

Three Converging Trends in Energy Markets and Policy

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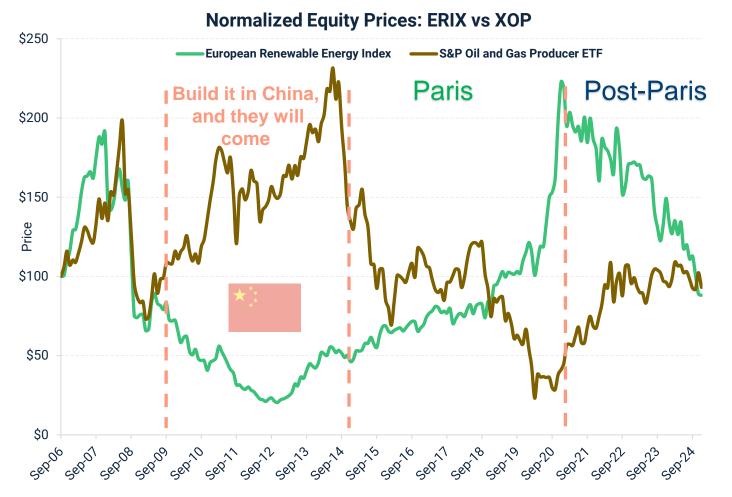
Three Converging Yearly, Decadal, and Secular Trends

- Energy Transition Gives Way to Reality (Global Oil and Gas Demand Likely Won't Peak in Five Years)
- Foothills of Structural Boom Oil Cycle (but with Circling Black Swans)
- Looming Debt Crisis (Biggest Underappreciated Energy Sector Risk)



Net Zero Policies and Peak Oil Demand Have Themselves Peaked

Policy-driven rapid transition was never likely, though many believed in and bet on it

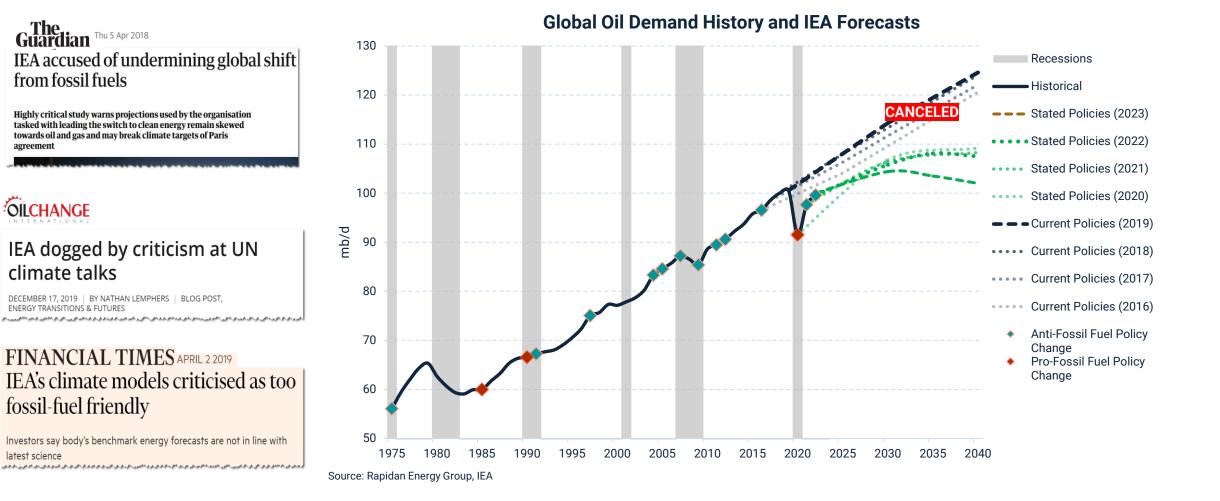


	2015-2020 Paris	2021-? Post-Paris
Oil prices	Low	High
Interest Rates	Low	High
Inflation	Low	High
China	Partner	Adversary
Climate Policies	Announced	Delayed
EV Sales	Growing Sharply	Slowing Markedly
Russia and Middle East	Peace	War



Wishful Thinking Has Replaced Responsible Forecasting

Agency forecasts shape reality and have real-world policy consequences, as seen with the US LNG export pause decision





