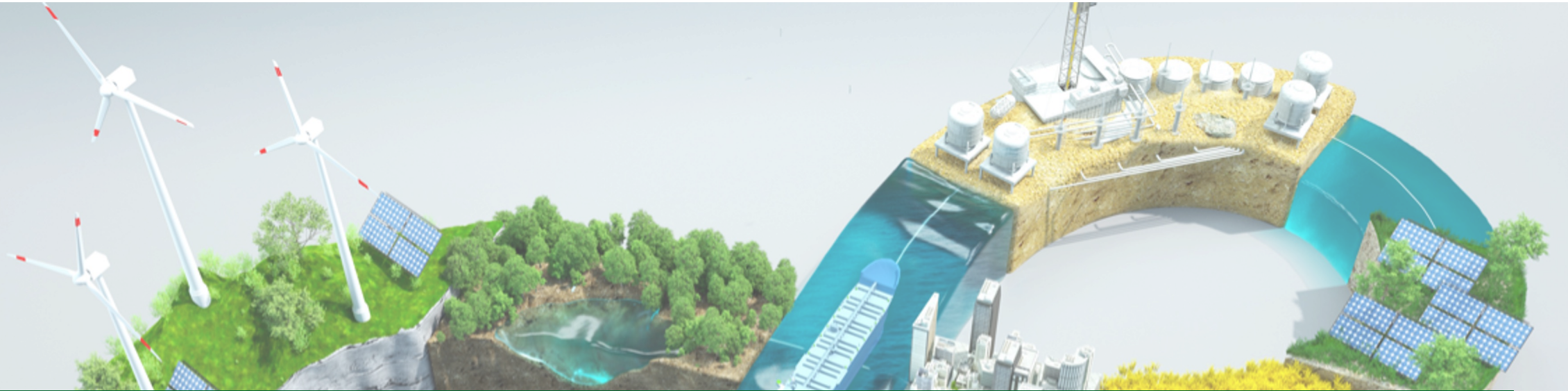




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# Pathways to Commercial Liftoff

Carbon Management | June 2023



# Carbon management covers a wide range of activities

NOT EXHAUSTIVE - INCLUDES FOCUS APPLICATIONS EXPLORED IN THIS REPORT

Focus of this report

## 1 CO<sub>2</sub> sources

Emissions from point-sources (e.g., industrial emissions)



CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere



## 2 CO<sub>2</sub> capture

**Point-source capture:** point CO<sub>2</sub> sources, with the green highlighted areas the focus of this report:

	Ethanol
	Natural gas processing
	Coal power
	Natural gas power
	Ammonia
	Steel
	Cement
	Hydrogen
	Pulp and paper
	Refining and chemicals

**Atmospheric and other capture:** A variety of capture technologies, with the highlighted areas the focus of this report:

	Direct Air Capture (DAC)
	BiCRS (Incl. BECCS and biochar/bio-oil)
	Mineralization
	Nature based solutions
	Ocean capture

## 3 CO<sub>2</sub> compression & transport

Mode of transporting CO<sub>2</sub> from point of capture to point of use / storage, with the green highlighted areas the focus of this report:

	Pipeline
	Rail
	Truck
	Barge/ship

## 4 CO<sub>2</sub> use/storage

Ways by which CO<sub>2</sub> can be stored or used  
Ability to use CO<sub>2</sub> will depend on the characteristics and volume of captured CO<sub>2</sub>

Focus for this report includes the following green highlighted applications:

	Storage in saline aquifers and depleted oil and gas reservoirs
	EOR storage
	Use in synfuel
	Use in building materials
	Use in plastics
	Mineralization

