

# Status of Offshore CO<sub>2</sub> Storage in China

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# Outline

1. CCUS status in China
2. Assessment of offshore storage potential
3. Towards storage demo offshore Guangdong
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# 1. CCUS status in China

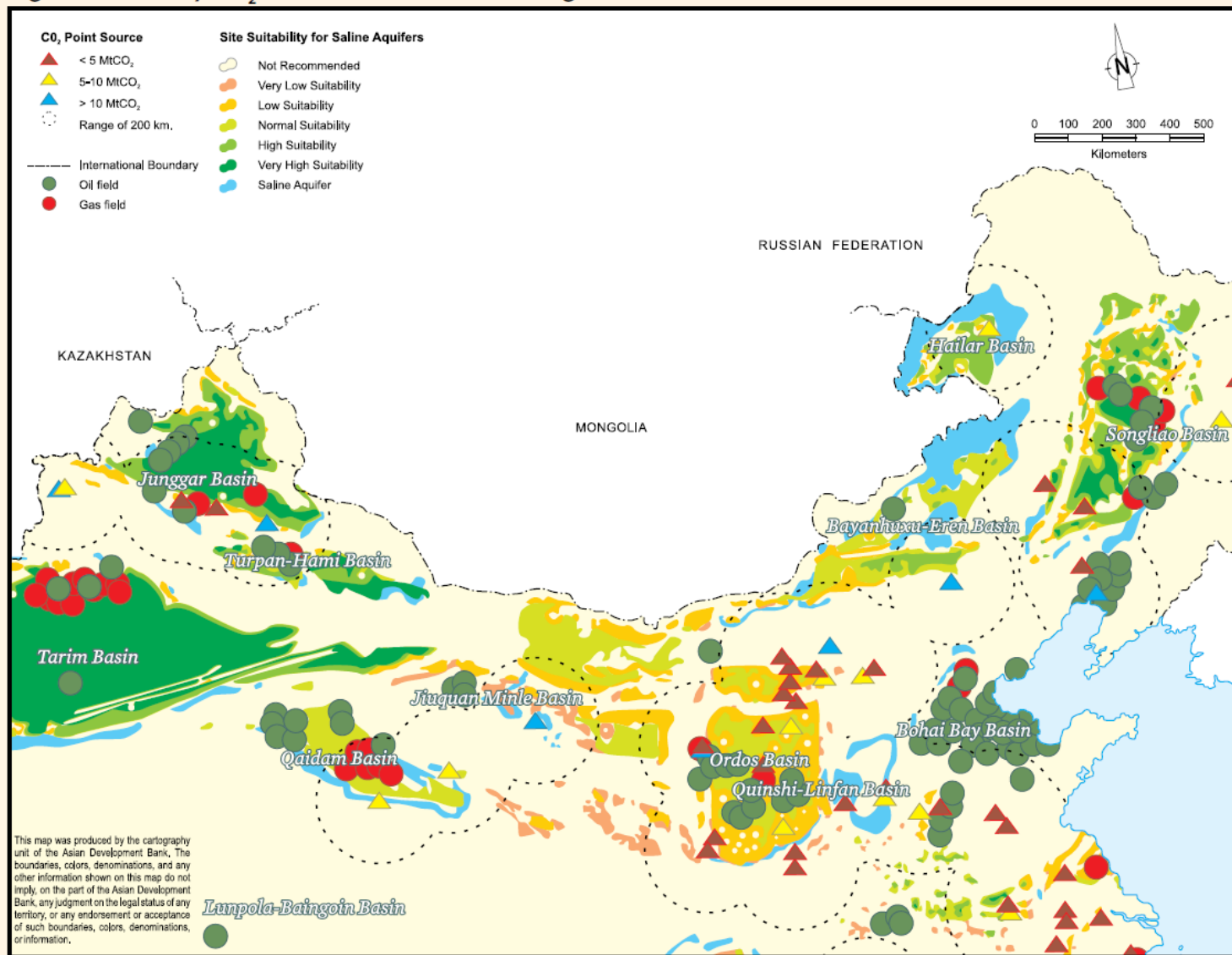


(ADB, 2015, CCS roadmap for China)

- 90% energy consumption in China is coal-based. By 2030 still >2/3 energy is expected from coal (Global average 24%).
- “Clean and efficient utilizations of coal” is listed as the 8th of the 100 key projects of the “13th Five-year Plan” of China .
- CCUS is featured in the “Greenhouse Gas Control Action Plan for the 12th Five-year Plan (2011-2015) ”
- A phased approach is suggested:
  - Low-cost CCS, coal-chemical capture + CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR;
  - Wider CCS deployment beyond 2030.



