Regional Carbon Management Education Workshop

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Background on Great Plains Institute

An independent nongovernmental organization focused on energy policy and technology.

Mission

- *Transforming the energy system to benefit the economy and the environment.*

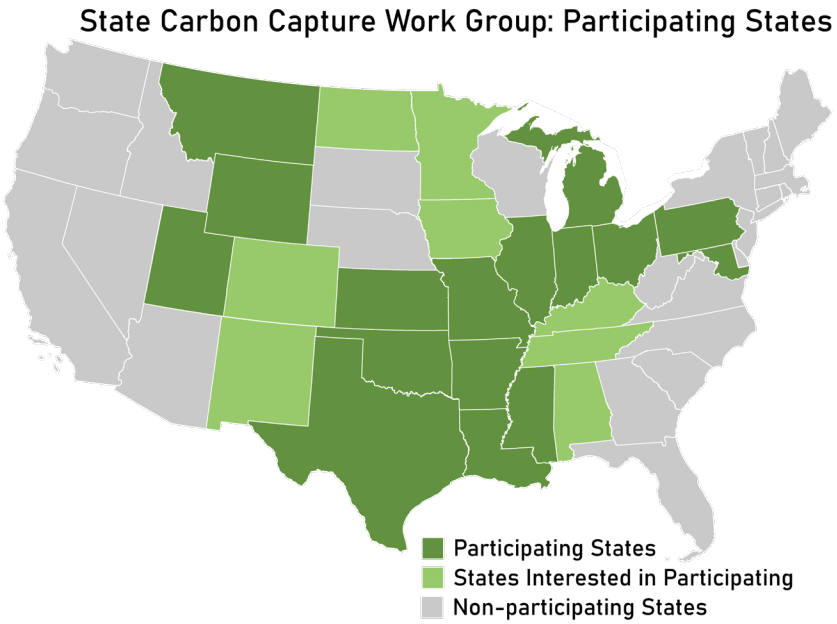
Objectives

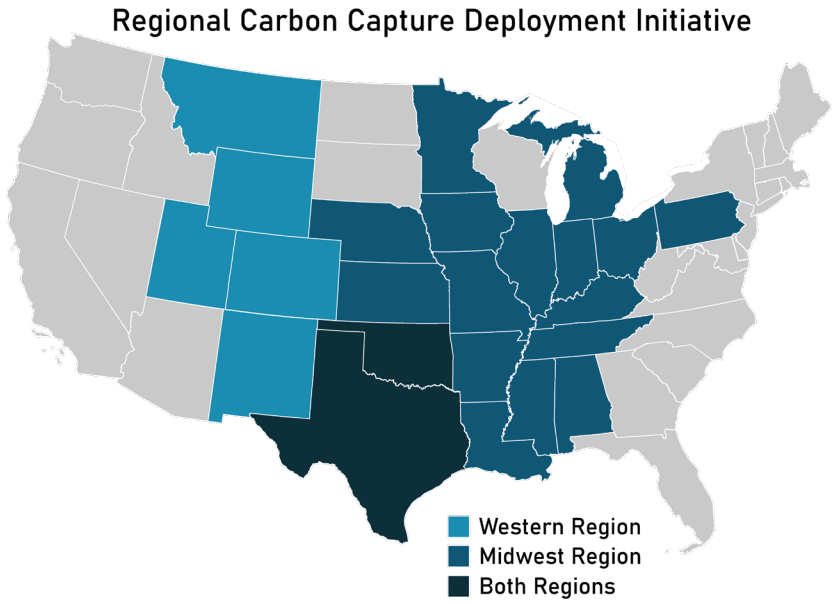
- *Increase energy efficiency and productivity.*
- *Decarbonize electricity production.*
- *Electrify the economy and adopt zero and low-carbon fuels.*
- *Capture carbon for beneficial use and permanent storage.*

Key GPI Carbon Management Objectives

- ***Elevate carbon capture as a national priority for achieving midcentury climate goals, creating high-wage jobs and sustaining our domestic energy and industrial base.***
- ***Provide comprehensive policy support for carbon capture equivalent to support already provided to other low and zero-emission technologies.***
- ***Foster economywide deployment of carbon capture and the national buildout of critical CO_2 pipeline infrastructure.***

Helping States Become Carbon Capture Ready





- **State Carbon Capture Work Group**: Established in 2015, with state officials representing 16 states.
- **Regional Deployment Initiative**: Nearly 600 state officials, companies, NGOs, and unions from two dozen states interested in supporting state and federal policy development
- Work Group and RDI coordinating state policymaker and stakeholder engagement, development of policy recommendations, and regional deployment modeling and jobs analysis.

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Analytical Report

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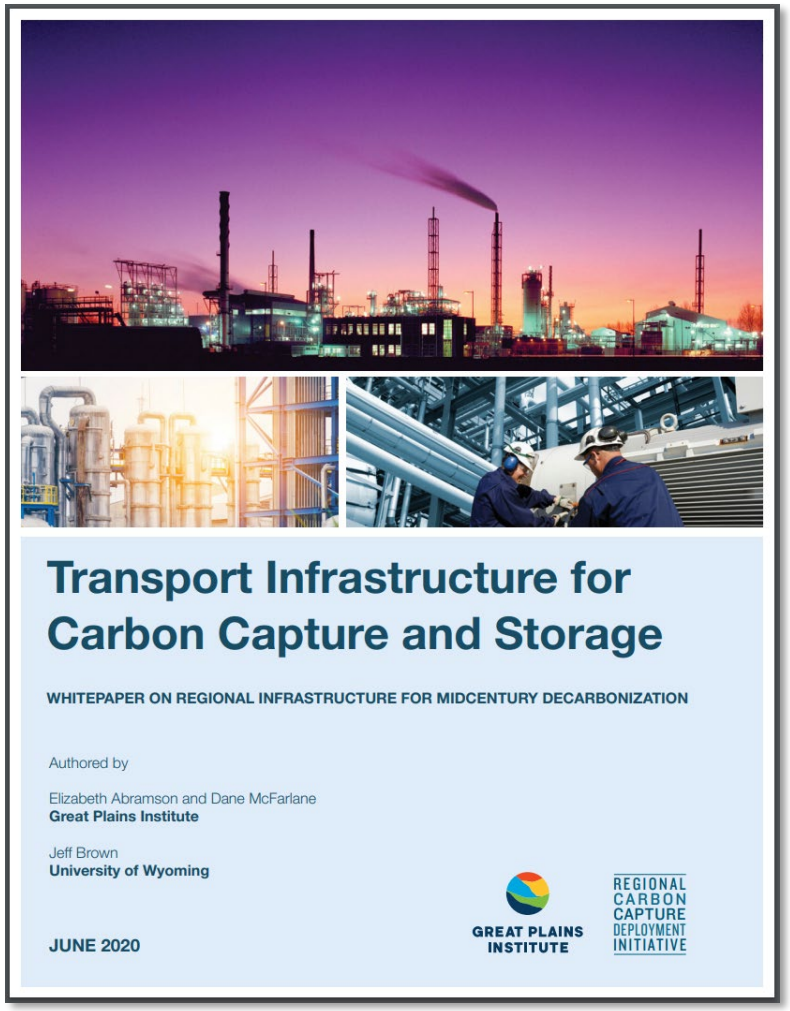

