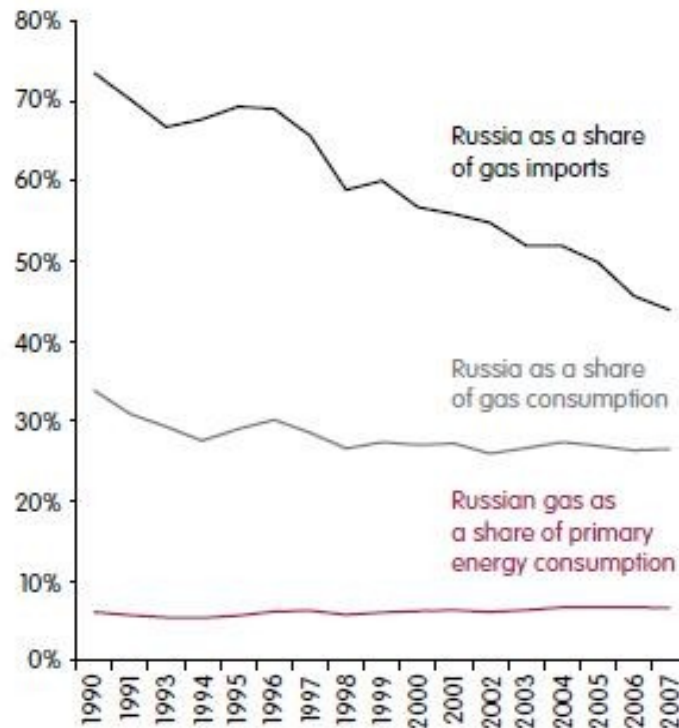
# Natural Gas Liquids

Three quarters of the world's official natural gas reserves are located in the FSU and Middle East

Supply constraints with Russian and Middle Eastern Gas supplies are likely to significantly impact availability of Natural Gas Liquids

# Russian Supply Issues

Russia supplied 40% of EU Gas in 2007  
Russian Gas production may peak in 2010



Source: Eurostat; BP Statistical Review of World Energy

EU27 dependence on Russian gas, 1990-2006

# Russian Infrastructure issues

"However, there's no time to be lost, because the forecasts predict an energy crisis. Capital assets deterioration is now 60% in the oil extraction sector, 80% in the oil refine sector, 55% in the power industry. The coal industry is in permanent crisis. Gas companies have to reduce gas recovery because the most profitable fields are running low.

Your readers are well aware of the fact that the pipeline transport, too, has enough problems: One fourth of the total length of trunk pipelines has been operating for over 30 years, yet another one third has been operating for over 20 years. It is widely understood that FPC urgently needs large (up to \$30 billion a year) investments."

head of the specialized Committee for energy, transport and communications of the State Duma Vladimir S. Katrenko

# Russia and NGL

As the world's largest gas producer and exporter when Russian gas supplies decline the availability of spare natural gas for NGL may become problematic



