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Sustainable Energy in China: Status and Prospects



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Presentation outline

- Status of ‘sustainable’ energy in China
- Renewables
 - Solar PV for rural electrification
 - Wind for grid-connected use
 - Biomass
- Other Alternatives
 - Hydrogen, Fuel Cells
 - Distributed Power
 - Energy Efficiency
 - Coal Gasification



China's Energy Situation

- China second largest consumer of energy globally
 - China now second largest importer of oil (41% projected for 2004)
- Demand growth well above expectations
 - Shortage in generation capacity and transportation bottlenecks
 - Massive capacity expansion program announced
 - Energy consumption to double by 2020
- China still highly dependent on coal >70%, mining costs increasing
- Oil and gas resources are limited
- Transportation market exploding
- Energy intensity per unit of GDP (PPP basis) very high
 - Efficiency improving but not fast enough

China's Energy Situation (cont'd)

- Environmental degradation is becoming a national priority
 - China has 9 out of the 10 top most polluted cities in the world
 - International commitments – China 2nd largest GHG emitter
 - UNEP Director: “China’s economic goals ‘environmentally unachievable’” due to resource constraints
 - Fuel efficiency standards, emissions standards, LNG buses and taxis
- Government looking to diversify energy supply for economic, environmental and security reasons
 - LNG, purchasing of overseas assets
 - Renewables, other alternatives
 - Intermittent focus on CDM



Renewable energy in China

- Rapid growth from a very low base
- False starts in the past
- Energy bureau created in NDRC - Renewable energy has been put into the national energy strategy
- Goal of 100GW of renewable energy capacity by 2020 - 10% of total capacity
- 20 GW of wind, 50 GW small hydro, 1-2 GW solar PV, 15 GW of biomass, and 14GW of others
- Large hydro well developed, continuing growth
- The National's People Congress has agreed to issue a renewable energy promotion law – draft being developed by CRED, Tsinghua University, and other partners under NDRC leadership



Barriers to Commercialization of Renewables in China

- Higher upfront cost, subsidization of traditional energy (same as in developed countries)
- Marketing
- Awareness
- Incomplete assessment of renewable resources
- Lack of domestic suppliers
- Standards and testing facilities problem for equipment
- Poor linkages from R&D to commercialization
- Lack of coherent and clear policy incentives
- Restructuring of power industry – local versus national differences

Current Policies Framework

- Overall
 - National development program (1996 - 2010) issued by SDPC, SSTC and SETC in 1995
 - New incentives proposed by SDPC and SSTC approved by State council
 - SETC recommendations (in a research stage)
 - Wind concessions program by NDRC
- Taxation
 - Low value added tax rate (17% normal): 6% for hydro, 8.5% for wind, 13% for biogas
 - Duty free for equipment import for renewable energy technologies in joint venture case
 - Low duty rate for domestic investment: normal 23% in 1997 and wind is 6% for example
- Power purchase agreement (PPA)
 - Grid must buy the power generation from renewable technologies
- Price
 - Pay back price system applied for power generation by renewable technologies
- R & D
 - Government supports R&D program for renewable energy

Commercialization Activities

- **“Brightness”** program
 - launched by SDPC (NDRC)
 - target to supply power by renewable energy for remote areas
- **“Ride the Wind”** program
 - large wind turbine commercialization program supported by NDRC
 - two joint ventures have been developed for 300 and 600 kW turbine manufacturers
 - bilateral investment introduced for wind
- Rural electrification program for small hydro
 - organized by Ministry of Water Resources and SPC
 - started in middle of 1980s and three phase have been finished
 - 800 counties supply power by small hydro
- Rural energy integrated planning program
 - organized by Ministry of Agriculture and other 7 major commission and ministries
 - demonstrated in middle of 1980s and developed in 1990
- Double push program by SETC
 - 100 MW wind farms being established by this program

Source: Li Junfeng, CREIA



Renewable energy law

- “Renewable Energy Development and Utilization Promotion Law” in NPC legislative plan for 2004
- June 2004 – final draft for discussion
- June – Dec 2004 – revise draft
- Support for renewable energy from highest level of government
- Unclear whether if MMS, a Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS), a feed in tariff or perhaps a combination



Key players

- SDPC – Now the National Development and Reform Commission
- Beijing Jikedian Renewable Energy Development Center
- CREIA

