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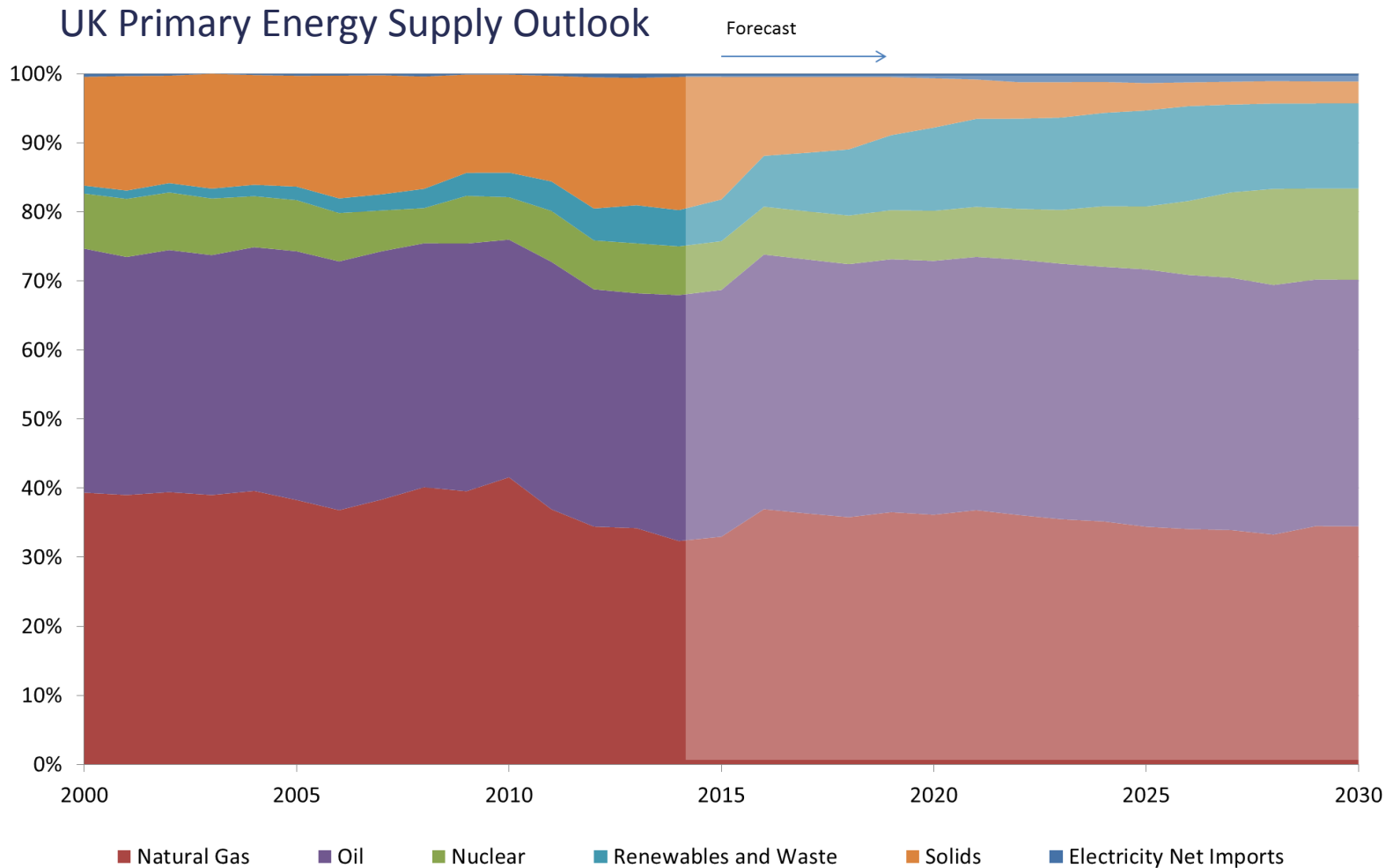
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- Industry Overview
- Policy objectives
- Risk management
- Industry response



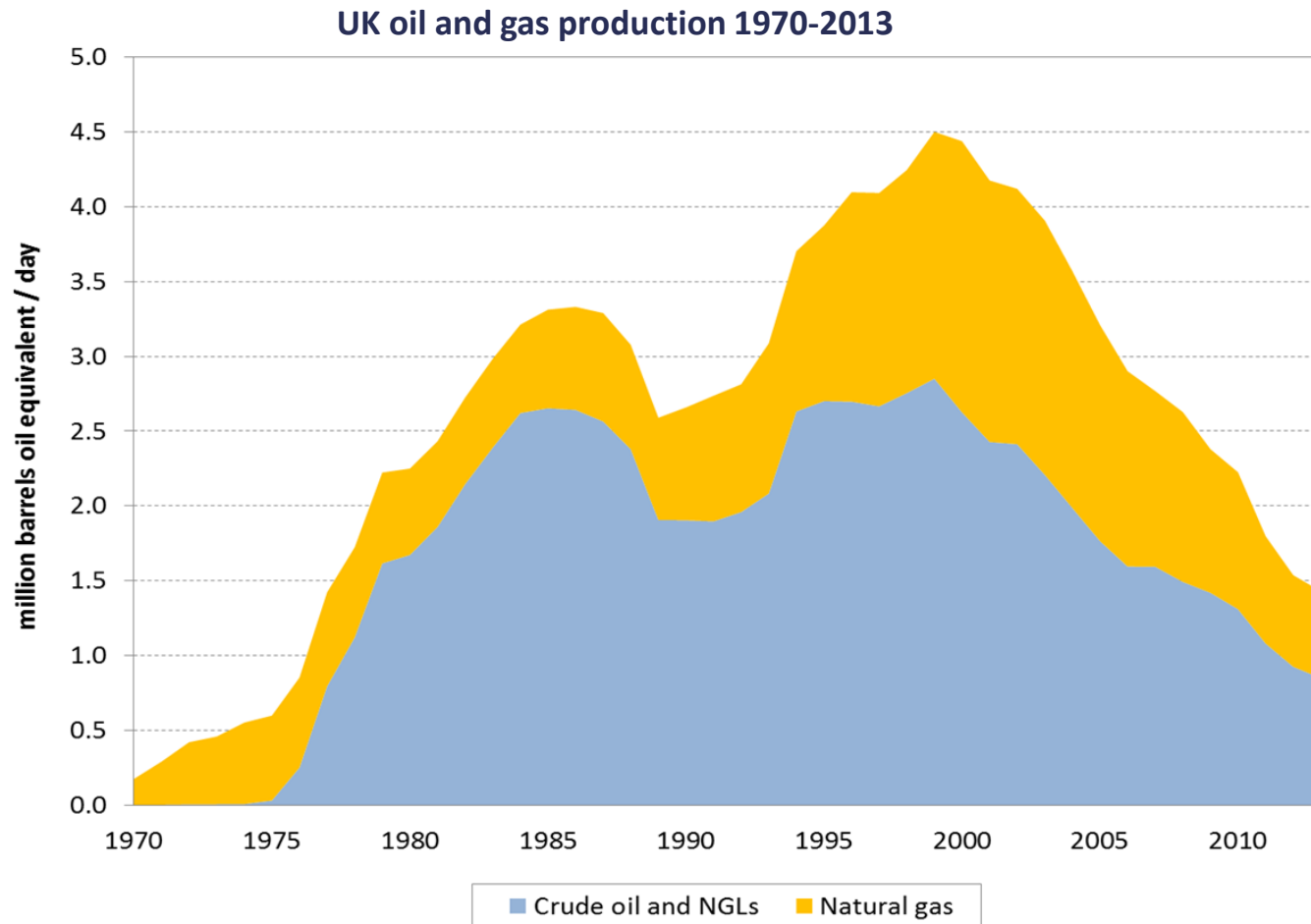
Oil and gas will continue to provide 70 percent of UK's energy, How much will come from the UKCS?