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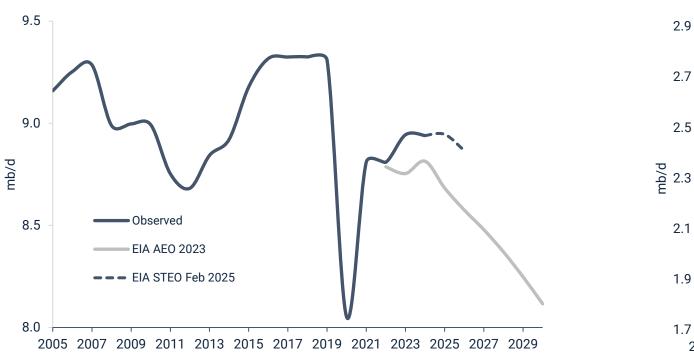
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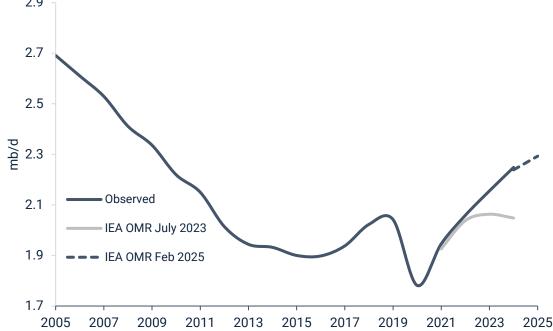
OECD Gasoline Demand – Canary in the Coal Mine for Peak Demand

For global liquids to peak soon, OECD transportation fuel demand must peak and decline now



US Gasoline Demand and EIA Forecasts

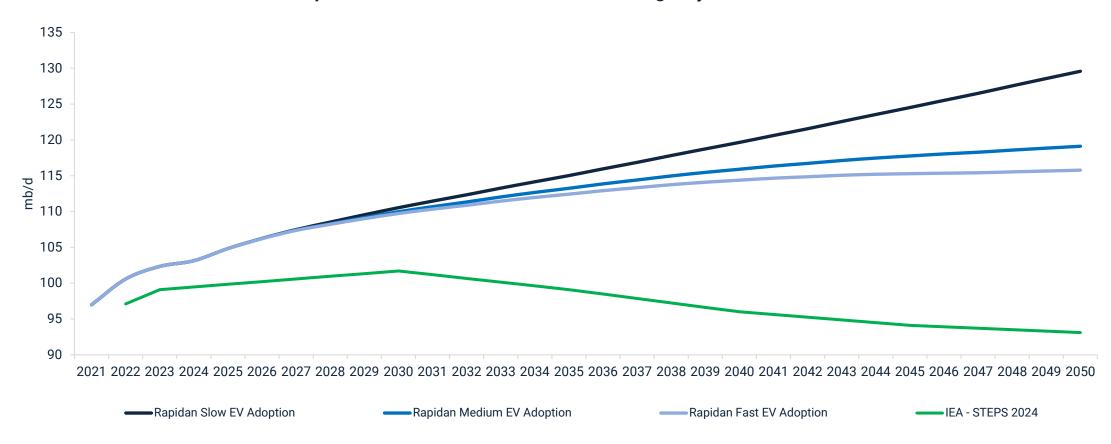
OECD Europe Gasoline Demand and IEA Forecasts



