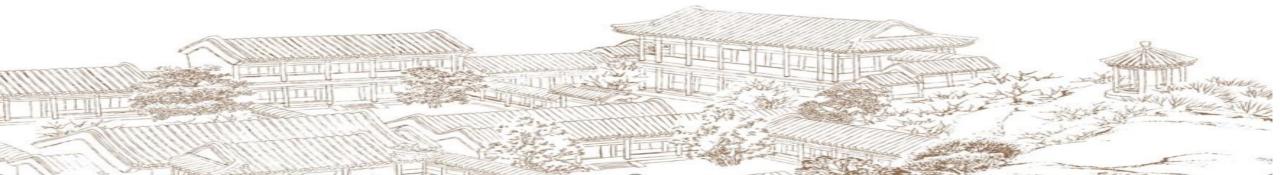


Chinese Solar PV Development: Success and Lessons Learnt

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Part 1: China's Success in Solar PV Development

TOP 5 COUNTRIES 2017

Annual Investment / Net Capacity Additions / Production in 2017

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|--|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Investment in renewable power and fuels (not including hydro over 50 MW) | China | United States | Japan | India | Germany |
| Investment in renewable power and fuels per unit GDP ¹ | Marshall Islands | Rwanda | Solomon Islands | Guinea-Bissau | Serbia |
| Geothermal power capacity | Indonesia | Turkey | Chile | Iceland | Honduras |
| ≅ Hydropower capacity | China | Brazil | India | Angola | Turkey |
| Solar PV capacity | China | United States | India | Japan | Turkey |
| Concentrating solar thermal power (CSP) capacity ² | South Africa | - | - | - | - |
| Wind power capacity | China | United States | Germany | United Kingdom | India |
| Solar water heating capacity | China | Turkey | India | Brazil | United States |
| ☑ Biodiesel production | United States | Brazil | Germany | Argentina | Indonesia |
| Ethanol production | United States | Brazil | China | Canada | Thailand |



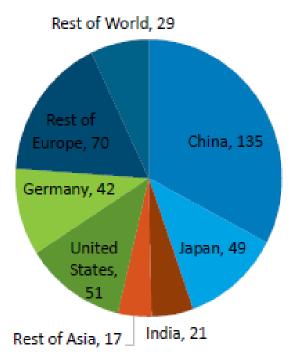
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FIGURE 26. Solar PV Capacity and Additions, Top 10 Countries, 2017 Gigawatts +53.1 Annual additions 120 -Previous year's 100 capacity 80 60 +10.6 +1.740 +0.420 +0.9 +0.9 +1.3 +0.1China United Italy Australia Spain Japan Germany India United France States Kingdom

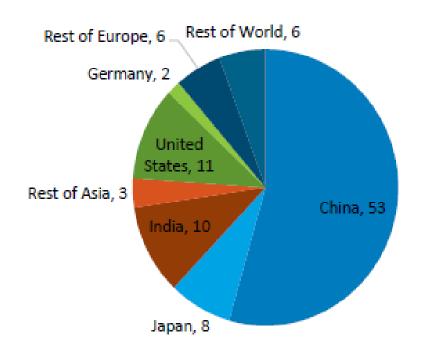


Part 1: China's Success in Solar PV Development

Cumulative PV Deployment - 2017 (415 GW)



Annual PV Deployment - 2017 (98 GW)



Source: BNEF (2018).



Part 2: Factors behind China's Success: Energy Policy

- > Determination in pursuing low carbon energy transition as part of China's commitment under Paris Agreement
- ➤ Need to improve air quality in Chinese cities
- ➤ Very high incentives to encourage solar PV with generous feed-in-tariffs (FiTs, around US\$ 0.08-0.10/KWh for utilities scale PVs; and US\$0.05 for distributed solar PVs)

| | Utility Sc | ale PV FiTs (RMB/KW | Distributed PV | |
|---------|------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Region I | Region II | Region III | FiT (RMB/KWh) |
| 2011.7 | 1 | | | None |
| 2013.8 | 1 | 0.95 | 0.90 | 0.42 |
| 2015.12 | 0.98 | 0.88 | 0.80 | 0.42 |
| 2016.12 | 0.85 | 0.75 | 0.65 | 0.42 |
| 2017.12 | 0.75 | 0.65 | 0.55 | 0.35 |