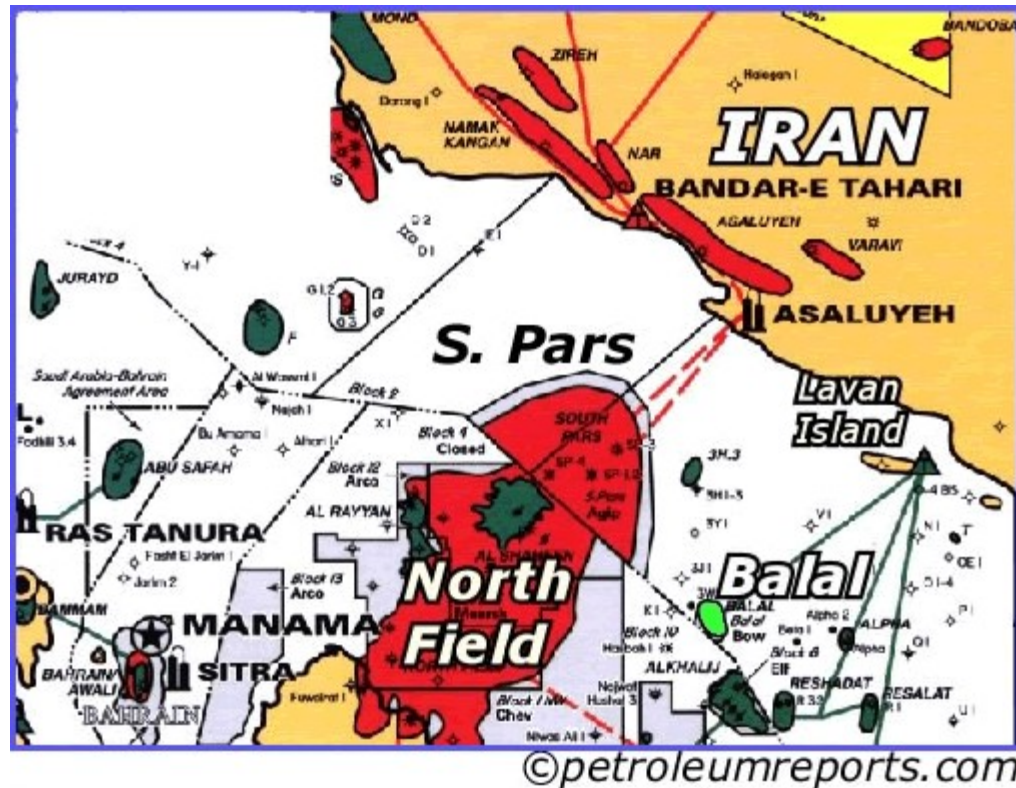
## Geographic concentration of M.E. Gas supply

“61% of the Middle East's Uncommitted Gas is in a Single Gas Field - The North Field in Qatar and South Pars in Iran.”

