



# Perspectives on China CCUS Developments and Plans

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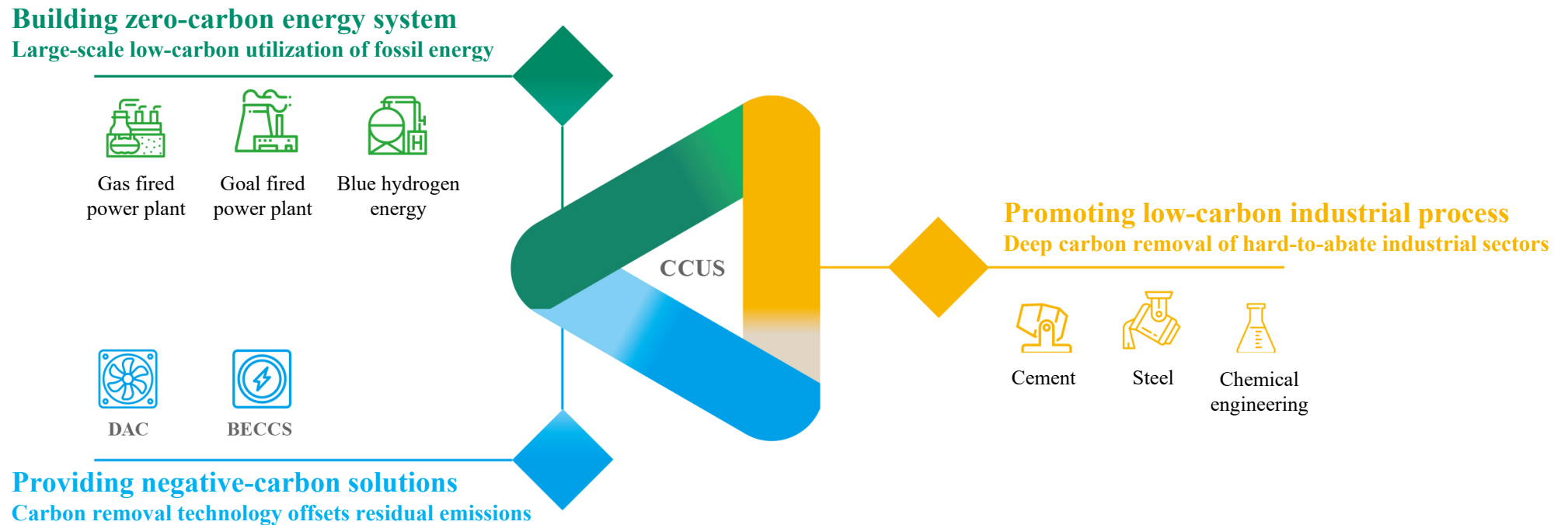
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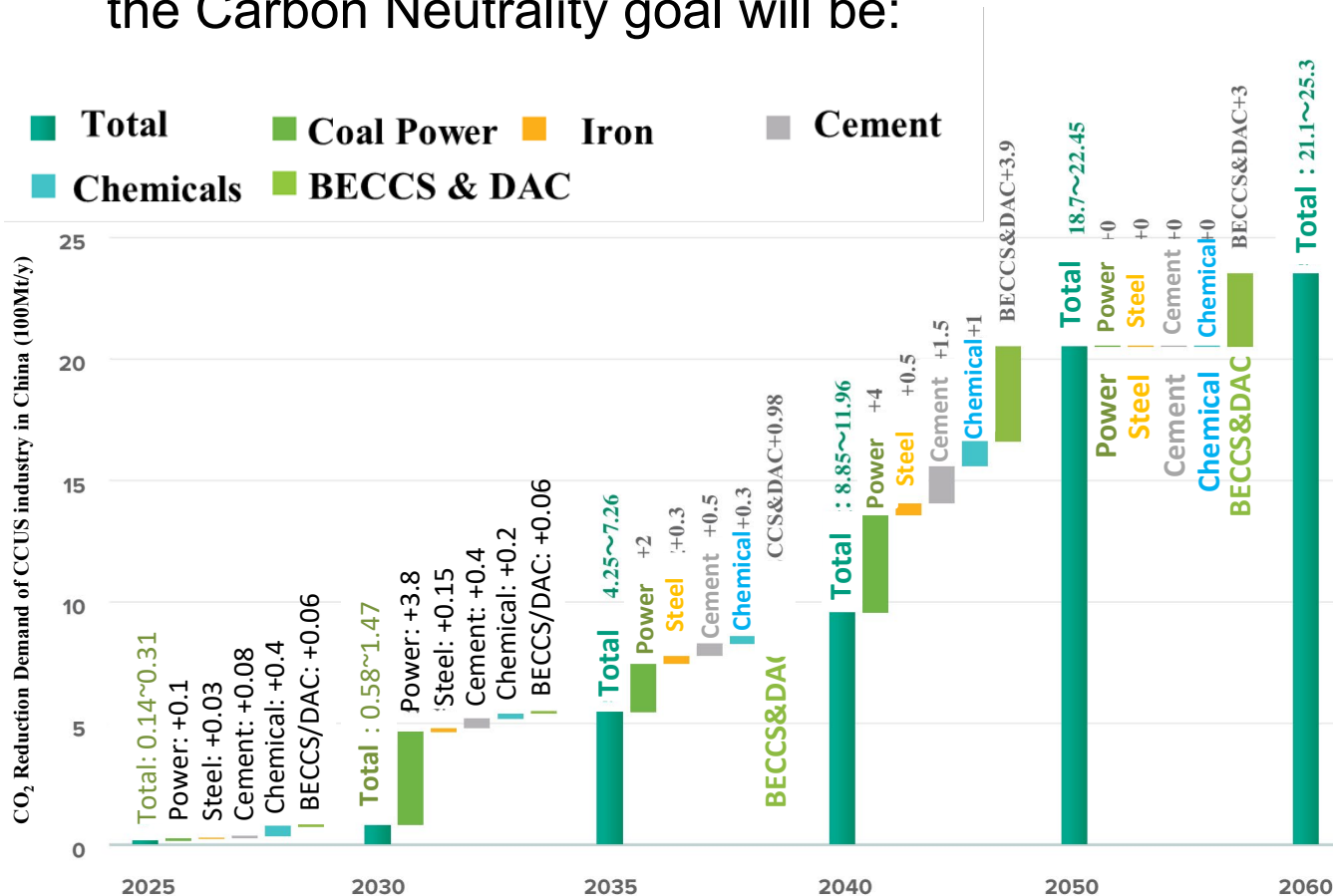
# Reposition of CCUS Technology under the carbon neutrality goal of China

- ❑ CCUS has gradually transitioned from being a "strategic reserve technology for large-scale low-carbon utilization of fossil energy (**Can be replaced**)" to becoming an "integral component of the technology portfolio for achieving carbon neutrality goals (**Cannot be replaced**)"



