

# Empirical Analysis of the OCS Pipeline Network in the GoM

*Mark J Kaiser*

*Center for Energy Studies*

*Louisiana State University*

Information Technology Meeting

DIRECTIONS in SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

New Orleans, LA

August 24, 2017

# **Outline**

**Terminology**

**Task**

**“Talking About Pipelines”**

**GoM Statistics**

**Correlations**

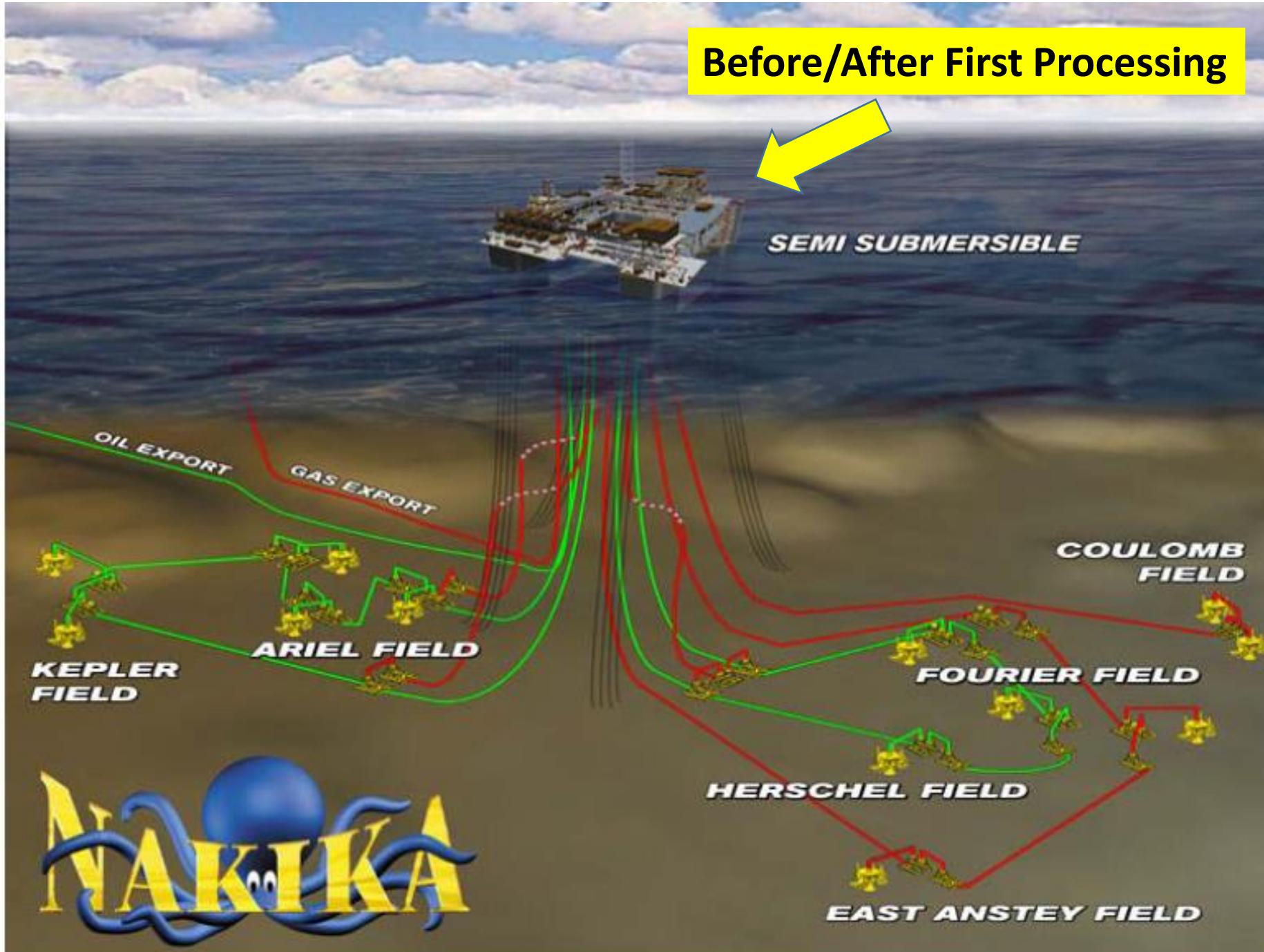
# Terminology

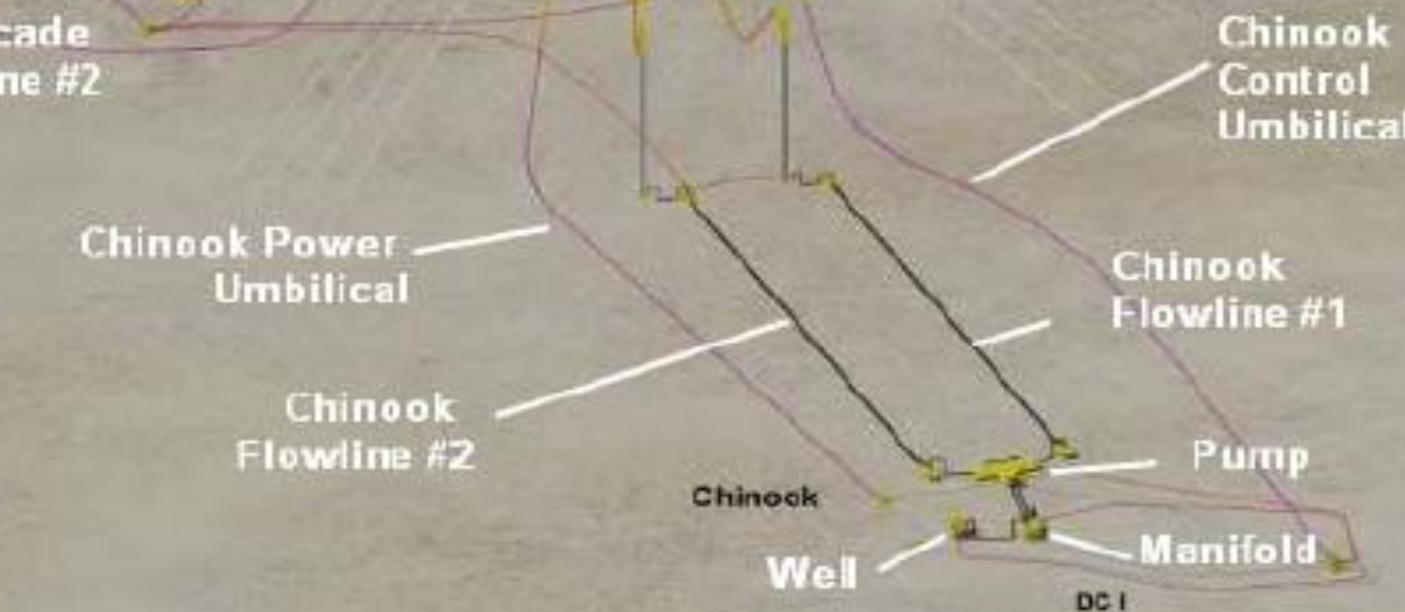
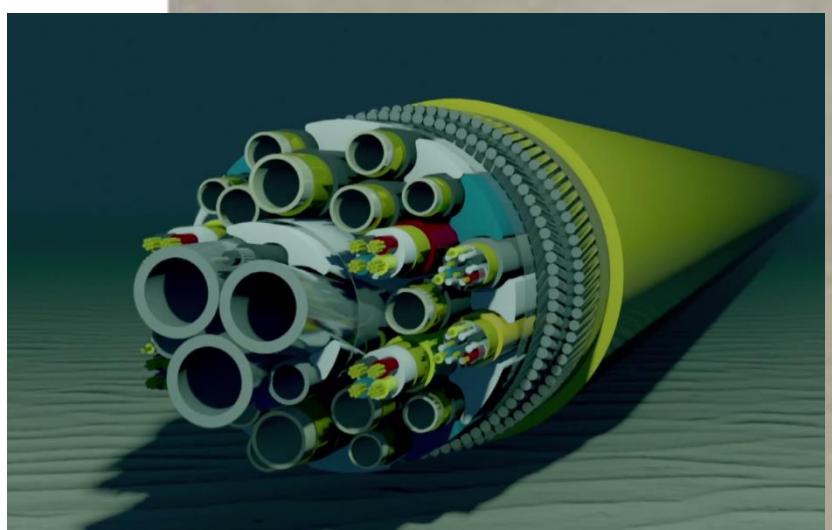
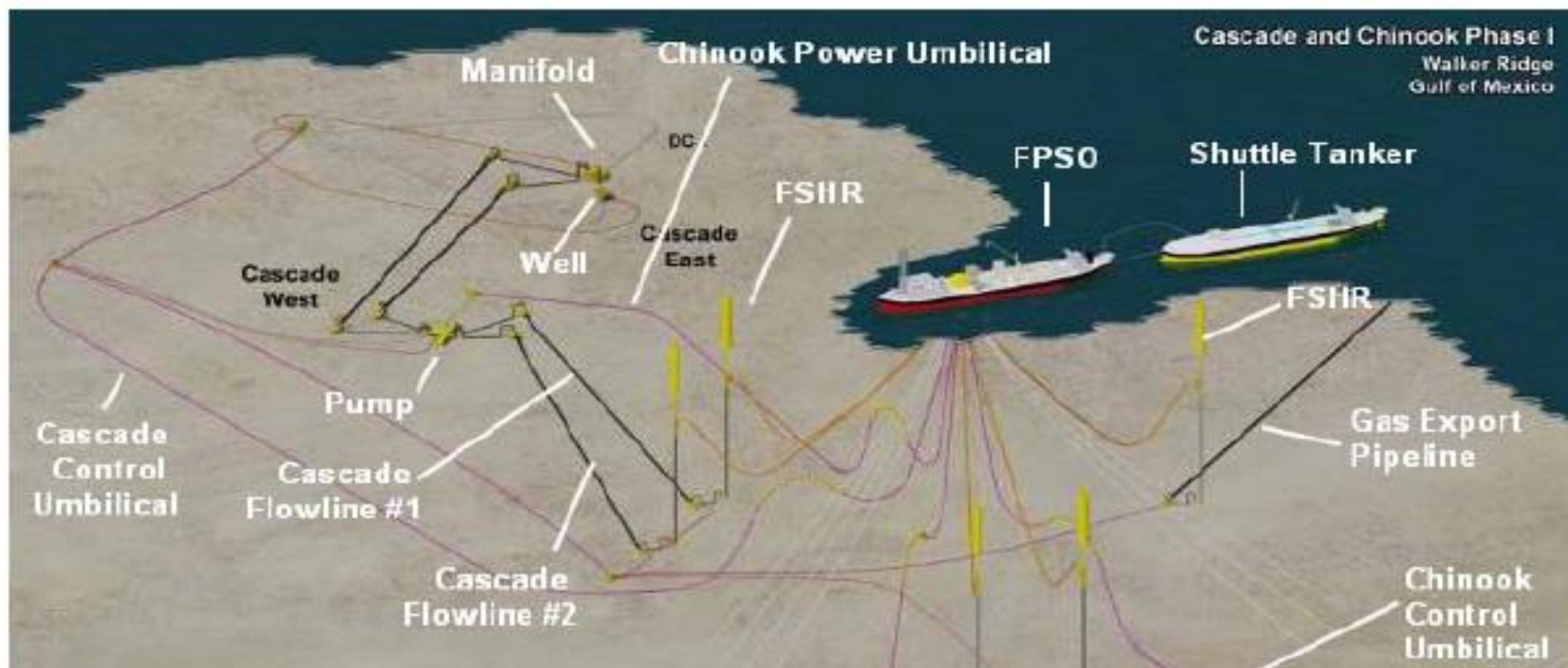
*Pipeline Type*

