

# The future of oil in the EU

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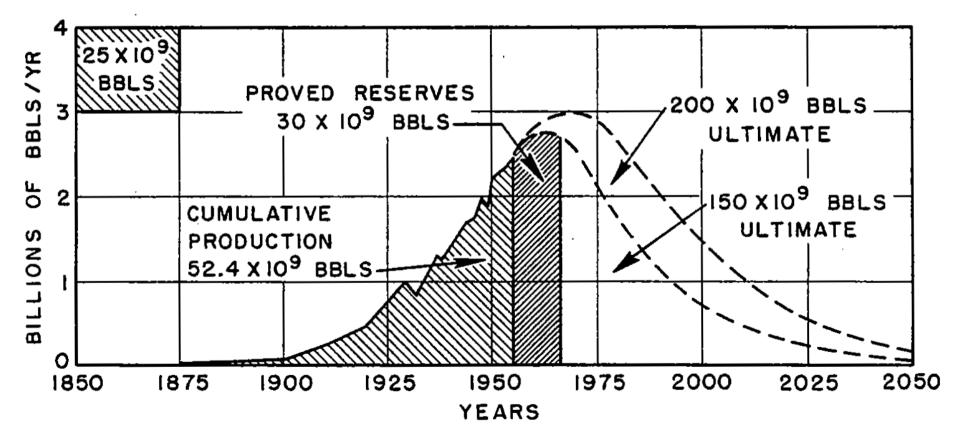
#### "Towards the end of oil" conference

European Parliament, Brussels, 15 November 2012

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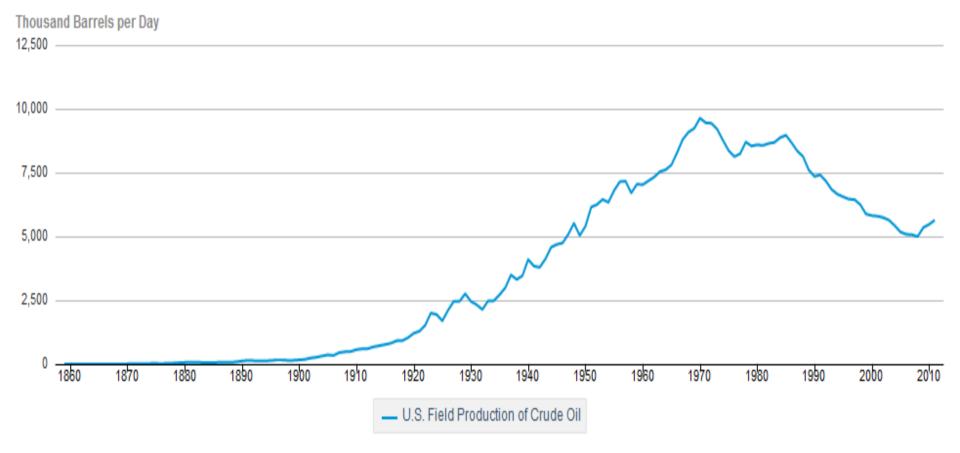
## US crude oil production according to Hubbert (1956)



Source: Hubbert, Marion King: Nuclear Energy and the Fossil Fuels (1956) (http://www.hubbertpeak.com/hubbert/1956/1956.pdf)

