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Regional Assessment of CO₂ Storage - Approach and Progress in China

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Outline

一、 Approach and Progress on Regional Assessment of CO₂ Storage

- Existing activities

- Our assessment approach

二、 Challenges

Existing activities

- Prof. LI Xiaochun, 2005, 2006, CGS: deep saline aquifers, coal basins, oil & gas basins
- Prof. ZHANG Hongtao, WEN Dongguang, 2005, CGS: deep saline aquifers, coal basins, oil & gas basins
- Prof. SHENG Pingping, 2009, PetroChina: Most and large oil and gas reservoirs
- Prof. LI Yilian, 2008: deep saline basins with numerical simulation method
- Prof. ZENG Rongshu, CAS IGG:.....
- Prof. LI Mingyuan, CUP:.....
- Others: National(MOST/CGS) and international projects

Classification of CO₂ Storage Capacity

➤ Matched Capacity

Subset of practical capacity obtained by detailed sink-source matching

➤ Practical Capacity

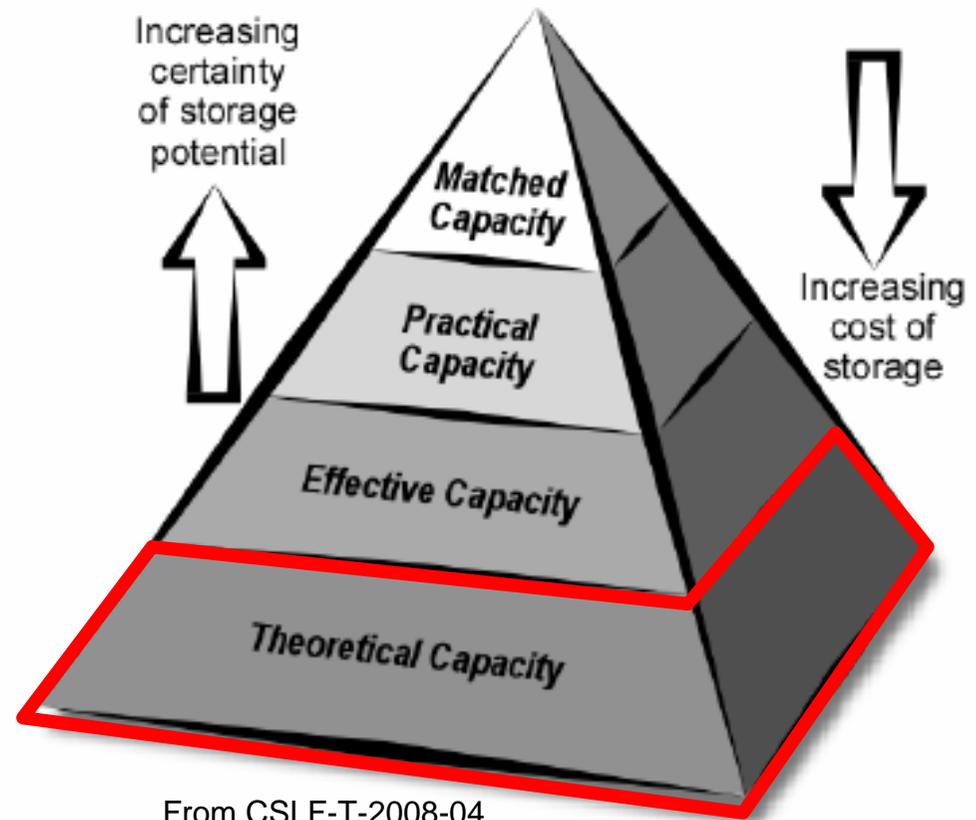
Subset of effective capacity limited by technical, legal, regulatory, and economical constraints (e.g., land use, number of wells needed, GW protection,...)