*Well Type*

*Water Depth*

Before/After First Processing





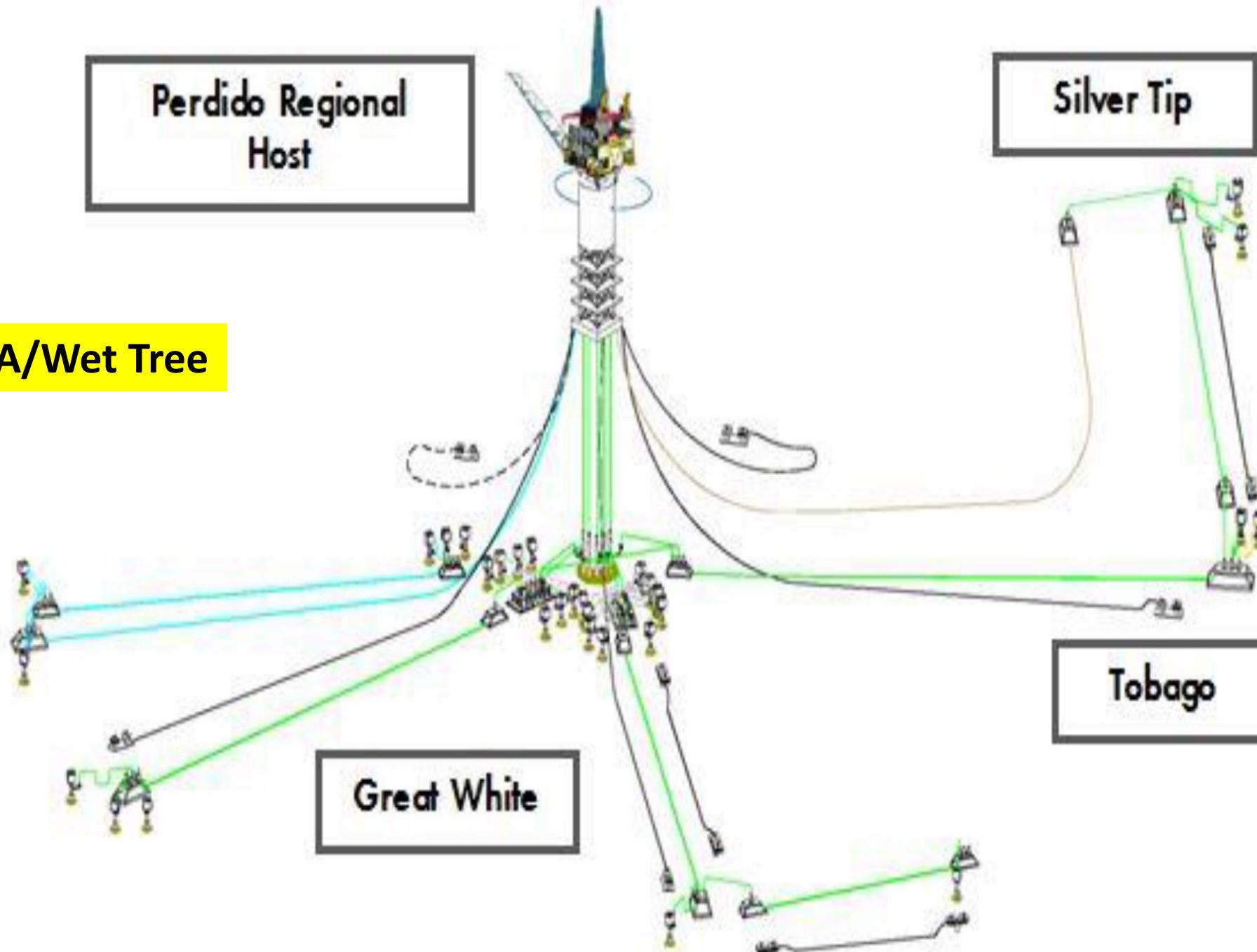
Perdido Regional  
Host

Silver Tip

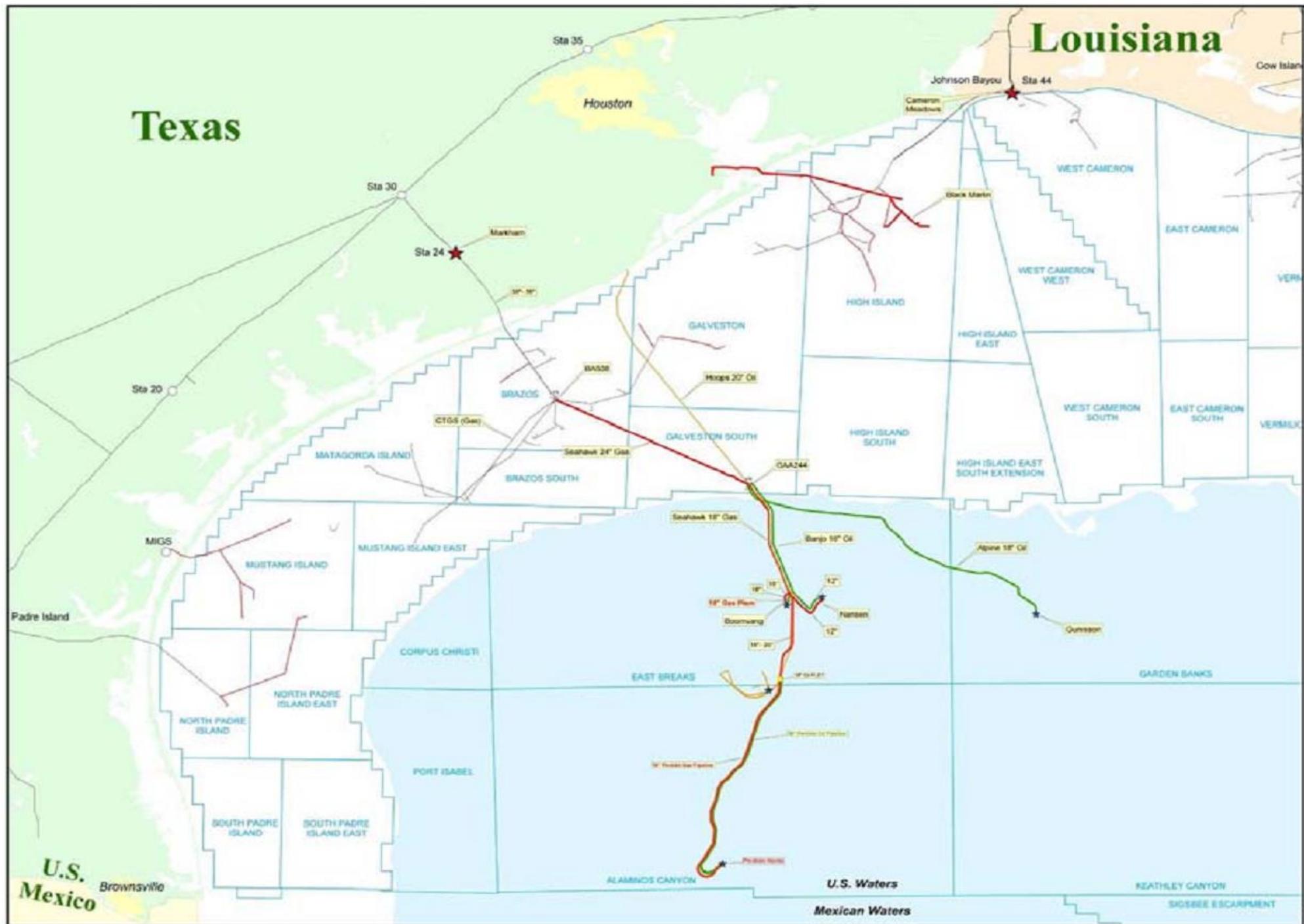
Dry Tree/DVA/Wet Tree

Great White

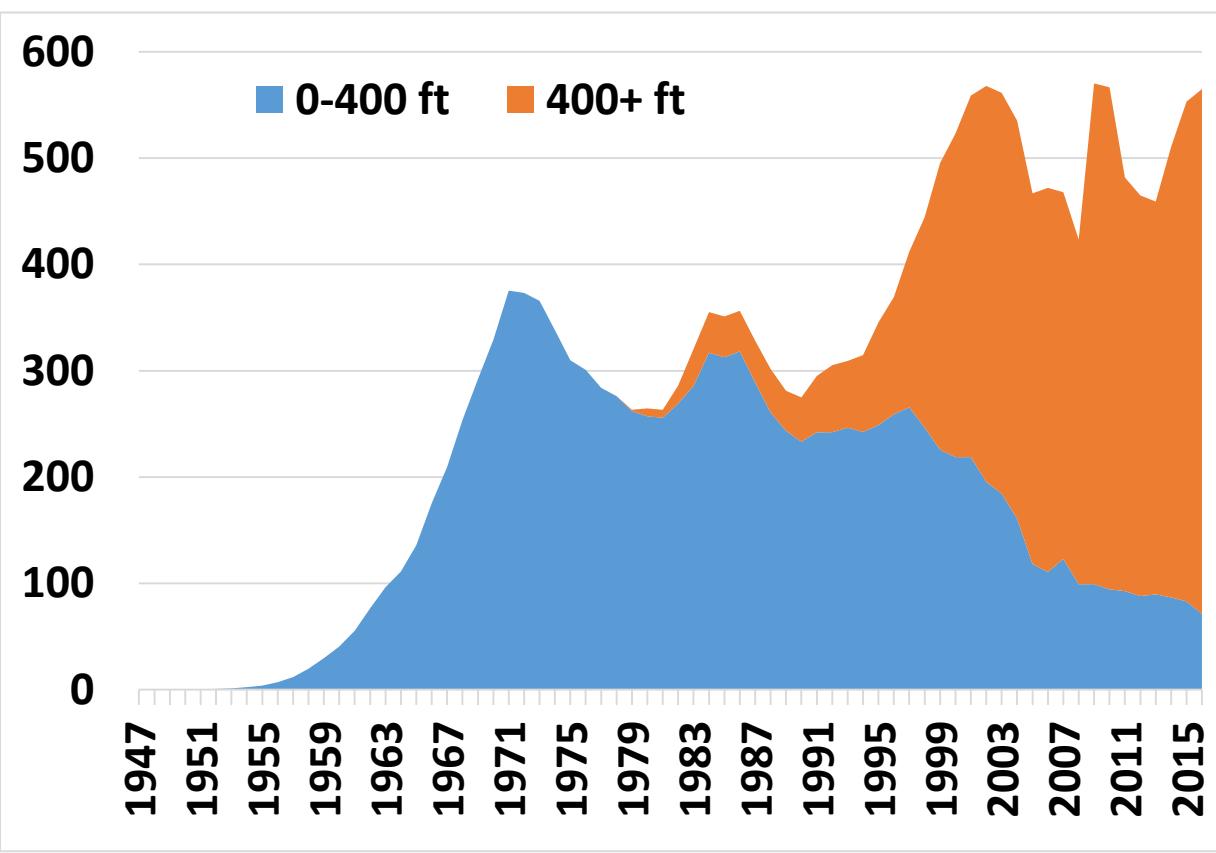
