

# Pre-2020 emission reduction policies in China

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# Key policies and targets in recent years

2009, declaring the carbon intensity target: reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>/GDP 40-45% from 2005 to 2020

2012, ***Work Plan for Controlling GHG Emissions During the 12<sup>th</sup> FYP Period***. Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>/GDP by 17% from 2010 to 2015

2014, ***National Plan on Climate Change (2014-2020)***. Raising main targets and tasks for 12FYP

2015, ***China's INDC***. Declaring the targets for 2030: carbon emission peaking around 2030 and making best efforts to peak early; reducing CO<sub>2</sub>/GDP by 60-65% from 2005 to 2030; 20% non-fossil fuel in total energy

2016, ***Work Plan for Controlling GHG Emissions During the 13<sup>th</sup> FYP Period***. Declaring targets for GHG emission controlling, including reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>/GDP by 18% from 2015 to 2020

# Low-carbon policies and measures in 2010-2015 (1)

## I. Established a sound organizational foundation of low carbon innovation

- National leading group on climate change
- Department of climate change; , climate change departments on provincial level
- National Experts Committee on climate change, NCSC

## II. Strengthened the regulatory system for low carbon development

- Energy intensity target and evaluation system (11<sup>th</sup> FYP)
- Dual control of energy intensity and carbon intensity, and evaluation system (12<sup>th</sup> FYP)

## III. Top-level designing

- Climate change legislation
- Plans and strategies: mitigation and adaptation
- Low carbon development strategy research

# Low-carbon policies and measures in 2010-2015 (2)

## IV. Actions and measures in main areas

- Economy structure adjustment: eliminating backward and development new strategic industries
- Energy conservations in key areas
- Energy structure optimization: *controlling of coal consumption and development of RE*
- Increase of carbon sink
- Non-CO2 GHG emission controlling

