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Back 15 yrs ago, Chinese development faced 2 distinct problems:

- 1) Energy dependence on Indian Ocean sea lane w/o Navy to defend it
- 2) Over dependence on Mkt access & Tech from Western countries.

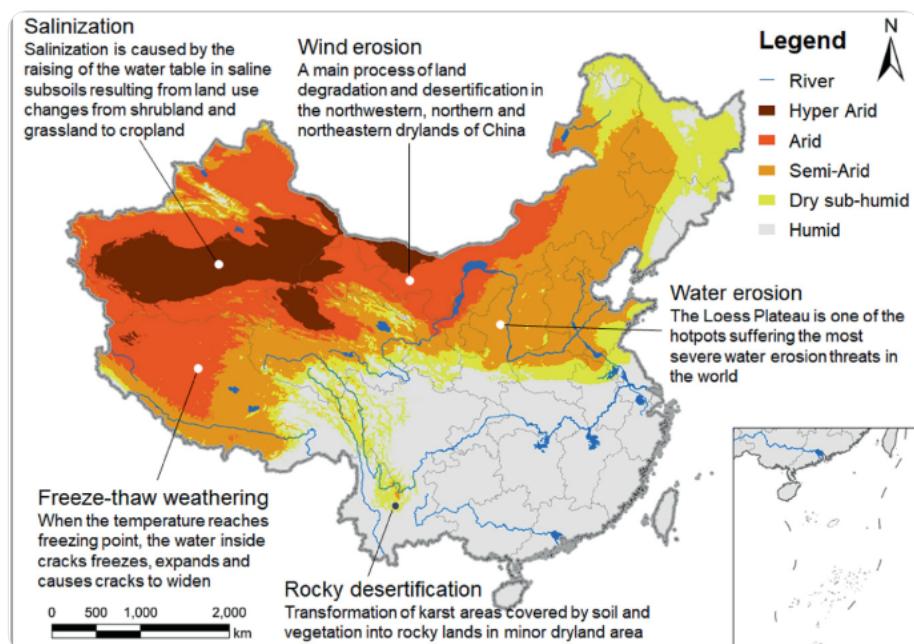
Focusing on 1) today, let's discuss what China is doing for energy independence.



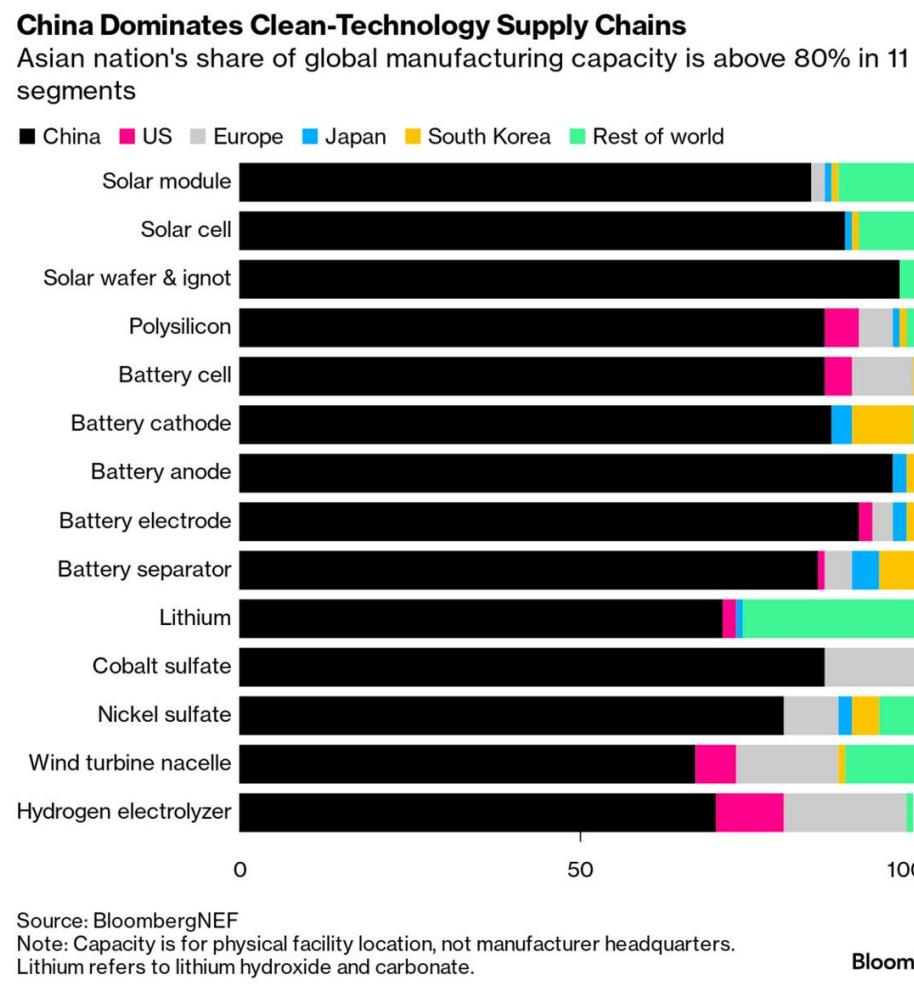
WCF saw that China was facing this energy issue when building BYD. He saw China had huge solar potential w/ vast amount of Arid, lowly inhabited land.

