



# Interdependent, Multi-regional Impacts of Inoperability at Inland Waterway Ports and Network

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# Research questions

- How can we measure disruptive flows in a waterway network?
- How can we quantify interdependent effects of disruptions?

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## The Motivation

Dock-specific Disruptions

Waterway Accidents

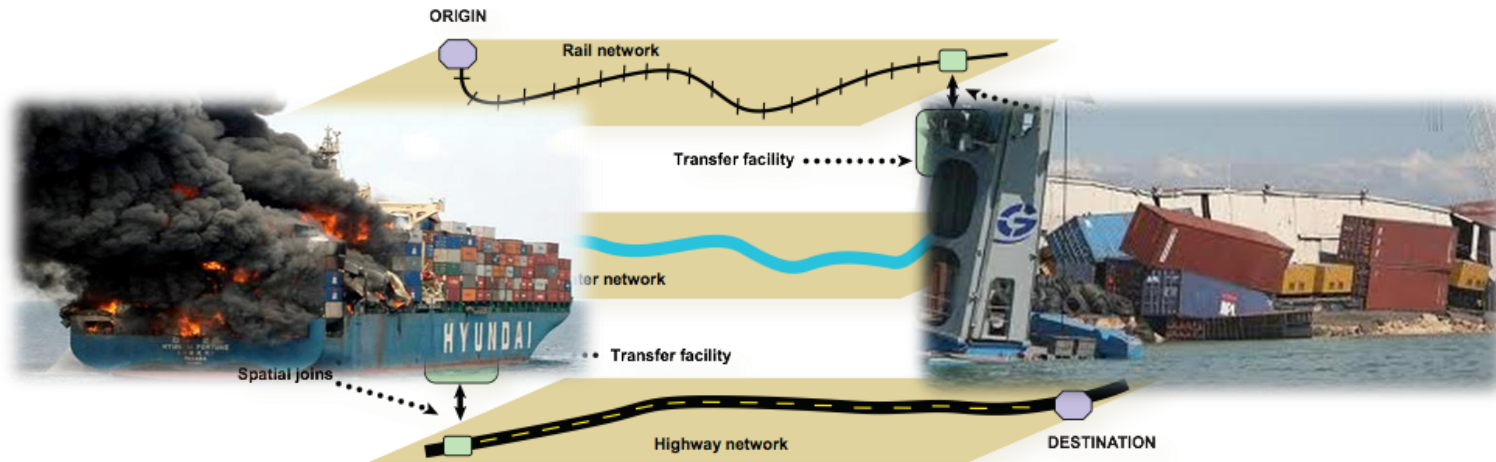
The Conclusions

# Motivation

- Attacks on CI/KR
  - ...could significantly disrupt the functioning of government and business alike and produce cascading effects far beyond the targeted sector and physical location of the incident...
  - ...could produce catastrophic losses in terms of human casualties, property destruction, and economic effects, as well as profound damage to public morale and confidence [DHS 2009]
- Include, among others: agriculture/food, critical manufacturing, TRANSPORTATION

# Inland ports as critical infrastructure

- US inland waterway ports move 2.5 billion tons of commerce via water annually



- As US traffic congestion increases, growth of inland waterways will only increase
- Containerized freight safety important homeland security issue



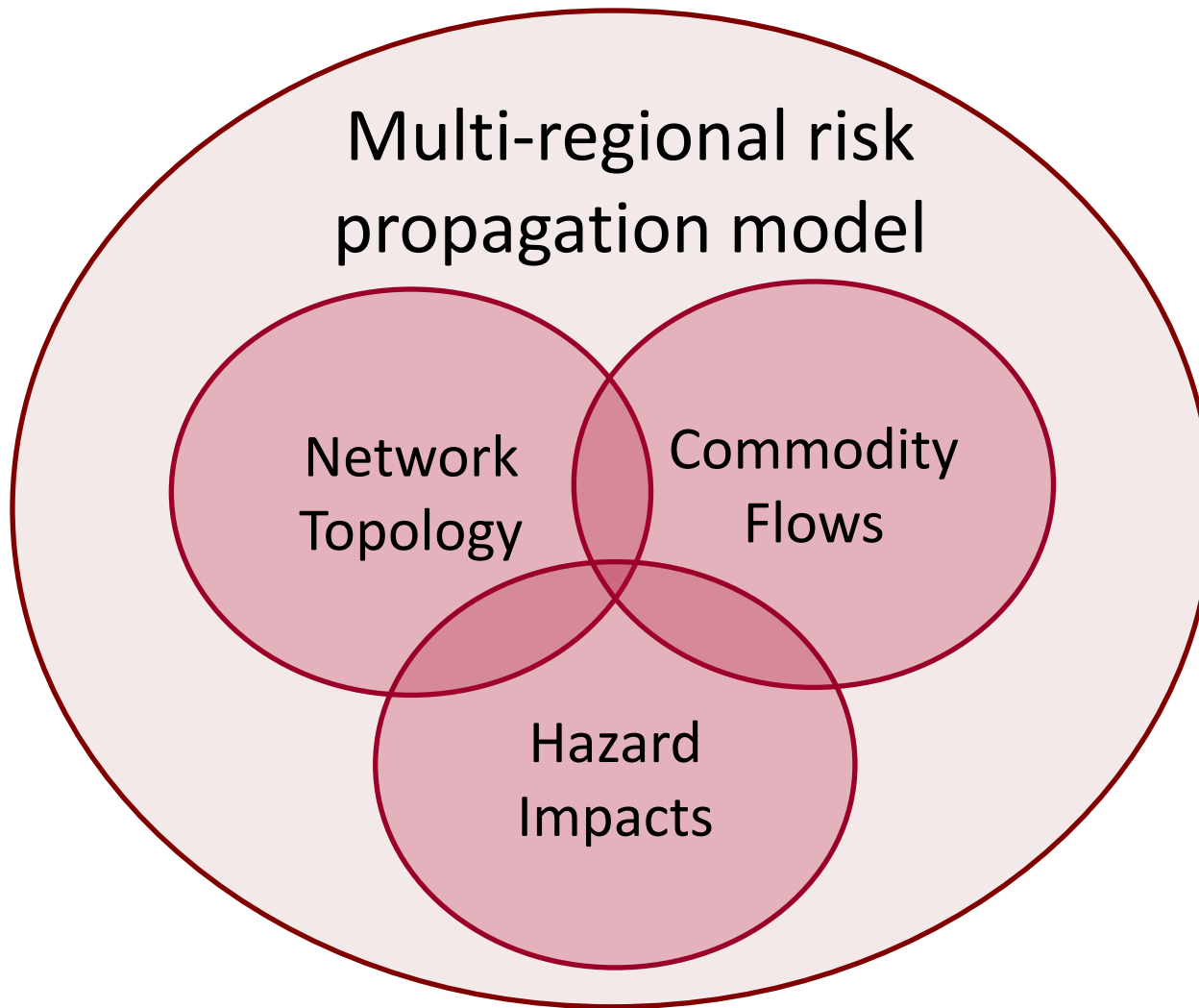
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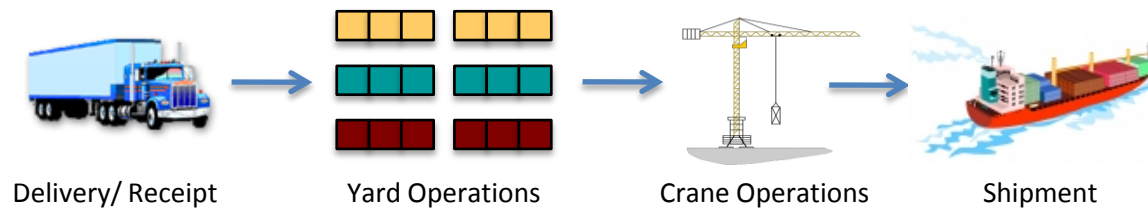
# Research components



