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## **Worldwide A-USC Developments Opportunities and Threats to Domestic Supply Chain**

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# Critical materials and advanced power systems – global opportunities

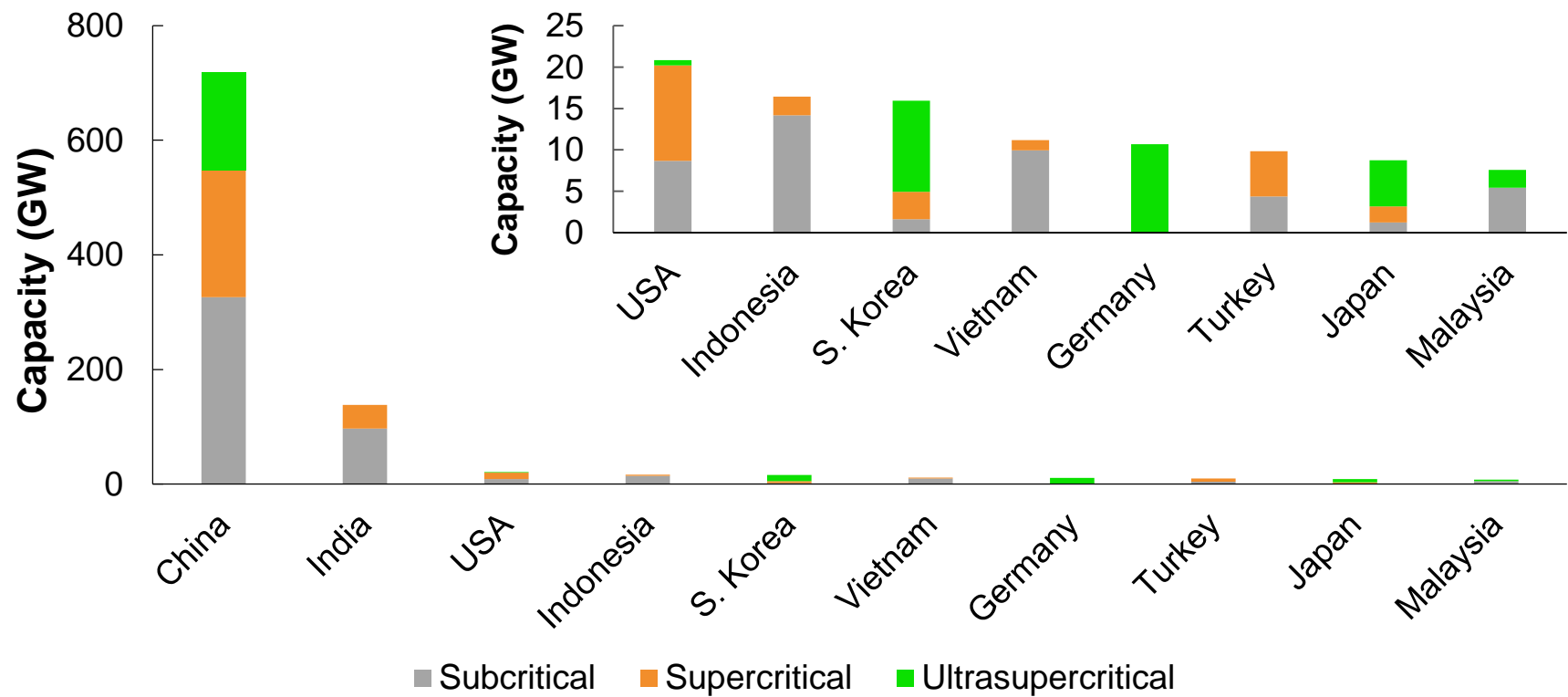
- Improved efficiency, flexibility, and reliability of coal-based power systems are of paramount importance to coal's future
- China, India, Japan, the European Union, and United States developing materials critical to advanced A-USC cycles and other advanced power systems, such as sCO<sub>2</sub>
- U.S. success could represent substantial competitive advantage in foreign markets for new high-performance power systems and retrofits
- Differing levels of interest exist on RD&D cooperation among nations on material development and testing and system design
  - At IEA Clean Coal Centre's 3<sup>rd</sup> A-USC Workshop (Dec. 2017), India and China indicated that they would benefit from international cooperation
  - Materials available on global markets being tested in China and its program has sought outside help on characterization tests
  - India interested in partnerships for material development and testing, but also appears to prioritize limiting reliance on foreign resources

