

Methodology



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Online survey of 229 oil and gas industry professionals including engineers, mid-level and executive management, business unit heads and staff, project managers and geoscientists from a cross-segment of the industry.



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Oil and gas industry investment in digital technologies shows resilience in oil price downturn



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Digital technologies that enable people and assets are considered most important.



To get the most value from digital technologies, several barriers need to be overcome. The top two identified were: 1) workflows and processes that create bottlenecks and 2) physical and cyber security concerns.





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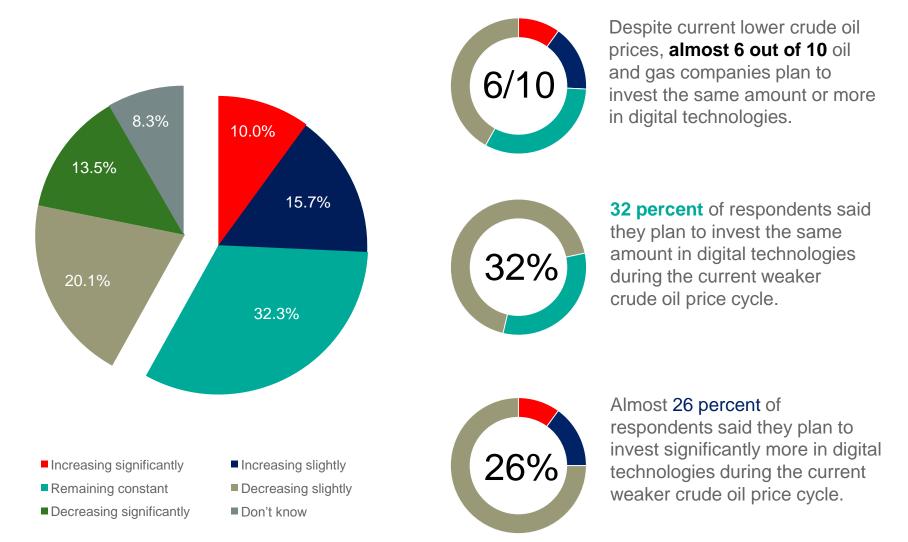


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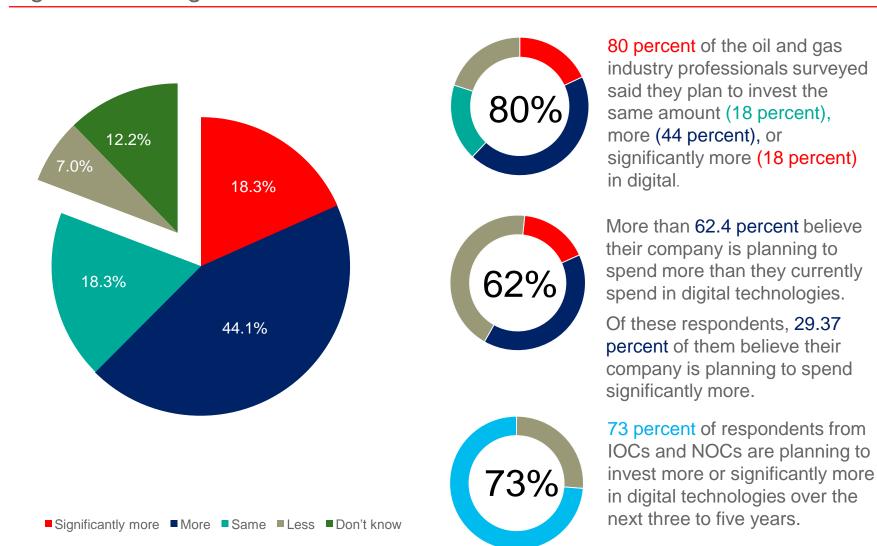
How is the current phase of the crude cycle, with lower oil prices, impacting your digital technology investment in the short term?







Over the next 3-5 years, how much is your company planning to invest in digital technologies?