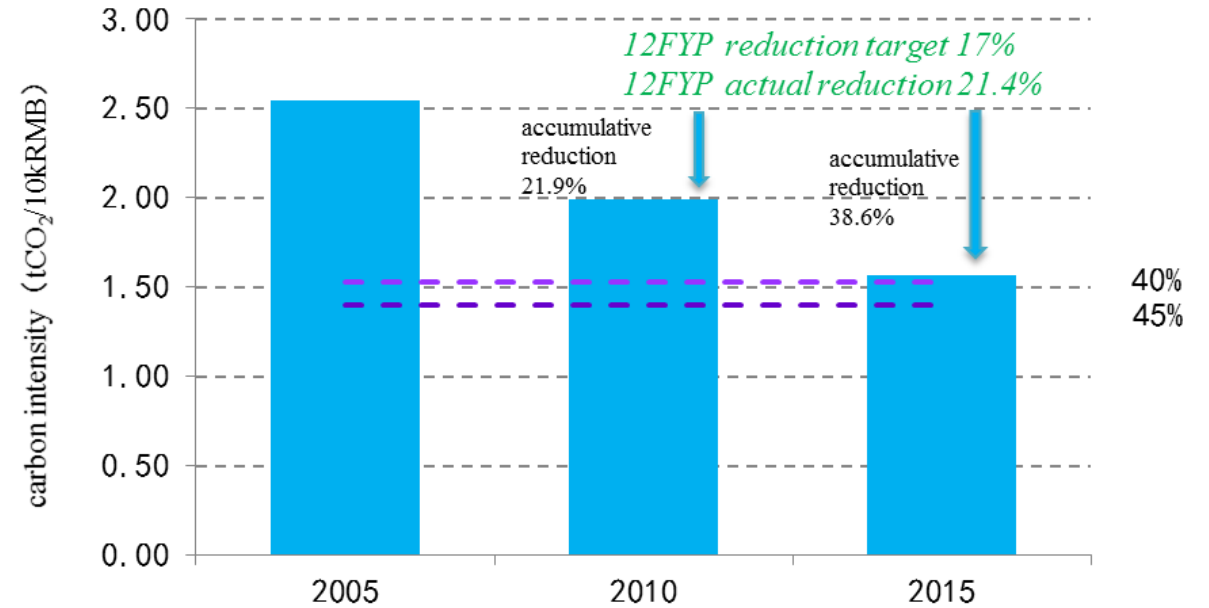
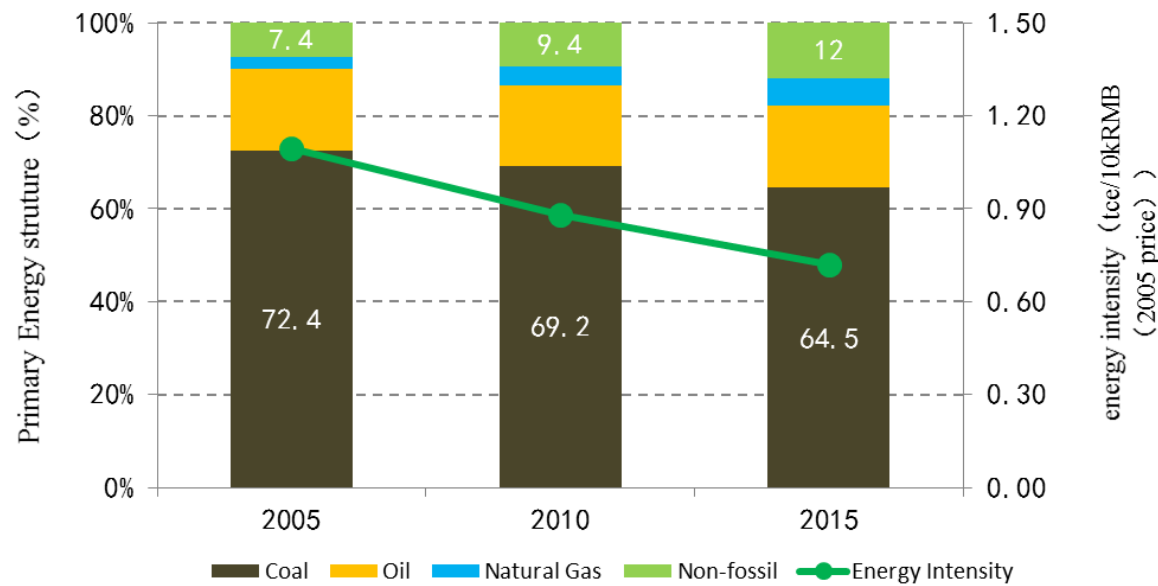
## V. Pilots and demonstrations

- Low carbon provinces and cities pilots
- Low carbon industrial park pilots, community pilots, product pilots
- Carbon emission trading pilots
- CCUS trial and demonstrations

## VI. Strengthened the data information basis of low-carbon policy making

- National communication and inventory compilation (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Provincial Greenhouse Gas Inventory Guidelines (Trial) and inventory compilation
- GHG emissions accounting and reporting guidelines for 11 key industry sectors

# Energy related carbon emissions in China by 2015



Data resource: Estimation by NSCS based on national statistic data of 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

# Key targets on GHG emission controlling by 2020

- Reducing the CO<sub>2</sub> emission per unit of GDP: 18% reduction from 2015 to 2020
- Controlling the total carbon emission
- Enhancing the controlling of non-CO<sub>2</sub> GHG emissions

- Early peaking of key optimization development regions
- Early peaking of some key energy-intensive industrial sectors around 2020
- Deepening the low-carbon pilots and demonstration
- Co-controlling of carbon and pollutant emissions

- Launching the national carbon emission trading market
- Establish the preliminary legal and standard system on climate change
- Completing the MRV system
- Raising the public awareness and active participation on addressing climate change