Solar required battery to deal w/ intermittency issues.

By electrifying cars, buses & trucks, China reduces its oil dependence.

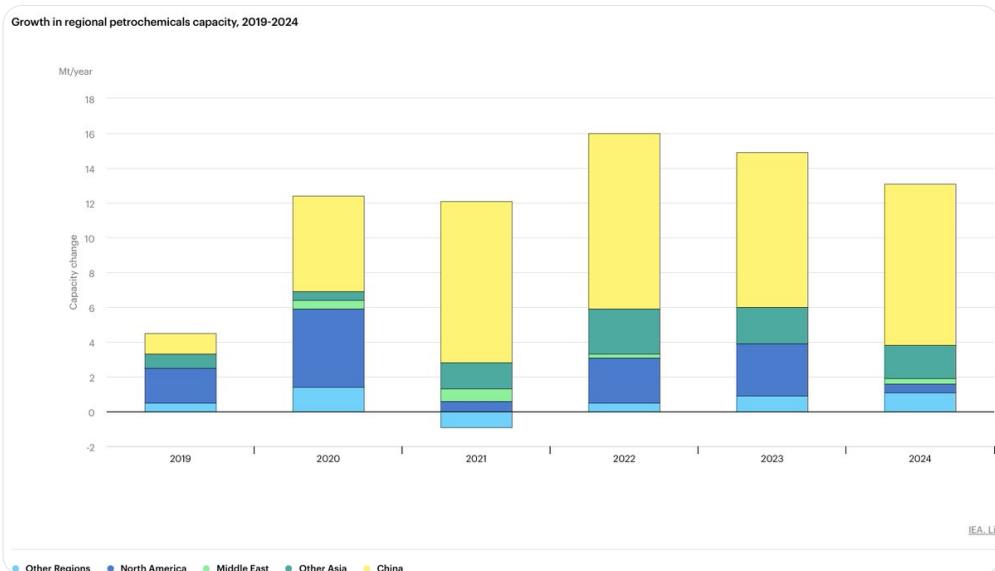


Chinese policy makers helped w/ BRI & such, but private business like BYD also saw the need & opportunity so they rushed in & invested to build the formidable supply chain that we see today all the way down to critical minerals, RE magnets, battery materials & solar ingots.