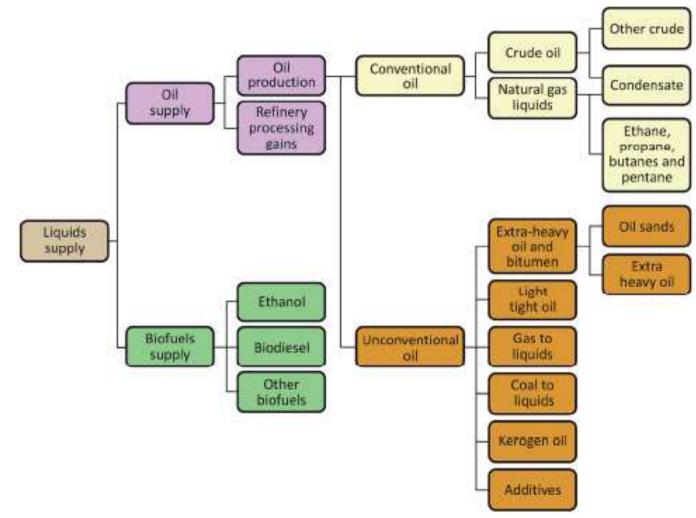


#### **Actual US crude oil production**



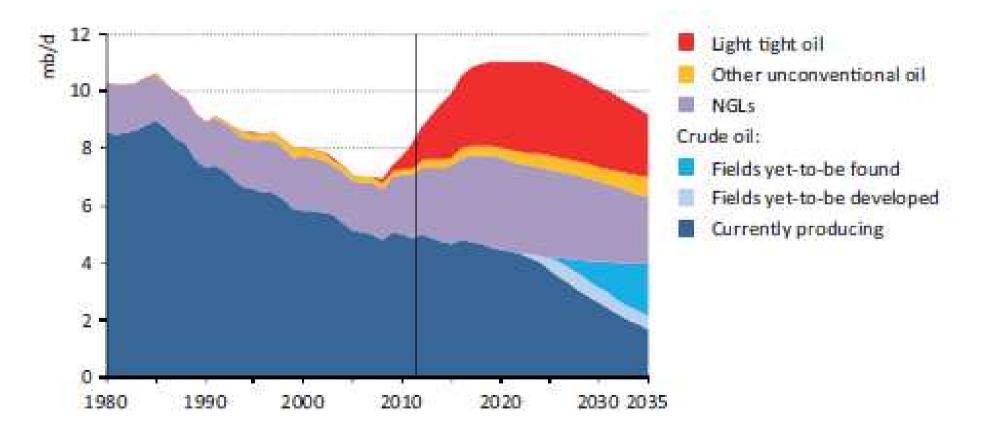


### **Liquid fuels**



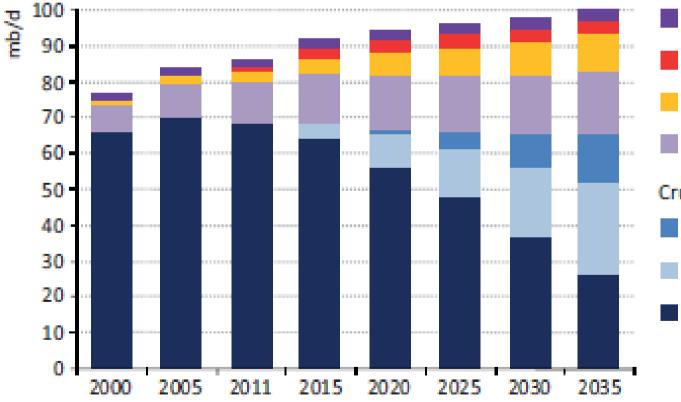


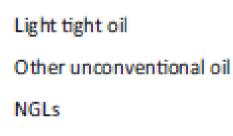
## US crude oil production according to the IEA World Energy Outlook 2012





### World oil supply according to the IEA World Energy Outlook 2012





Processing gains

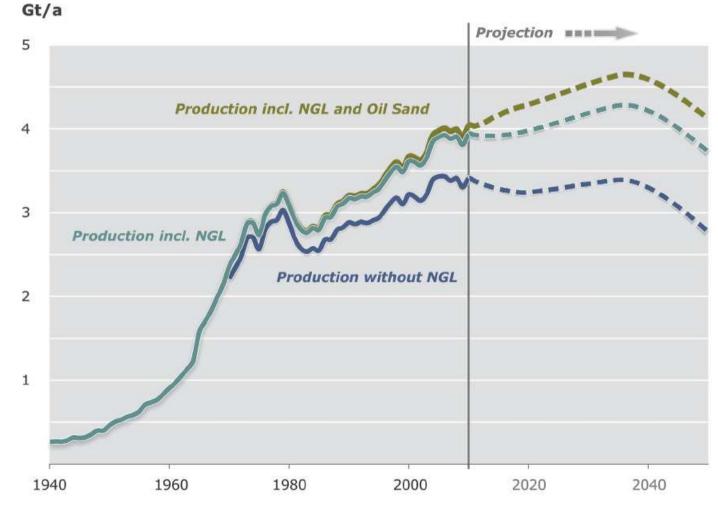
Crude oil:

Fields yet-to-be found

- Fields yet-to-be developed
- Currently producing



#### **Another source**



Source: Reserves. Resources and Availability of Energy Resources – Deutsche Rohstoffagentur (February 2012)

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## Is peak oil disproved?

