# WORLD OIL SUPPLY AND IMPACT ON TRANSPORTATION

WILLIAM L. FISHER
JACKSON SCHOOL OF GEOSCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Presented to

JOINT TEXAS SENATE-HOUSE

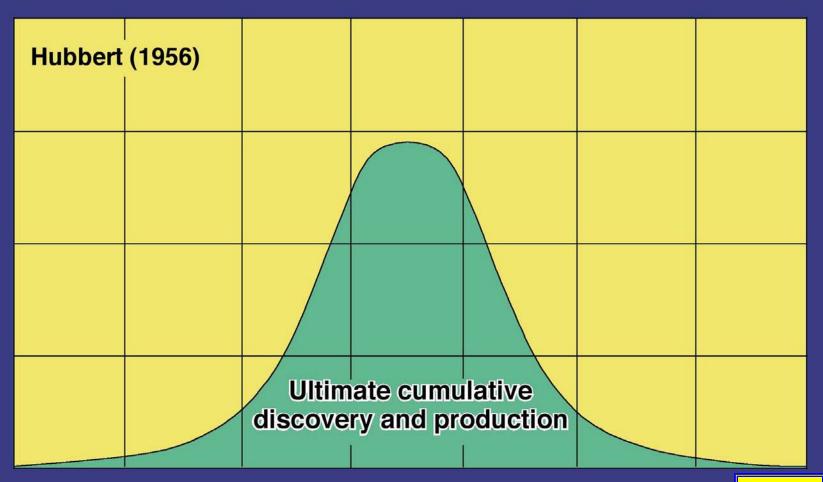
LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE

ON

PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN TOLL PROJECTS

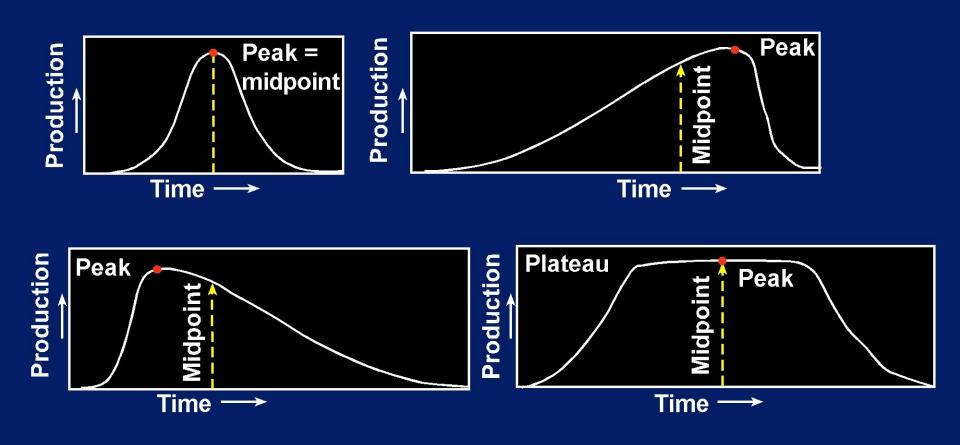
JULY 22, 2008 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