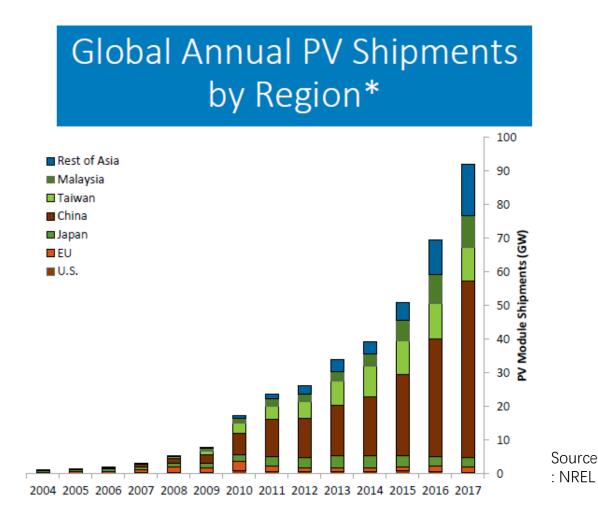


Part 2: Factors behind China's Success: Industrial Policy

> Chinese manufacturers dominate the solar PV in the world. In 2017, global PV shipments were approximately 92 GW, with China supplying 57%.

Global Leading PV Manufacturers, by Shipments

| Rank | Manufacturer (2017) | Shipments (GW) | Manufacturer (2016) | Shipments (GW) | Manufacturer (2007) | Shipments (GW) |
|-------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | JA Solar | 6.5 | Trina | 5.0 | Sharp | 0.4 |
| 2 | Canadian Solar | 5.4 | JA Solar | 4.9 | Q-Cells | 0.3 |
| 3 | Zhongli Talesun | 5.0 | Hanwha | 4.0 | Suntech | 0.3 |
| 4 | Jinko Solar | 4.9 | Jinko Solar | 3.9 | Kyocera | 0.2 |
| 5 | Trina Solar | 4.8 | Motech | 2.9 | First Solar | 0.2 |
| 6 | LONGi | 4.5 | First Solar | 2.7 | Motech | 0.2 |
| 7 | Hanwha | 4.2 | Longi Lerri | 2.7 | Sanyo | 0.2 |
| 8 | Tongwei | 3.8 | Canadian Solar | 2.4 | SolarWorld | 0.1 |
| 9 | Motech | 3.2 | Yingli | 2.4 | Mitsubishi | 0.1 |
| 10 | Aiko | 3.1 | Shunfeng- Suntech | 2.2 | SunPower | 0.1 |
| Other | | 45.5 | | 36.4 | | 1.0 |
| Total | | 91.9 | | 69.5 | | 3.0 |



Part 2: Factors behind China's Success: Industrial Policy

> Job creations in solar PV: 2.2 million jobs, 66% of the total solar PV jobs in the world

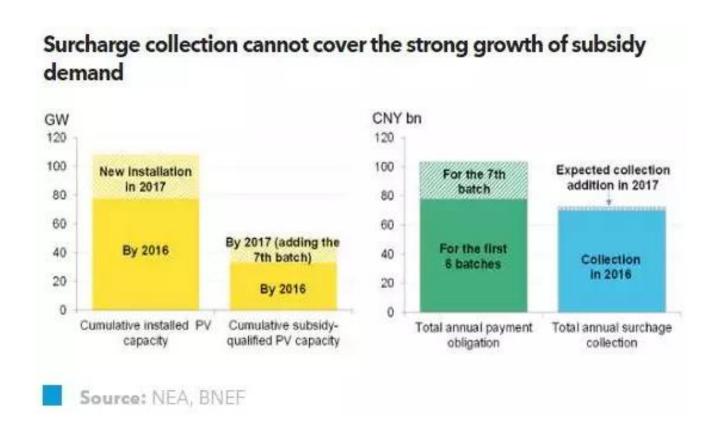
TABLE 1. Estimated Direct and Indirect Jobs in Renewable Energy, by Country and Technology

| | World | China | Brazil | United States | India | Japan | Germany | Total EU ^k |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|-------|-------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | Thousand jobs | | | | | | | |
| Solar PV | 3,365 | 2,216 | 10 | 233 | 164 | 272 | 36 | 100 |
| Liquid biofuels | 1,931 | 51 | 795 ^g | 299 ^h | 35 | 3 | 24 | 200 |
| Wind power | 1,148 | 510 | 34 | 106 | 61 | 5 | 160 | 344 |
| Solar thermal heating/cooling | 807 | 670 | 42 | 13 | 17 | 0.7 | 8.9 | 34 |
| Solid biomass ^{a, b} | 780 | 180 | | 80 ⁱ | 58 | | 41 | 389 |
| Biogas | 344 | 145 | | 7 | 85 | | 41 | 71 |
| | 290 | 95 | 12 | 9.3 | 12 | | 7.3 ^j | 74 ¹ |
| Geothermal energy ^{a, d} | 93 | 1.5 | | 35 | | 2 | 6.5 | 25 |
| CSP | 34 | 11 | | 5.2 | | | 0.6 | 6 |
| Total | 8,829 ^f | 3,880 | 893 | 786 | 432 | 283 | 332 | 1,268 |