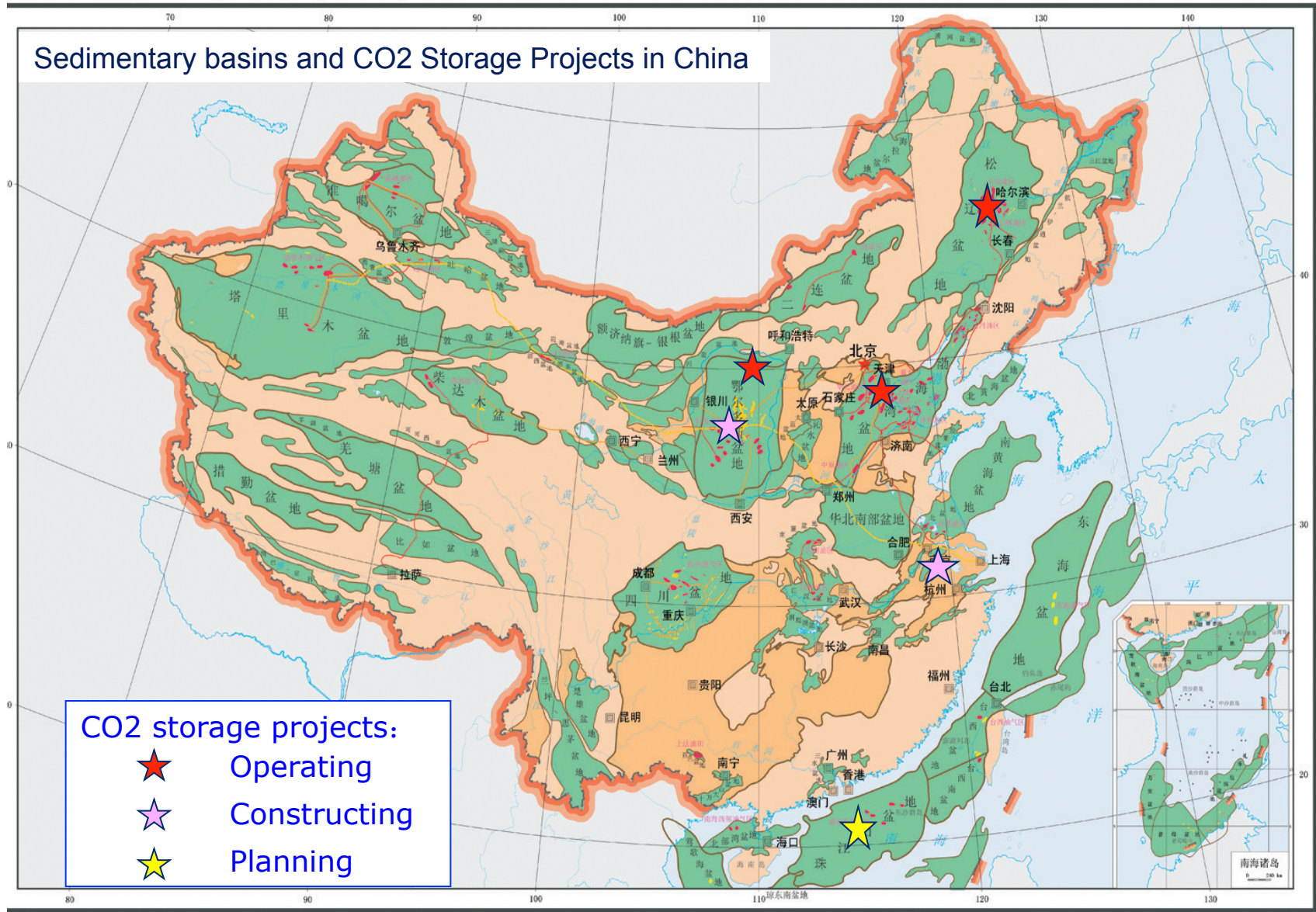
Figure A1: Priority CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Sources and Storage Sinks in the PRC



CO<sub>2</sub> = carbon dioxide km = kilometers, MtCO<sub>2</sub> = million tons of carbon dioxide.  
 Source: ADB (2014d).

