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Utilizing Existing Pipeline Infrastructure in CO₂ & H₂ Service



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Introduction & Credentials



Sr. VP of Operations - Gulf Companies

Bill Olson

- **43-year career in oil & gas industry**
- **25 years experience in CO₂ transport systems**
- **Chair of ASME B31.4/11 (liquid pipelines including dense CO₂)**
- **Member of ASME B31.8 Task Group for gaseous CO₂**
- **Member of API Task Force developing new RP-11CO₂**
- **Contributor to PRCI CO₂ Task Force**
- **Contributor to PRCI Hydrogen Task Force**
- **Corresponding member of ASME B31.8 Task Group for Hydrogen**

Gulf's History – Founded in 1953



1950s

Transwestern Gas Pipeline (USA)
Ammonia Pipeline (USA)

Gulf Interstate Gas Pipeline (USA)



1970s

Shedgum-Yanbu NGL Pipeline (Saudi Arabia)
Gas Gathering Projects (Saudi Arabia)
Jungle Production Facilities (Peru)
Marib Export Pipeline & Facilities (Yemen)

Owner's Engineer TransAlaska Pipeline (USA)

Strategic Petroleum Reserve (USA)

Alaska Natural Gas Transport System (USA)

1960s



1990s

OCP Pipeline (Ecuador)
Camisea Gas & NGL Pipelines (Peru)
East West Gas Pipeline (India)
Rockies Express Pipeline (USA)

PGT-PG&E Pipeline Expansion (USA)

Shaybah Pipeline & Terminal Facilities (Saudi Arabia)

Hawiyah Gas Development (Saudi Arabia)

Masila Export Pipeline & Facilities (Yemen)

1980s



2000s



2010s



CPG MXP / GXP (USA)

Sabal Trail Pipeline (USA)

Crude Oil Export Pipeline (East Africa)

Targa Grand Prix (USA)

Flanagan South Pipeline (USA)