“And if One includes the Additional Uncommitted Gas in Iran, those two countries Account for Nearly 90% of the Uncommitted Gas in the Entire Middle East.”

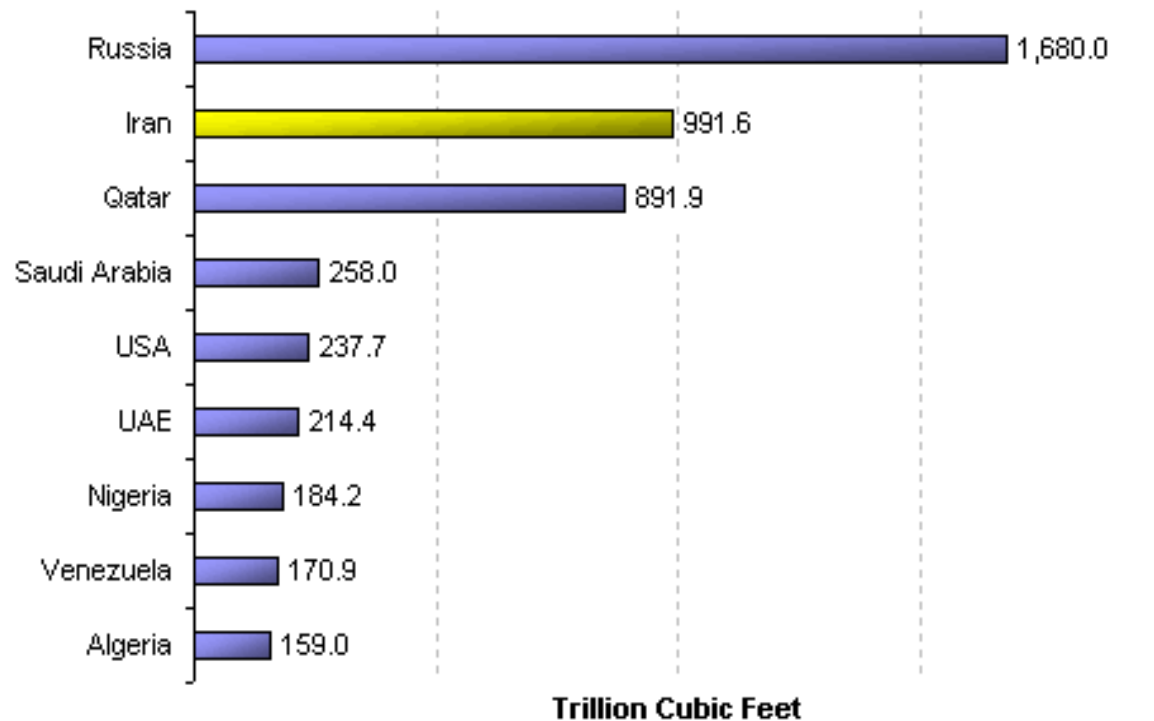
James T. Jensen - Jensen Associates Feb 20, 2007