# THE SYMMETRICAL LIFE CYCLE





#### PRODUCTION PATTERNS OVER TIME

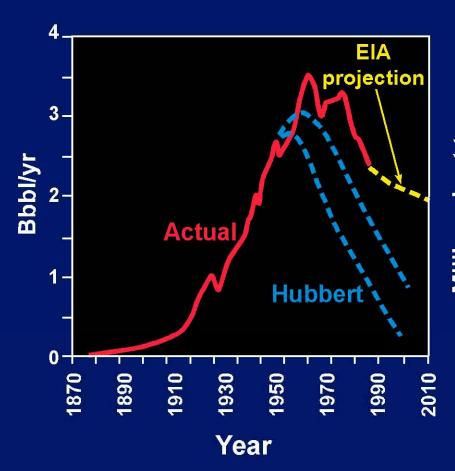


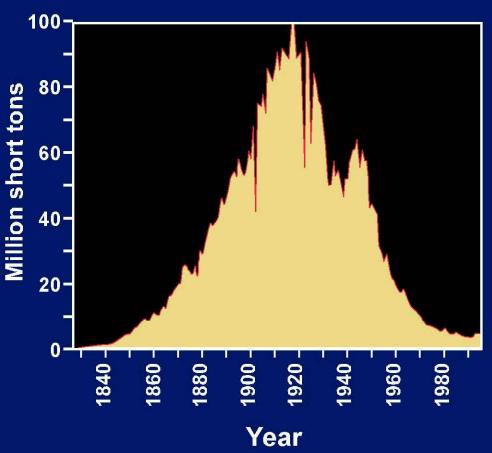
Schollnberger (1998)