2020s



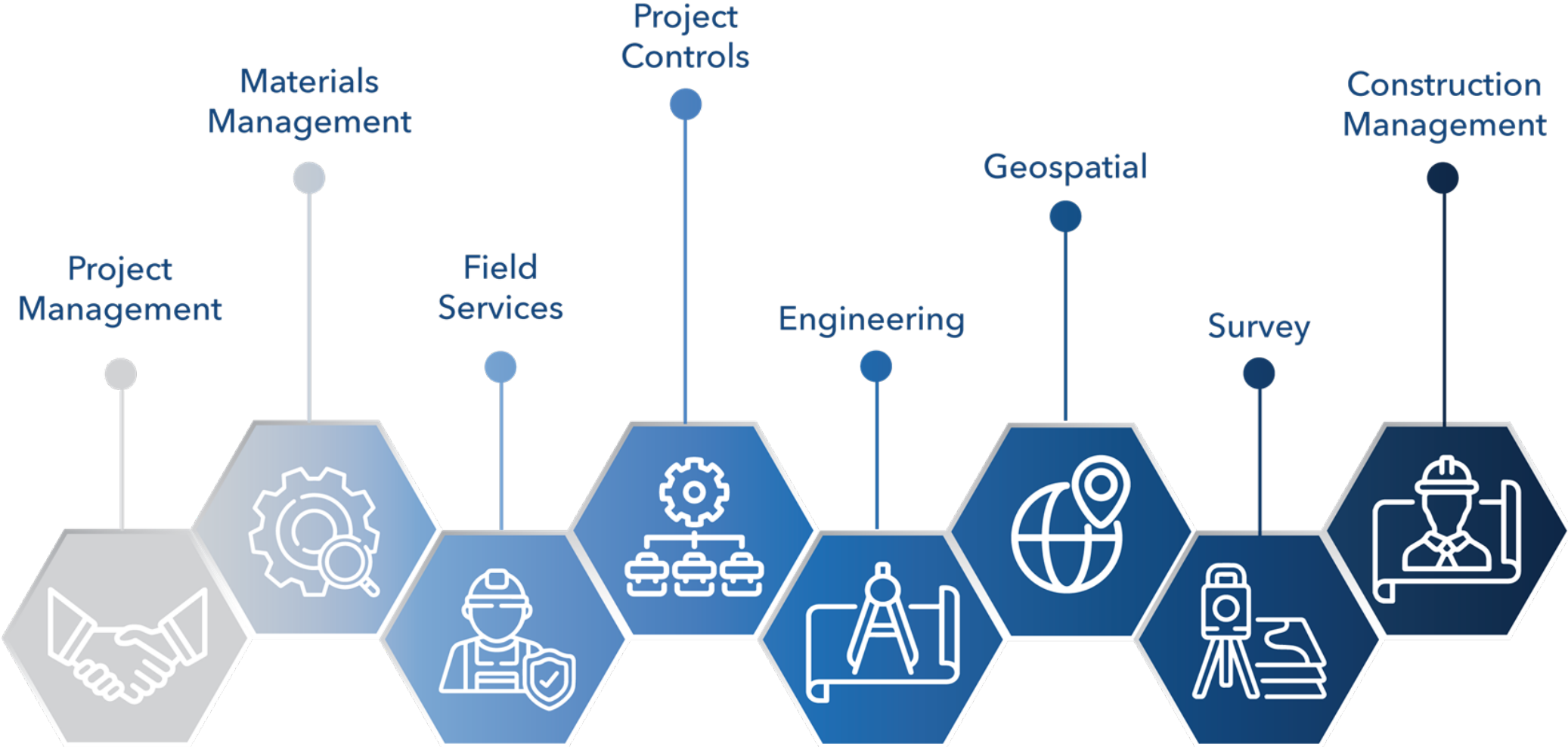
MCE CO2 Capture & Sequestration Project

Gator Express