➤ Effective Capacity

Subset of theoretical capacity that is most likely accessible and considers physical limitations

➤ Theoretical Capacity

Total resource provided by geological system and available pore space with trapping capacity



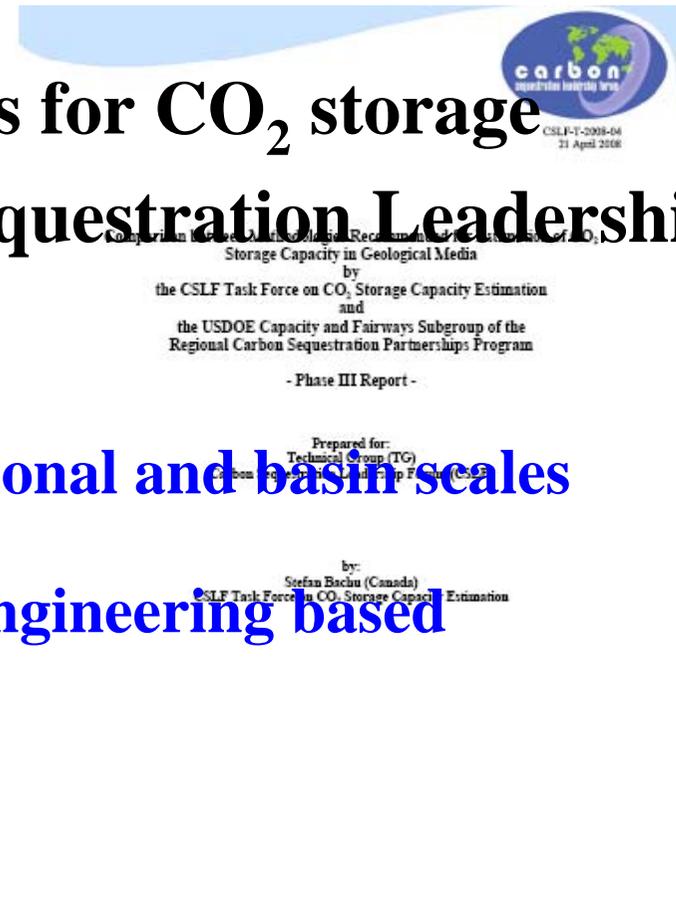
Techno-Economic Resource-Reserve pyramid for CO₂ storage capacity in geological media with a jurisdiction or geographic region. The pyramid shows the relationship between Theoretical, Effective, Practical and Matched capacities.

Our assessment approach

Lots of choice: methodologies invented by scientists and organizations

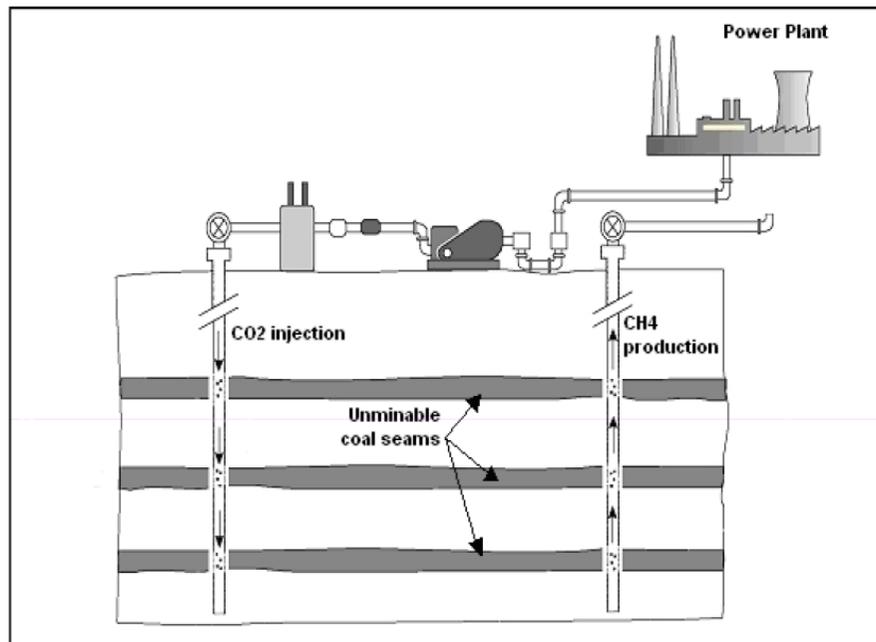
Our choice: the methodologies for CO₂ storage capacity proposed by the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF)

