China's key role in scaling low carbon energy technologies

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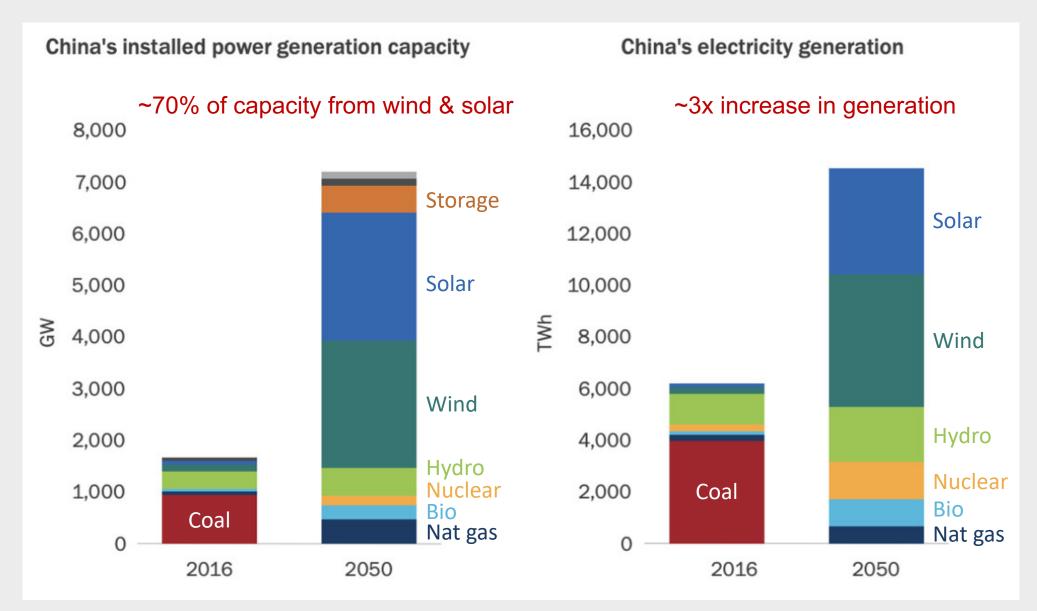
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A carbon neutral China by 2050: the challenge of SCALE



China is the global leader in the mass production of low carbon energy technologies

Solar Panels: From 1% to 66% (2001-2018) Wind Turbines: 1/3 of global supply (2018) **Electric Vehicles:** 53% of global sales (2018) 69% of global production (76% by 2025) Lithium-ion Batteries: **Nuclear Reactors:** From 45 to 88 plants by 2030

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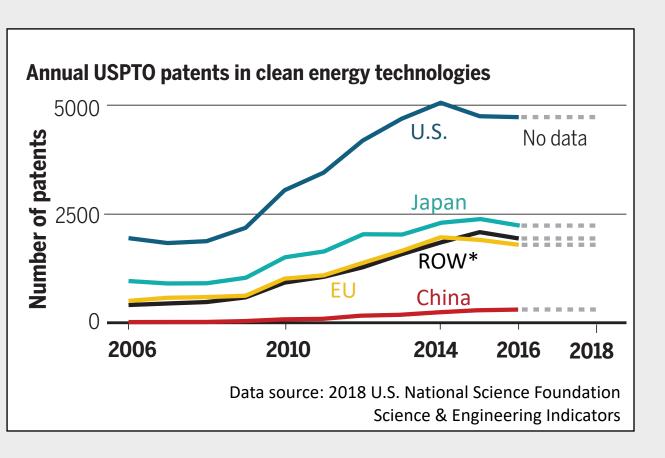
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"It is unrealistic to expect that another nation will be able to rival China's capabilities in LCET scale-up in the time frame needed to limit climate change to below 2°C."

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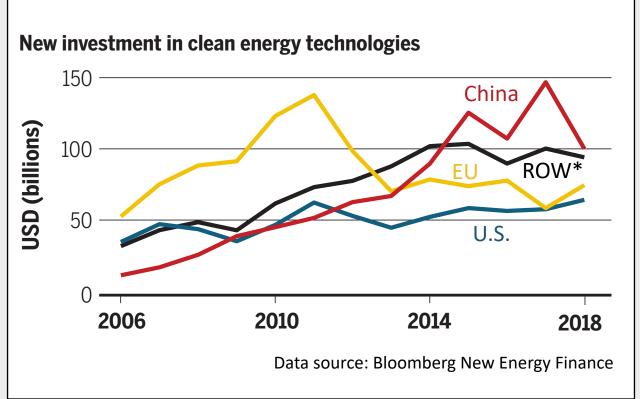


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Annual USPTO patents in clean energy technologies 5000 U.S. No data Number of patents Japan 2500 ROW* China 2010 2006 2014 2016 2018 Data source: 2018 U.S. National Science Foundation Science & Engineering Indicators

China: Largest LCET investor w/innovative manufacturing capabilities



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- "Green" development assistance for other developing nations

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Thanks!

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