FIGURE 2

#### **U.S. OIL PRODUCTION**

### PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE PRODUCTION

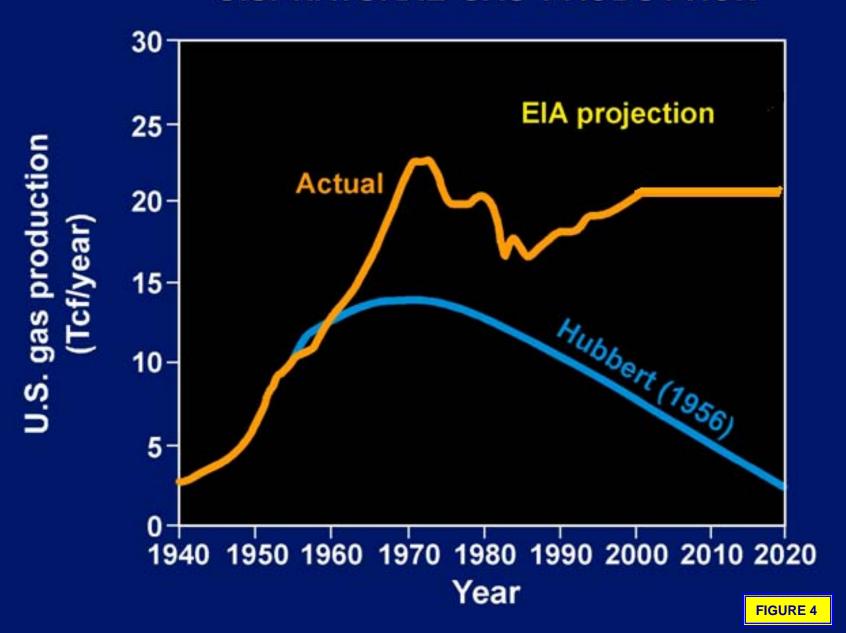




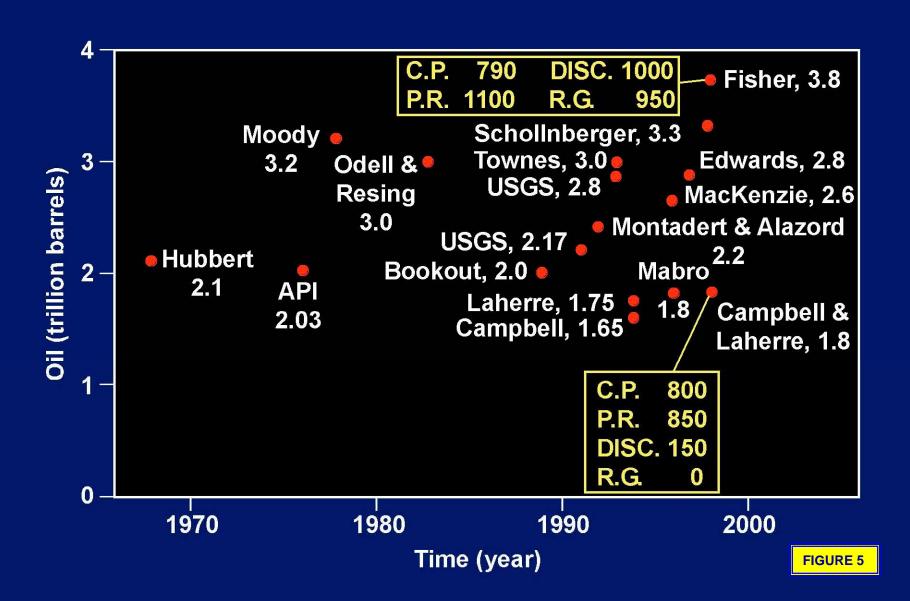
From McCabe

FIGURE 3

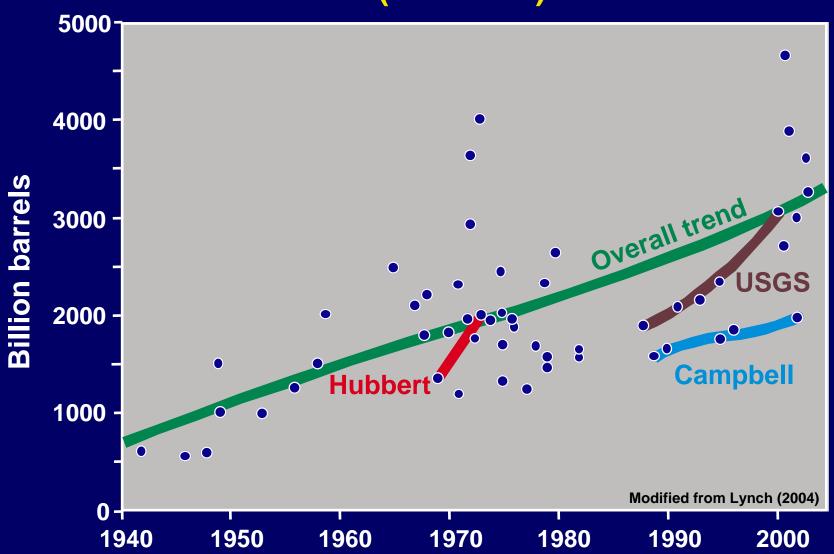
#### U.S. NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION



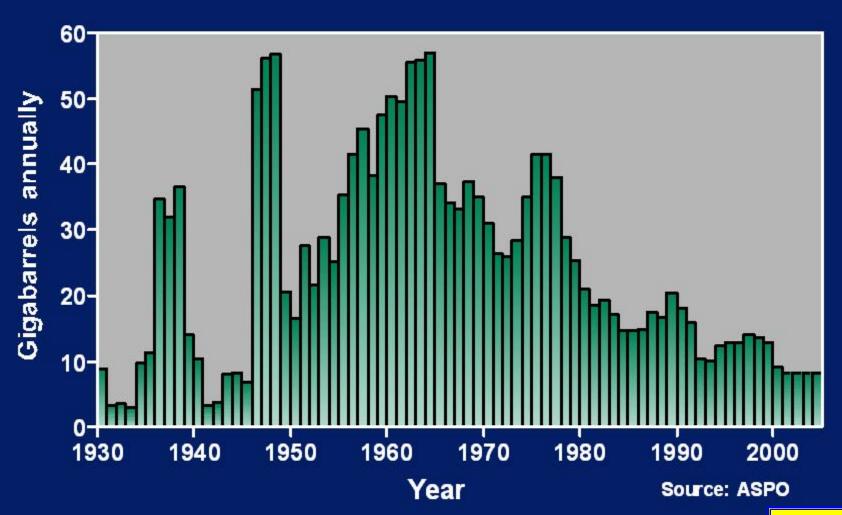
# RECENT ESTIMATES: ULTIMATE OIL RECOVERY, WORLD