# Requirement and potential of CCUS under the carbon neutrality goal of China

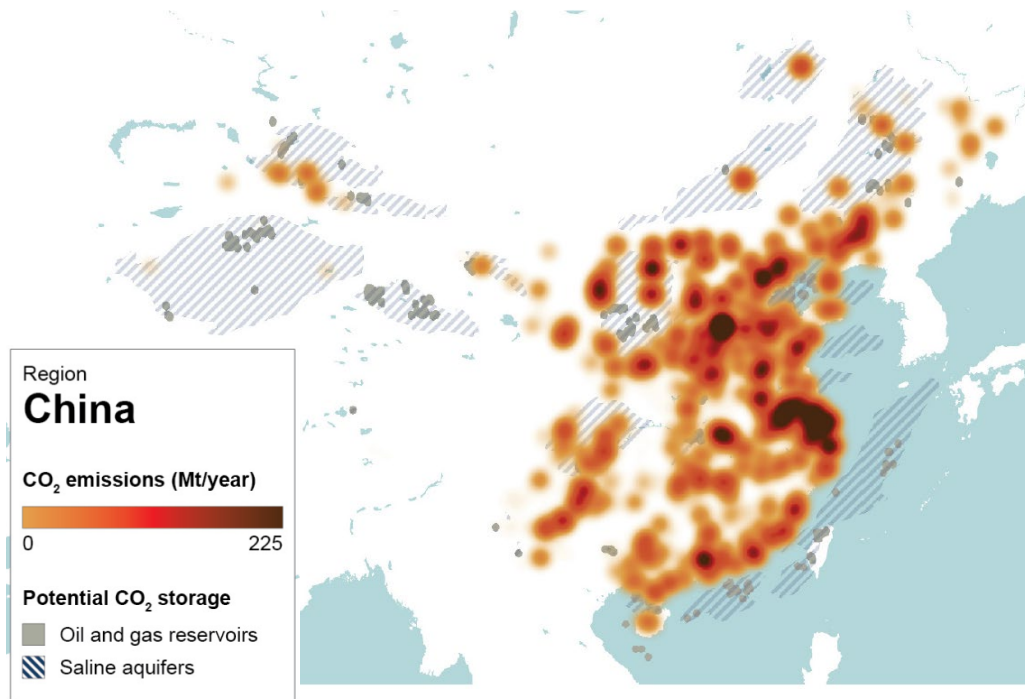
□ By analyzing the application of CCUS technology in the whole industry and its future demand for emission reduction, it is predicted that China's demand for CCUS emission reduction under the Carbon Neutrality goal will be:



- about 24 million tons in **2025** (14 to 31 million tons)
- nearly 100 million tons in **2030** (0.58 to 147 million tons)
- more than 2 billion tons in **2050** (1.87 to 2.245 billion tons)
- about 2.35 billion tons in **2060** (2.11 to 2.53 billion tons)

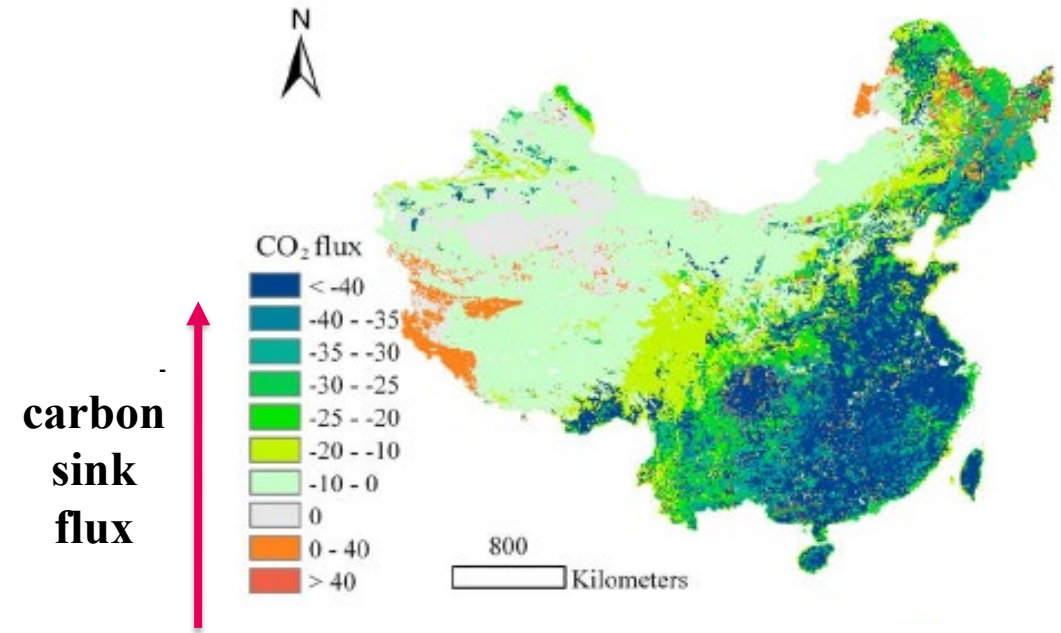
# Carbon sequestration potential of CCUS in China Energy sector

- ❑ For the fixed sources of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from energy and industry, about 2.8 billion tonnes/year can be geologically sequestered within 50 km and 4.1 billion tonnes/year within 100km (IEA ETP2020)
- ❑ For comparison, China's terrestrial ecosystems have a carbon sink potential of 0.7-1 billion tonnes/year



CO<sub>2</sub> stationary emission sources and potential geological storage distribution

