



Oil Price and the Southern Midland Basin

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Company overview

AREX OVERVIEW

Enterprise value \$804MM

High-quality reserve base

146 MMBoe proved reserves

66% Liquids, 38% oil

\$1.4 BN proved PV-10

Permian core operating area

147,000 gross (134,000 net) acres

~1+ BnBoe gross, unrisks resource potential

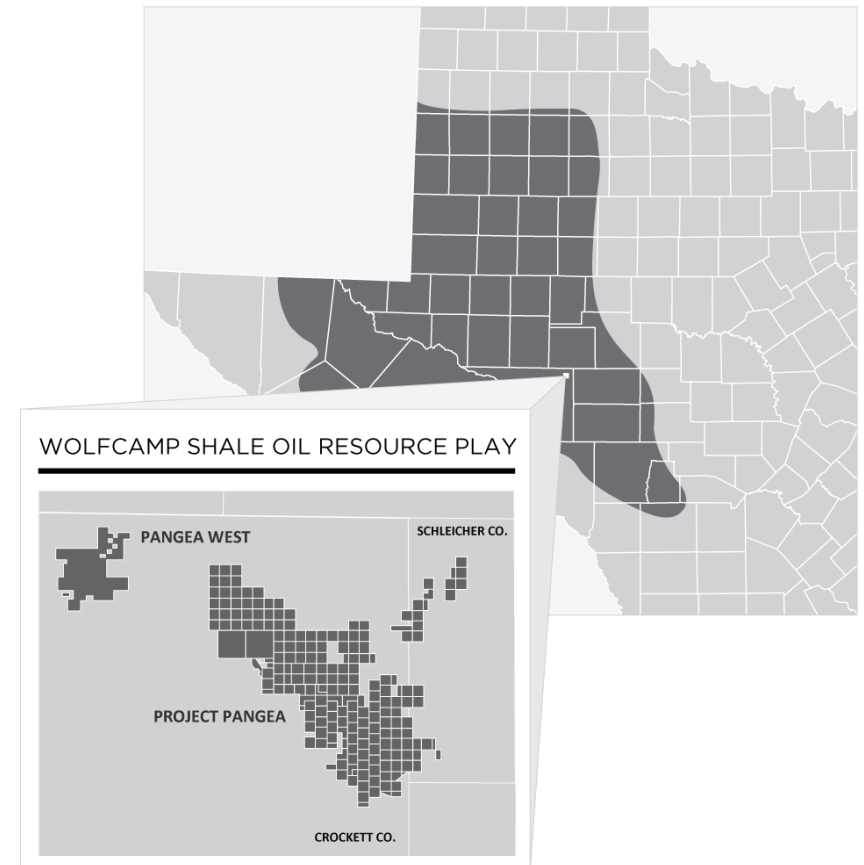
~2,000 Identified HZ drilling locations targeting

Wolfcamp A/B/C

2015 Capital program focused on flexibility and returns

Running an average of 1 HZ rig in the Wolfcamp shale play with a capital budget of approximately \$160 MM

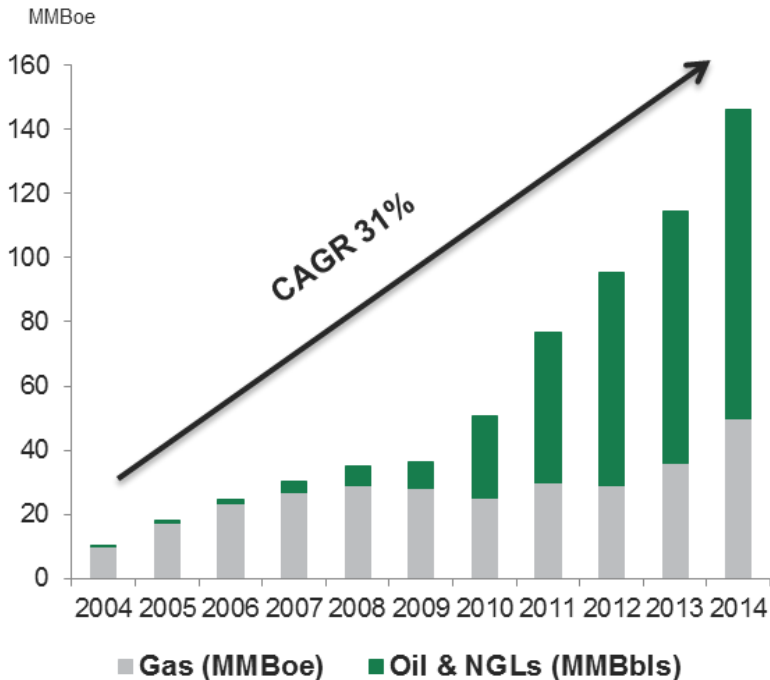
ASSET OVERVIEW



Note: Proved reserves as of 12/31/2014 and acreage as of 3/31/2015. All Boe and Mcfe calculations are based on a 6 to 1 conversion ratio. Enterprise value is equal to market capitalization using the closing share price of \$8.48 per share on 5/5/2015, plus net debt as of 3/31/2015. See "PV-10 (unaudited)" slide.

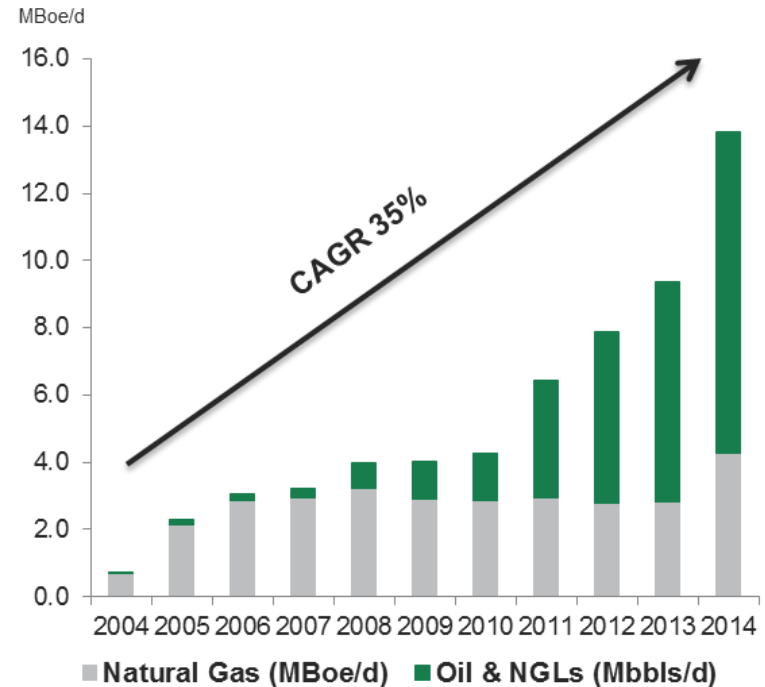
Strong track record of reserve and production growth

RESERVE GROWTH



- YE14 reserves up 27% YoY
- Replaced 819% of produced reserves at a drill-bit F&D cost of \$8.94/Boe
- 124.8 MMBoe proved reserves booked to HZ Wolfcamp play