# Modeling suggests U.S. need for hundreds of millions of tons/year of carbon management

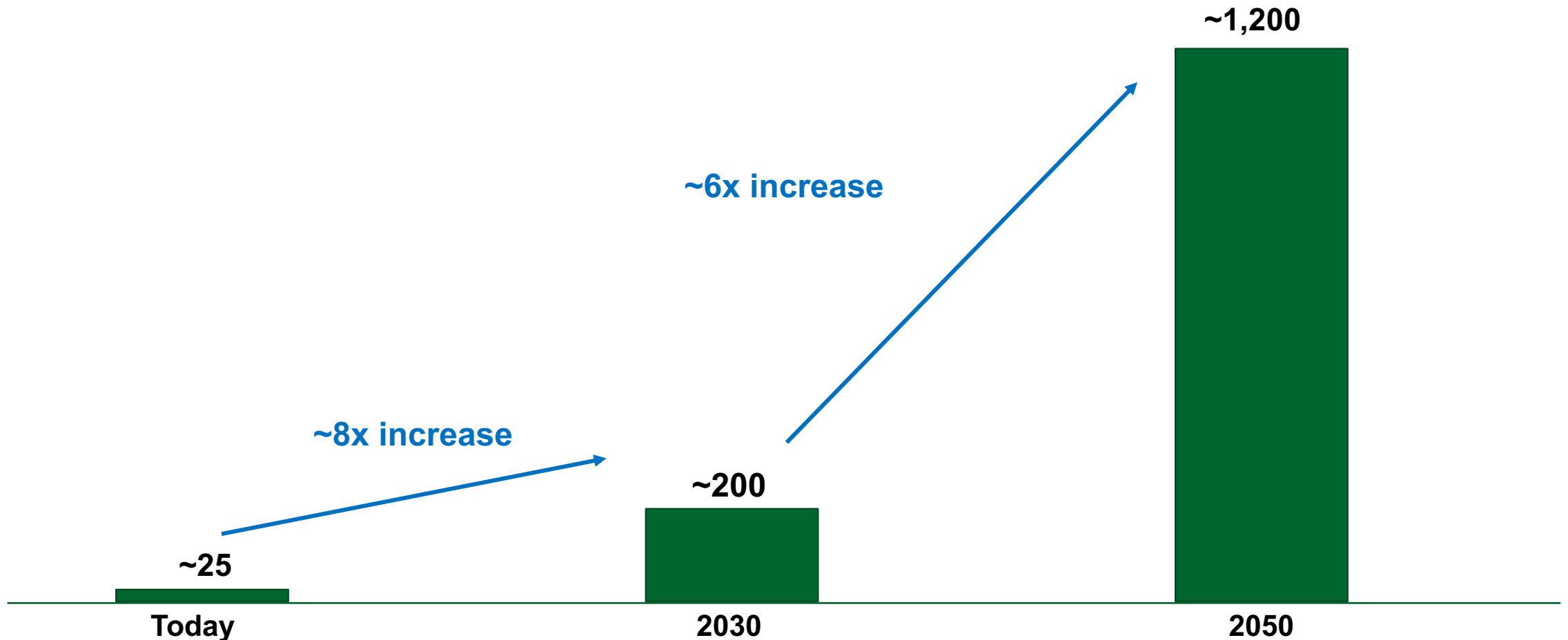
Estimated U.S. CCUS, CDR required to reach Net Zero by 2050



Source: Graph represents low and high case scenarios for carbon management deployment from the 2021 White House Pathways to Net-Zero GHG Emissions by 2050 and 2021 Princeton Net Zero America; More detailed summaries of modeling efforts available in full Report on [liftoff.energy.gov](https://www.energy.gov/liftoff)