# Critical materials and advanced power systems – threats to domestic supply chain

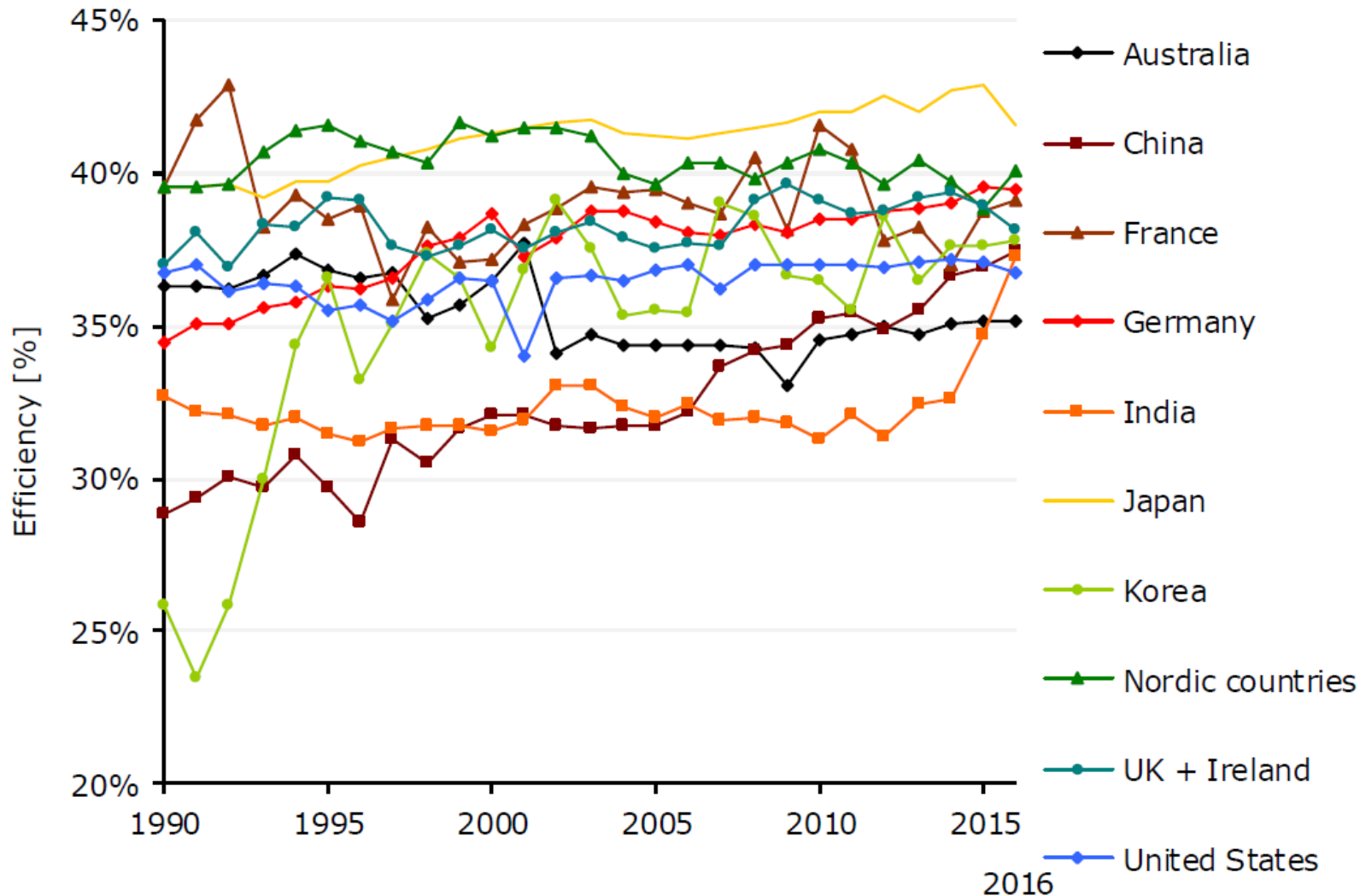
- U.S. domestic market has become challenging for testing materials that are critical to advanced coal-based power cycles
- Substantial deployment of state-of-the-art coal power cycles is occurring mainly in Asia
- Competitive global supply for power plant equipment
  - Licensing, joint ventures, local fabrication, etc.
- Countries developing A-USC concepts balance performance with cost when selecting highest operating temperature and pressure (for example, single reheat vs double reheat)

# Higher efficiency coal-based power generation technologies have been deployed mainly in Asia

Total new coal power capacity added from 2003 to 2016, by technology type



# Operating efficiency of coal-fired power generation varies greatly around the world



# Goals for countries developing A-USC coal-fired power technologies

Program	Steam Temp. (°C)	Target Efficiency (% LHV, net)	Program Start	Demonstration Plant Date and Capacity (MW)	Program Includes
EU	700	50	1998	2021 / 500	Coatings, biomass cofiring
United States	760	45-47 (HHV)	2000	2021 / 600	Oxyfuel, coatings
Japan	700	>50	2008	2021 / 600	Biomass cofiring
China	700	46-50	2011	2021 / 660	
India	700	>50	2011	-- / 800	

