Energy and Economy Transition in China under the Global 1.5C target

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Abstract

Energy supply play most important role in the deep cut future. Recent IPCC reports clearly presents rapid transition in energy system. By 2050, renewable energy and nuclear will dominate energy supply. This is same story for China. Figure 1 show the primary energy demand in China based on IPAC results. The energy industry will shift largely to renewable energy and nuclear. Figure 2 give power generation in the 1.5°C scenarios. All these show the energy sector transition is significant, and they present one part of economic transition.

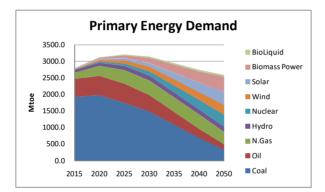


Figure 1 Primary energy demand in China, 1.5 scenario

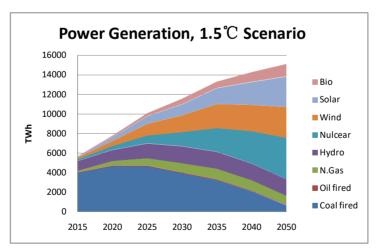


Figure1 Power generation scenarios for China, 1.5 scenario

Clear reduction targets will ask industries and consumer to response. Policies for reduction could change the production structure. New industry process including hydrogen as feedstock and reduction materials to make steel, chemical products; new technologies including advanced battery for vehicles and power storage, advanced nuclear power generation etc.; new materials which could replace high emission products, such as plastic from renewable materials; new consumption behaviors including carbon labeling, carbon footprint life, which can change manufacture industry significantly; new energy use pattern to be zero emission energy supply, or even negative emission energy supply. Due to GHG emission reduction, the whole economic system has to make the transition to match the requirement for deep cut of GHGs.

■Biography

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