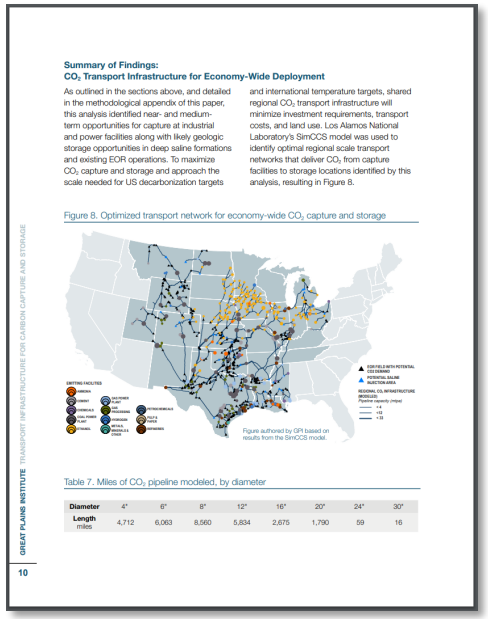

Summary of Findings:
CO_2 Transport Infrastructure for Economy-Wide Deployment

As outlined in the sections above, and detailed in the methodological appendix of this paper, this analysis identified near- and medium-term opportunities for capture at industrial and power facilities along with likely geologic storage opportunities in deep saline formations and existing EOR operations. To maximize CO_2 capture and storage and approach the scale needed for US decarbonization targets and international temperature targets, shared regional CO_2 transport infrastructure will minimize investment requirements, transport costs, and land use. Los Alamos National Laboratory's SimCCS model was used to identify optimal regional scale transport networks that deliver CO_2 from capture facilities to storage locations identified by this analysis, resulting in Figure 8.

Figure 8. Optimized transport network for economy-wide CO_2 capture and storage

Figure authored by GPI based on results from the SimCCS model.

Table 7. Miles of CO_2 pipeline modeled, by diameter

Diameter	4"	6"	8"	12"	16"	20"	24"	30"
Length miles	4,712	6,063	8,560	5,834	2,675	1,790	59	16

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The difference in build-out of CO_2 transport infrastructure in the Near- to Medium-Term Scenario and the High-Cost Sensitivity Scenario shows that there is still a gap in pure break-even economic equilibrium: a regional scale CO_2 transport network will require capital investment that will not necessarily be paid simply through the sale of CO_2 at $20 per ton combined with the value of tax credits in the current 45Q program. The transport networks modeled here maximize the rate of CO_2 capture and storage across the power and industrial sectors while minimizing the cost and land use of transport infrastructure. In reality, CO_2 transport infrastructure may more likely be built out in a piecemeal fashion, linking single facilities or a small group of projects to a single storage location. This may result in CO_2 infrastructure that is not of sufficient capacity to meet the scale of CO_2 capture and storage required by midcentury decarbonization targets. This infrastructure would need to be replaced in the future or an abundance of additional infrastructure would need to be built, costing more and having a greater land use impact than a regional system built through coordinated planning.

This study has shown clear opportunities for wide-spread capture at low costs throughout the Midwest, Midcontinent, Rockies, Northern Plains, Gulf Coast, and Texas.

If the US is to significantly decarbonize the industrial and power sectors, as well as create a marketplace that allows for direct air capture facilities to help achieve net-zero or negative carbon emissions, then planning and coordination must occur in the near term to begin building regional-scale transport networks for economy-wide deployment of carbon capture and storage. By midcentury, local, national, and international climate action and the need to drive down the societal costs of carbon emissions will likely create natural economic incentives that enable CO_2 capture at industrial and power facilities, in addition to direct air capture facilities, that today seem relatively expensive.

Near-term planning and coordination of regional-scale infrastructure will enable significant decarbonization of the industrial and power sectors while creating a marketplace for direct air capture of CO_2 will require.

Economy-wide deployment of carbon capture and storage will help achieve net-zero or negative carbon emissions in the US.

Developing solutions in the near term to address logistical issues such as inter-state CO_2 transportation corridors, interconnected pipeline networks operated or shared by multiple private entities, and state and federal support for future-proofing pipeline capacity through "super-sizing" will drastically reduce costs as well as land use and environmental impact of CO_2 transport infrastructure. Achieving national goals will require broad scale coordinated vision and action. This analysis provides a framework for coordinated regional infrastructure that can help define that vision.

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CO_2 Capture Opportunities: Industrial and Power Facilities

Section 45Q
Tax Credit for CO_2 Storage

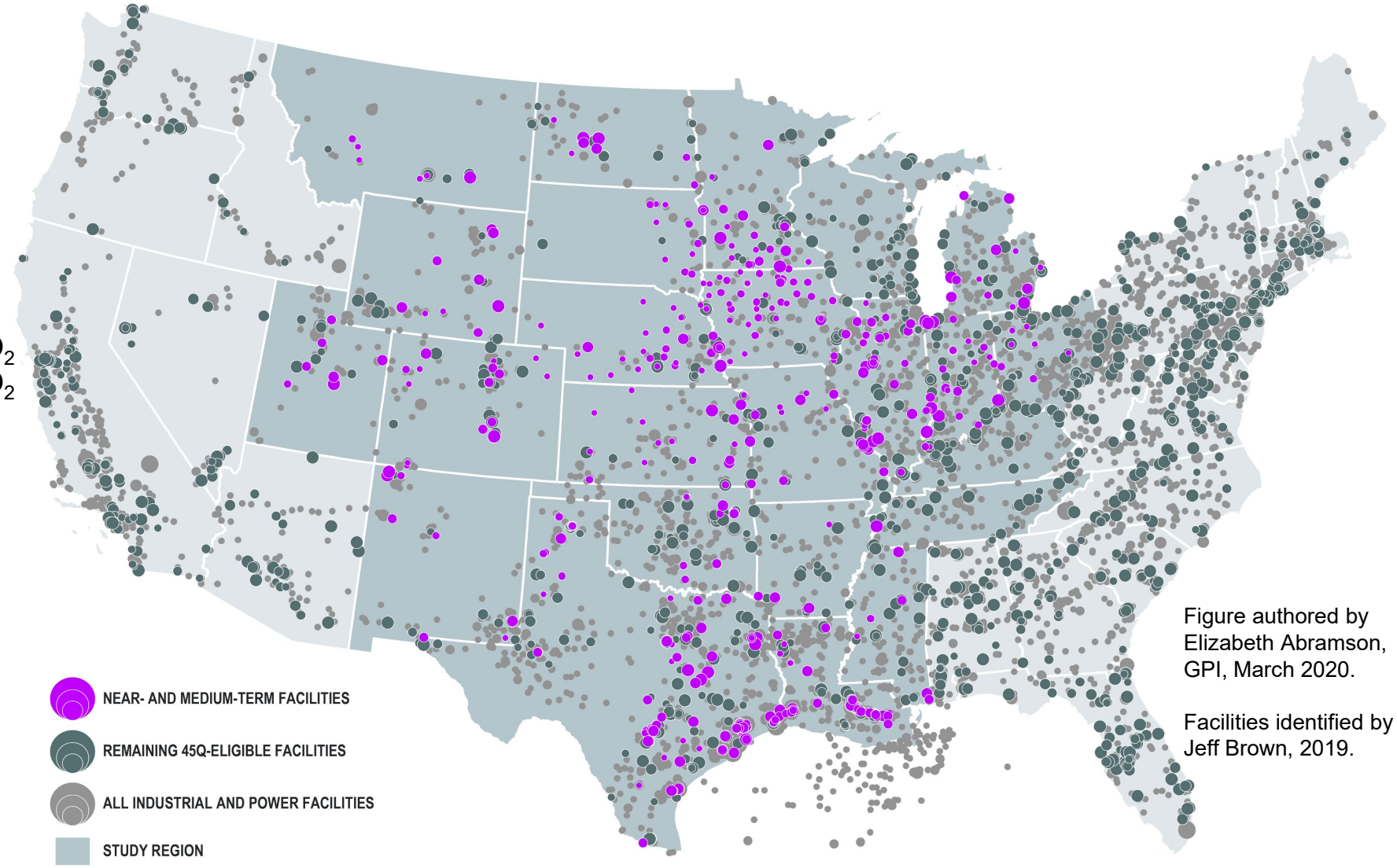
Geologic Saline:	$50 / ton
EOR Storage:	$35 / ton

