

Oil shale – The Unconventional Which Will Become Conventional

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What Is Oil Shale?

Oil shale is not:

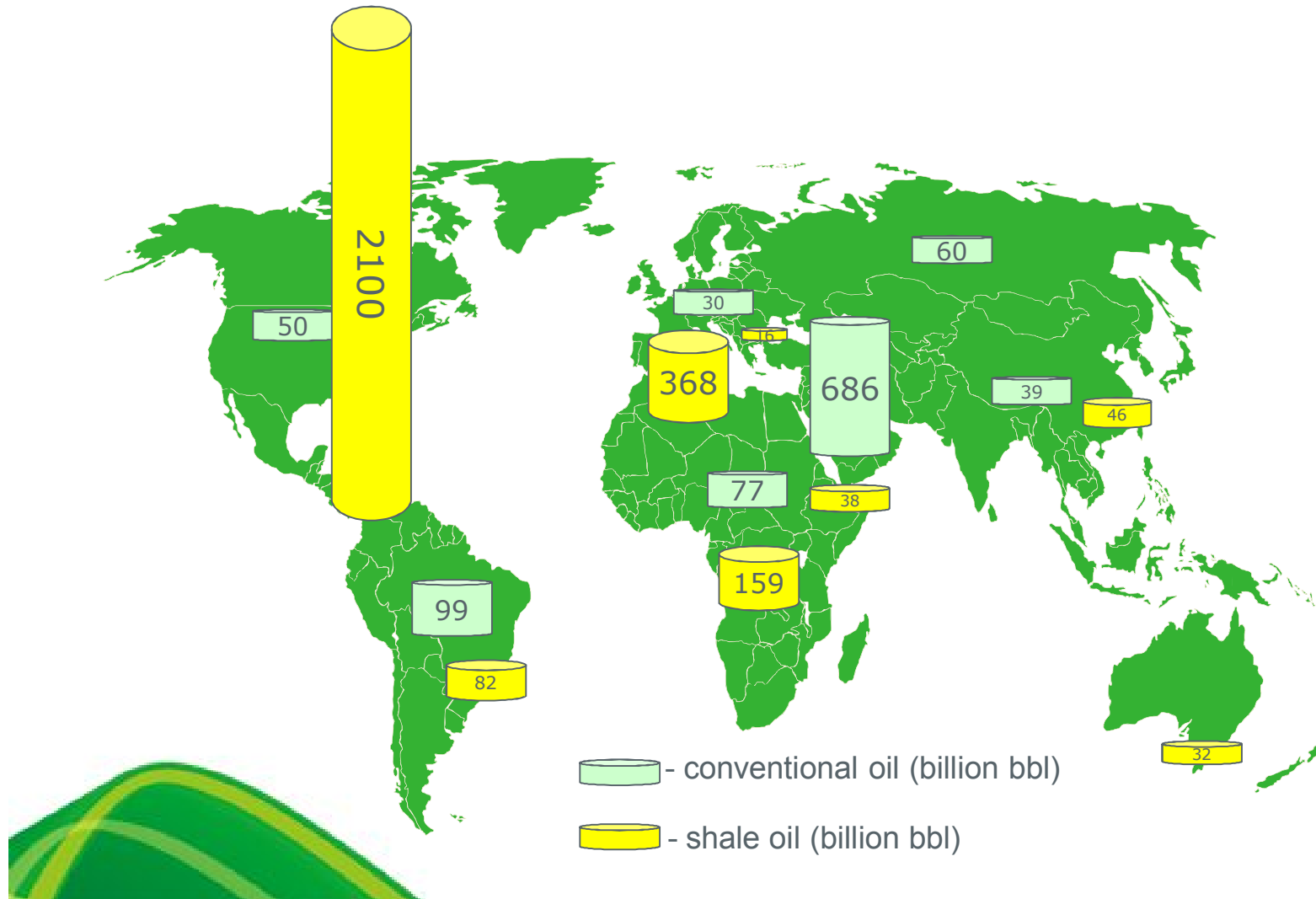
- conventional crude
- oil/tar sands
- shale gas

Oil shale is a sedimentary rock with significant amounts of kerogen, which **when heated** at the appropriate temperature **releases oil and gas**



Why Talk About Oil Shale?