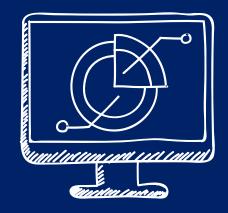






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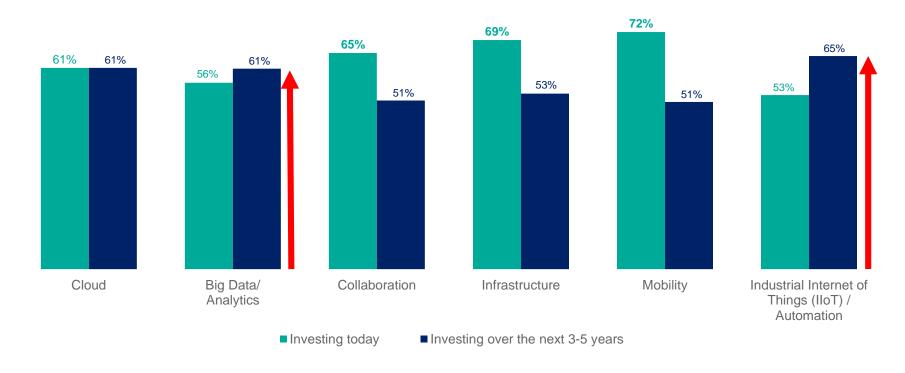






Which of these digital technologies is your company investing in today / over the next 3-5 years?

Investment will shift from collaboration, infrastructure and mobility to big data and IIoT / automation over the next 3 to 5 years.





Spend on collaboration, infrastructure and mobility is expected to **decrease** while...



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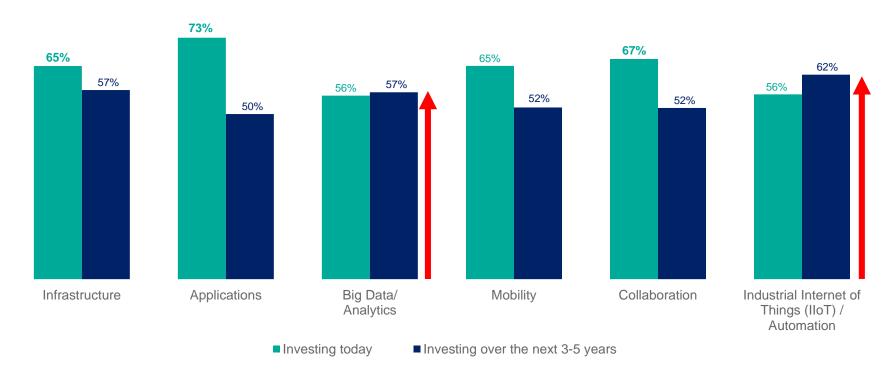
Cloud investment will continue as it is today in addition to any cloud related investments in Big Data and IIoT





Which technologies is your company using cloud to enable today / over the next 3-5 years?

Cloud investments will shift from infrastructure and applications to big data and IIoT / automation.





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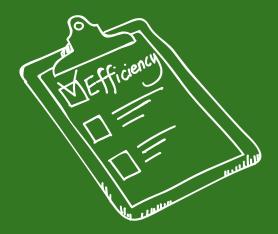


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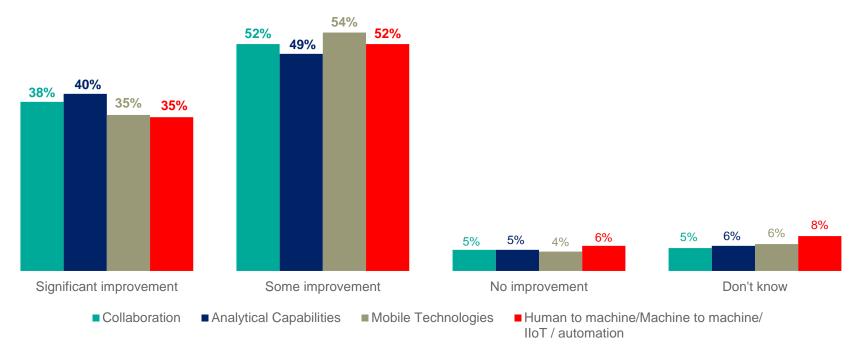




How much improvement do you believe that leveraging the following will add to your business efficiencies?