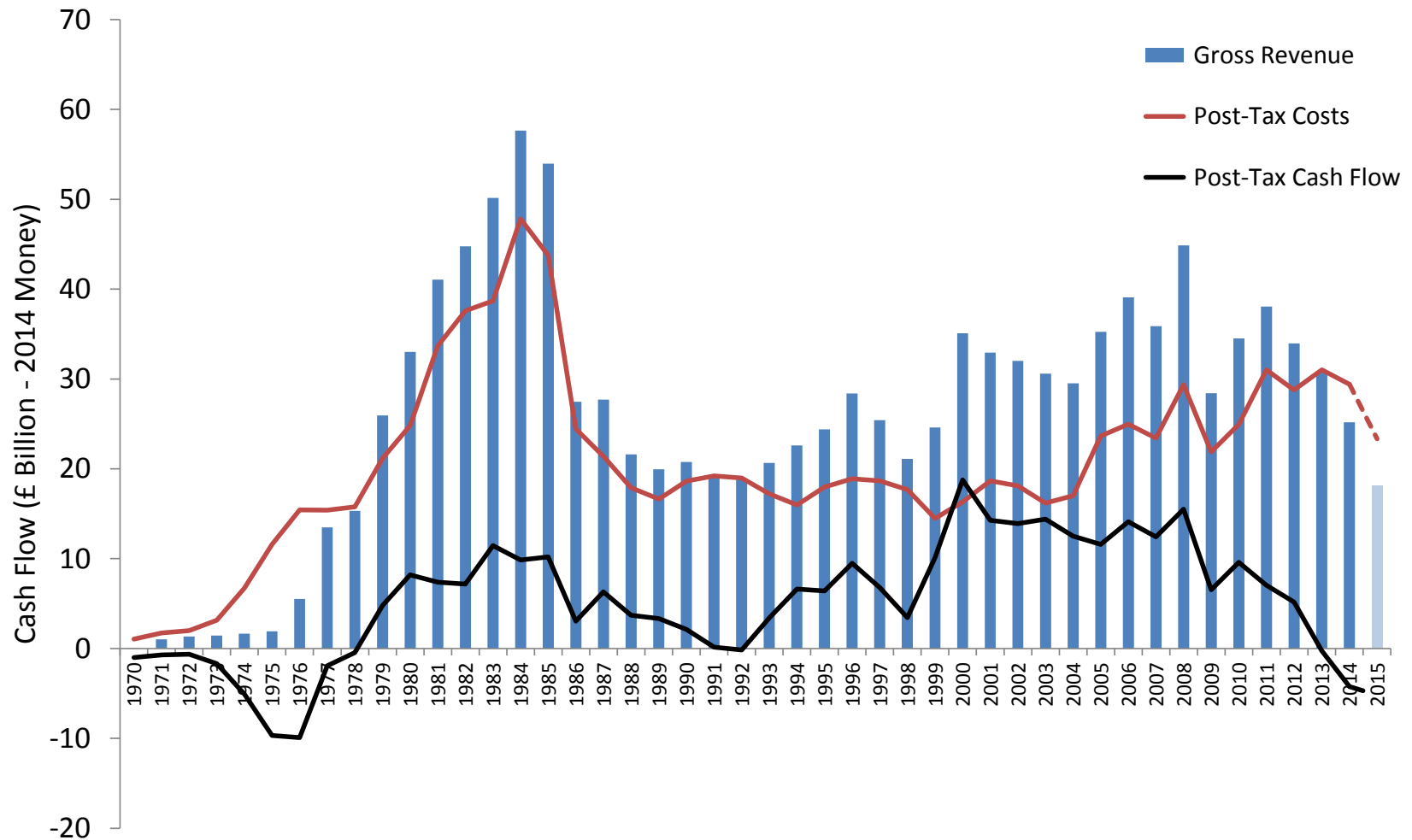
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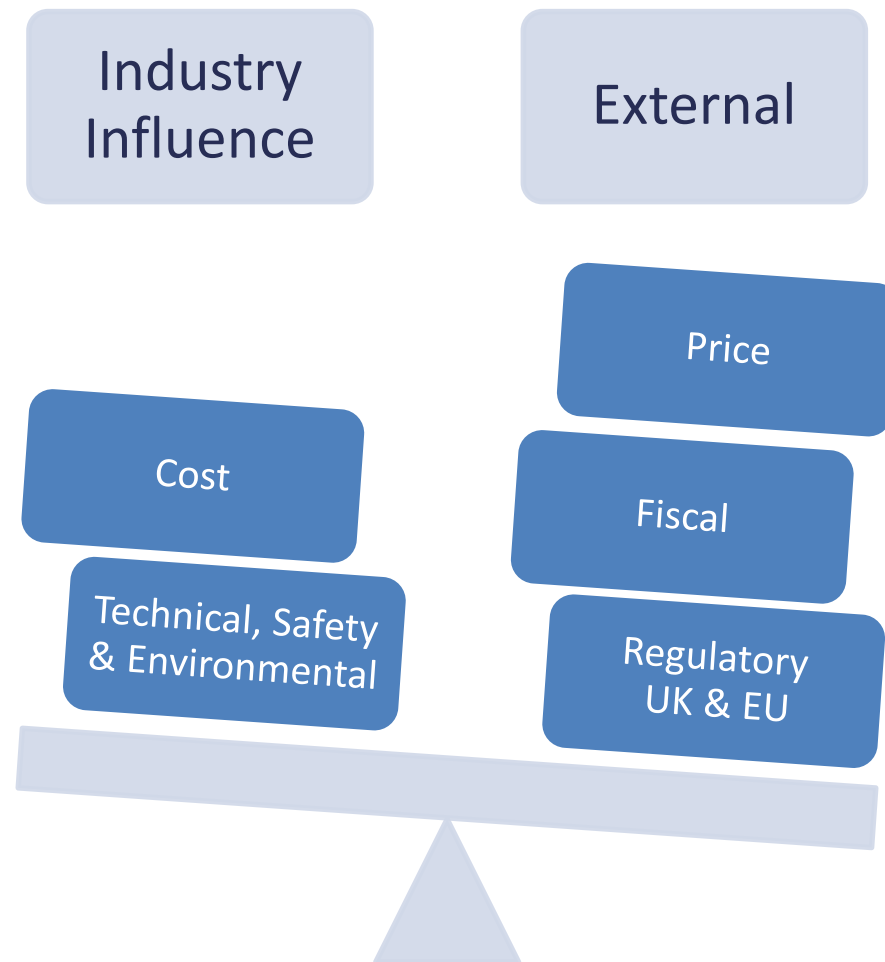
UKCS at 50 year – produced 43 billion boe, up to 22 billion boe still to come



