

Technology to the Rescue in a World of Low Oil and Gas Prices

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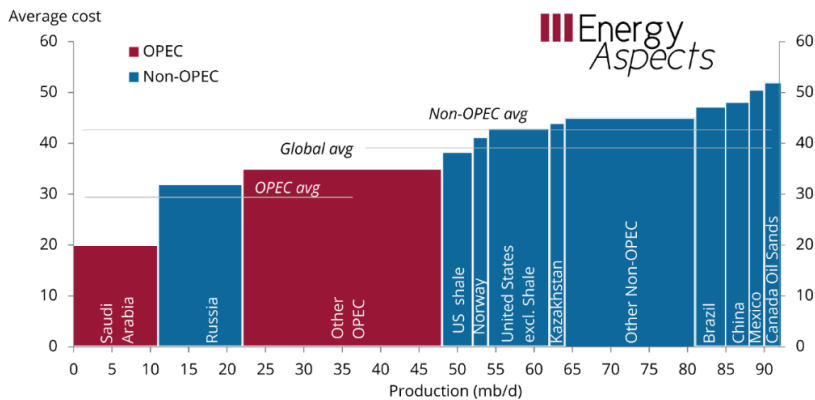
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NON-OPEC SUPPLY EX-US (6/7)

Costs are coming down fast but this is cyclical

Global cost curve
 \$ per barrel



Current crude prices are below cash costs in most of the world. Currency, over-capacity in the service market and a focus on propping up near-term production has played a large role in reducing operating costs across 2015 and 2016.

Source: Company data, Energy Aspects analysis

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Process & Efficiency Improvements US Shale and Tight oil plays

| Increasing Costs | Decreasing Costs |
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| Play margin delineation | Derisked geology |
| Drilling/completion/ stimulation surprises | More efficient drilling/ completion/stimulation |
| Competition for leases | Consolidation of leases |
| Supply chain bottlenecks | Supply chain optimization |
| Infrastructure bottlenecks | Infrastructure buildout |
| Service cost increases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equipment shortages ○ Personnel shortages | Service cost discounts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amortization of CAPEX ○ Service efficiencies ○ Increased competition |

Early in development cycle

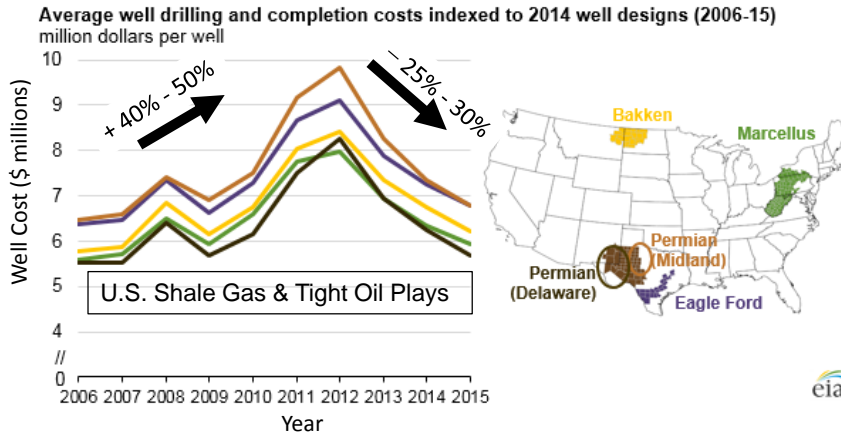
Late in development cycle

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| Downturn-Driven Efficiencies US Shale and Tight Oil Plays | | |
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| Asset High Grading | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No more exploratory drilling ▪ Ultra sweet spotting ▪ Completing DUCs ▪ Only the best rigs and crews | Intelligent Downsizing |
| Technical Innovations | | |
| Pad Drilling | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Site construction efficiencies ▪ Well construction efficiencies ▪ Creeping rigs ▪ Supply chain simplification | Factory Mode |
| Super Fracks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Longer laterals ▪ Tighter fracture initiation points ▪ More water ▪ More proppant | Even More Brute Force |

