Strategy Analysis for Decarbonization of China

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Key policy documents

China have issued a series of policy documents, such as 12-FYP Greenhouse Gas Emission Control Program and National Adaptation Strategy for Climate Change.

China have published *National Planning to Address Climate Change*, to further identify the specific goals, missions, policies and measures by 2020.

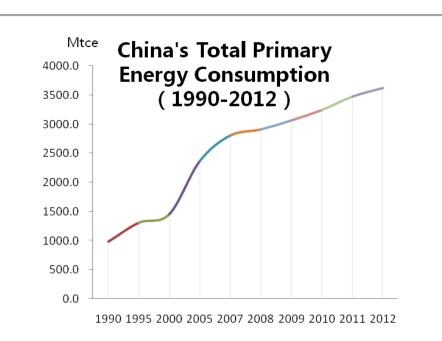
Announced the carbon emission peaking target (around 2030) and non-fossil-fuel development target (20% of PE) in Sept. 2014,

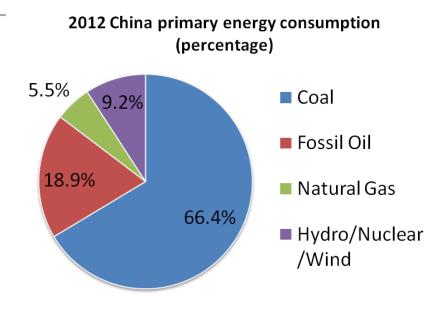
In June 2015, Chinese government submitted INDC: 2030 carbon emission peaking target; 60-65% carbon intensity target; non-fossil-fuel target; forestry target...

Energy consumption in China

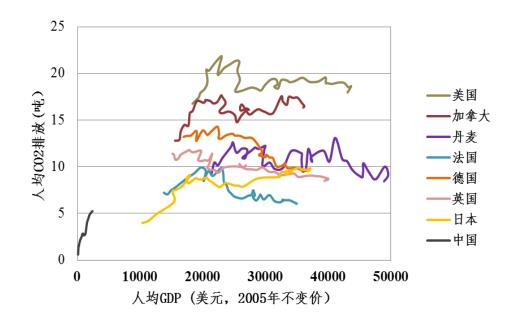
Rapid growth of energy growth

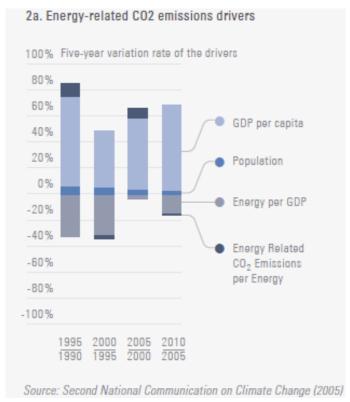
- □ Primary energy consumption: 4.26Gtce in 2014
- □ Coal still dominates and takes around 2/3 of total energy consumption
- □ Renewable development experiences a rapid growth in recent years





Carbon emissions in China





- Huge carbon emission and high emission growth
- Emission per capita has achieved the world average level
- Carbon intensity has decreased by large degree since 2005, mainly due to energy saving measures

Main trends for carbon emission control in 13th-FYP

Continual reduction of carbon intensity; expanding to dual-controlling of carbon emission and intensity; carbon emission in industry sector will be expected to peak firstly Fossil fuels: coal consumption will be expected to peak Low carbon energy: uncertainties on NG development; the development of RE faces many challenges Energy conservation: insist on energy-saving priority strategy; more marketbased instruments need to used to achieve the energy saving targets.

Decarbonization pathway and strategy analysis

Top-down analysis: 2 degree target; global emission cap and carbon budget

Bottom-up analysis: mitigation potential by sectors; structure change, energy optimization and technology improvement

Combination analysis: targets, scenarios, measures and policies

Methodology for top-down analysis (1)

IPCC AR5 WGI关于全球碳排放空间的最新数据和结论

排放空间分析依据:是 否存在实现2度温升控制 目标的可能性



Possibility for 2 degree target achievement

可能的典型浓度情景及对应排放空间 Carbon cap for 2 degree target

RCP2.6 (421 ppm): >66% possibility RCP4.5 (538 ppm): <33% possibility

分配依据:

是否追究1990年前排放历史责任 人年均排放相等原则



Allocation principle:

- Historical responsibility by 1990
- Equivalent in annual per capita emission

中国的碳排放空间 carbon emission potential for China

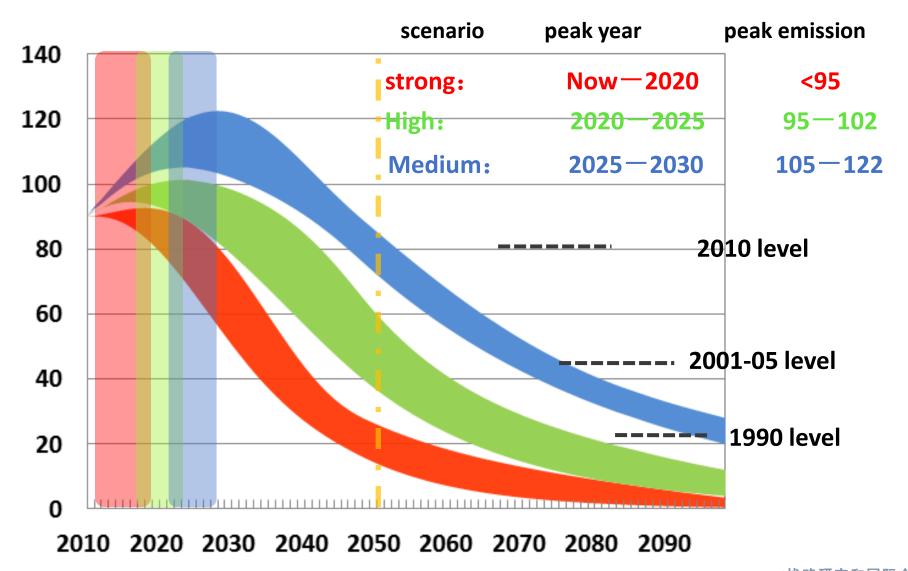
路径分析依据: 是否采用**ccs** 关键年份排放量



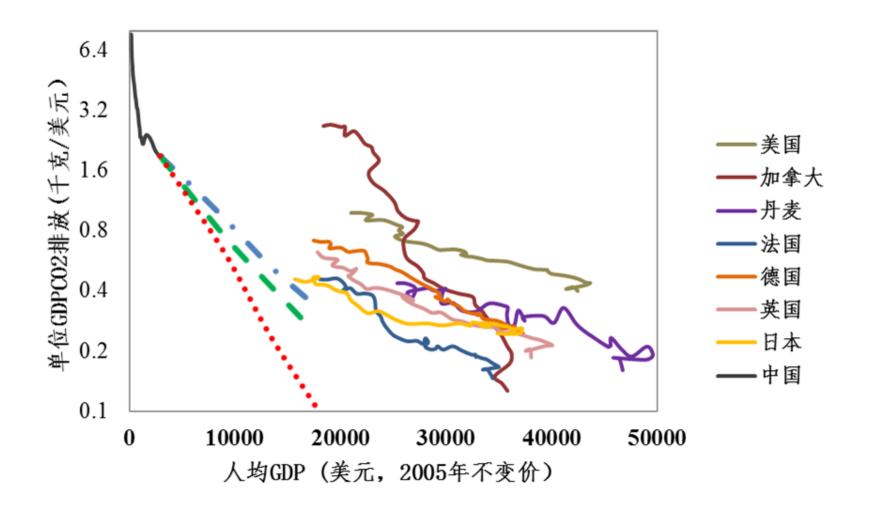
Pathway analysis:
Carbon emissions in key years
CCS application potential

中国可能的排放路径 Low-carbon pathway for China

Three scenarios: different strength on carbon emission constraint



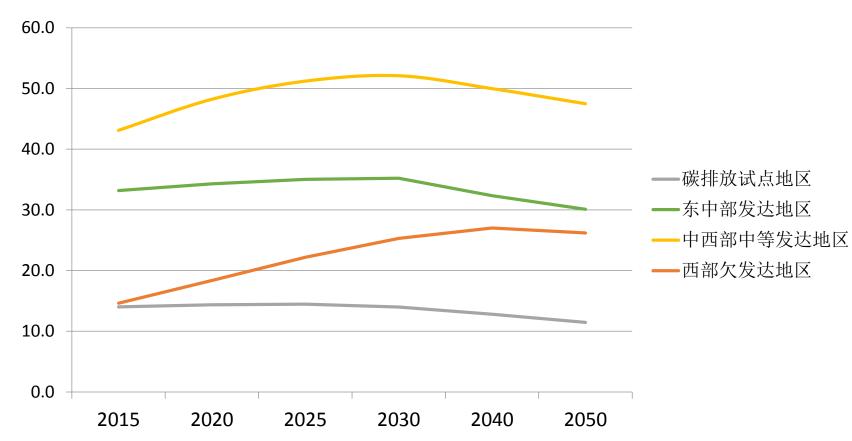
Comparison with developed countries pathway