# That means massive scale-up from current capacity

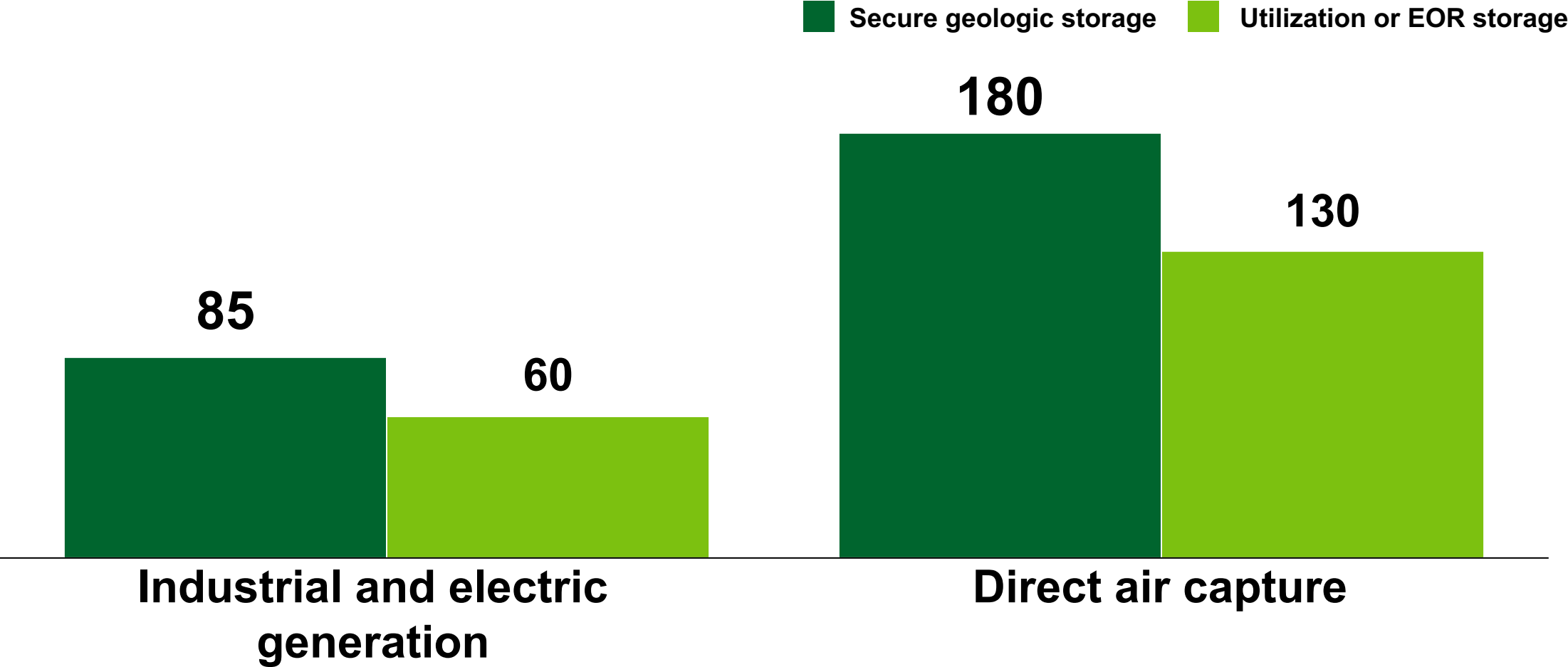
## U.S. Carbon management scale-up needed, tonnes per year



Source: Based on midpoint of ranges in Net-Zero America study

# The 45Q tax credit provides a steady, reliable incentive for many carbon management projects

## 45Q credit value by source and disposal method, \$/tonne



# Carbon management is profitable in some industries, but for widespread deployment revenue/cost improvements or policy support are needed