# Geographic concentration of M.E. Gas supply



# Gas Reserve Uncertainties

World Natural Gas Reserves by Country, January 1, 2009



Source: Oil & Gas Journal, Jan. 1, 2009

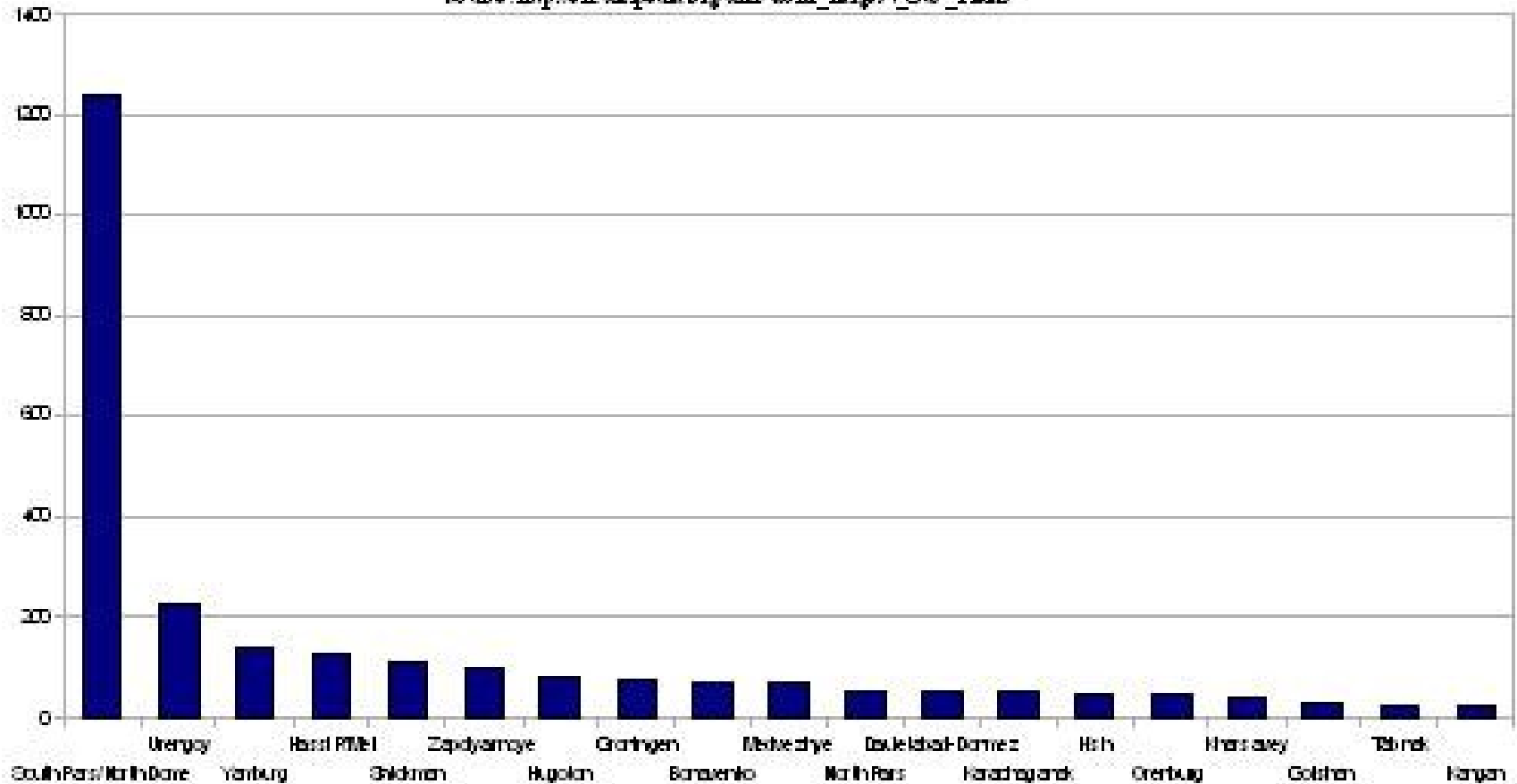
# Perception Gap

Iran's almost permanent gas shortage and Qatar's moratorium on additional development projects in the North Dome have raised concerns regarding the accuracy of reserve estimates

# Is the South Pars/North Dome field a statistical anomaly?

World's largest Associated gas fields (Tcf)

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Largest\\_Gas\\_Fields](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Largest_Gas_Fields)



# Off the record

Off the record discussions with senior experts suggest that the South Pars / North Dome gas reserves may be as little as 1/6th officially reported estimate

# Gas injection

Conventional oil production is also dependant on gas.

For example Iran, OPECs second largest oil exporter is using up to 30% of its natural gas for re-injection to maintain oil production.

Russia also makes extensive use of gas injection to maintain oil production.

Gas injection EOR common through out the oil industry.

# Gas injection

Once gas depletion has begun the price of gas may exceed that of oil. If natural gas becomes significantly more expensive than oil it may no longer be economic to use gas injection to recover oil.

This factor alone may place a significant amount of global oil production and reserves out of reach



# Tar Sands oil production

Tar sand oil production is dependent on natural gas to heat the tar and essentially to provide a source of energy and hydrogen to turn tar into a liquid fuel.

