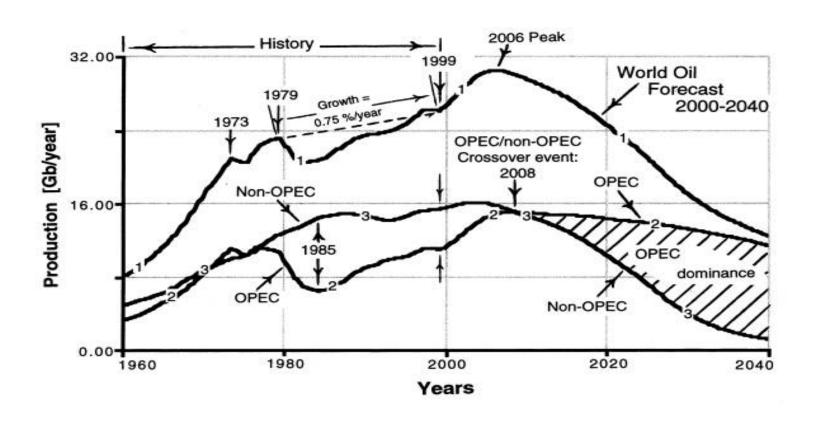
The Geopolitics of Non-OPEC Oil Production



Current World Oil Production

- The world's oil supply produced in wide variety of locations.
- About 60% of the world's oil supply comes from non-OPEC countries.
- However, most non-OPEC countries are net oil importers.

Top World Oil Producers, 2005

(OPEC members in italics)

Total Oil Production**

Country	(million barrels per day)
1) Saudi Arabia	11.1
2) Russia	9.5
3) United States	8.2
4) Iran	4.2
5) Mexico	3.8
6) China	3.8
7) Canada	3.1
8) Norway	3
9) United Arab Emirates	2.8
10) Venezuela	2.8
11) Kuwait	2.7
12) Nigeria	2.6
13) Algeria	2.1

Top World Oil Net Exporters, 2005

(OPEC members in italics)

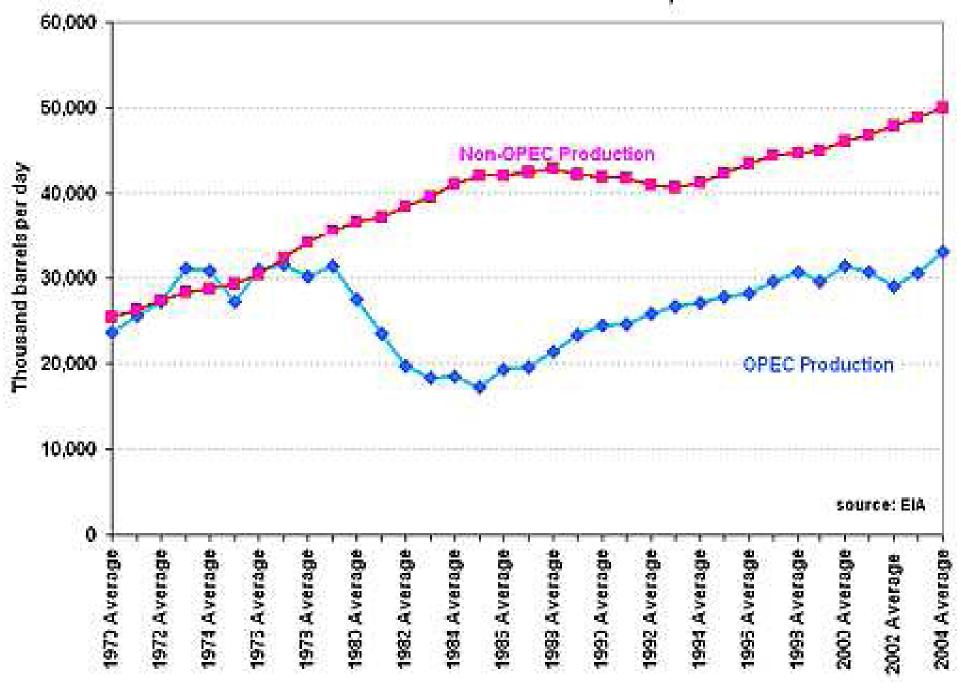
Net Oil Exports

Country	(million barrels per day)
1) Saudi Arabia	9.1
2) Russia	6.7
3) Norway	2.7
4) Iran	2.6
5) United Arab Emirates	2.4
6) Nigeria	2.3
7) Kuwait	2.3
8) Venezuela	2.2
9) Algeria	1.8
10) Mexico	1.7
11) Libya	1.5
12) Iraq	1.3
13) Angola	1.2
14) Kazakhstan	1.1

History of Non-OPEC Production

- The non-OPEC share of global oil production hits a low of 48% in 1973
 - High oil prices during the 1970s encourage new investment in non-OPEC production
 - 1985: non-OPEC share of global oil production reaches a high of 71%
- Major non-OPEC producers
 - 1970s: North America dominant
 - 1980s: Mexico and North Sea become major exporters
 - 1990s: New production from South America, West Africa, non-OPEC Middle East, and China

World Petroleum Production, 1970-2004



Results of 1970s High Oil Prices

- Development of new exploration and production technologies
- Aggressive cost-reduction programs by industry
- Attract investment in areas previously considered uneconomical
- Eventual emergence of unconventional resources

The Importance of Price and Cartel Non-cartel Behavior

- Non-OPEC producers generally act differently than OPEC does:
 - Most are controlled by the private sector
 - Price takers; produce if profitable to do so
 - Generally lack the incentive to collude with OPEC
- Lifting costs are generally higher for non-OPEC producers
 - High prices bring greater non-OPEC production
 - Low prices can result in collapse

Future Non-OPEC Production

- Throughout 1980s and early 1990s, belief that OPEC would soon be regaining majority share of global oil production; the 'cross-over event'
- However, despite several periods of relatively low prices, non-OPEC production has risen every year since 1993
- Non-OPEC supply becoming increasingly diverse

Future Non-OPEC Production (continued)

- Best estimates show demand increasing enough to keep price from dropping significantly
- Higher prices attract investment in areas previously considered uneconomical
- The EIA predicts (2006) that non-OPEC suppliers will retain their market share at least through 2030

Non-OPEC Geopolitical Hotspots

- Caspian Basin
- Russia
- Sudan
- Others?



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