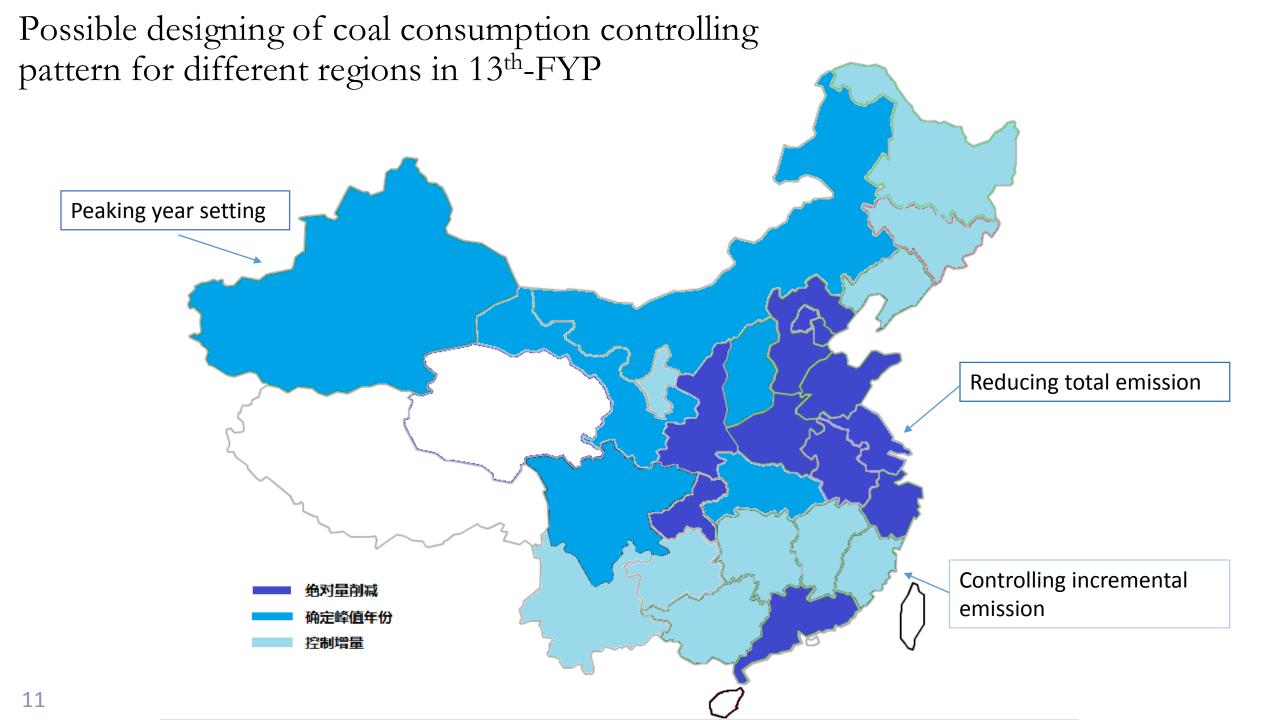


In medium-strength scenario, the carbon emission per GDP is expected to exceed the best level of developed countries on same economy condition