**x** Current emissions (CCUS not viable for all emissions in a given sector)

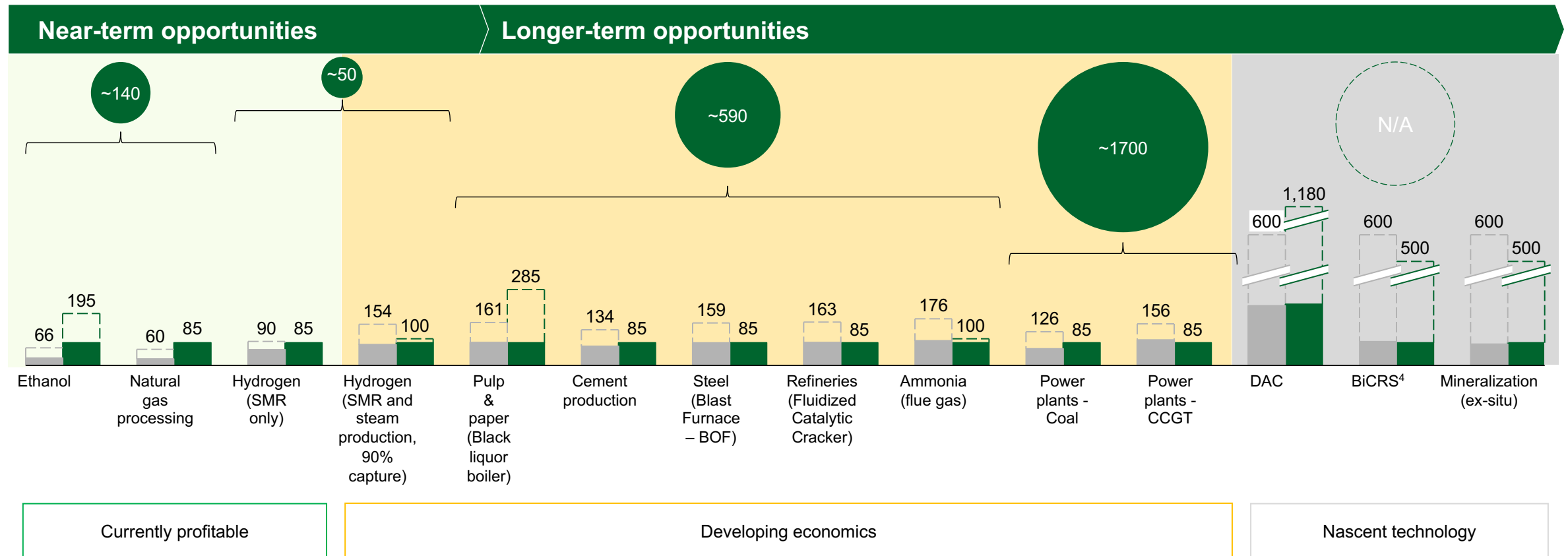
Low-range Cost

Low-range Revenue

High-range Cost

High-range Revenue

## Cost and revenue per industry or technology today, \$/tonne

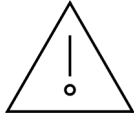


**!** Project specific economics dependent on CO<sub>2</sub> capture capacity, utilization, distance to storage and existing equipment

Sources and references can be found in DOE's "Pathways to Commercial Liftoff: Carbon Management" report at [liftoff.energy.gov](http://liftoff.energy.gov)

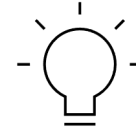
# Challenges to widespread deployment are significant but can be overcome

