



## **Understanding Energy in China (II) Geographies of Energy Efficiency**

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# Outline

- **Gap in the literature**
- **Key questions and answers**
- **Why is China so aggressive on energy efficiency?**



# Gap in literature

Other researchers have looked at:

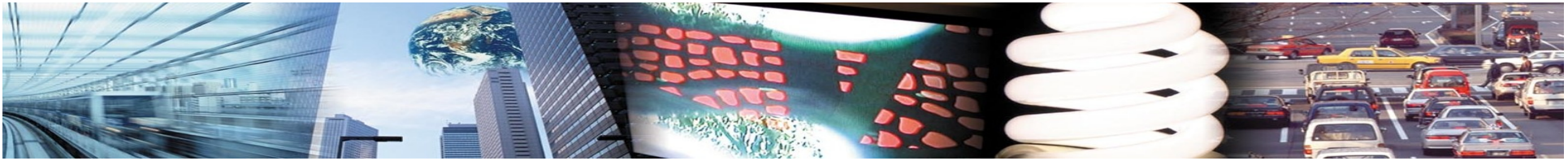
1. Policy gathering and explanation
2. Quantitative analysis of the effects of policy
3. In-depth study of regional differences

Little work on policy implementation



# Questions

1. How have policies that promote energy efficiency and conservation been translated to local actions?
2. What is the institutional structure?
3. Who is in charge?
4. How are local/regional governments implementing the policies?
5. Why there are differences among the regions?
6. How is progress being measured?



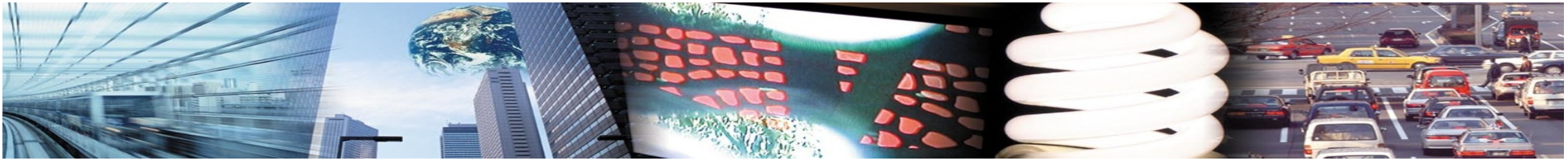
# 1. Translation of policy

China has been able to utilize regional governments and enterprises to implement policy highly coordinated way:

1. Close relationship between central government and local government: **active response**

2. Traditional China administrative structure **both horizontal and vertical**

3. Strong authority of government over firms **large, medium, or small**



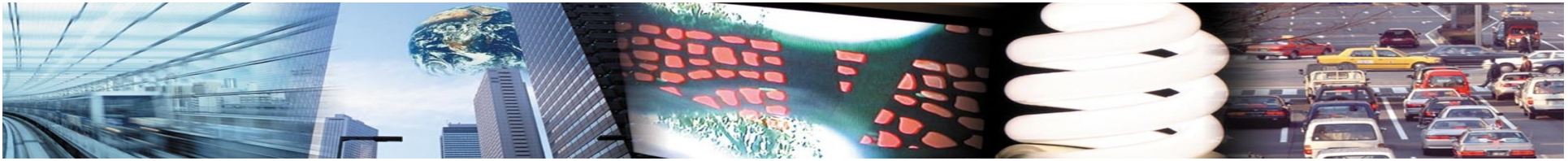
## 2. Institutional structure

Regional and local government has been given lots of freedom by the Chinese central government.

1. central government sets the targets of policy

2. Regional/local government defines the measures and regulations

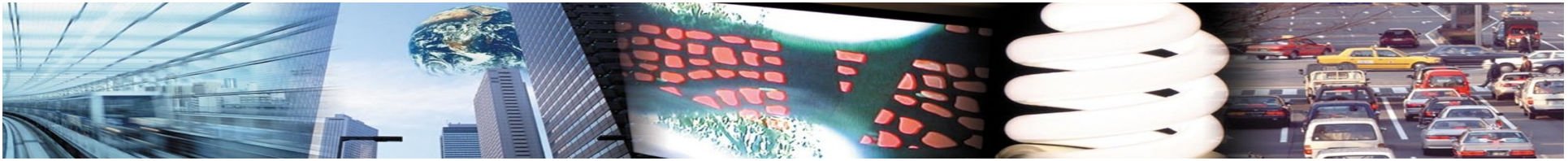
3. Enterprises carry out the measures and follow the regulations



## 3. Who is in charge?

Different government agencies are responsible for different aspects of energy efficiency.