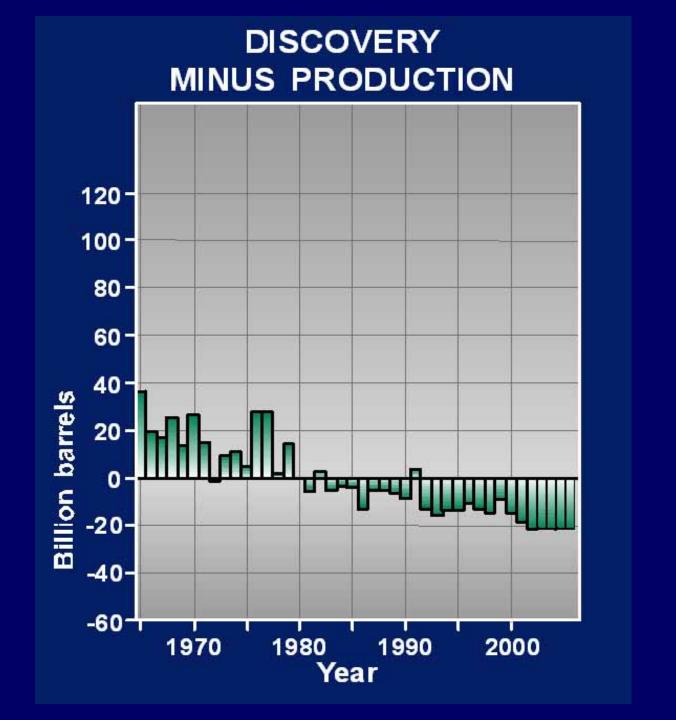


# ESTIMATES OF ULTIMATE OIL RECOVERY (GLOBAL)



#### **DISCOVERY**

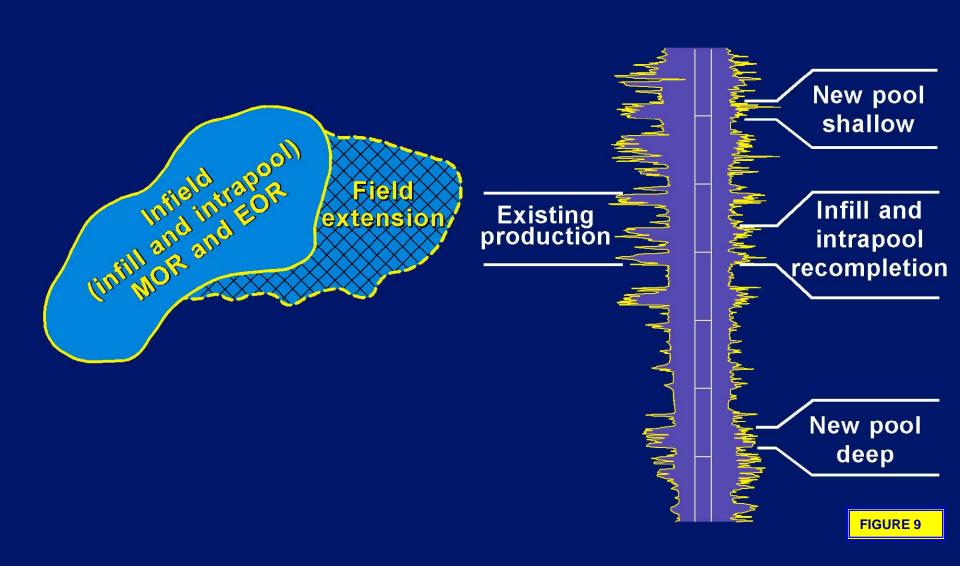




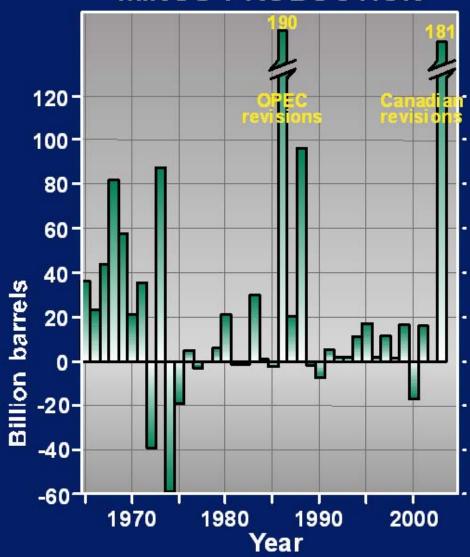
#### TOTAL DISCOVERY TO DATE WORLDWIDE

- 6.8 TRILLION BARRELS IN CONVENTIONAL RESERVOIRS
- AMOUNT OF OIL RECOVERED FROM THESE RESERVOIRS INCREASES OVER TIME WITH BETTER RECOVERY TECHNOLOGIES
- CURRENTLY, AVERAGE GLOBAL RECOVERY IS 34%, MEANING 2.3 OF THE 6.8 TRILLION BARRELS HAS BEEN OR WILL BE RECOVERED
- INCLUDES 1.1 TRILLION PRODUCED AND CONSUMED TO DATE