Minimum Capture Thresholds

Industrial Facility:	100 thousand tons CO_2
Power Plants:	500 thousand tons CO_2

Near- and Medium-Term Screening Criteria:

- 45Q Eligibility
- Operational patterns
- Expected life
- Right-size capture equipment to specific units within each facility



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Facilities identified by Jeff Brown, 2019.

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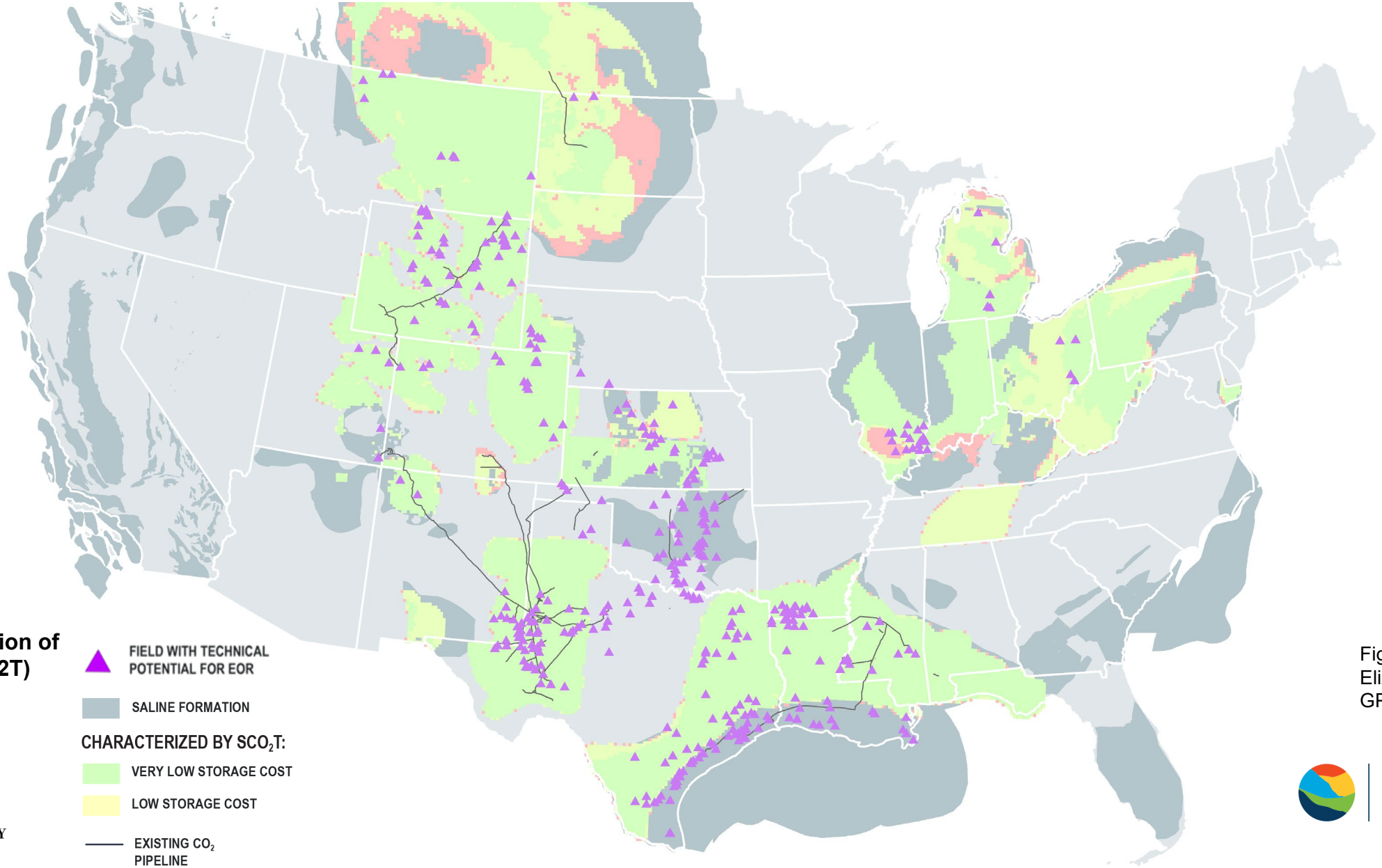
Saline: SCO2T & NATCARB 10km Grid Cells



Saline data via
The Sequestration of CO2 Tool (SCO2T)