Respondents agreed that leveraging digital will improve business efficiency.

When asked which capability would add the most to their business efficiency, respondents felt that analytical capabilities would offer them the most significant improvement.

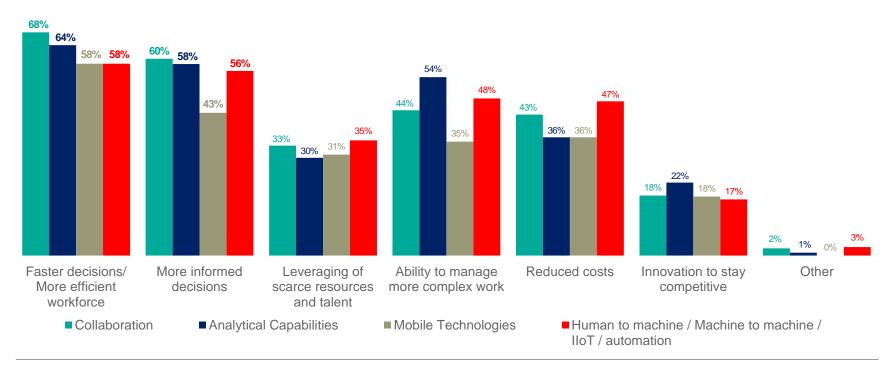






What are the top three areas where you feel digital technologies can help to improve business efficiencies in upstream?

Faster decisions, more efficient workforce and more informed decisions were the key areas where digital technologies will add to overall business efficiencies.



Collaboration | Faster and more informed decisions

Analytical capabilities | Faster and more informed decisions / ability to manage complex work

Mobile technologies | Faster decisions

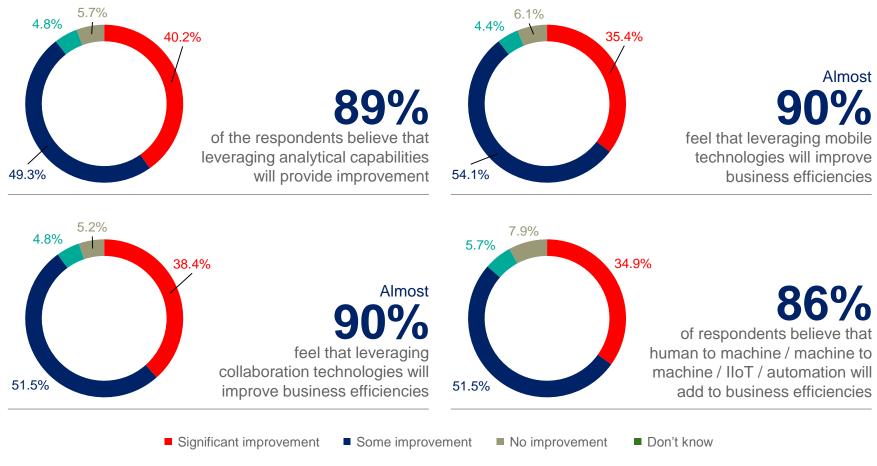
Human to machine / Machine to machine / IIoT / automation | More informed decisions / reduced costs





How much improvement do you believe that leveraging digital capabilities will add to your business efficiencies?

Upstream executives agree that implementing more digital technologies will create more business value.







Digital adds most value when enabling people and assets.