Tobago



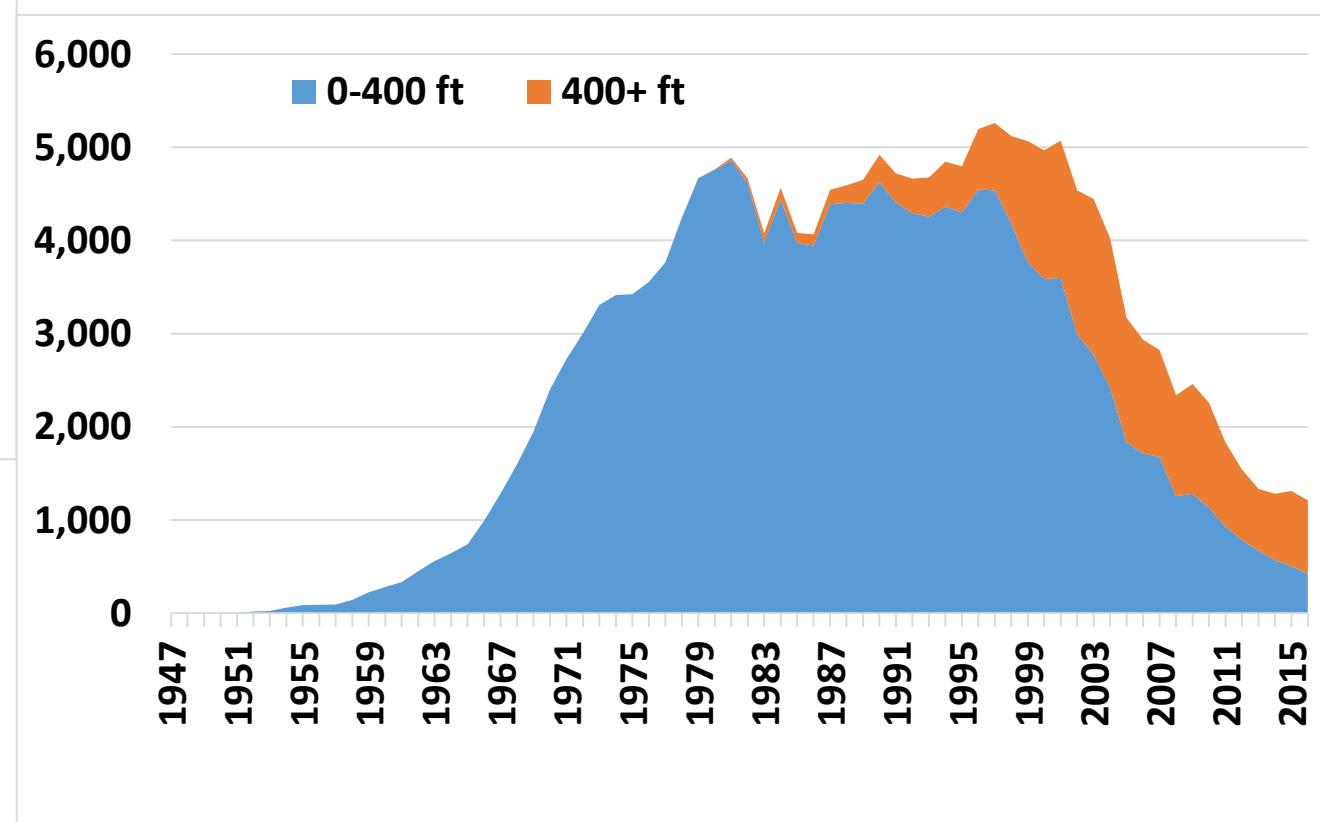
# Texas

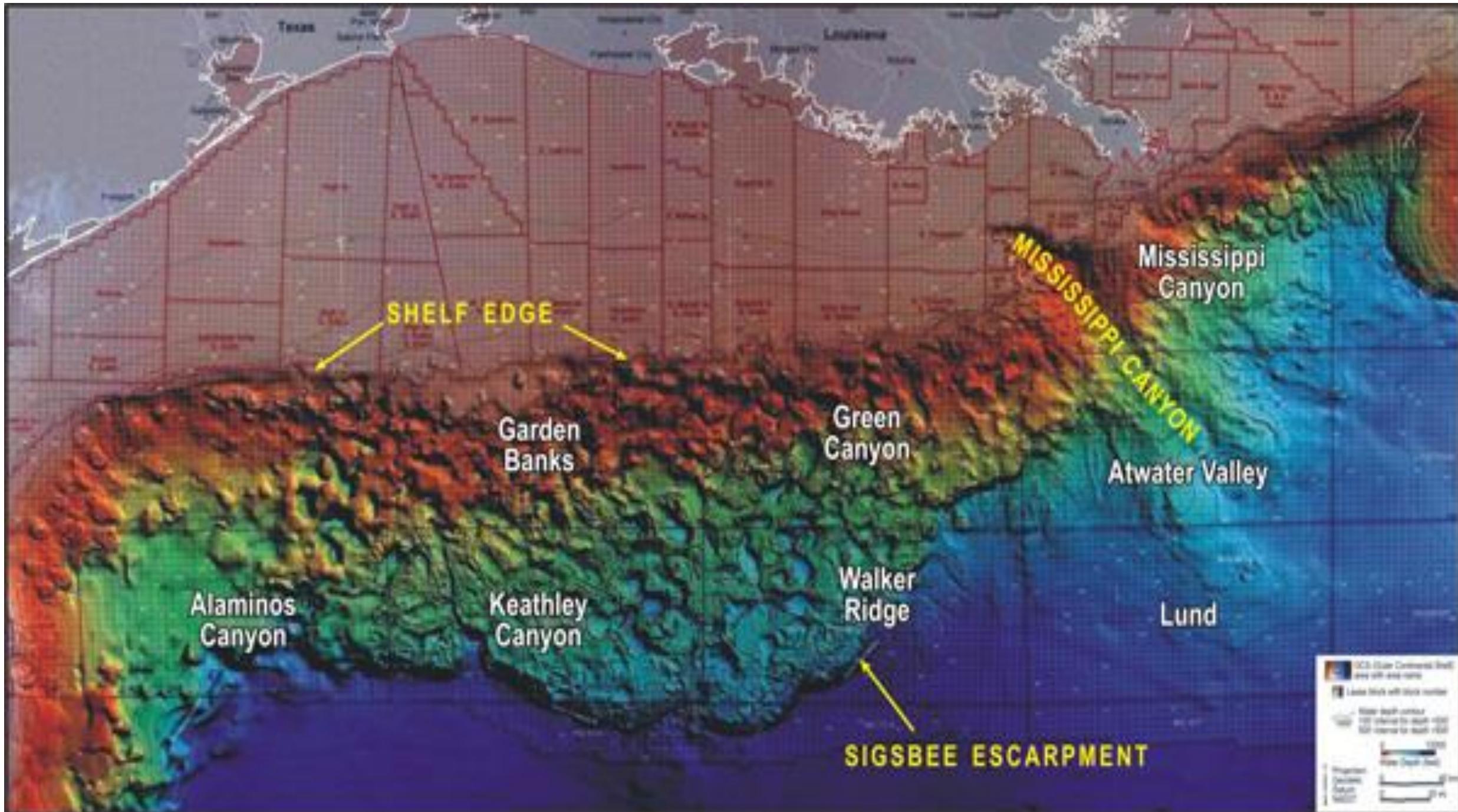


## Oil Production (MMbbl)

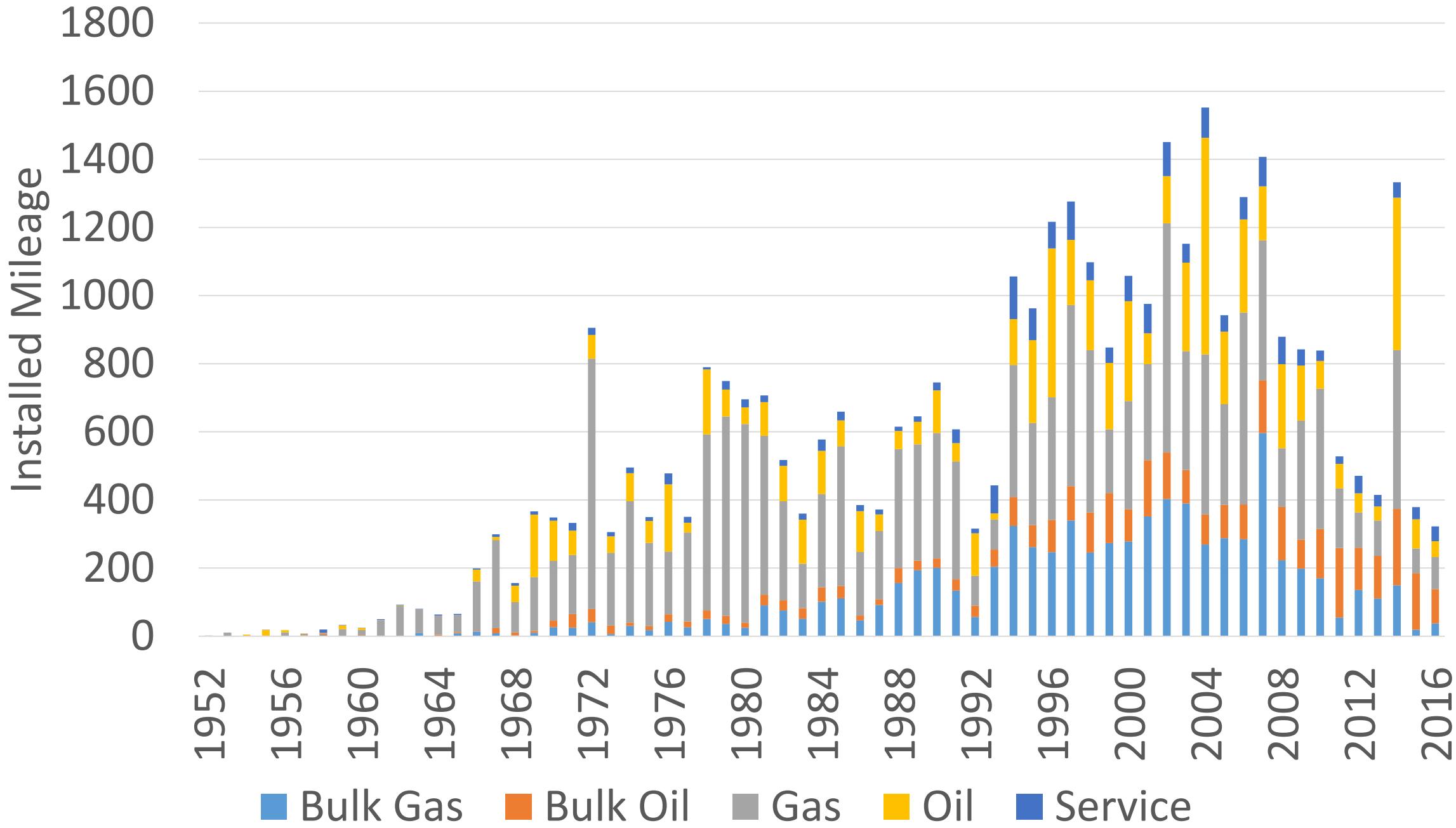


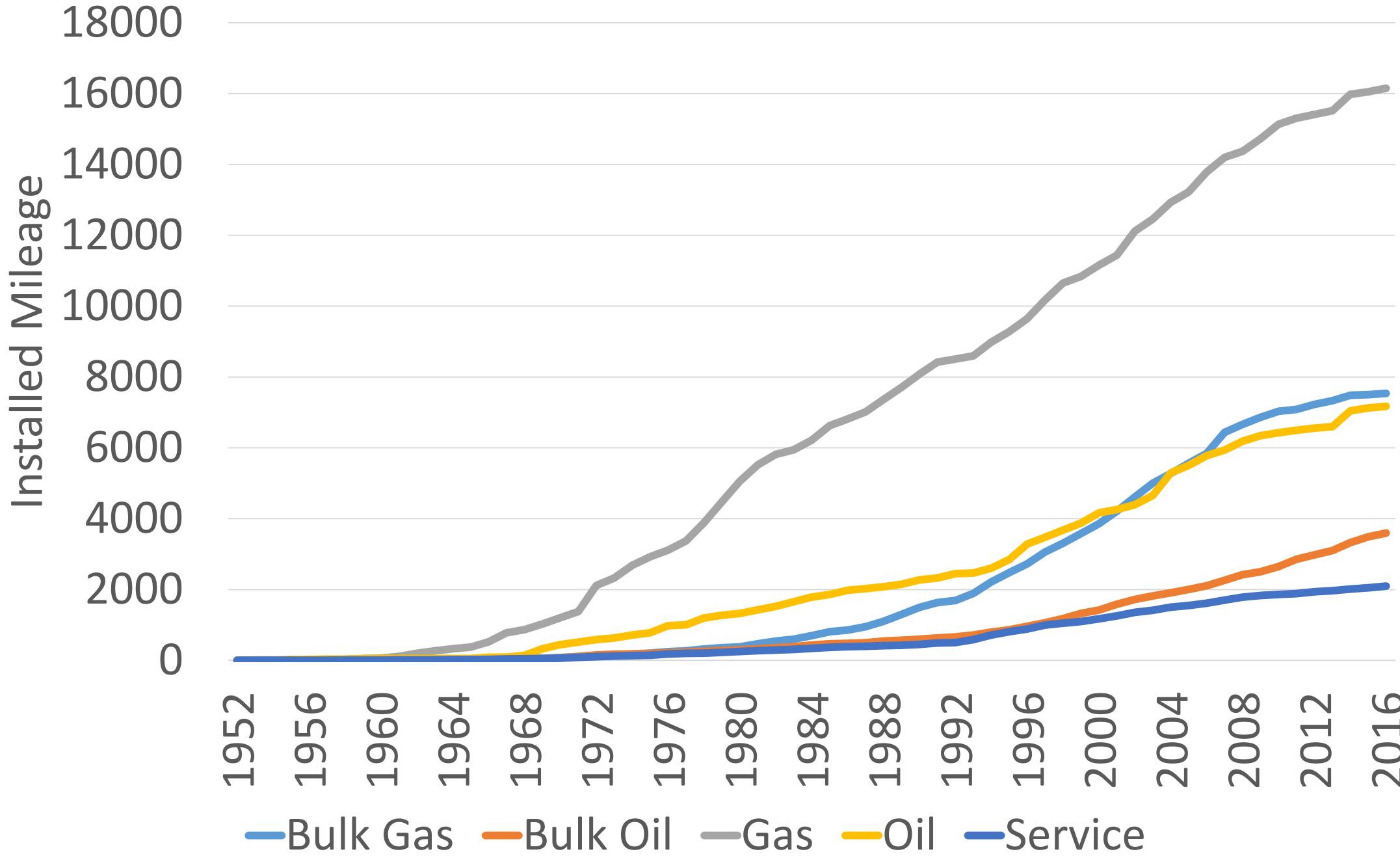
## Gas Production (Bcf)