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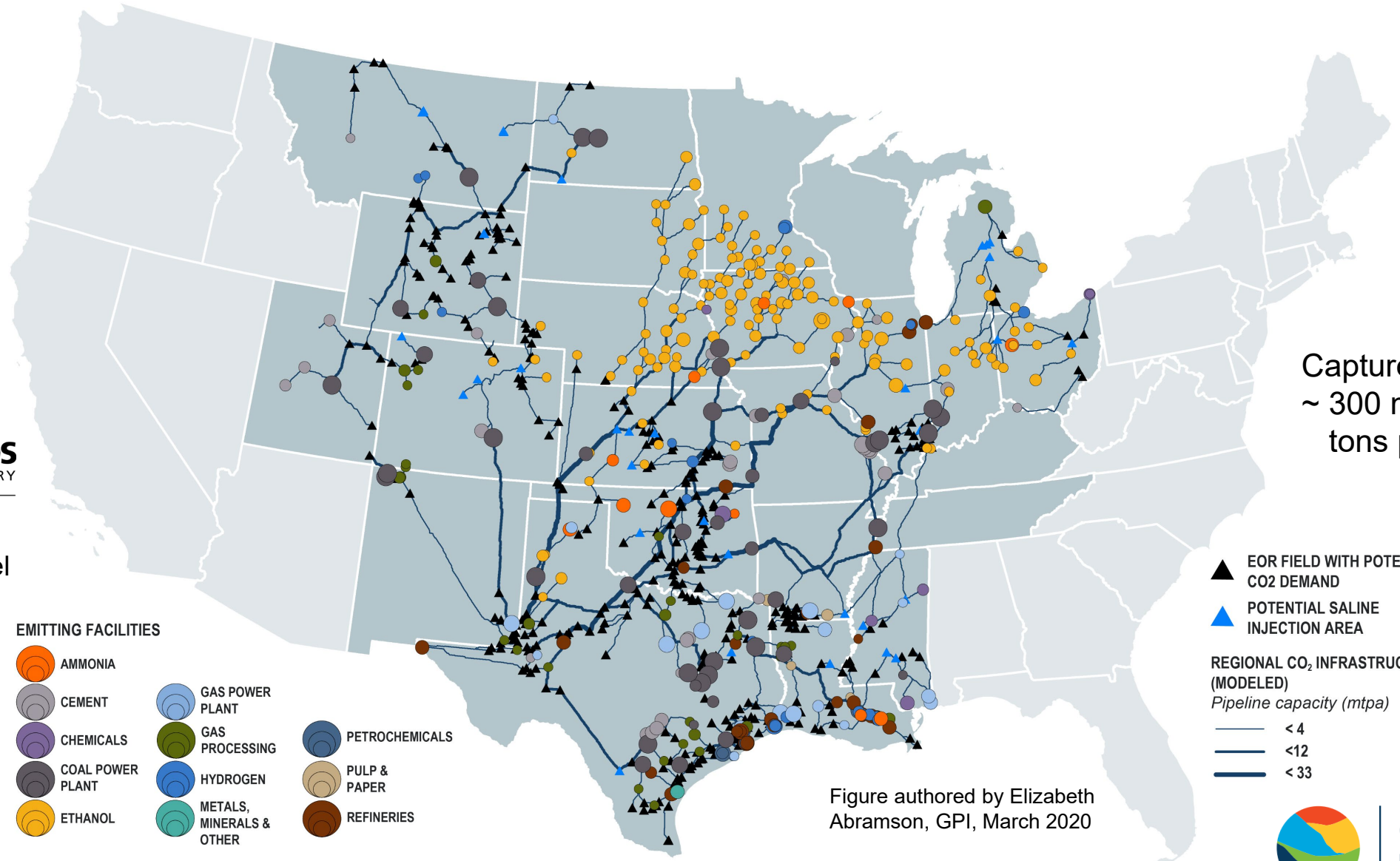
Near- and Medium-Term Scenario:
Optimized transport network for CO_2 capture and storage under 45Q



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SimCCS CO_2 transport model

Capture and storage: ~ 300 million metric tons per year

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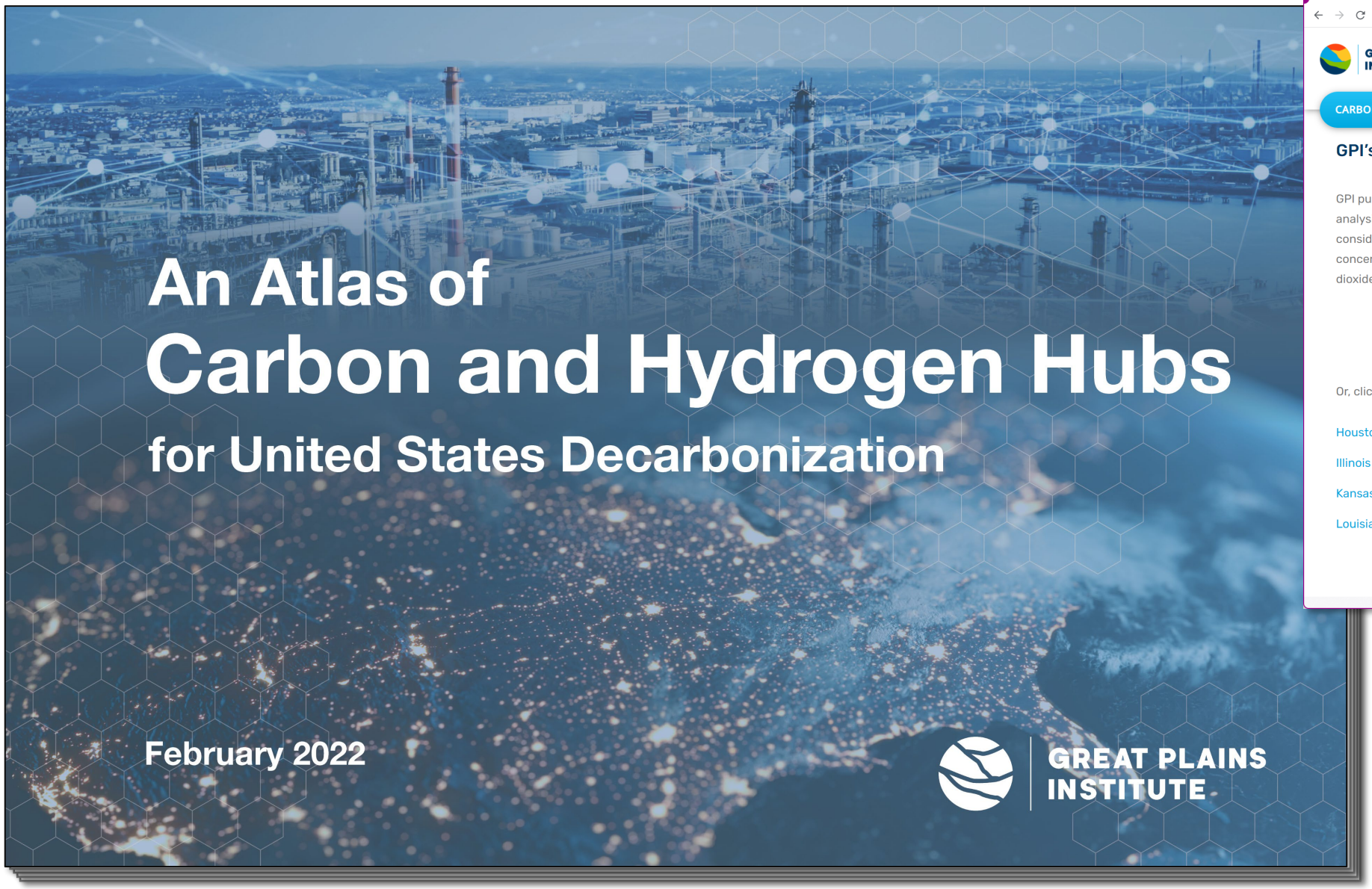