PRODUCTION GROWTH



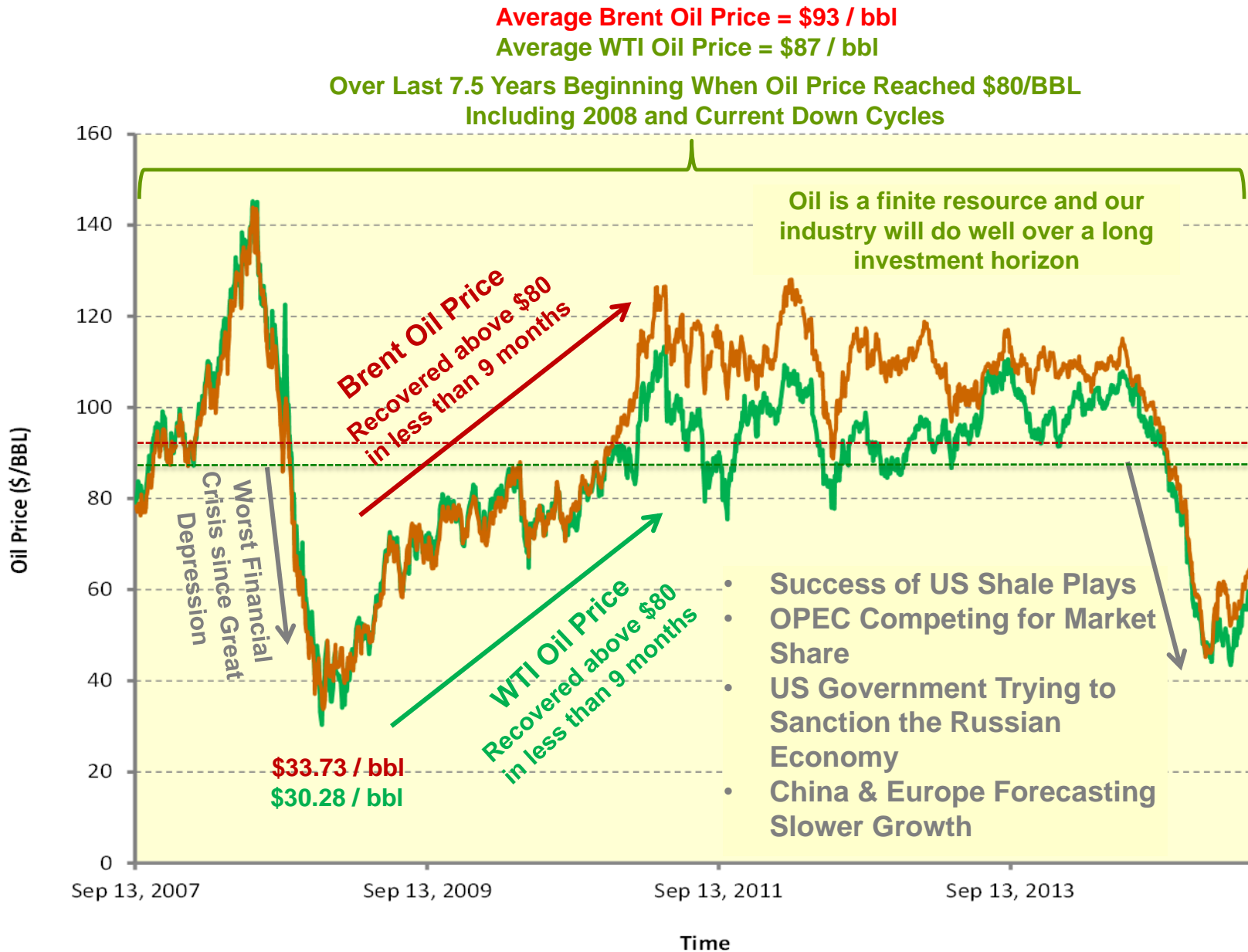
- 2014 Production increased 47% YoY
- Targeting 10-14% production growth in 2015

Note: See "Drill-bit F&D cost (unaudited)" slide.

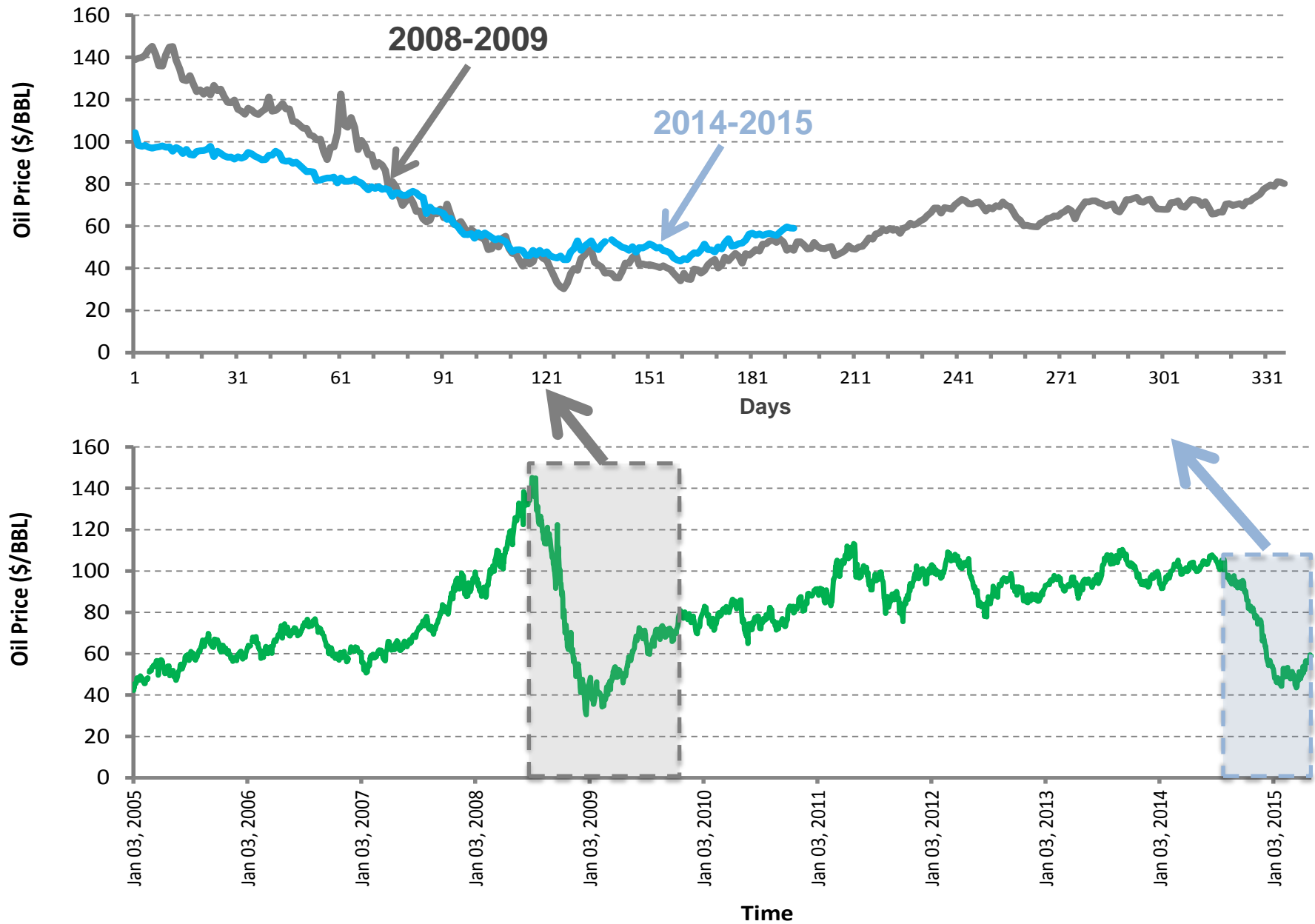
Four significant downturn cycles during past 20 years



Wall Street is focusing on next quarter, but we need to focus on long term



Is this time really different from 2008-2009 downturn?