\* Minchener, IEA Clean Coal Centre, A-USC Workshop, December 2017

Note: NTPC's [annual report](#) for the year ended March 31, 2018 states that India's target steam temperature is 710/720°C and target efficiency is 46%

- Japan developed basic technologies for materials and manufacturing of boilers, turbines, and valves for 700°C class A-USC; continues to test failure modes for Ni-based components with complex shapes
- China continues to evaluate materials and costs; has not reached conclusions on highest-temperature and -pressure conditions
- India has selected In617 for highest-temperature and -pressure applications in their conceptual design, largely due to cost
- EU materials assessment recommended ASME Grade 92 ferritic steel alloy

China's 1,320-MW Pingshan Power Plant Phase II – only coal unit reported under development that would achieve both highest steam temperature (630°C or 1166°F) and highest steam pressure (330 bar or 4,786 psi)

- Preliminary target was to establish large demonstration unit (35 to 36 MPa and 700°C/720°C) with efficiency >50%
  - Planned demonstration unit 660 MW at 36 MPa and 700°C/720°C
- Component testing conducted, similar to European COMTES 700 [23], with steam parameters (26.8 MPa, 725°C, 10.8 t/h) in two-pass 320-MW boiler
  - First 700°C testing
    - Materials for waterwall, superheater, header, and high-temperature piping tested
    - Used both domestic materials (e.g., GH984G, C-HRA-1, and C-HRA-3) and imported materials (e.g., In617B, In740H, and H282)
- China has basic understanding needed to design and manufacture 700°C A-USC units
- High-temperature material production and supply poses major bottleneck
- Performance tests of high-strength nickel-based alloys conducted; no satisfactory results

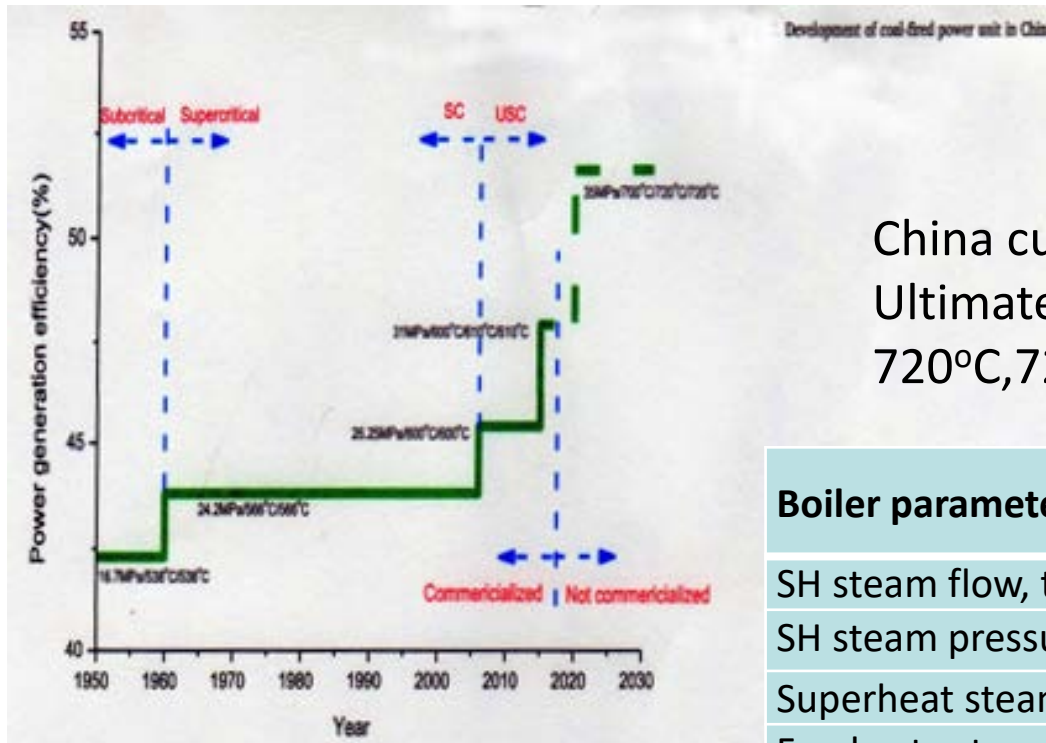
Technology <sup>1</sup>	Net Efficiency (LHV, %)	CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (g/kWh, gross)
Subcritical	<38	798.6 - 807.3
Supercritical	<42	726.5 - 734.4
600°C USC	<45	681.7 - 689.1
700°C USC	45.0 – 50.0	623.5 - 692.8
Pingshan (1320 MW <sub>e</sub> , 600°C USC)	49.8	622.7
Pingshan (700°C USC)	53.0	588.2