- ✓ estimated at the country, regional and basin scales
- ✓ are robust and science-and-engineering based



Capacity Estimation — Coal Beds

Principle: Enhanced Coal Bed Methane Recovery (CO₂-ECBM)



From BGR-CCOP Workshop: Stefan Knopf, 2009

Principle:

- Injection of CO₂ into coal beds
- Desorption of CH₄ from coal beds
- Adsorption of CO₂ to coal beds
- Production of the desorbed CH₄

Approach for CO₂ capacity assessment:

Estimation of the amount of methane (CH₄)

Capacity Estimation — Coal Beds

Approach

$$M_{CO_2t} = \rho_{CO_2s} \times A \times h \times \bar{n}_c \times IGIP \times (1 - f_a - f_m)$$

M_{CO_2t} - theoretical storage capacity in coal beds [M]

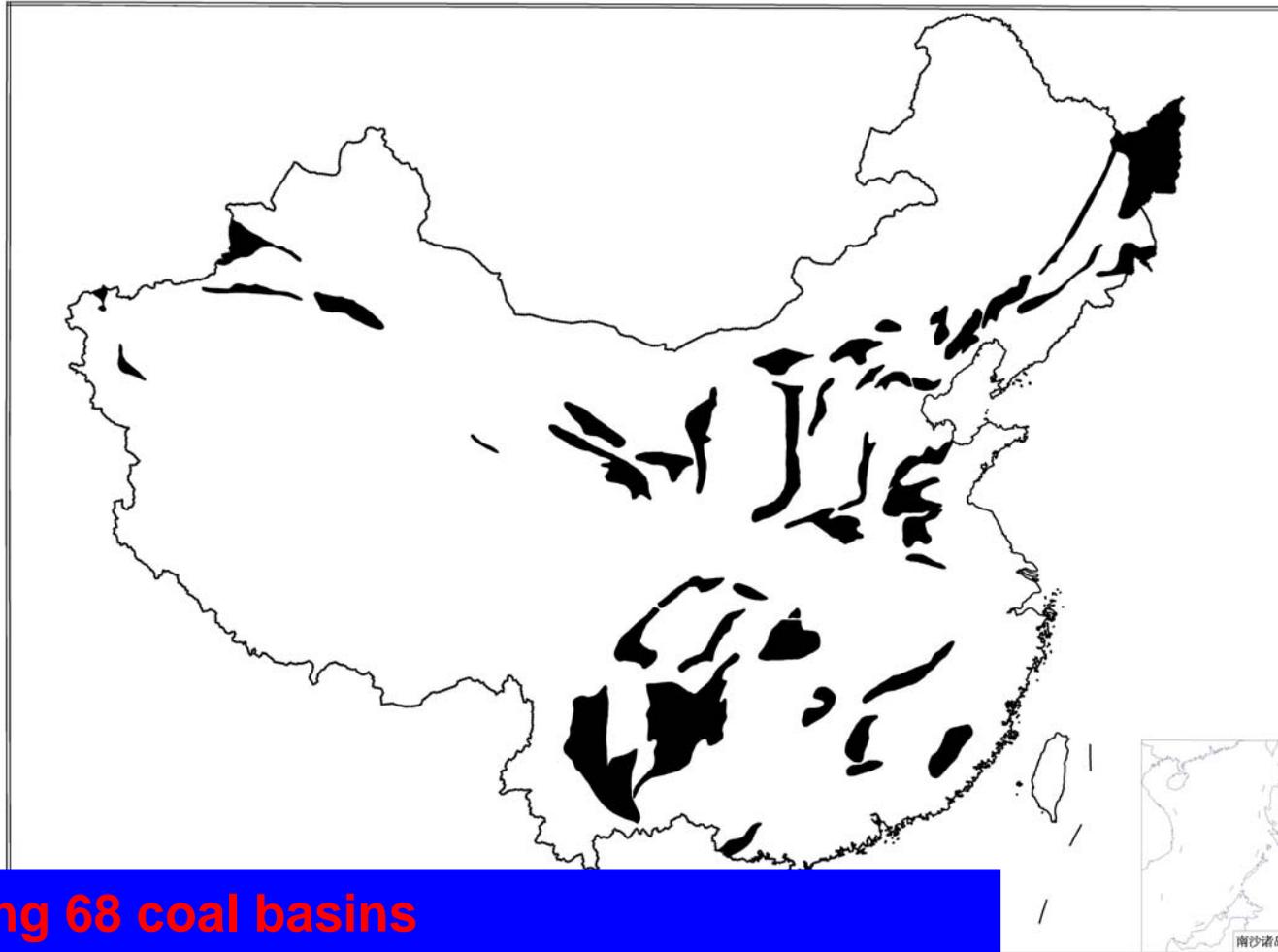
ρ_{CO_2s} - CO_2 density at standard conditions [ML^{-3}]