# Task



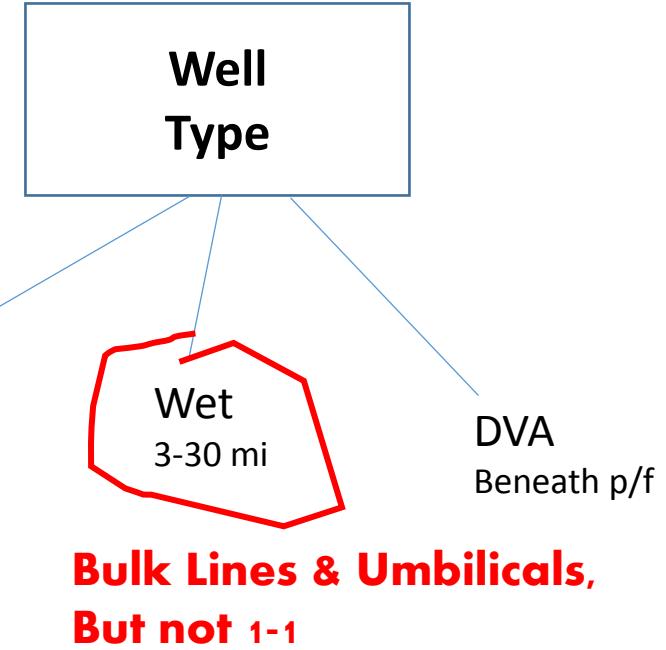
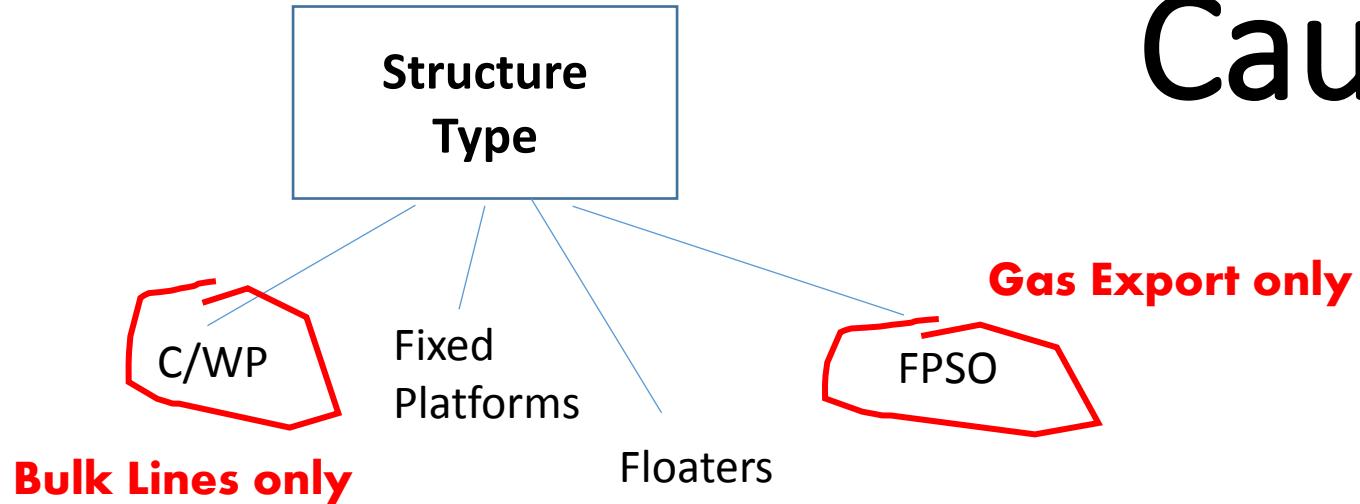


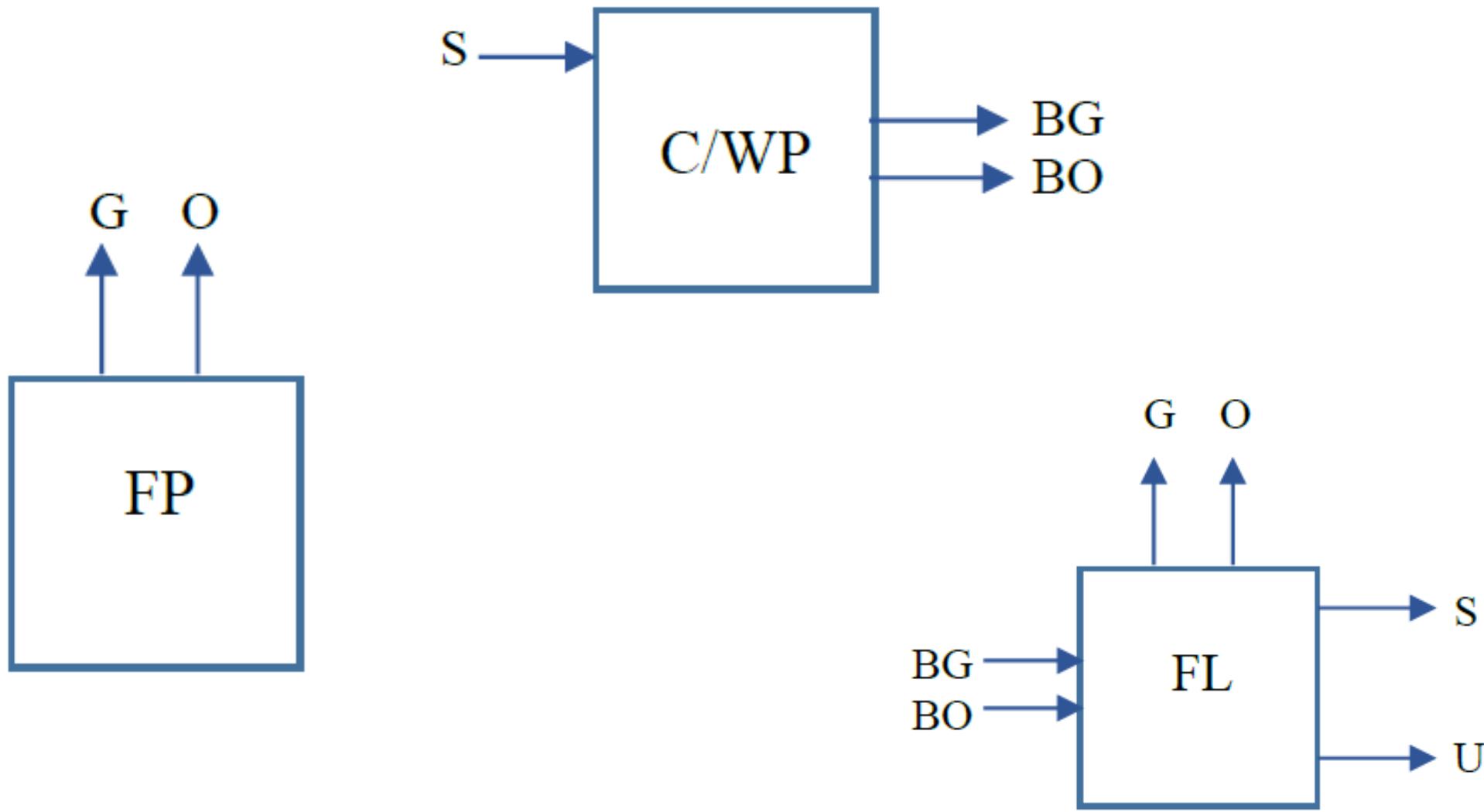
# “Talking About Pipelines”

(Or, Why Pipeline Modeling is So Difficult)

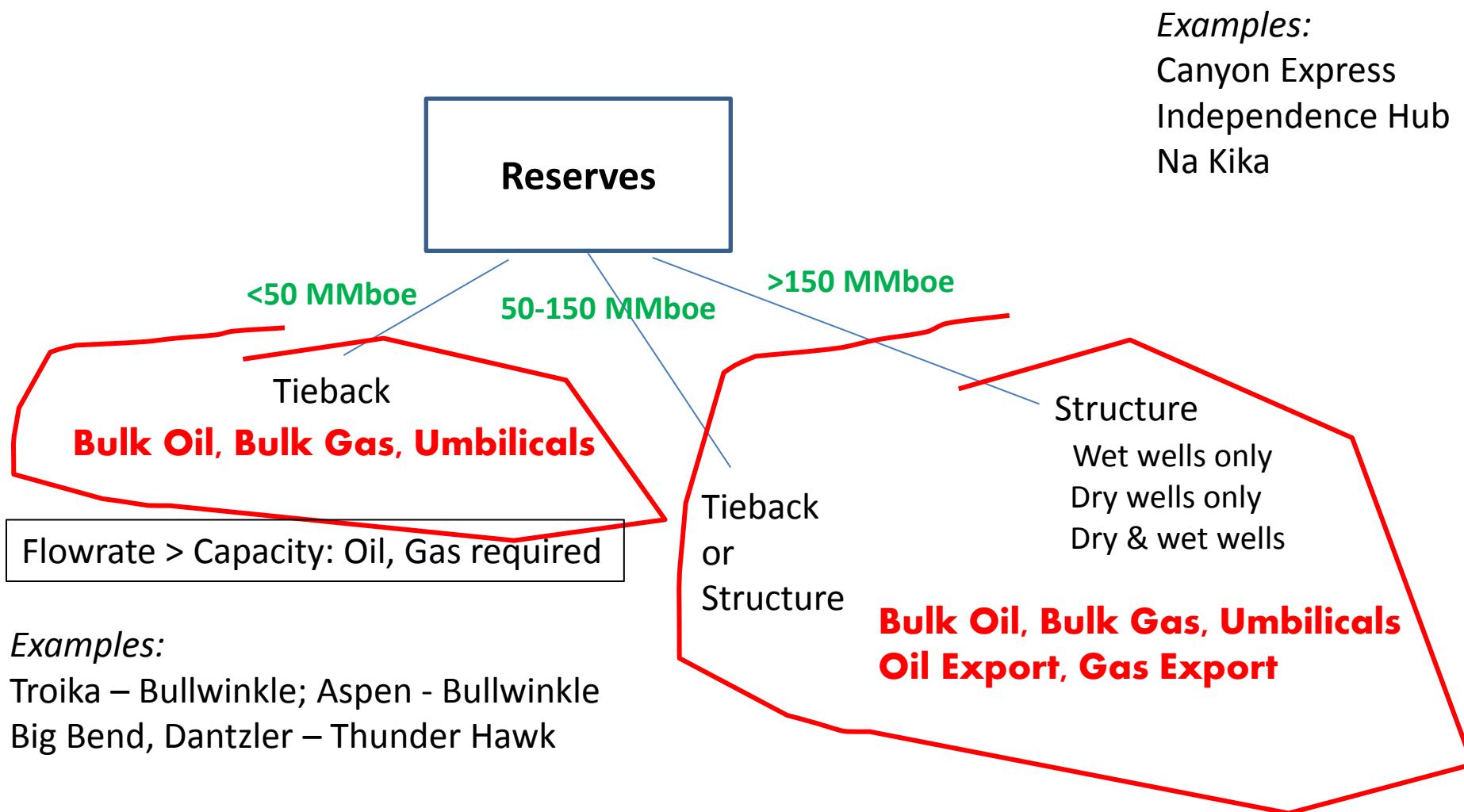
- 1. Magnitude**
- 2. Causal Relations**
- 3. Complex Dependencies**
- 4. Ownership Issues**
- 5. Regulatory Requirements**
- 6. Field Development**