1. Minchener, loc. Cit.

2. Excerpted from Thermal Science and Engineering Progress 5 (2018) 364–371

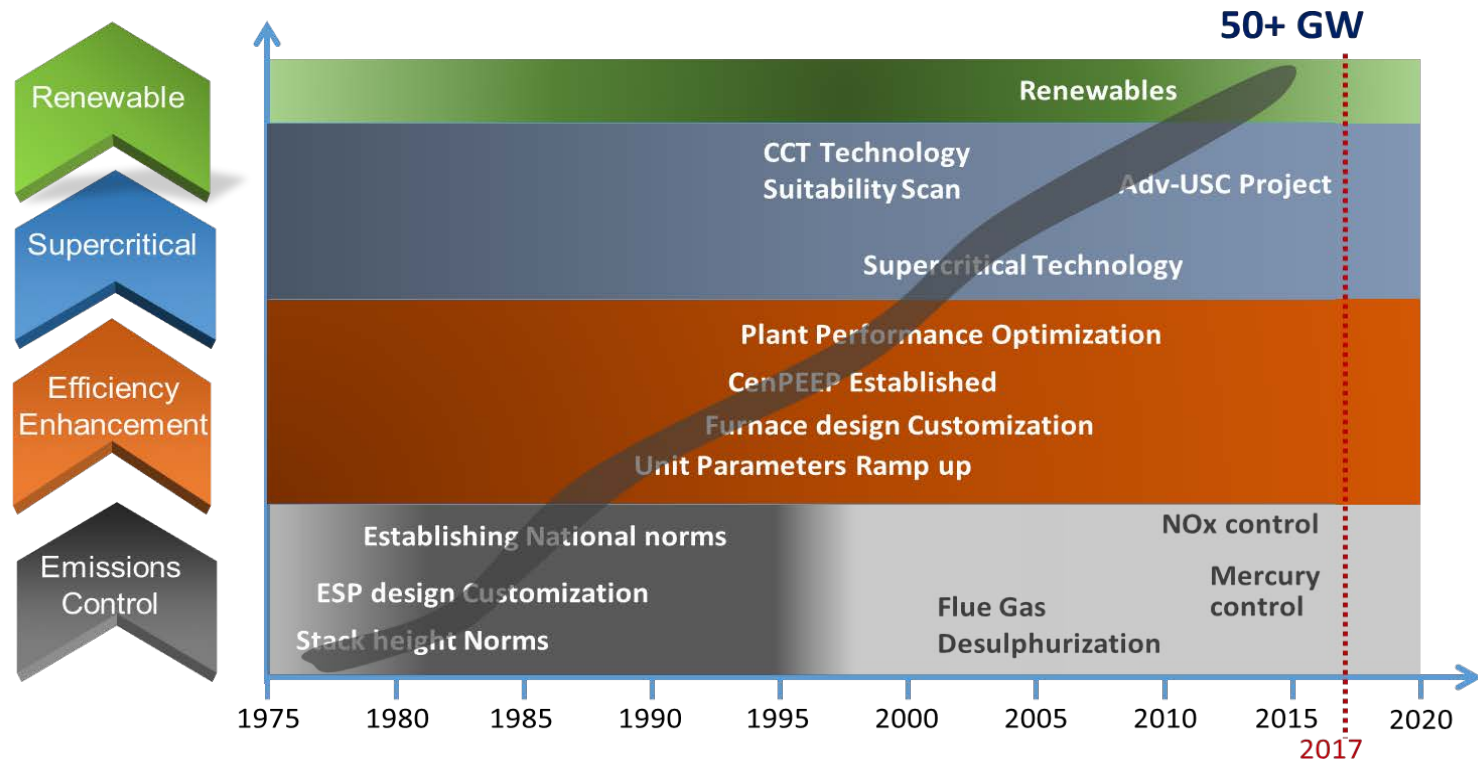


# Advanced coal power technology in China – II



China currently has 600°C units in operation. Ultimate goal is to develop 35 MPa, 700°C, 720°C, 720°C units with net efficiencies >50%

Boiler parameter	700°C USC (BMCR)	600°C USC (BMCR)
SH steam flow, t/h	1760	1960
SH steam pressure, MPa.g*	37.37	27.46
Superheat steam temp., °C	705	605
Feedwater temp., °C	313	297
Reheat steam flow, t/h	1266	1760
Reheat steam inlet pressure, MPag	10.07	5.97
RH steam inlet temp., °C	427	373
RH steam outlet pressure, MPag	9.87	5.77
RH steam outlet temp., °C	723	603



From 3<sup>rd</sup> AUSC Workshop, Setty., et al. NTPC

- Focus shifting from improving performance and reliability of existing power plants to emissions control and new power plants based on SC and USC power cycles
- A-USC mission plans development of indigenous technology for steam parameters