Part 3: Issues of sustainabilty: FiTs Funded by Renewable Energy Surcharges

- ➤ The feed-in-tariffs in China are funded by Renewable Energy Surcharge RMB0.019/KWh (US cent 0.3/KWh), charged on industrial and commercial customers
- ➤ The Renewable Energy Surcharge has been increasing (from RMB 0.008/KWh in 2011 to RMB 0.019/KW, but not enough to provide needed subsidies (In Germany, the renewable energy surcharge is US cents 0.34/KWh, 10 times higher!)
- The arrears in disbursing the subsidies currently amount to about RMB 100 billion (US\$16 billion), affecting most of the utility scale solar PV projects

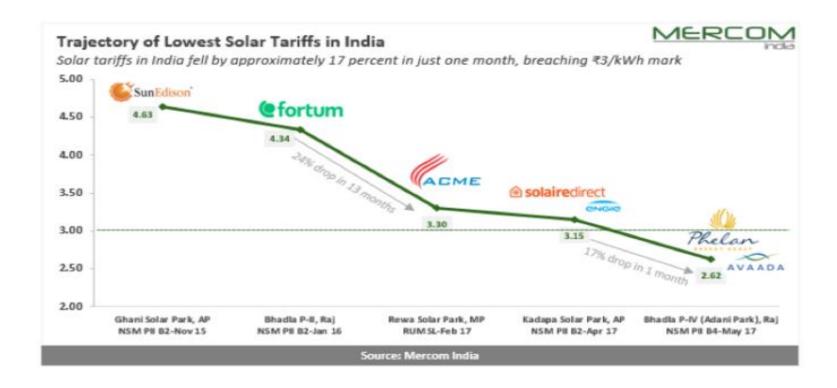




➤ Recent regulation to put cap on solar PV projects and further reduce Feed-in-Tariffs: China's solar PV installations in 2018 may drop by a third

Part 3: Issues of sustainabilty: FiTs vs. Auctions

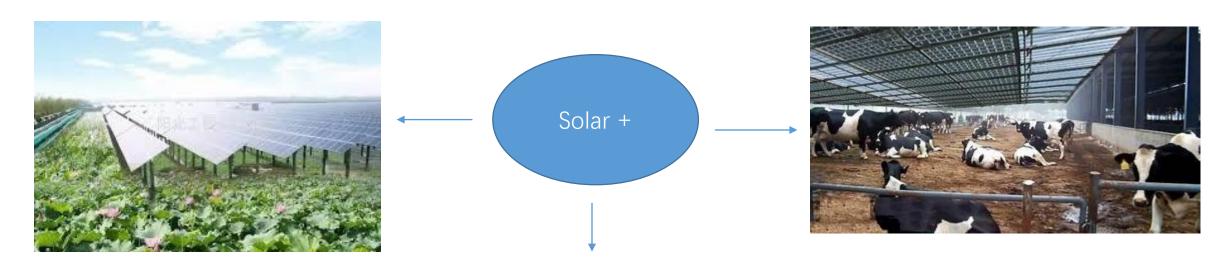
Some countries, such as India, have started using auction mechanism to award solar PV projects, that led to much lower and competitive prices – more sustainable than the feed-in-tariff mechanism





Part 3: Issues of sustainabilty: « Solar + » Model

Solar +" model, i.e. "Solar + Farming", "Solar + Fishing", "Solar + Sheep raising" etc, can provide viable business models for expanded solar PV markets in China, and reduce dependence on subsidies







Part 4: Concluding Remarks

- Solar PV development has been largely driven by energy policy (low carbon transition and clean air) in China
- ➤ In China, solar PV development is also part of industrial policy (more jobs)
- Feed-in-tariff mechanism is very effective to start a market; however, it is not sustainable
- Solar PV auctions can lead to more sustainable renewable energy development
- Most important factor: stable, transparent and predictable policy and regulatory framework so developers can assess the risks and make their investment decisions
- Solar +" can offer viable business models to reduce the dependence on subsidies



Thank you!

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