Major emission sources are in NE, and inland storage sinks are in N China

# Sedimentary basins and CO2 Storage Projects in China

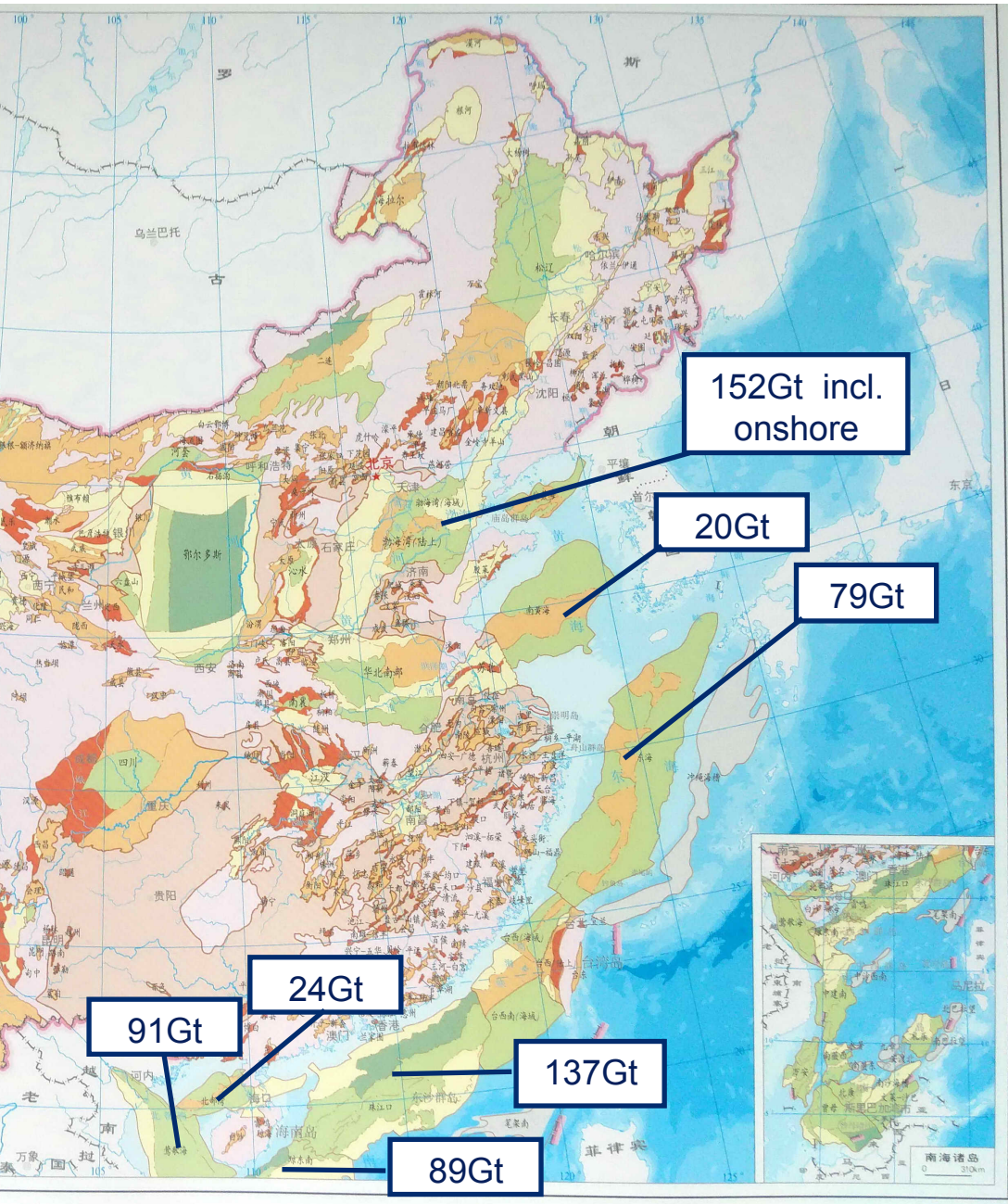


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Current storage projects are mostly in northern China

## 2. Assessment of offshore storage potential





- 2012 project: Assessment of CO2 storage potential in China on a basin-level.
- The effective storage potential in China Seas are 1655GtCO<sub>2</sub>, among which the 10 near-shore basins has potential of 656GtCO<sub>2</sub>.

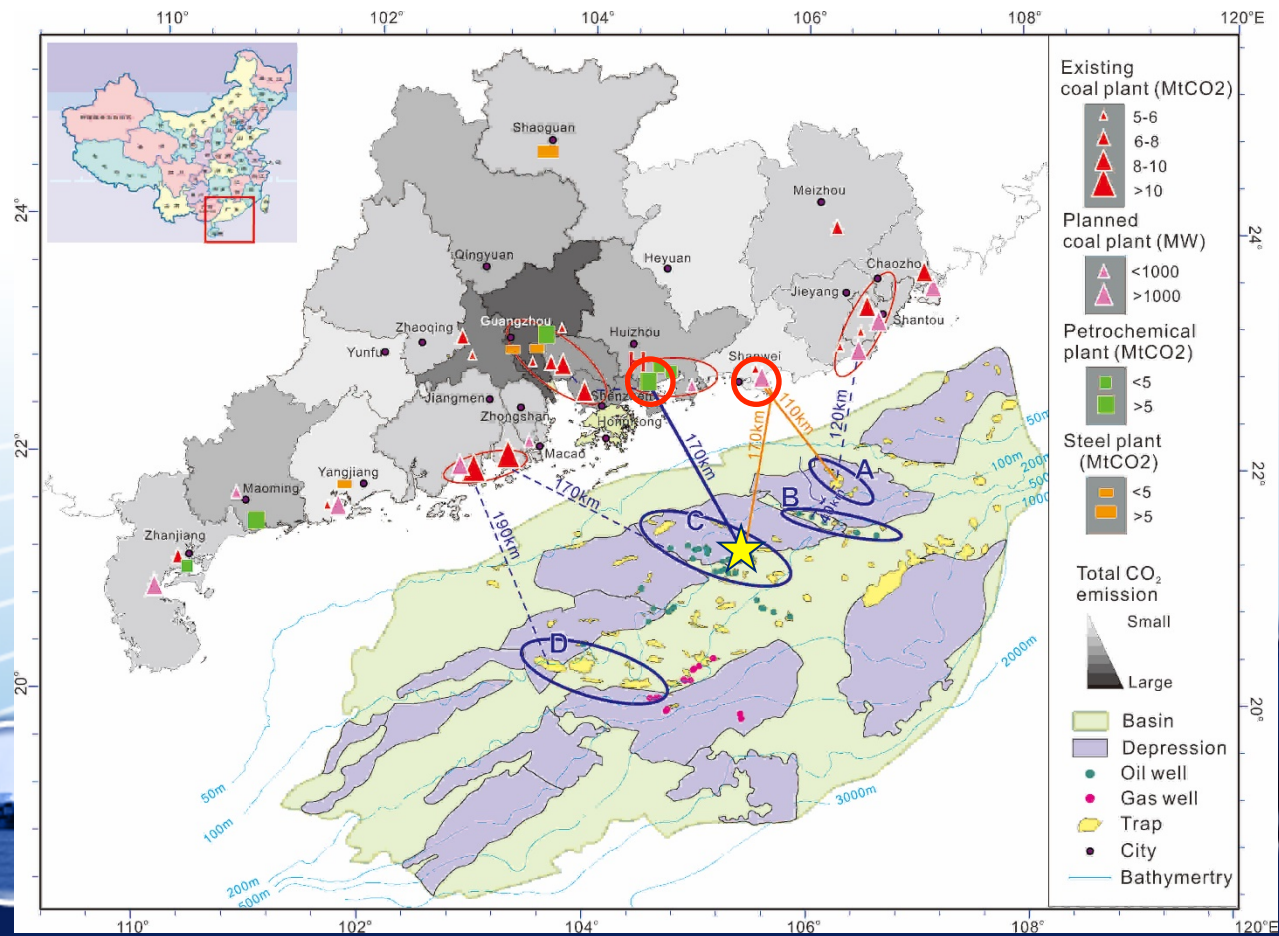




# 3. Towards storage demo offshore Guangdong



- Coastal sources match well with offshore storage sites
- The first CCUS Demo Project of Guangdong province:
  - 1 MtCO<sub>2</sub>/a from coal-fired power plant and petrochemical plant
  - Store in offshore oil fields for EOR and sequestration