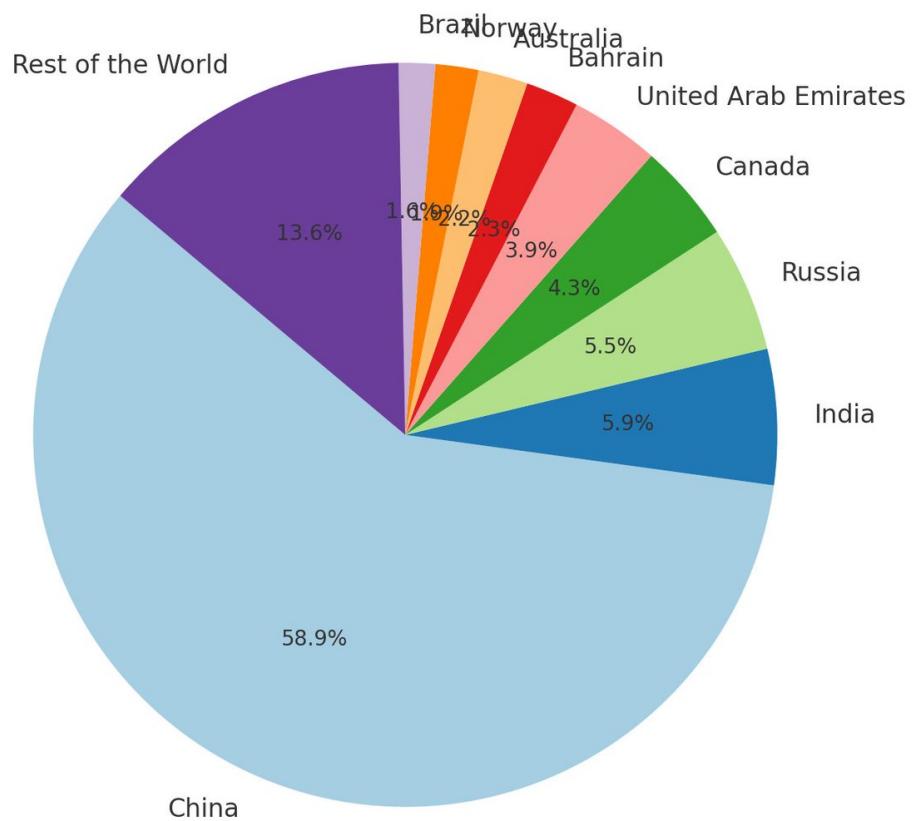


Along the way, China industrialized across all metal & chemical sectors. It now has the most petrochem capacity as well as Aluminum, steel, Titanium & many other building blocks needed by renewable industry.

And it's building up huge power IC & MCU needed by EVs & renewable grid.



Largest Aluminum Producers by Country (2023)

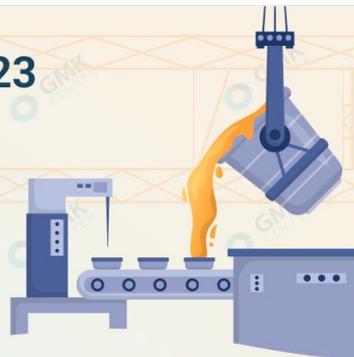


Global steel production in 2023

135.7 mln t **1.85** bln t

of steel were produced in December 2023
-5.3% y/y
-6.7% m/m

of steel were produced in 12 months of 2023
-0.1% y/y



Top 10 steel-producing countries in 2023, mln t



Regions – producers of steel, mln t

1. Asia and Oceania – 1 367	5. Middle East – 53.2
2. European Union – 126.3	6. South America – 41.5
3. North America – 110	7. Other Europe – 41.7
4. CIS+Ukraine – 88.1	8. Africa – 22

Data source: WorldSteel Association



2018-2024年中国钛矿产量预测趋势图



We now reach the point where they have 2TW of non-fossil fuel power generation w/ 1460GW being solar & wind. All while its electricity demand has exploded to being well over 2x that of US.

Gasoline & diesel demand has plateaued. This addresses about 45% of China's crude demand.

