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## **Energy for Oil Sands Production**

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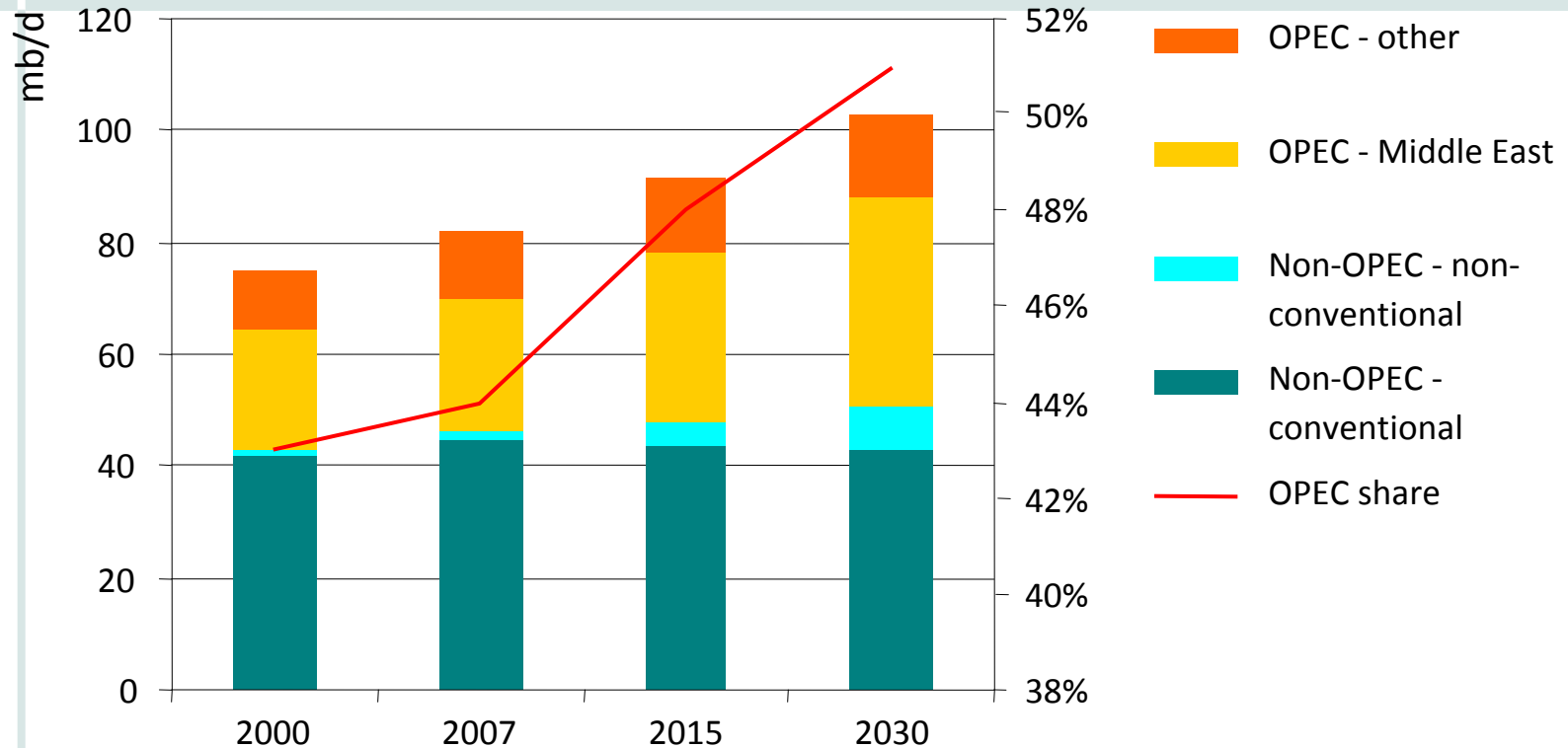
**Soheil Asgarpour, Ph.D., P.Eng.**



## What is happening?

- **In the long term the energy demand will increase due to the world population increase and expected economic growth**
- **Supply of easy oil can not keep up with the increase in demand**
- **Oil will stay as the main source of the transportation fuel in the foreseeable future**
- **Globally production of heavy crude is increasing**
- **More energy production means more CO<sub>2</sub> emitted at a time when climate change looms as a critical global issue**
- **Obama's energy policy will have a profound impact on oil sands development**

## World oil production by OPEC/non-OPEC

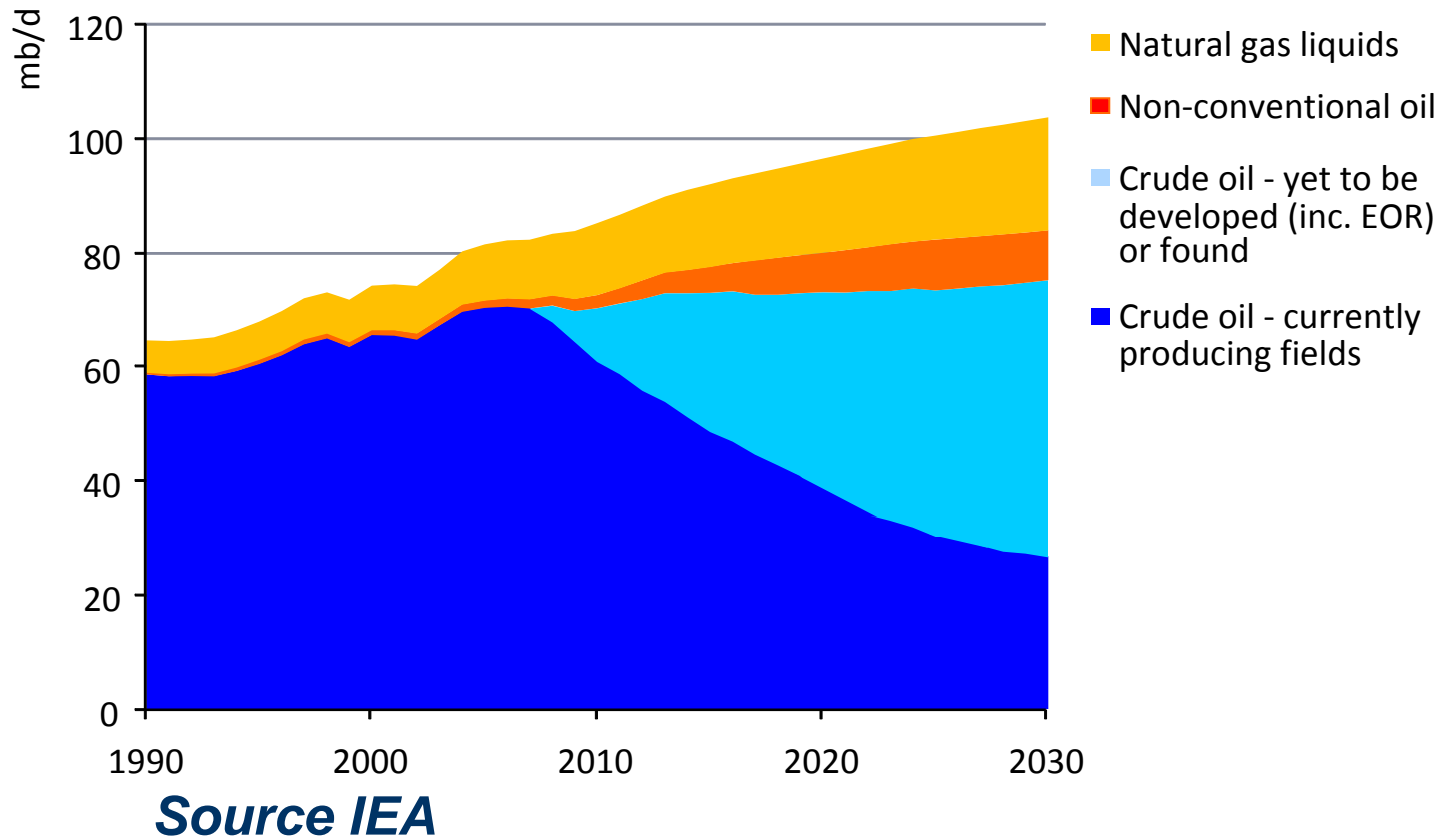


**Source IEA**

*Production rises to 104 mb/d in 2030, with Middle East OPEC taking the lion's share of oil market growth as conventional non-OPEC production declines*



