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).



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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 spike	Average actual GDP growth following 4 atrs	GDP growth if motor vehicles had no change
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1974:Q1	-1.9%	-1.2%
1979:Q3	-0.6%	+0.1%
1981:Q1	1.3%	1.5%
1990:Q3	-0.6%	-0.1%
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Historical oil shocks also often followed by rapid loss of consumer confidence. Source: Edelstein and Kilian (2007).





 $e^{1.94} = 7 \rightarrow (2006 \text{ GDP})/(1949 \text{ GDP}) = 7$  $e^{1.27} = 3.6 \rightarrow (2006 \text{ oil})/(1949 \text{ oil}) = 3.6$  11











Income elasticity for developing countries is closer to 1



Source: Gately and Huntington, 2001





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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



	GDP from autos (2000 \$)	
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	GDP from autos (2000 \$)	(as % of GDP)	jobs in autos (April year- to year)
1990:Q3- 1991:Q1	-\$49 B	0.7%	-88,000
2007:Q3- 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













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