Pipeline, Venture Global (USA)

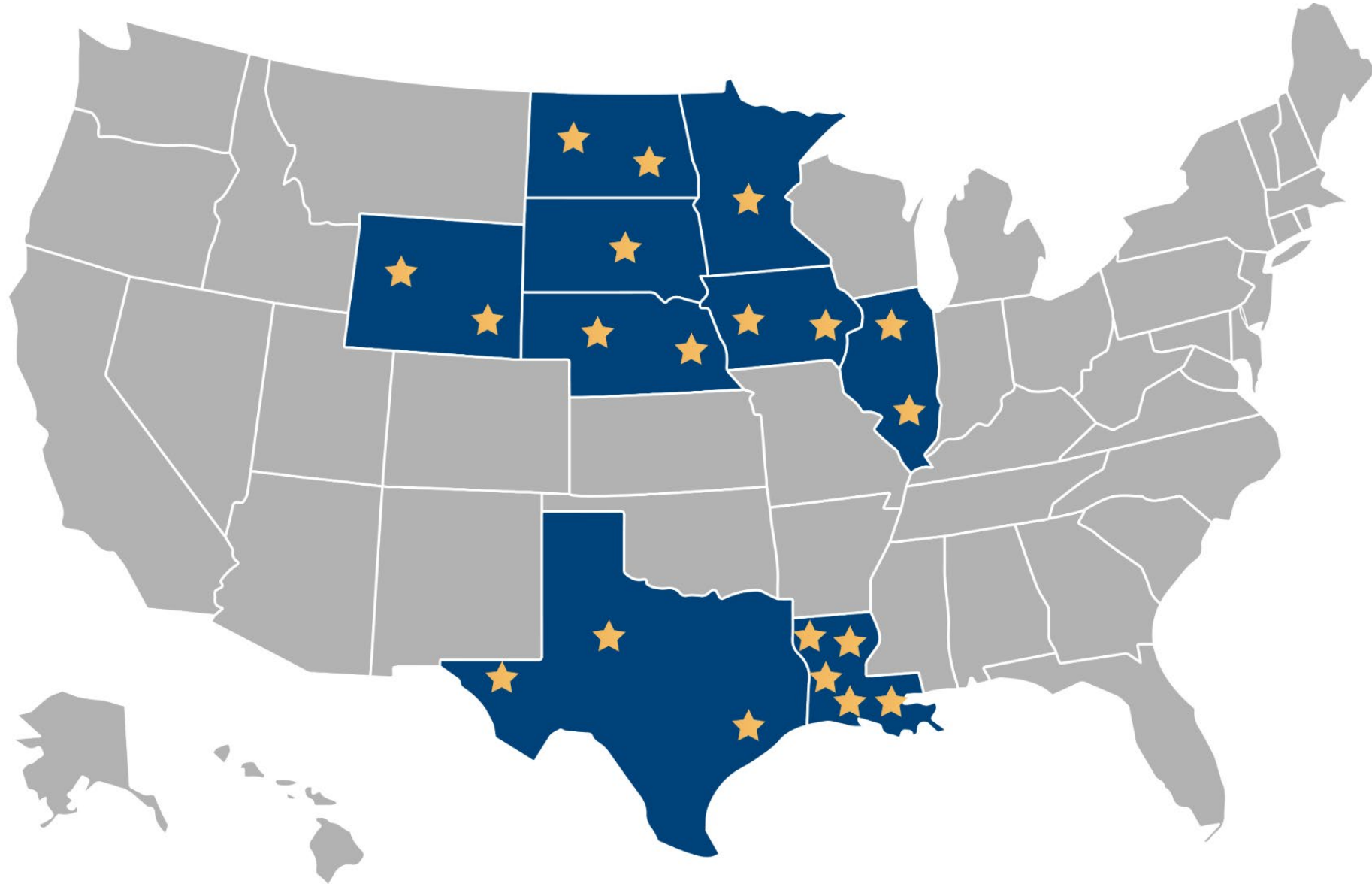
Golden Pass LNG Export ExxonMobil (USA)