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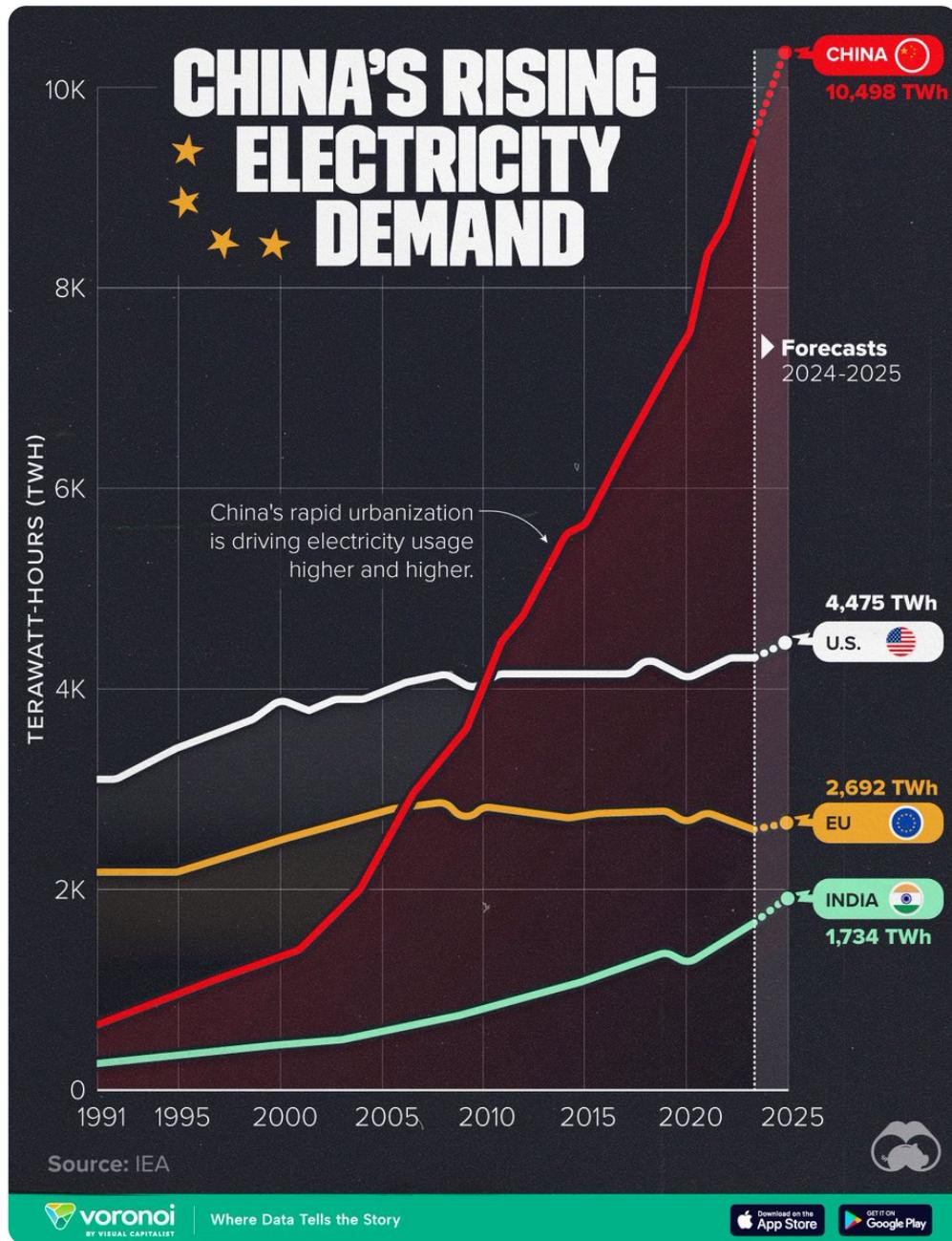
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实现翻番

累计增长了
103.1%



2025年2月底
全国非化石能源发电装机
占全国总发电装机比重**达到58.8%**





How does China deal w/ the huge petrochemical sector which accounts for 45% of its demand?