(generally ρ_{CO_2s} is $1.977kg/m^3$)

$IGIP$ - geological capacity of methane in coal beds [L^3]

Capacity Estimation — Coal Beds

Distribution Map of Main Coal Basins in China



Evaluating 68 coal basins
Theoretical capacity was about 54.6 billion tons

Capacity Estimation — Oil Reservoirs

Approach

$$M_{CO_2t} = \rho_{CO_2r} \times [R_f \times A \times h \times \phi \times (1 - S_w) - V_{iw} + V_{pw}]$$

ρ_{CO_2r} - CO₂ density at standard conditions in oil reservoirs [ML⁻³]

R_f - the recover factor [-]

A -reservoir area [L²]

h-reservoir thickness [L]

ϕ -the porrosity of oil reservoir [-]

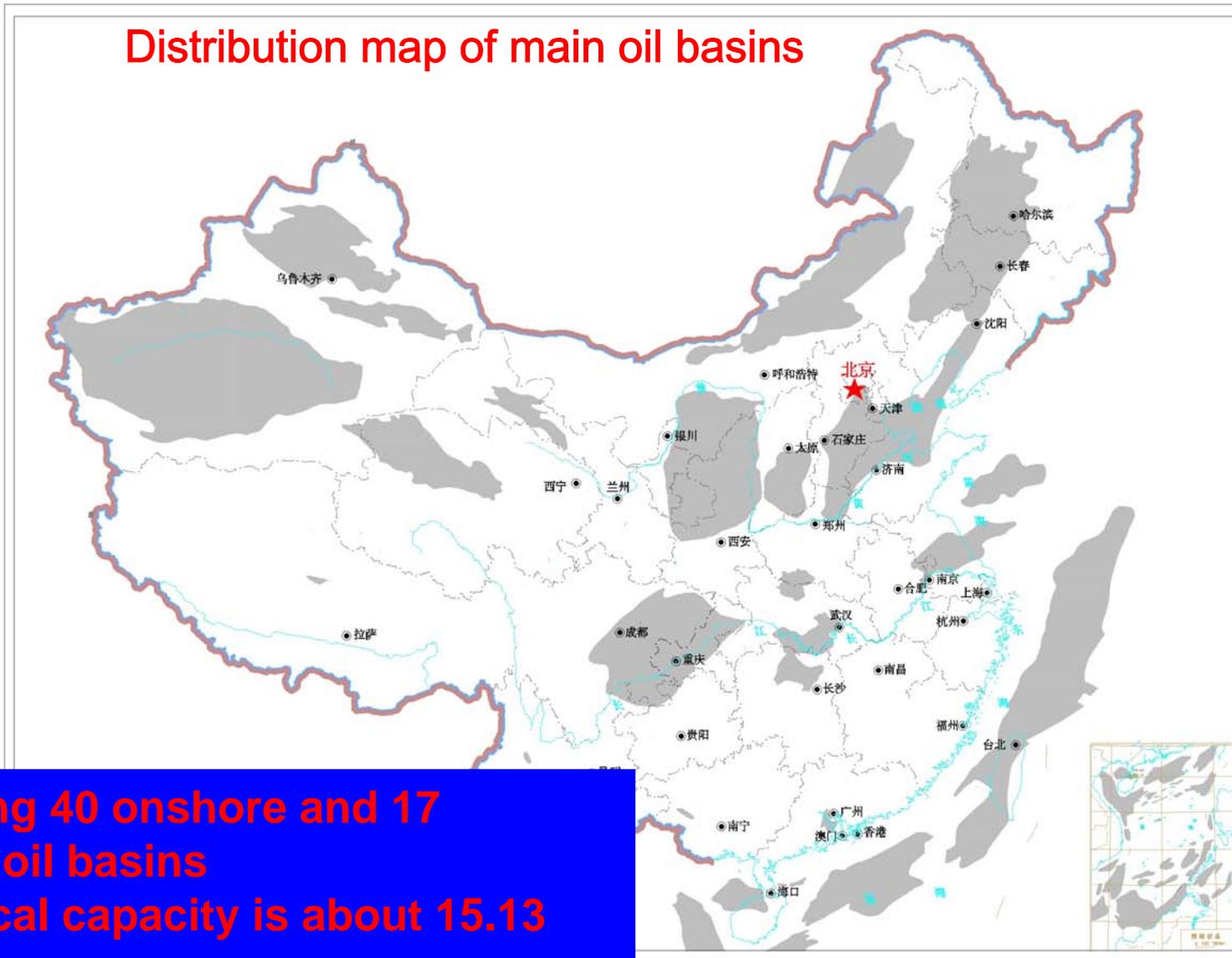
S_w - water saturation [-]

V_{iw} –the volumes of injected water [L³]

V_{pw} - the volumes of produced water [L³]

Capacity Estimation — Oil Reservoirs

Distribution map of main oil basins



**Evaluating 40 onshore and 17 offshore oil basins
Theoretical capacity is about 15.13 billion tons**

Capacity Estimation — Gas Reservoirs

Approach

$$M_{CO_2t} = \rho_{CO_2r} \times R_f \times (1 - F_{IG}) \times OGIP \times [(P_s \times Z_r \times T_r) / (P_r \times Z_s \times T_s)]$$

Where M_{CO_2t} - theoretical storage capacity in gas reservoirs [M] ;

ρ_{CO_2r} - CO₂ density at standard conditions [ML⁻³]

R_f - the recover factor

F_{IG} - the fraction of injected gas [-]