- Local provincial planning commissions

- DOE/NREL
- UNDP
- UNEP (New office in Beijing)
- WB/GEF
- GTZ
- Energy Foundation

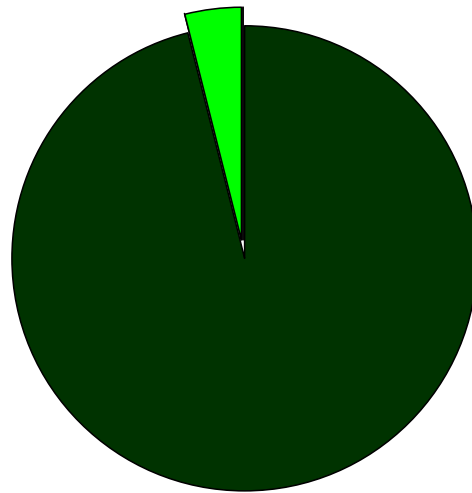
Solar PV in China



- Focus on rural electrification
- Manufacturing – *3MW in 2001, 40MW of 2003 capacity in 8 enterprises*
- Strong government support
- International programs – *\$20M for WB/GEF; \$25M for UNDP; new funding each year from US bilateral agreements*
- BP Solar and Shell active

A large percentage of Chinese households have electricity

5% Unelectrified



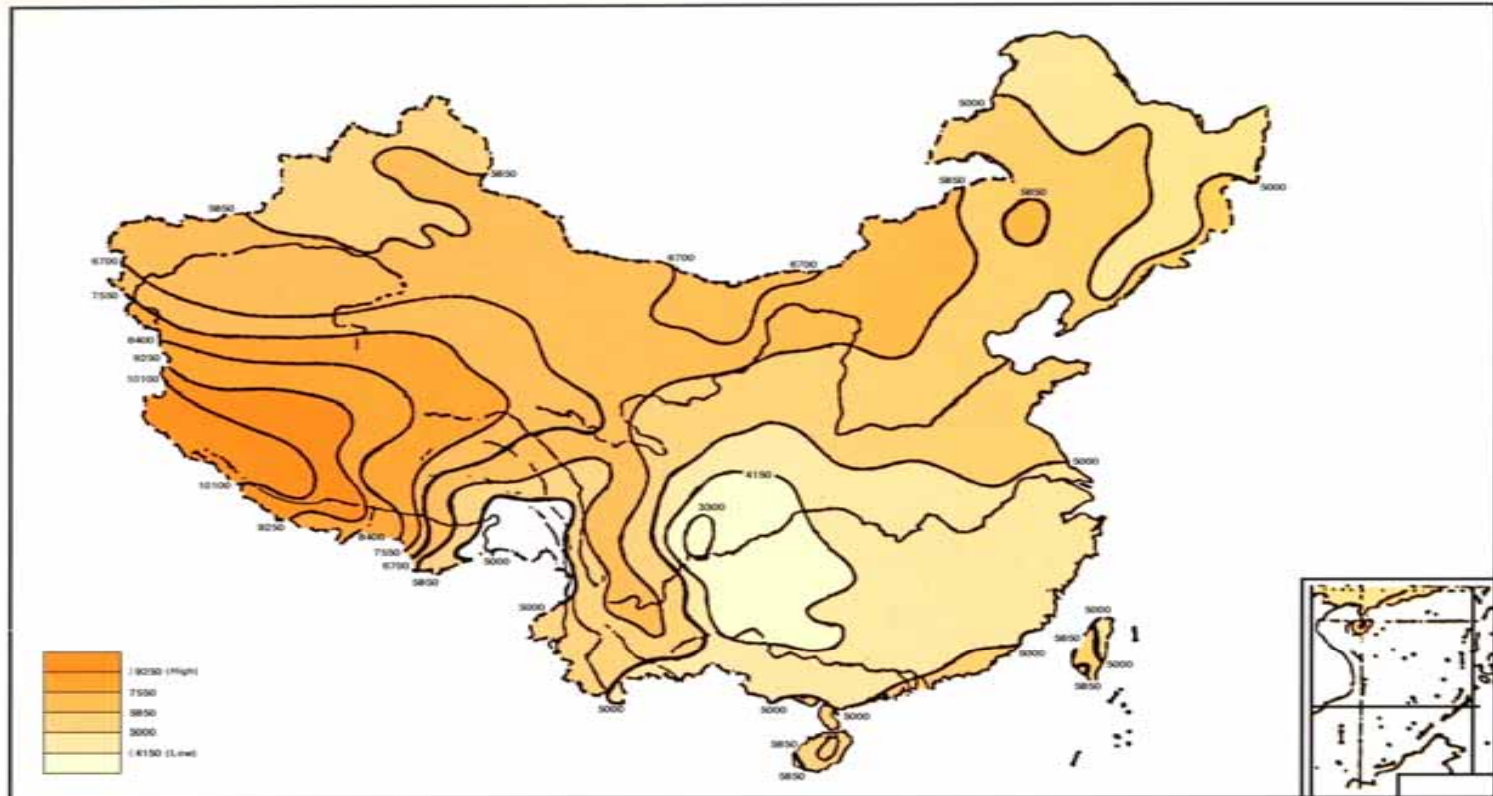
95% Electrified

- Total Unelectrified population in China – *60 million people*

Most village systems installed in the west



The west has good resources



注: $1\text{MJ}/\text{m}^2 = 2.78 \times 10^3 \text{kw} \cdot \text{h}/\text{m}^2$

图1. 中国年太阳能分布图(单位: 兆焦 / 米²·年)
Figure1. Distribution of solar energy in China(MJ/m²)

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The Township Electrification Program is ambitious in size and scope