## Challenges



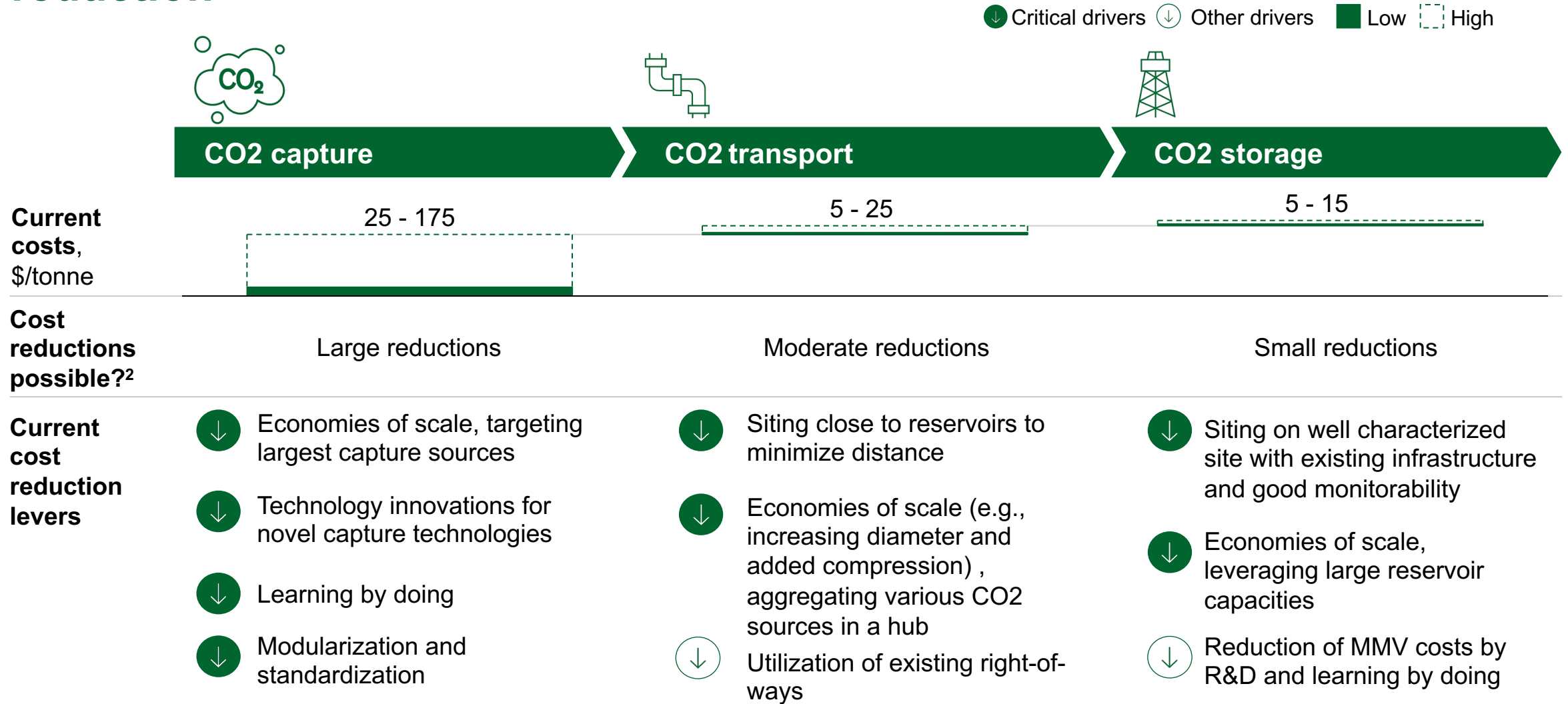
- 1** Cost uncertainty for "next generation" CCUS applications and early deployments of certain CDR types
- 2** Revenue uncertainty driven by absence of compliance markets, and immature markets for removals
- 3** Lack of commercial standardization (e.g., sequestration agreements / liability provisions)
- 4** Lead-times in permitting storage (e.g., for Class VI injection wells)
- 5** Lack of transport and storage infrastructure
- 6** Local opposition to project development in some instances

## Solutions



- Support for early project development in high-cost sectors and DAC can enable faster cost reductions
- Development of bankable revenue streams for carbon removals and low-carbon products can spur development
- Creation of archetypal, field-tested business models and terms will enable the development and execution of partnerships
- Building EPA and State technical and regulatory capacity will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Class VI permitting program
- Initial build-out from large integrated projects and regional aggregations of profitable projects can spur build-out
- Capacity building and early, frequent, and transparent engagement between developers and communities can strengthen trust and improve project outcomes

# 1 Capture drives the majority of unit costs and offers the most potential for reduction



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## ② Potential non-45Q revenue streams for carbon management are not “bankable” today

There is demonstrated demand for low-embodied carbon materials and CDR...