Possible carbon emission pathways for different regions







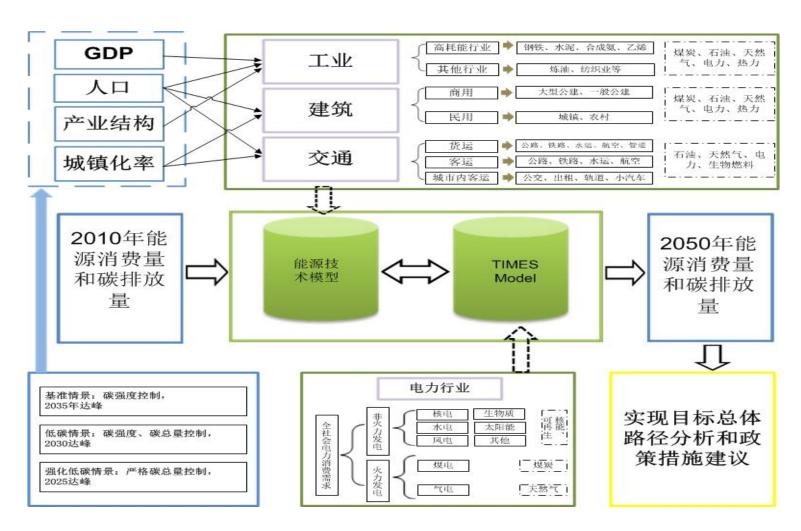
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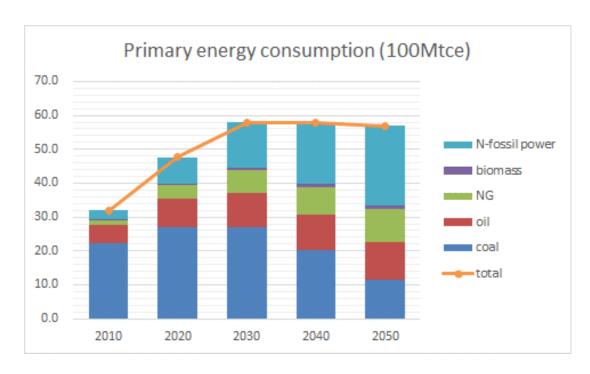
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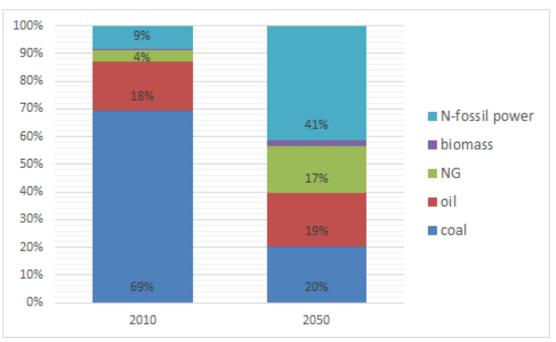
Modelling structure for bottom-up analysis



Deep Decarbonizaiton Pathway result (DDPP) ----Primary energy trend from 2010 to 2050

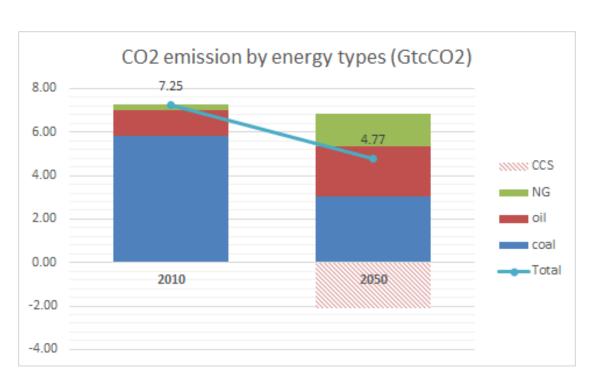
- Energy trends are significantly decoupled from production growth with an increase of primary energy by 78%, from 3.2 Gtce in 2010 to 5.7 Gtce in 2050.
- The share of fossil fuels decrease from more than 90% to lower than 60%
- coal consumption will decrease after 2030

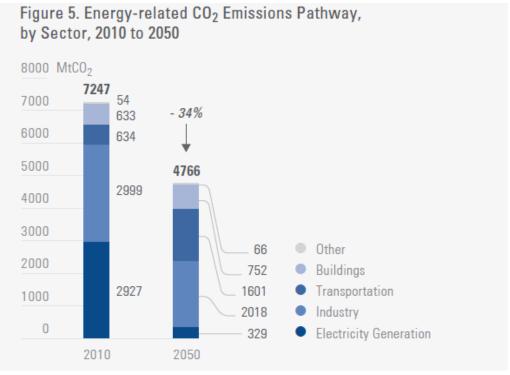




Deep Decarbonizaiton Pathway result (DDPP) ---- CO2 emission from 2010 to 2050

- Energy-related CO2 emissions decrease by 34%, from 7.25 GtCO2 in 2010 to 4.77 GtCO2 in 2050
- The industry sector emissions remain the largest, but buildings and transportation increase in share, from 17% in 2010 to 49% of 2050 emissions