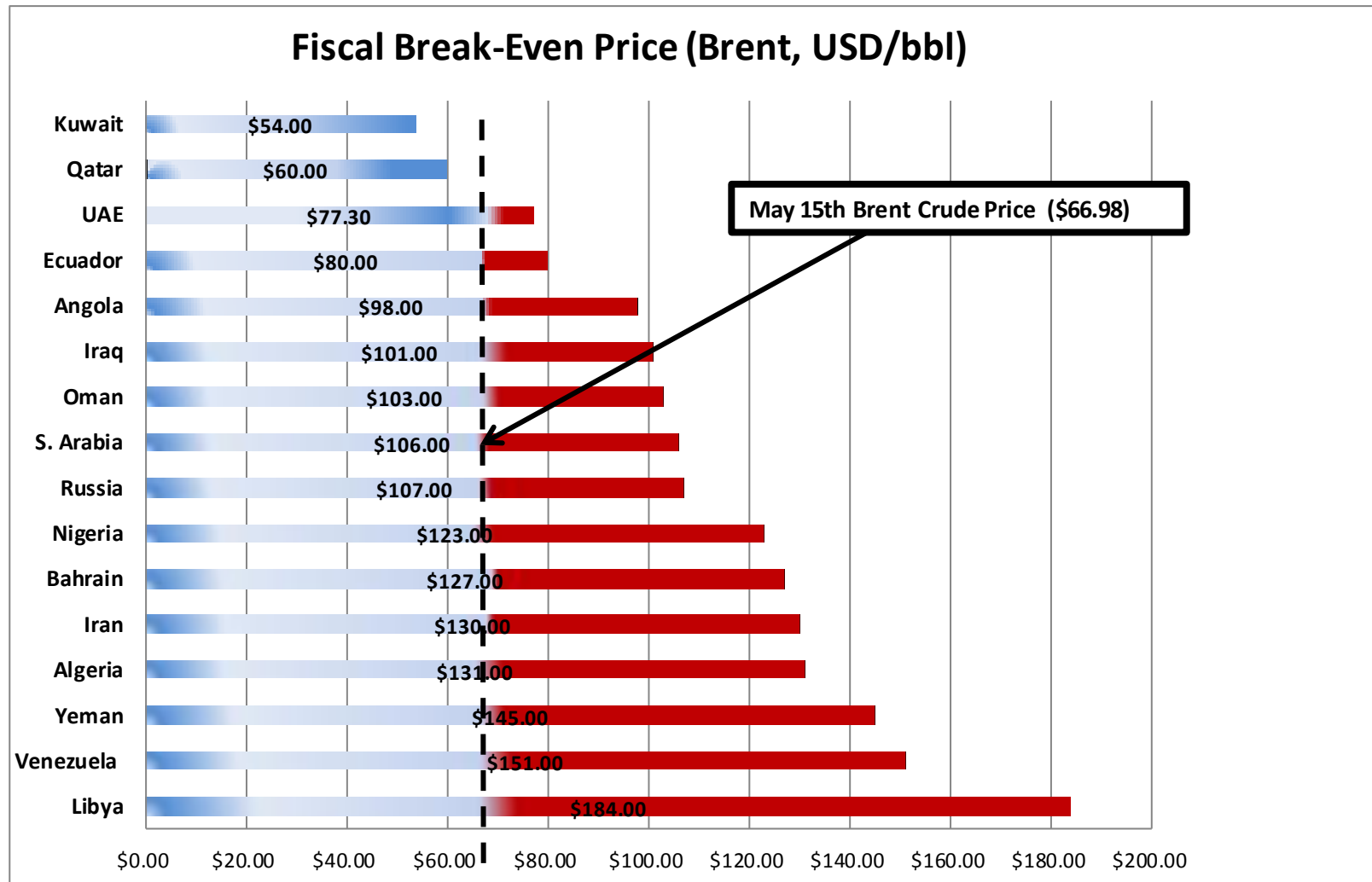


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| Play / Basin / State | Uncompleted Wells as of Feb, 2015 (Bloomberg) | Oil Play | Uncompleted Wells as of 2nd Quarter, 2011 (Halliburton) |
|----------------------|---|--------------|---|
| Bakken | 632 | Yes | 3,500 |
| DJ | 243 | Yes | |
| Permian | 1,540 | Yes | |
| Eagle Ford | 1,250 | Yes | |
| Oklahoma | 341 | Yes | |
| Ohio | 324 | No | |
| Pennsylvania | 401 | No | |
| Total | 4,731 | 4,006 | |

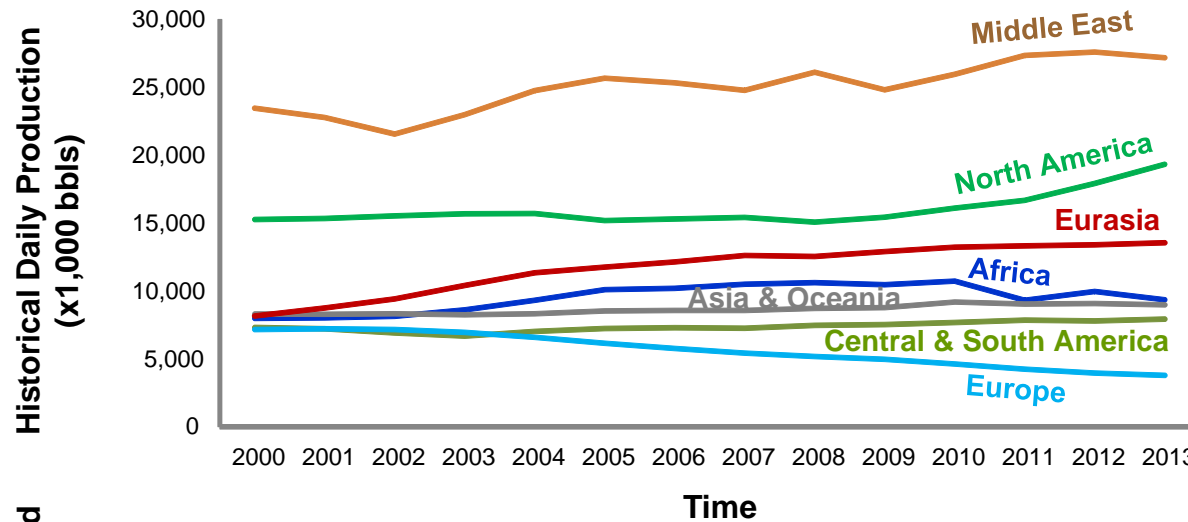
- There has, is and will always be drilled, but uncompleted wells in our normal course of business
- During the 2nd quarter of 2011, Halliburton reported 3,500 wells were uncompleted in the US
- The uncompleted wells in Ohio and Pennsylvania are mainly gas wells and will have no or minimum impact to oil production
- Uncompleted oil wells will require over \$10 billion of additional capital investment to complete
- Even if all the 4,731 wells are turned to sales simultaneously, the impact on global supply is 0.3%
- The impact of refrac to global supply is even less

How long can OPEC sustain the price war for market share?

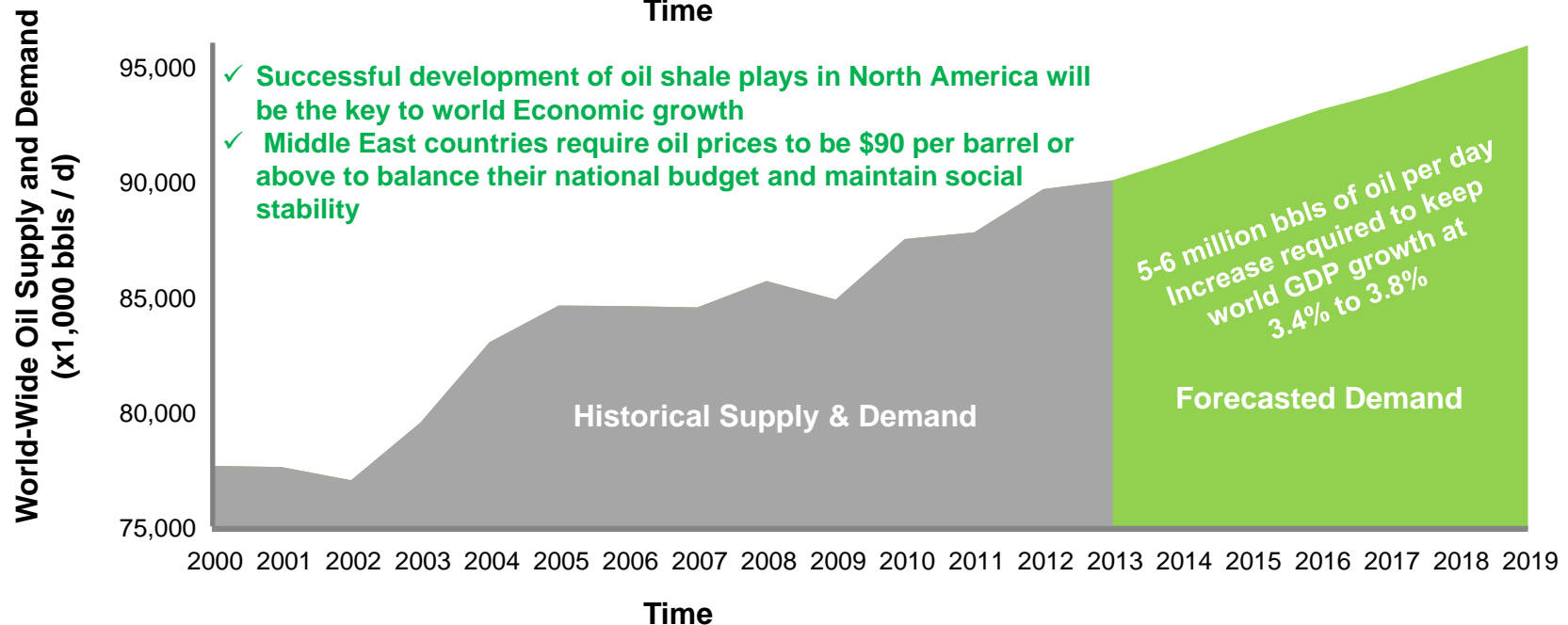


Source: Deutsche Bank, MEES, IMF CITI

Successful oil shale plays in North America will not only be the key to our energy independence, but also to world economic growth