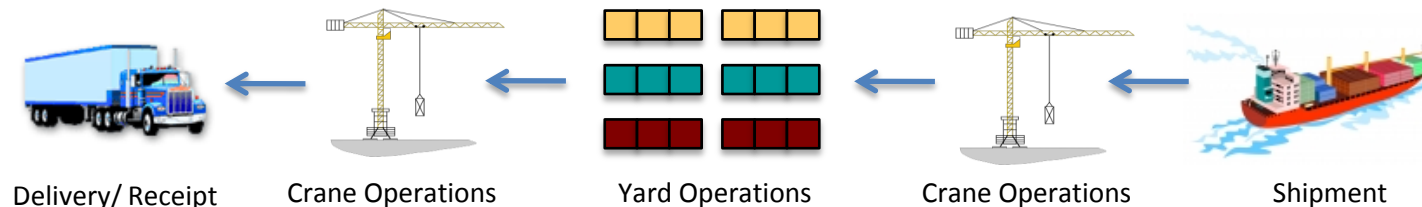
# Modeling port operations

- Discrete event simulation model
  - Inputs: arrival schedules, crane and yard capacities
  - Models number of tons at each stage of the queue over time

## Port export operations

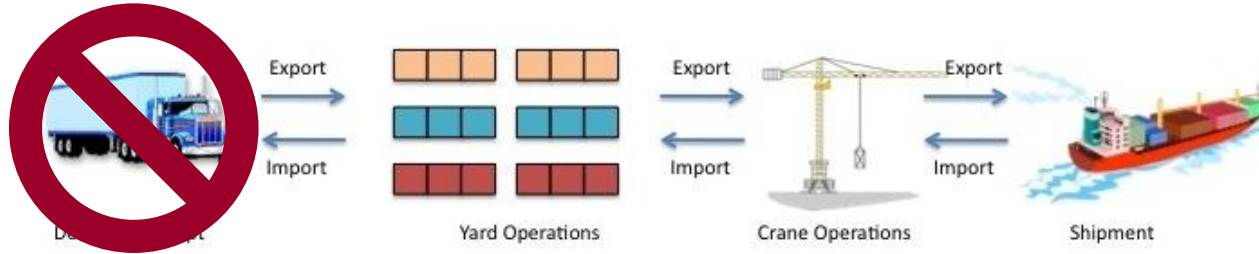


## Port import operations

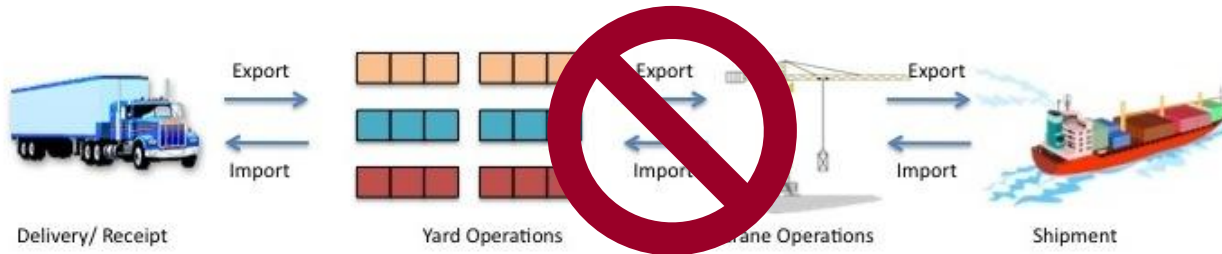




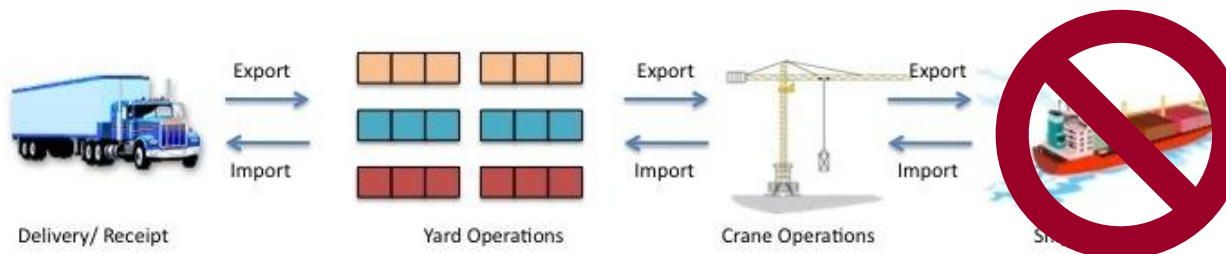
# Disruptions in port operations



**Disruption of transport to facility**



**Breakdown at facility**



**Disruptions downstream**

# Quantifying port operations

## Model inputs

- Duration of disruption
- Impact of disruption
  - Reduced arrivals
  - Reduced crane capacity
  - Reduced departures