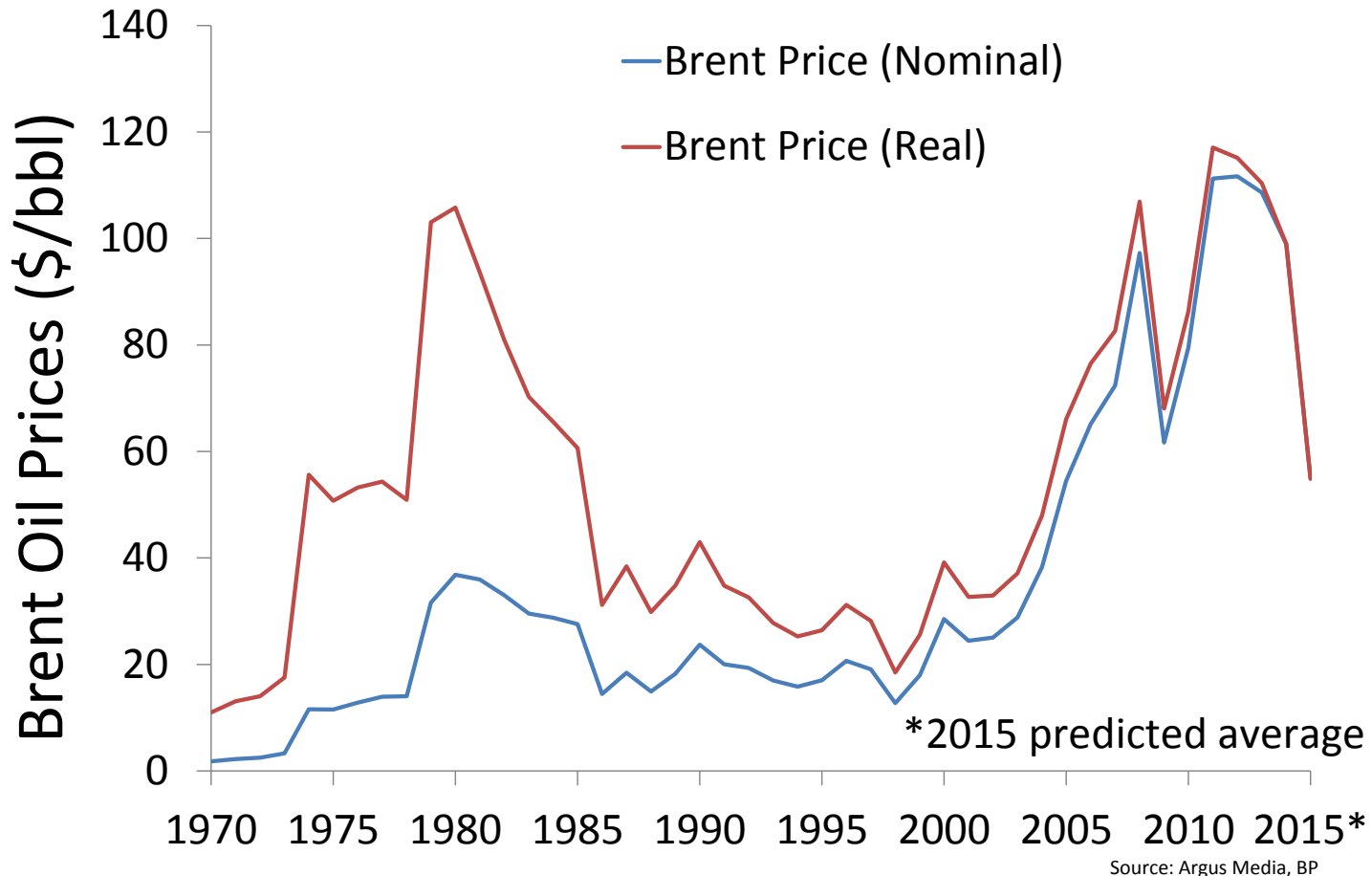
Negative post-tax cash flow (-£4.2 billion) in 2014, the first since 1977, is unsustainable