# Causal Relations, Usually

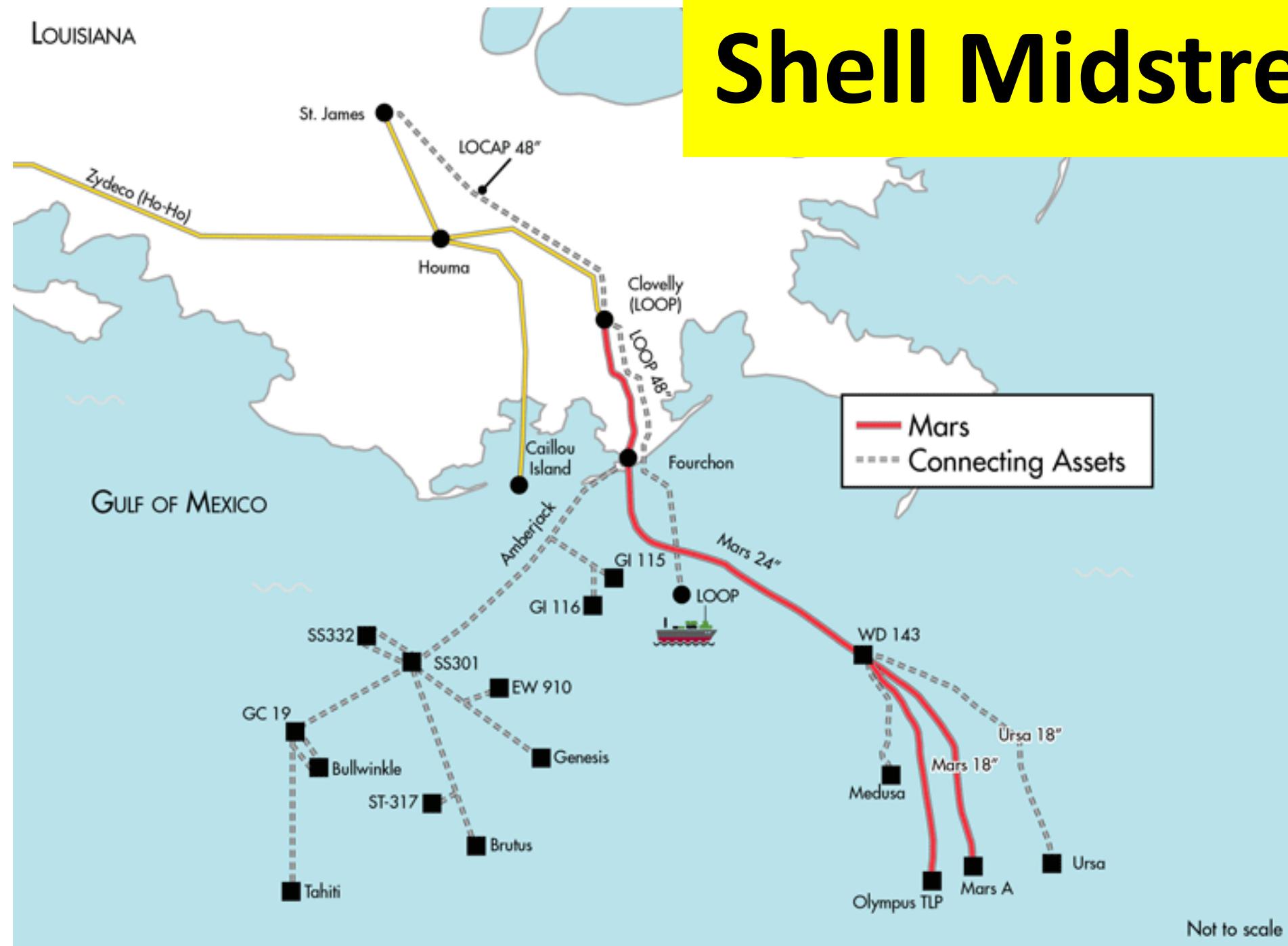




# Development Strategy is Key



# Shell Midstream



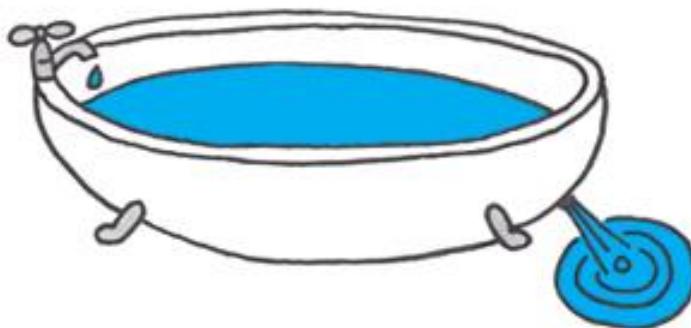
# Statistics

# GoM Statistics circa 2016

Cum Installed	45,310 miles
Cum Decommissioned	19,236 miles
Active	21,872 miles
Out-of-Service (Idle)	4,032 miles



Radius ~ 4000 miles



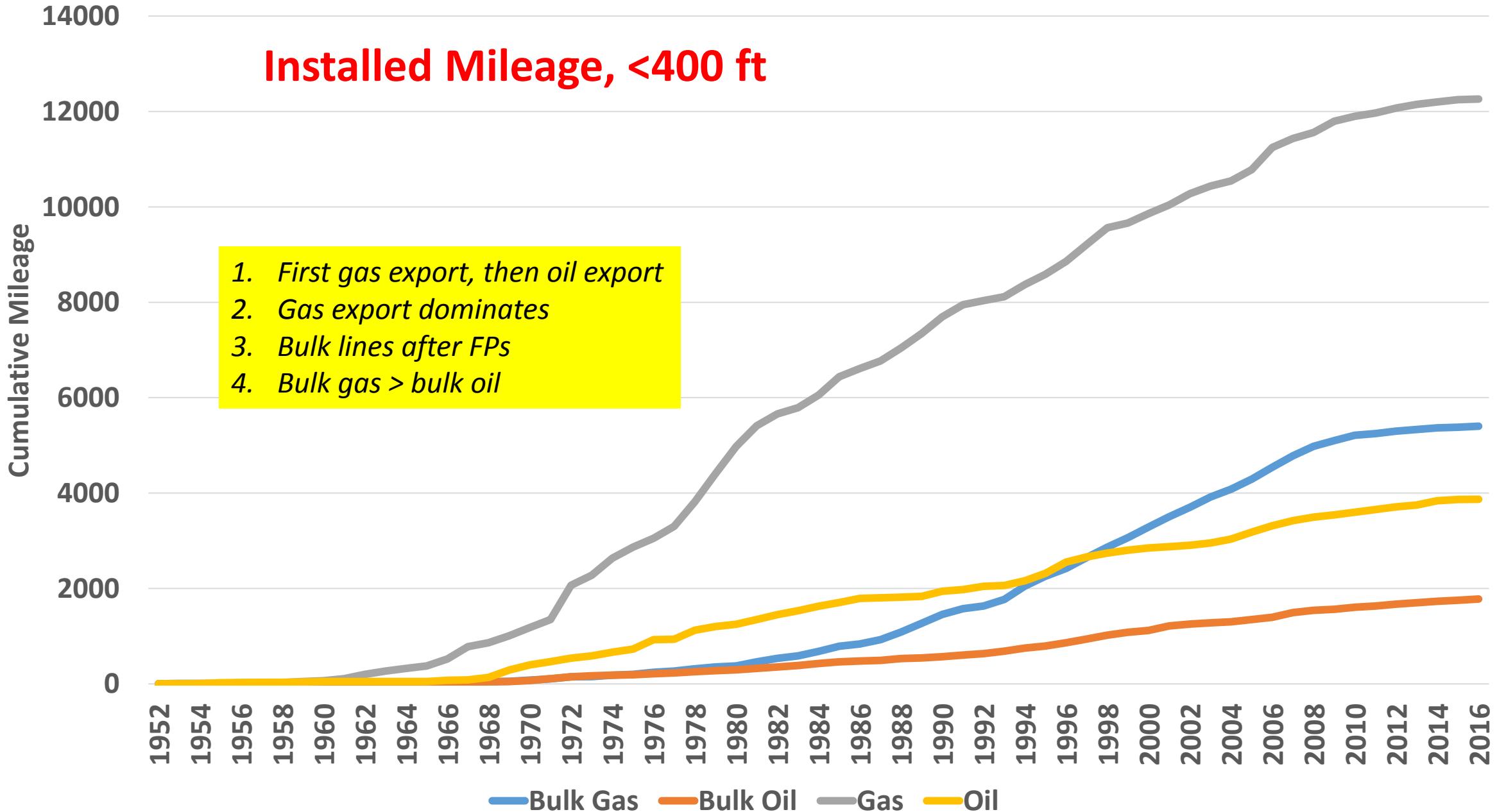
**CumInstalled = Active + Idle + CumDecommissioned**

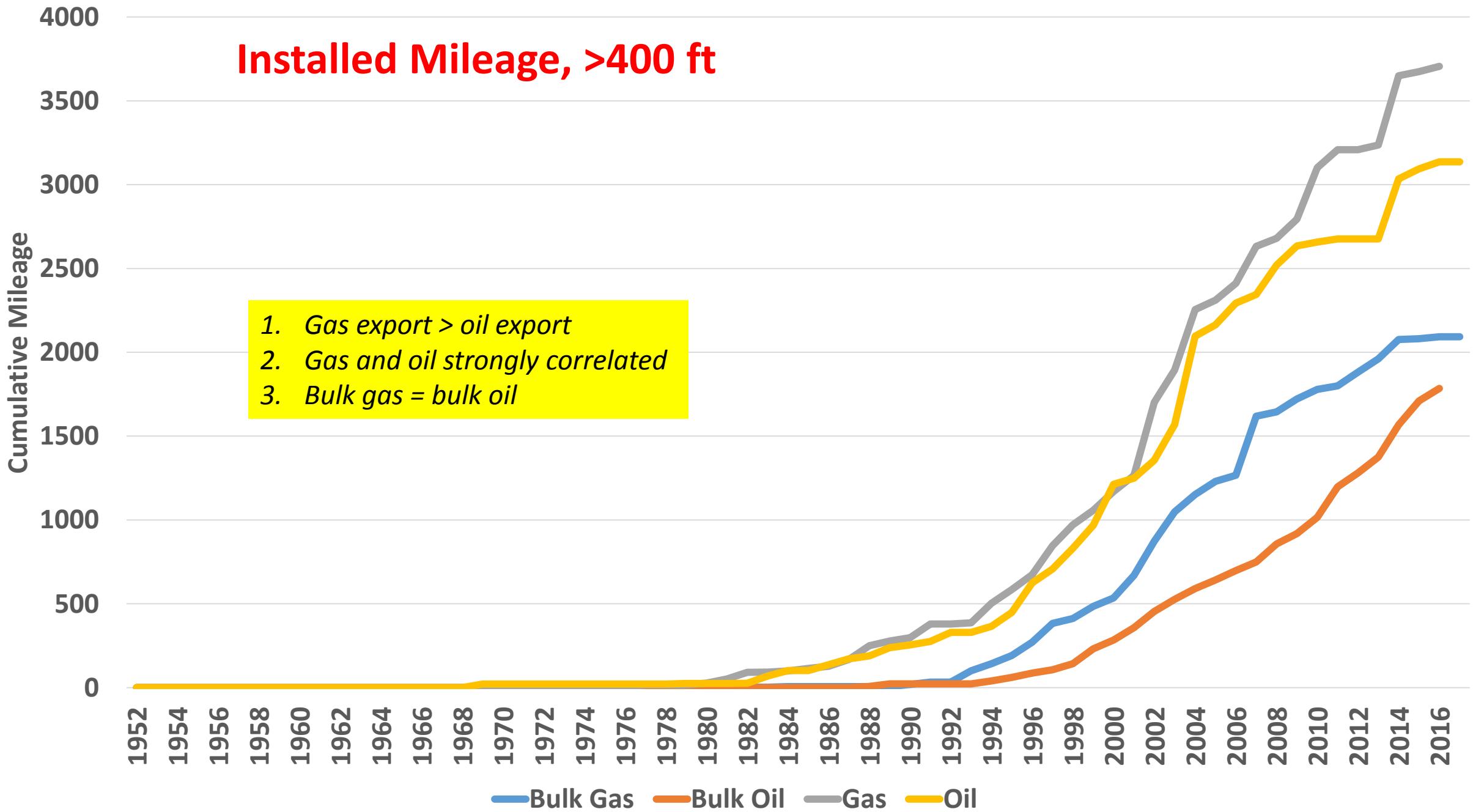
A black cloth bag is shown spilling a large pile of gold-colored coins onto a white surface. The coins are stacked in several piles, with some coins showing the number '10' and others showing a profile of a person.