# Low-carbon policy and actions in key areas by 2020

## Promote the energy transformation

- ▶ Control the primary energy consumption: lower than 5Gtce by 2020
- ▶ Improve energy conservation in key areas:
  - ▶ *15% reduction of energy intensity in 2015-2020*
  - ▶ *large-scale power generation group: no more than 550gCO<sub>2</sub>/KWh by 2020*
- ▶ Control the coal use, lower than 4.2Gt by 2020; negative growth in key pollutant regions
- ▶ Promote the use of natural gas: 10% by 2020

## Build low-carbon industry system

- ▶ Transformation of traditional manufacturing industries and eliminate backward capacity
- ▶ Develop strategic emerging industries and service industries: 15% by 2020
- ▶ Develop service sector: 56% by 2020
- ▶ Control the industrial GHG emissions
- ▶ Low carbon agriculture: N<sub>2</sub>O emission peaking around 2020
- ▶ Increase carbon sink: forestry coverage 23.4% by 2020

## Promote the low-carbon urbanization

- ▶ Low-carbon development of buildings: 20% green buildings in newly-built buildings by 2020; zero carbon emission building pilots
- ▶ Low-carbon development of transportation: reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>/turnover of all transportation modes; new energy cars, 2 million capacity by 2020
- ▶ Promote the low-carbon disposal of urban waste
- ▶ Encourage the low-carbon lifestyle

## Promote the regional low-carbon development

- ▶ Set different carbon intensity reduction targets for different regions
- ▶ Peaking earlier of carbon emission in key optimization development areas
- ▶ Promote the innovative low-carbon pilots and demonstration
- ▶ Enhance the low carbon development of poverty regions

# Low-carbon Pilots and Demonstrations by 2020

## Near-zero-carbon-emission demonstration projects

- In exploitation-restricted and exploitation-prohibited
- 50 pilot projects by 2020

## Low Carbon Provinces and Cities

- The 42 low carbon pilot provinces and cities have been approved with low carbon goals and action plans, including carbon emission peak targets
- 100 pilots by 2020

## Low Carbon Industrial Parks

- Proving the action plans of 51 low-carbon industrial park pilots
- 80 pilots by 2020, of which 20 national-level pilots