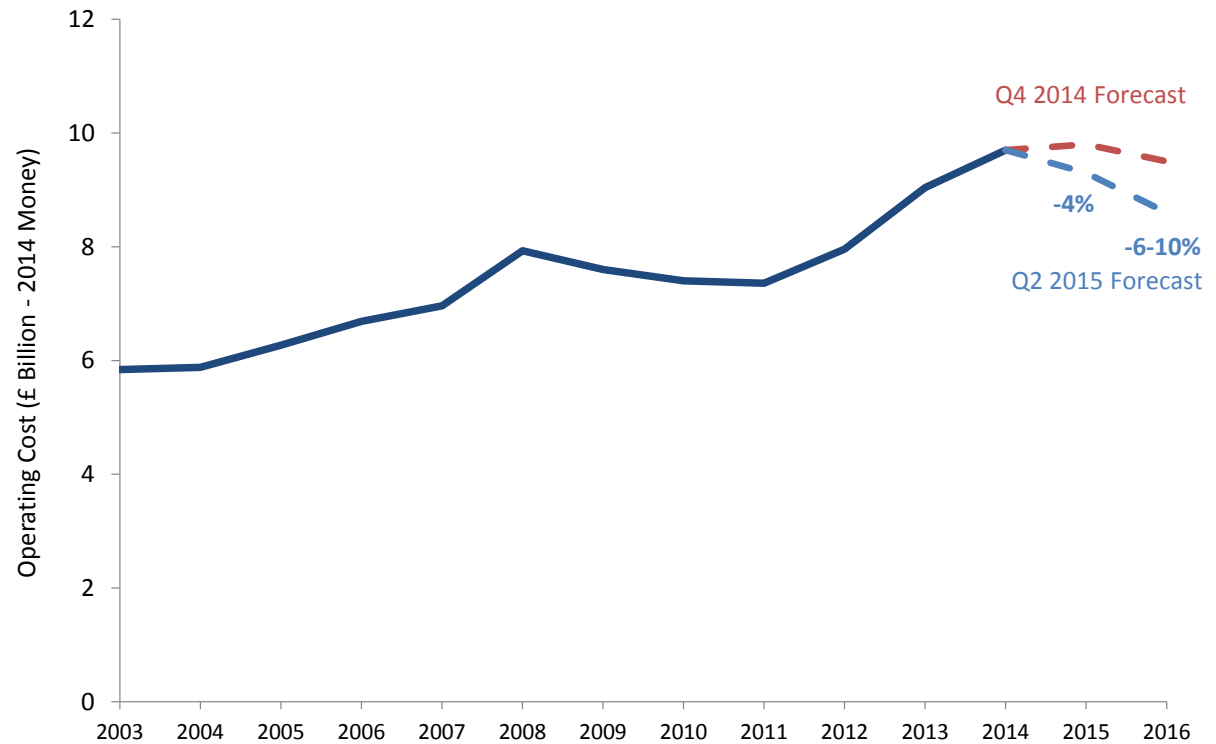
Industry has limited control over key risks which will shape the future of the UKCS



Oil price has more than halved over last twelve months after three years of high and stable prices



Operating costs have routinely grown by 10 per cent per year over the first half of this decade

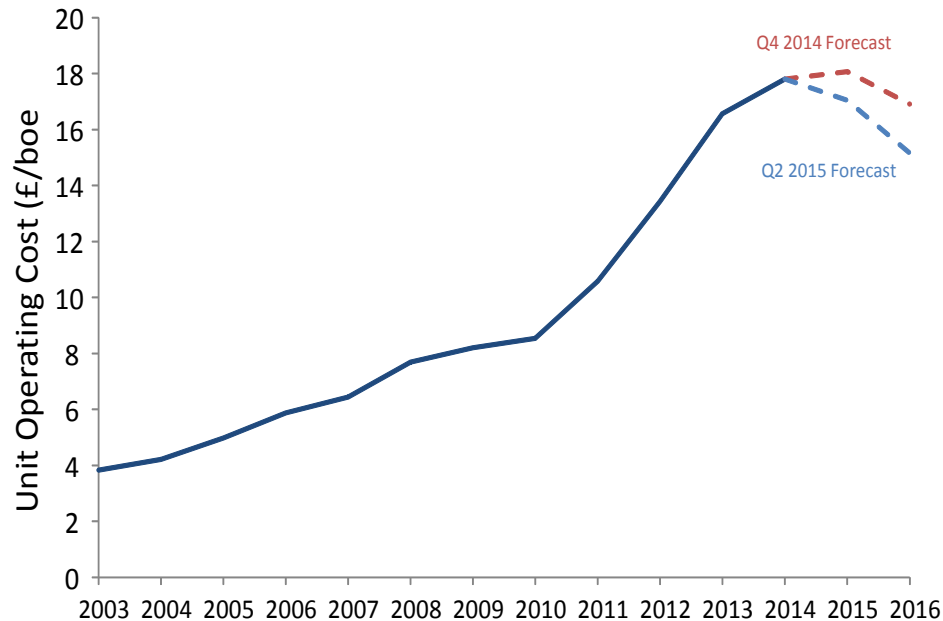
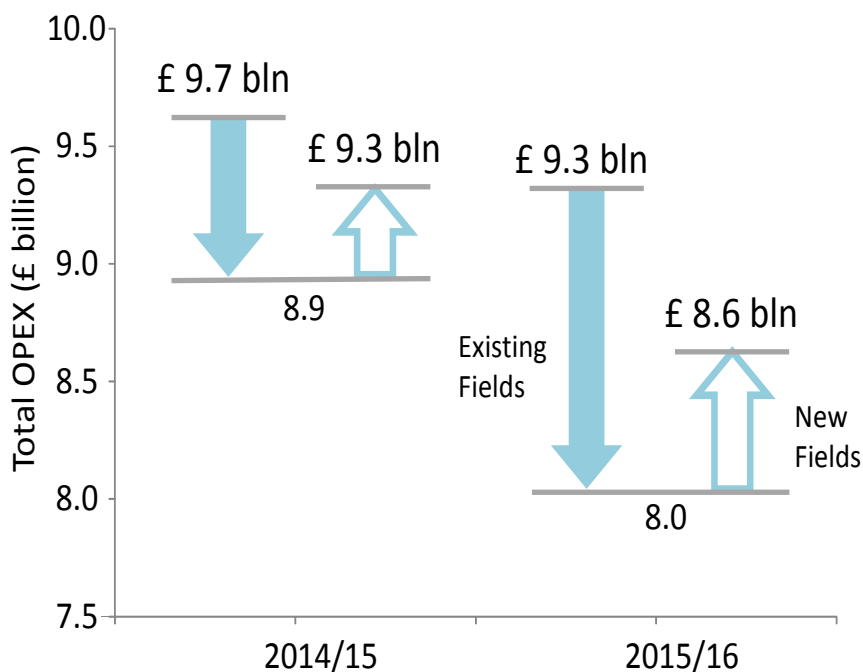