Hearne to Taylor Pipeline Project, Valero (USA)

Gulf Companies Suite of Services



Gulf's Current CO₂ "Footprint" in the US

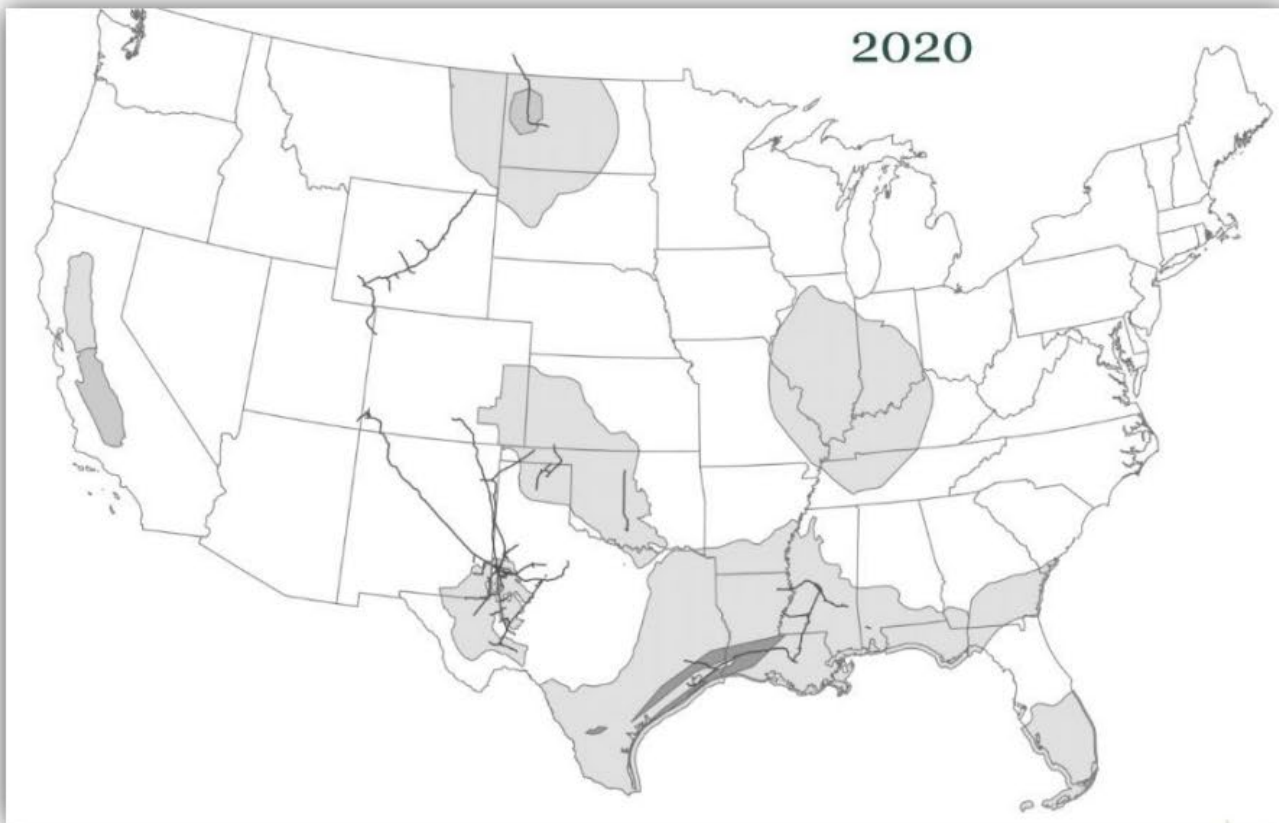


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CO₂ Pipelines – Today

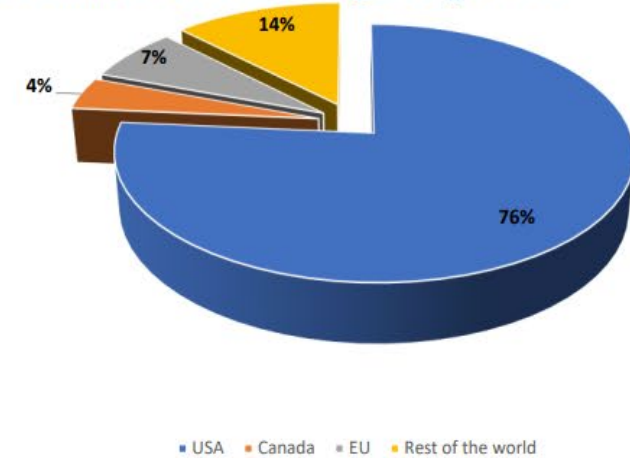
The “Why?”: Potential Large Increases in CO₂ Pipelines

- Currently ~6,000 miles of CO₂ pipelines globally
- ~5,300 miles of CO₂ pipelines in USA

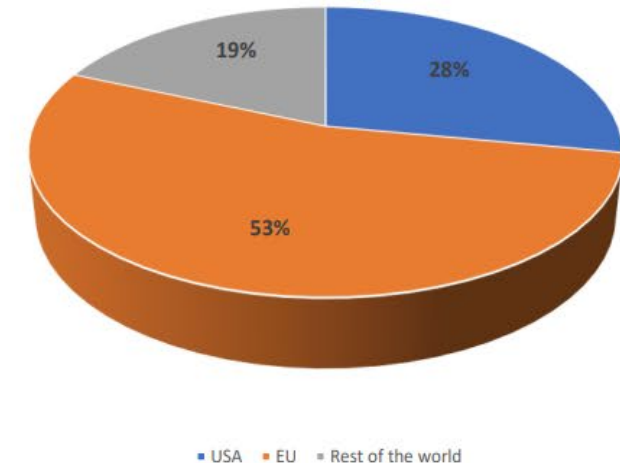


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Estimate of Existing CO₂ P/Ls



Estimate of New CO₂ P/Ls



US CO₂ Pipelines : Where Are We & How Did We Get Here?

- **Almost all current systems serve oil fields (EOR)**
- **EOR was subsidized by Federal Government to reduce reliance of foreign oil in the 70's**
- **The major systems built in late 70's to early 80's transport geologically sourced CO₂**
- **Several systems built in late 90's and 2010's to transport anthropogenic (man made) CO₂**
- **Majority of CO₂ currently transported in US systems originates from geologic sources**

Note: these systems all transport CO₂ in dense phase (S.G. ~0.7 or 70% density of water)

Our CO₂ Challenge: Lack of Knowledge

Most existing CO₂ pipelines are in remote areas serving the oil fields (EOR)



These systems have been operating steadily and reliably for >40 years



There have been no significant failures until 2020 (Denbury system in Mississippi)



There have been no fatalities, serious injury, or significant property loss due to failures

“Out of Sight – Out of Mind” ... Until Now!

CO₂ Pipelines: What is Changing?