1. Different size firms
2. Different industries
3. Different measures

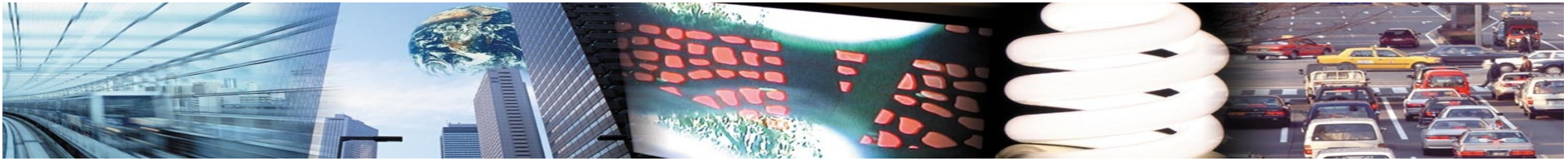


## 4. How are the policies being implemented?

Three major methods:

1. Economic
2. Regulatory
3. Administrative
  - contract
  - agreement
  - treaty

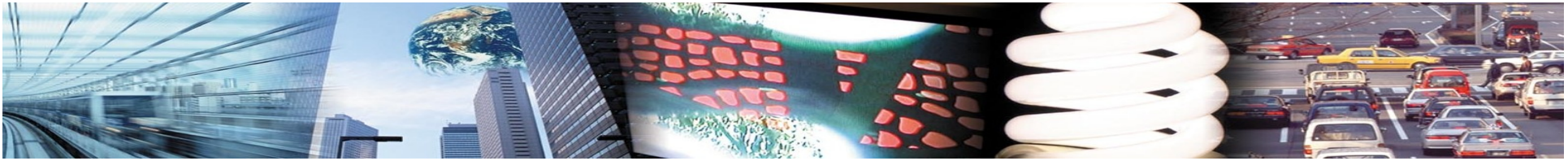




## 5. Why regional differences?

Policies have been implemented in a regional context:

1. Varying economic development levels
2. Varying natural resources and climate
3. Chinese culture diversity



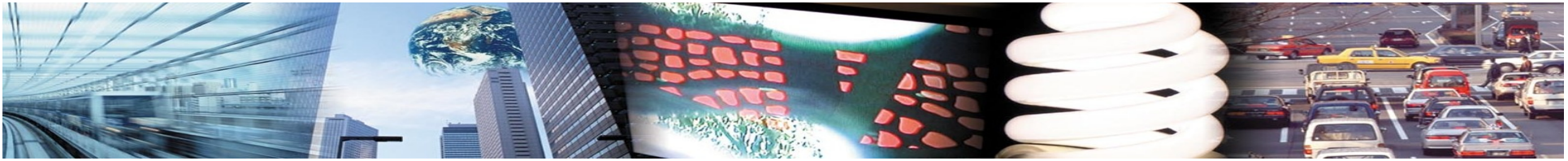
## 6. Progress evaluation

Three procedures for evaluation:

1. Firm self-evaluation

2. Field inspection by central/regional/sectoral governments

3. Expert commission re-evaluation



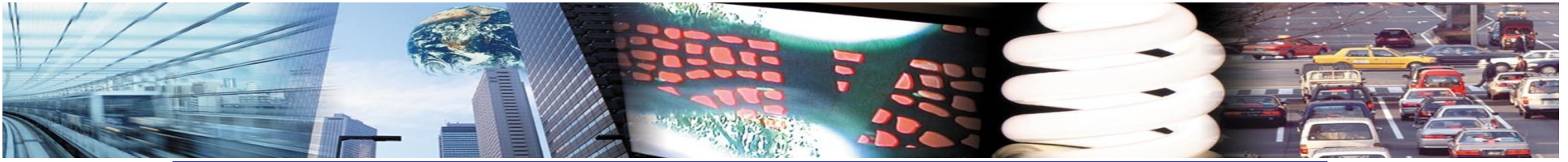
# Why so aggressive?

Both the size and rapid growth of China's economy means China is feeling the impacts of their own actions.

1. Energy security

2. Environment

3. Intercentral energy market



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