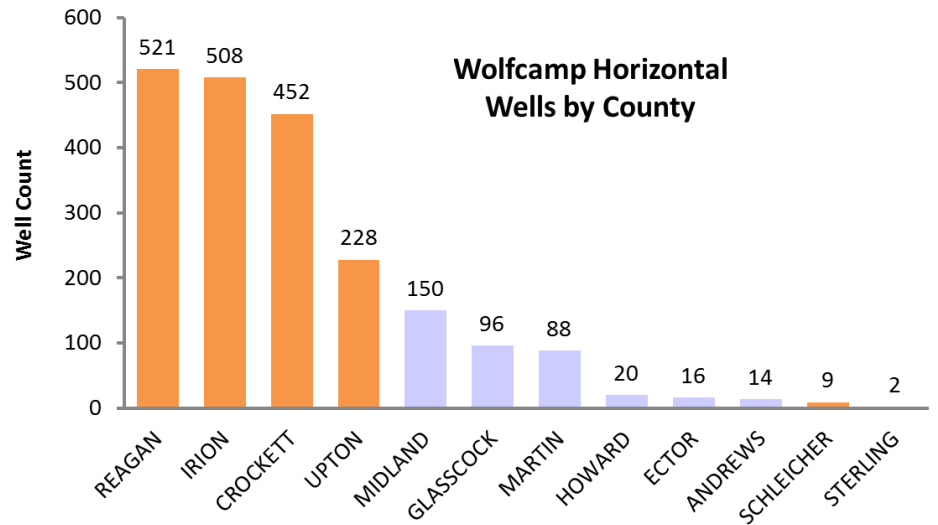
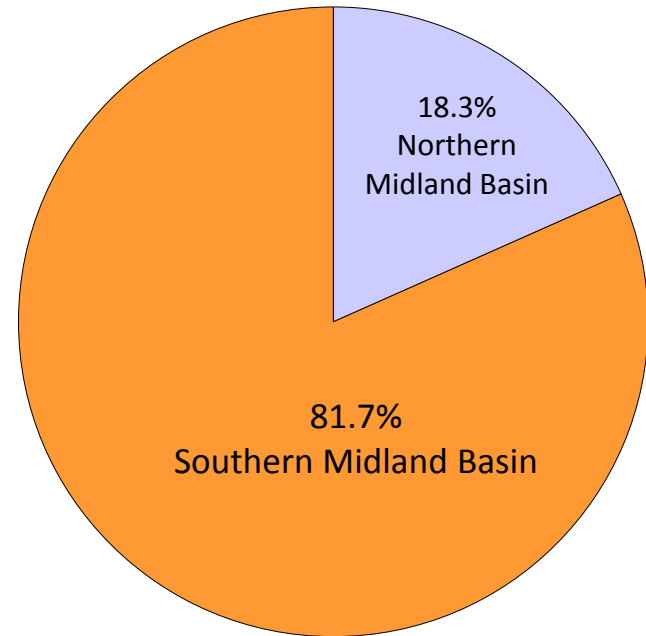
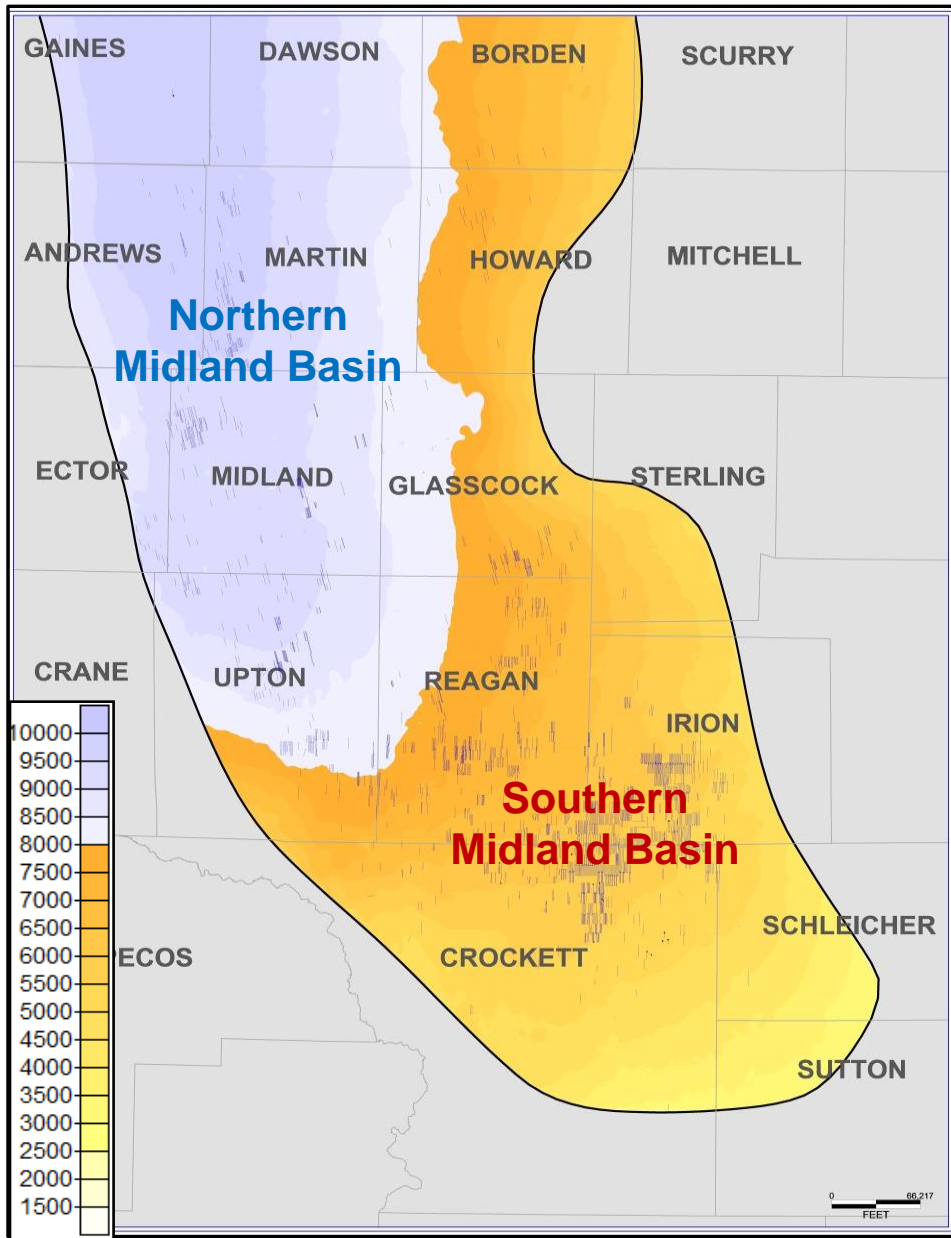


- Africa & Europe decline
- Asia & Oceania and Central & South America stabilize
- Eurasia increases slightly
- Middle East increases moderately
- North America increases significantly due to oil shale plays