- Infrastructure Renewal Act of late 2022 directed federal subsidies toward sequestration of anthropogenic CO₂
- Private equity has flooded the market
- BoDs of major industrial CO₂ emitters have set goals for massive carbon reduction
- CCTS (carbon capture, transport & storage) projects are proliferating across US and internationally
- Most new CO₂ pipeline systems target sequestration (versus EOR)
- **Many new systems are near or within industrial & more densely populated/developed areas**

The “Why?”: Potential Large Increases in CO₂ Pipelines

NOTES:

- E+: high electrification
- ~13,000 miles of trunklines
- ~53,000 miles of spur lines

E+ scenario

929 million tCO₂/y
 106,000 km pipelines
 Capital in service: \$170B

CO₂ point source type

- CO₂ point sources
- BECCS - power and fuels
- Cement w/ ccs
- Natural gas power ccs oxyfuel

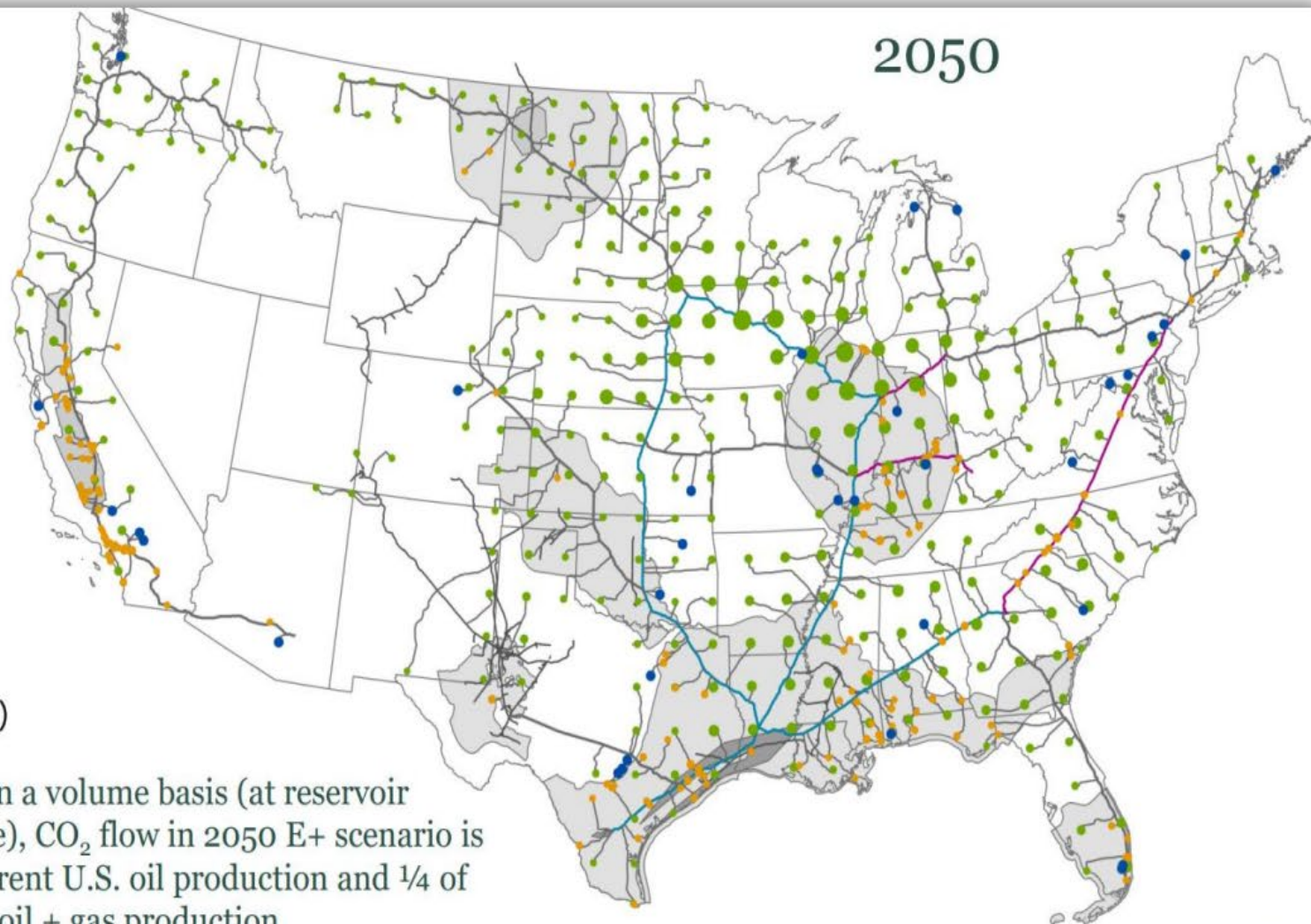
CO₂ captured (MMTPA)