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## Unit 1: Testing platform (10 tCO<sub>2</sub>/d generic and flexible solvent test unit)



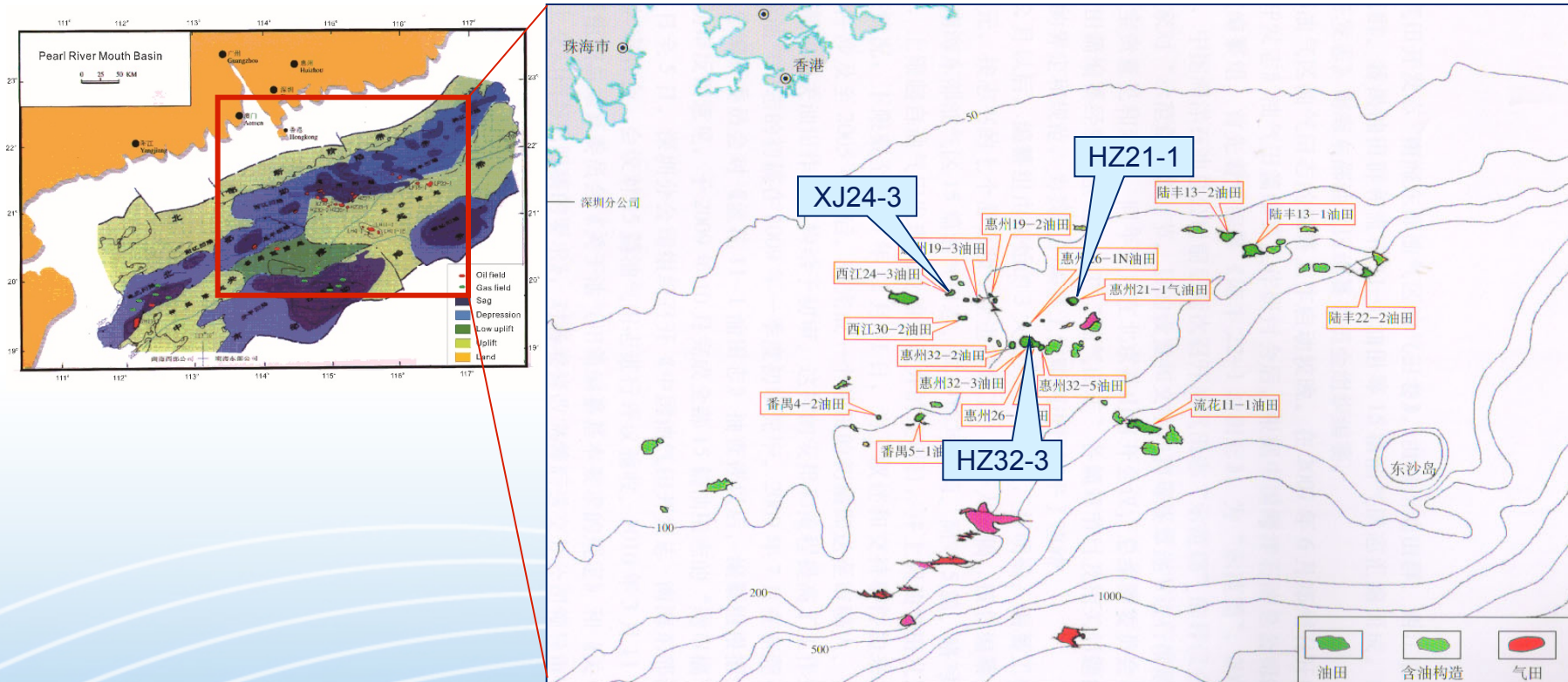
## Unit 3 & 4: Capture Ready Design

### Multinational Partners :

Guangdong CCUS Centre, UK CCS Research Centre

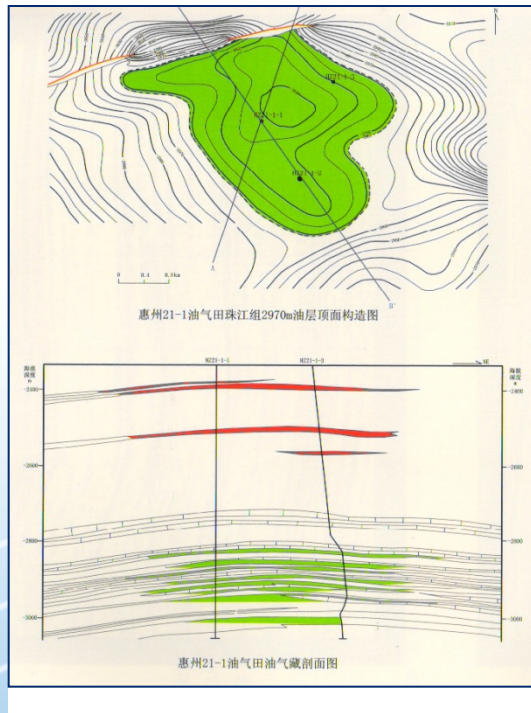
National Carbon Capture Center - NCCC (USA) , CO<sub>2</sub>CRC (Australia)

16 producing oil fields screened,  
three were selected as candidates.