Source: Oil & Gas UK

Cost and efficiency improvements should bring average UOC down to £15/boe average by 2016



Latest opex changes 2014 - 2016

Impact on UOC 2014 - 2016



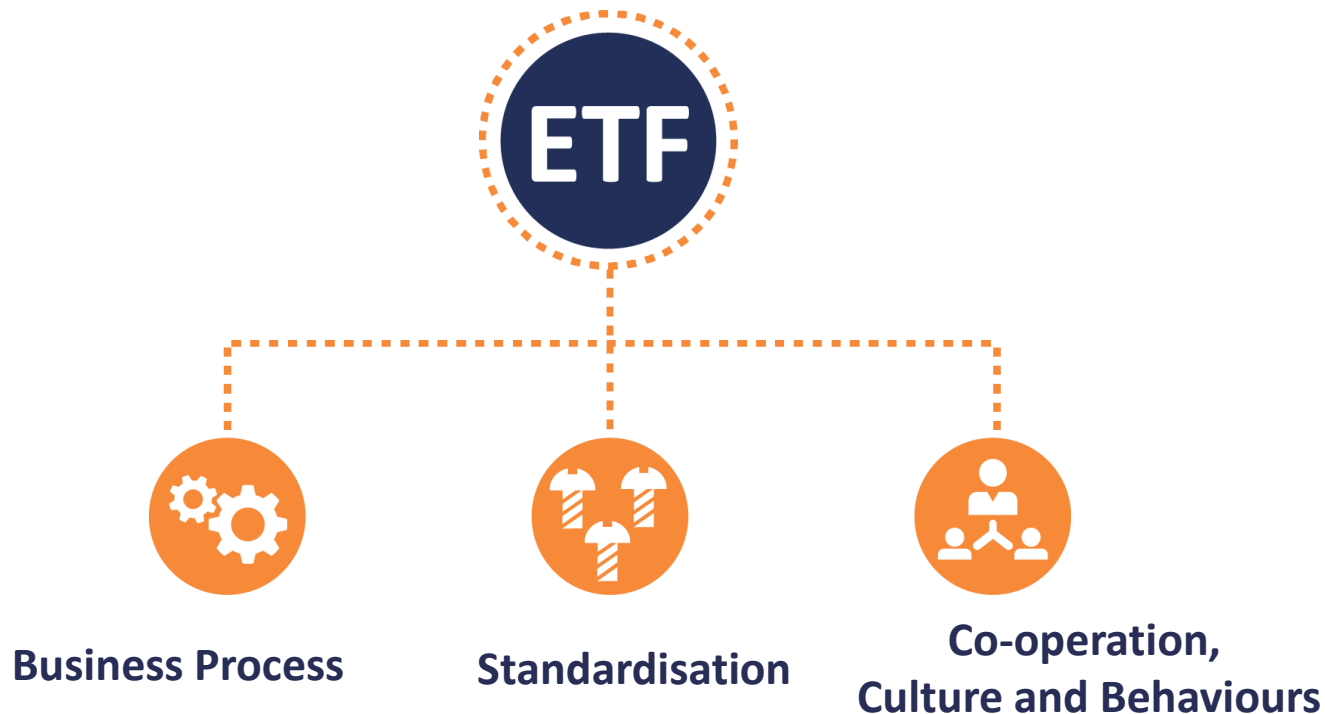
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-  Reduction from Existing Fields
-  Contribution from New Fields

Oil & Gas UK - Efficiency Task Force (ETF) will embed improvements across the industry

The ETF will drive pan-industry improvement to create a sustainable sector ...