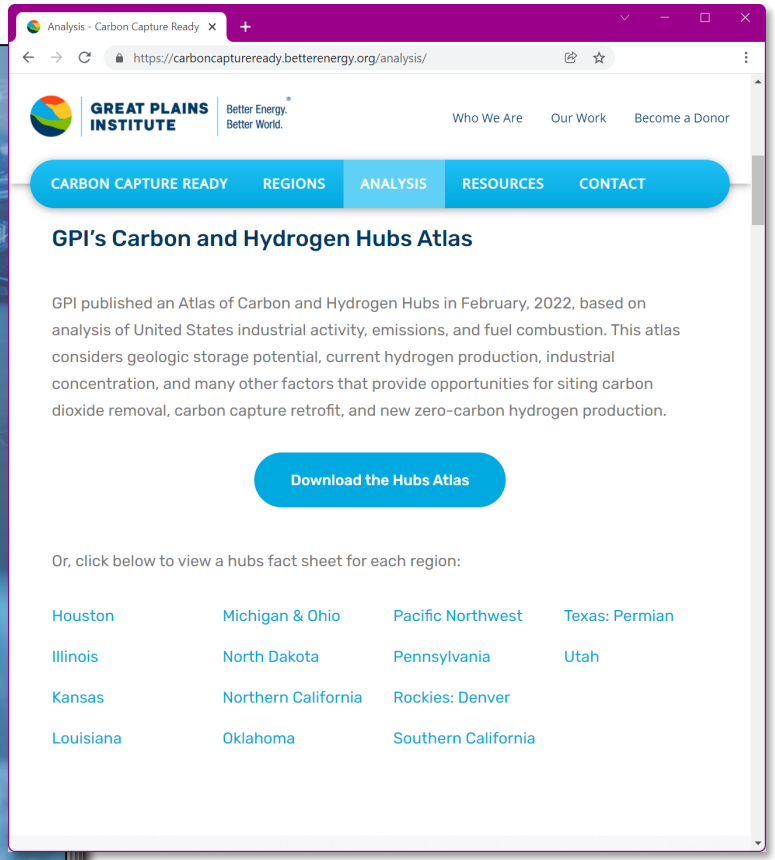

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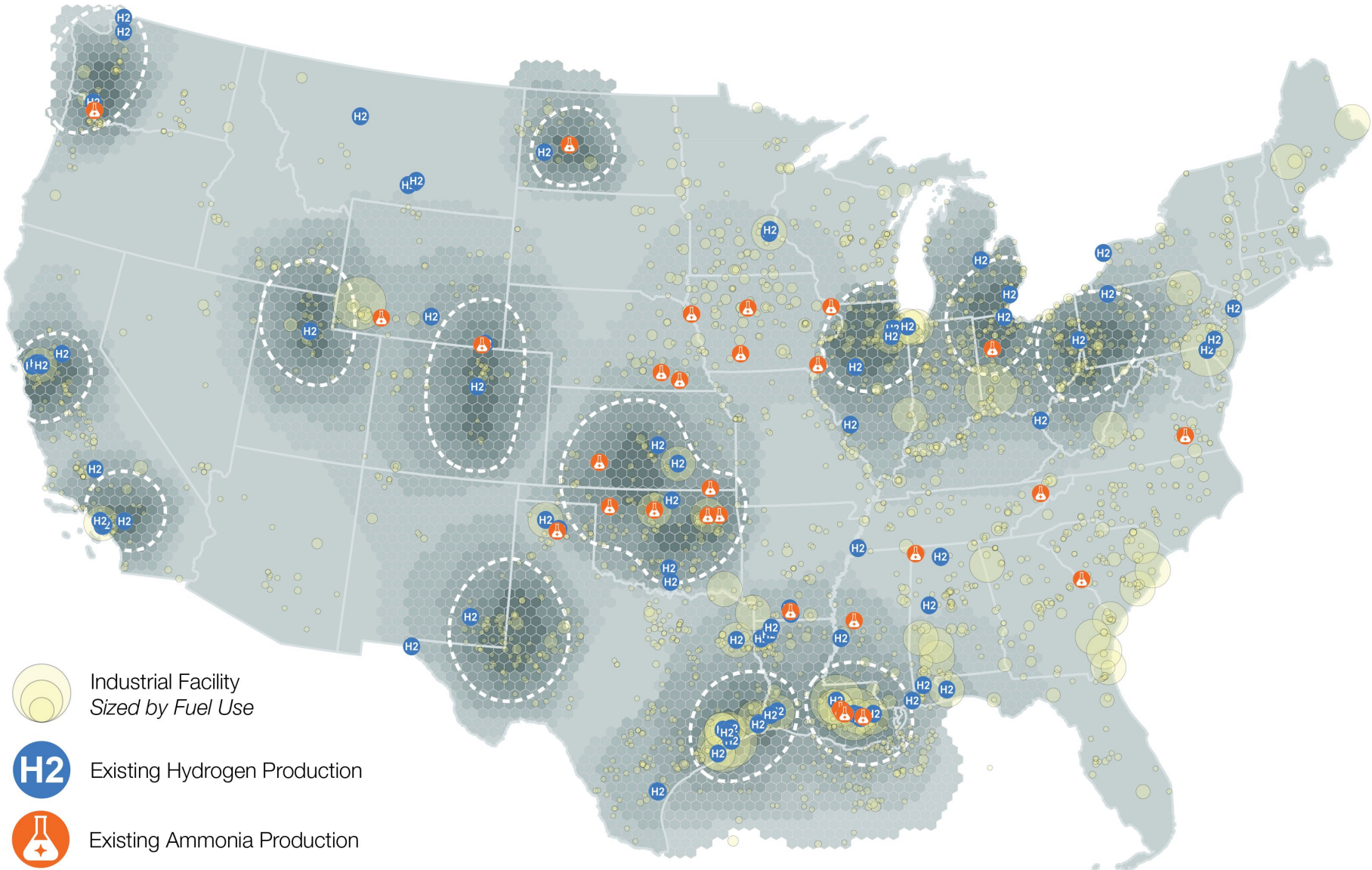
Existing hydrogen and ammonia production

- Hydrogen is a versatile fuel and energy carrier
- 13% of global energy demand is fueled by H_2 in IEA's Net-Zero 2050 scenario
- Today, 95% of hydrogen is produced from natural gas through SMR
- Low carbon hydrogen can be produced with biomass, renewable and zero carbon electricity (electrolysis), and SMR with CCS
- IEA Net Zero: 40% of hydrogen produced through SMR + CCS in 2050