IEA 2020



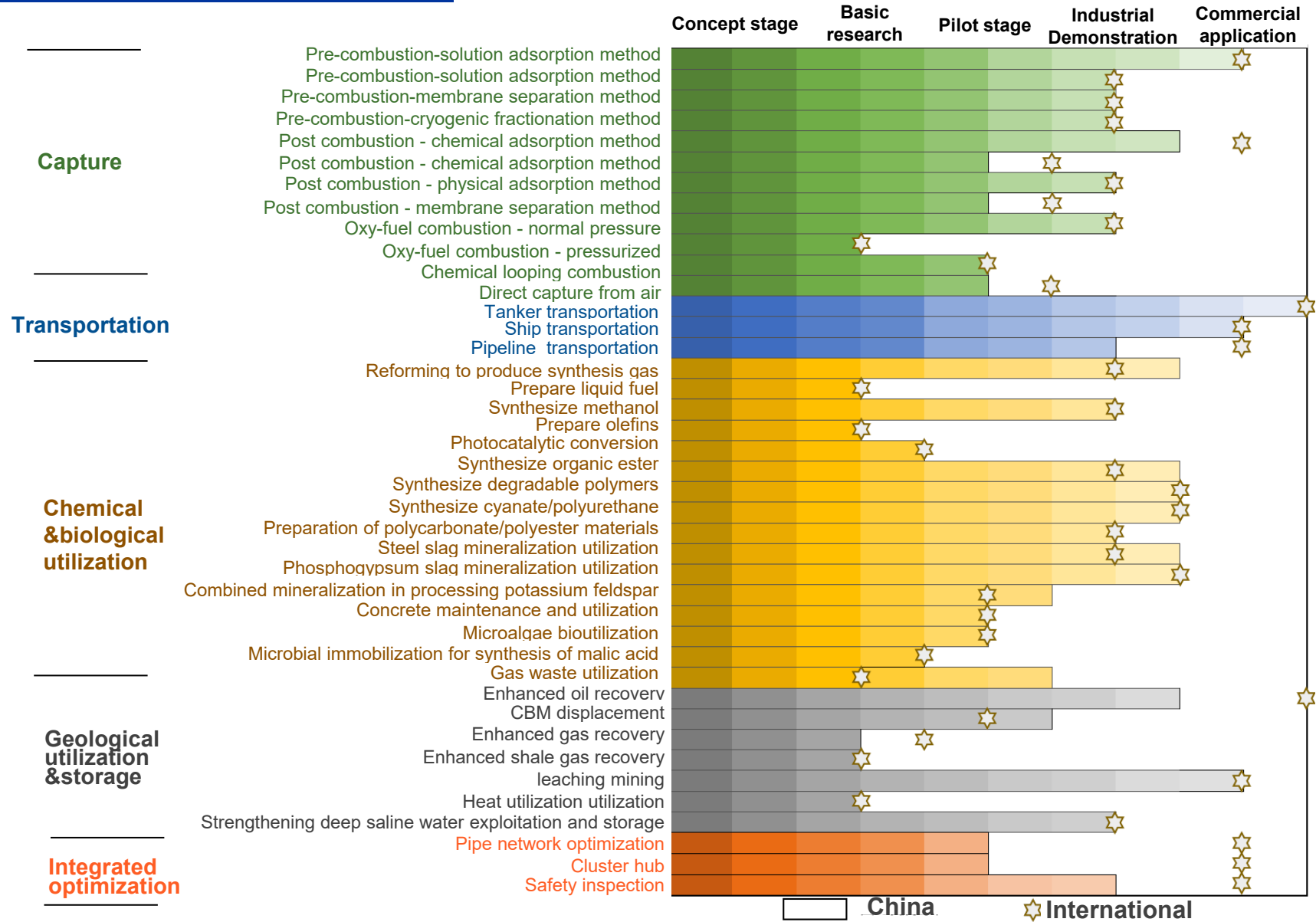
45-year average of ecosystem-atmosphere CO<sub>2</sub> exchange

Source: Geophys. Res. Atmos. 116, G02011 (2011).

# Current CCUS Status in China

## Technical Development Level - CCUS

- China's CCUS technologies have made progresses
- Most technologies, post-combustion capture, chemicals synthesis, mineralization, EOR etc., are in industrial demonstration stage
- Seldom technology, except tanker transportation is in commercial application

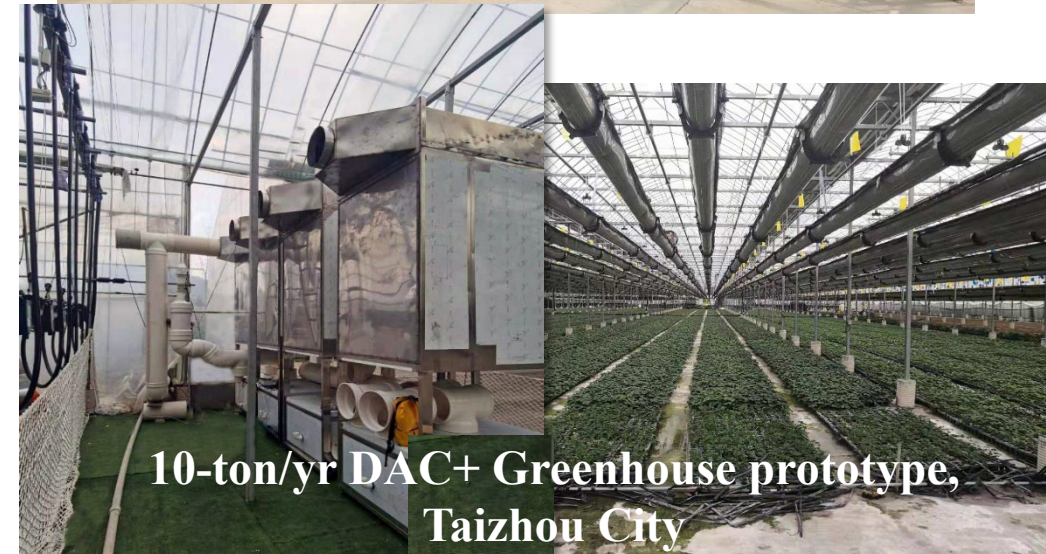


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## Technical Development Level - DAC

- ❑ Research institute and energy companies have deployed China early DAC prototypes and demonstrations recently
- ❑ The scale of demonstration needs to be enlarged

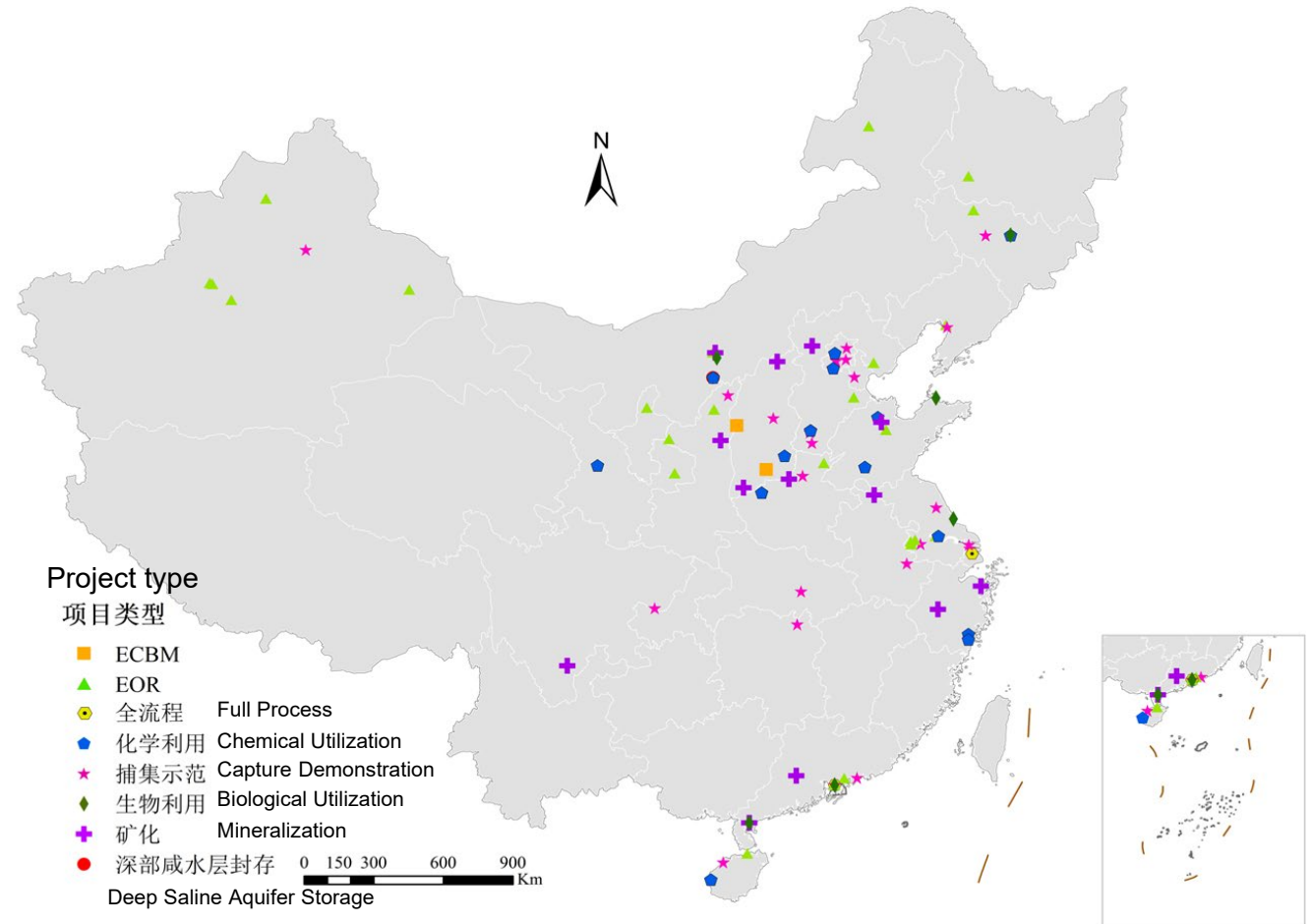
Project	Conducted by
100 tons/year DAC prototype	China National Petroleum Co.
20 tons/year DAC+ synthetic fuel prototype	China Energy Construction Co.
100 tons/year DAC prototype	Shanghai Jiaotong University
10 tons/year DAC+ greenhouse prototype	Zhejiang University
10 tons/year DAC prototype	Huaneng Group
2-ton/day DAC demonstration	Linhe Climate Technology (Beijing)