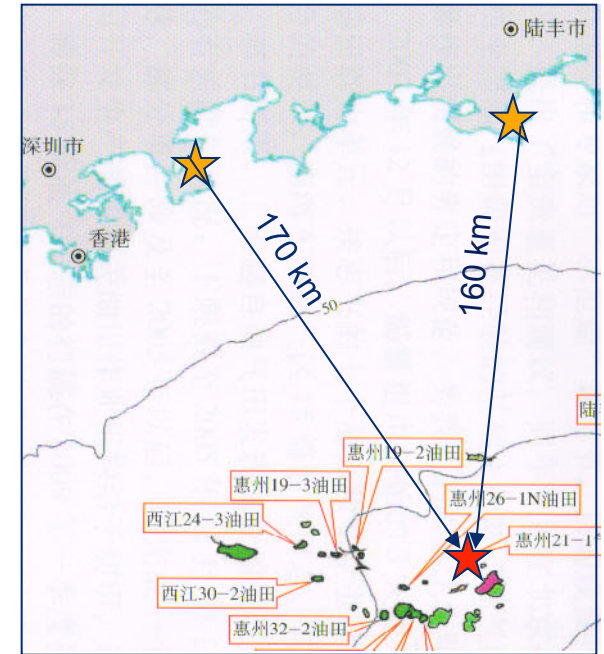


# Near depleted field

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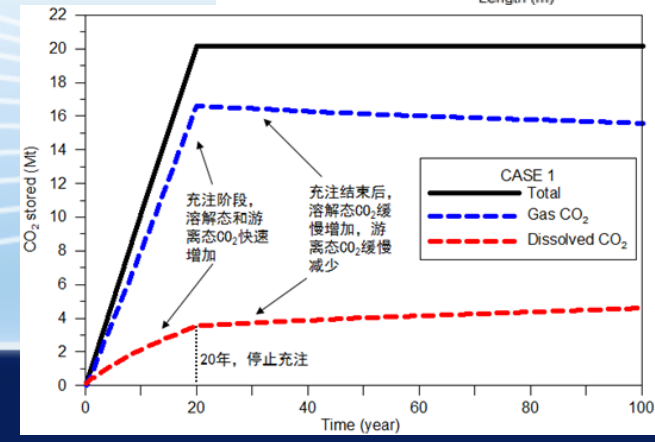
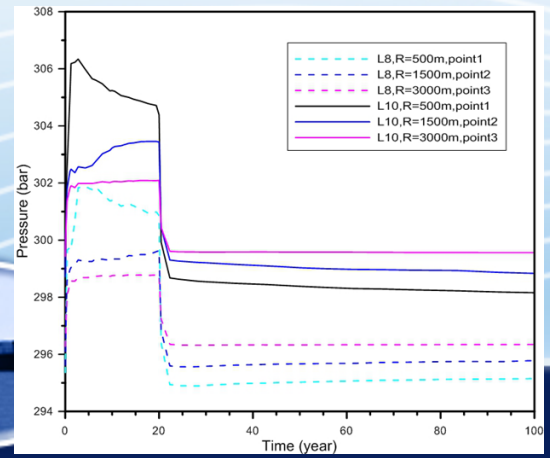
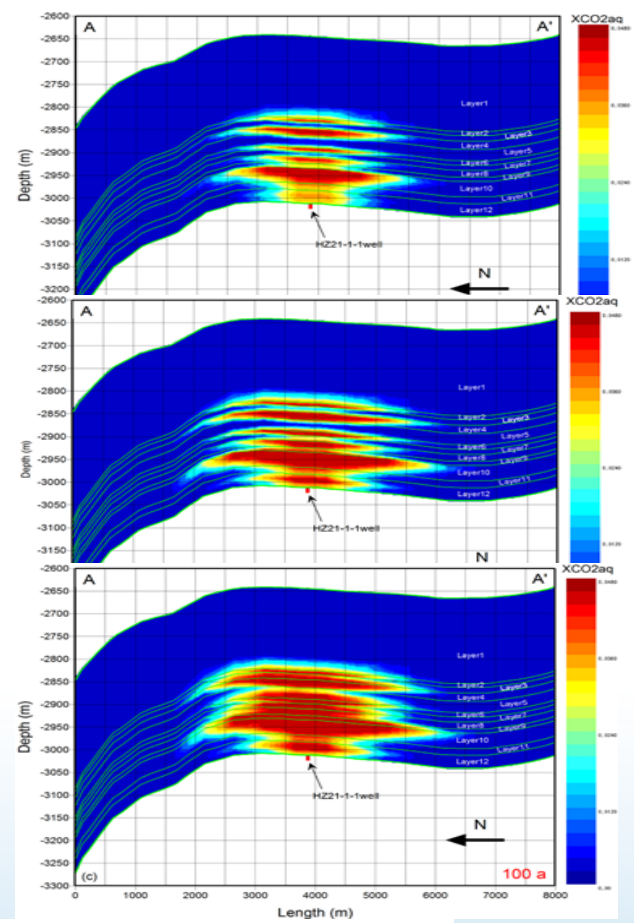
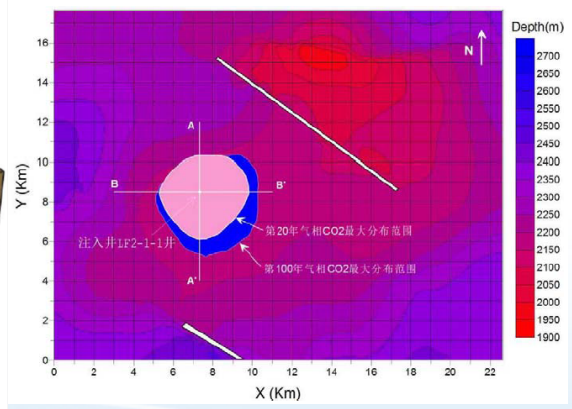
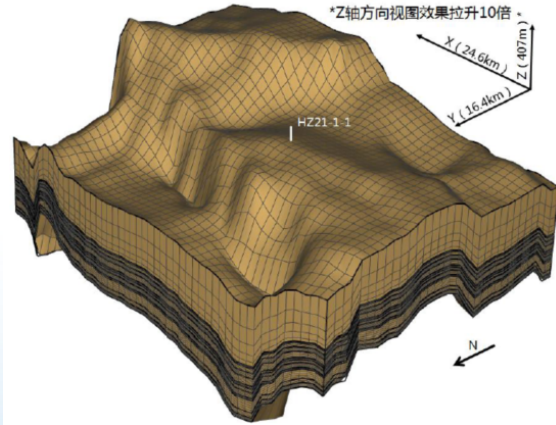