- 220MW total; 20MW PV
- 1 million people; 1061 townships
- \$240M from government
- Goal - *15 years of system operation*

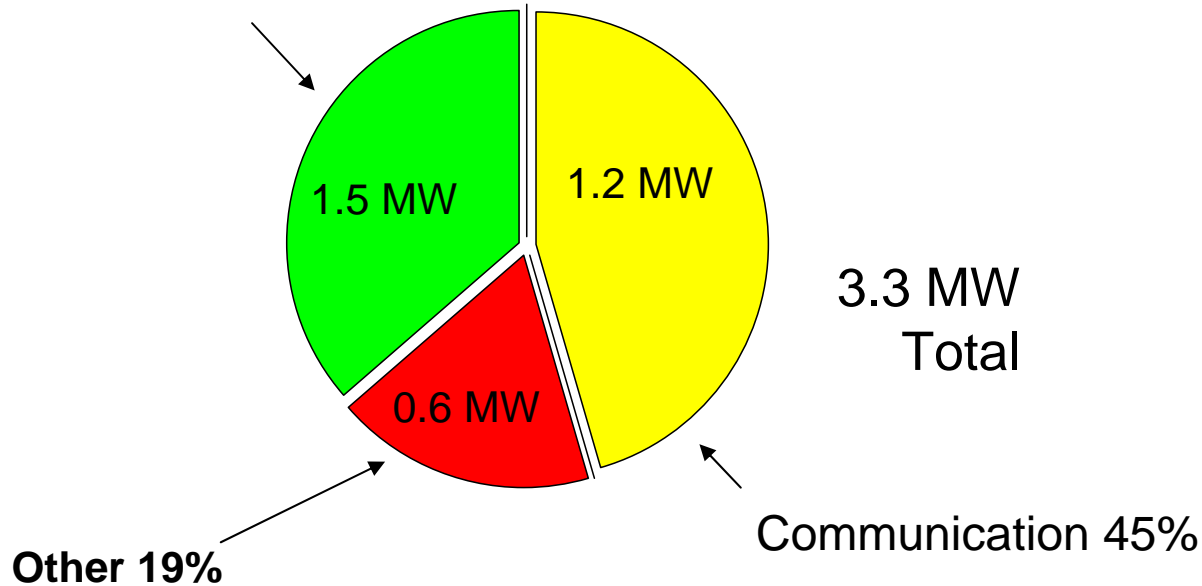
Pre-TEP PV Sales in China were moderate

PV Sales in China by Market Sector, 2000

PV Sales in China for Rural Electrification

- In 2000 – 1.2MW
- In 2002/03 ~ 20MW

Rural Electrification 36%

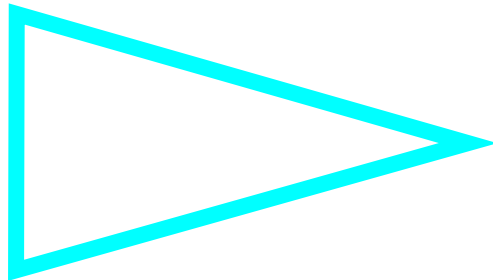


The key to success is infrastructure



Technology

- 25 years of research
- manufacturing expansion



Financing

- IFC
- WB country loans
- UNDP development assistance
- GEF environmental buy-downs
- Foundations
- Private Investc
- Country \$\$

INFRASTRUCTURE

Marketing
Distribution
Sales
Service
Maintenance
Revenue collection
Joint Ventures

Integrated Applications
Products

Training

A large enough quantity of equipment, in a geographically tight enough area, to reach the critical mass needed for local business viability.