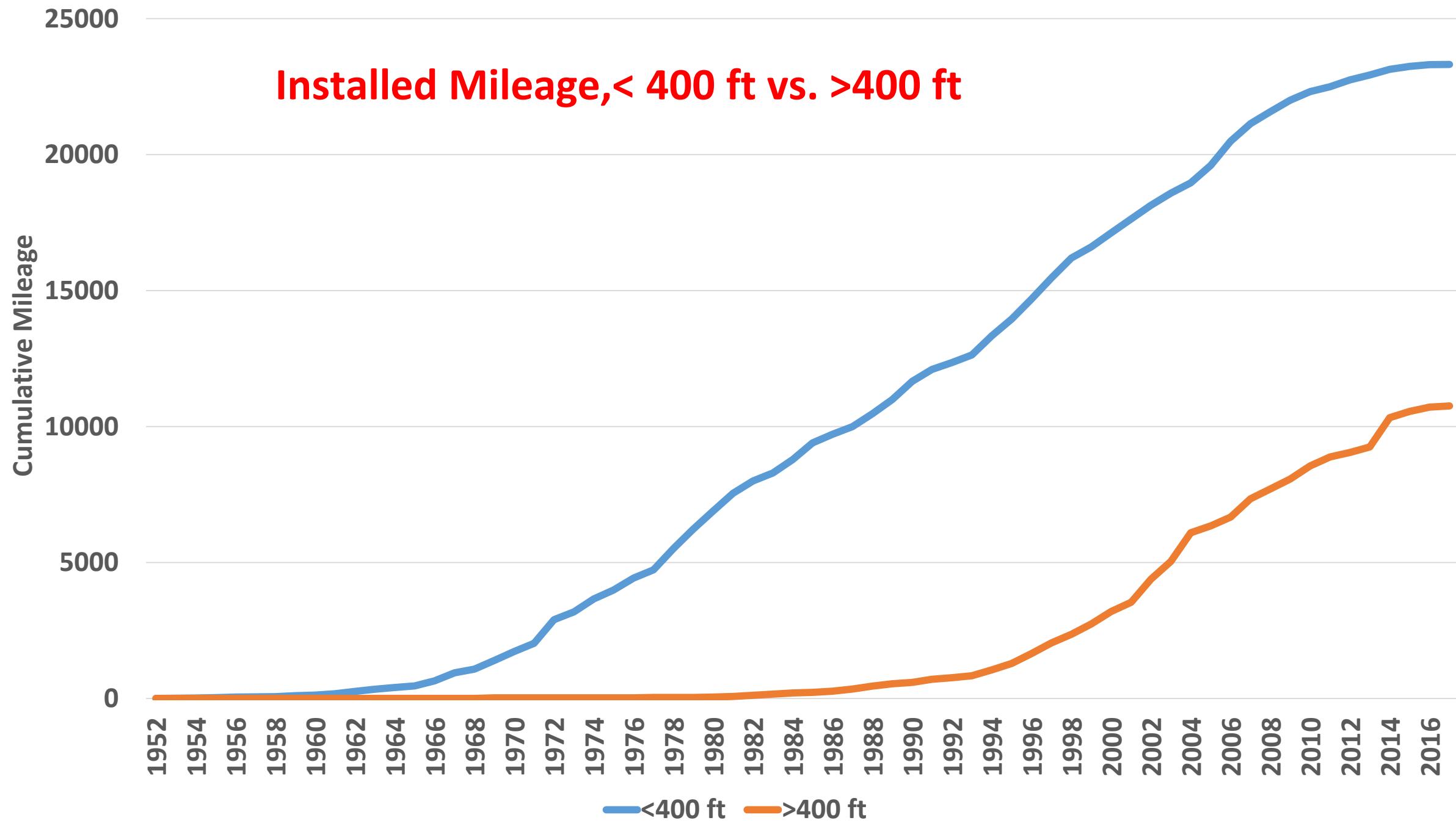
*~1 in 10,000*

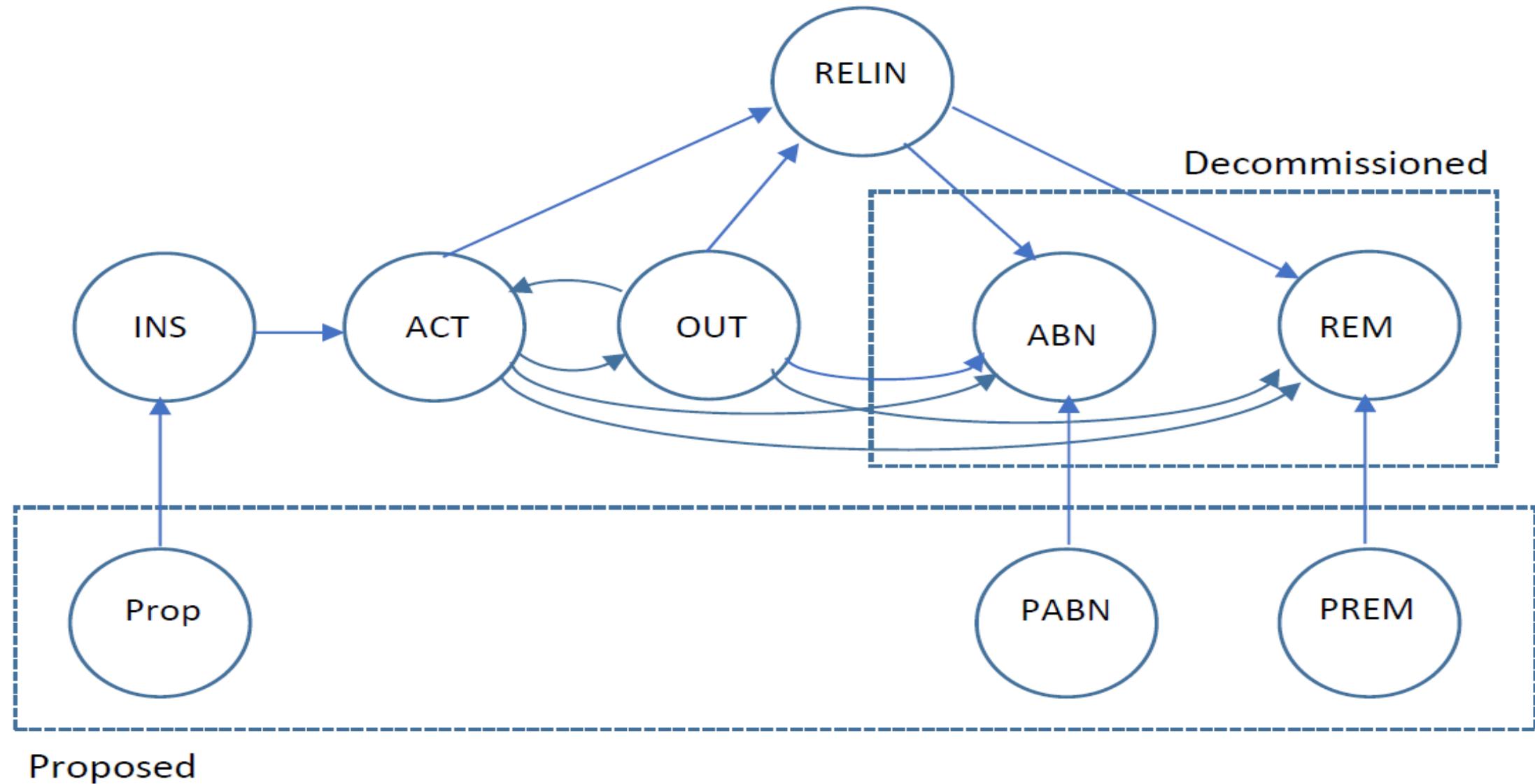
*Installed pipeline areal coverage percentage*