## Model results

Tonnage of exports-imports flowing on the network during the disruption



## Loss estimation

Difference in tonnage between as-planned and disruptive scenarios

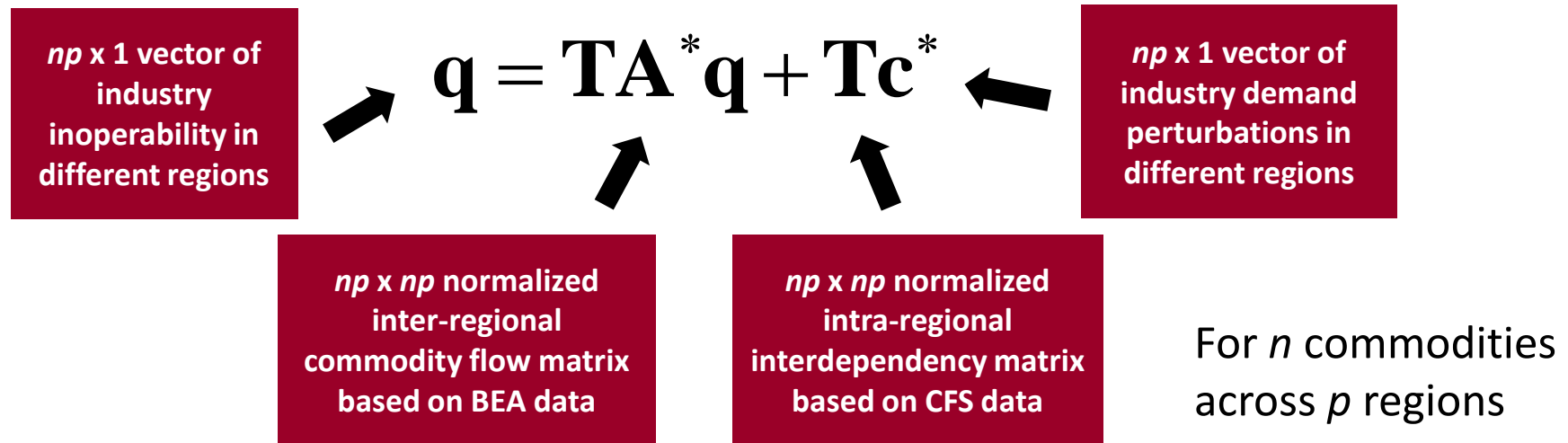


## Economic losses

Interdependent impacts of tonnage disruptions

# Multi-regional inoperability

- Consequences can be expressed in terms of the losses in output and demand normalized by the as-planned sector output

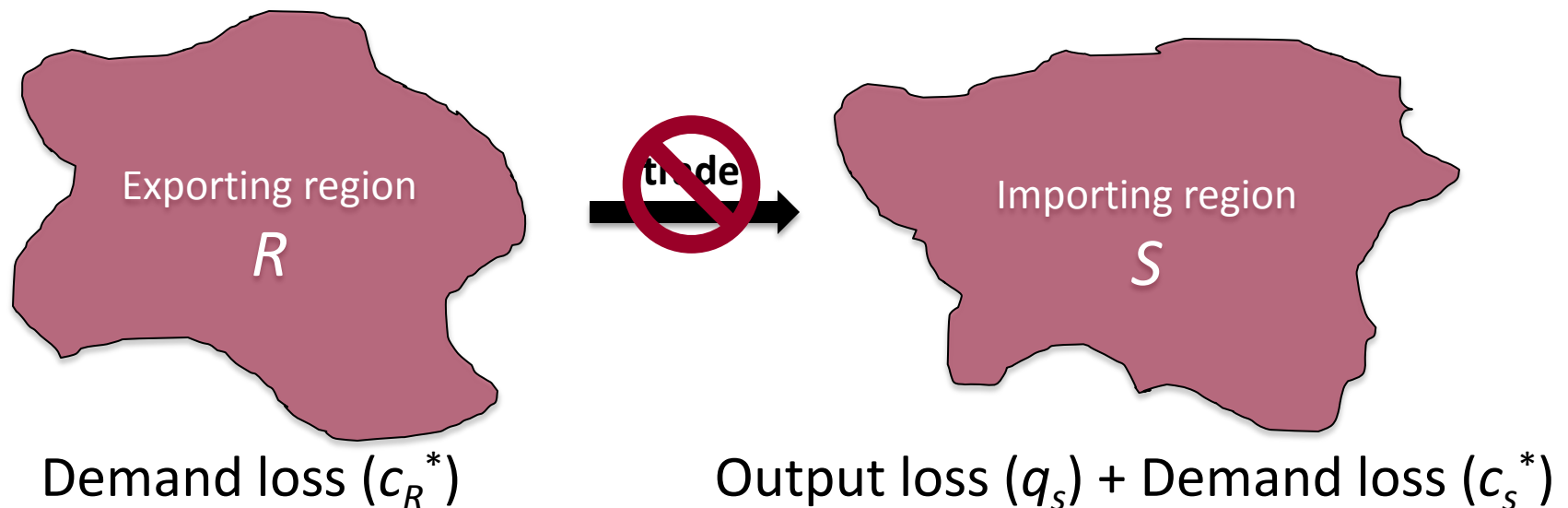


$$\text{Inoperability } (q_i) = \frac{\text{As-planned output } (x_{i,0}) - \text{Perturbed output } (x_i)}{\text{As-planned output } (x_{i,0})}$$

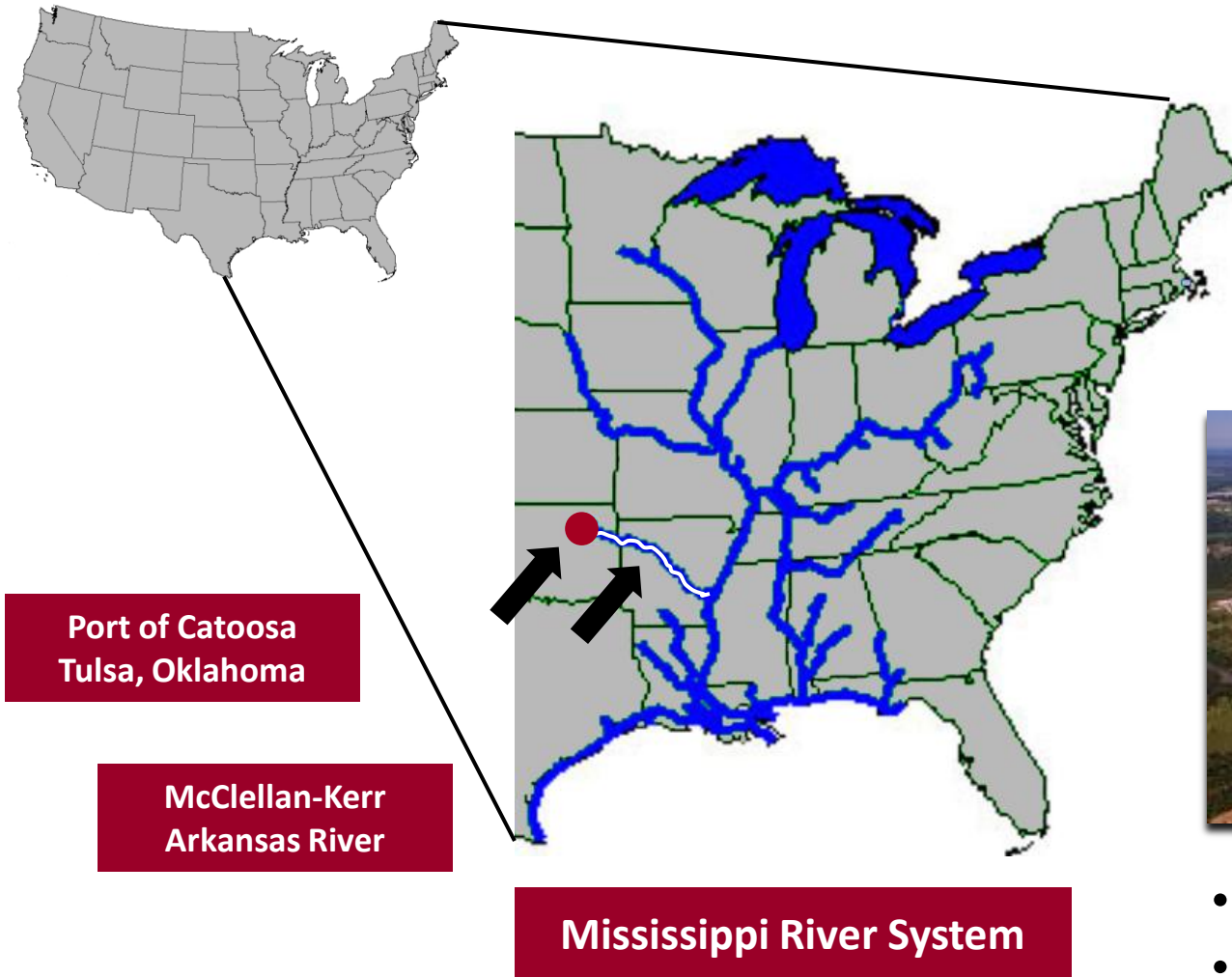
$$\text{Demand perturbation } (c_i^*) = \frac{\text{Exogenous demand loss}}{\text{As-planned output } (x_{i,0})}$$