The amount of oil in world oil shale deposits is considered to be 3-9 times larger than proven conventional oil reserves



Squeezing Oil From a Stone – Proven in Estonia

Estonia has almost 100 years of commercial oil shale experience

Commercial Shale Oil Production Has Been Proven:
 Estonia: established 1924
 Brazil: established 1981
 China: established 1930/1989

Proven Estonian Track Record:

- More than 1 billion tons of oil shale has been mined
- More than 550 TWh of electricity has been produced
- Nearly 200 million barrels of shale oil have been produced
- The most advanced shale oil technology has been developed

1916



Industry Inception

- 1916: First oil shale mines
- 1924: First shale oil plant
- 1931: Gasoline refinery
- To 1950: Different retorts tested and used

1950



Solid Heat Carrier

- Launch of the solid heat carrier
- Throughput: 200 t/d

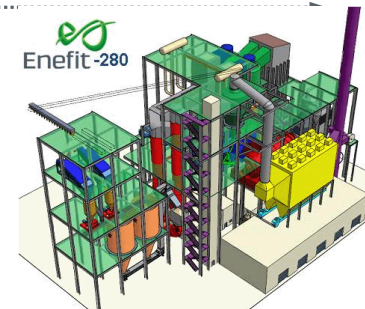
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Enefit 140

- 1980: Commissioning of Enefit 140
- Throughput: 140 t/h
- 2 Enefit 140 lines operating today

2012-2016



Enefit 280

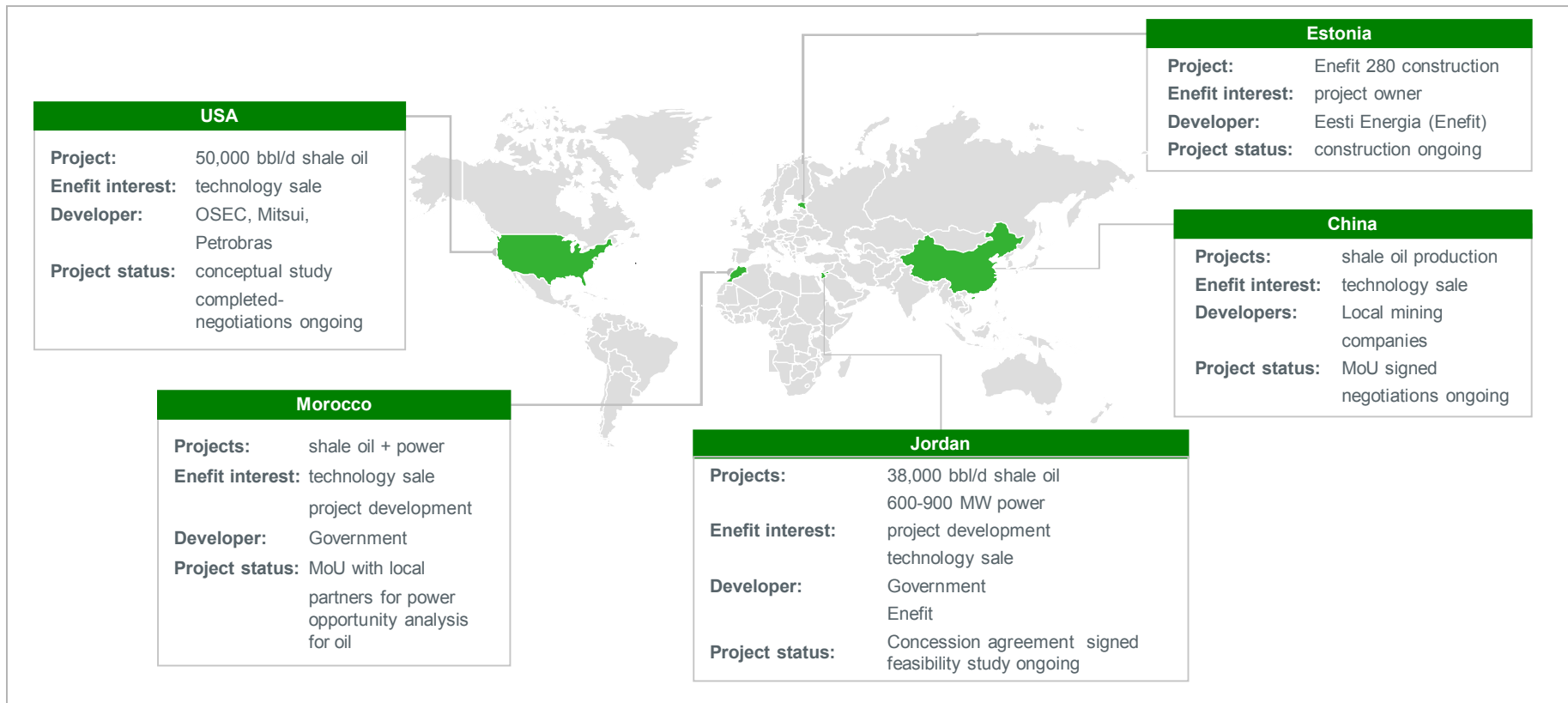
- 2012: Commissioning of Enefit 280
- Throughput: 280t/h
- 2016: 30 th bbl/day shale oil industry