Source: Rapidan Energy Group, EIA, IEA



Comparing Rapidan With Consensus Global Demand Forecasts



Rapidan Global Oil Demand Scenarios vs. Agency Forecasts

Source: Rapidan Energy Group, IEA



Back to Space Mountain Oil Price Volatility

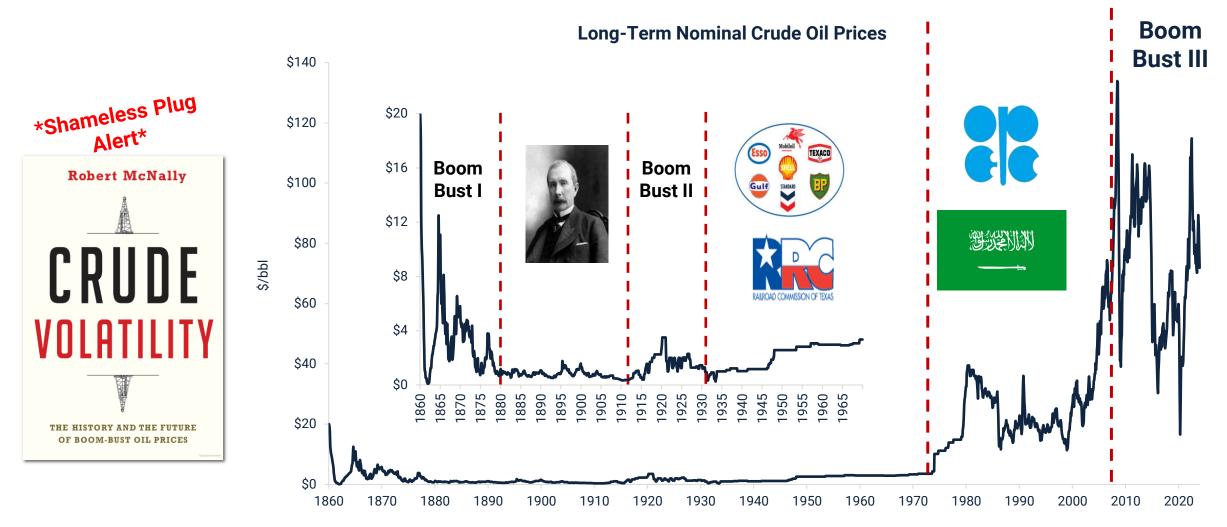
Monthly WTI Spot Prices



Note: Grey shading represents a recession in the US, as defined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Source: Rapidan Energy Group, The Derrick, API, St. Louis Fed, EIA



Crude Oil Prices Remain in History's Third Boom-Bust Era



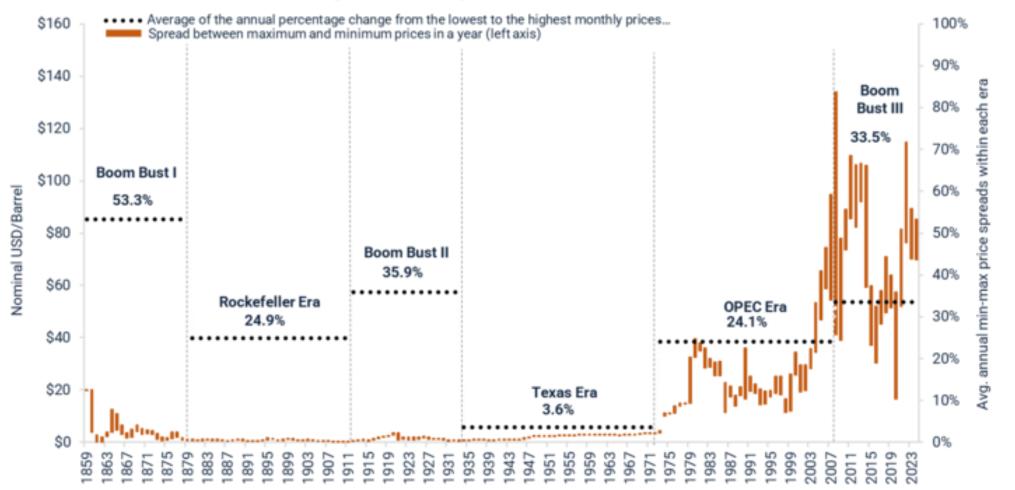
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No Swing Producer, No Peace

Only durable, effective supply management can tame crude oil's intrinsic, extreme volatility

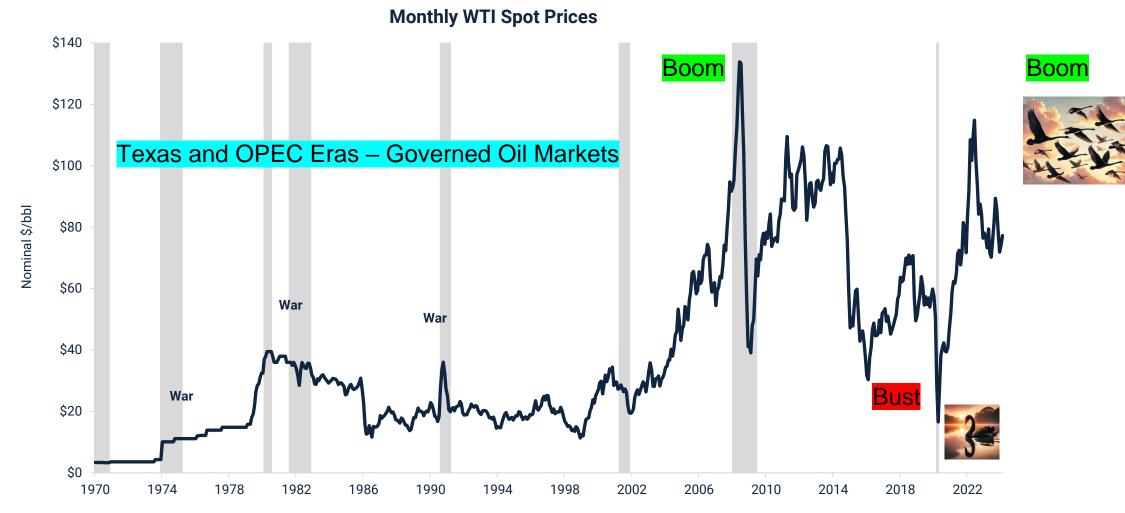
Annual Ranges of Monthly US Crude Oil Prices, 1859-2024