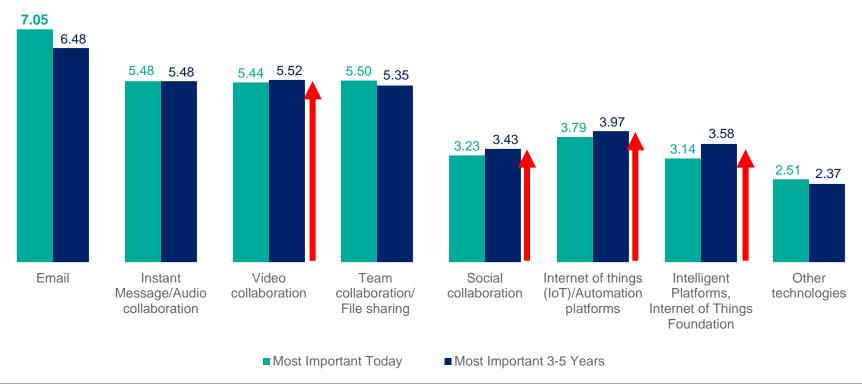






Which collaboration technologies are most important to upstream today / in the next 3-5 years?

Email is still a key collaboration technology but video, social, and IIoT are all expected to increase in importance over the next 3 to 5 years



Email and Team Collaboration are still the most important, with a slight decline in 3-5 years

Social Collaboration, Internet of Things and Intelligent Platforms are all increasing in importance in 3-5 years

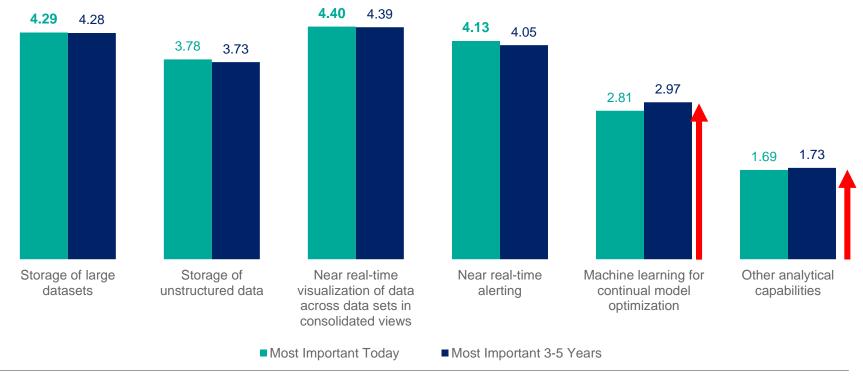




Which analytical capabilities are most important to upstream today / in the next 3-5 years?

Near real-time visualization, storage of large datasets and near real-time alerting are most important today and in the foreseeable future.

Machine learning has the biggest growth potential.



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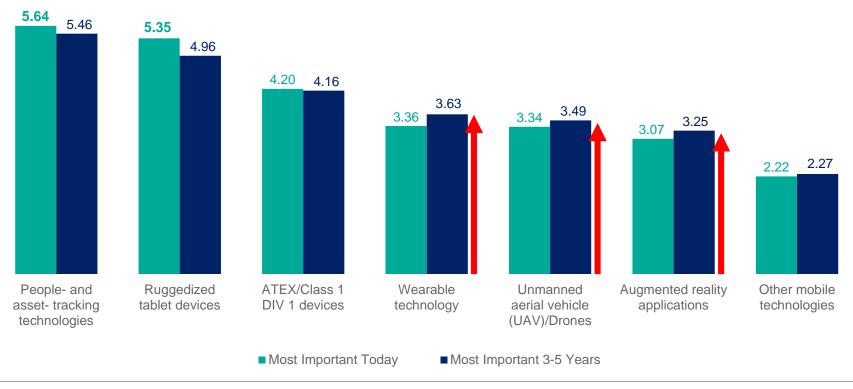
Machine learning and other analytical capabilities are increasing in importance in 3-5 years





Which mobile technologies are most important to upstream today / in the next 3-5 years?

People and asset tracing with ruggedized devices are both seen as the most important mobile technology today. Wearable technology, unmanned aerial vehicles and augmented reality are all set to grow in importance over the next few years.