- Dome of 10.5 km<sup>2</sup>
- OOIP ~16 Mt
- 8 oil reservoirs, 2820~3000m sub-seafloor
- Producing oil&gas since 1990; now oil production is small
- 4-leg platform with 15 well slots + gas processing platform
- A 233km 20" pipeline to coastal terminal



# Injection modeling

- Primary modeling indicates it is capable of injecting CO<sub>2</sub> at 2MtCO<sub>2</sub>/a for 20 years
- Maximum CO<sub>2</sub> dispersion <3km
- Maximum pressure buildup <1% of original reservoir pressure



# HZ32-3 Oil Field

- Structural & lithological trap of 24 km<sup>2</sup>
- OOIP 30 Mt, recoverable 20 Mt
- 8 oil layers, with one major layer with 43m oil column height
- 1955~2522m sub-seafloor
- 4-leg platform with 12 well slots
- Producing oil since 1995 at high rate

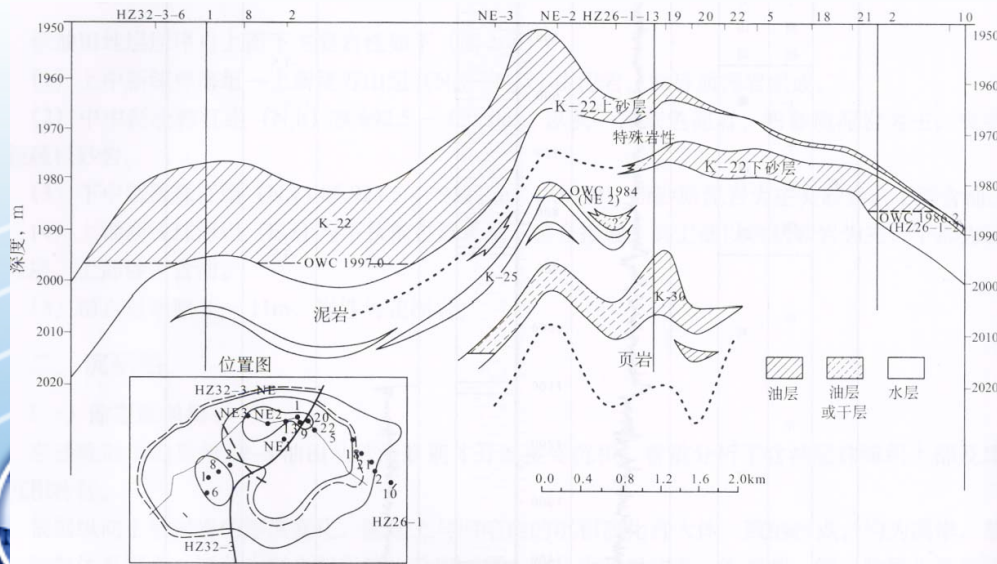
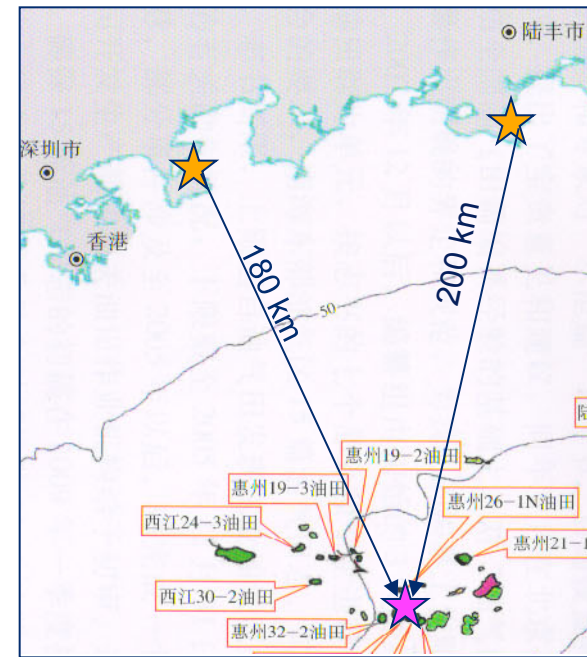