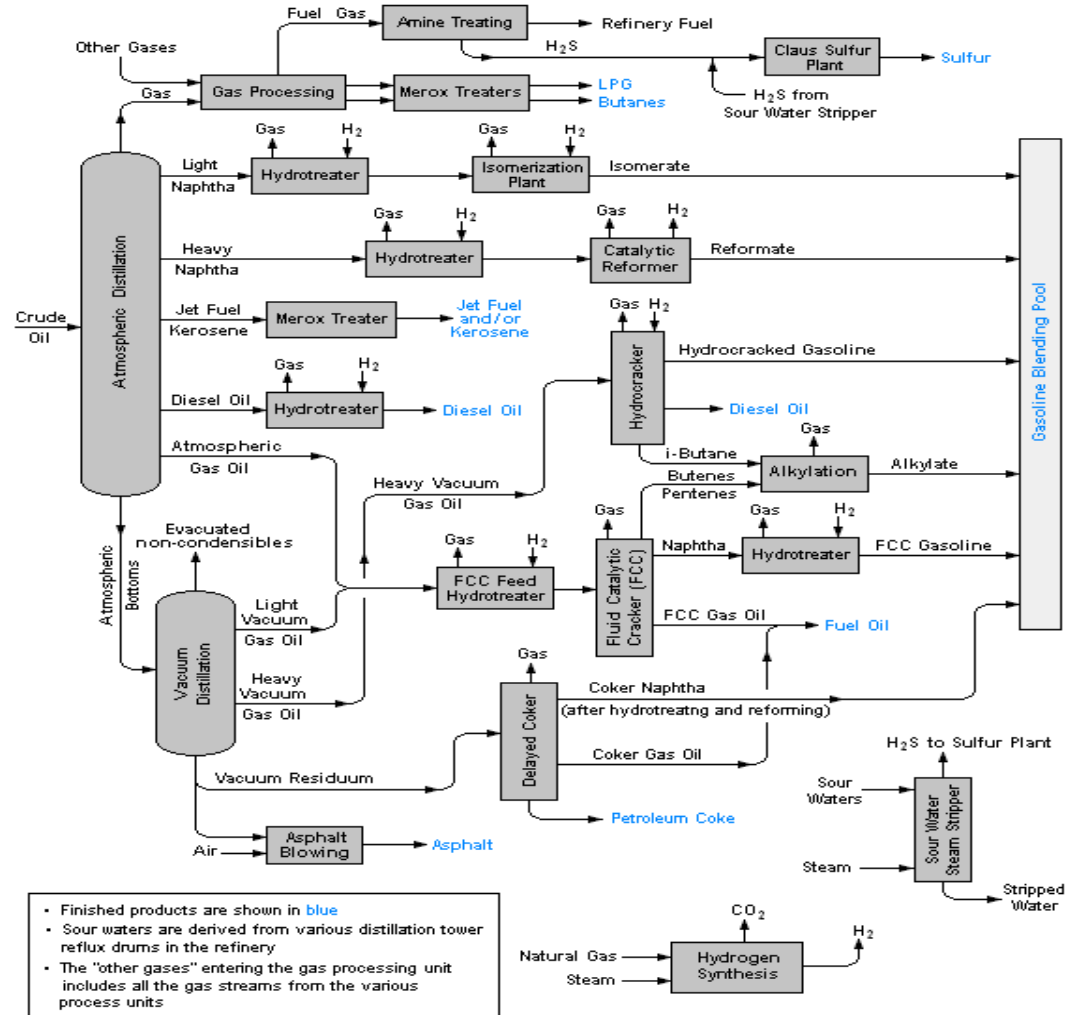
Critically while natural gas is cheaper than oil on an energy basis it pays to convert gas to oil using tar sands.

Once gas becomes scarce it may not pay to produce Tar sands. It is not viable to turn \$100bbl gas into \$60 bbl oil

# Oil and Gas Price ratio



# Heavy Oil and Hydrocracking



- Finished products are shown in blue
- Sour waters are derived from various distillation tower reflux drums in the refinery
- The "other gases" entering the gas processing unit includes all the gas streams from the various process units

# Heavy Oil and Hydrocracking

As with Tar sand oil production heavy oil is dependent on natural gas to provide a source of energy and hydrogen to turn tar into a liquid fuel.

Once gas becomes scarce the price of heavy oils dependent on natural gas for hydrogenation will rise.

The price of oil is set by the price of the marginal barrel.