## *A-USC mission development plans for indigenous AUSC technology*

Parameter <sup>1</sup>	Value	Unit
Main Steam Temperature	710	°C
Main Steam Pressure	30.5	MPa
Main Steam Flow	1850	TPH
RH Steam Temperature (Single Reheat)	720	°C
Reheat Pressure	6.3	MPa
Cooling Water Temperature	32	°C
Temperature Rise across Condenser	6.5	°C
Final Feed Water Temperature	305	°C
HHV Efficiency	46	%

1. From 3<sup>rd</sup> AUSC Workshop, Edkie and Chetal: Indian AUSC Programme

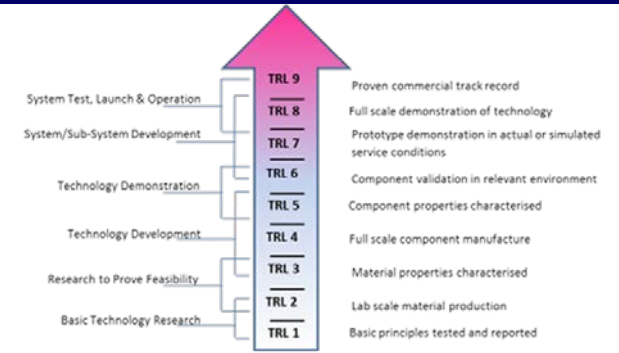
### Materials for Indian AUSC - Boiler

Component		Material
Header inlet	Superheater 1, 2, 3 and 4	P91, Alloy 617 AND Alloy 617
	Reheater 1.1 and 1.2	P22, alloy 617
Header outlet	Superheater 1, 2, 3 and 4	Alloy 617
	Reheater 1.1 and 1.2	Alloy 617
Pipes	Superheater 1	P91, Alloy 617
	Superheater 2	Alloy 617
	Superheater 3	Alloy 617
	Reheater 1.1	Alloy 617
	Reheater 1.2	Alloy 617

Indian AUSC Consortium - BHEL-NTFC-IGCAR

These choices can be compared to those in other programs through work at TU-Graz

## TRL data summarizes state of testing and evaluation



	T23	T/P92	MarBN	347HFG	S304H	Sanicro25	310HNbN	HR6W	Nim 263	IN617B	Ha282	IN740H
Microstructural Understanding	8,8,8 <sup>(1)</sup>	7,8,7	6,-,7	8,8,8	8,8,8	7,7,-	8,8,8	5,6,7	6,7,-	8,8,6	6,8,-	6,8,-
Thermophysical Properties	8,8,8	7,7,7	5,-,6	8,8,8	8,8,8	6,6,-	8,8,8	6,7,7	6,7,-	8,8,7	6,8,-	6,8,-
Mechanical Properties	8,8,8	7,8,7	4,-,6	8,8,8	8,8,8	7,7,-	8,8,8	6,7,7	5,6,-	7,7,6	6,7,-	5,7,-
Corrosion/Oxidation	8,8,8	7,8,7	4,-,5	7,7,7	7,7,7	7,7,-	7,7,8	6,6,6	4,4,-	6,6,5	6,6,-	5,6,-
Welding Similar	8,8,8	8,8,8	5,-,6	8,8,7	8,8,8	7,7,-	8,8,8	6,6,6	4,6,-	7,7,5	6,7,-	6,7,-
Welding Dis-Similar	8,8,8	7,7,7	3,-,-	6,7,-	6,7,6	-,-,-	-,-,-	5,5,6	4,5,-	6,6,5	5,6,-	6,6,-
Inspection/NDT	8,8,8	8,8,8	4,-,6	8,8,8	8,8,8	6,-,-	8,8,8	5,6,6	4,6,-	6,6,-	5,6,-	6,6,-
Cold Work	8,8,8	7,7,7	-,-,-	7,6,6	7,8,-	6,5,-	7,6,-	5,5,6	n/a	6,6,6	5,7,-	4,5,-
Induction Bending	n/a	7,7,7	0,0,0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0,0,5	0,-,-	-,-,-	n/a	0,4,-
Repair	8,8,8	7,7,7	-,-,-	7,-,-	7,-,-	6,-,-	7,-,-	5,5,5	3,5,-	6,6,-	5,6,-	5,5,-
SCC in SCW	8,8,8	7,7,7	-,-,-	7,7,-	7,7,7	5,-,-	7,7,7	5,5,5	3,-,-	5,5,-	5,6,-	5,5,-