- PLUS 1.2 TRILLION BARRELS, PROVED RESERVES YET TO BE PRODUCED
- WACH 1% INCREASE IN RECOVERY EQUALS 68 BILLION BARRELS

#### SOURCES OF RESERVE GROWTH



# TOTAL ADDITIONS MINUS PRODUCTION

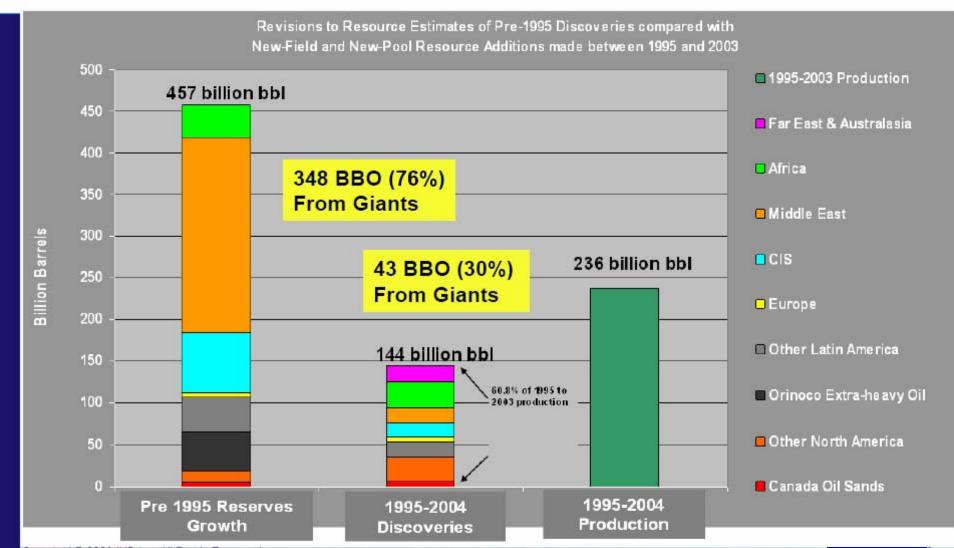


## OIL SOURCES BEYOND THE CONVENTIONAL

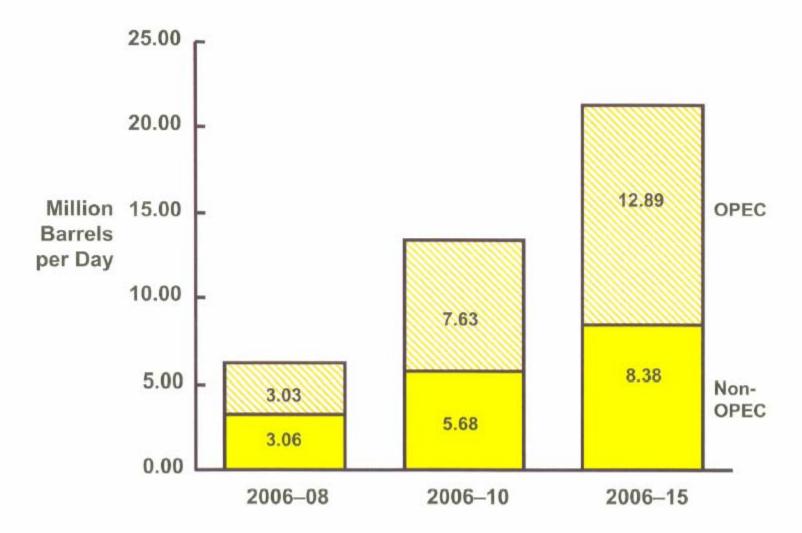
EXTRA HEAVY OIL, NOTABLY IN CANADA AND VENEZUELA	4.1 TB
SOURCE ROCKS, LIKE THE BAKKEN AND THE BARNETT	3.0
OIL SHALE, SUCH AS THE GREEN RIVER IN COLORADO AND WYOMING	3.2
TOTAL IN PLACE	10.3
PLUS GAS TO LIQUIDS (GTL), COAL TO LIQUIDS (CTL) AND BIOFUELS	