# US Shale Gas

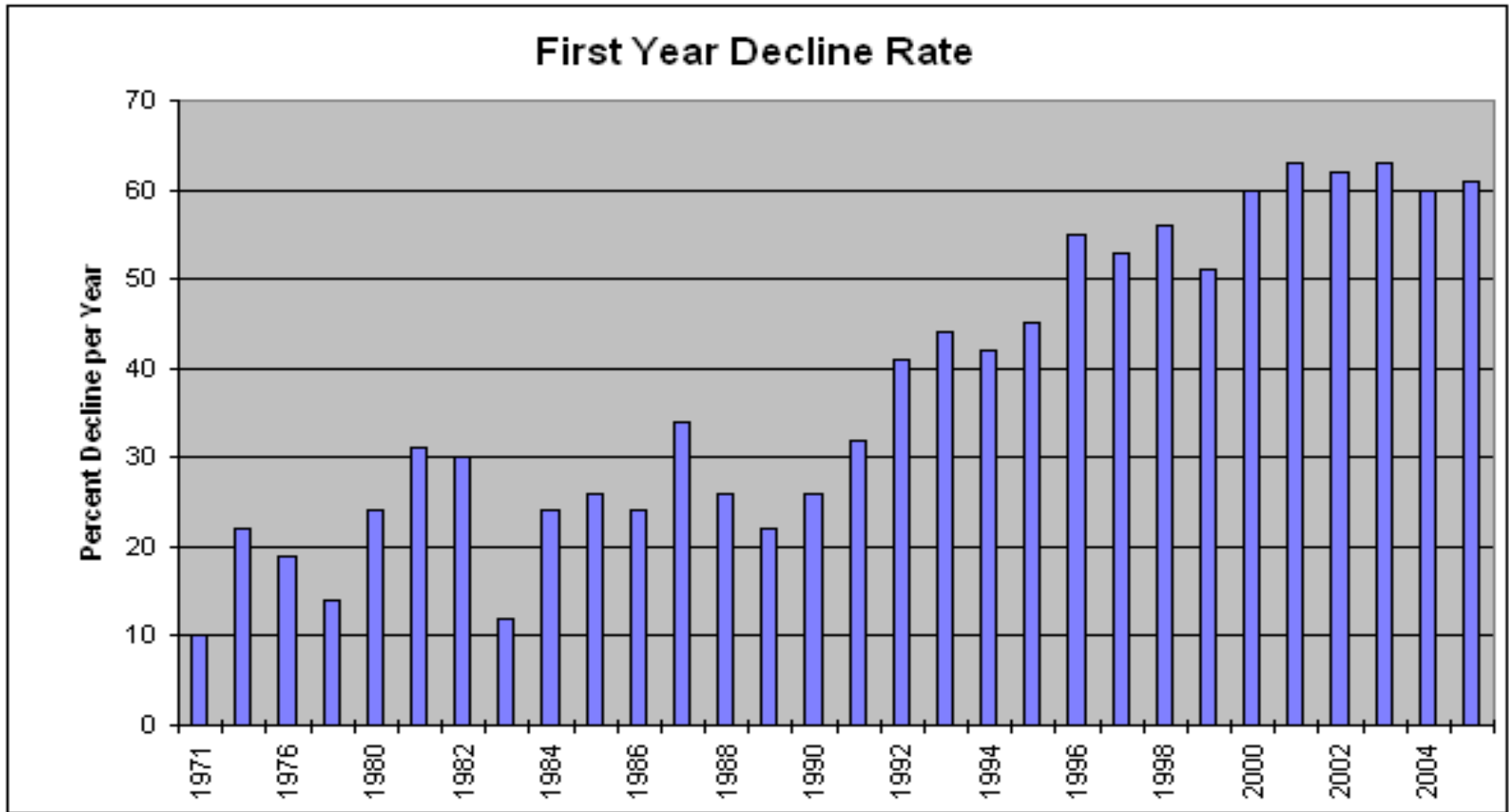


United States Shale Gas Plays



# US Shale Gas

Source: [www.theoil drum.com](http://www.theoil drum.com)