# Transportation inoperability

- When a transportation inoperability occurs, a loss of trade results
  - Disruption in port operations
  - Disruption in waterway operations

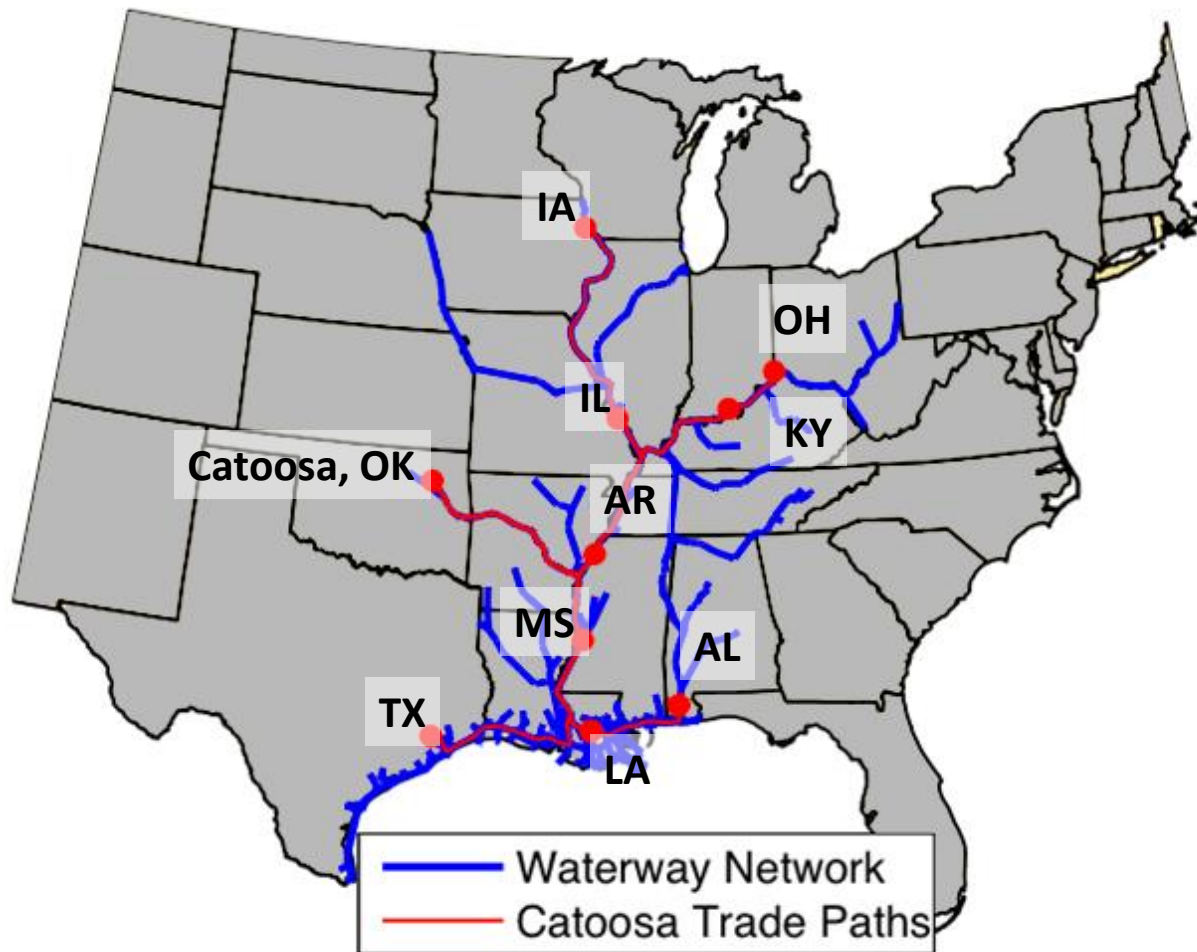


# Illustration: Inland waterway port



- Largest in area in the US
- 2 mil tons annually

# Illustration: Waterway network



Data Sources:  
US Army Corps of Engineers, National Database Center

# Illustration: Dock-specific commerce

- Estimated annual amount of export-import through Catoosa in 2007 (\$M), Total = \$937 million



**General Dry Cargo**



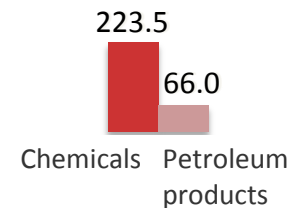
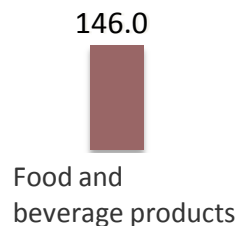
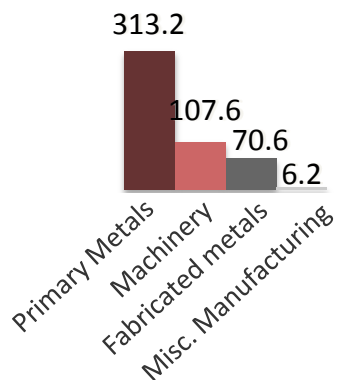
**Dry Bulk**



**Grains**



**Liquid Bulk**



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US Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa Port of Catoosa

US Department of Transportation Research and Innovative Technology Administration

# Illustration: Dock operations

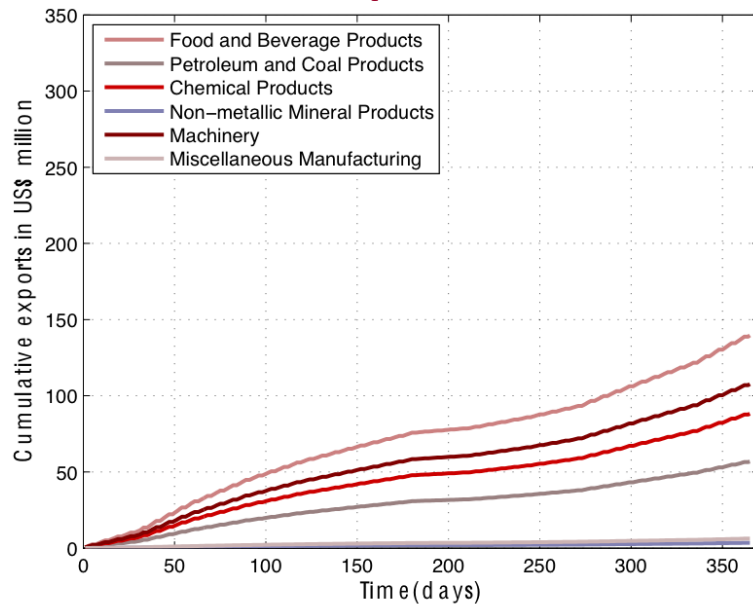
- Available data for annual flow of commodities through port can be converted to daily flows
  - Also reflects seasonality
- Queueing models apply to the general dry goods, dry bulk, and grain docks
  - For liquid bulk docks, commodities arrive and are transferred to and from barges through pipes to tanks
- Daily capacities of cranes determined by the number of hours they are in operation