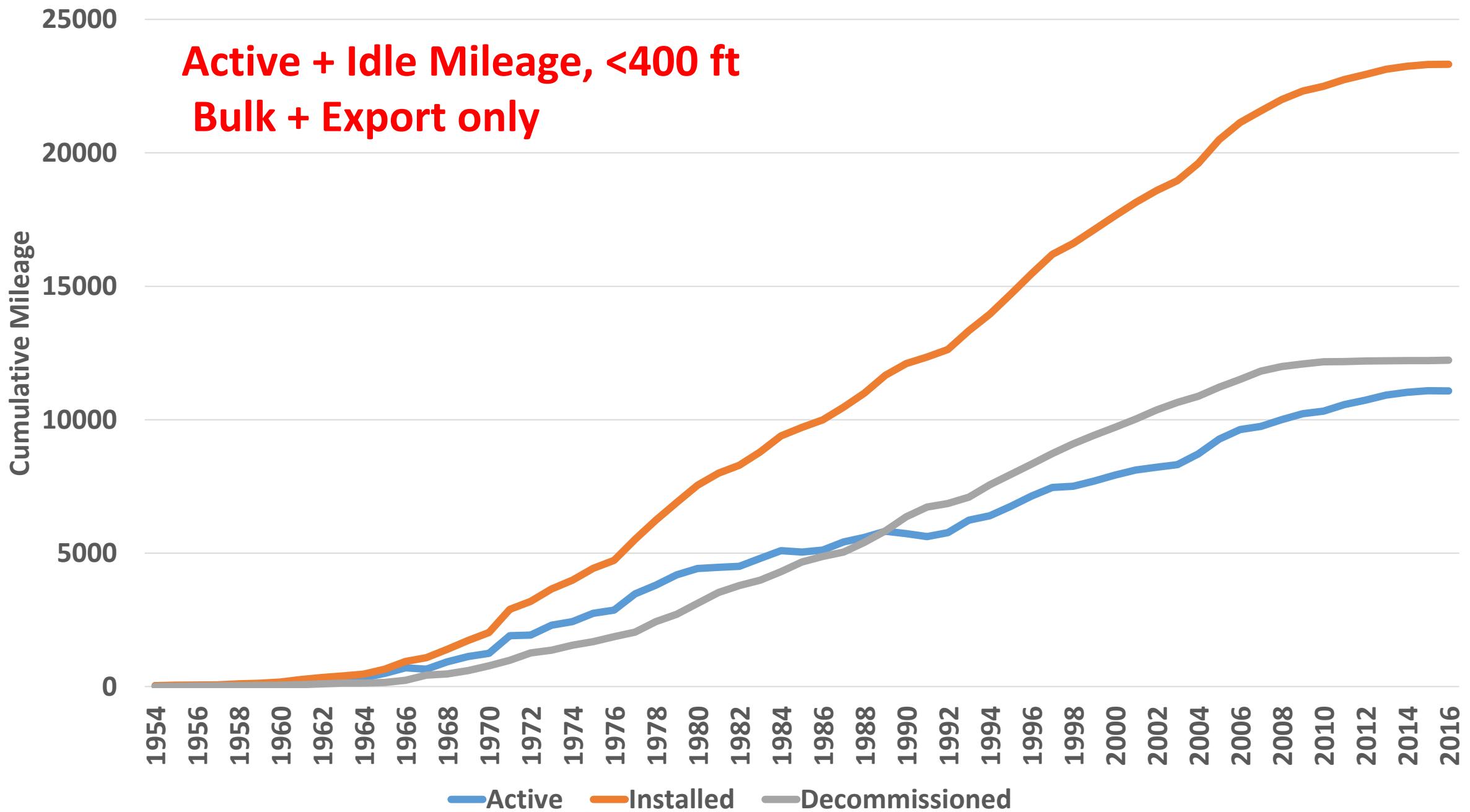
# Trends

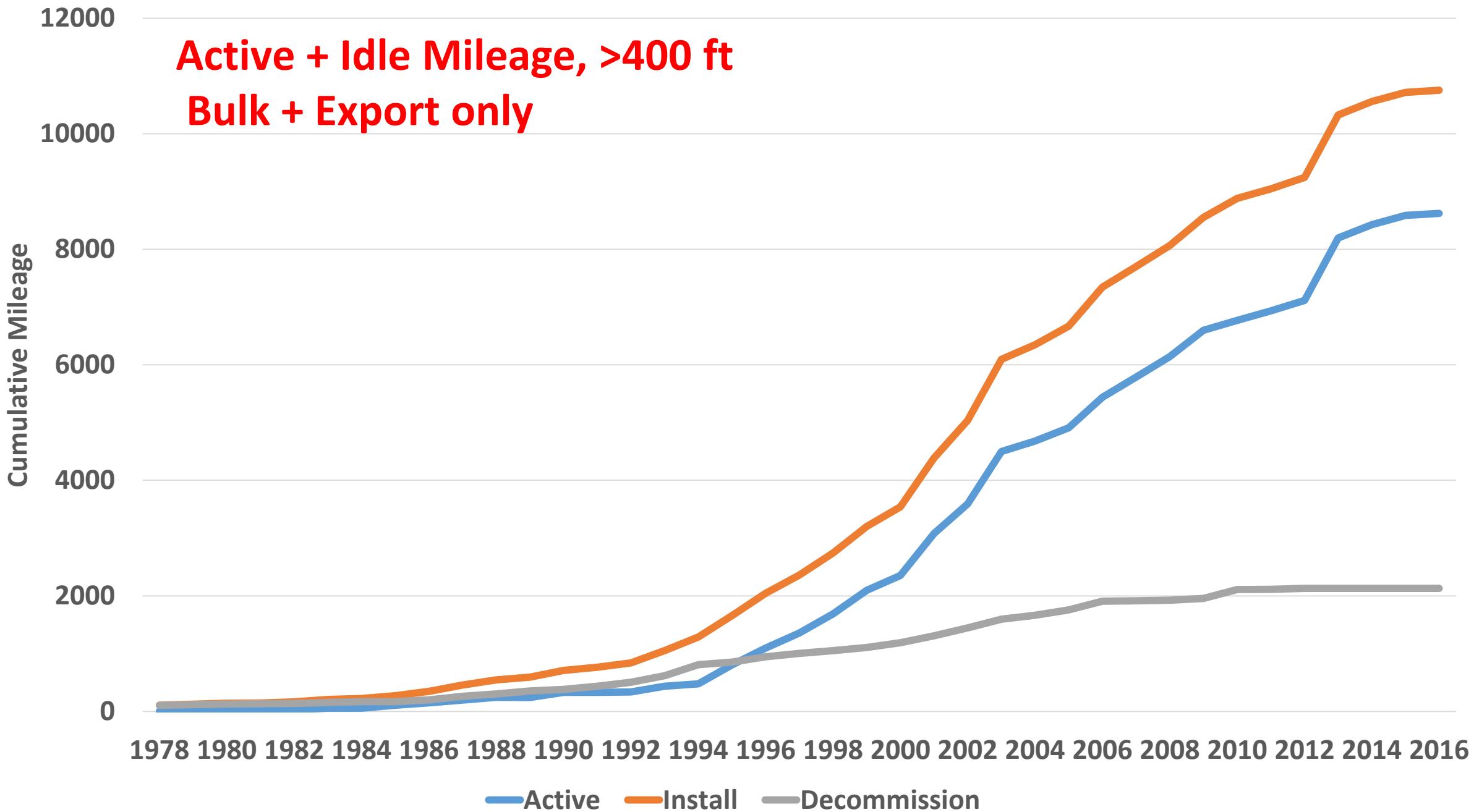






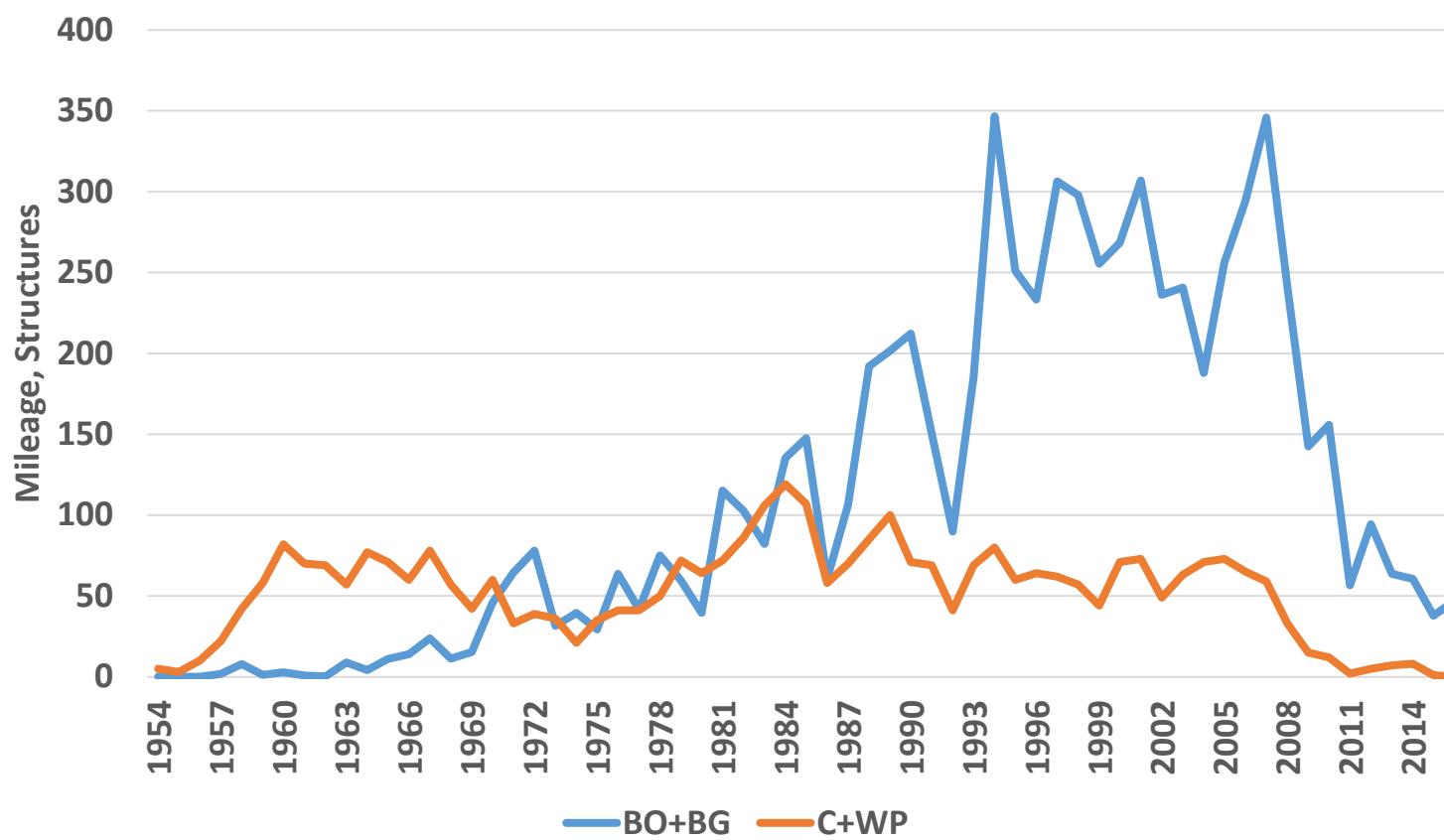




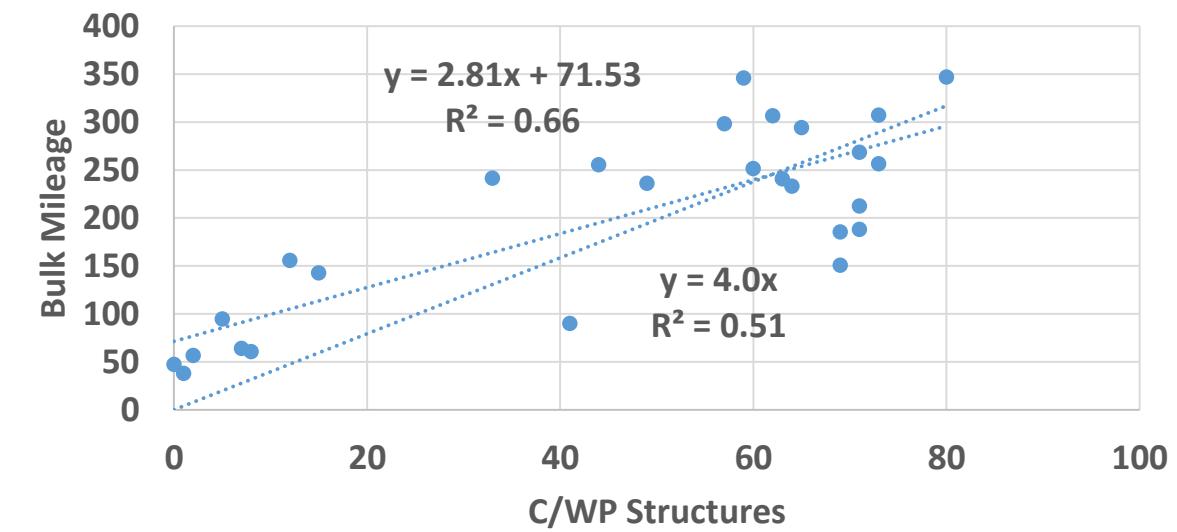


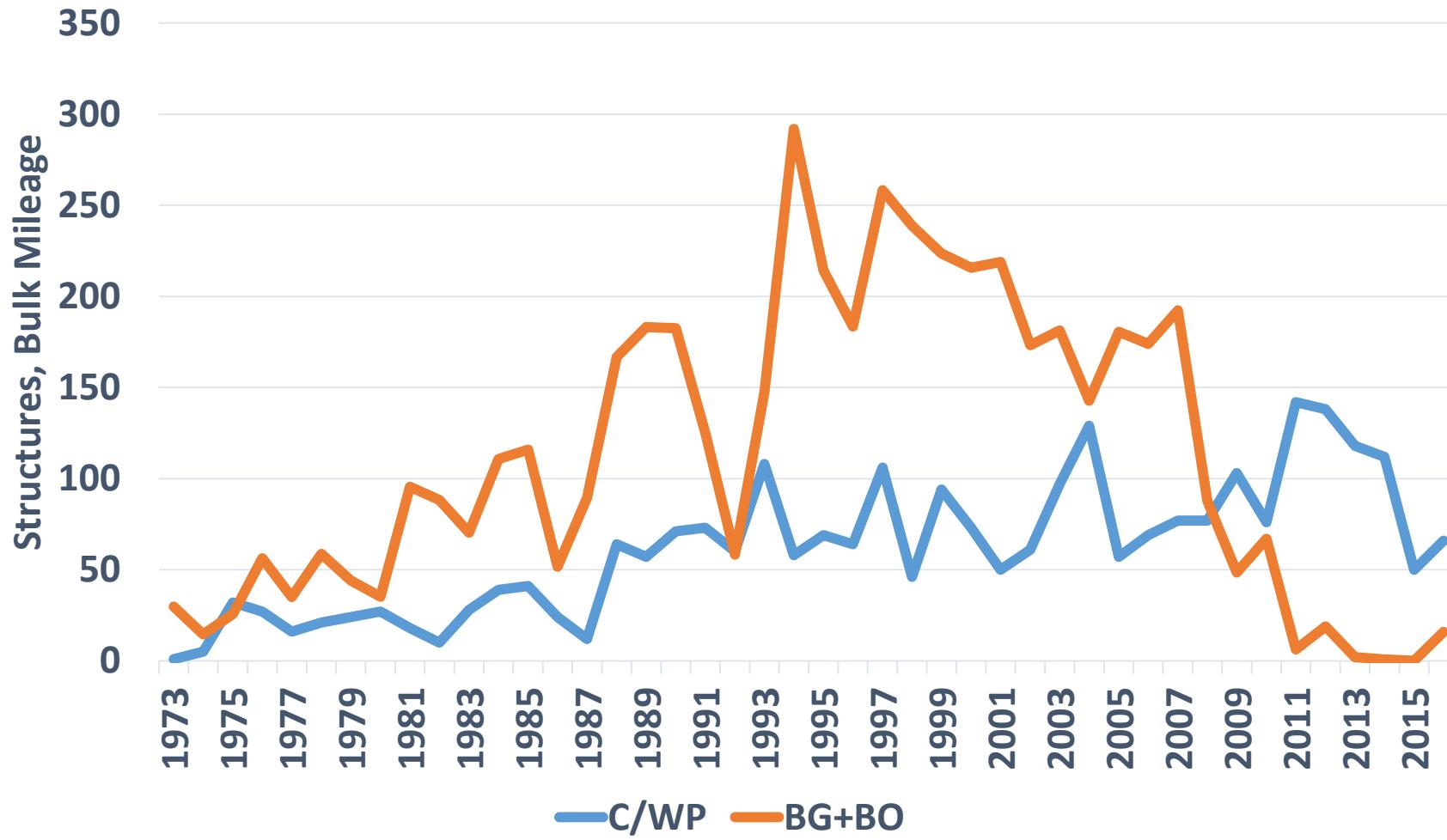
# Correlations

*(Sample)*



***Installation, 1990-2016, <400 ft:***  
 $[BG+BO] = 2.81 * C/WP + 71,$   
 $R^2 = 0.66$





*Decommissioning, 1990-2016, <400 ft:*  
 $[BG+BO] = 1.6 * C/WP + 48.6, R^2 = 0.47$

# Extra Slides

**Installed**  
**Decommissioned**

**Bulk Oil**  
**Bulk Gas**  
**Oil**  
**Gas**  
**Umbilicals**  
**Service**

**Active**  
**Idle**

**<400 ft**  
**>400 ft**

## Pipeline Activity

**Chemosynthetic  
Communities**

**Routing**

**Flow  
Assurance**

**Field  
Configuration**