Globally Attractive

Countries across the world are developing their domestic oil shale resources

Enefit worldwide oil shale projects for oil and power production

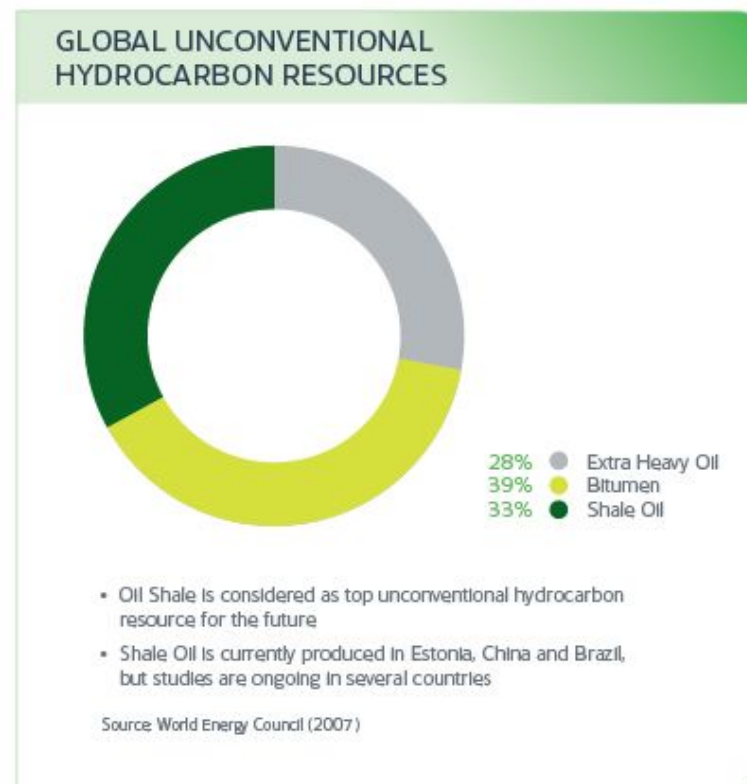
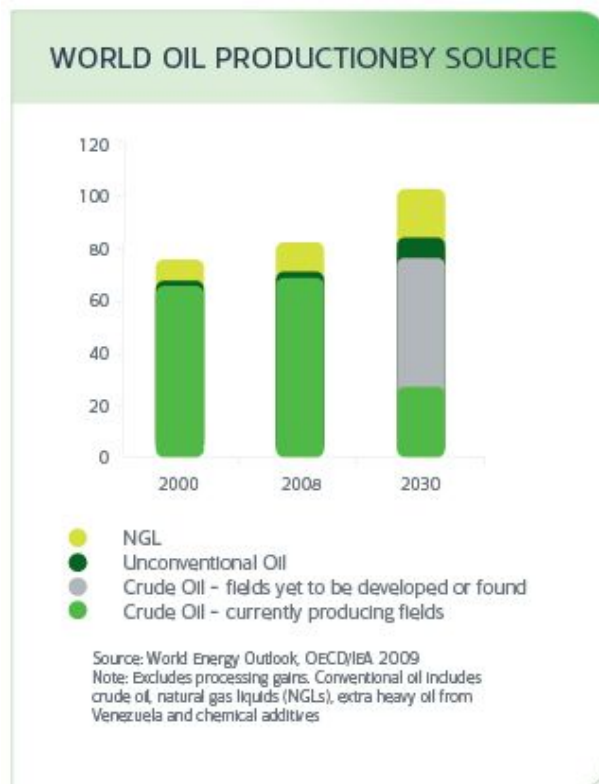