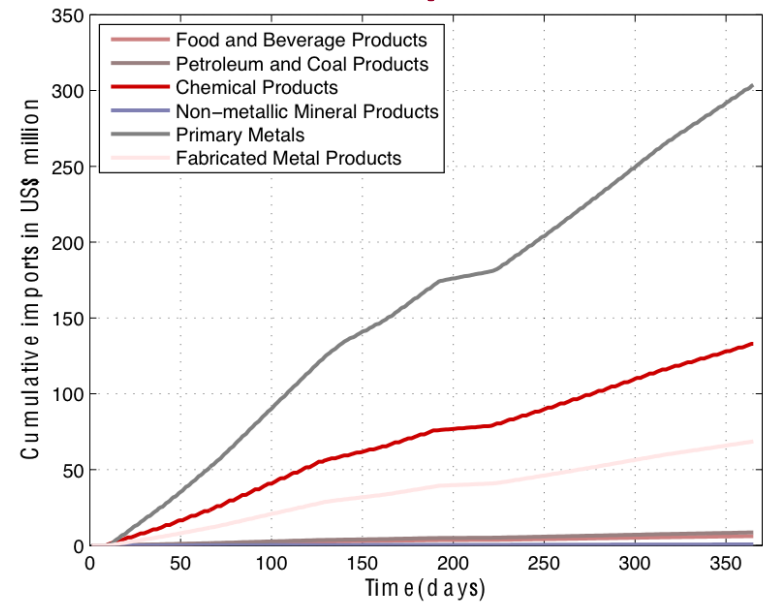
# Illustration: Port commerce simulation

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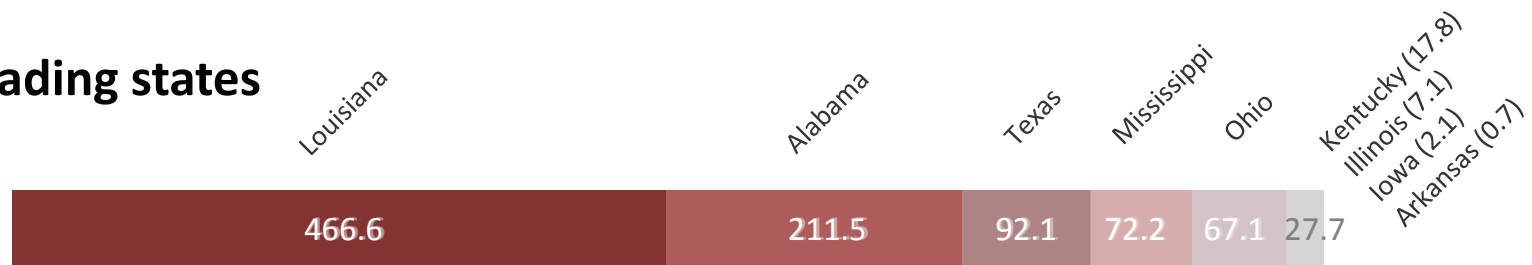
## Exports



## Imports



## Main trading states



# Illustration: Dock disruption

- Floods, snowstorms, (hurricanes) could disable the entire port
- Dock disruption scenarios modeled separately
  - Complete shut down of dock for duration of two workweeks

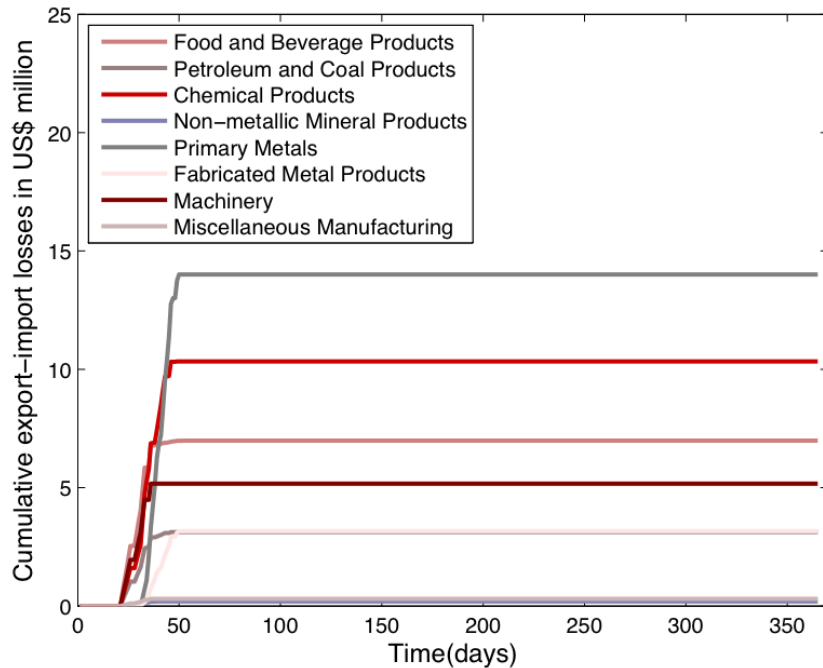
## Liquid Bulk

- Spillages
  - Dock shut during cleanup
- Impact of disruption
  - No arrivals
  - No departures

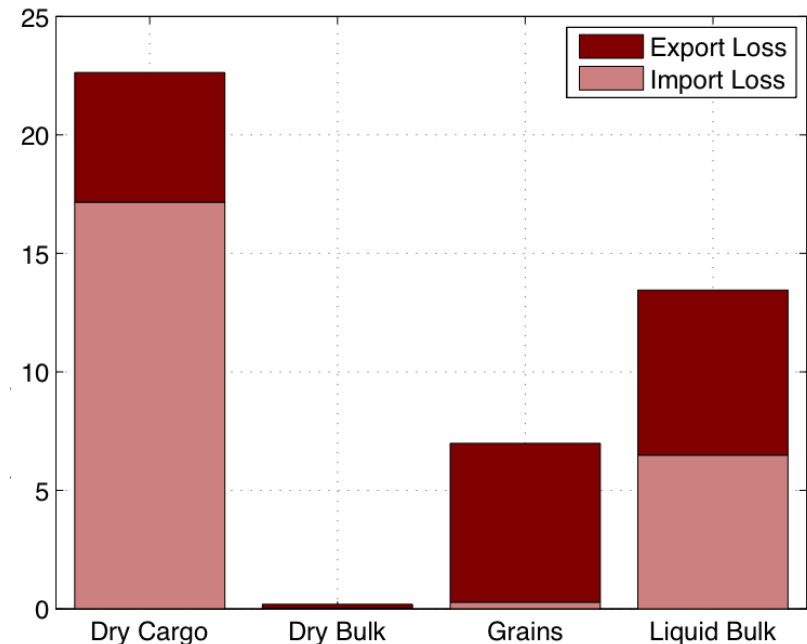
## Other Docks

- Crane outages
  - Partial/total shut down
- Impact of disruption
  - Reduced crane capacity
  - Reduced departures