### World Liquids "Reserve Replacement" Adjustments, New Information & Technology Growth vs. Discoveries & Production 1995-2004

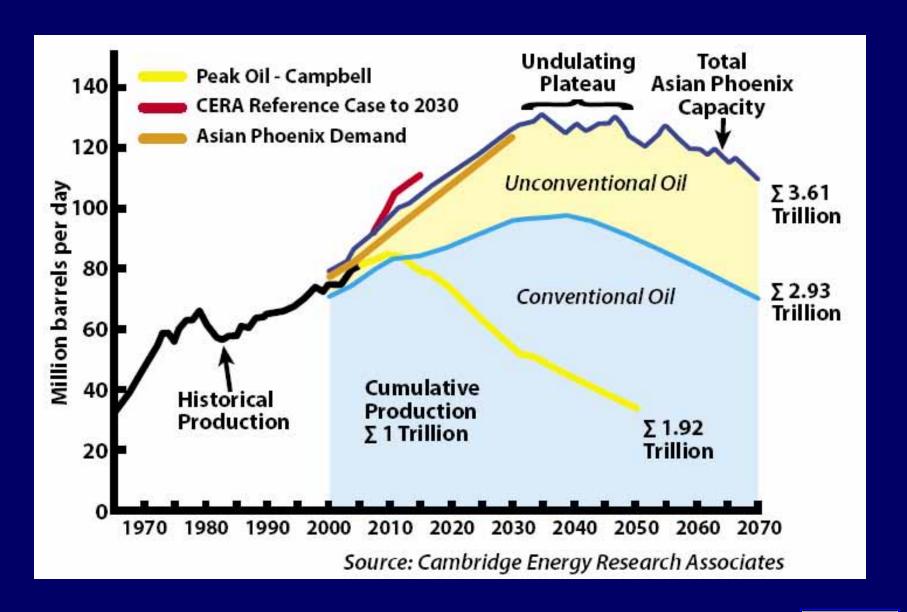




## **Global Productive Capacity Growth**







#### CONCLUSIONS

- WE ARE NOW EXPERIENCING HIGH OIL PRICES BROUGHT ON BY A SUPPLY/DEMAND IMBALANCE, LARGELY DUE TO RAPID INCREASE IN DEMAND FROM EMERGING ECONOMIES. THE SITUATION IS ALSO COMPOUNDED BY THE WEAK DOLLAR, THE CURRENCY IN WHICH OIL IS PRICED. AND TO SOME EXTENT BY HIGH SPECULATION
- BUT, THERE ARE ADEQUATE REMAINING RESOURCES OF OIL TO SUPPORT A GLOBAL PRODUCTION ON THE ORDER OF 120 MILLION BARRELS PER DAY, 40% GREATER THAN CURRENT PRODUCTION
- FURTHER, RECENT AUDITS OF RESERVE ADDITIONS SHOW THAT RESOURCES ARE BEING CONVERTED TO PRODUCIBLE RESERVES AT A RATE SUBSTANTIALLY EXCEEDING DEMAND
- AND, IMPORTANTLY, THERE ARE SUFFICIENT PROJECTS UNDERWAY THAT WILL INCREASE PRODUCTION CAPACITY IN THE NEAR AND INTERMEDIATE TERM ABOVE PROJECTED DEMAND LEVELS
- PROJECTING IMMEDIATE OR EARLY PEAKING OF GLOBAL OIL PRODUCTION INVOLVES MAKING ASSUMPTIONS THAT ARE NARROW AND LIMITING AND IN SOME CASES INCONSISTENT WITH THE FACTS