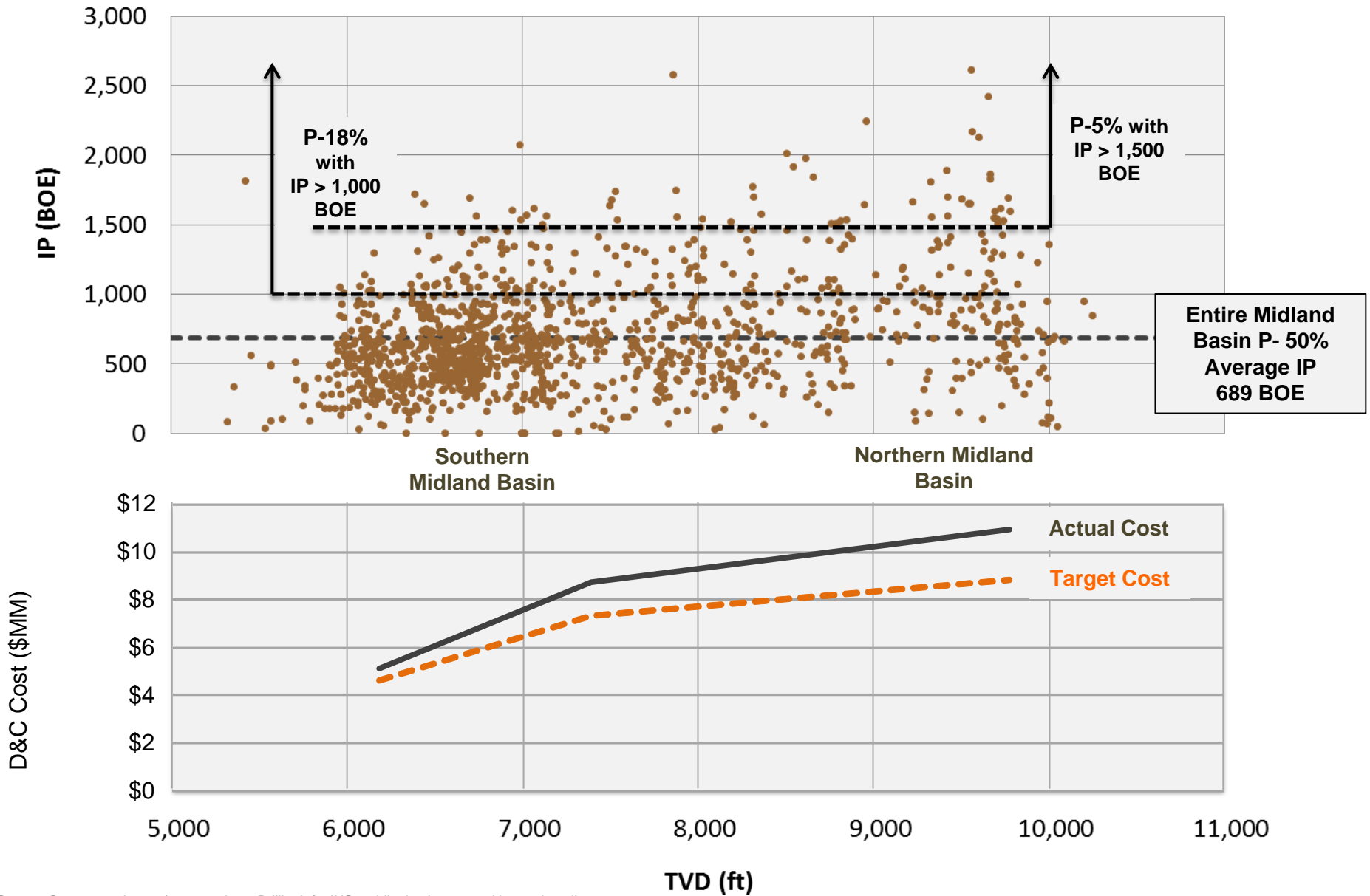
Source: OPEC

Midland Basin - Wolfcamp Horizontal Well Activity



Source: DrillingInfo and IHS

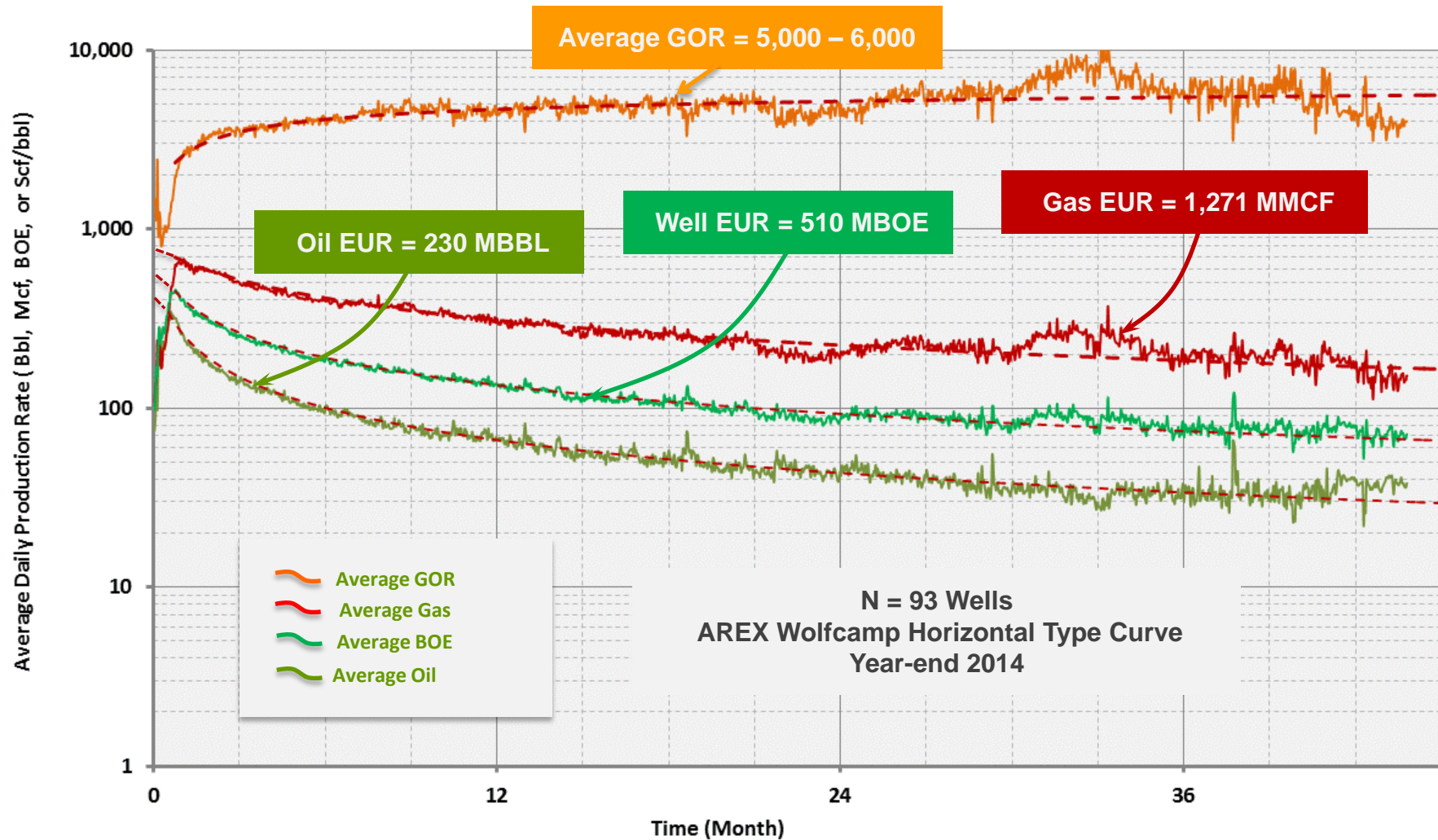
Midland Basin - IP and Drilling & Completion Cost



Source: Company releases/presentations, DrillingInfo, IHS, public databases, and internal studies.
 Note: Three-stream IP estimated using 0.1539 Bbl per Mcf and 25% shrinkage factor.