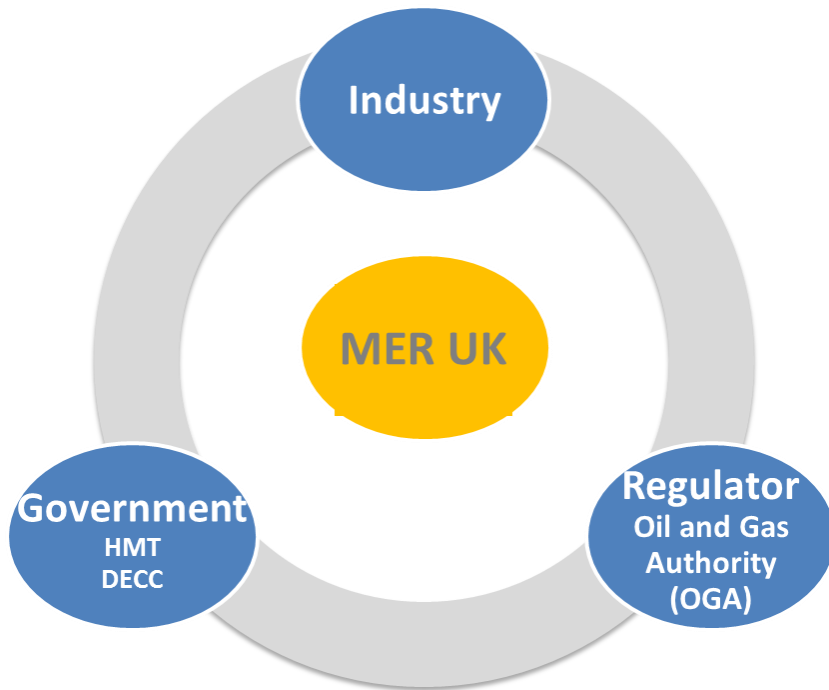


Energy policy objectives for the UKCS over the last 15 years ?

- Mixed signals
 - Taken for granted
 - Security of supply
 - Rent seeking
 - Value recognition
 - Value maximisation



Regulatory reform – The Oil & Gas Authority is already making a positive impact



Tripartite approach to
Maximising Economic Recovery
from the UKCS

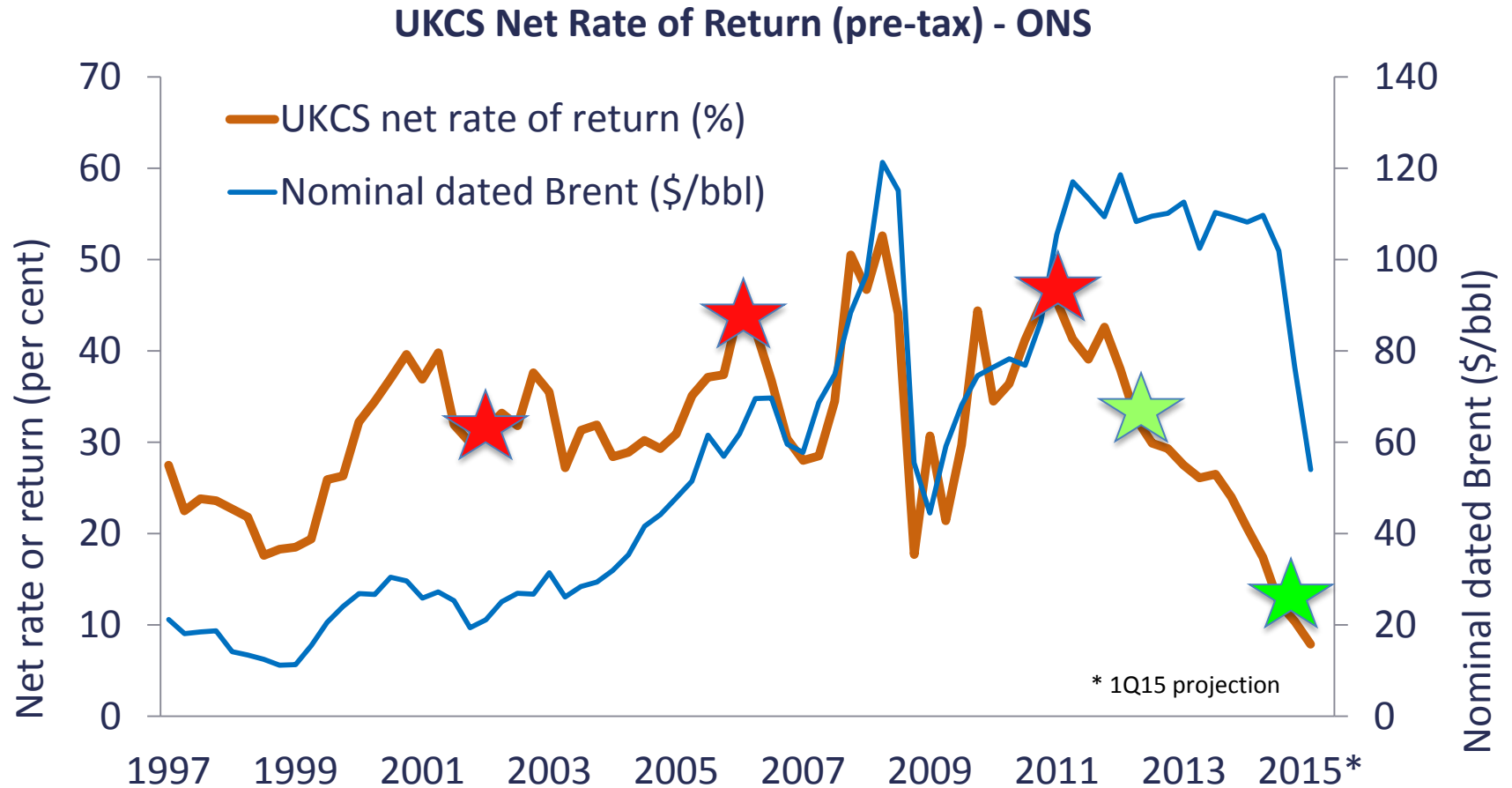


Call to Action: Six months on

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Chief Executive
Oil and Gas Authority



The UKCS has earned a reputation of fiscal risk



Source: ONS, Argus



Whilst there has been significant improvement over recent years, fiscal reform must continue



Decommissioning Relief Deeds:

increasing tax certainty for oil and gas investment in the UK Continental Shelf



Driving investment:

a plan to reform the oil and gas fiscal regime

Fiscal policy principles:

- The overall tax burden will need to fall as the basin matures
- The wider economic benefits should be considered
- Global competitiveness to take account of both commodity prices and costs