OGIP - the initial gas

P_s - pressure at surface conditions

Z_r - the gas compressibility factor at reservoir conditions

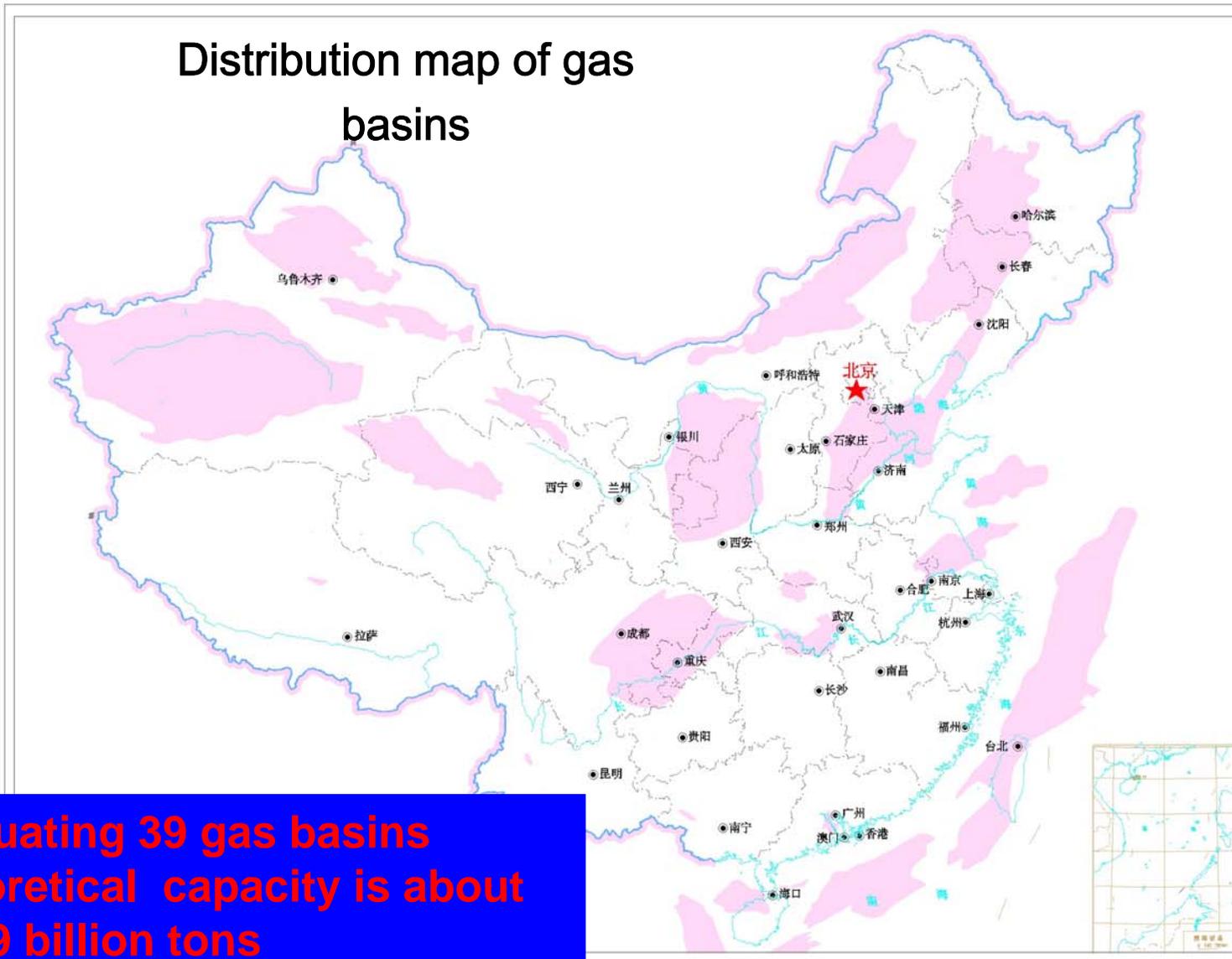
T_r - the temperature at reservoir conditions

P_r - press at reservoir conditions

Z_s - the gas compressibility factor at surface conditions

T_s - the temperature at surface conditions

Capacity Estimation — Gas Reservoirs



Capacity Estimation — Deep Saline aquifers

Approach

$$M_{\text{CO}_2\text{t}} = A \times H \times \phi \times (\rho_s X_s^{\text{CO}_2} - \rho_o X_o^{\text{CO}_2})$$

$M_{\text{CO}_2\text{t}}$ -theoretical storage capacity in deep saline aquifers based on CO_2 dissolution into formation water [M]

A -aquifer area[L²]

H -aquifer average thickness [L]

ϕ -average porosity [-]