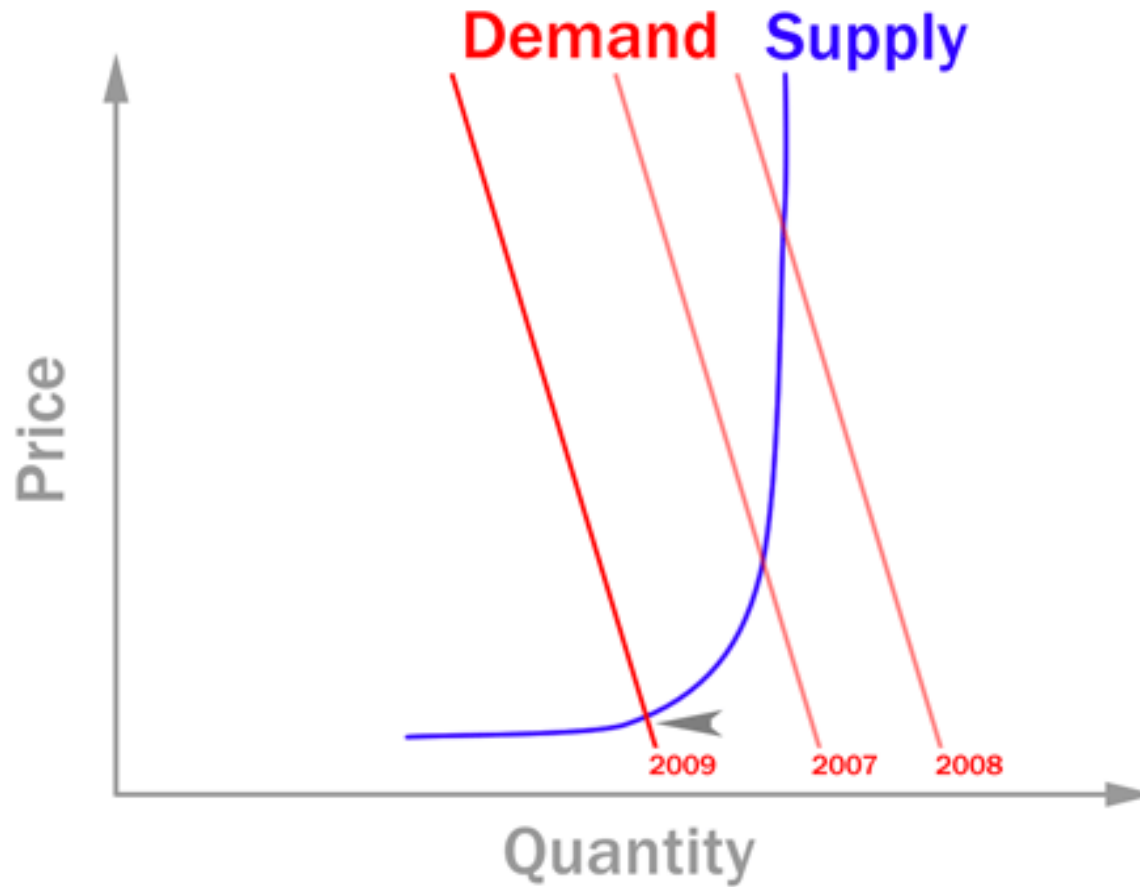
# US Shale Gas

The US shale gas resource are vast,  
However due to the high depletion rate the  
EROEI may be very low