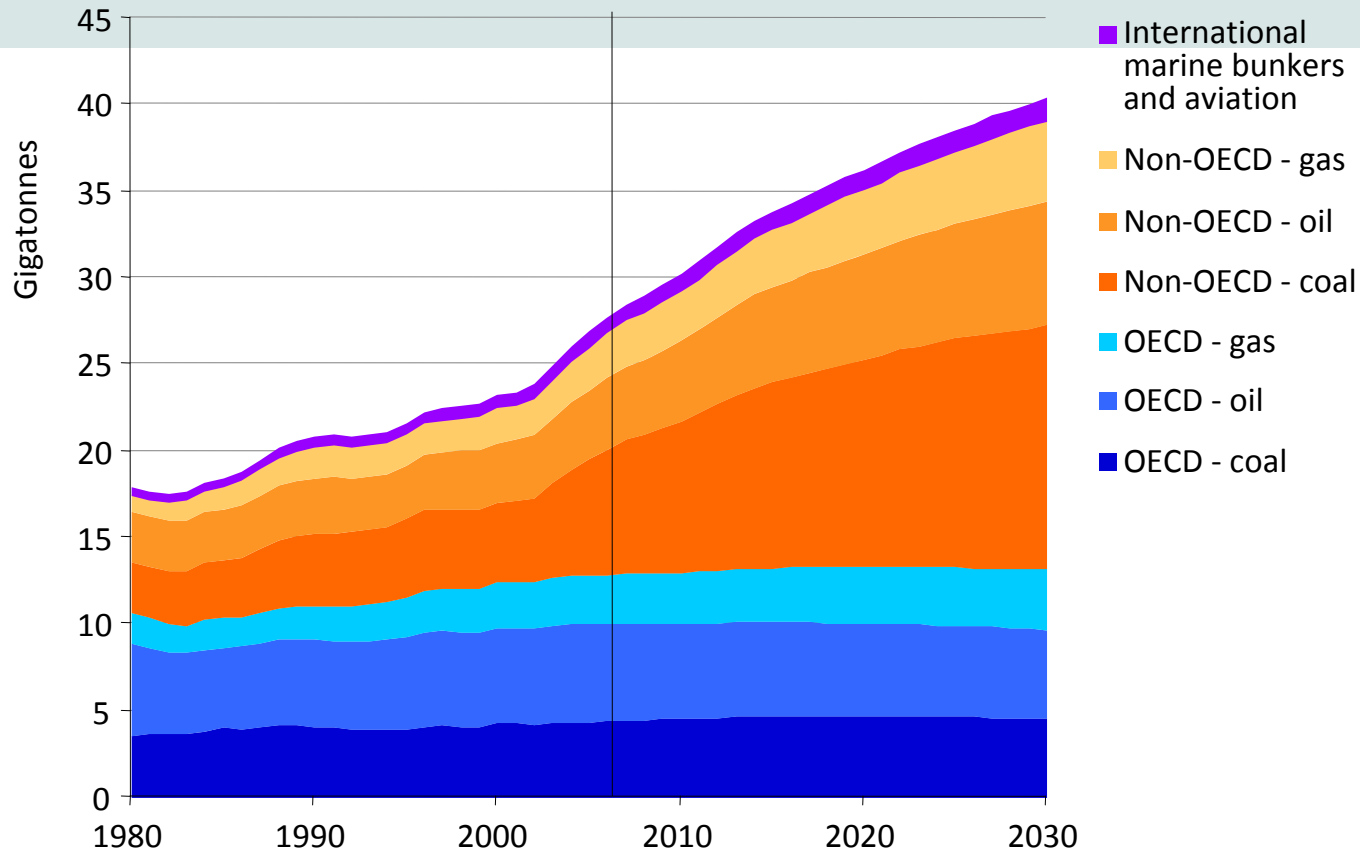
## World oil production by source in the Reference Scenario



*64 mb/d of gross capacity needs to be installed between now and 2030 to meet demand growth & offset decline*



# Energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



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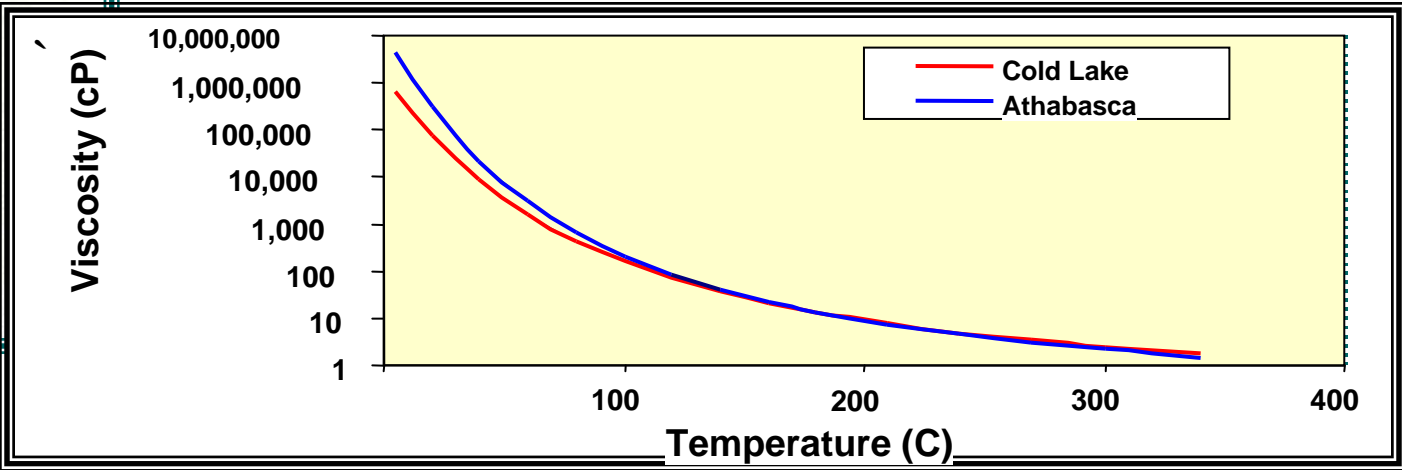
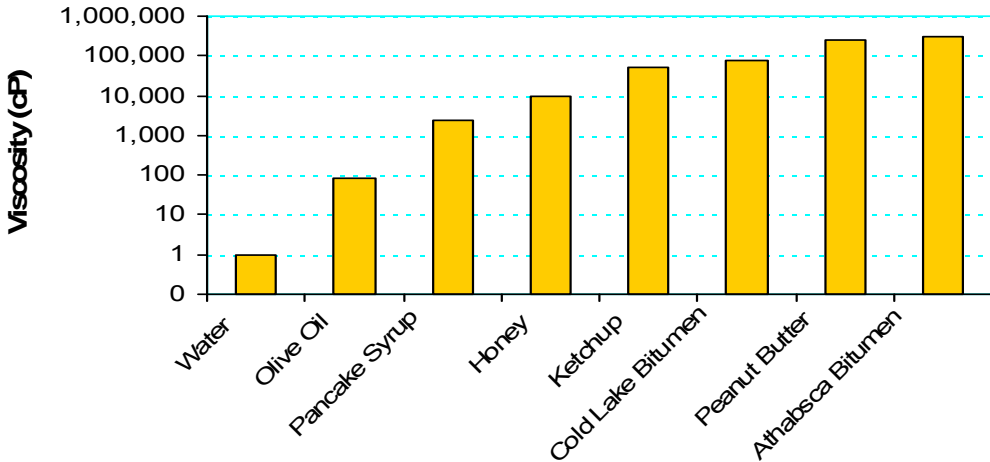
*97% of the projected increase in emissions between now & 2030 comes from non-OECD countries – three-quarters from China, India & the Middle East alone*