## Low Carbon Communities

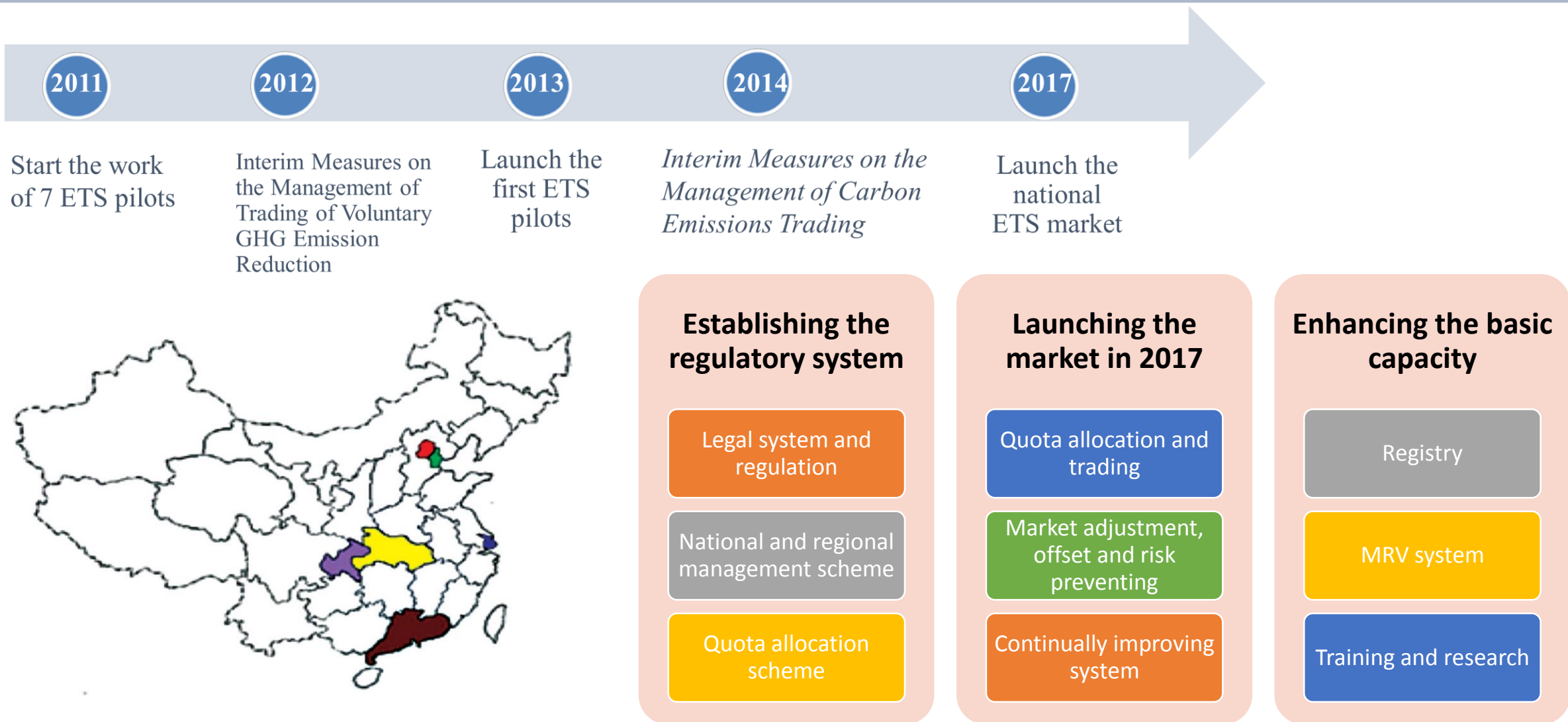
- 1000 low carbon community pilots by 2020
- 100 national low-carbon demonstration community

## Other pilots and demonstration

- Low Carbon commerce, low carbon tourism, low carbon enterprises
- Climate financing pilots
- Large-scale demonstration of CCUS projects