Cost-effective and sustainable applications

Training - 40,000 will ultimately be trained

- March 2003 training regulation
 - Local Master Trainers (general knowledge of PV hybrids and PV/wind hybrids)
 - Rural electric workers (basic knowledge)
 - Village Operators (specific systems)
- Accredited training center, certified workers
- Village power handbook
- Training courses





China is “leapfrogging”

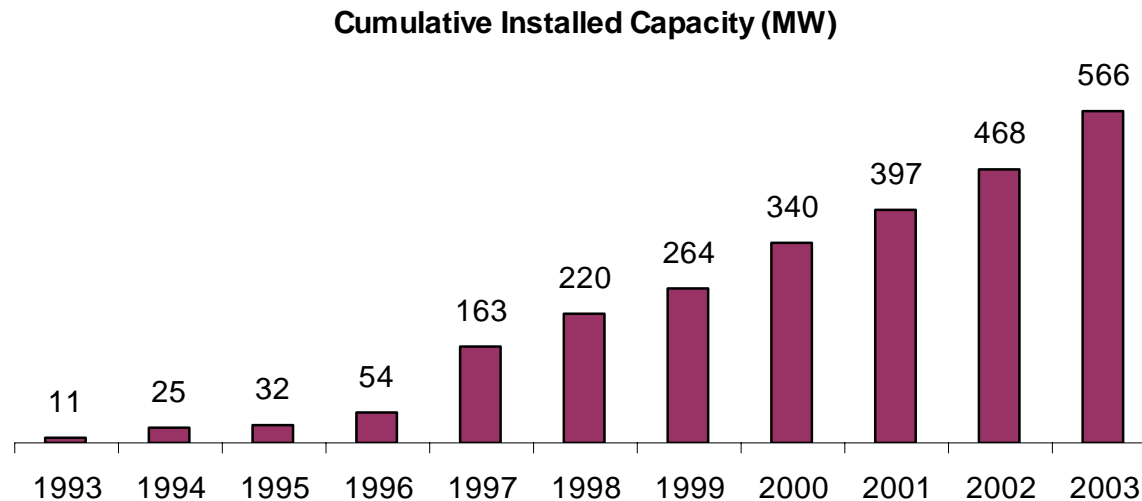
- Ambitious program with great potential
- Could become model for renewables-based rural electrification
- Numerous hurdles
- Great market for PV – Village Electrification Program
- Government commitment to universal electrification by 2010

Grid-connected wind power



China has vast wind resources

- World class wind resources estimated at 250 GW
- 40 wind farms, 566 MW installed capacity (by end of 2003). 98 MW added in 2003.
- Market share of pure Chinese manufacturers still small, but growing



Climate ripe for wind power

- Political climate attractive for large-scale wind development
- In the past, wind farms were tied-aid or small additions
- Restructuring of power sector in Spring 2003
- Demand and policy changes
 - Electricity shortages
 - NDRC goal of 20 sites by 2005; 10 GW goal by 2010; 20 GW goal by 2020
 - Wind concessions – pilot for long-term PPA and large-scale wind farms
- Wind offers global and local environmental benefits
 - Green tags – potential for Beijing and Shanghai

Wind concessions add capacity



- Goal – Develop wind market in China
- Long-term PPA – lower cost of wind, more favorable price for wind due to competitive bidding
- Large-scale wind farms (100-200MW) – economies of scale in construction, boost local manufacturing
- Bidding documents for first 2 concessions issued in Mar 03; Winning bids selected Sept 03.