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## Demonstration Project

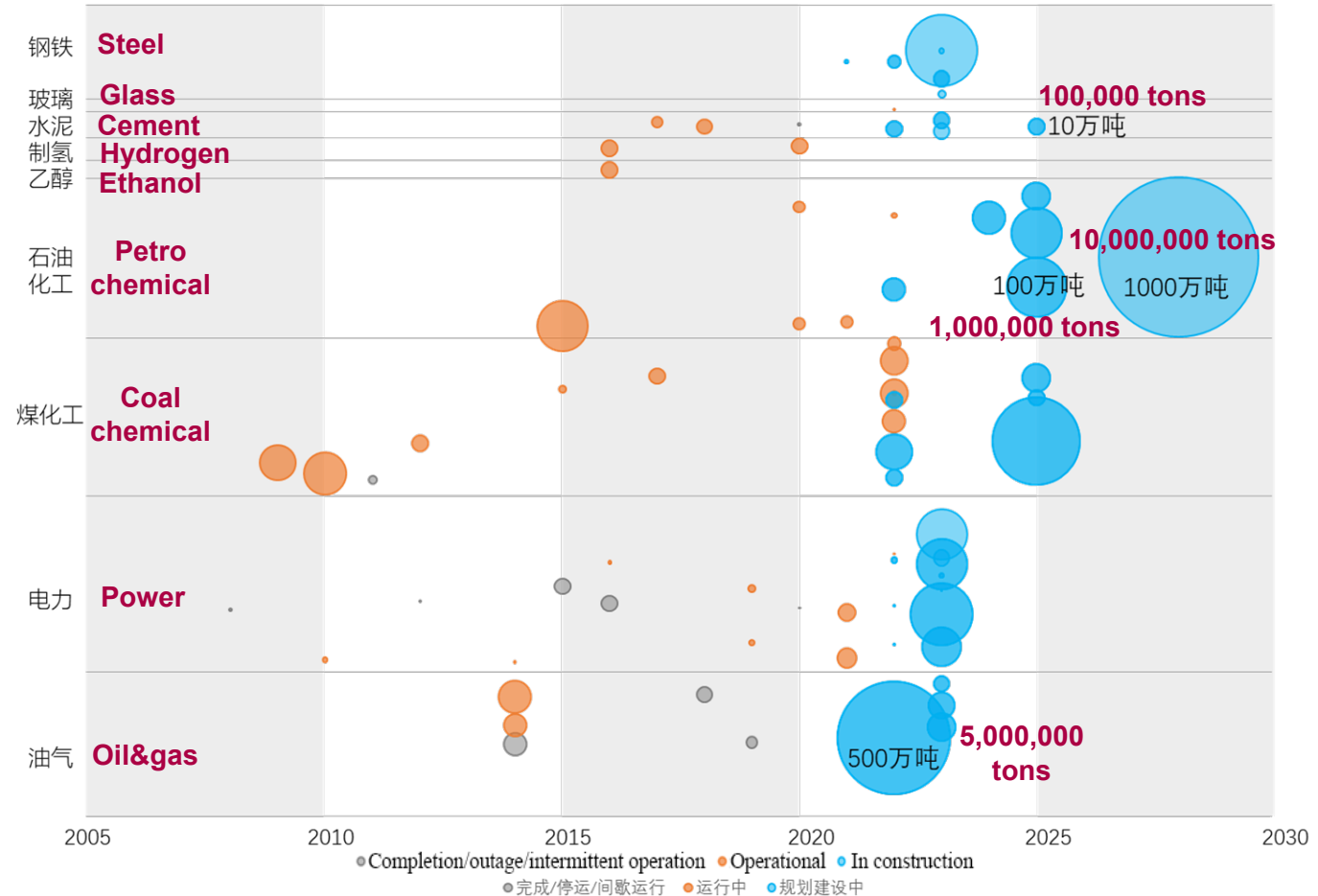
- Till 2023 Feb, China has ~100 CCUS demonstration plants in operation or planning.
- Over half of the demonstrations are in operation, with total capture capacity of 4 million t/y, total injection capacity of 2 million t/y.



# Current CCUS Status in China

## Demonstration Project

- Currently, China's CCUS demonstration projects for CO<sub>2</sub> capture includes multiple industries, such as electricity, oil and gas, chemicals, cement, and steel.
- The scale of operational and planned CCUS demonstration projects has significantly expanded. There are over 40 projects with a capacity of 100,000 tons or more, including over 10 projects with a capacity of 500,000 tons or more. Several projects with capacities exceeding one million tons are currently in the planning stage.