图 1-7 惠州 32-3/26-1 油田 K-22 油藏剖面图

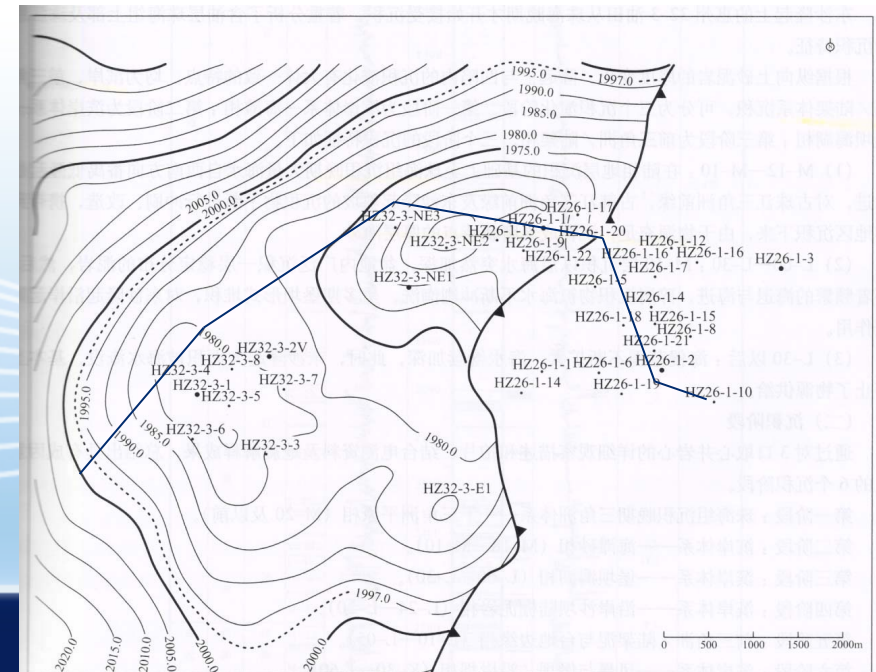


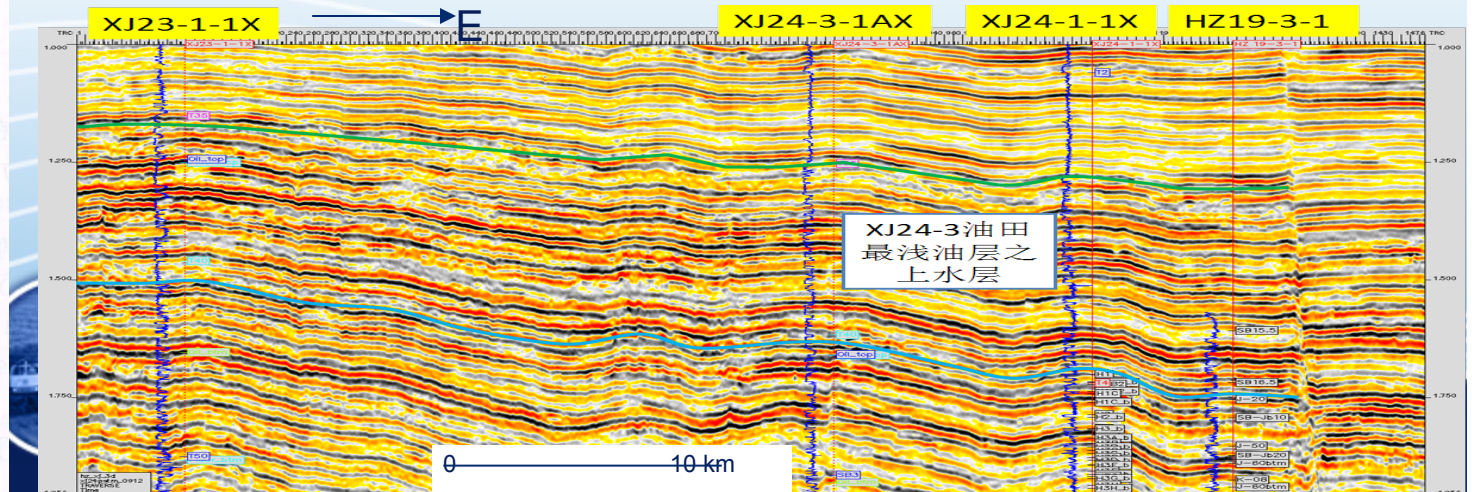
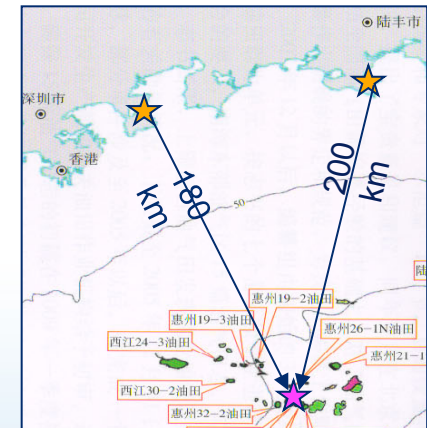
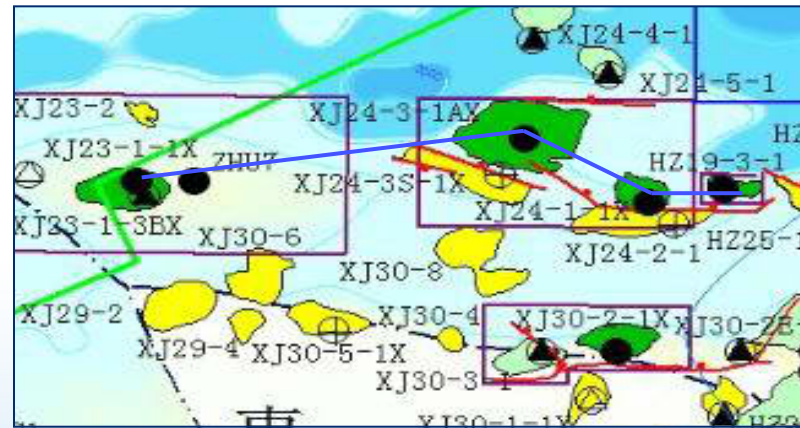
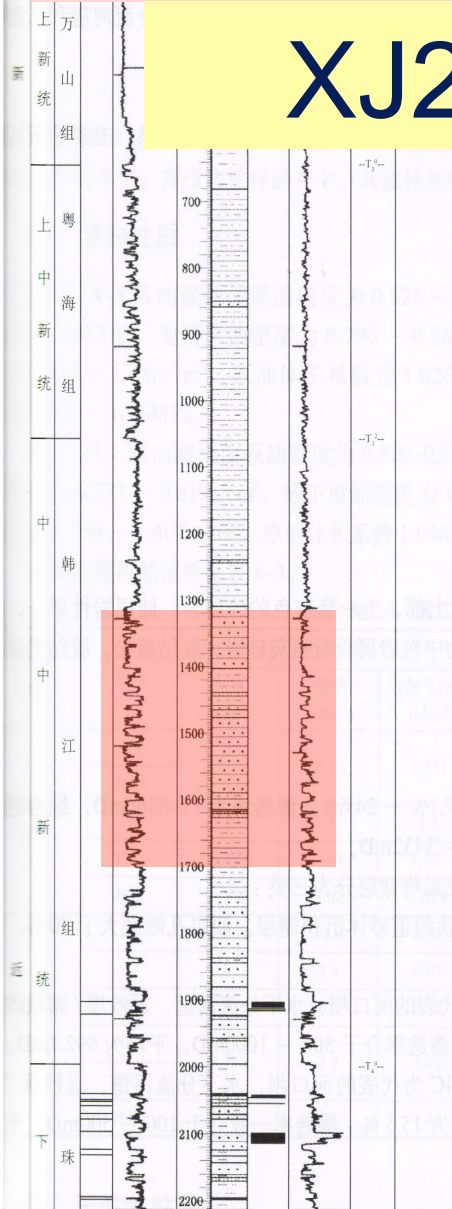
图 1-5 惠州 32-3 油田 K-22 深度构造图