# Illustration: Export-import losses



**Sector-wise accumulation of export-import losses**

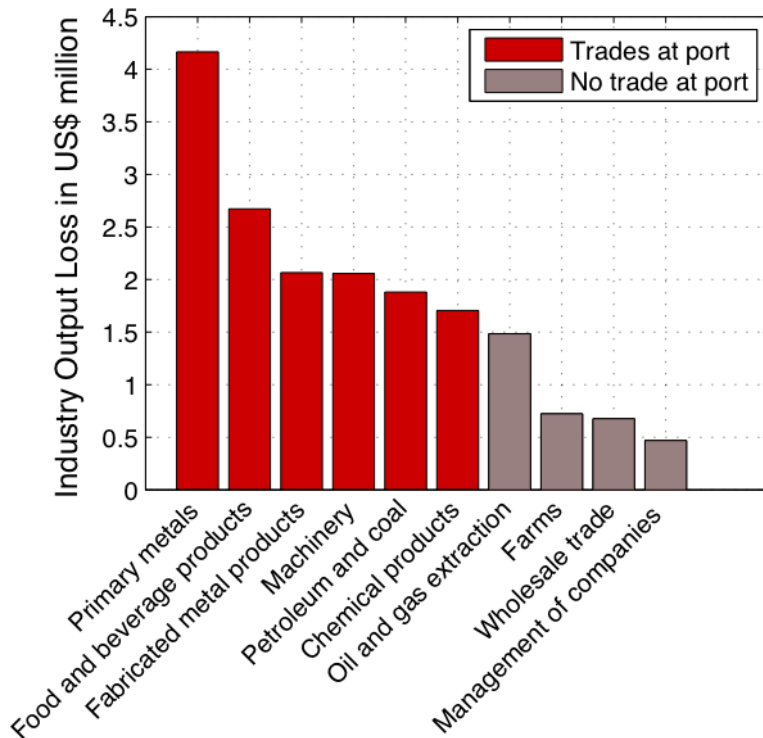


**Dock specific losses**

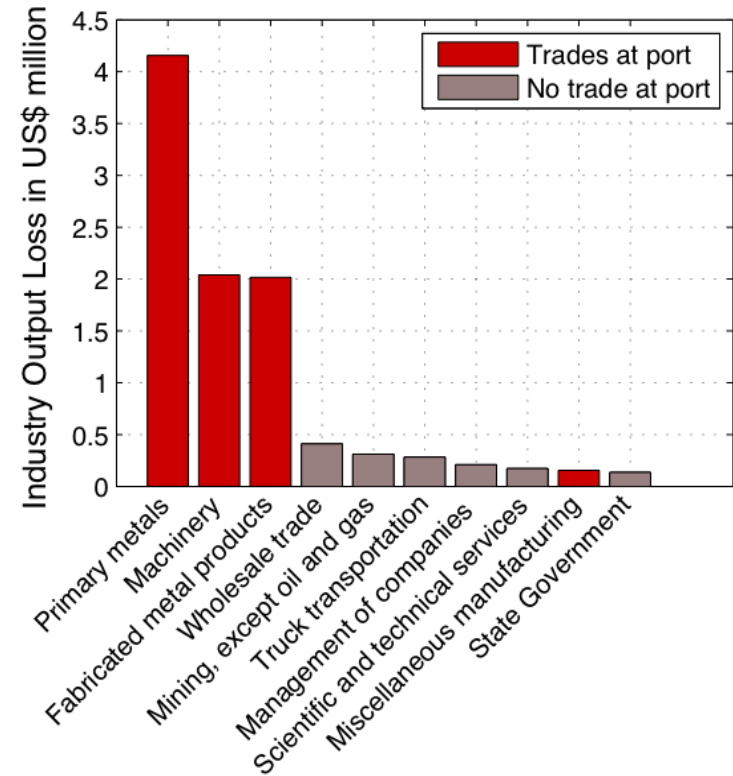
- Onset of disruption chosen arbitrarily

# Illustration: Interdependent effects

- Output losses across Oklahoma industries due to port shutdown

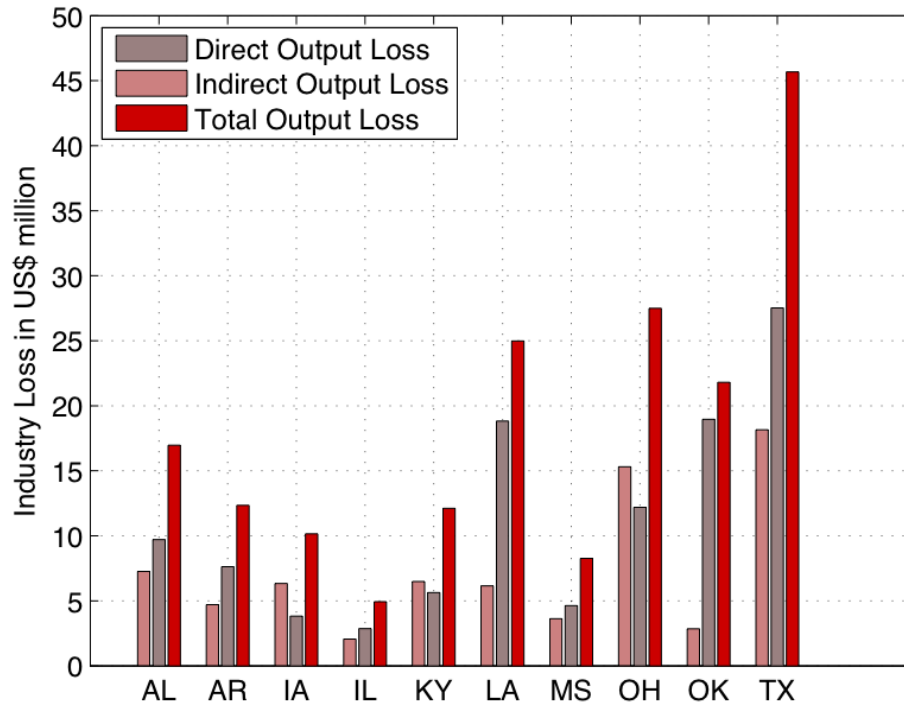


**Entire port shutdown**



**Only general cargo dock shutdown**

# Illustration: Interdependent effects



**Total direct losses: \$72.9 million**  
**Total indirect losses: \$111.8 million**  
**Total losses: \$184.7 million**

- Oklahoma has more direct loss because the port is mainly importing
- Texas has almost no direct impact but large indirect impact