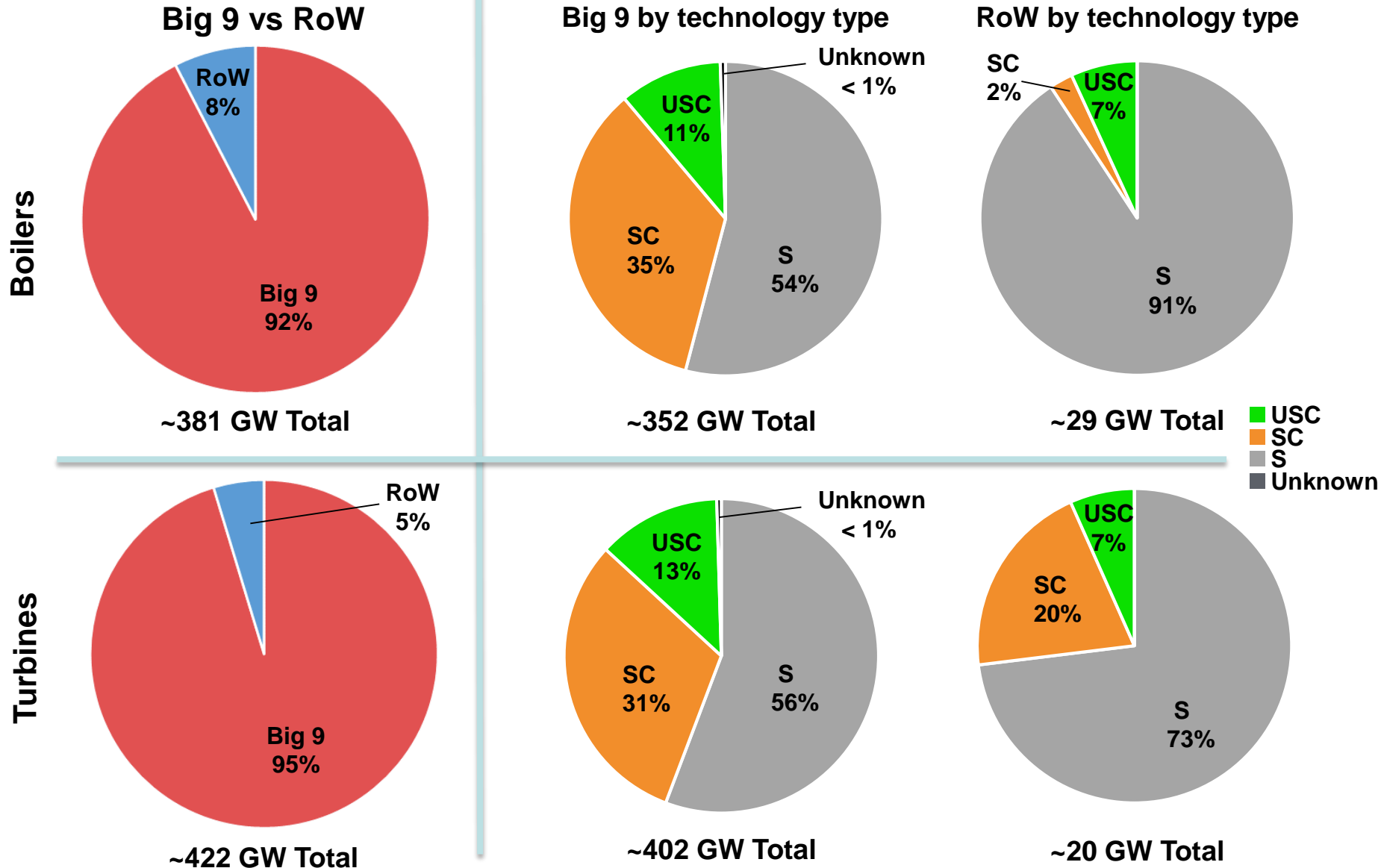
## *Meeting U.S. standards alone do not guarantee entry into a foreign market*

- In United States, ASTM and ASME both set related standards
- Other countries developing A-USC materials have own National Standards Bodies that set their own standards and specifications
- Significant differences in national regulations on pressure equipment are acknowledged by International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
  - ISO formed Technical Committee (TC11 – Boilers and Pressure Vessels) based on expressions of interest from a number of countries
  - Committee created to acknowledge the significant differences in compliance with specific national standard(s), limiting source or specification of materials, use of specific inspection bodies, etc.
  - Participants include France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, UK, Sweden from Europe, USA, Canada. Australia, China, Korea and Japan. Another 35 countries hold observer status.