## Oil Sands 101

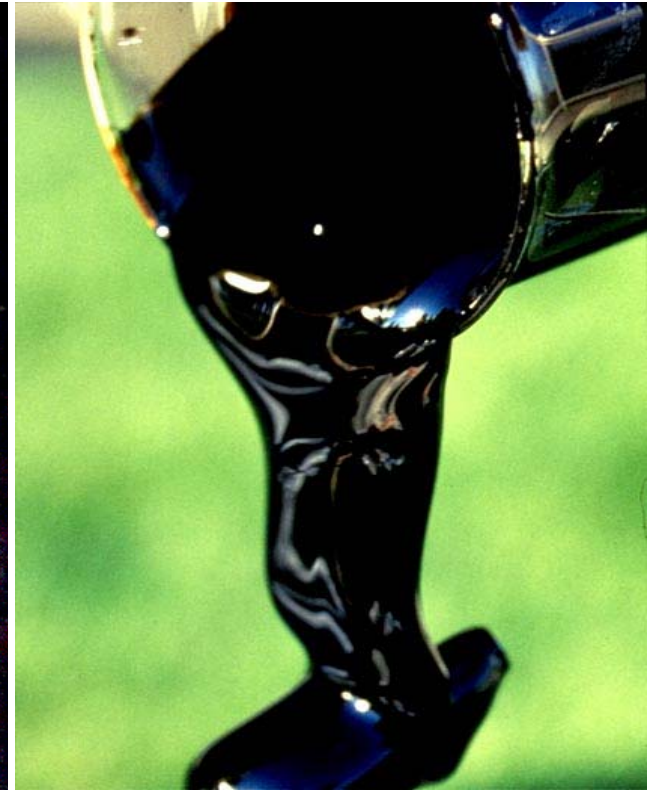




# The Bitumen Recovery Challenge

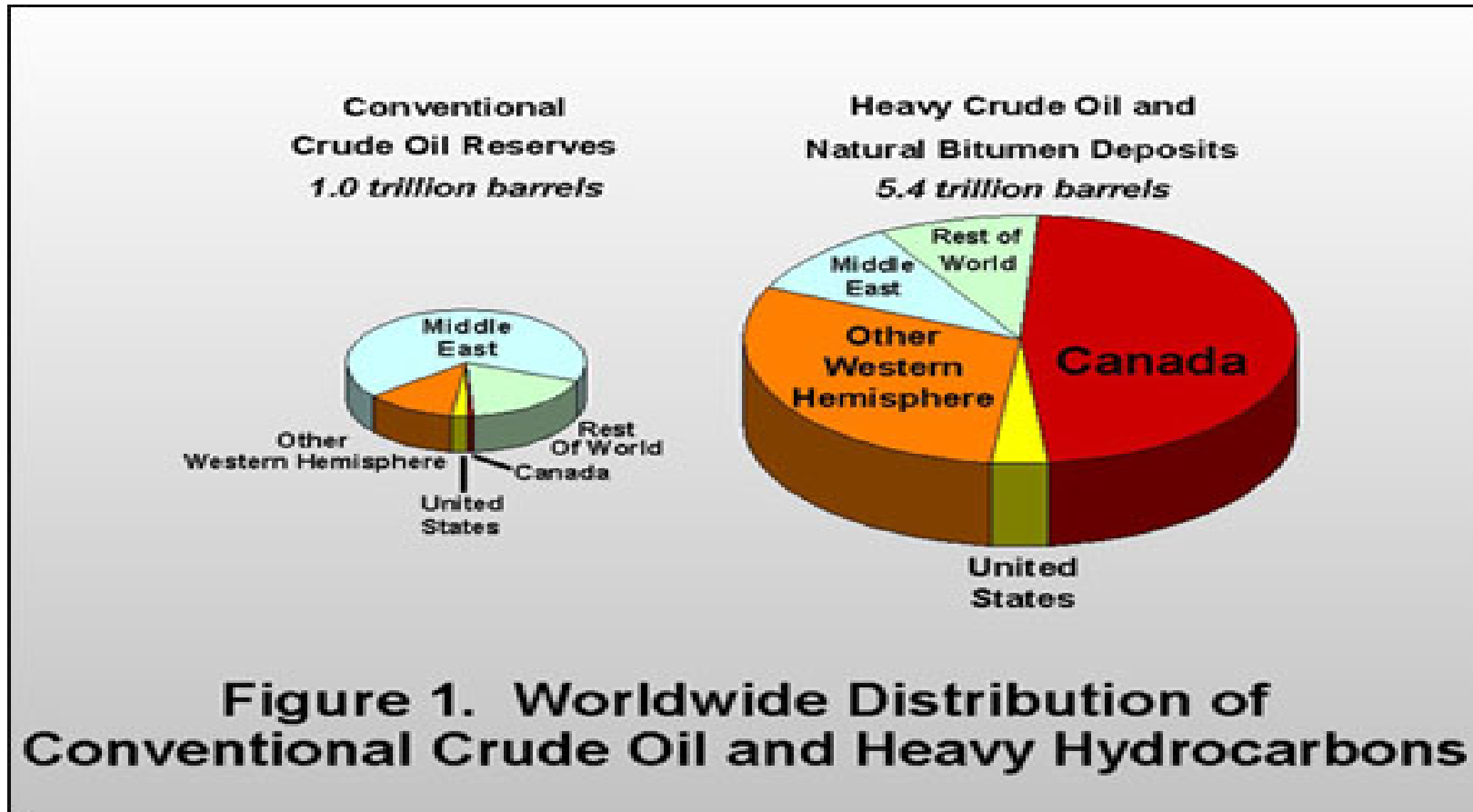


## The Resources



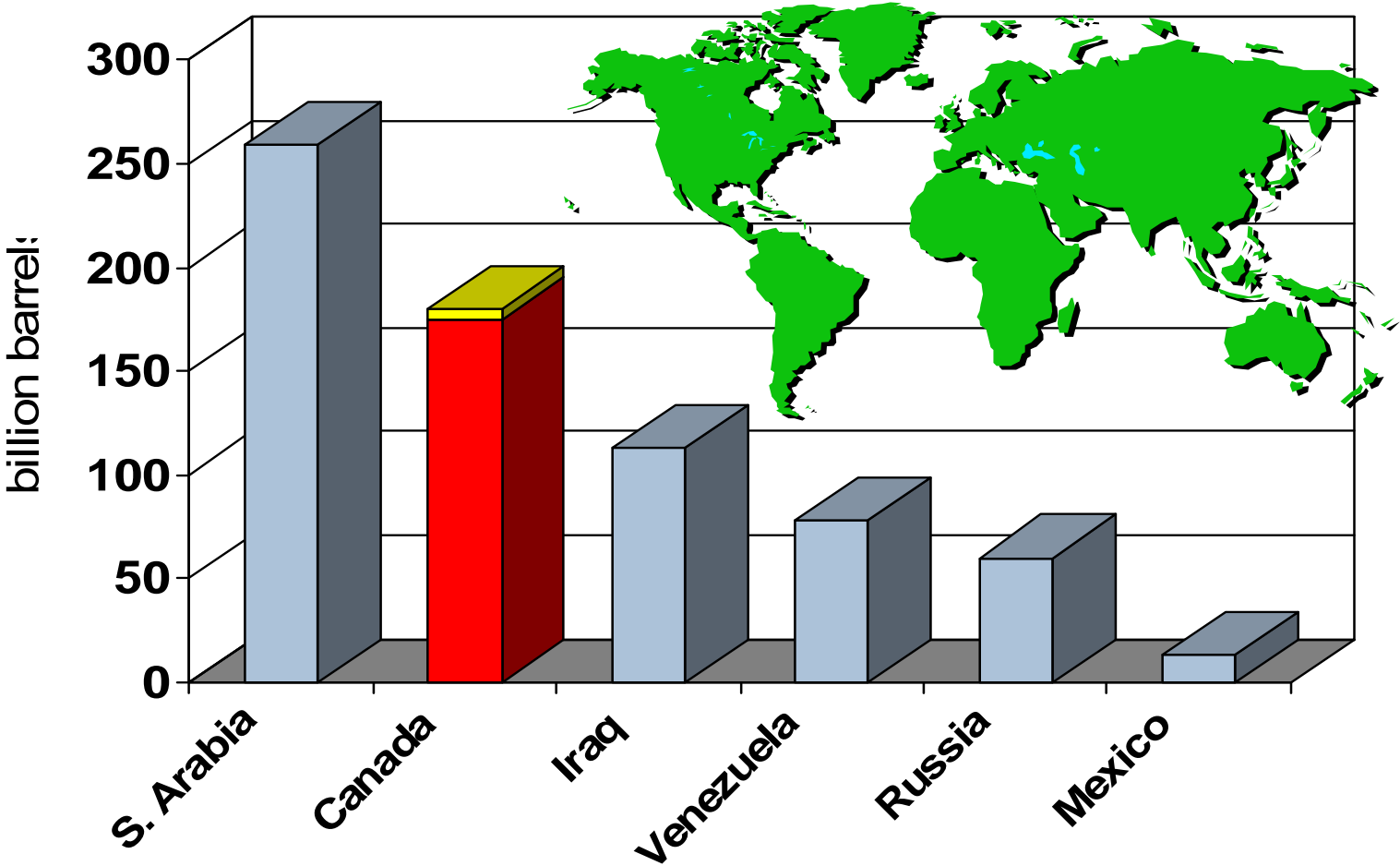


## The Largest Oil Resources in The World





# Proven World Crude Oil Reserves



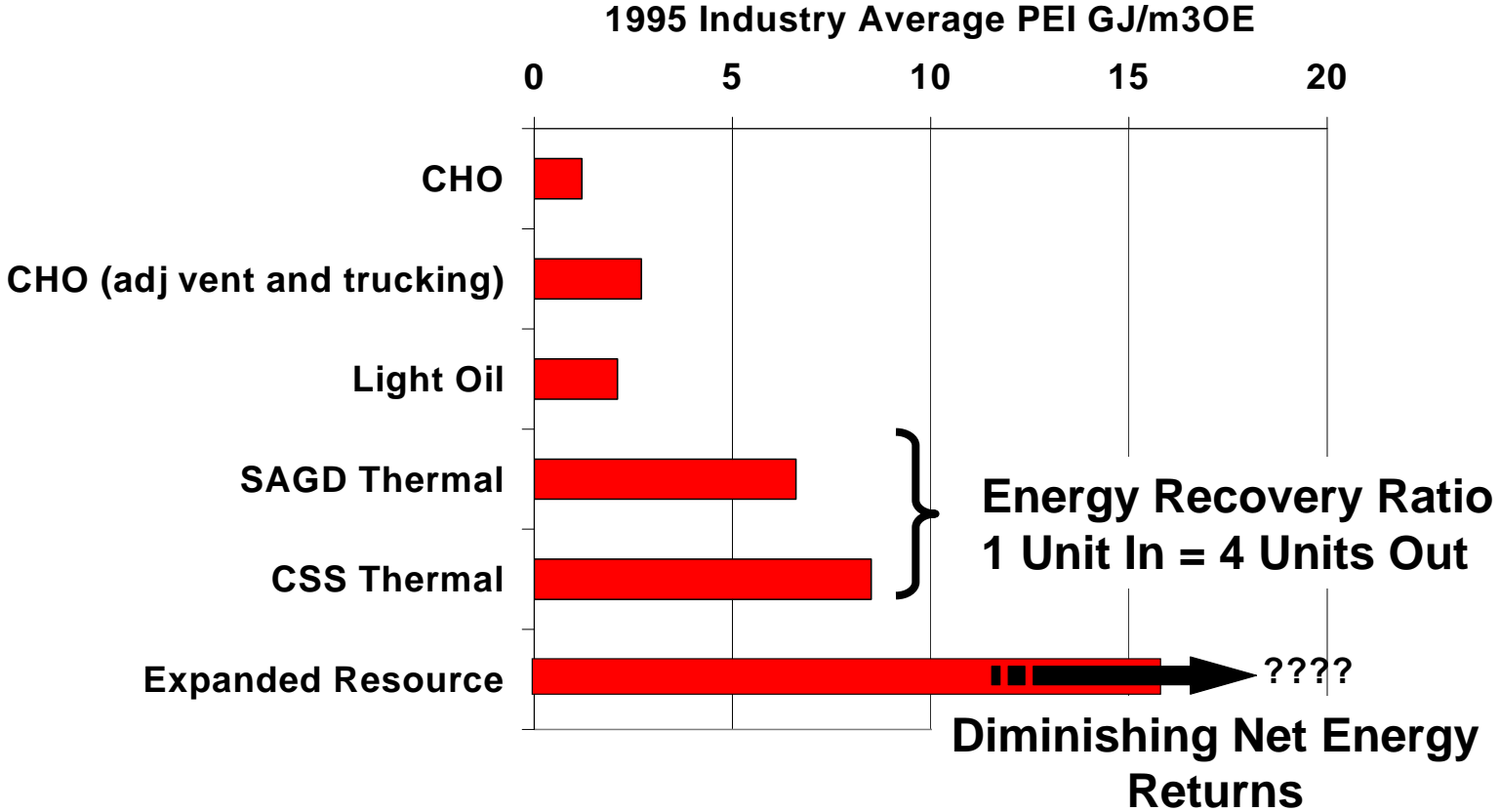
Sources: Oil and Gas Journal – Dec 2002, AEUB

## Cumulative Increase in GDP in \$ Billions (2000-2020)\*

Alberta	1,167
Other Provinces	310
Outside Canada	268

\*Canadian Energy Research Institute, *Economic Impact of Alberta's Oil resources*, August 2006