Enefit is in early stage negotiations with several other countries



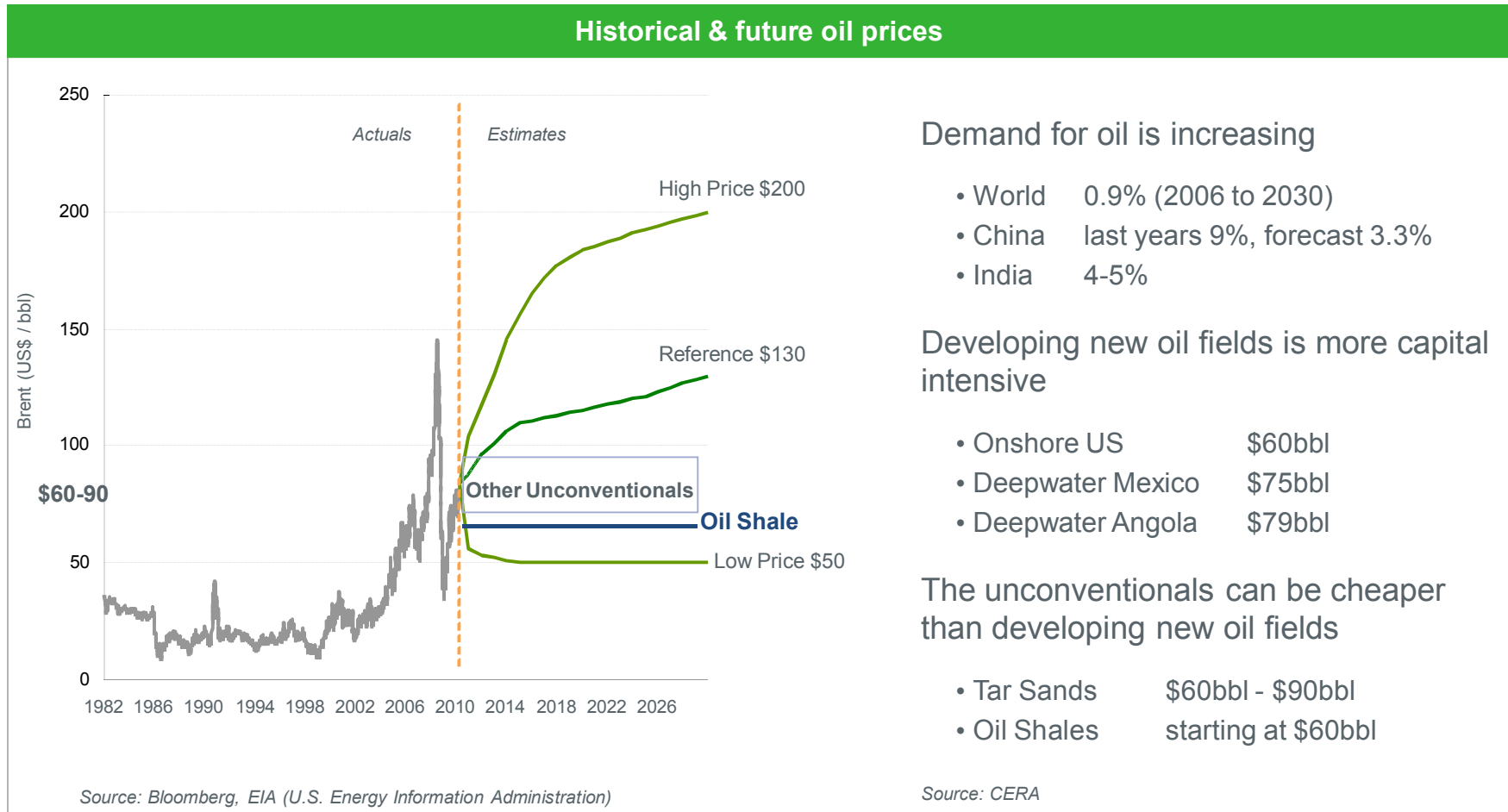
Oil Shale Is a Top Unconventional Future Resource

However growth of unconventional has been limited – why?