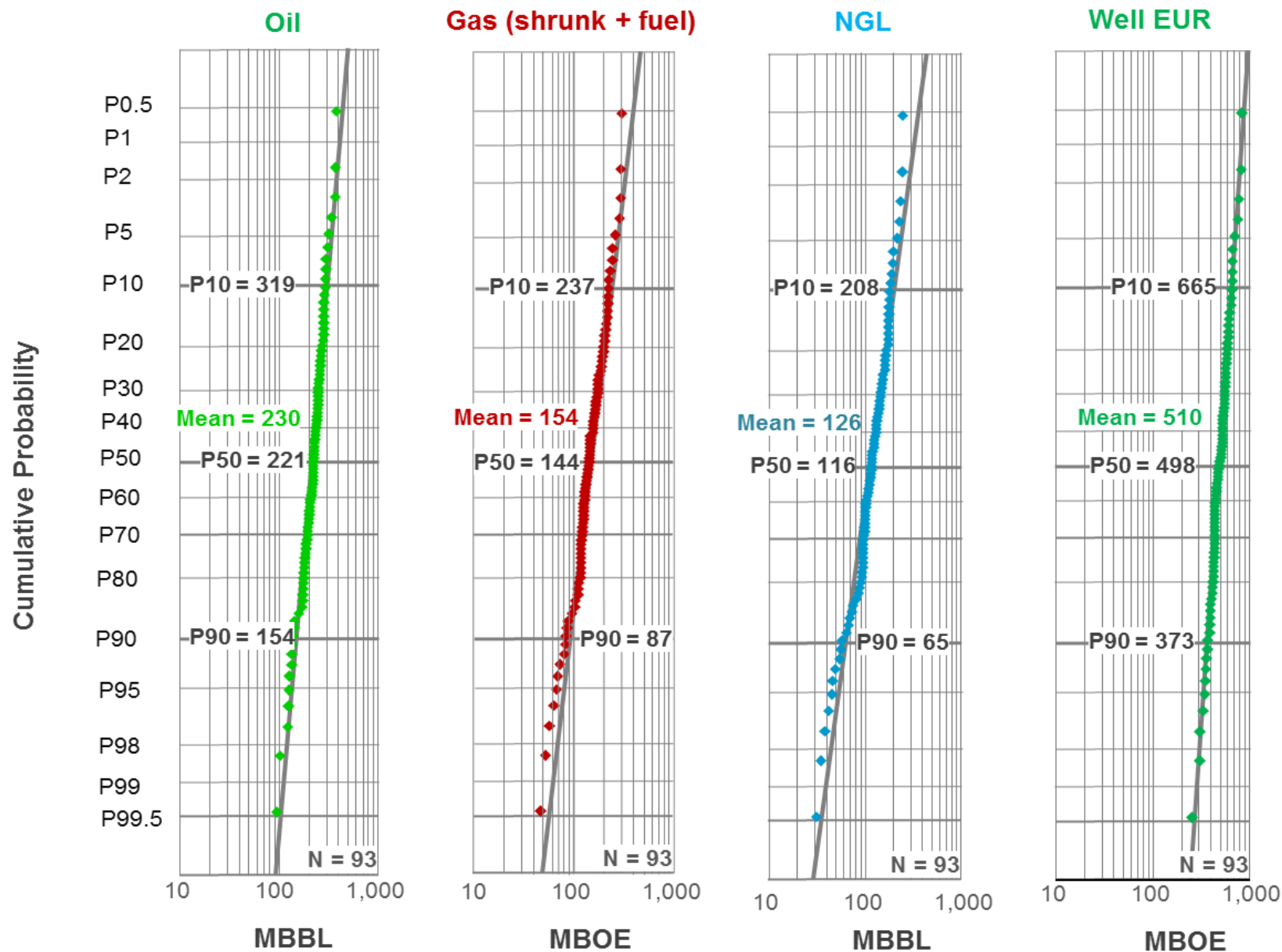
AREX HZ Wolfcamp Well Performance

AREX HZ WOLFCAMP (BOE/D)



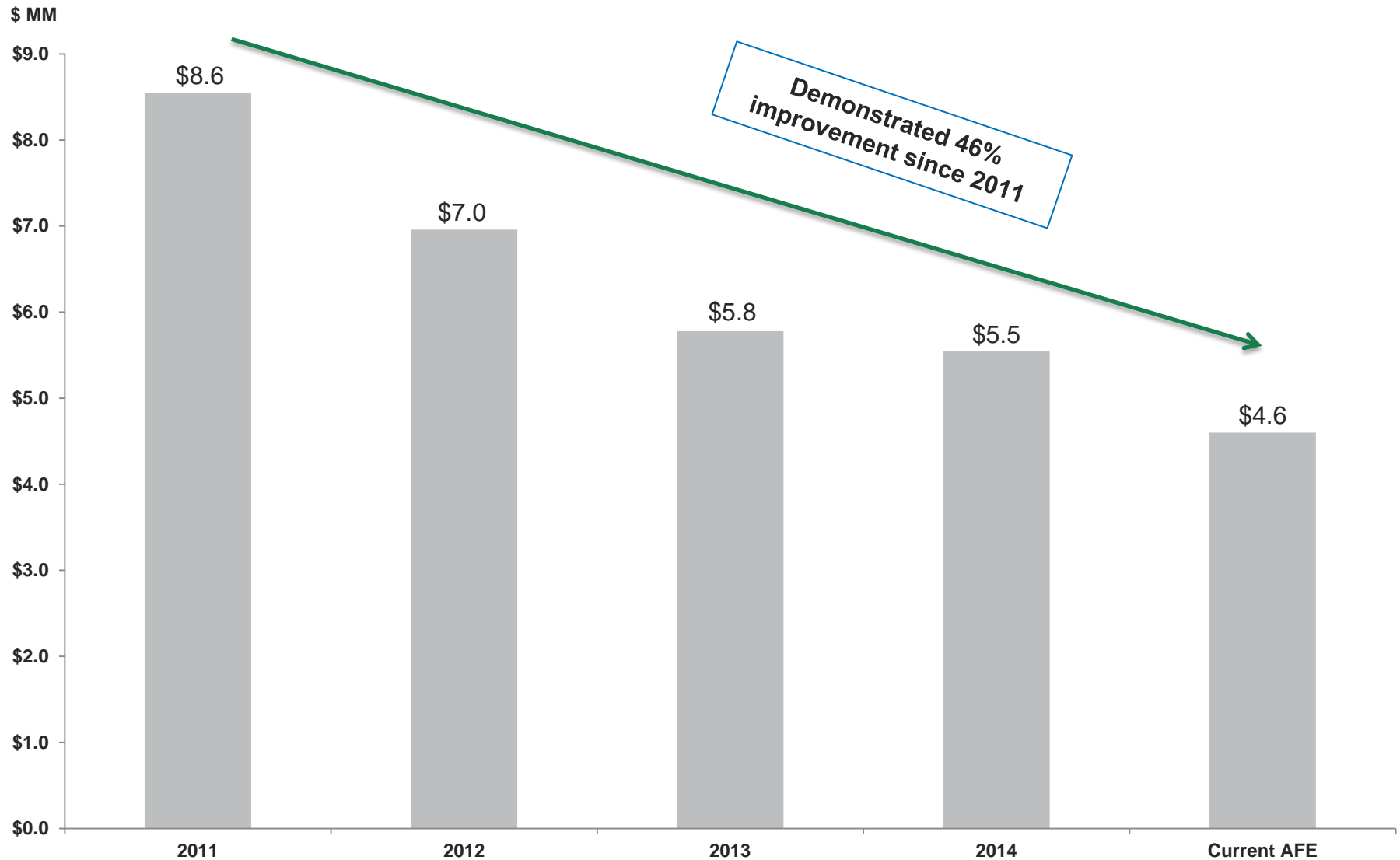
Note: Daily production normalized for operational downtime. Gas EUR is unprocessed wellhead volume.