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US Government Moves Toward Low-Carbon Product Procurement



JPMorgan agrees to purchase \$200 million worth of carbon removal



'Green steel' premiums to become commonplace within the next decade

**\$500-2,000**

Observed sale prices of CDR removals



REUTERS

Occidental signs four-year deal with jet-maker Airbus for carbon credits

Climeworks sign carbon removal contract with PwC Switzerland

Sustainability.

...But offtake contracts are not sufficient to unlock financing for large projects

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“ The biggest uncertainty is on the voluntary carbon markets side -- at what price point is what market depth available? If people ask us for a firm offtake stack, **the inconvenient truth is that it's not there right now** -DAC developer

“ Right now, nobody will pay us any more for [low-carbon] cement and nobody cares if we produce it or not. **There is no market reward, so we can never justify those investments.** -Cement executive

“ If you have a 10-year offtake contract then excellent--that's a bankable stream. But **right now it's not quite at the level we need.** -DAC investor

# 4/5 Scale-up will require developing storage sites capable of holding billions of tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>

## Commercial storage capacity needs

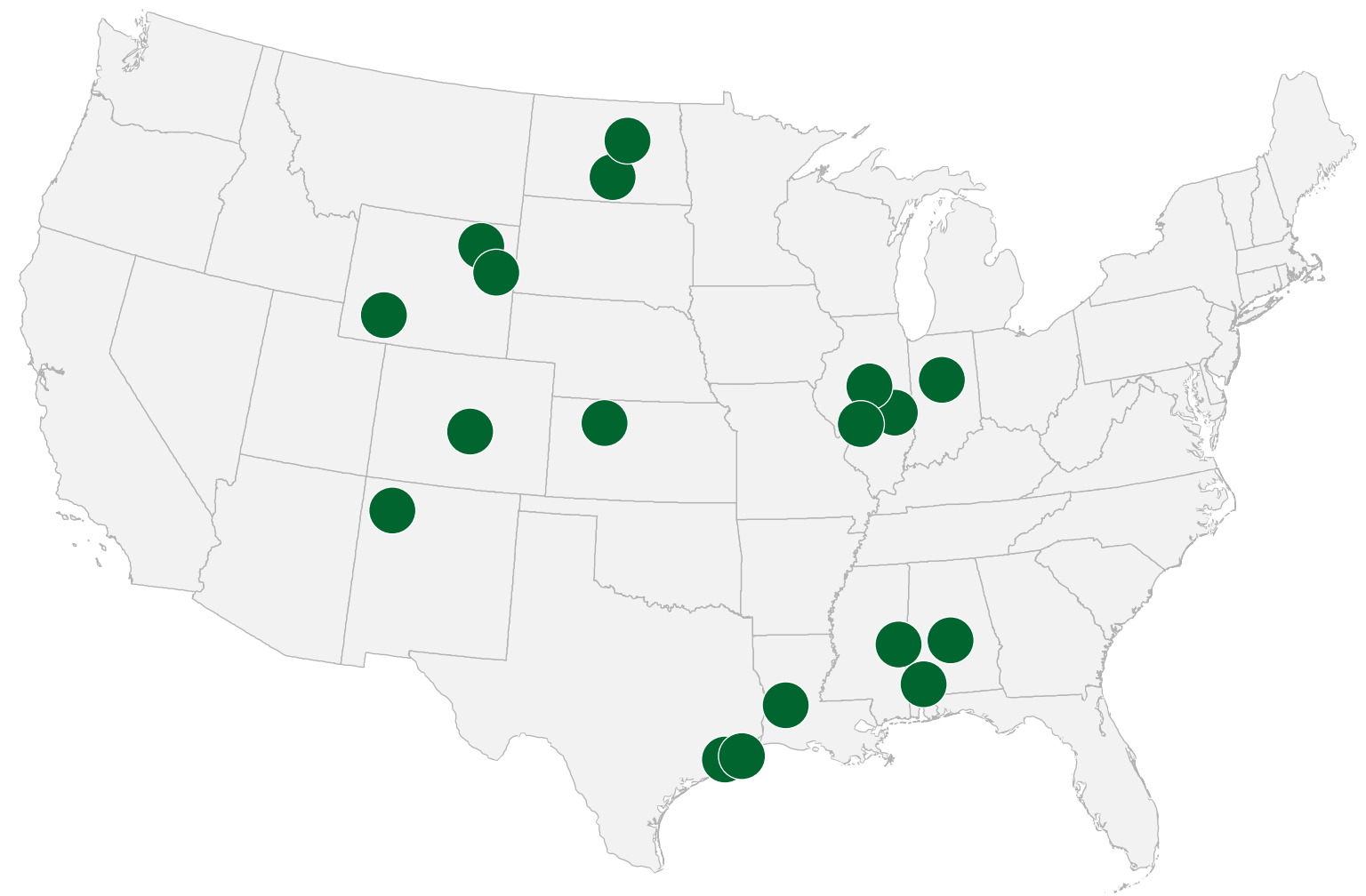
**2,000**

Million tons of commercial storage capacity needed by 2030

**13,500**

Million tons of commercial storage capacity needed by 2040

## Sites currently in development through DOE FECM CarbonSAFE program



Source: FECM Strategic Vision (2022), NETL CarbonSafe Phase III and IV projects  
DOCUMENT INTENDED TO PROVIDE INSIGHT BASED ON CURRENTLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION AND NOT SPECIFIC ADVICE  
Source: Extracted from NETL website - <https://netl.doe.gov/carbon-management/carbon-storage/carbonsafe>

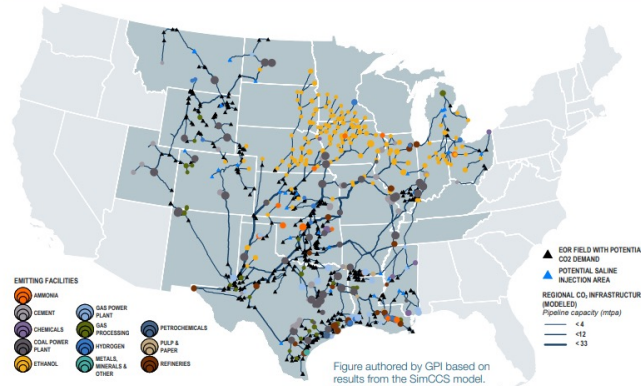
# 5 Carbon management at net-zero scale could require at least a 6x scale-up in CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline capacity

Case Pipeline scenario

Current state (~4,500 miles)



Great Plains Institute (~30,000 miles)



Case Pipeline scenario

Net Zero Americas (~70,000 miles)

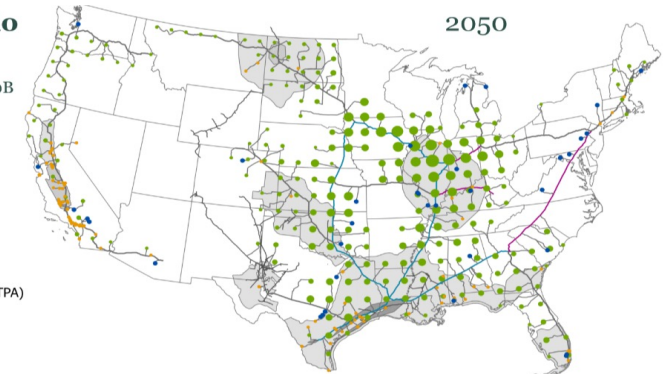
E-B+ scenario

1,361 million tCO<sub>2</sub>/y  
111,000 km pipelines  
Capital in service: \$220B

CO<sub>2</sub> point source type  
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● BECCS - power and fuels  
● Cement w/ ccs  
● Natural gas power ccs oxyfuel