CCUS demonstration projects in China (industry distribution)



# Industrial demonstration of flue gas carbon dioxide capture

150,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>/y Power Plant Project  
China Energy Group, Yulin City, 2021



Capture rate	90%
Investment	RMB 130 Million
Reg. Energy	2.4 GJ/tCO <sub>2</sub>
Total Cost	<b>~\$ 41 / t CO<sub>2</sub></b>

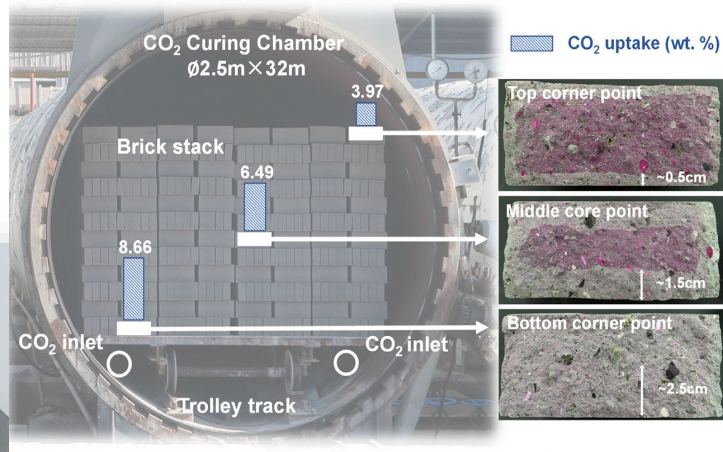
500,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>/y Power Plant Project  
China Energy Group, Taizhou City, 2023



Capture rate	90%
Investment	RMB 385 Million
Reg. Energy	2.4 GJ/tCO <sub>2</sub>
Total Cost	<b>~\$ 30 / t CO<sub>2</sub></b>

# Industrial demonstration of CO<sub>2</sub> utilization

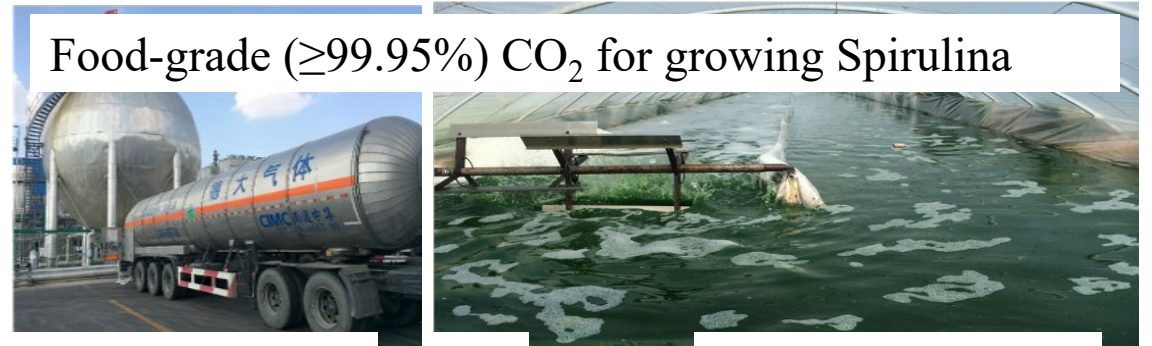
10,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>/y mineralization curing, Jiaozuo City, 2020



CO <sub>2</sub> conversion rate	>95%
Solid waste	200,000 t/y
Product	>15 MPa concrete brick
Benefit	~\$ 75 / t CO <sub>2</sub>

10,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>/y algae plant, Erdos City, 2021

Food-grade ( $\geq 99.95\%$ ) CO<sub>2</sub> for growing Spirulina



spirulina product

dry

photobioreactors

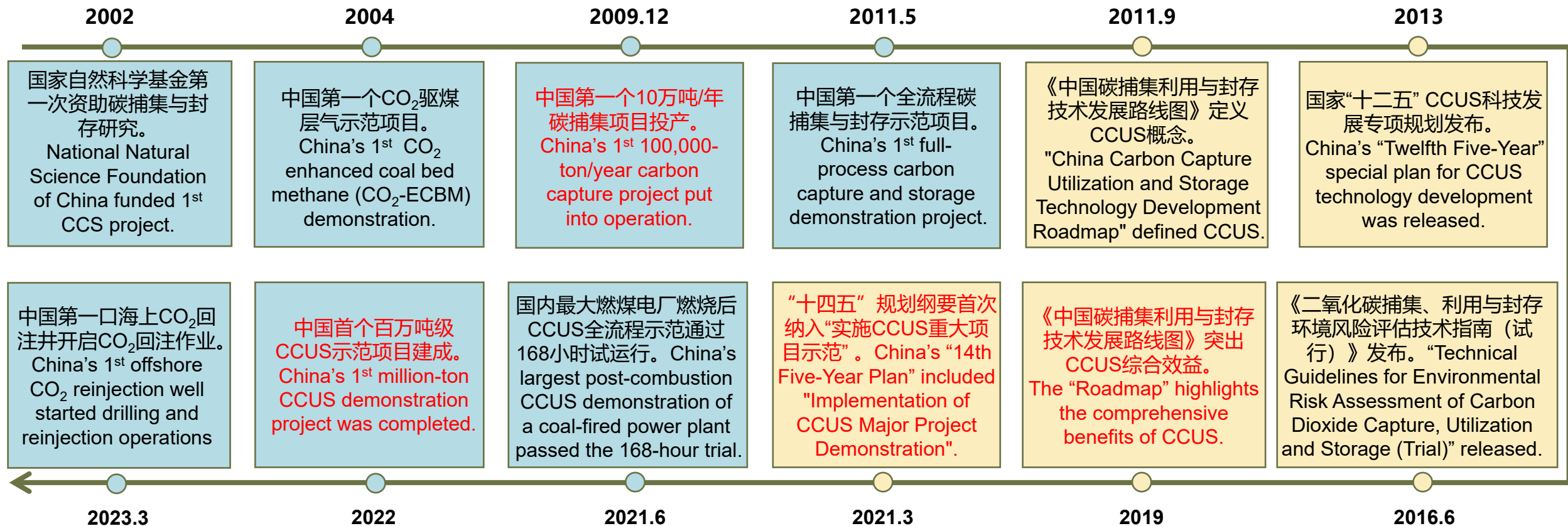


CO <sub>2</sub> efficiency	> 70%
CO <sub>2</sub> conversion rate	$\geq 1.5$ g/L/d
Product	Health care products
Benefit	~\$ 2700 / t CO <sub>2</sub>