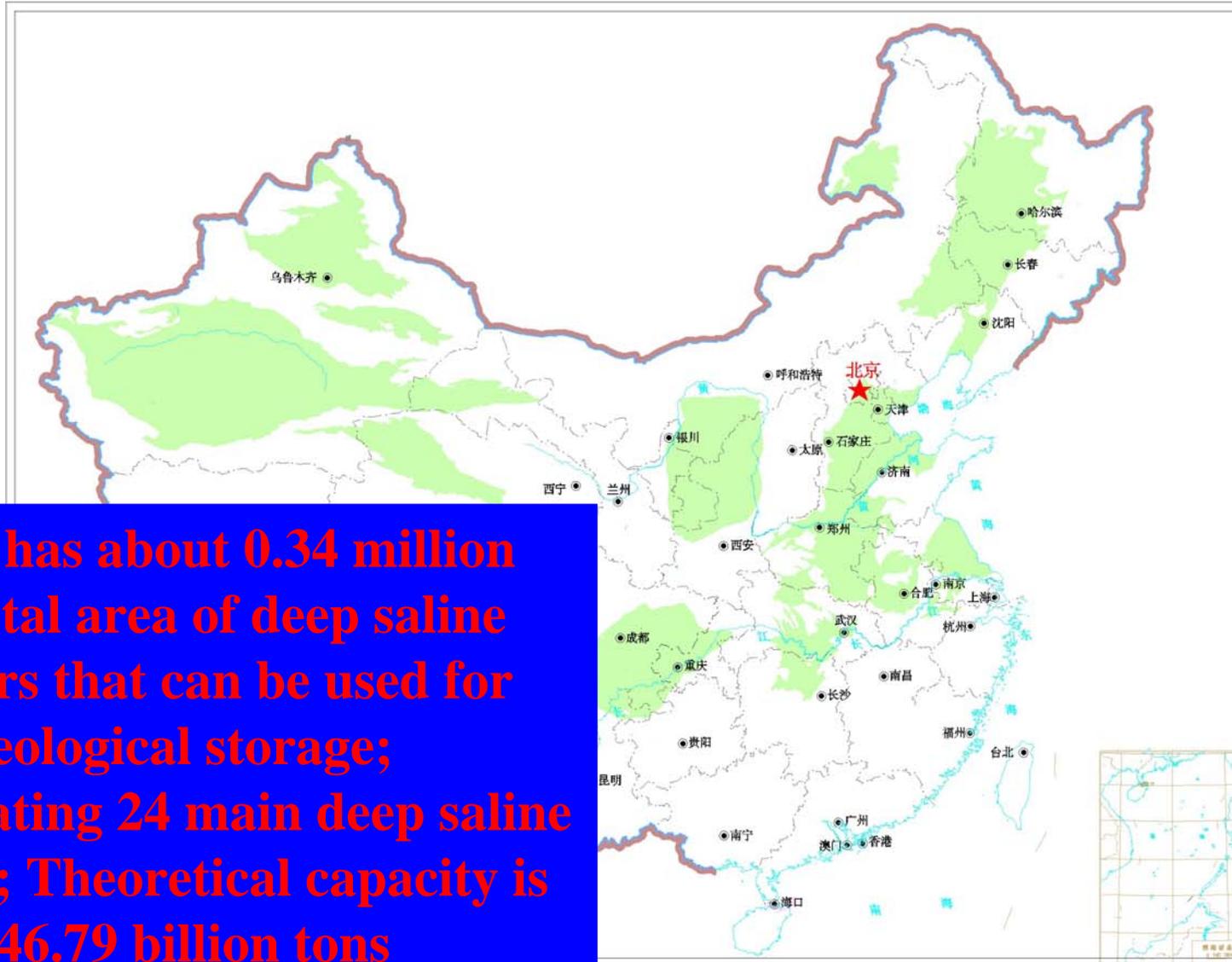
ρ_s -density of saturation CO_2 content in formation water[-]