# Illustration: Risk management

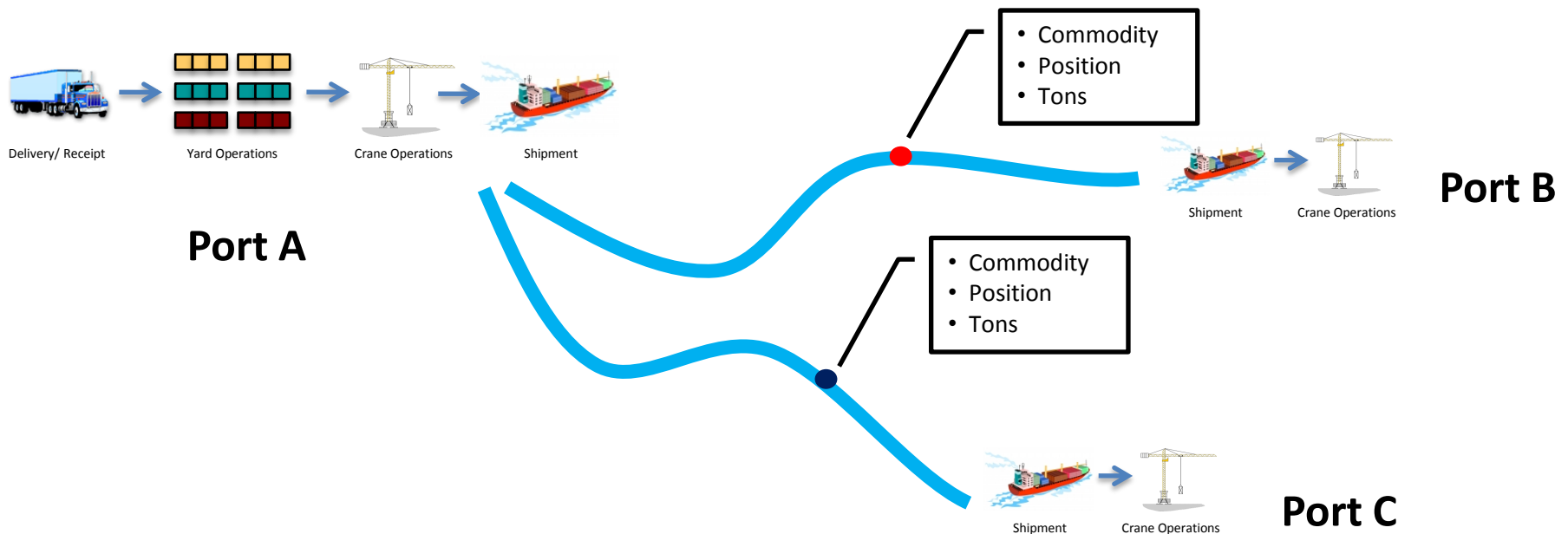
- We use the interdependency model to measure the efficacy of risk management
  - What does extra capacity (e.g., crane) do to minimize large-scale impacts?
  - On which dock should we put most emphasis?
- The future: robust decision making framework



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# Modeling waterway operations

- Network topology model tracks the flow of freight between ports
  - Captures spatial and temporal nature of freight flow
  - Tracks commodity type, position, and tonnage at each period