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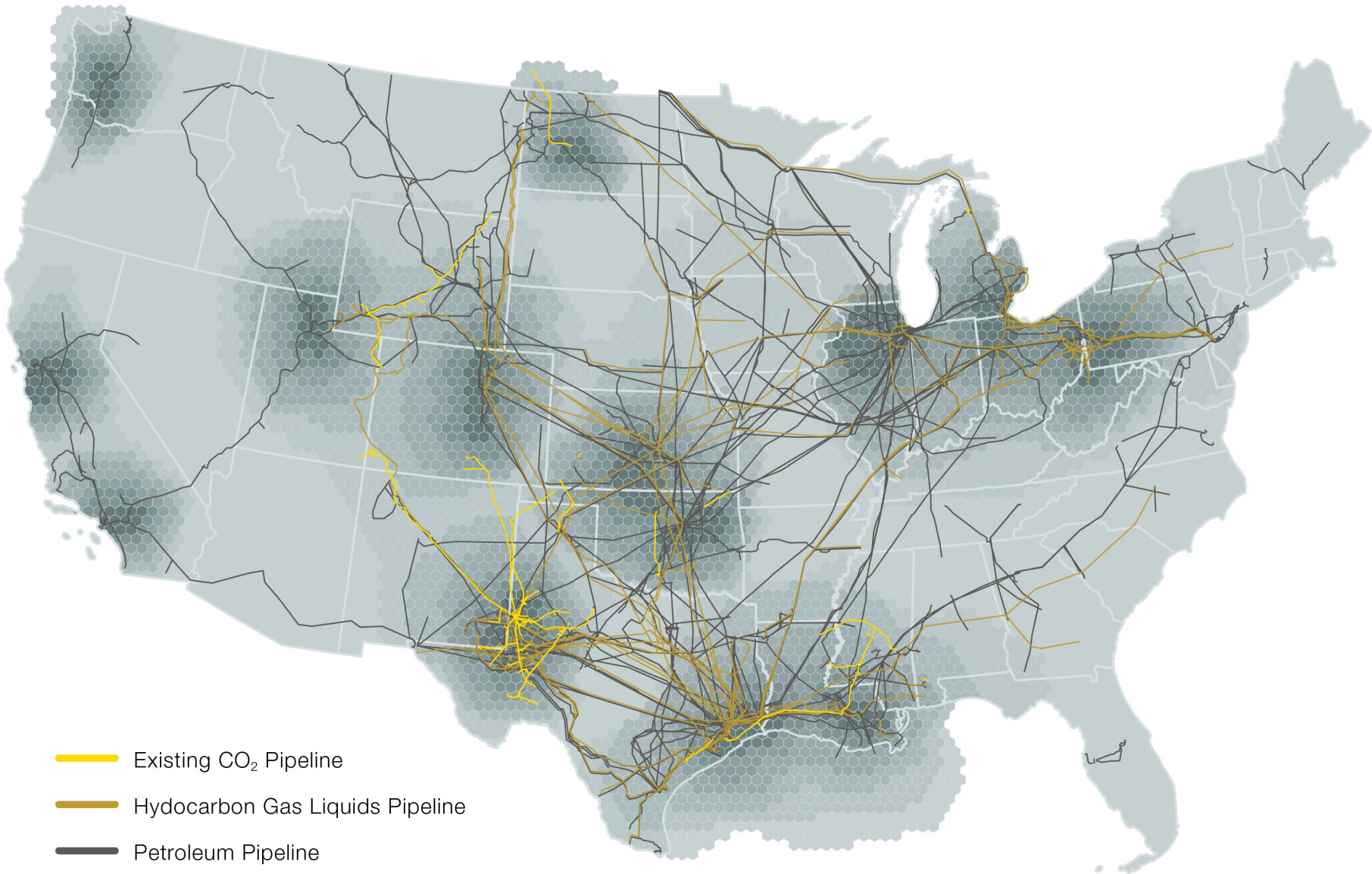
Existing petroleum, crude oil, and HGL pipeline infrastructure

- Existing pipelines could provide an adjacent right-of-way that reduces land use, logistics, and planning costs for either CO_2 or H_2 infrastructure
- High correlation to hubs: these areas often already operate as a major interchange of petroleum, fossil fuel, and other chemicals transmission



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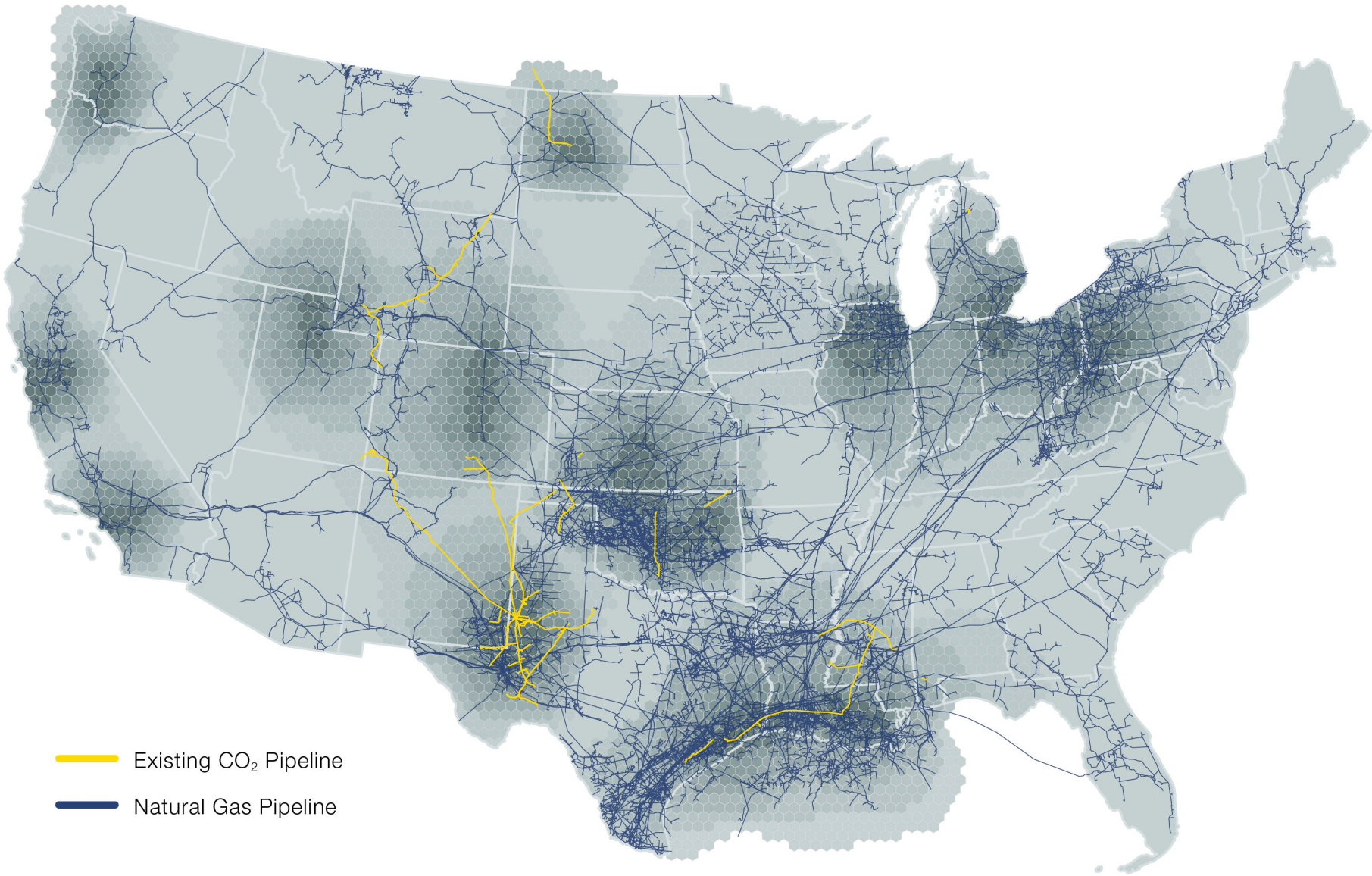
Natural gas infrastructure: Existing right-of-way and blending of hydrogen