# Formulation of national carbon emission trading market



# Policy evaluation for carbon emission reduction by 2030

- **Research method:**

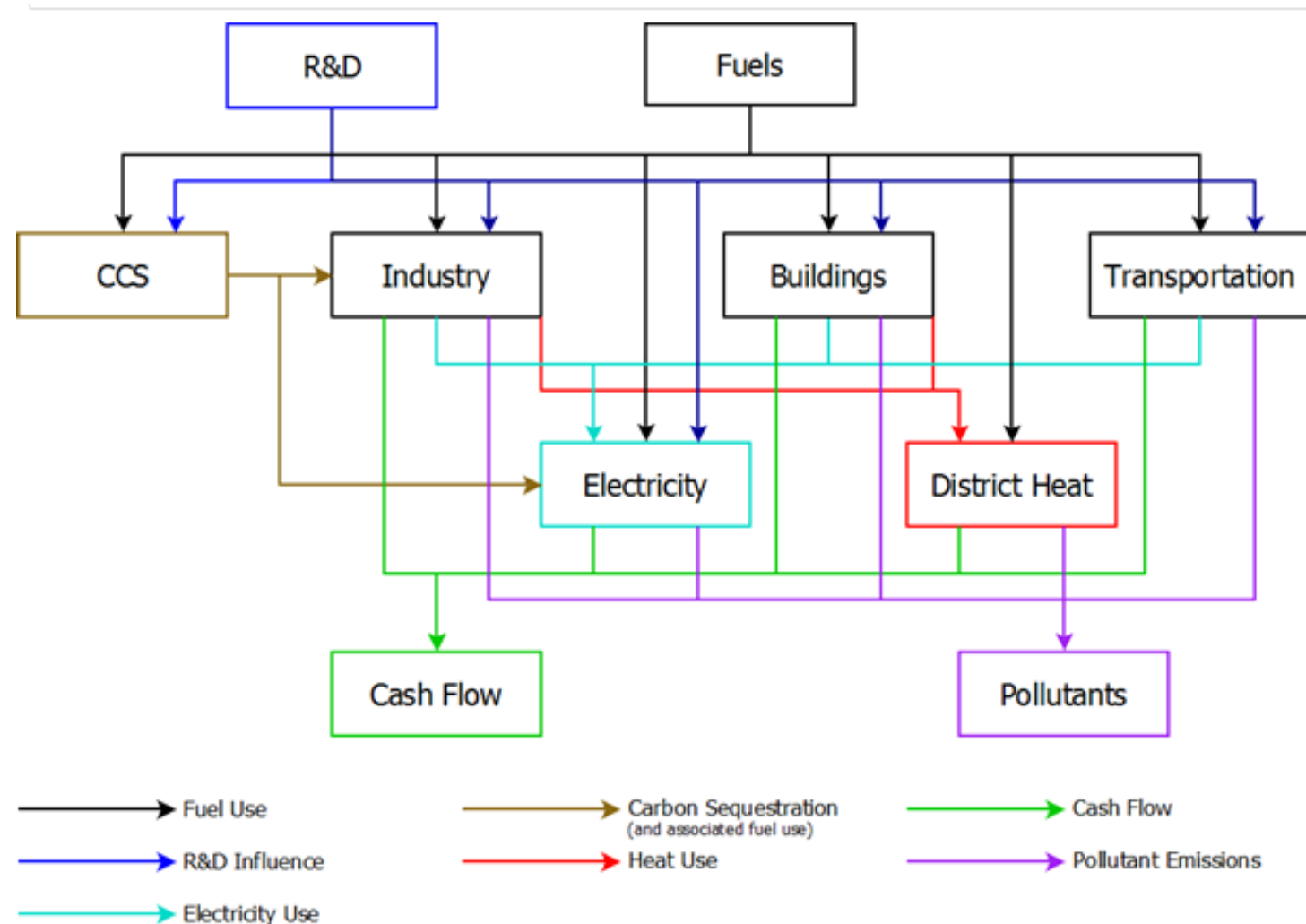
- Policy Evaluation Model (system analysis model)

- **Research Targets:**

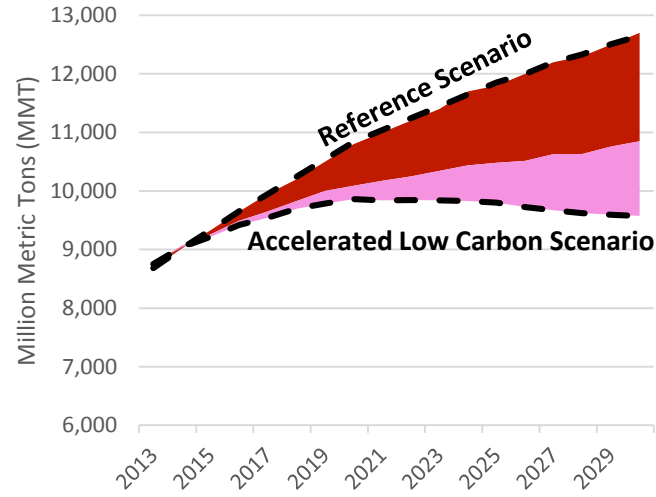
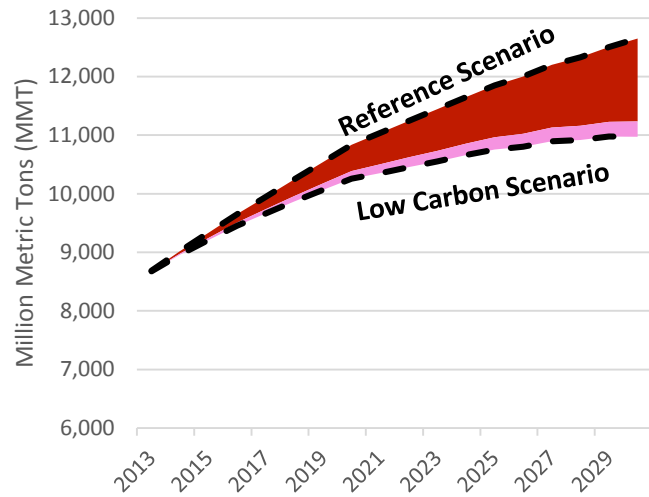
- Make quantitative evaluation of the mitigation potential of different policies by 2030
- Compare the effects of different categories of policies in different scenario
- Identify the policies that can most cost-effectively drive down China's emissions