Wind concession terms

- 20 year concession agreement
- BOT
- 40% of equipment must be locally-manufactured
- bidders will have 6 months to prepare their proposal, and will allowed to make wind measurements at the site
- bid assessment committee will be made up of at least 2/3 technical and economic specialists
- electricity price will be a major factor in choosing a developer
- PPA will be signed
- 15% income tax
- government will assign a representative to oversee the project (likely a state-owned enterprise)
- any disputes will be arbitrated by SDPC/NDRC

First 2 concessions in progress



- Jiangsu Rudong site - Hua Rui Group won bid to develop the site; bid price of 0.436 yuan/kWh (5.70 yen/kWh) using GE Wind turbines
- Guangdong Shi Bei Shan site - Guangdong Yuedian Company won bid to develop site; bid price of 0.501 yuan/kWh (6.55 yen.kWh) using Goldwind turbines
- 25+ potential sites being investigated.
- 2 new concessions sites under preparation for bids - Huitengxile, IM and Rudong, JS

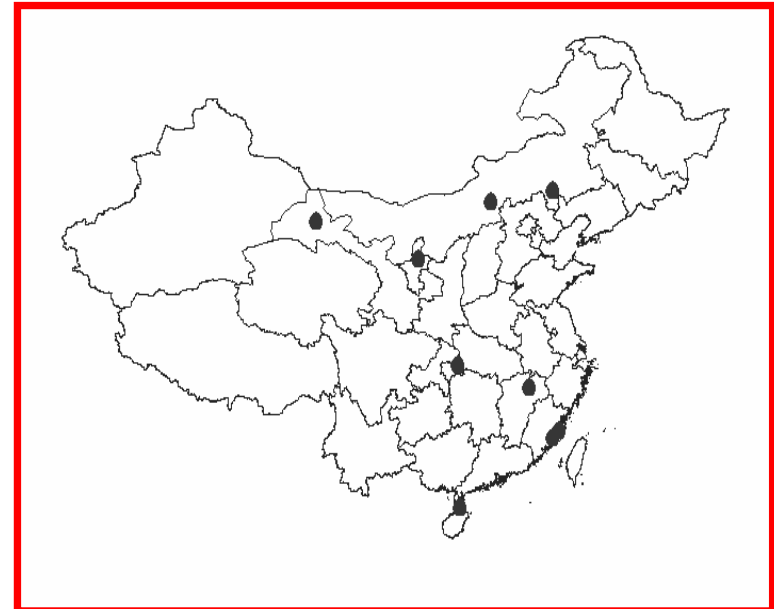
Wind resource assessment

- NREL (DOE/EPA) – wind atlas of SE China identified 50 GW of available wind within 10 km of coastline of Fujian and eastern Guangdong

(http://www.nrel.gov/china/pdfs/wind_atlas_china.pdf)

- UNEP – wind resource assessment of key areas in China by Fall 2004
- UNDP/China – 10 sites being monitored for potential concessions

- Poyang Lake, Jiangxi
- Lichuan, Hubei
- Huitengxile, IMAR
- Dali, IMAR
- Yumen, Gansu
- Helan Mountain, Ningxia
- Datong, Jilin
- Chongwu, Fujian
- Putian, Fujian
- Xuwen, Guangdong