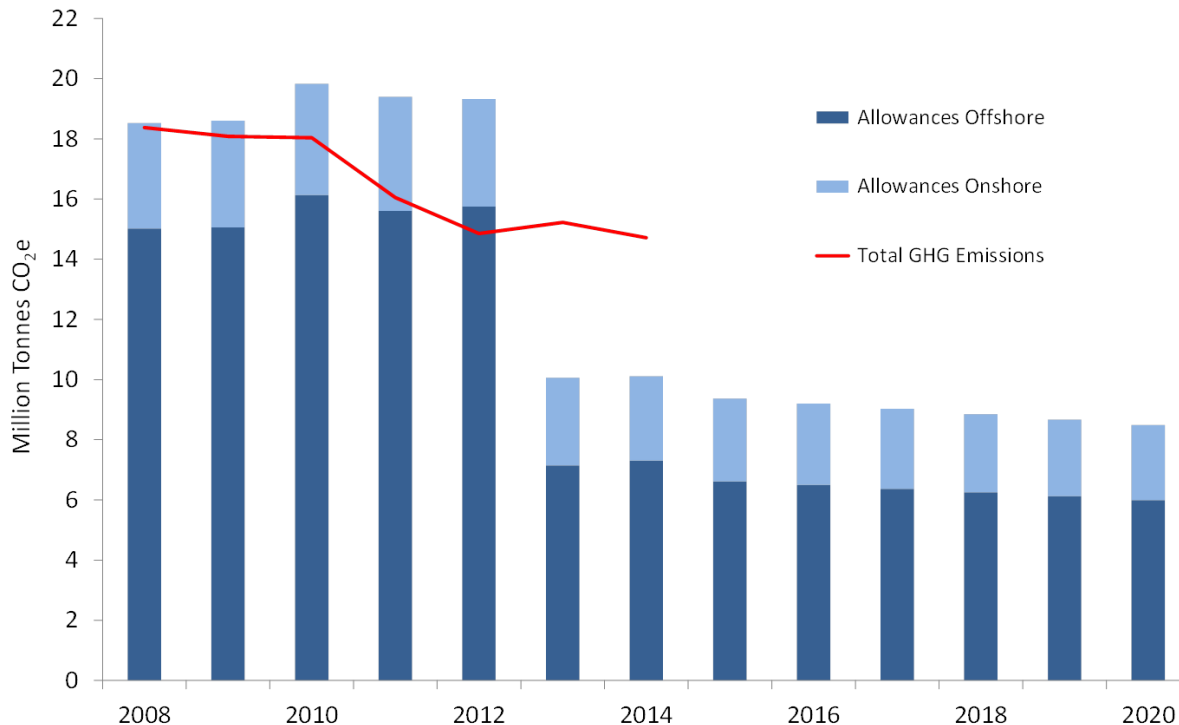
European regulatory landscape is significant influence on UKCS

- Sustaining UKCS vital for European energy security
- Increasingly exposed to regulation that diverges from the traditional European legislative process
- Environmental considerations need to reflect context of international competition



ETS Directive and carbon leakage protection

UKCS CO₂e Emissions



Source: Directorate - General Climate Action - European Commission

- ETS compliance is a significant and rising operating cost in Phase III and will increase further as Phase IV (2021-30) proceeds
- Rising cost of ETS may deter investment in new fields and in energy efficiency offshore