- **Research Partner:**

- Energy Innovation (EI), US



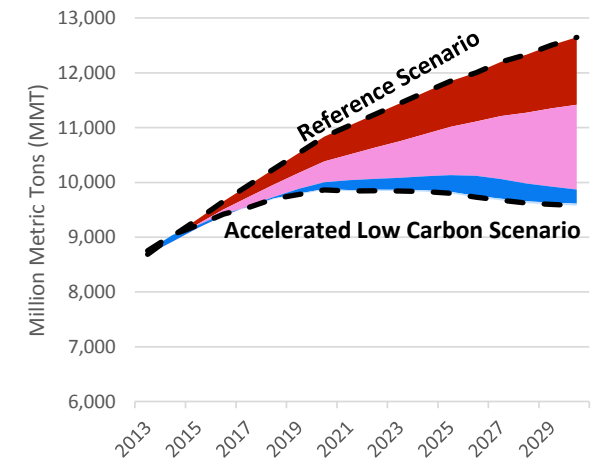
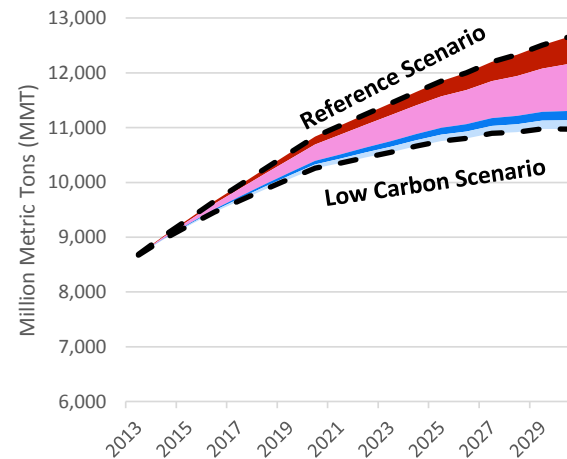
# Policy evaluation for carbon emission reduction by 2030



■ Regulatory ■ Pricing

- Efficiency policies are the primary driver of emissions reductions, followed by clean energy policies
- Direct emissions abatement policies would appear more significant if all GHGs were included in these figures

- Regulatory policies will still play an important role in short and medium term
- Carbon pricing has far higher abatement potential than others and can drive significant carbon reductions



■ Clean Energy ■ Efficiency ■ Demand Management ■ Direct Emissions Abatement

# Conclusion

## □ Development pattern transition is key for low carbon development

- An innovative development pathway is crucial to achieve LC development and LEDs
- It is possible to achieving carbon emission peak around 2030 and even earlier
- Coordinate with environmental and energy policies to achieve the co-benefits and environmental integrity

## □ 13FYP is a key period for achieving NDC targets

- Slower the carbon emission growth rate by dual controlling on emission intensity and total emission
- Control the total energy consumption and especially the coal consumption
- Build a strong base for the scale use of renewable energy

## □ Good policy environment is key for driving the low carbon transition

- Strengthen the legal status of carbon emission control and enhance the constraint force of relevant target;
- Enhance the carbon pricing via market-based mechanism, e.g. ETS
- Enhance the information disclosure of carbon emission data
- Enhance the low carbon financing



**Thank you for your attention!**

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