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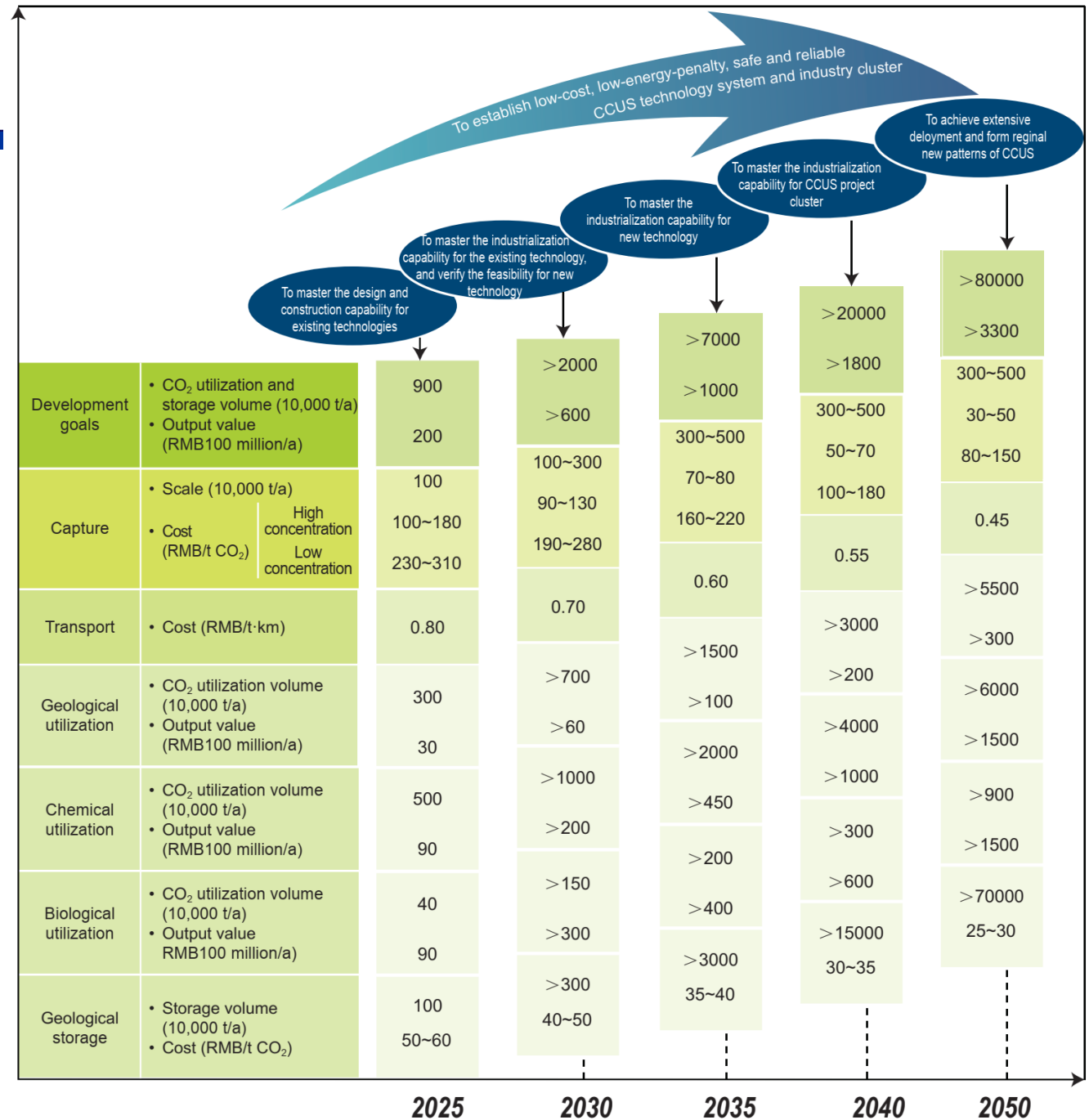
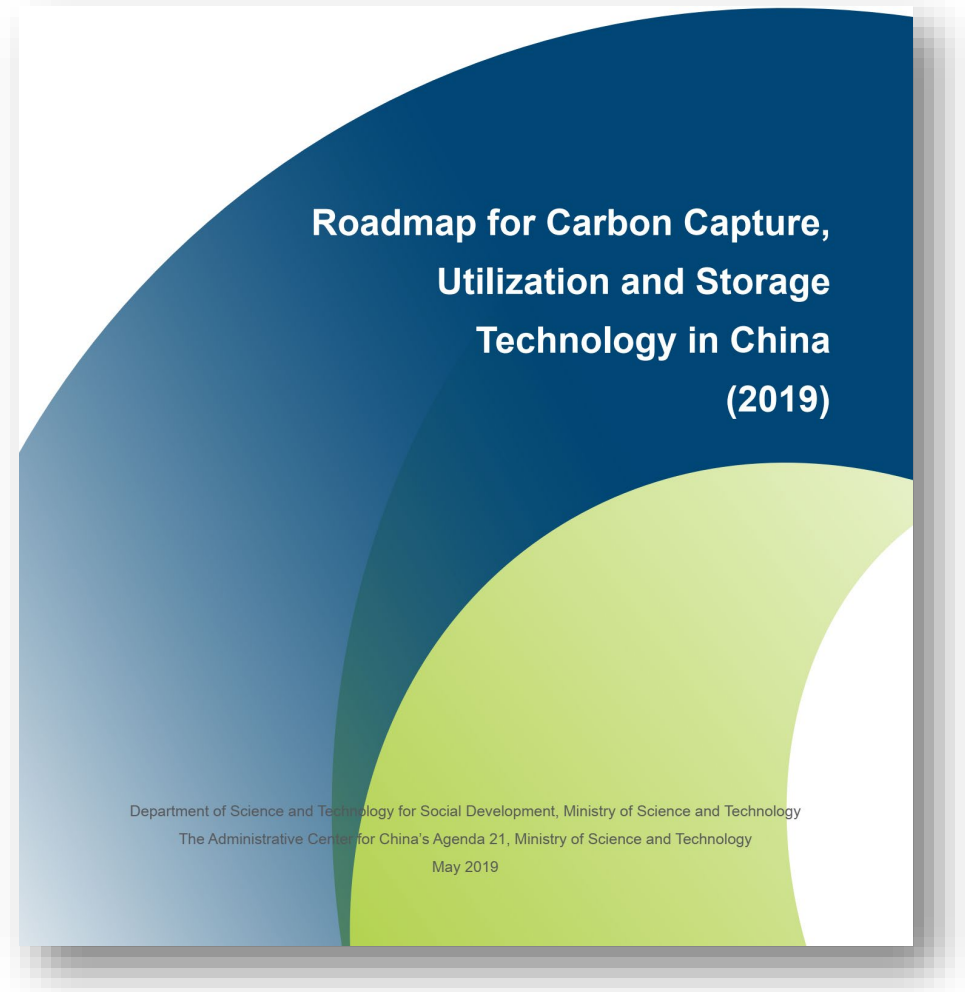
## Policy and Roadmap

- China is committed to CCUS and maintains the funding for CCUS research, promoted technological advancement and the successful implementation of major demonstration projects
- According to incomplete statistics, as of the end of 2022, China has issued over 70 policy documents related to CCUS. These documents cover various aspects such as planning, standards, roadmaps, and technology catalogs.