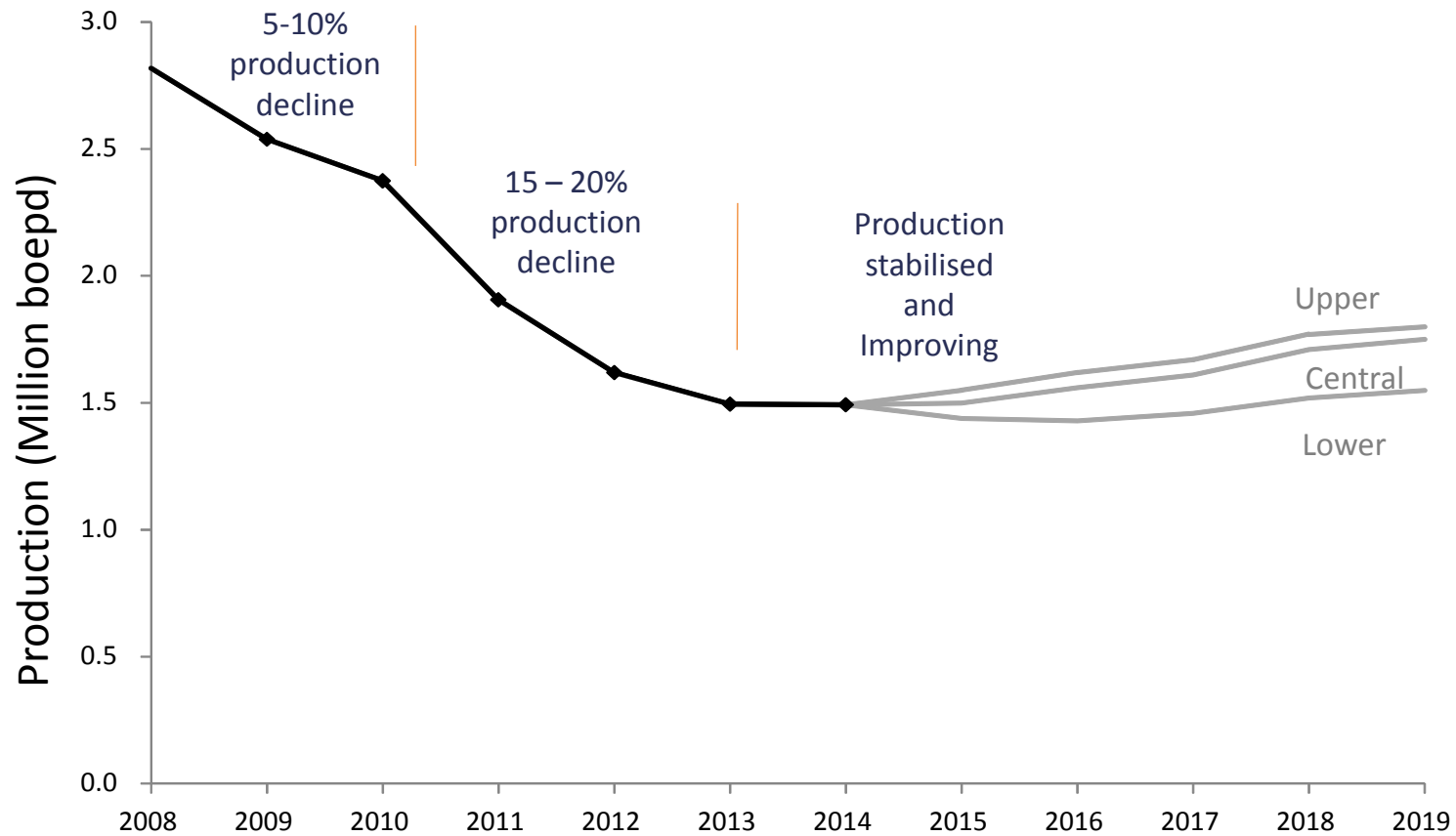


Internal energy market and EU Network Codes

- Whilst scope of the Third Energy Package excluded the upstream industry EU Network Codes still had an impact on producers via downstream network access and costs
 - Examples in UK include Gas Day change and proposed gas quality standard
- Caution on EU-wide harmonisation “One size does not fit all Member States”
- Question providing additional powers for ACER at expense of national regulators

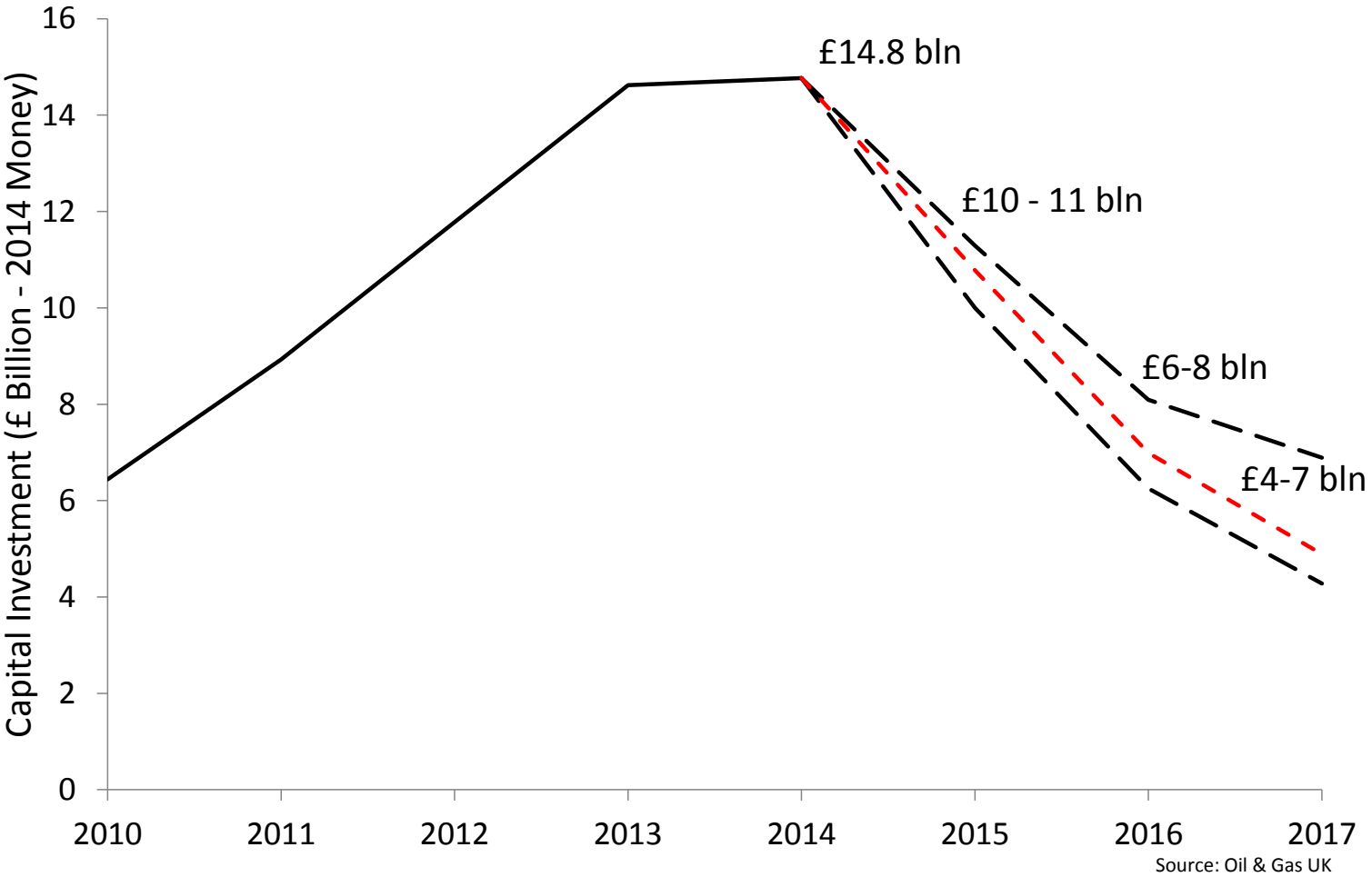


Production and production efficiency are improving as result of previous investment and close collaboration across industry



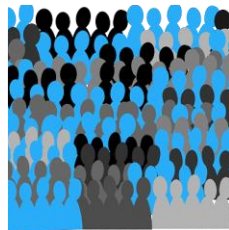
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Sustaining investment on the UKCS during the downturn will be crucial for the long term outlook



Maximising recovery from the UKCS will continue to require a delicate regulatory approach

11.5 to 22
Billion boe



100,000s of
Jobs

Diverse
Supply Chain



£39 Billion



£16 bln of
Exports