# Countries “exporting” coal-fired boilers and steam turbines

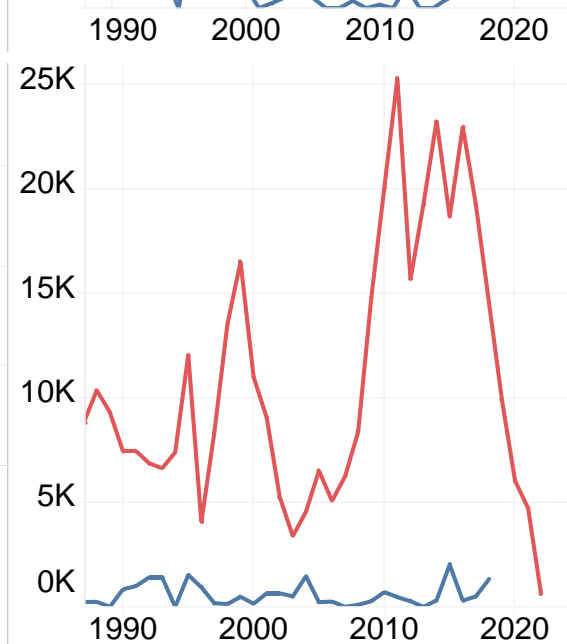
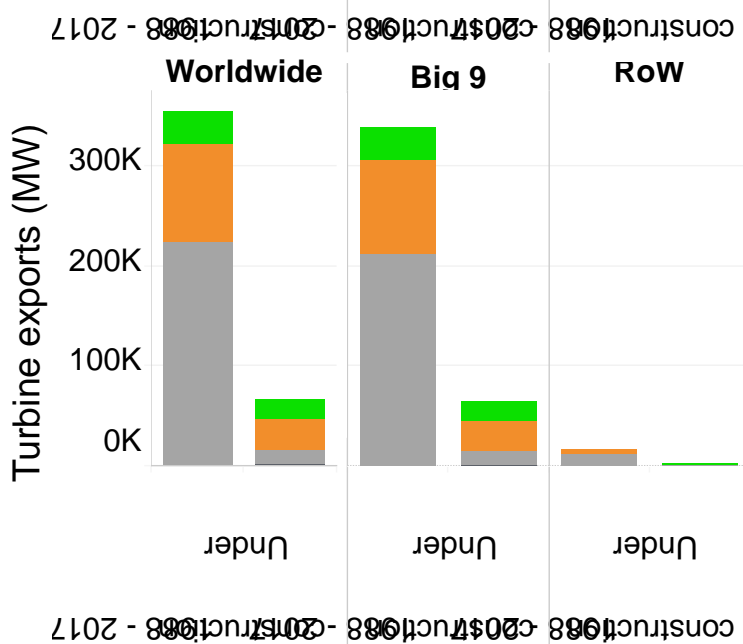
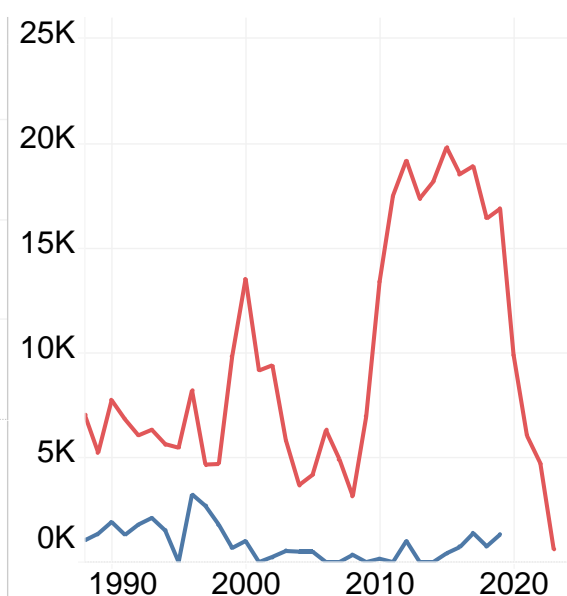
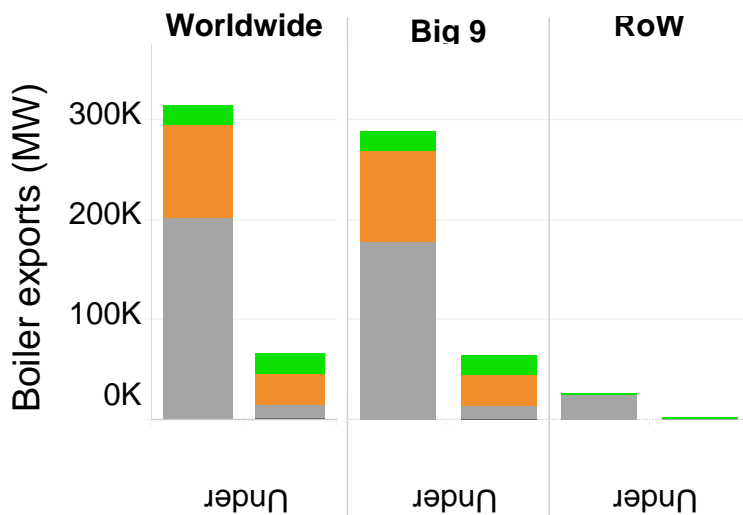
“Big 9”		Rest of the World (RoW)	
Boilers	Turbines	Boilers	Turbines
China	China	Austria	Czech Republic
France	France	Canada	India
Germany	Germany	Czech Republic	Italy
Japan	Japan	Denmark	Poland
Russia	Russia	Finland	Romania
South Korea	South Korea	Hungary	Sweden
Switzerland	Switzerland	India	Ukraine
United Kingdom	United Kingdom	Italy	Yugoslavia
United States	United States	Poland	
		Romania	
		Slovakia	
		Spain	
		Taiwan	