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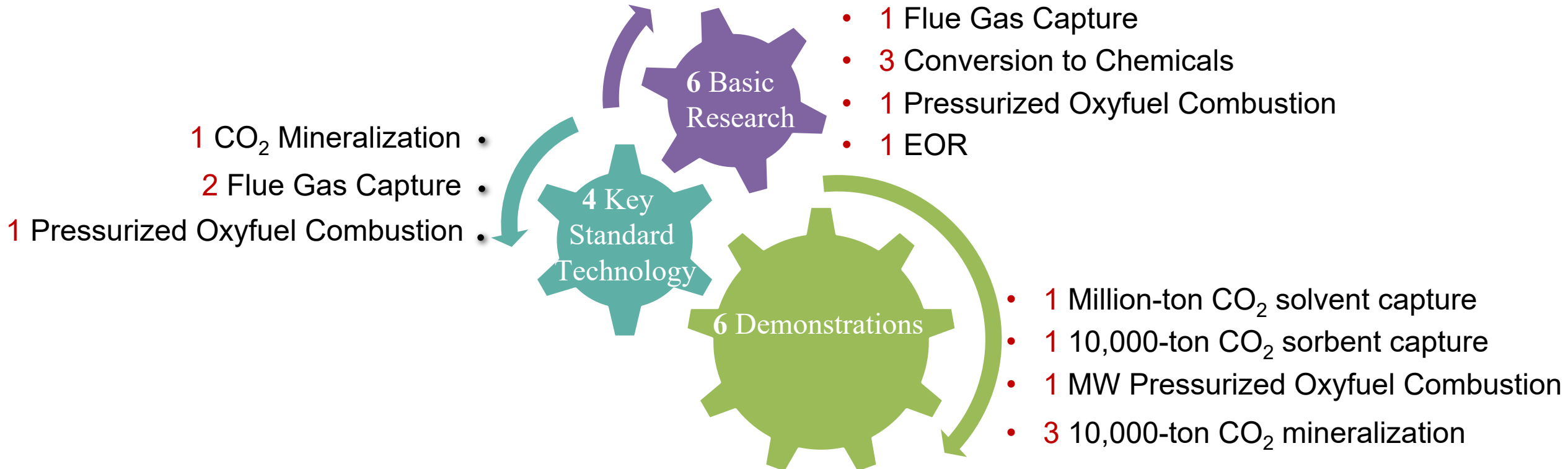
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## Funding

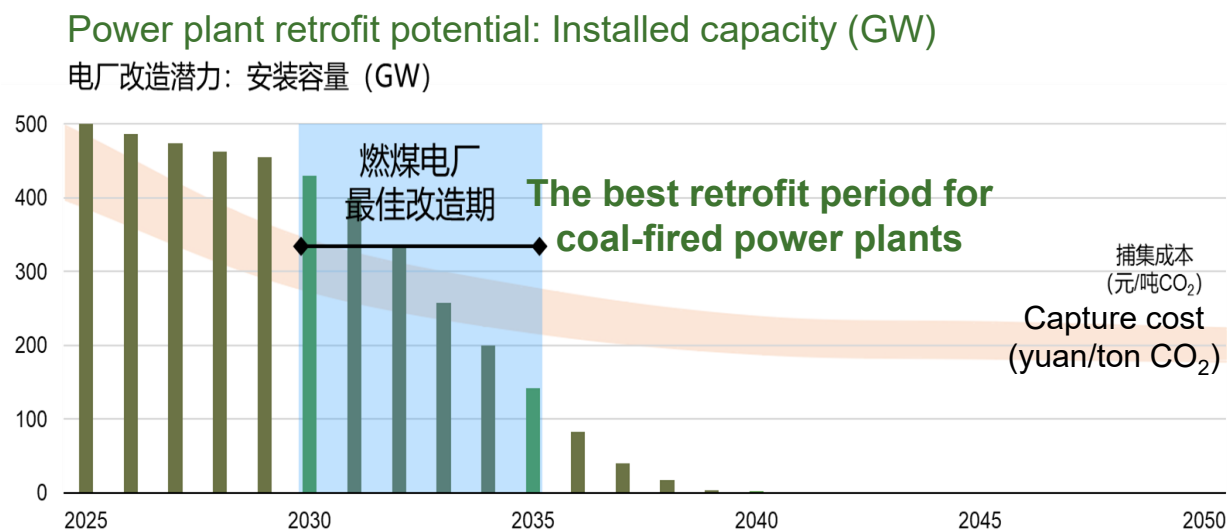
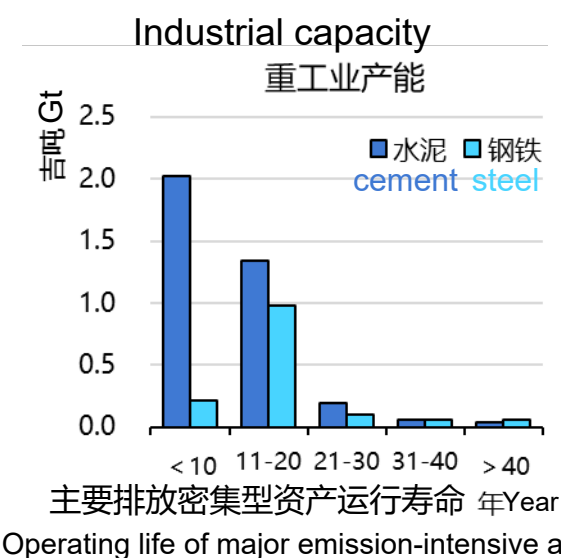
- ❑ CCUS projects are deployed in the National Key R&D Program during China's "Fourteenth Five-Year"
- ❑ From 2022 to now, 10 key technologies R&D projects are planned and funded by MOST, Over 50 organization, such as university, research institutes and enterprises, participate in the special program
- ❑ Total funds of over 500 million RMB are invested into the R&D work



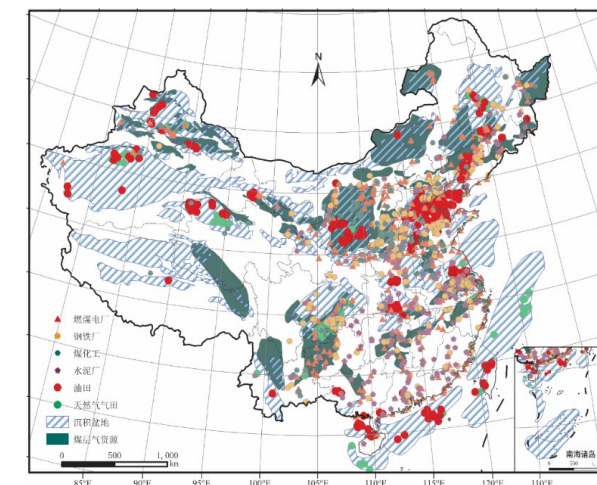
# Challenges and Suggestions

## Key Issues in CCUS Development: Technology

- Key technologies are not mature enough.
- Large-scale demonstration of full process is lacking.
- Blank of CCUS applications in steel or cement industries.
- Facing the risk of technology lock-in in time.
- Facing the challenge of source-sink matching dislocation in space.