# Disruptions on waterway network



$M$  = Total number of trips along path

$m$  = Number of trips that result in accident and loss of freight

$L$  = Total length of path

$d$  = Length of segment along which incident occurs

$p$  = Probability of loss of cargo due to accident

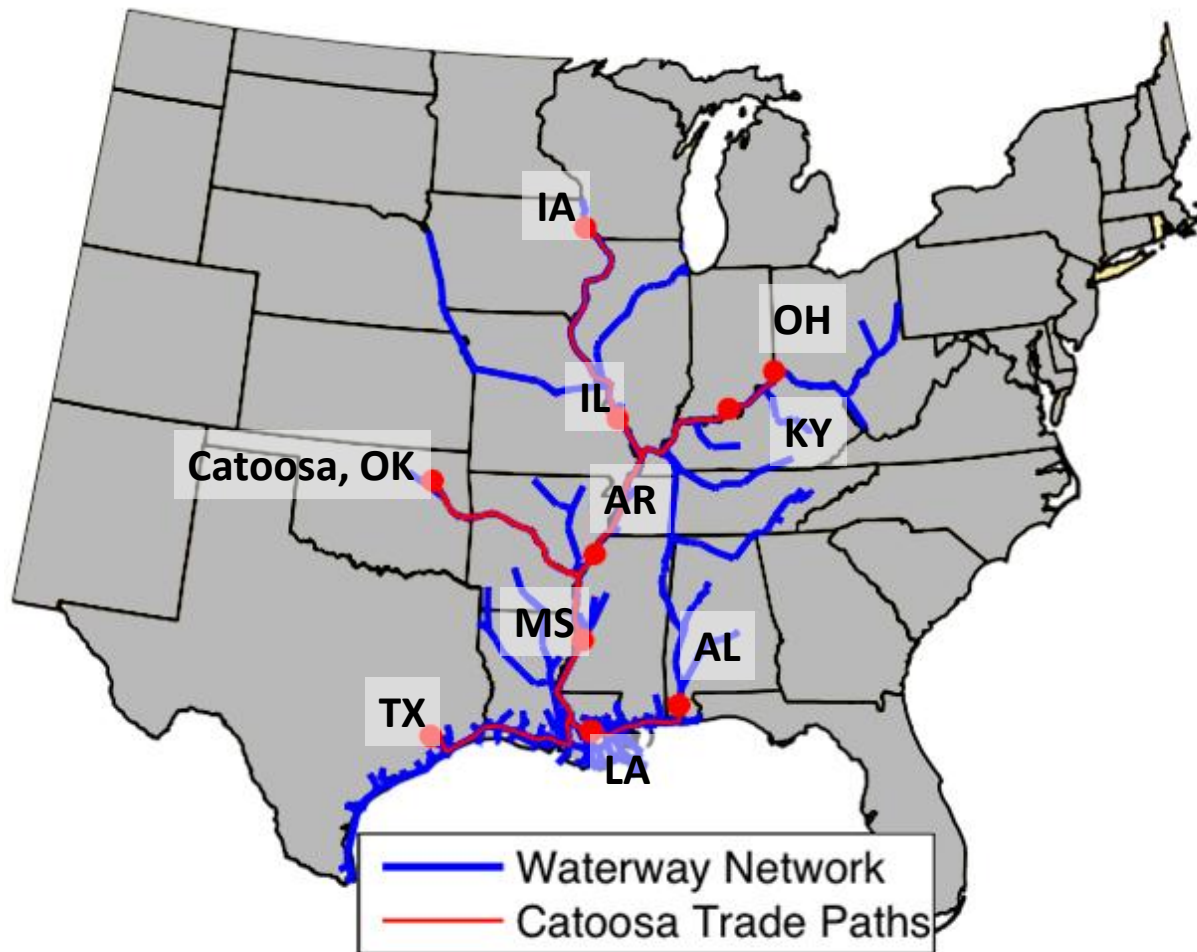
$D$  = Amount of cargo on path

$\Delta D$  = Expected amount of loss of cargo

$$p = (d/L) \times (m/M)$$

$$\Delta D = p \times D$$

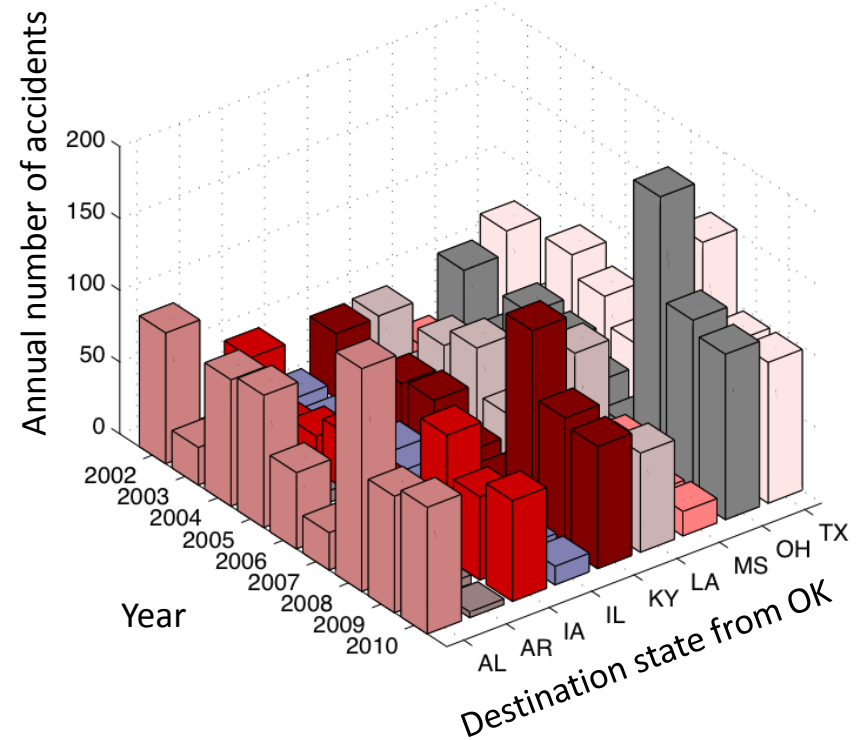
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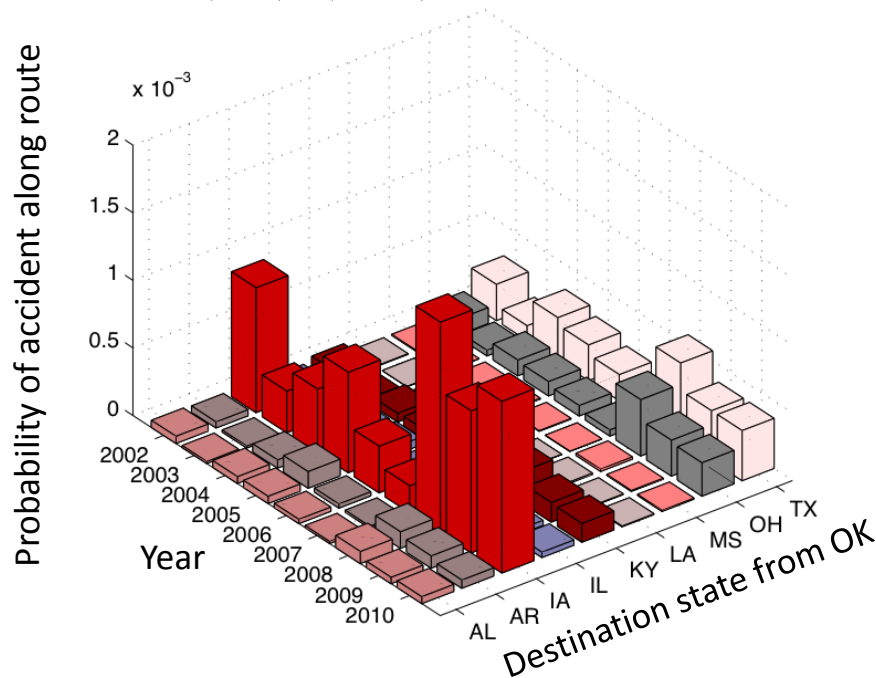
# Illustration: Waterway accidents

- If it is assumed
  - Accidents are spread uniformly over topology
  - One accident accounts for one trip

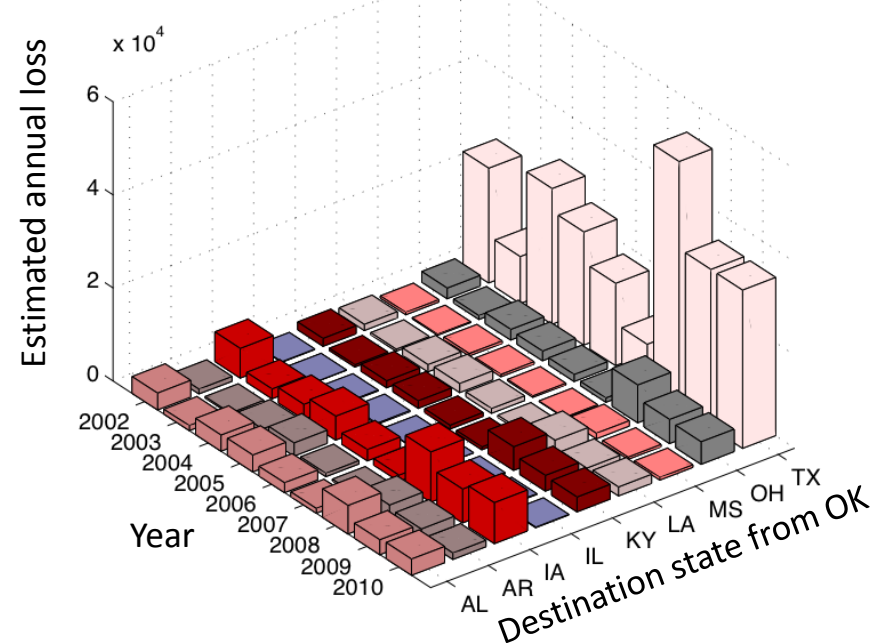


# Illustration: Estimating accident losses

$$p = (d/L) \times (m/M)$$



$$\Delta D = p \times D$$



- OK-IA route has higher likelihood to result in accident due to length and fewer number of trips
- OK-TX route subject to greater losses due to higher value of cargo: liquid bulk like petroleum

# Illustration: Risk management

- We can integrate with the interdependency model
  - What navigable paths lead to the largest multi-regional economic losses?
- The future: integrate with interdependency model, robust framework



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# Concluding remarks

- Network analysis
  - Network topology to track the flow of freight between ports
  - Model captures spatial and temporal nature of freight flow
  - Model tracks commodity type, position, and tonnage at each period
- Interdependent disruptions
  - Direct port losses of \$88 million result in \$184.7 million output losses across states
  - Oklahoma has more direct loss because the port is mainly importing
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# Concluding remarks

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  - OK-TX route subject to greater losses due to higher value of cargo most of which is liquid bulk like petroleum



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