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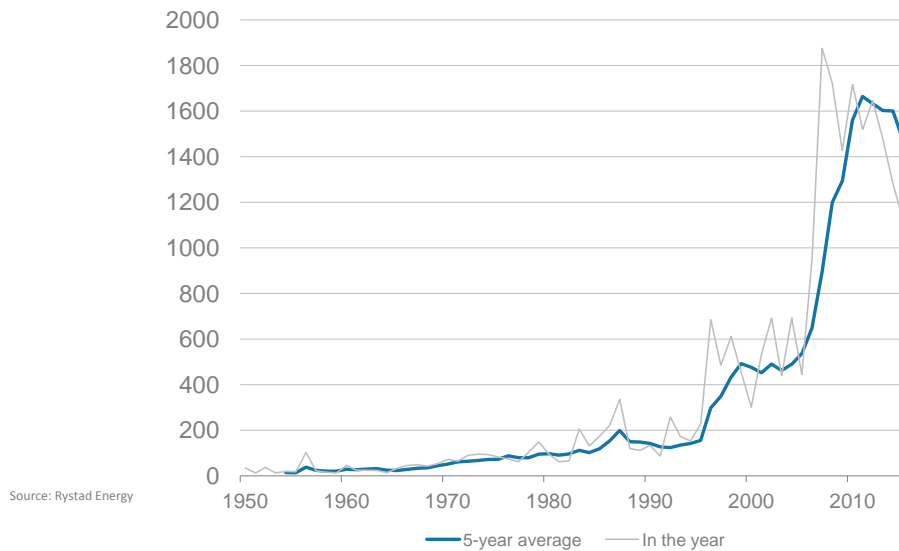
Process and Efficiency Improvements are
 "Every Day Innovations" that Continue Through Business Cycles



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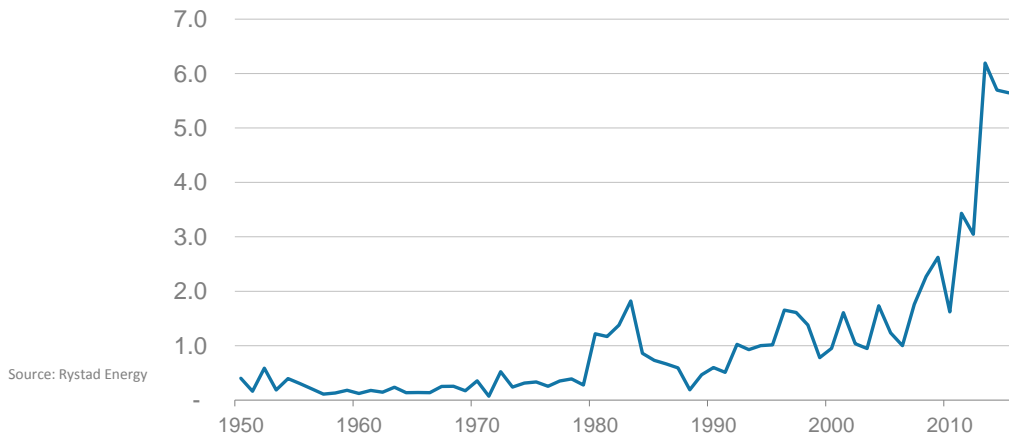
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Average water depth - offshore discoveries outside US (m)



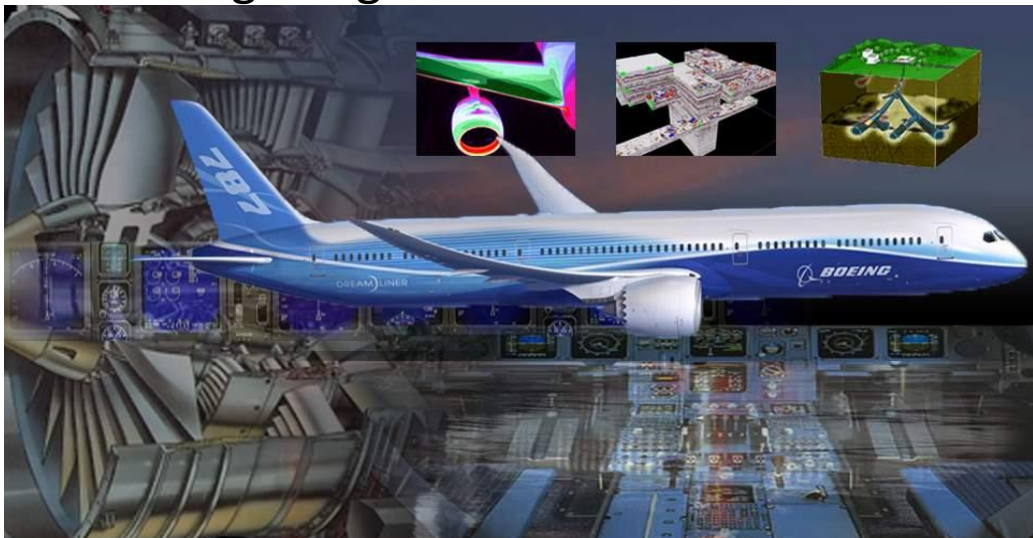
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Cost per boe discovered - outside US (real 2015 \$/boe)



