CO₂ sequestration in saline aquifers in China

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- What's CO₂ Geological Sequestration ?
- Overview of CO₂ sequestration in China
- Case study—Bohai Bay Basin (BBB), China
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What's CO₂ Geological Sequestration ?



Overview of CO_2 saline aquifer sequestration in China

- Scientific research and field test on CO₂ geological sequestration
- CO₂ Geological Sequestration Atlas
- Projects of CO₂ sequestration in deep saline aquifers
- CO₂ Capture, Utilization and Sequestration (CCUS)



Scientific research on CO₂ geological sequestration

C-14 sampling at a test well





Natural analogue study ---CO₂ gas field

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CO₂ sequestration numerical simulation



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CO₂ Geological Sequestration Atlas

The National CO2 Storage Capacity and Suitability Assessment Project which is in charged by the Institute of Hydrogeology and Engineering Geology Techniques, Chinese Geological Survey is implemented since 2010.

► National CO2 storage capacity and suitability assessment and mapping (1:5,000,000)

Candidate sedimentary basins for CO2 sequestration assessment and mapping (1:1,000,000);

Demonstration project of CO2 sequestration in deep saline formation in Ordos basin







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Projects of CO₂ sequestration in deep saline aquifers





CO₂ Capture, Utilization and Sequestration (CCUS) progress

CO2-EOR (e.g. Songliao basin)

CO2-ECBM (e.g. Qinshui basin)

➤CO2 capture progresses in Clean Coal Technology (HuaNeng) and Transformation from coal to oil technology (ShenHua)



CO₂ capture progresses (HuaNeng)



Greengen group Ltd.: IGCC Power Plant 2011-2016, 250MW



IGCC conceptual model



CO₂ Capture technology (ShenHua)



Case study – Guantao saline aquifer in Bohai Bay Basin (BBB), China



Site Location of the BBB



Cross section map of the BBB





CO₂ storage capacity assessment of deep saline formation in the BBB



The suitable reservoir formations of each depression

Name of Depression	Target evaluation formation	Remarks		
Liaohe	Ng, Es ₂ , Es ₄			
Liaodongwan & Bozhong	Ng, Ed (the upper parts)	Evaluation depth ranging from		
Jizhong	Ng, Ed			
Huanghua	Ng,Es ₁ ,Es ₂	800m to 3500m		
Jiyang&Changwei	Ng,Ed ₁ ,Es ₂ ,Es ₃	subsurrace		
Linqing	Ng,Es ₄			

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Guantao formation (Ng) is a excellent reservoir for CO_2 sequestration for its physical properties and regional distributions over the basin.



CO₂ storage capacity evaluation of the deep saline aquifer in BBB

Depression name	Solubility trapping (Mt)	Residual trapping (Mt)	Total (Mt)	
Liaohe	4991.68	18.77	5010.46	
Liaodongwan& Bozhong	42937.27	200.33	43137.60	
Jizhong	19019.40	649.31	19668.71	
Huanghua	24354.06	749.18	25103.25	
Jiyang&Changwei	23152.05	82.21	23234.25	
Linqing	33505.63	82.21	33587.84	
total	147960.10	1782.01	149742.11	



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Suitability assessment of CO_2 sequestration in the BBB

> CO₂ emission sources

- ≻Resources using conflicts (oil & gas, geothermal resources)
- ► Regional crust stability and historical earthquake records
- >Properties of reservoirs and caprocks
- >CO₂ capacity of each depression









By consideration of factors, e.g. CO₂ emission sources, resources using conflicts (oil, natural gas and geothermal resources), historical earthquake records and regional crust stability, CO_2 capacity and properties of reservoirs, some much more preferential zones for CO_2 sequestration are figured out.