系	组	油层	自然伽马 gAPI 0—20	深度 m	岩性	解释 结论	电阻率 Ω·m 0.2—200	地震反 射界面	资料来源
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# Overlying Saline Formations

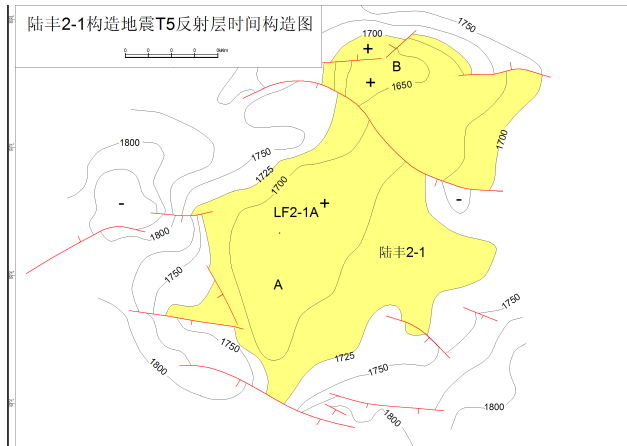
## XJ24-3

- Saline aquifers above reservoirs:
  - Depths 1300-1700m
  - Total aquifer thickness ~280m
- Large lateral extension >40 km
- Overlain by 200m thick regional seal

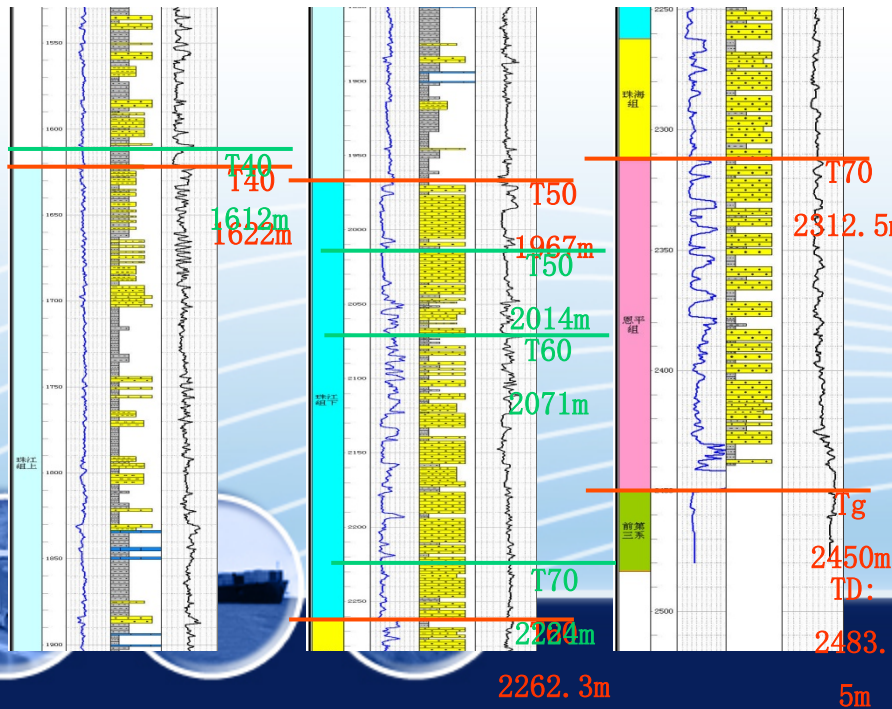




# The LF2-1 structure



- A large dome structure of >200km<sup>2</sup> trap area and >200m aquifer thickness.
- Good aquifer-seal combinations.
- An effective storage capacity of **360MtCO<sub>2</sub>** is estimated based on estimated gas resource.
- Only one well drilled; detailed data are lacking.



# 4. Knowledge gaps and future plan



## **Next Step: Focused studies of ZH21-1** (ZH32-3 as backup)

1. Potential of CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR, collaboration with BEG, UT-Austin
2. Storage capacity and injectivity modeling
3. Containment quality
4. Conceptual design of test injection (including transport and monitoring)
  - Engineering flow chart
  - Preliminary cost estimation
5. Suggested timetable
  - Test injection (by 2020)
  - Demo project design (by 2025)
  - Demo project operation (by 2030)

## Major knowledge gaps:

1. Offshore CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR, techniques (pattern, CO<sub>2</sub> separation, platform retrofitting) and economics
2. Offshore CO<sub>2</sub> transportation, techniques (shipping, underwater devices, retrofitting existing pipelines) and economics
3. Incentive policies, regulations for cost and liability sharing



# Thank you for listening !

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