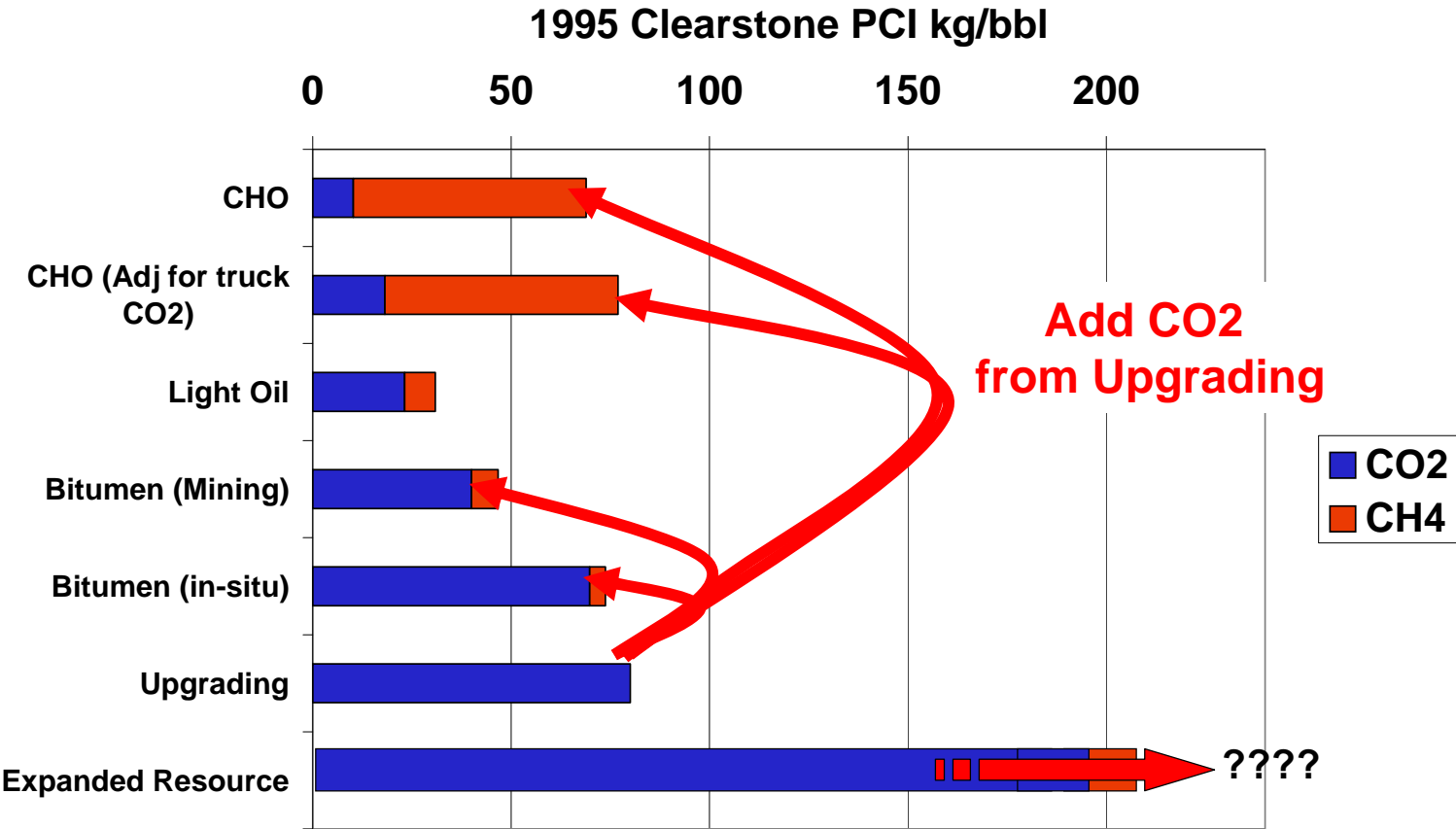
# Energy Intensities



Source CAPP



# GHG Intensities





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## PTAC's Technology Options to Reduce GHG Emissions from Oil Sands

- **CO2 sequestration**
- **Eco efficiency Program**
- **Emerging exploitation technologies (FGSS, etc.)**
- **Alternative solutions to replace natural gas consumption**

**Use of Natural Gas:  
Is it a poor use of a clean fuel?  
Do we have enough gas?**

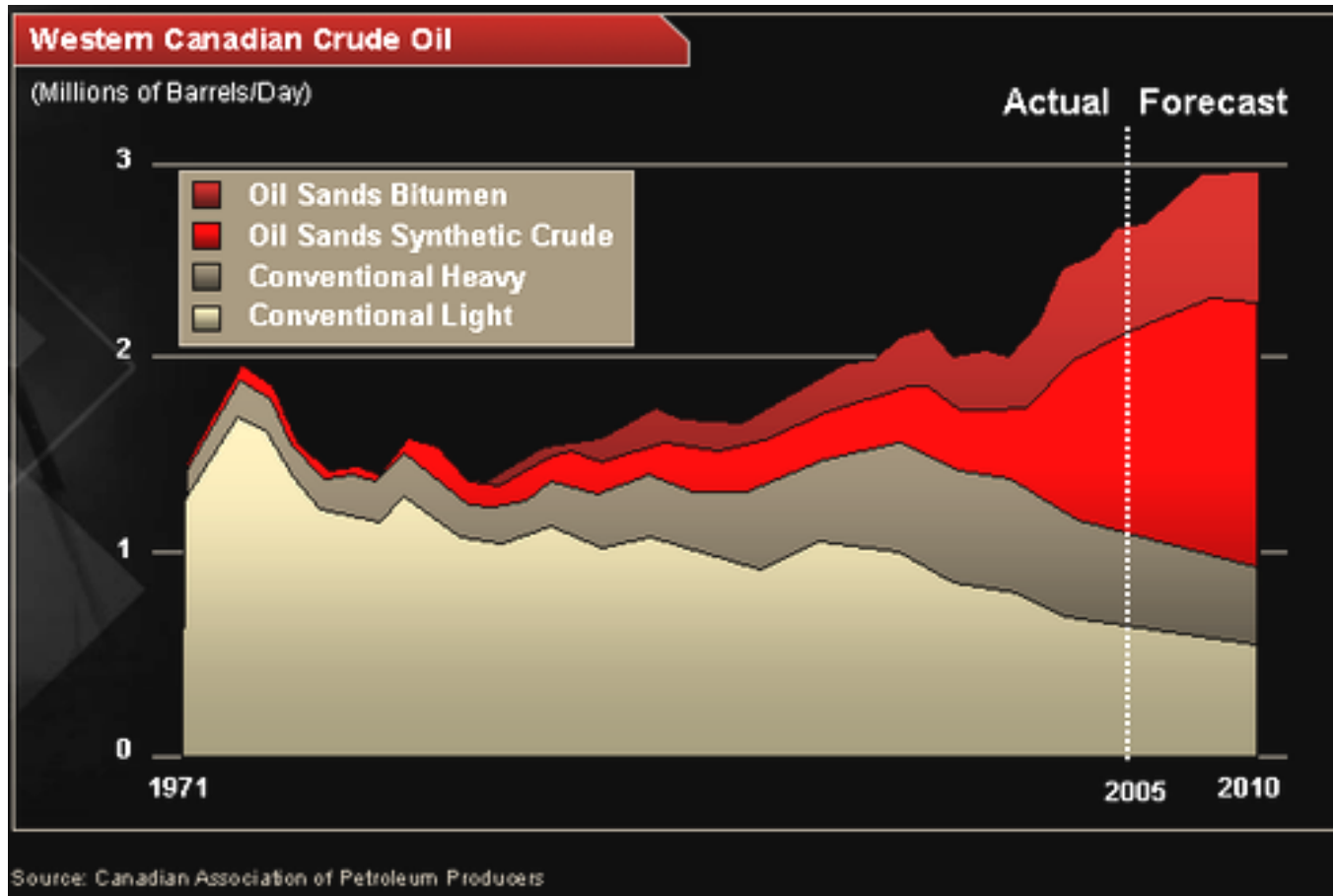


## Alternative Solutions to Replace Natural Gas

- **Gasification of coal, coke or asphaltenes, etc. combined with CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration**
- **Burning bitumen combined with CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration**
- **Nuclear**
- **Other options**