Profitable

Oil shale is competitive with conventional resources



Clean

Oil shale can meet international standards

ACCEPTABLE STANDARD INDUSTRY	
MINING	Mining is similar to coal and other standard mineral mining Enefit has a long history of government approved remediation
PROCESS	Process emissions are similar to refining or a chemical industry Enefit plants can be CO2 capture ready
WATER USE	Enefit oil extraction process is water free Industry proven solutions exist to minimize related water needs



Existing Oil Shale Technologies Key Features

Heat Carrier	Technology	Units in operation	Use of 100% Shale	No external energy	No organic waste	Low CO ₂ emissions	Additional Revenue Streams
Gas	Fushun	●	○	●	○	●	○
	PetroSix	●	○	●	○	●	○
Solid	ATP	○	●	●	●	○	●
	Enefit	●	●	●	●	○	●
In-situ technologies		○	○	○	○	●	○



Oil shale Benefits

Energy Independence

- Opportunity to create a domestic supply of synthetic crude for many years
- Oil shale can be used for power production to replace coal and/or gas



Employment

- 30,000 bbl/d shale oil industry will create around 1000 new direct jobs
- Involvement in the supporting sectors due to the industry

Balance of Payments

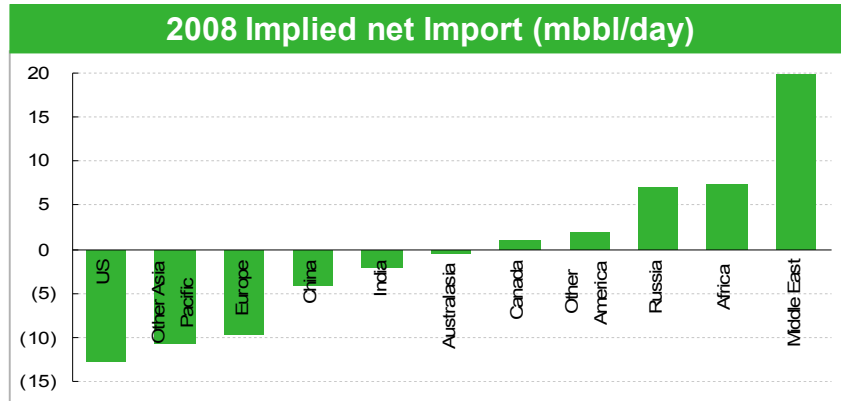
- Improve current account
- Reduce imports of crude oil and improve the balance of payments

R&D Capacity Building

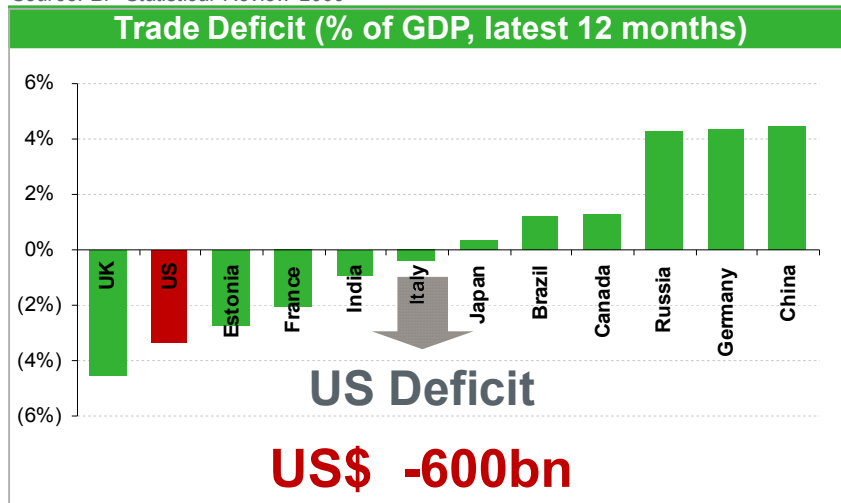
- Knowledge transfer to support the industry
- Academic potential (universities, laboratories)



Half of the US trade deficit comes directly from oil imports



Source: BP Statistical Review 2009



Source: The Economist (10 October 2009)

Implied net import¹ = 13 mmbbl/day
@ 365 days; @ \$75 / bbl

= US\$ -350bn per annum

US has enough oil shale to cover annual imports (5bn bbl/y) at the current level for 400 years




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