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China's role in advancing global climate policies in the face of a recession

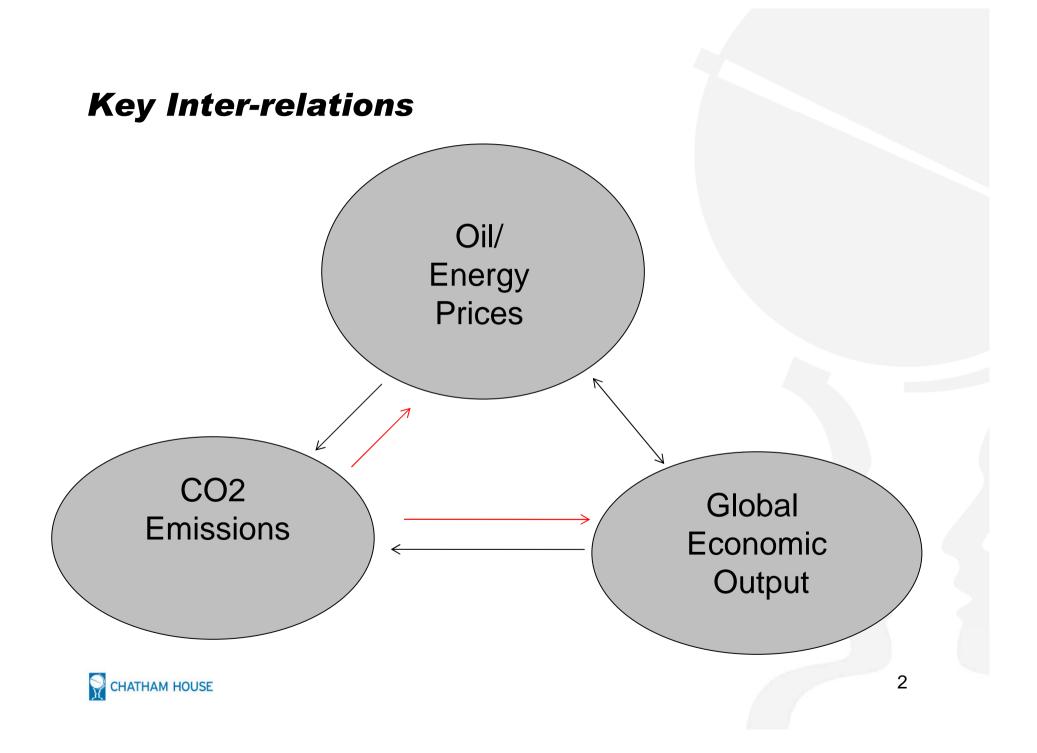
Sustainable Energy- The Next Crisis

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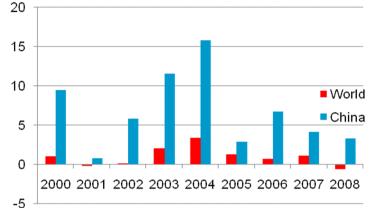
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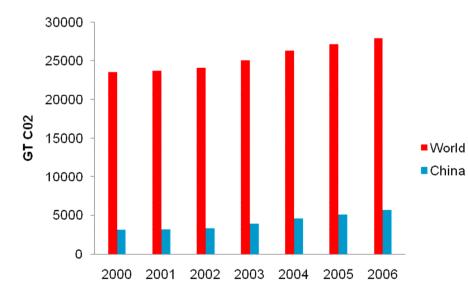
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Chinas Impact on Global Energy Price, GDP and Emissions





GDP accumulated growth, in percent, constant prices

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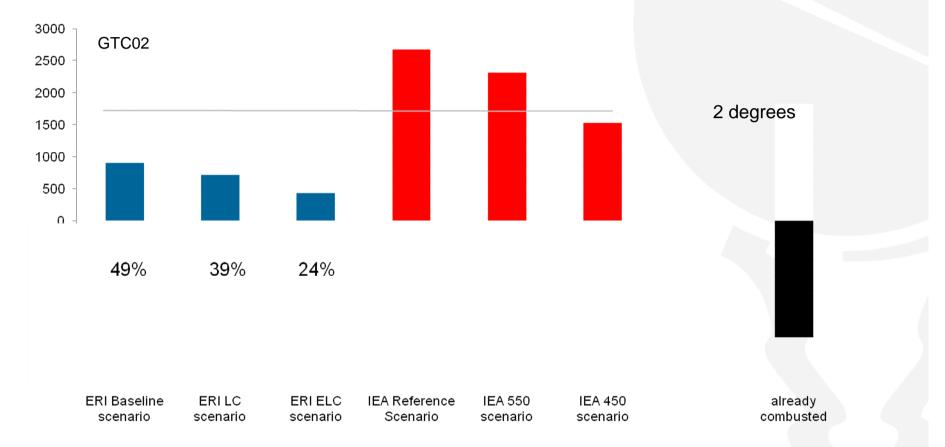


China's Recognition of the Climate Issue

- In existing policies energy security concern is main driver, but it can bring environmental benefits:
 - Energy efficiency, current plan to decrease energy intensity by 20% in current five year plan
 - Use of renewable energy is increasing: current levels of wind are 12 GW, with proposals to increase to 100 GW by 2020.
 - Nuclear power proposed to go from 8.5 GW to 40 GW by 2020
- Next five year plan may introduce carbon intensity targets for the first time.
- Other purely climate related technology and measures may be more difficult to implement, such as CCS
- Piloting of low carbon economy measures are accelerating on the city and municipal level



What impact will measures have ?

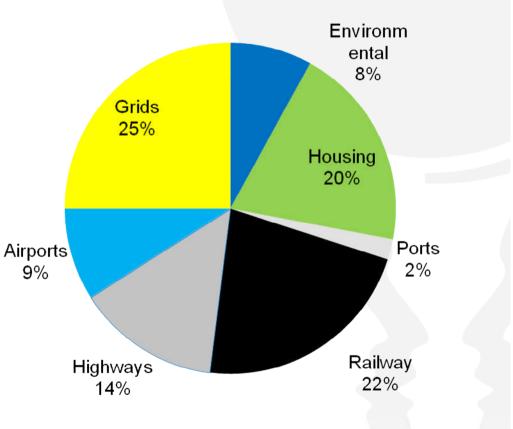




Chinese Impact and Response to Economic Crisis

- Massive decrease in exports,
- Policy to encourage domestic consumption
- Stimulus package significant infrastructure, not as always as green as reported
- Highlights the importance of avoiding lock in.

HSBC Assessment of \$585 billion Stimulus package





National Technology Developments; International Impacts

- Renewables:
- Wind Power: China installed more wind than any country in 1st half of 2009
 - Become a major wind manufacturer
- Solar thermal: Largest producer and manufacturer of solar thermal
- Vehicles:
- 2008 manufactured 9.3 million cars, United States 8.7 million. In 2009, China will build 8.7 million to become world's largest manufacturer
 - 50% of cars made under Joint Venture; most are for domestic use
 - Production of electric bikes soared from 200,000 in 2000 to 22 million 2008, electric vehicles?
- Coal:
- More IGCC plants than any other country
- China, first commercial scale CCS plant? For domestic or export ?



Final Thoughts

- Chinese energy demand is increasing largely due to rise in manufacturing as a result of domestic and international demand, is this back to BAU ?
- Will global economic recovery further stimulate Chinese economy, energy demand and emissions – and global energy prices leading to downturn ?
- Will stimulus measures be adequate to bend energy/emissions curves?
- Will trade balance put off large scale mitigation finance from OECD countries in China and what impact will this have? No China no meaningful deal ?