- Existing pipelines could provide an adjacent right-of-way that reduces land use, logistics, and planning costs for either CO2 or H2 infrastructure
- Hydrogen can, to a certain extent, be blended into the existing natural gas distribution system for co-firing
- Very extensive build-out of natural gas infrastructure over the last few decades:
  - average of 1,500 km of new natural gas pipelines have been completed each year for the past 10 years
  - maximum of 4,400 km completed in a single year
- US decarbonization goals may require a less aggressive buildout for CO_2 and H_2 than occurred for natural gas



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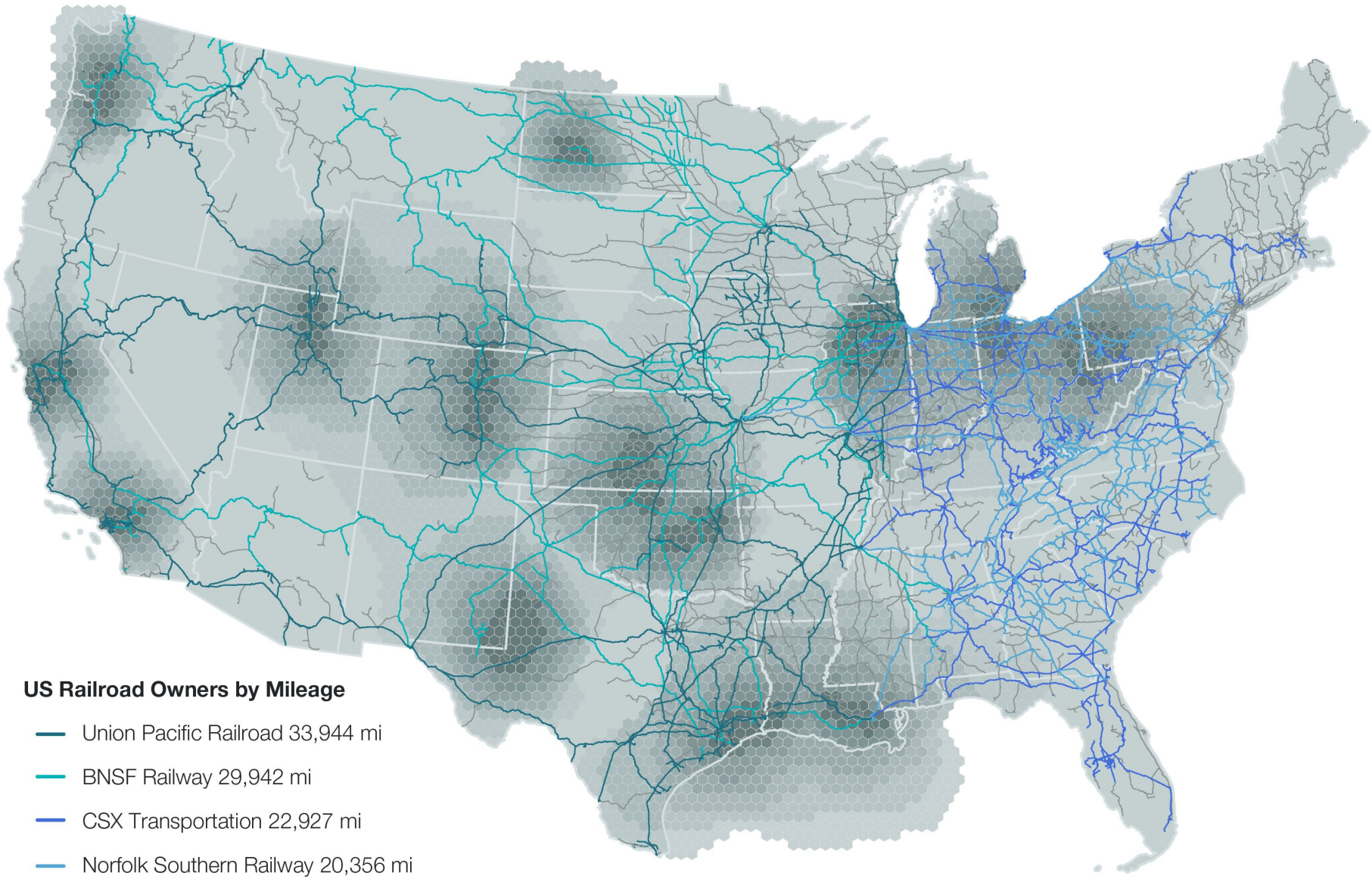
Multi-modal transport and distribution: Railroads

- Multi-modal transport offers flexibility and near-term opportunity before regional pipeline networks are built
- Current widespread use of rail for long-distance fossil commodity and fuel transport between markets



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Source: Esri; Federal Railroad Administration (FRA); Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS); DigitalGlobe; 2021.