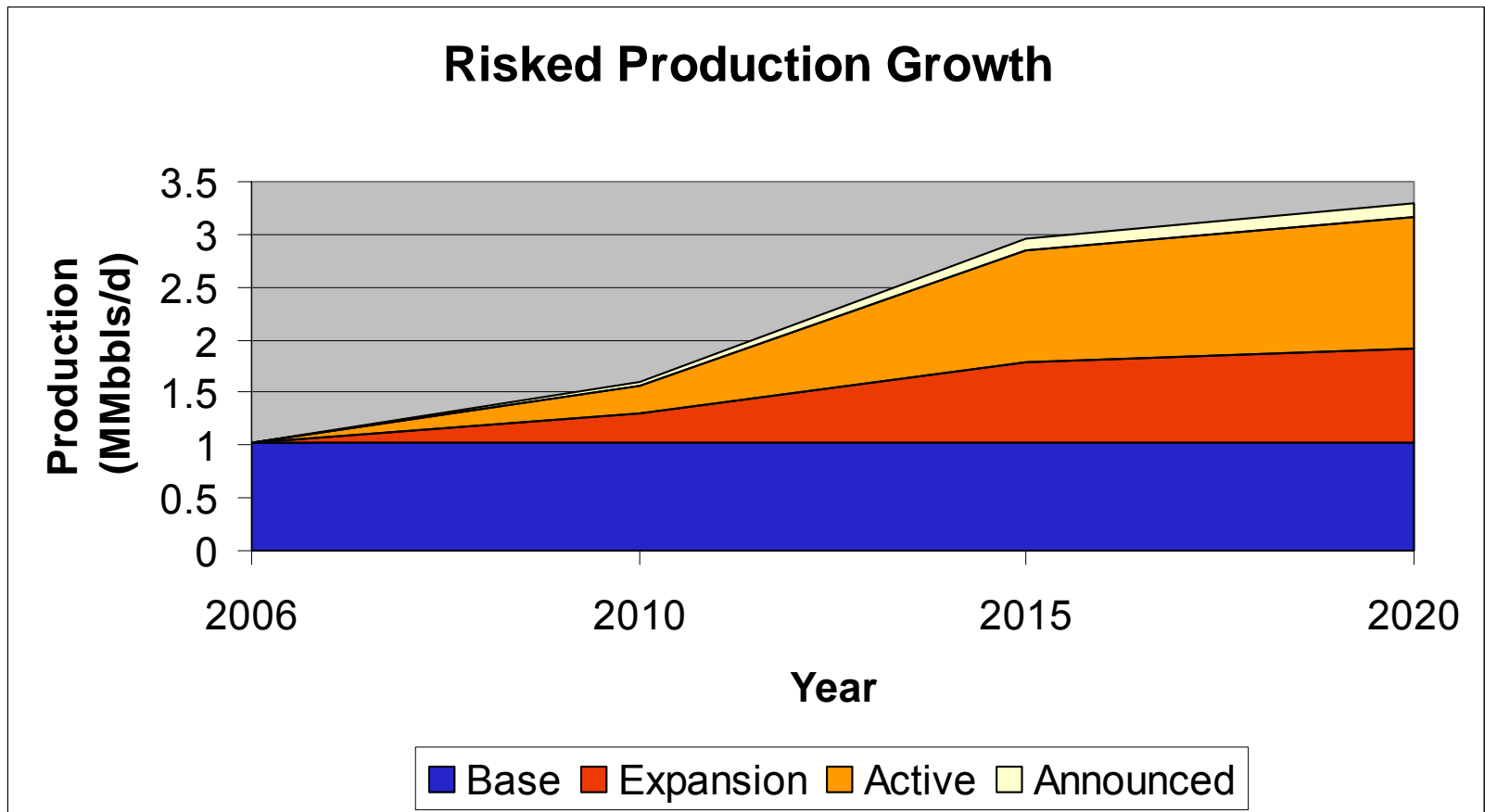


# Gas Consumption Forecast



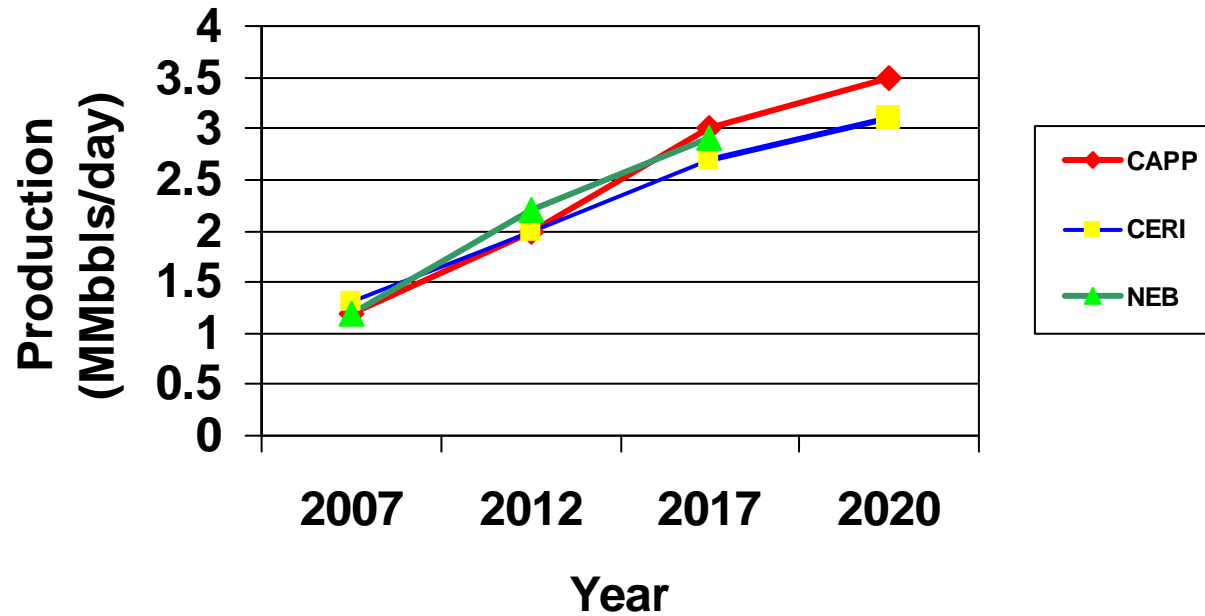
# Oil Sands Production Forecasts

## Forecast Risked Growth

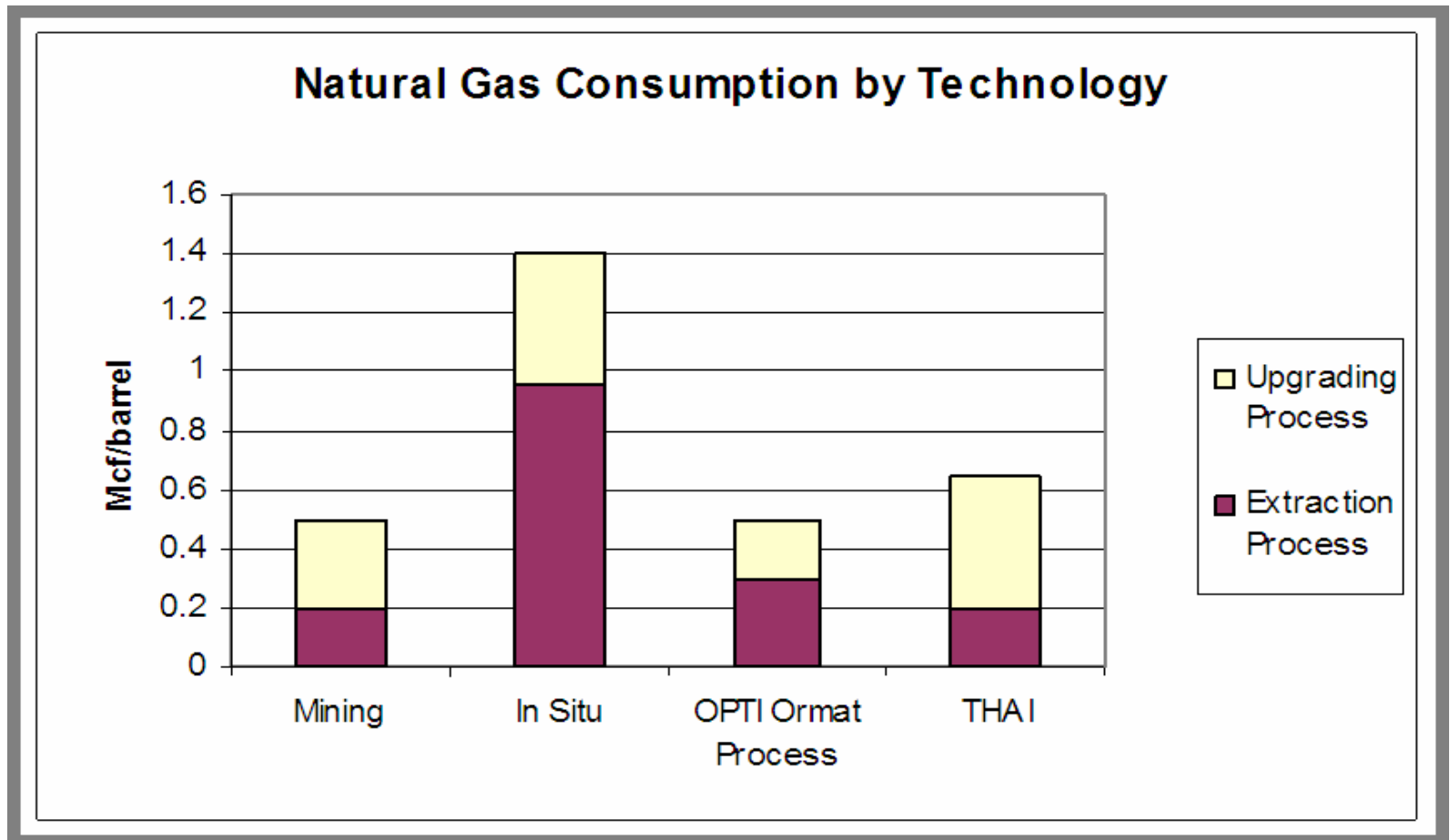