Sources: Rapidan Energy Group, based on The Derrick, API, St. Louis Fed, EIA, and Bloomberg



Space Mountain Price Volatility Reflects Absence of Durable Swing Producer

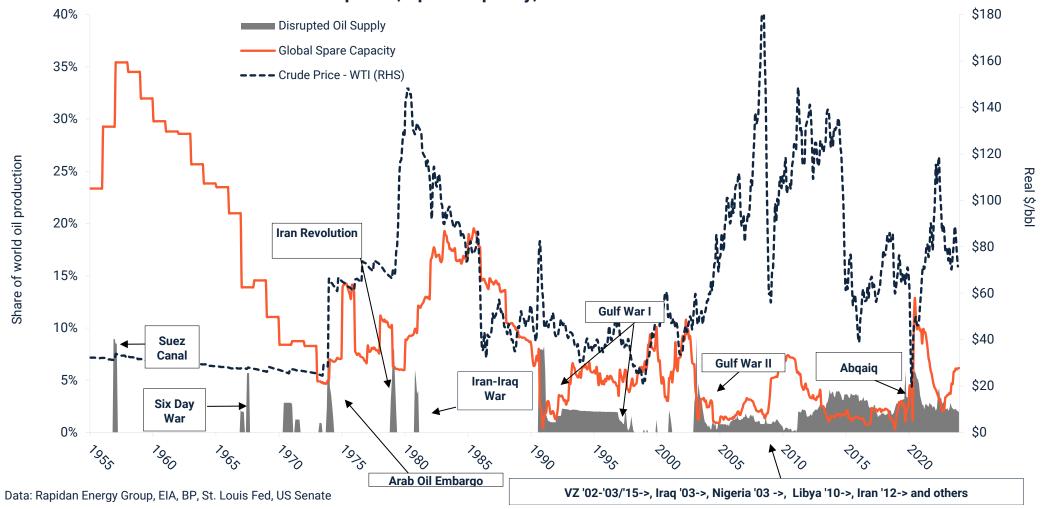


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Low Spare Capacity + High Disruptions = Bigger Oil Price Premium

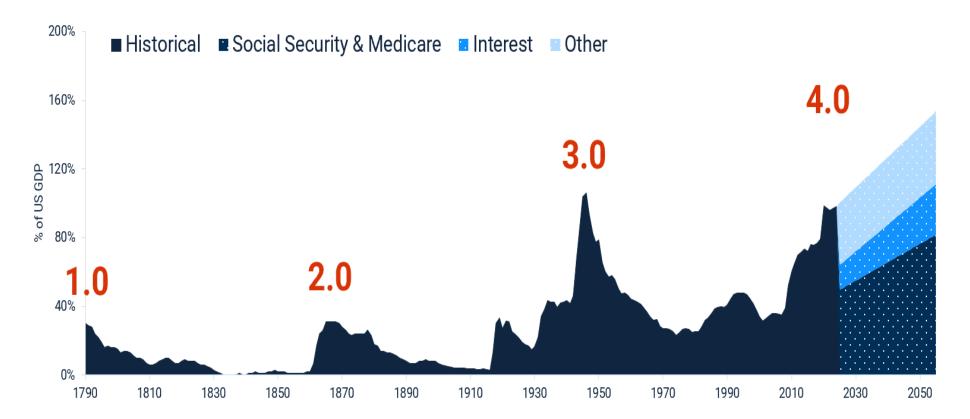
Oil Disruptions, Spare Capacity, and Crude Prices





Debt Reckoning Will Roil Energy Markets and Industries

Federal Debt Held by the Public as Percentage of US GDP



Source: Rapidan Energy Group, Congressional Budget Office (CBO).



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Post Paris "Peak Peak Demand"

Oil Boom

Foothills of an Oil Boom Cycle with Black Swans





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