Probability Distribution of ARES 93 Type Curve Wells at Year-end 2014

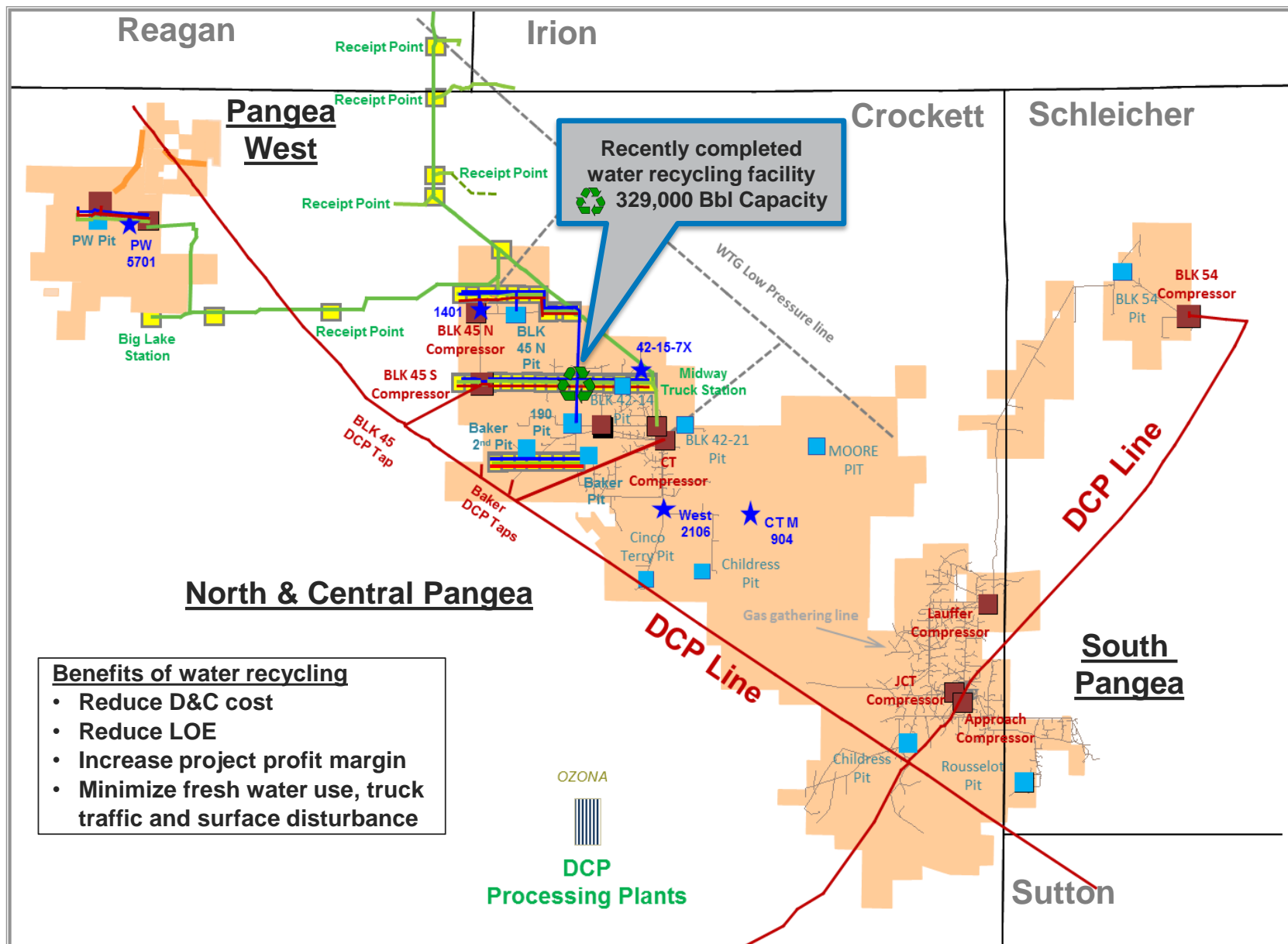


Proven track record of delivering lowest D&C cost in the Midland Basin

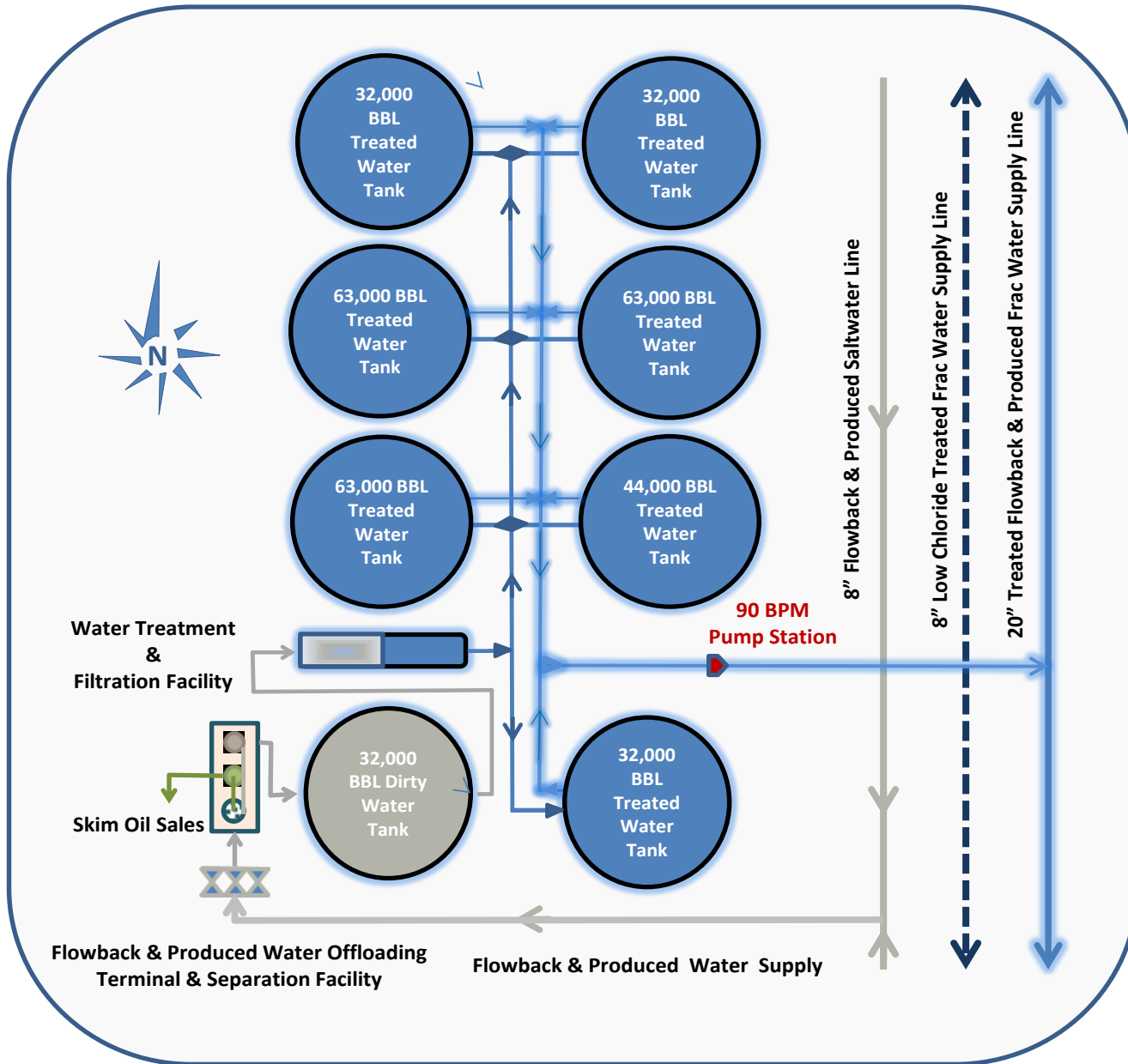
Approach's annual average horizontal well D&C cost