Map of preferential zone of CO₂ sequestration and corresponding capacity of each depression

More in detail: Characterization of Guantao formation of Beitang sag, BBB





Location of test site in Beitang sag in the BBB and cross-section map

Hydrogeological parameters of the Injection well:

- Porosity: 22.75~36.05%;
- Permeability: 435.12 \times 10⁻³ \sim 1483.18 \times 10⁻³ μ m²
- Max. yield: 112.78m³/h
- Well head temperature: 57.5°C
- water type: CI·HCO3-Na
- •TDS:1693.1mg/L
- •pH:7.71

Site characterization



Drilling cores sampling and Characterization of the reservoir (Ng) and caprock (Nm)

Sequence stratigraphic studies



Sedimentary sequence and diagenesis of the reservoir rock are under studying to help evaluating porosity and permeability distribution of the reservoir

Thin section analysis of the rocks



Caprock

Reservoir rock

Mineral composition of the rocks (XRD)



	Mineral composition %								
Samples	Quartz	Albite	Microcline	Biotite	Chlorite	Smectite	Others		
Ng-1814m	55	12	6	3	2	_	Hornblende 3		
Ng-1813.78m	60	13	10	3	2 +kaolinite	trace	-		
Nm-1225m	30	13	8	4	4+kaolinite 1	trace	Dolomite 16		
Nm-888m	45	20	10	3	2+ kaolinite	trace	Calcite 15		
Nm-965m	40	19	8	3	3+ kaolinite	trace	Dolomite 10+Calcite 13		

Chemical composition of the rocks (XRF)

composition	SiO2	TiO2	AI2O3	Fe2O3	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na2O	K2O	P2O5	LOI	TOTAL	FeO
samples	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Ng-1814m	76.34	0.27	11.13	2.26	0.03	1.09	1.23	2.48	2.73	0.09	1.94	99.59	1.02
Ng-1813.78m	7 6 .82	0.24	10.93	2.09	0.03	1.34	1.32	2.23	2.32	0.06	2.40	99.78	0.95
Nm-1225m	55.08	0.67	13.55	5.21	0.08	5.48	4.99	1.58	2.68	0.12	10.52	99.96	2.42
Nm-888m	65.43	0.60	13.85	3.83	0.31	1.12	4.04	2.06	3.05	0.13	5.62	100.04	0.31
Nm-965m	65.03	0.57	13.21	4.42	0.06	2.07	4.06	2.14	3.04	0.17	5.23	100.00	0.64



Geothermal water sampling



On site measurements: pH, EC,TDS, Eh, DO, Fe2+,Fe3+ 2H, 18O, 3H, 13C, 14C, 87Sr/86Sr Major ions, trace elements, SiO2

Hydrochemical background of geothermal waters



Guantao formation (Ng) are typical of HCO3-Cl-Na type water
TDS: 0.7-15 g/L
Average pH 7.7

CO₂-water-rock interactions





Batch type autoclave (Parr 4575A)

Schematic diagram of the autoclave

Batch type reactor exploring into CO_2 -water-rock interactions Max. pressure 345bar; max. temperature 500°C; bomb volume: 500ml



Preliminary results (200°C, 200bar, 15d)



Mineral composition (%)	Quartz	Microcline	Plagioclase	Smectite	Illite	Kaolinite	Chlorite	Clay minerals
Before reaction	61.6	11.2	20.5	4.8	1.3	0.4	0.3	6.7
After reaction	63.3	8.8	20	6.1	1.2	0.4	0.2	7.9



SEM micrographs of microcline: (a) before reaction; (b) after reaction



CO₂ solution: properties and transport at micro-scale and super-critical conditions





□ Magneto-suspension balance



Cap-rock mechanics





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D Bursting pressure



Future work: saline aquifer science

- Deep saline aquifers (DSA): a most promising option for CGS
- Concept: field tests can be onshore, but commercial scale deployment offshore
- Geochemical response of DSA to huge amount of CO₂ injection: future focus!!
- CCUS-Utilizing CO₂ while sequestrating
 - CO₂-EOR
 - CO₂-EATER (enhanced aquifer thermal energy recovery)