陆海统筹源汇匹配分布情况  
The matching source-sink distribution



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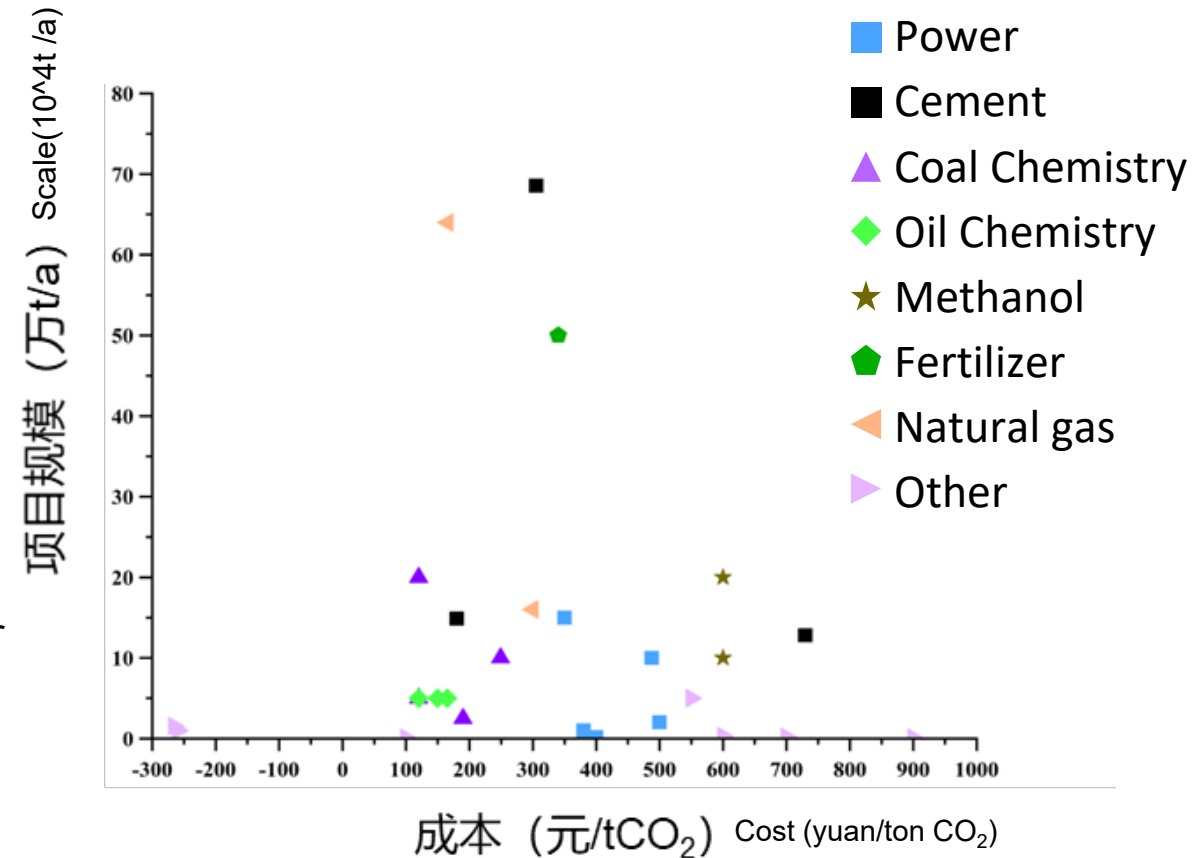
## Key Issues in CCUS Development: Market

- **High cost of emission reduction restricts the popularization and application of CCUS technology**

Abatement cost of CCUS is **RMB 100-500 /ton CO<sub>2</sub>**, also increasing the cost of power generation if applied.

- **Lack of effective business model**

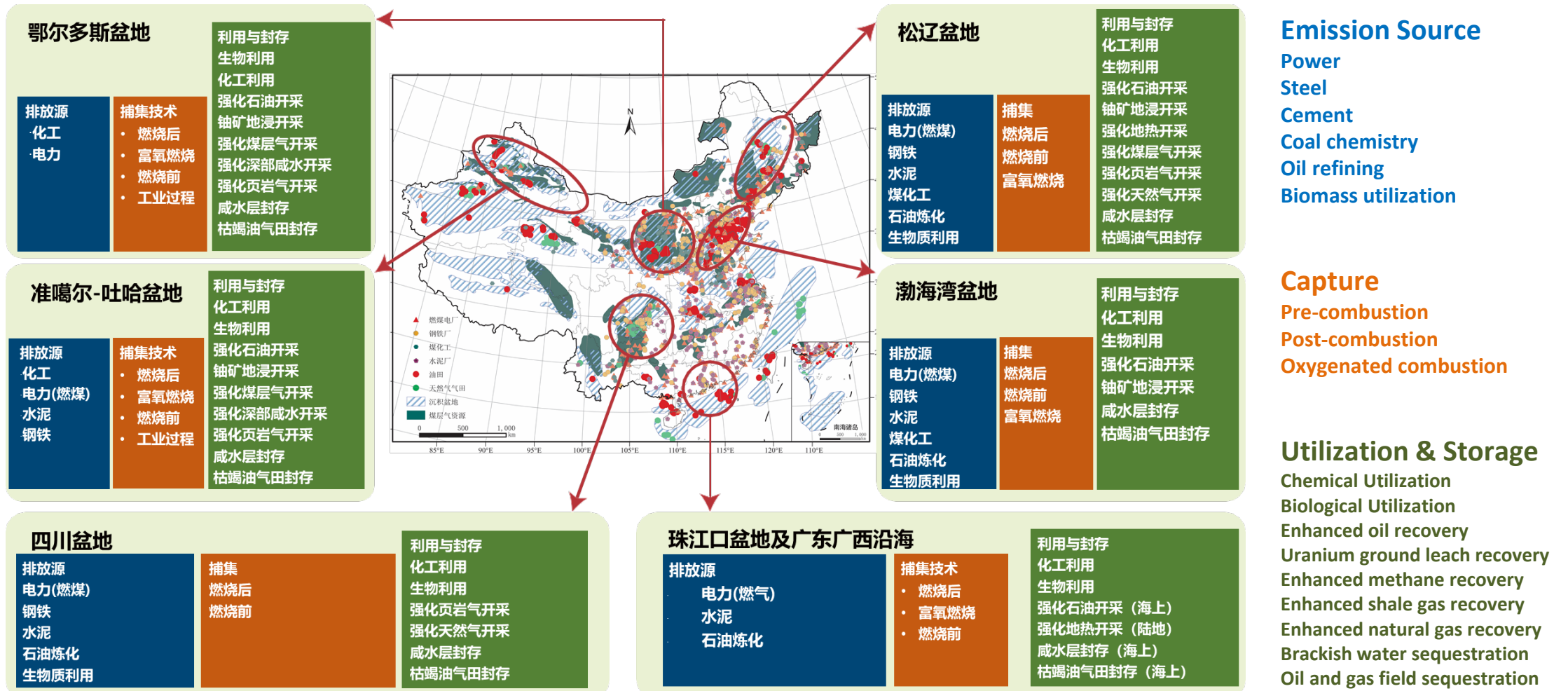
It's difficult to collaborate across enterprises and industries for CCUS projects .



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## Key Issues in CCUS Development: Cluster planning

- CCUS industrial clusters can effectively reduce the technology costs, the regional distribution of future industrial clusters should be planned in the future





# Challenges and Suggestions

The development of CCUS technology requires extensive, in-depth, and pragmatic international cooperation

## Bilateral cooperation

Strengthen cooperation in CCUS R&D, regulations and standards, and incentive policies



## Multilateral cooperation

UN, WB, CSLF, CEM, MI and other international multilateral mechanisms to promote knowledge sharing and technology transfer.



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