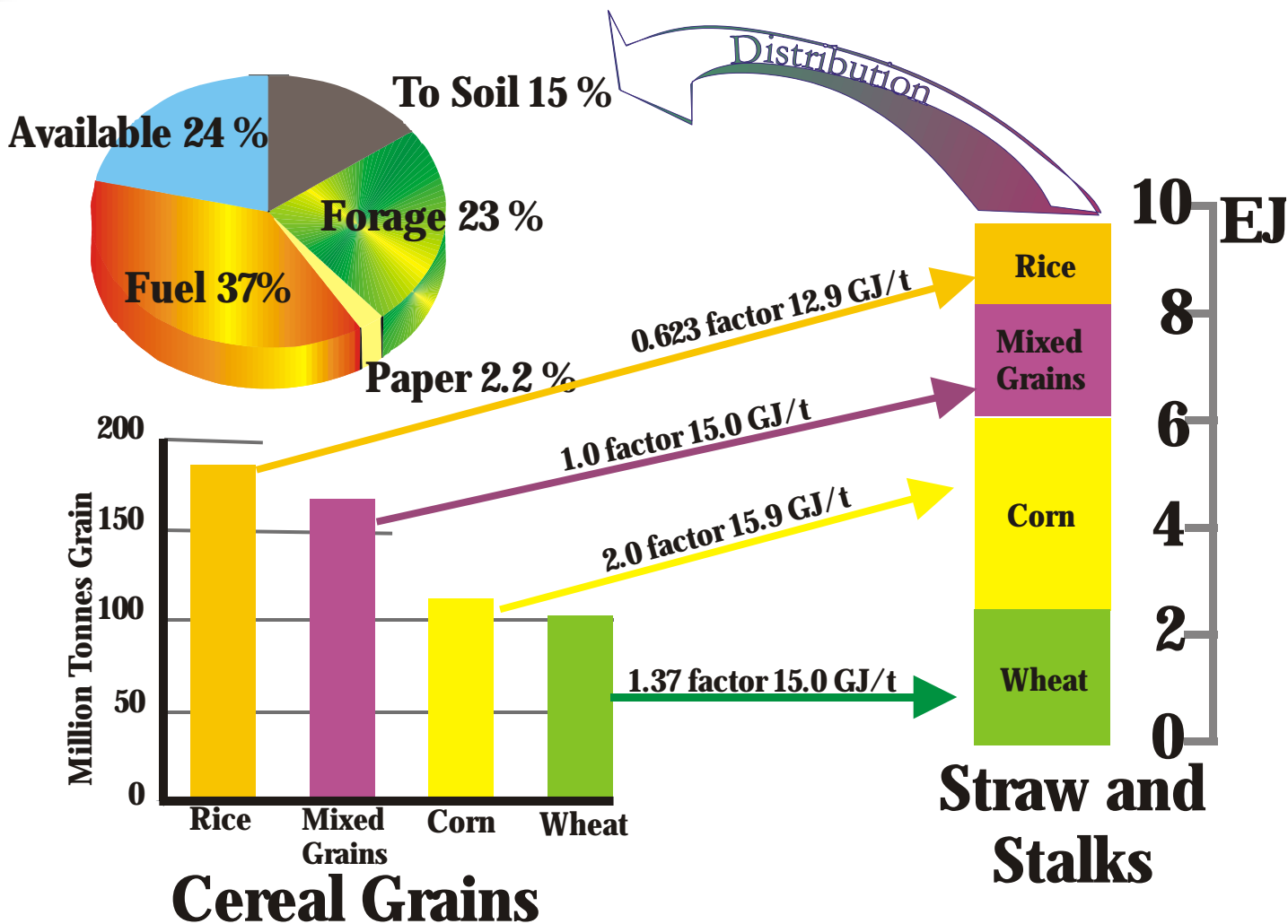
Wind: Key conclusions

- Huge potential
- Meets growing demand for power quickly (while meeting air pollution requirements)
- Critical policy support is imminent
- Localization of technology necessary

Biomass

- **Resources – estimated total 50 GW potential but fragmented, diverse**
 - Combustion, Co-firing with coal and Gasification technologies
 - Straws and stalks –150 Mtce
 - Forestry – 200 Mtce
 - Urban residues (garbage) – 20 Mtce
 - Anaerobic Technologies (Biogas)
 - CAFO (large scale livestock production) 60 Mtce
 - Industrial organic waste waters + sewage treatment 150 Mtce
 - More than 9 million small digesters used for rural household
 - More than 2000 large and middle sized digesters for industrial application
 - Total yield of biogas was over 2 billion cubic meters by the end of 2002
- Technologies
 - Advanced technologies are needed to achieve environmental performance
- Displacement of agriculture?

Availability of agricultural residues - China 1995





Other 'Sustainables'

- Renewables
 - Geothermal
 - Wave Energy
 - Small hydro
 - Solar thermal
- Hydrogen, Fuel Cells
- Distributed Power
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Fuel Cells

- Immense potential in urban transportation to mitigate GHGs
 - Major markets: FCBs, electric bikes, hybrids?
 - FCB costs too high to be competitive with diesel buses
 - Weak policy & planning capacity in public transport sector
- There is a lack of awareness and acceptance of FCB technology among key actors
 - From standing start in 1999, significant government investment
 - 863 Program focus on vehicles, PEM, hydrogen storage
 - 973 Program focus on basic research: materials, chemistries
 - Almost no private investment
 - Lack of key partnerships seen in US and Europe
- Pilot programs
 - FCBs for Beijing (Olympics) and Shanghai (World Expo)



Distributed Power

- A “novel” concept internationally; infrastructure costs seen as key barrier
 - Not a primary commercial interest in China
 - Lack of awareness
- Huge opportunity
 - With need to double TPES, China can make an “easy” jump to DG systems and be a world leader
 - Waiting for capable leader to set course and examples

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