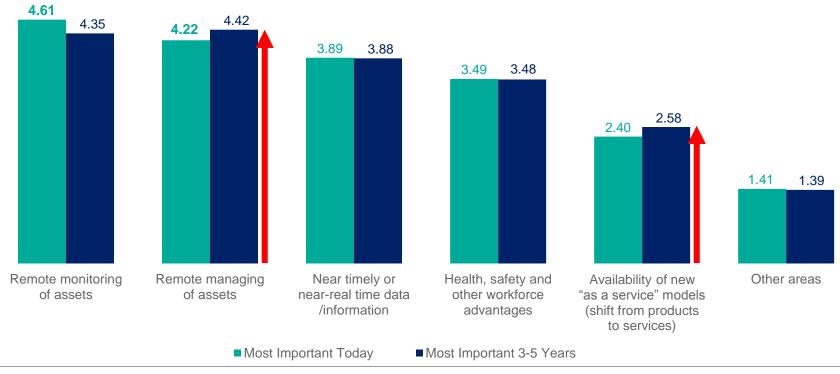


Asset tracking and ruggedized tablets are most important now and in the next 3-5 years.

Wearable technology, drones and augmented reality applications will increase in the next 3-5 years.

Which areas do you feel human to machine / machine to machine / IIoT / automation are most important to upstream today / over next 3-5 years?

Remote monitoring and management of assets is the most important capability enabled by digital technologies now and over the next 3-5 years. Remote management and new "as a service" models are expected to grow in importance.



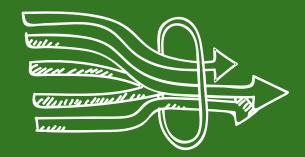
Remote monitoring and managing of assets is most important now and the next 3-5 years.

Remote managing will actually be more important in the next 3-5 years.





The biggest perceived barriers to realizing value from digital technologies are the existing workflows and processes, and concerns over physical and cyber security



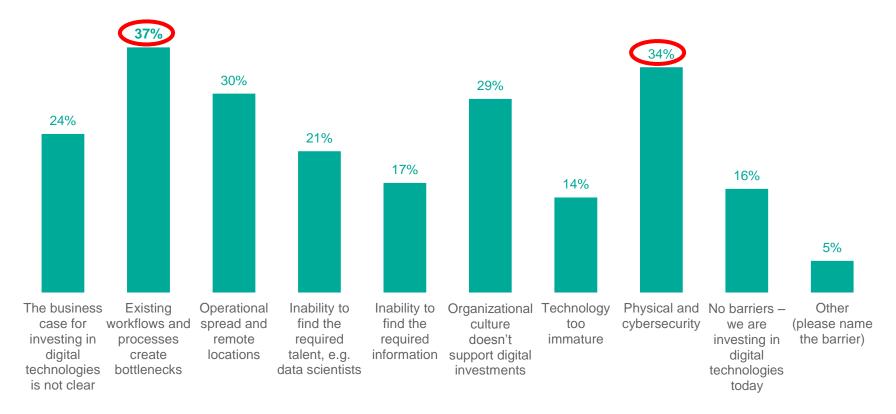
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What are the biggest barriers to getting value from digital technologies in upstream?

Existing workflows / processes and security threats are the biggest barriers to getting value.

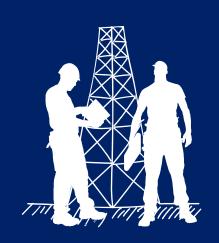






Oil and gas executives agree that implementing more digital technologies will create more business value today.

So how will your company use digital technologies to add business value?







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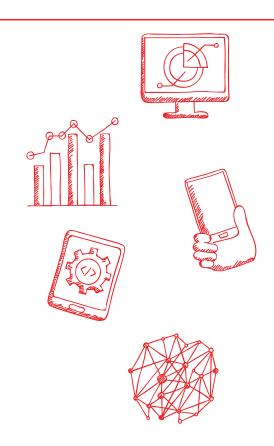


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