## World Oil Markets: Implications for Consumers, Producers, and the World Economy

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Key parameter in any economic model of oil effects: value share = dollar value of expenditures on oil divided by dollar value of total expenditures
Reason: individual consumer has option to keep buying same amount as before, meaning dollar loss = quantity purchased times price change

Observed average percent change in total consumption spending $m$ months following an energy price increase that reduces purchasing power $0.1 \%$ (e.g., \% $\Delta P=5$ and share $=0.02$ ). Source: Edelstein and Kilian (2007).


Observed average percent change in indicated category of consumption $m$ months following an energy price increase that reduces purchasing power $0.1 \%$ (e.g., $\% \Delta P=5$ and $a=0.02$ ). Source: Edelstein and Kilian (2007).

U.S. auto capacity by segment (thousands of units per quarter).

Source: Bresnahan and Ramey, American Economic Review, May 1993.


Shift away from domestically manufactured vehicles. Source: Edelstein and Kilian (2007).



Shift away from light trucks (SUVs). Source: Edelstein and Kilian (2007).



## Average GDP growth in 4 quarters following big oil price increases

| Date of oil price <br> spike | Average actual <br> GDP growth <br> following 4 qtrs | GDP growth if <br> motor vehicles <br> had no change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1974:Q1 | $-1.9 \%$ | $-1.2 \%$ |
| 1979:Q3 | $-0.6 \%$ | $+0.1 \%$ |
| $1981:$ Q1 | $1.3 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ |
| 1990:Q3 | $-0.6 \%$ | $-0.1 \%$ |

Historical oil shocks also often followed by rapid loss of consumer confidence. Source: Edelstein and Kilian (2007).


Cumulative logarithmic change in U.S. real GDP since 1949 (horizontal axis) and in U.S. oil consumption (vertical axis)


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\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{e}^{1.94}=7 \rightarrow(2006 \text { GDP }) /(1949 \text { GDP })=7 \\
& \mathrm{e}^{1.27}=3.6 \rightarrow(2006 \text { oil }) /(1949 \text { oil })=3.6
\end{aligned}
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## Smoothed annual growth rate of petroleum demand



## GDP per capita and growth in petroleum demand



Income elasticity for developing countries is closer to 1


Source: Gately and Huntington, 2001

## 7.2\% per year!

## Chinese oil consumption (mb/d)



By 2020, China would be using $20 \mathrm{mb} / \mathrm{d}$ (= current U.S.) By 2030, China would be using $40 \mathrm{mb} / \mathrm{d}$


Oil use per person in China is less than $1 / 3$ current value for Mexico. China has 3.3 vehicles per 100 residents, compared with 77 in U.S.


## World crude oil production (million barrels per day)




2005-2007:

- China increased consumption by 860,000 b/d
- World production actually fell slightly
- OECD countries decreased consumption by 720,000 b/d


Income elasticity of oil demand for U.S. is less than 1 (\% change oil < \% change GDP)
Implies dollar share of oil in GDP would fall over time
Price elasticity of oil demand is less than 1 (\% change oil < \% change price)
Implies dollar share of oil in GDP rises when price of oil rises


2008:H1 calculation used crude oil price of $\$ 111 /$ barrel.


## U.S. gasoline consumption: this year (red) versus last (blue)



## Down 28\% June 07 to June 08

U.S. domestic light truck sales
(thousands of units)


|  | GDP from <br> autos <br> $(2000 ~ \$)$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1990:Q3- <br> 1991:Q1 | -\$49 B |  |  |
| 2007:Q3- |  |  |  |
| 2008:Q1 |  |  |  |


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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1990:Q3- <br> 1991:Q1 | -\$49 B |  |  |
| 2007:Q3- |  |  |  |
| 2008:Q1 | -\$43 B |  |  |


|  | GDP from <br> autos <br> $(2000 ~ \$)$ | (as \% of <br> GDP) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1990:Q3- <br> 1991:Q1 | $-\$ 49$ B | $0.7 \%$ |  |
| 2007:Q3- <br> 2008:Q1 | $-\$ 43$ B | $0.4 \%$ |  |


|  | GDP from <br> autos <br> $(2000 ~ \$)$ | (as \% of <br> GDP) | jobs in <br> autos <br> (April year- <br> to year) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1990:Q3- <br> 1991:Q1 | $-\$ 49$ B | $0.7 \%$ | $-88,000$ |
| 2007:Q3- <br> 2008:Q1 | $-\$ 43$ B | $0.4 \%$ | $-107,000$ |

- GM announced it will close 4 plants
- Ford will eliminate $15 \%$ of salaried positions
- Continental, United, Delta, and American Airlines all announced significant flight eliminations and employment cuts in the thousands

Temecula, CA

- 60 miles from downtown San Diego
- population doubled last decade
- $15 \%$ homes now in foreclosure


Figure 1. Unemployment


Index of consumer sentiment





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