ρ_o -density of initial CO_2 content in formation water[-]

$X_s^{\text{CO}_2}$ -mass fraction of saturation CO_2 content in formation water[-]

$X_o^{\text{CO}_2}$ -mass fraction of initial CO_2 content in formation water[-]

Capacity Estimation — Deep Saline aquifers



China has about 0.34 million km² total area of deep saline aquifers that can be used for CO₂ geological storage; Evaluating 24 main deep saline basins; Theoretical capacity is about 46.79 billion tons

Data Sources for Capacity Estimation

Mainly collect data from:

- **Oil and gas companies**
- **Coal and methane companies**
- **Deep wells from geological exploration institutions**

CO₂ Storage Capacity Estimation

Preliminary estimating, the Total Country-scale Theoretical CO₂ Storage Capacity is about 14466.9 billion tons in China:

Coal beds: 54.6 billion tons

Oil reservoirs: 15.13 billion tons

Gas reservoirs: 46.79 billion tons

Deep saline basins: 14350.4 billion tons

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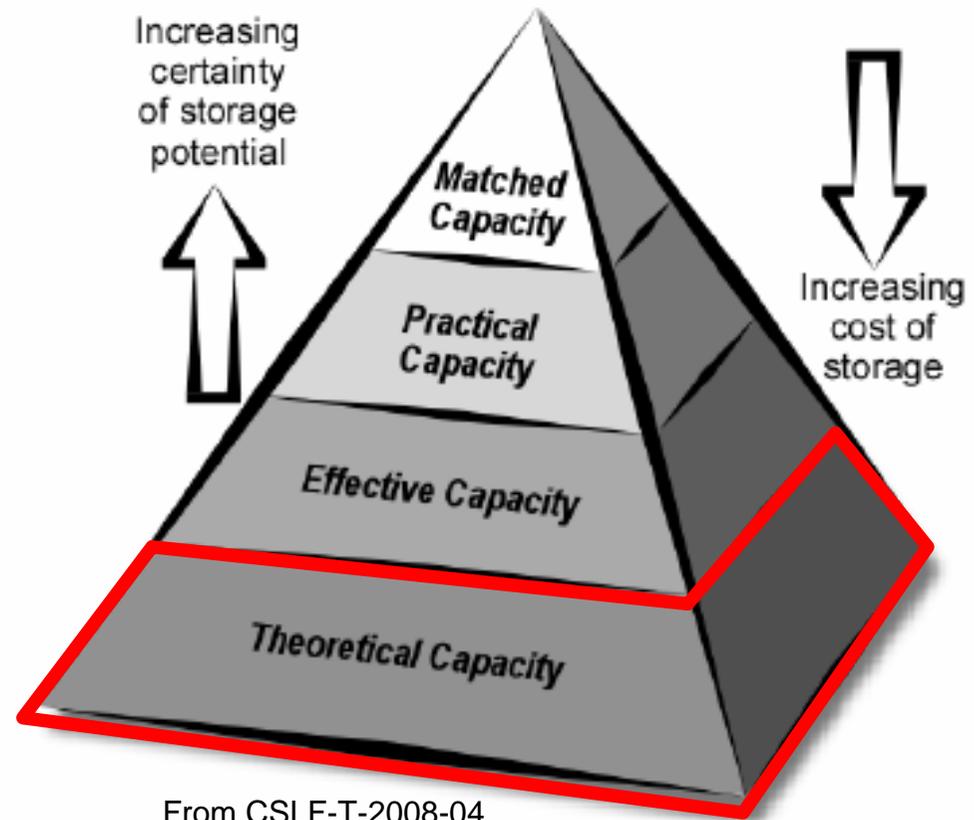
二、 Challenges

Challenges

(1) In China all regional assessments are primary, the evaluation capacity may be change with the data refreshed. (the parameter database on capacity)

(2) We have lots of work to do according to the roadmap proposed by the CSLF.

(3) Demo projects in typical areas



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