# Oil Sands Production Forecasts

## Comparative Production Forecasts



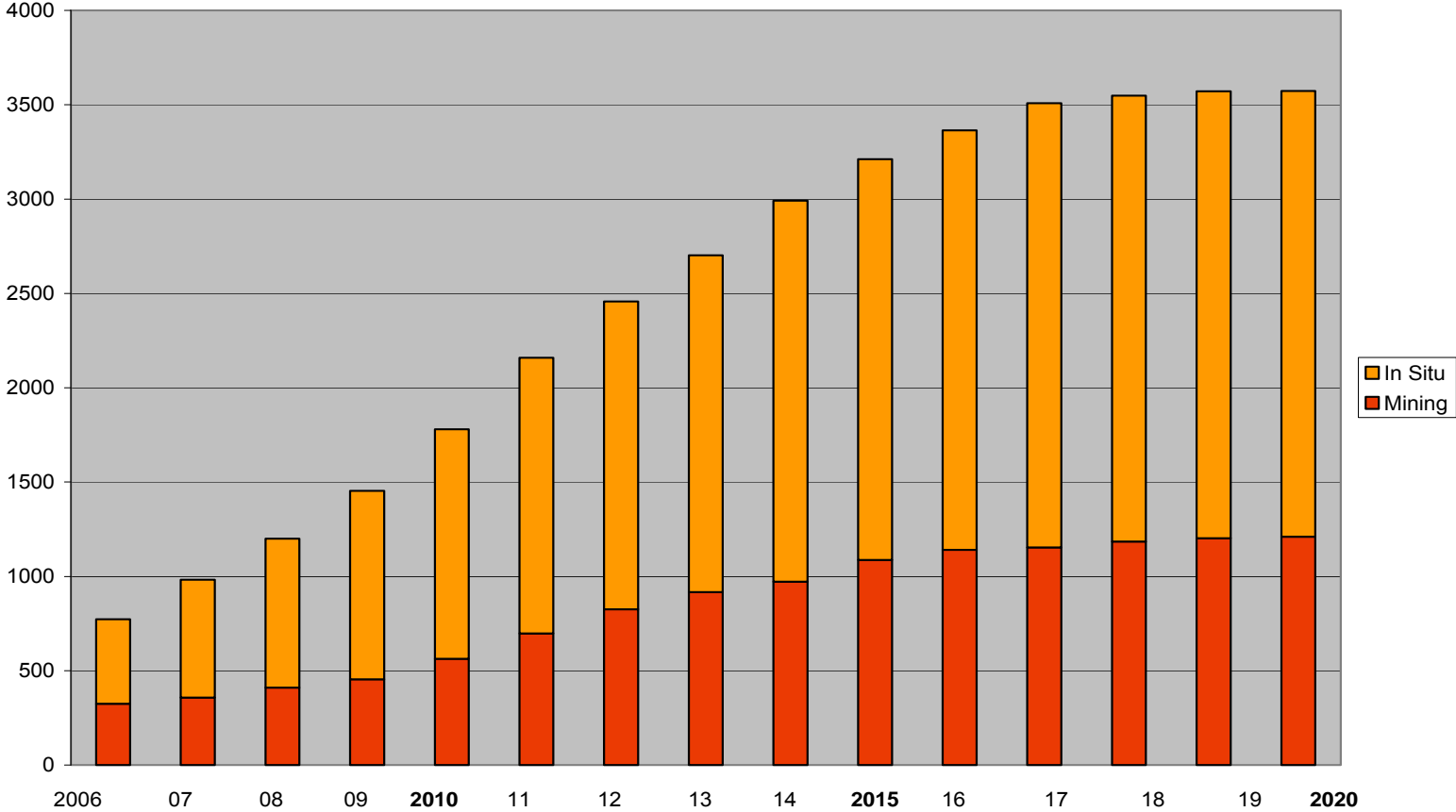
# Natural Gas Consumption





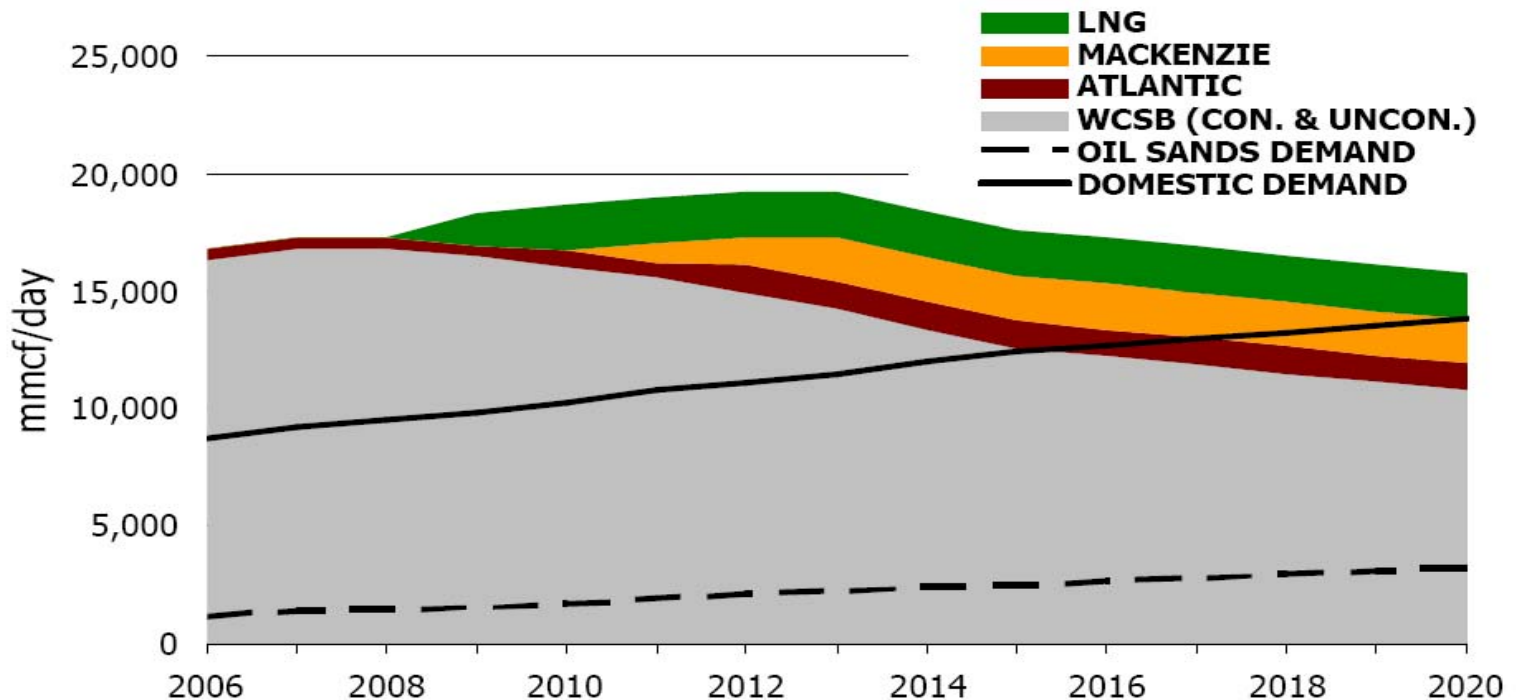
# Gas Requirements

Gas Requirements (MMscf/d)