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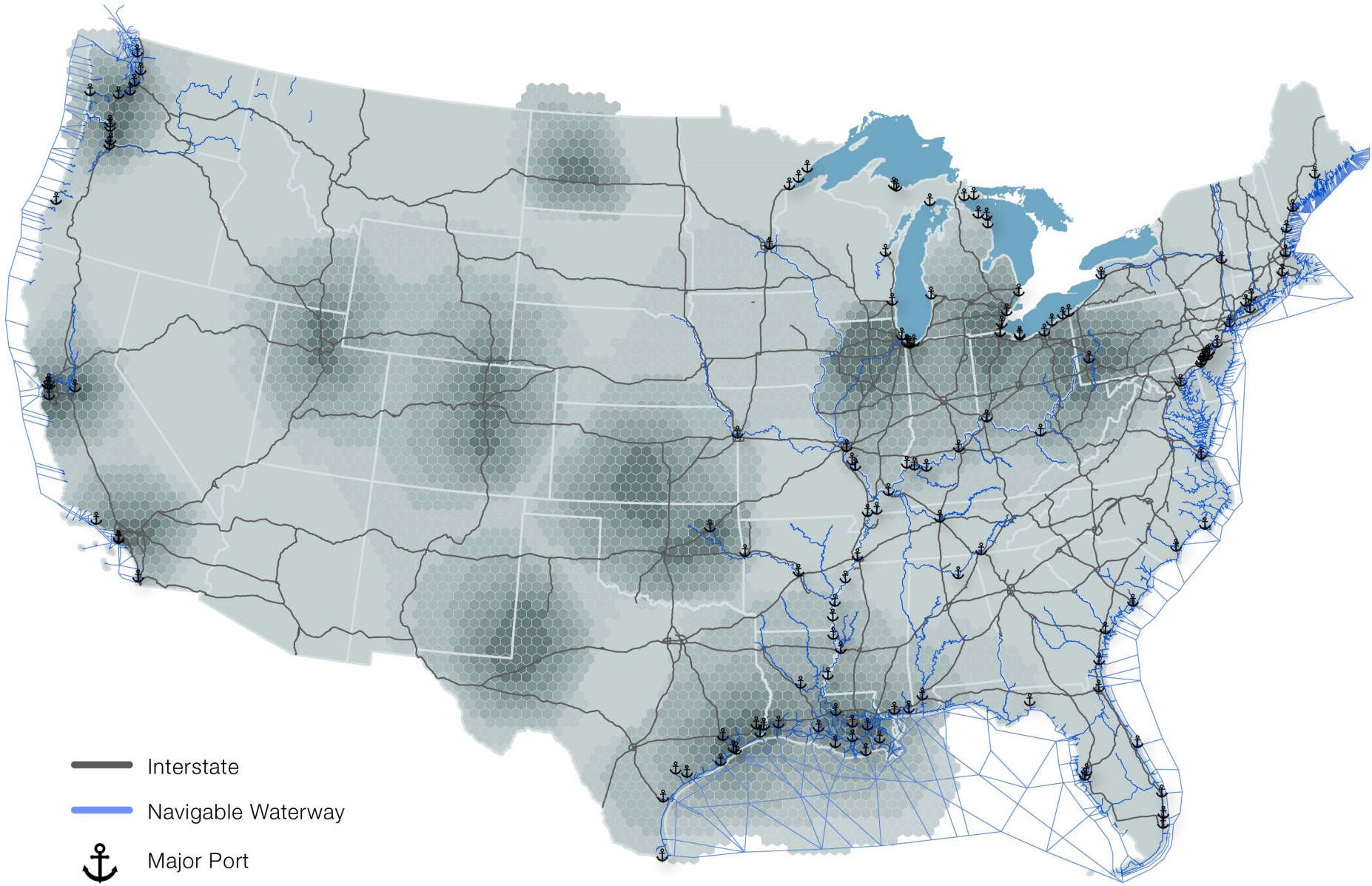
Multi-modal transport and distribution: Truck and Barge

- Multi-modal transport offers flexibility and near-term opportunity before regional pipeline networks are built
- Trucks, barges, and trains can connect both local facilities and distant markets



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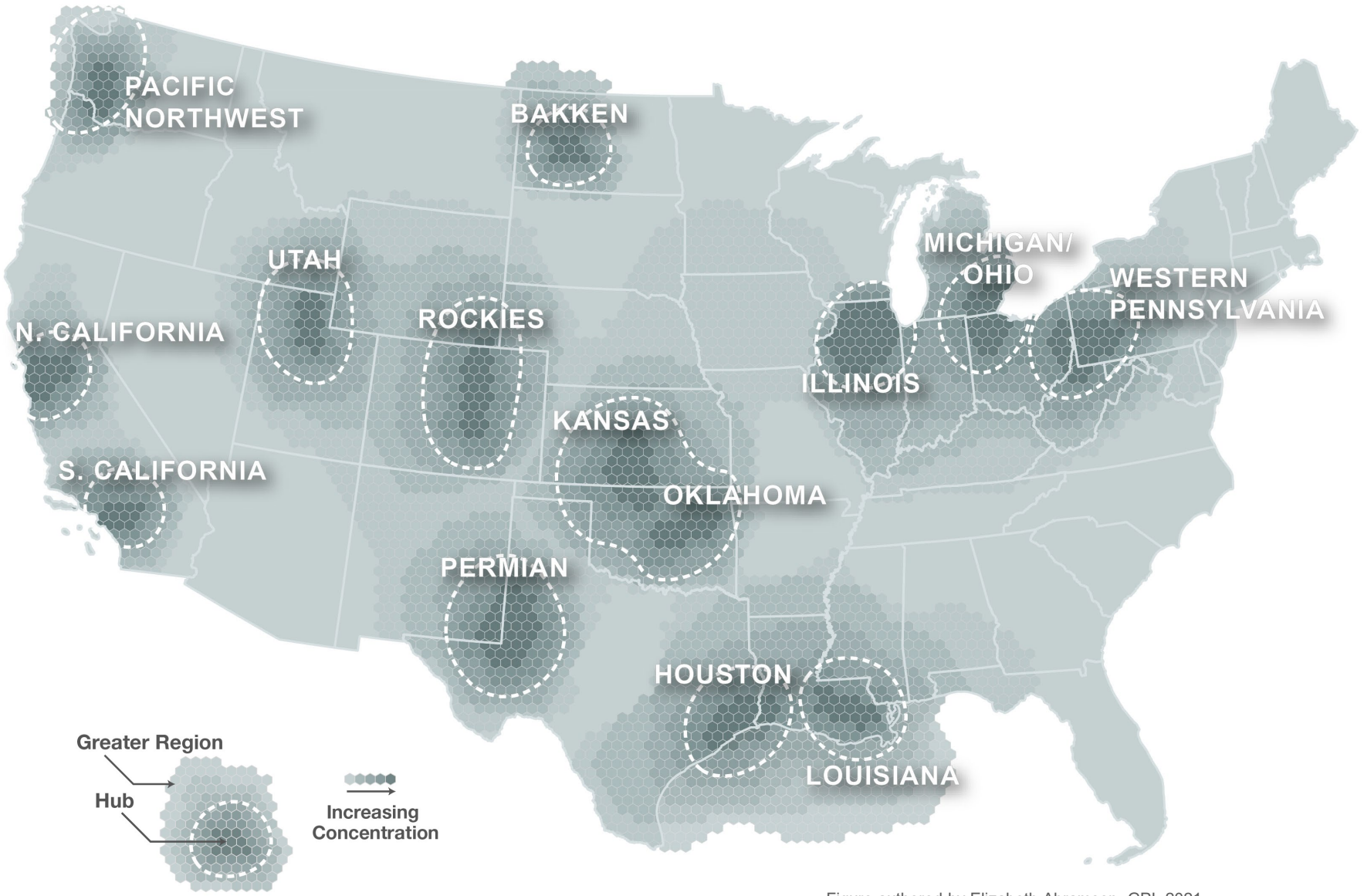
Potential US Carbon and Hydrogen Hubs

Guiding Criteria

- High concentration of large industrial emitters
- High quantities of fossil fuel use for on-site industrial energy production
- Presence of 45Q tax credit qualifying facilities for carbon capture retrofit, as well as identified near- and medium-term capture opportunities
- Current reported production of hydrogen and ammonia (optional)
- Large geologic saline and fossil formations for permanent CO2 storage
- Existing multi-modal commodity distribution infrastructure such as freight railroads, barge waterways and ports, and freight truck interstate highway routes
- Existing conventional fossil fuel distribution infrastructure for hydrogen blending and established right-of-way that minimizes impact of CO2 transport infrastructure



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