Green methanol/ammonia is a major part of this.

Announced green methanol & ammonia projects already meet 43% & 19% of their current need respectively.

Growing rapidly, game changers.

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钢研氢冶金 investing 660m RMB into green electricity -> hydrogen -> metallurgy project

producing 250kt of casting & forging/yr using direct reduction casting tech.
中国钢研 building world's 1st green H₂ vertical furnace industrial demonstration project in Songyuan, Jilin Province

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Mingyang has new 200kt green methanol project in Henan that will produce 200kt of circulating oil/lubricant using 700kW of wind power. MY has 500kt to 1mt of green methanol projects in 6 Henan cities to replace fossil fuel in shipping fuel, fertilizers, chemical & more.

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It goes beyond just the production of these chemicals, it's also building the transport mechanism around them from Liquid H₂ carriers, VL ammonia carriers, Liquid CO₂ carriers + CCUS system that capture CO₂ from dual fuel ships.

Also building the largest fleet of dual fuel ships



此外，为了应对氢能大规模跨境运输的需求，第七〇八研究所研发一型180000立方级液氢运输船，为了尽可能减少热交换，该船采用表面积体积比最小的双层球罐方案，两层球壳之间抽成真空并进行绝缘填充，蒸发率不超过0.1%，单个球罐容积为45000m³。该船型总长约为315米，船宽为54米。本船计划采用柴油推进，设计航速为18节，主燃料为MGO，燃油舱布置在船首部区域，与此同时也可应需求选择LNG作为燃料推进。机舱内配置质子交换膜型燃料电池，蒸发氢用于燃料电池发电给船舶供电。货物机械处所布置在机舱上方，内部布置再液化和压缩机等液货设备，GCU布置在烟囱。为了适当增加吃水深度，本船采用V型船体，设计吃水为10米，压载吃水不小于9米。为满足视线要求，生活楼布置在船首，并在船首布置挡风罩降低航行风阻并减少恶劣工况中砰击上浪对生活区域产生影响。





This includes LNG dual fuel iCER engine, medium speed, low speed & different sized engines.

Methanol dual fuel low & medium engines of different sizes + fuel supply system.

+ Biodiesel marine engines.

+ ports that refuel



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3/29-30th, Shanghai Yangshan Port refueled Korean ship HMM Green in its automated pier w/ 2902t green methanol + 1532 TEU containers. 1st time an internationally operated ship bunkered Chinese produced green methanol.

A step in Shanghai becoming the global green fuel refueling [Show more](#)



3月29-30日，上海能源旗下甲醇加注船“海港致远”轮在上海洋山四期自动化码头，为韩国“HMM Green”轮圆满完成同步加注作业，加注绿色甲醇2902.5吨，同步装卸集装箱1532TEU。这是上海港为国际航行船舶首次批量加注国产绿色甲醇，标志着上海港实现了国产绿色甲醇全产业链供应链服务，为国际航运提供绿色燃料加注开启新篇章。

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This past wk out of Chinese shipyards.

Dalian built LNG dual fuel 16000 TEU container ship started sea trials for delivery to MSC

JN launched another batch of LNG ships, large container ships, VLXC & VLEC.