# Gas Supply and Demand

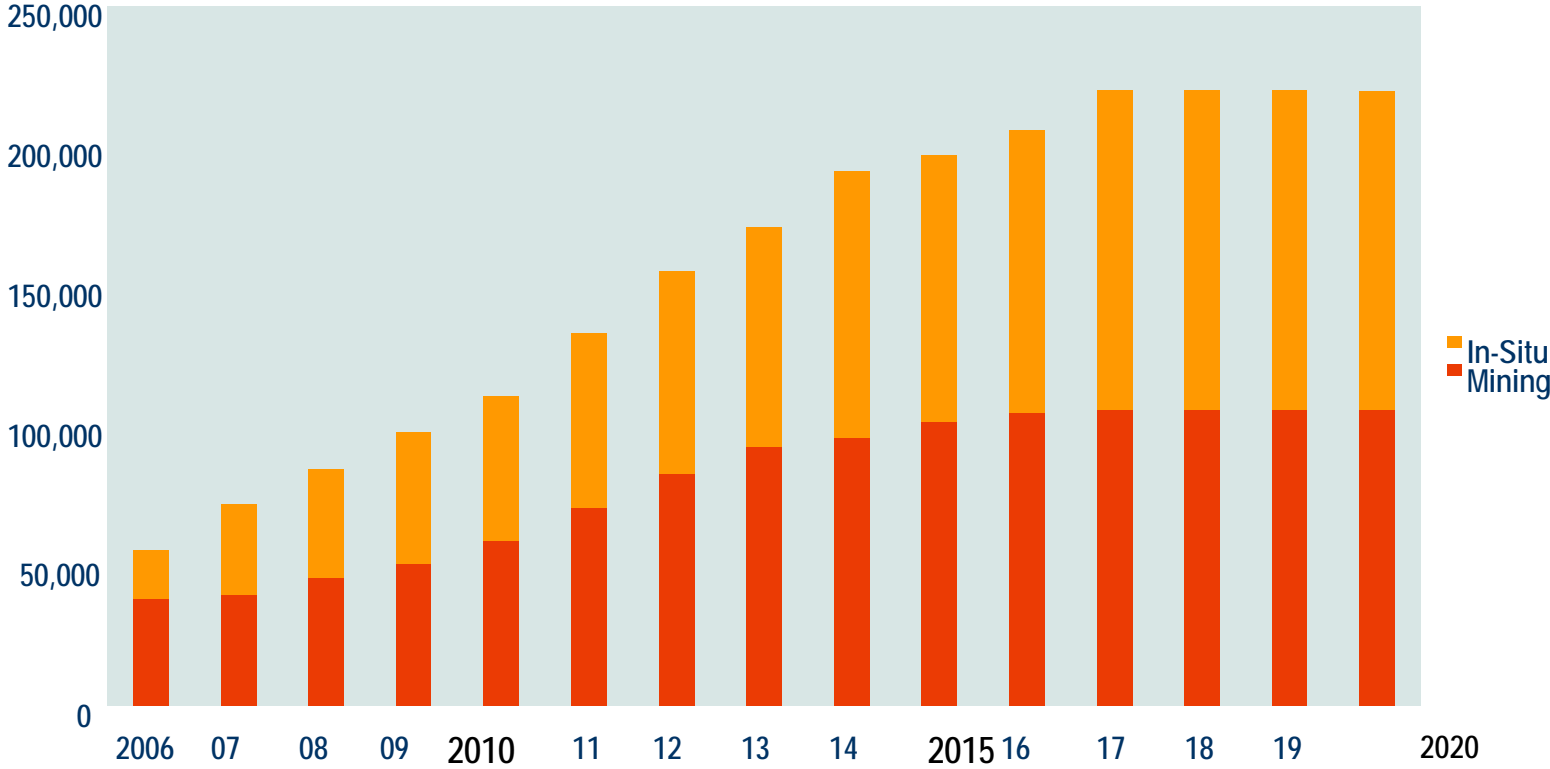
## Projected Canadian Natural Gas Supply/Demand Balance





# GHG Emissions

GHG Emissions, 2006 - 2020 (t/d)





## **Application of Nuclear Technology – Opportunities**

- **Low operating cost**
- **Reliable**
- **Emission-free energy**
- **Flexibility in generating steam, hydrogen, heat, and electricity**
- **Reduction in consumption of natural gas**
- **Energy cost certainty**
- **Reduces premium fuel availability concerns**
- **High tech jobs**





## **Application of Nuclear Technology – Challenges/Considerations**

- **High capital cost**
- **Technical feasibility and economic viability**
- **Distance to transport steam economically**
- **Size dictates next generation reactors**
- **Construction challenges: remote site with difficult access**
- **Harsh weather conditions**
- **Labor/skills shortages**
- **Lack of experience with nuclear technology or nuclear power generation**
- **Lack of regulatory frame work**
- **Safety**
- **Security**
- **Commercial application is likely post 2025**

## Application of Nuclear Technologies

- **Phase 1: Evaluate nuclear technologies for oil sands application**
- **Phase 2: Study of application of high temperature gas reactors to in-situ operations**
- **Phase 3: Detailed Engineering study**
- **Phase 4: Implementation of field pilot tests**

## Phase one: Evaluated Options

- **120,000 BPD In-situ (SAGD), constructed in four (4) 30k BPD stages;**
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- **100,000 BPD Mining; and**
- **100,000 BPD Integrated Mine and Upgrader.**



## **Mining and In-Situ**

- **Bitumen production**
- **Project life**
- **Steam oil ratio**
- **Pressure at well head**
- **Steam quality**
- **Electricity requirement**
- **Mining and in-situ/Integrated**

## Study Results

- **NPPs with water cooled reactors have thermal capacities greatly exceeding the energy requirements of the evaluated options.**
- **Water cooled reactor are not hot enough to generate steam for SAGD**
- **High Temperature Gas Reactors (HTGRs) could meet the technical requirements for the three (3) scenarios considered, but are not currently commercialized.**
- **Among the considered technologies are the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR), Toshiba 4S, and the General Atomics High Temperature Gas Reactor (GA-HTGR).**

## Study results

- The introduction of nuclear energy into the Oil Sands region will be a lengthy and expensive process
- the timing is likely post 2025.
- The Project duration, including site selection, environmental assessment, licensing and construction could span over 15 years.
- A practical way of utilizing the existing commercial NPP designs for use in the Oil Sands region would be to adopt a ‘utility’ approach for the delivery of energy (in the form of steam and electricity) to multiple Oil Sands facilities, and for providing electricity to the Alberta power grid.

## Conclusions

- **Development of Canada's Oil Sands resources are essential to meet the global energy demand and stimulate Canada's economic prosperity.**
- **Application of existing and emerging technologies can ensure sustainable development of Canada's world class Oil Sands resources.**

**Thank You**