**Time of  
Development**

**Structure  
Type**

**Pipeline  
Type**

**Well  
Type**

**Ownership**

**Manmade  
Hazards**

**Water  
Depth**

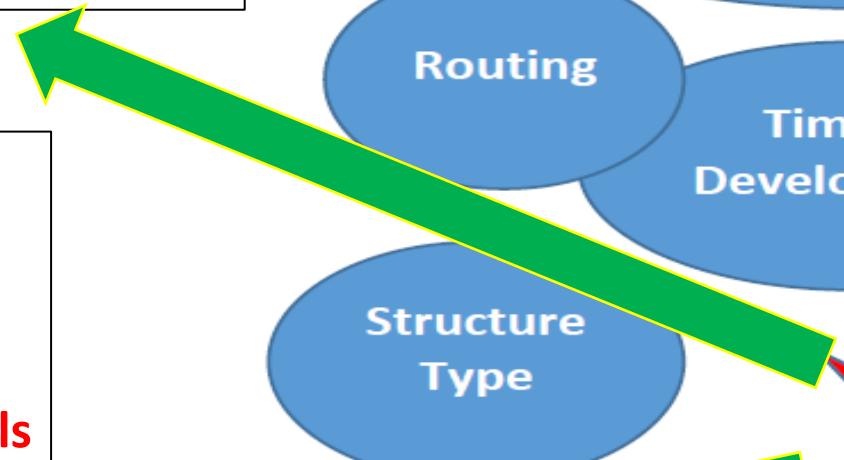
**Reservoir  
Type**

**Destination  
Options**

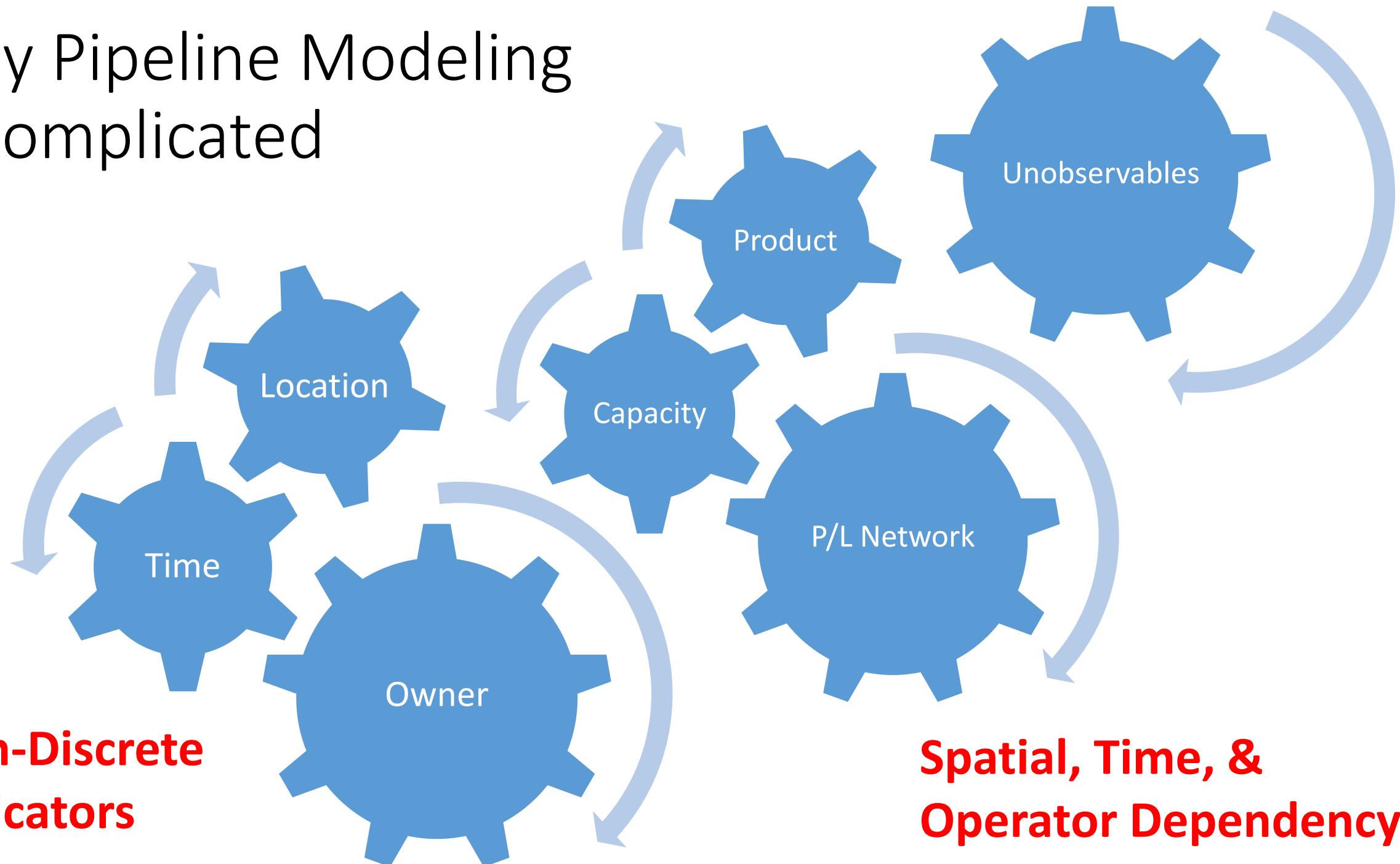
**Avoidance  
Areas**

**Geohazards**

**Development  
Concept**



# Why Pipeline Modeling is Complicated



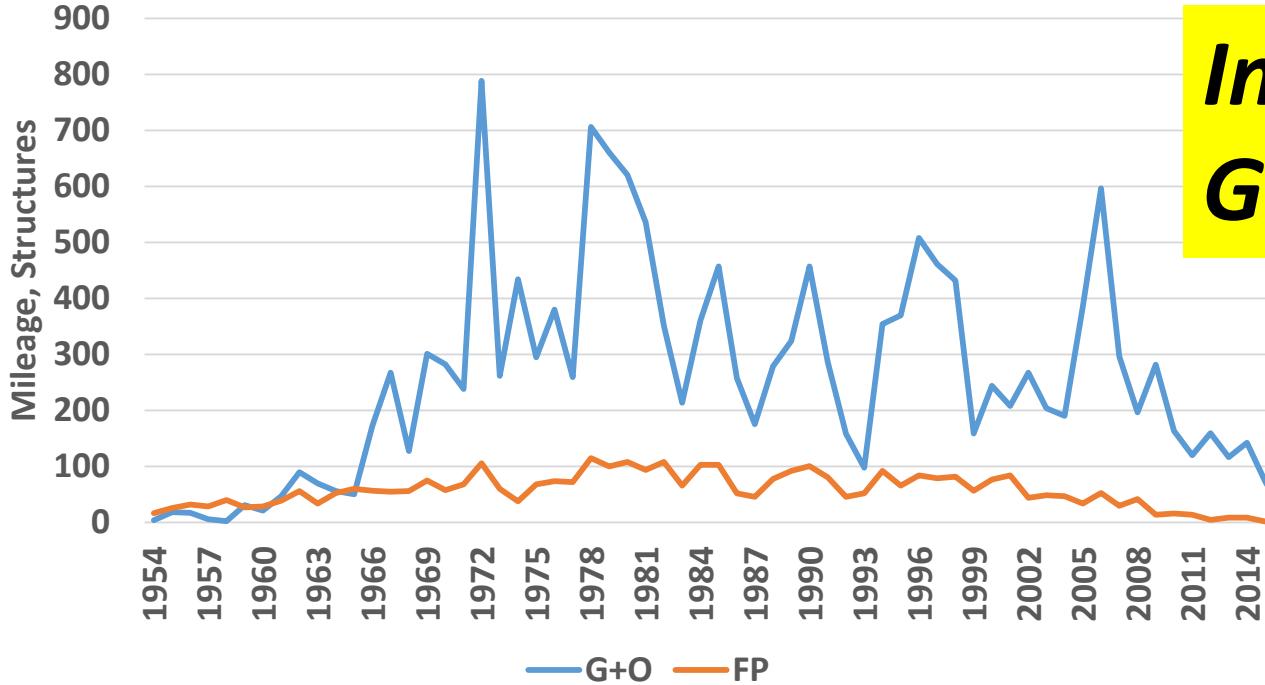
# Time Normalization

*Installation, >400 ft:*

$$[G+O] = 54.8 * DWS + 52, R^2 = 0.32 \text{ (1990-2016)}$$

$$[G+O] = 61.1 * DWS + 137, R^2 = 0.56 \text{ (5-yr TB, 1990-2016)}$$

$$[G+O] = 80.1 * DWS + 163, R^2 = 0.87 \text{ (5-yr TB, 2000-2016)}$$



*Installation, 1990-2016, <400 ft*  
 $G+O = 3.04 * FP + 114, R^2 = 0.42$