Established infrastructure in place is critical to low cost structure



AREX Flowback and Produced Water Recycle Facility



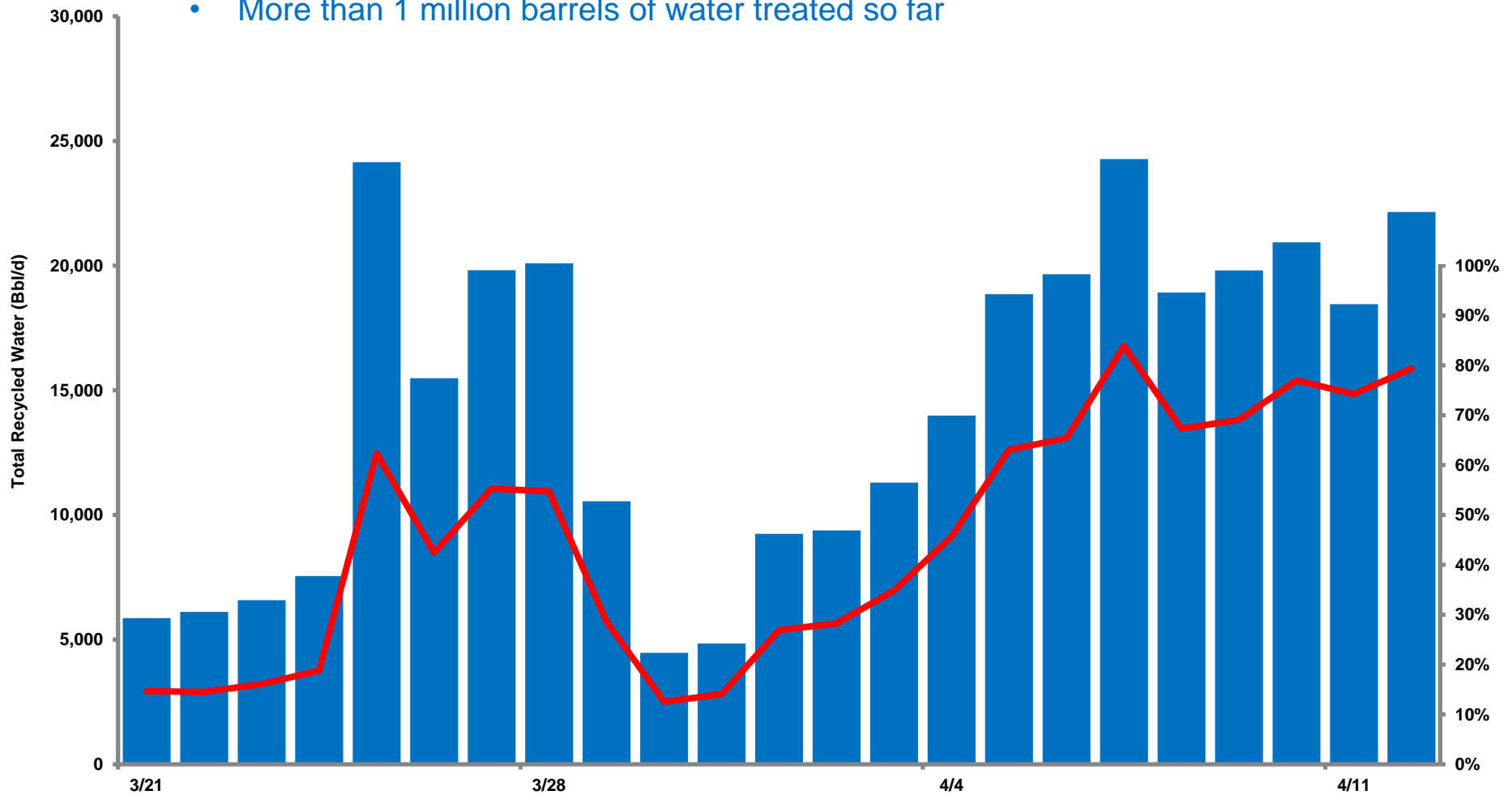
329,000 Bbl Capacity Facility

- Reduce drilling and completion cost by \$450K per well
- Reduce LOE by up to \$1.00 per BOE
- Eliminate usage of potable fresh water for completion
- Minimize surface disturbance
- Skim oil sale up to 200 Bbls per day - more than sufficient to pay for facility operating expense

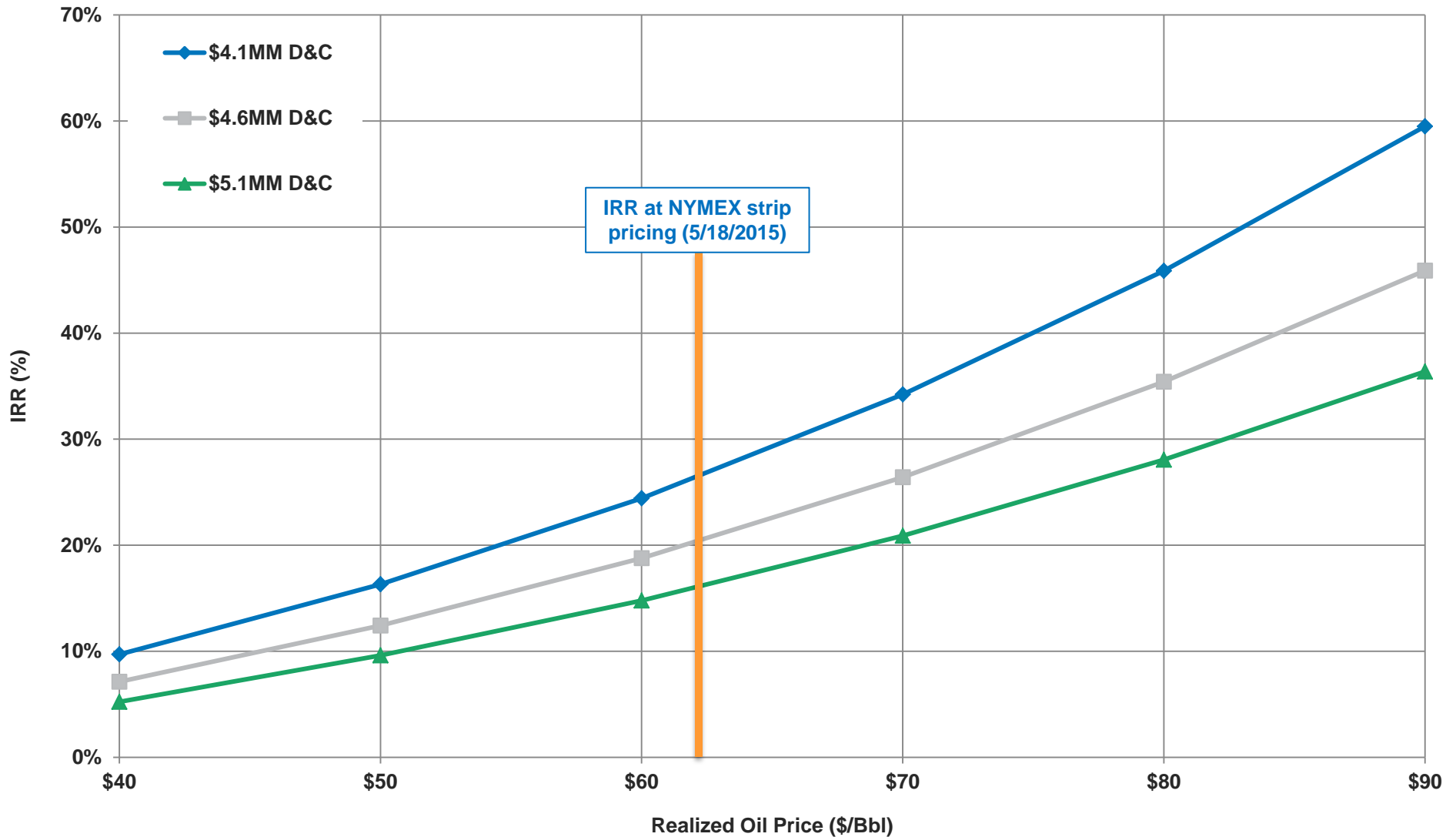
Water recycling facility successfully started in March 2015

Recent Recycled Water Volumes

- The water recycling facility was ramped up during March 2015 and now successfully recycles up to 70+% of ARES daily flowback water volumes
- More than 1 million barrels of water treated so far



D&C Cost reductions will significantly improve profitability



Note: HZ Wolfcamp economics assume \$4.00/Mcf realized natural gas price and NGL price based on 40% of realized oil price.

Summary

- **Oil is a commodity, has always been volatile, and will continue to be volatile**
- **World population continues to increase and people continue to improve their living conditions – therefore the demand for oil will continue to increase**
- **Oil is a finite resource and our industry will do well over a long investment horizon**
- **Price war for market share is short-sighted – OPEC countries need higher oil prices than US Independents**
- **The impact of fraclog and refrac wells to global supply is minimal**
- **Successful oil shale plays in North America will not only be the key to our energy independence, but also to world economic growth**
- **Wolfcamp oil shale play is the largest discovery ever made in North America and one of the largest in the world. It generates acceptable rates of return in both Northern and Southern Midland Basins even in the current price environment due to excellent shale rock properties and innovative approach to cost cutting by installing infrastructure and water recycling facilities**