*Oil is a finite resource so at some point in time its production will peak.* 

Latest analyses imply that peak oil is not imminent

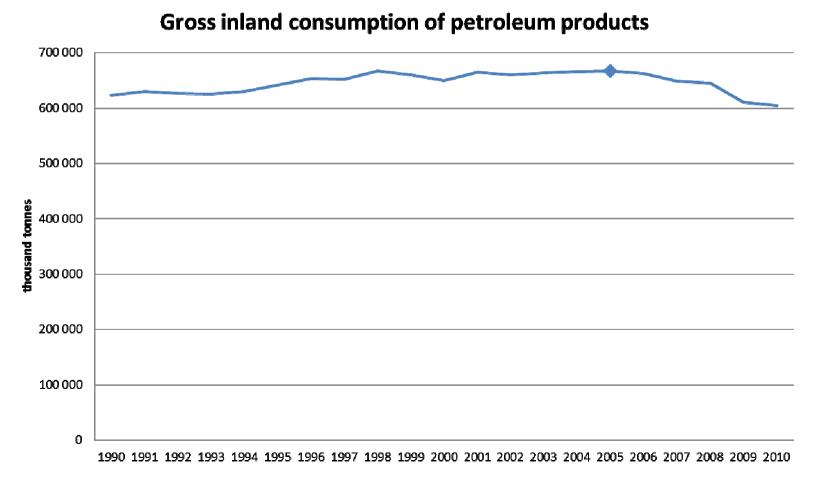
- IEA: "The world's remaining resources of oil are not a limiting factor in meeting projected demand to 2035"
- DEFA: "Global oil production could be boosted until around 2036"

But:

- Uncertainties remain
- Huge investment needs
- "Above-ground" risks



### EU oil demand already peaked in 2005





## **Current trends in oil use in the EU**

#### Inter-fuel substitution

- Helped by high oil prices
- Directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources

#### Efficiency gains

- Helped by high oil prices
- Energy efficiency directive
- Emissions targets for new vehicles

Shift from oil-intensive industries towards services Saturation effects, changes in consumer behaviour Economic downturn



#### Another reason to decrease oil use: climate change

#### Energy Roadmap 2050

 Analysis of possible pathways towards a low carbon energy system

cutting emissions by at least 80% by 2050

Various decarbonisation scenarios

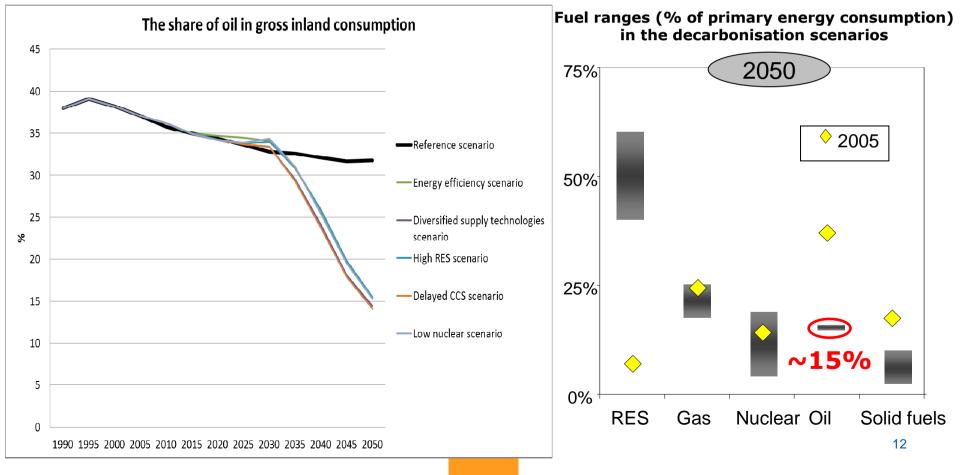
with different energy mixes

- Decarbonisation of the energy system is technically and economically feasible
- Energy Efficiency and renewable energy are critical
- Electricity will play a greater role



## **Energy Roadmap 2050**

#### **Oil decreases significantly under all scenarios**





#### **Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area – Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system**

A comprehensive strategy for a competitive transport system that will

- increase mobility, fuel growth and employment
- reduce Europe's dependence on imported oil
- cut carbon emissions in transport by 60% by 2050

#### Key goals by 2050:

- In cities: no more conventionally-fuelled cars
- Medium distance: a 50% shift of intercity passenger and freight journeys from road to rail and water
- Long distance: 40% use of sustainable low carbon fuels in aviation; at least 40% cut in shipping emissions



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