Inland shipyard building 6 LNG fuel 1138 TEU container ships
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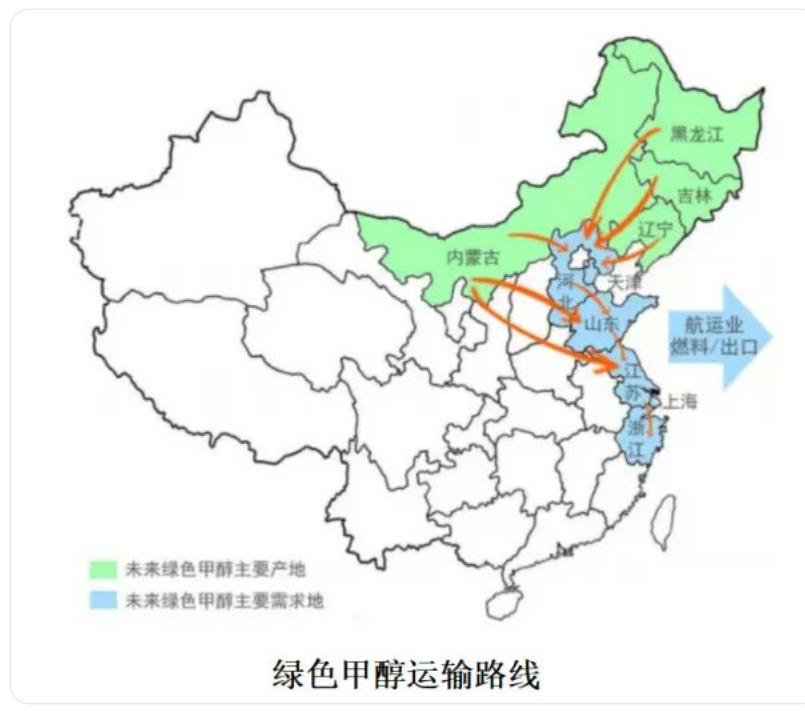




See Diagram below for where majority of methanol is produced (Northeast + Inner Mongolia) & where they are consumed.

Coastal provinces where the petrochemical bases are & where the ports are.

Domestic usage + export + refueling dual fuel ships



NorthEastern+IM are building pipelines to get green fuel to coastal areas.
 Jilin making use of its central location in this network to boost its huge chemical industry.
 Dalian is taking advantage of this w/ huge green refueling base in Changxin port + new green chemical base.



These provinces are all developing full Hydrogen industrial chain from electrolysis, storage & fuel cell to production & transport to using it in chemical industries, transportation & metallurgy.

Can this revitalize the Northeast?



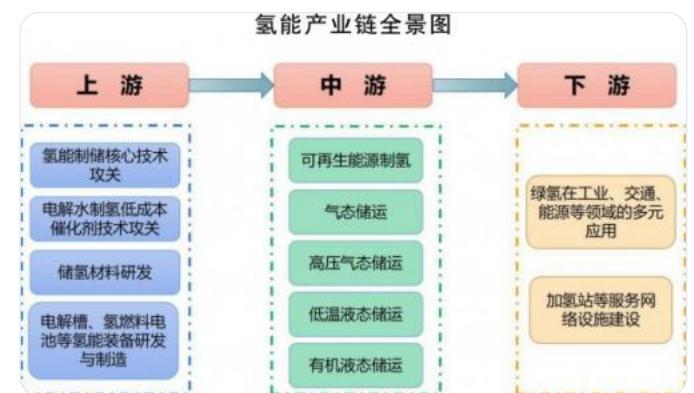
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Developing Hydrogen industry takes planning & money
Jilin Province in 2022 came out w/ 2021-2035 H2 plan w/
goal of 10B RMB H2 industry by 2025, 30B by 2030 &
100B by 2035

Its current GDP is 1.6T, but already allocated 60B+ for
various H2 projects

Plan includes electrolysis, H2 [Show more](#)



As I stated here, Shanghai & other Chinese ports like Dalian & Shenzhen are all looking to become major trading hubs for green fuel & chemicals.

If world moves from fossil fuel to green fuel. Energy sector high value service jobs are moving to China



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Through govt planning, private entrepreneurship & competition ->

China is breaking through on its energy security issues.

Well on its way to electrifying land transport + moving marine & air transport to green H2 based fuel

+ leading the way in H2 derivatives for chem industry

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