- 0.0006449
- 7.9144
- 15.8282
- 23.7419

Trunk lines (capacity in MMTPA)

- < 100
- 100 - 200
- > 200

Note: On a volume basis (at reservoir pressure), CO₂ flow in 2050 E+ scenario is 1.3x current U.S. oil production and 1/4 of current oil + gas production.



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Impacts to Existing Pipeline Infrastructure

Do Existing Pipelines Represent Opportunities?

- Targeting man-made sources of CO₂ focuses on industrial areas
- Industrial areas tend to be innervated with existing pipelines
- Some of this infrastructure is idle or under-utilized
- Can this pipeline infrastructure be utilized for CCTS purposes?

Do Existing Pipelines Represent Opportunities?

- The answer to this question requires both a technical and commercial analysis:
 - A given diameter pipeline can transport ~300-400 times more mass of CO₂ in dense phase vs. gaseous, but...
 - Most existing pipeline infrastructure is not rated for dense phase operating pressures (generally > 1500 PSI)
- The question then becomes whether the existing pipe can economically carry a sufficient mass of CO₂ in a gaseous state?
- If the answer to this question is yes, then what guidance exists to safely implement this conversion of service?

What Modifications May Be Needed to Convert an Existing Pipeline Systems to CO2 Service?

- **Significant pipe replacement (MOP, latent defects, metallurgy)**
- **Possible installation of crack arrestors on older pipes**
- **Replace all MLVs, add new MLVs, add Line break detection**
- **Replace all/most compressors and pumps**
- **Upgrade SCADA system and leak detection**
- **Replace metering systems**
- **Replace all pressure/flow control devices**
- **Air monitoring of enclosed spaces and buildings**

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Unfolding Technical & Regulatory Guidance

“Minding the Gaps”

ASME Undertakings

B31.8 Task Group has drafted a new chapter addressing transportation of gaseous CO₂. On track to be published in the 2024 edition later this year. It will address key areas in changing natural gas pipelines to gaseous CO₂.

B31.4 – A new Task Group is being formed to update/enhance the “liquid” CO₂ guidance in time for the 2025 edition.

Updates are in progress for DNV “CO₂PipeSafe”, CSA Z662, ISO standards.

API RP11CO₂, “CO₂ Transportation by Pipeline” – recently formed Task Group to address “gaps” between all the above-mentioned codes.

PHMSA rulemaking response to Sartartia, Miss. failure scheduled for Q2 issuance

US DOE research funding via NETL and many national laboratories

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Hydrogen Developments

Extra Credit: Developments in Pipeline Transport of H2

ASME B31.12-2019
(Revision of ASME B31.12-2014)

Hydrogen Piping and Pipelines

ASME Code for Pressure Piping, B31

Developments in Pipeline Transport of H2

Rapid development of a new ASME B31.8 chapter for hydrogen pipelines for 2026 edition, with concurrent withdrawal of B31.12

PRCI Emerging Fuels Institute (EFI) will develop and fund a project to write the new chapter of ASME B31.8 on ASME's behalf. This work will include contributions from national labs and other international research groups in its execution.

Similar efforts are underway in Canada, Europe, Australia.

H₂ : Do Existing Pipelines Represent Opportunities?

- **Somewhat like our CO₂ scenario, the answer to this question requires both a technical and commercial analysis:**
 - **At the same pressure, a given diameter pipeline can only transport ~40% of the BTUs in H₂ versus the same pipe transporting natural gas**
 - **Blending H₂ into natural gas may “win” carbon offset credits, but it does very little to truly decarbonize the energy economy**
- **Transporting H₂ as ammonia or methanol will be more efficient, but seem to be limited in scale to significantly impact the energy market.**
- **While there are many technical concerns about using existing pipelines in pure H₂ service, it appears that economical considerations will eliminate many such scenarios**

Can We Utilize Existing Pipeline Systems in H₂ Service?

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