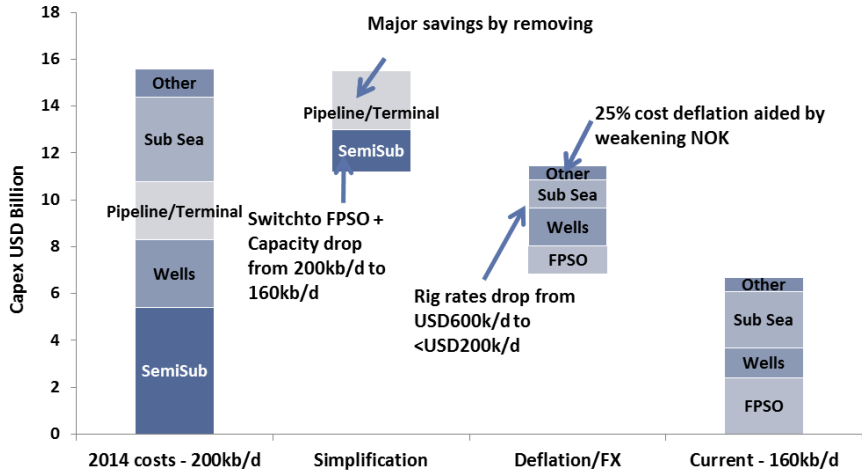
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Learning integration from other industries



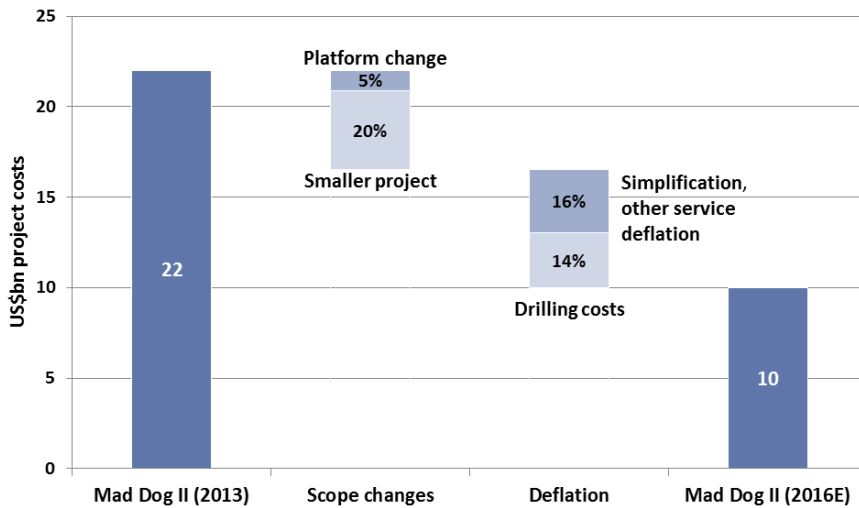
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Innovation & the Business Cycle

When Oil & Gas Prices are Falling or Low

- Academic & government O&G research winds downs
- Industry R&D shrinks
 - Hiring is cut
 - Less emphasis on novel techniques
 - Efficiency improvements prioritized
 - Some innovations are lost
- Technology development outsourced
 - Downsizing of risk
 - IOCs → Service Cos → Start Ups
- Technology leaders of the next up-cycle shrink the least
 - Industry-changing innovations develop over 10 - 20 years
 - Technology true believers carry on through thick and thin