CO<sub>2</sub> captured (MMTPA)  
● 0.0006449  
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● 15.8282  
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Trunk lines (capacity in MMTPA)  
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— 100 - 200  
— > 200

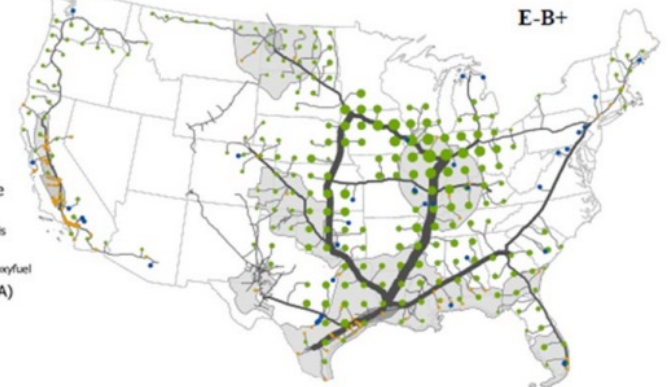


DOE stress case from Net Zero America (~96,000 miles)

Trunk lines (capacity in MMTPA)  
— 5  
— 166.667  
— 328.333  
— 490

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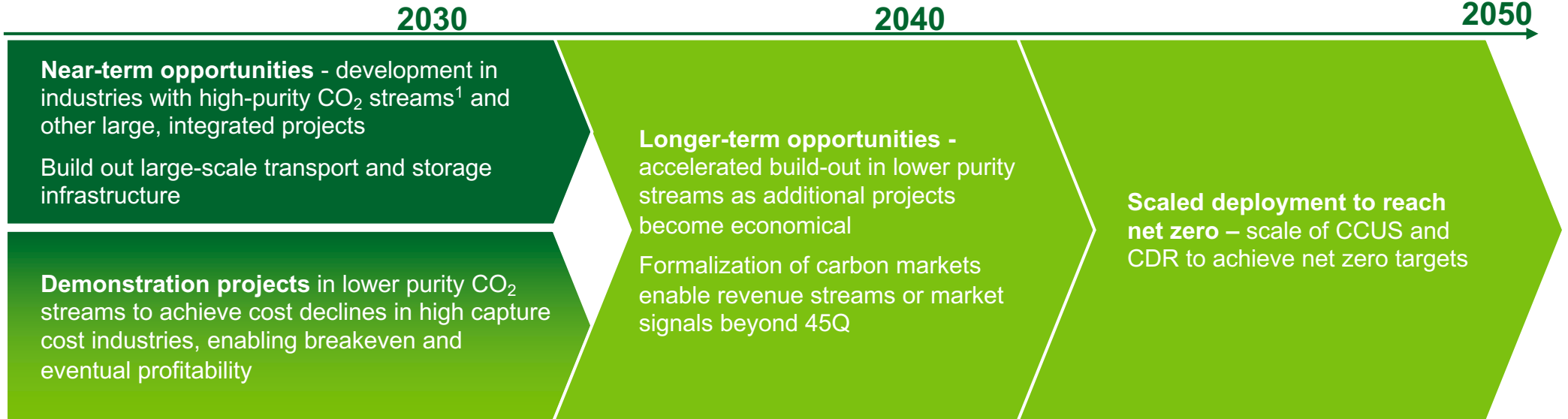


Source: NETL Review of CO<sub>2</sub> Pipelines in the United States, Princeton net-zero Americas, Great Plains Institute

# The next decade will lay the groundwork for full commercial liftoff

■ Near-term horizon ■ Longer-term horizon

## Description



## Investment required, \$B



**\$50-80 B**

**\$130-200 B**

**\$300-600 B**

## Emissions abated, MTPA



**70-110**

**280-420**

**570-1,220<sup>2</sup>**

1. Ethanol, natural gas processing, and ammonia

2. Abated emissions are based on the modeling with the ranges corresponding to net zero and high technology case scenarios. Full range of emissions abated given other reports range from 400-1800 MTPA