Low EROI generally translates to low long  
term profitability

# Price Effects

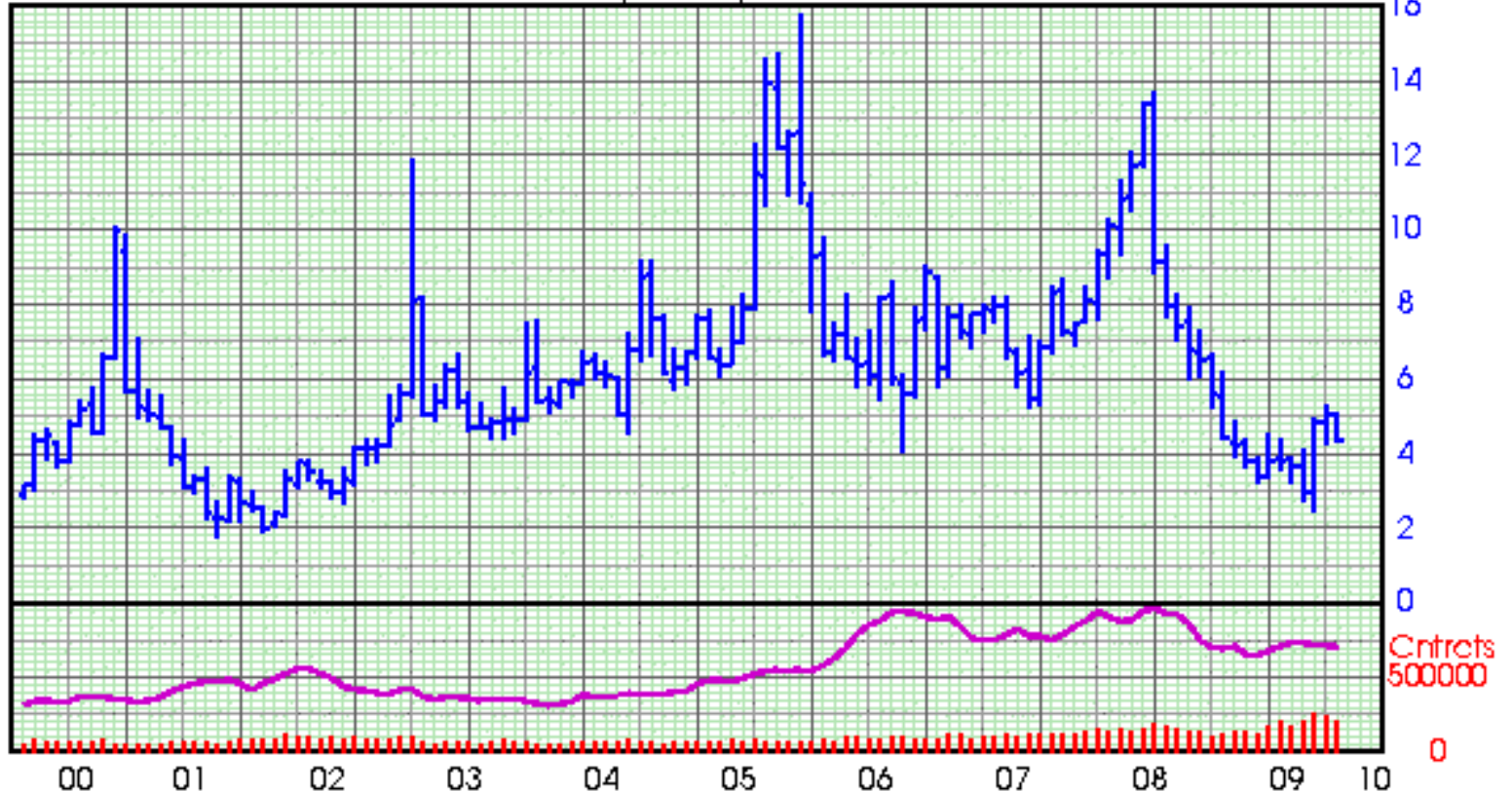
Source: [www.theoil Drum.com](http://www.theoil Drum.com)





# Price Effects

NATURAL GAS NEAREST FUTURES .. monthly OHLC plot



As of 11/01/09

@ Barchart.com

# Hard Choices

95% of the worlds transportation runs on liquid fuels

Once gas supply begins to peak we will have to chose between transportation and

- Food
- Heating
- Electricity
- Plastics etc.

# Mitigation Phoenix Recovery Plan



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A targeted approach with specific EROEI boosting strategies could potentially transform much of the world's marginal oil, gas and coal fields into valuable reserves

# Mitigation Phoenix Recovery Plan

The plan will attempt to deal with:

- Reserve constraints
- EROEI constraints
- Liquid fuel constraints
- Net Present Value\Discount Pricing
- Capital constraints
- ROI and Profitability

# Mitigation Phoenix Recovery Plan

There is no easy or quick fix to the global peak  
in net energy.

We can only hope to mitigate in the short term

The future is optimistic if the correct  
infrastructure is in place soon

Before we use up the last of the energy seed corn

# The information challenge

Solutions must be appropriately contextualised  
to promote productive behaviour

The challenge is to provide detailed information  
in terms of time, nature and magnitude of  
effect only to appropriate groups to avoid  
misinterpretation

"We have only two modes - complacency and panic."

Dr James R. Schlesinger

# Summary

Without mitigation strategies due to the interconnect between oil and gas production, once gas production begins to decline

A significant portion of total liquids production is at risk