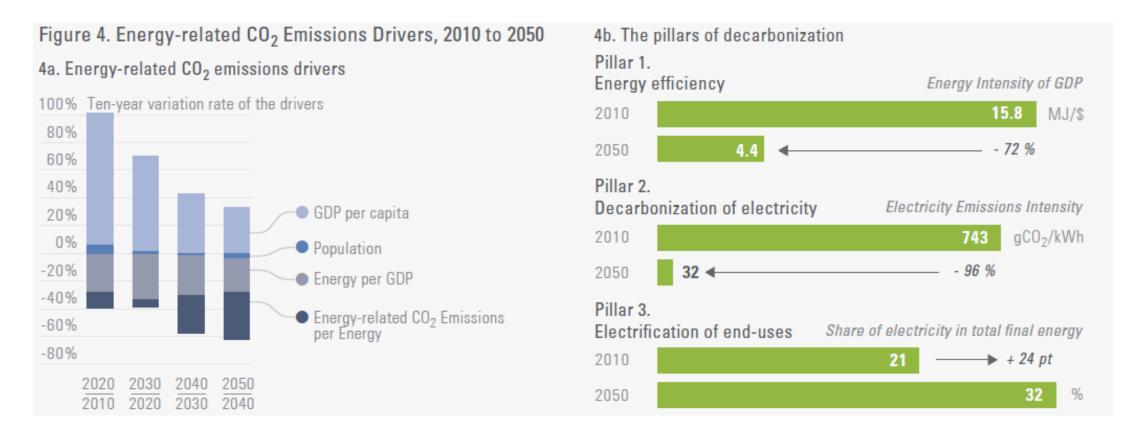




Deep Decarbonizaiton Pathway result (DDPP)

---- Driving forces for decarbonization

 Energy-related CO2 emission reduction is essentially due to a decrease of both the primary energy per unit of GDP by 73% and of energy-related CO2 emissions per unit of energy by 61%



Decarbonization pathway and strategy analysis

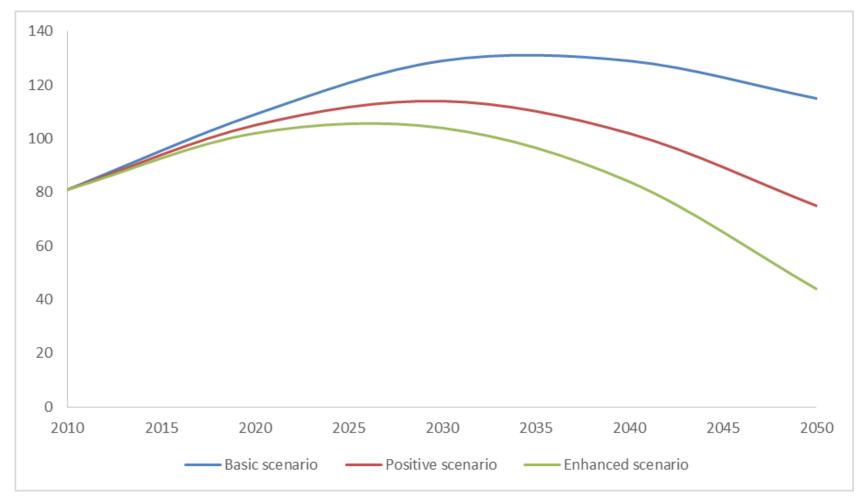
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Strategic pathway of LC development in China (NCSC)

Energy-related CO2 emission (100Mt)



Challenges and opportunities

Uncertainties and challenges:

- Economic growth: new-normal; largely uncertain on the growth rate
- Industrial structure: future adjustment potential; changes in the mode of development
- Urbanization pattern: triggered by the demand of social development
- LC energy utilization: large scale use and supporting condition

Near term opportunities:

- Change the concept of development
- Deepen the energy reform, especially the reform of the energy pricing system and fiscal taxation system
- Pricing Carbon
- Coal consumption controlling and reduction

Direction and Requirements

Enhancing the controlling of carbon emission:

Achieving the carbon emission peak by 2030, forcing the transition of economy and social development. Strictly controlling the growth of carbon emission from now, turning from relative controlling to absolute controlling

Controlling the carbon emission by sector:

The carbon emission in industry sector need to peak as early as possible, leaving more space for the growth of tertiary industry and living consumption

Controlling the carbon emission by region:

East regions need to peak at first, leaving more space for west and poor regions' development, but west regions also need to control the speed of carbon emission growth

Controlling the high-carbon energy consumption:

Controlling the growth of energy consumption. Coal consumption need to peak as early as possible, leaving more space for NG and Non-fossil. Low carbon energy will become dominant energy in 30-40 years, through the electrification, network and intelligence of energy system.

Measures and Policies

Enhancing the regulation and co-control:

law; standard; co-control with local pollution and coal controlling; statistic

Enhancing the funding support for low carbon development:

more financial input, innovative supporting scheme, enhanced investment for key sectors and technologies

Completing the market-based instruments:

carbon emission trading scheme, energy pricing reformation, carbon tax

Strengthening the guiding on consumption:

pricing signal, government procurement, low carbon incentive mechanism (e.g. labelling)



Thank you for your attention!

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