The Potential and importance of Chinese Offshore Basins for CO2 Geological Storage

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1. Necessity and importance of CO2 Storage in Saline





What is offshore geological storage?

1.Offshore basins are unattached to onshore, the rocks in the offshore basin may not occur onshore at all

2.Onshore basin extend offshore under shallow seas;



Potential of offshore basins



There are plenty of offshore basins on the continental shelf around the world; Including shallow water (SW) <= 400 m (1,312 ft), 400 m < deepwater (DW) <= 1,500 m (4,921 ft), and ultra deepwater (UDW) > 1,500 m;

Potential of offshore basins



Many offshore basins on the continental shelf of countries around the world hold large reserves of oil and gas.

Global discovery volumes by terrain



Basins which hold oil and gas reserves are generally accepted to have the best potential for CO2 storage, so many offshore basins can be expected to have a high potential for CO2 storage

Offshore vs. onshore CO2 storage

Merits:

- Land saving;
- No damage to ground water;
- Low environmental impact;
- Around the world the offshore basins often have better geological characteristics for storage

Defects:

- Because of the water above them, the marine engineering challenges can be much greater for exploration as well as CO2 storage;
- High cost of infrastructure, operation, and monitoring.



Chinese offshore sedimentary basins



中国近海油气田分布图



Offshore basins on the continental shelf of China hold many Oil and Gas Fields .

oil and gas fields: 121 structural traps :117



The importance of offshore CO2 storage for China



- SE China is a fold belt with only small continental basins with limited CO2 storage capacity.
- However offshore basins are large and of high prospectivity for CO2 storage
- This basins match nicely the large emission sources along the coastal SE China.
- Offshore storage is perhaps the only hope for CCS in SE China!



Basins inland Guangdong are small & with low storage capacity

Offshore CO2 storage is crucial for southern China !

- Depleted oil/gas fields are Early opportunities: By utilizing existing data, platform and other facilities, the cost of offshore CO2 injection may be greatly reduced.
- Early planning is the key !

CO2 storage potential and early opportunities in Chinese offshore basins



CO2 storage potential

Based on published data, geological conditions and paramners for CO2 storage are anaylized. National Scale assessment on CO2 storage capacity in offshore basins of China, The estimated effective storage capacity of 17 offshore basins is 1928Gt, which capacity of South China Sea Basins is 1179Gt, account 60%

CO2 storage potential of Northern South China Sea Basins



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CO2 storage potential of Northern South China Sea Basins



The Pearl River Mouth Basin



~200,000 km² Maximum sediment thickness >14 km The largest basin in northern South China Sea

Rich oil/gas reserves Proximal to industrialized coastal Guangdong

Source-Sink Matching



Case study



Thank you for your attention

Questions