# Big 9 dominate export markets and export more efficient technologies



Data source: Platts McGraw Hill Utility Data Institute's World Electric Power Plants Database (December 2017)  
 Note: Including capacities operating or under construction as indicated in the December 2017 database noted above

# Big 9 dominate boiler and turbine exports since 1988

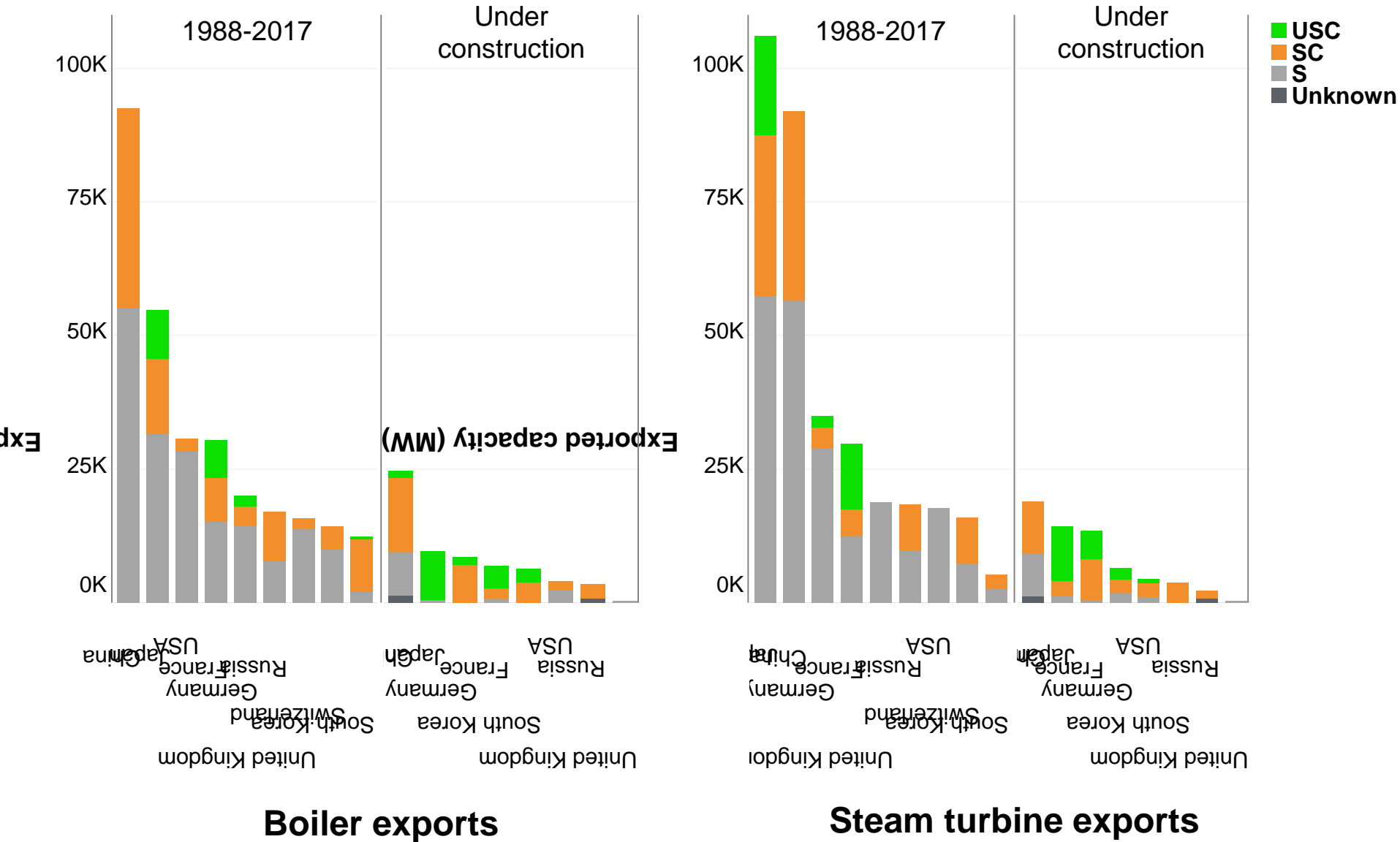


■ USC  
■ SC  
■ S  
■ Unknown  
— Big 9  
— RoW

- Big 9 countries dominate supply of S, SC, and USC boilers and turbines
- About 381 GW of boilers  
422 GW of turbines exported since 1988
- Big 9 countries exported more turbines than boilers
- 78 GW boilers and 80 GW turbines under construction with exported equipment

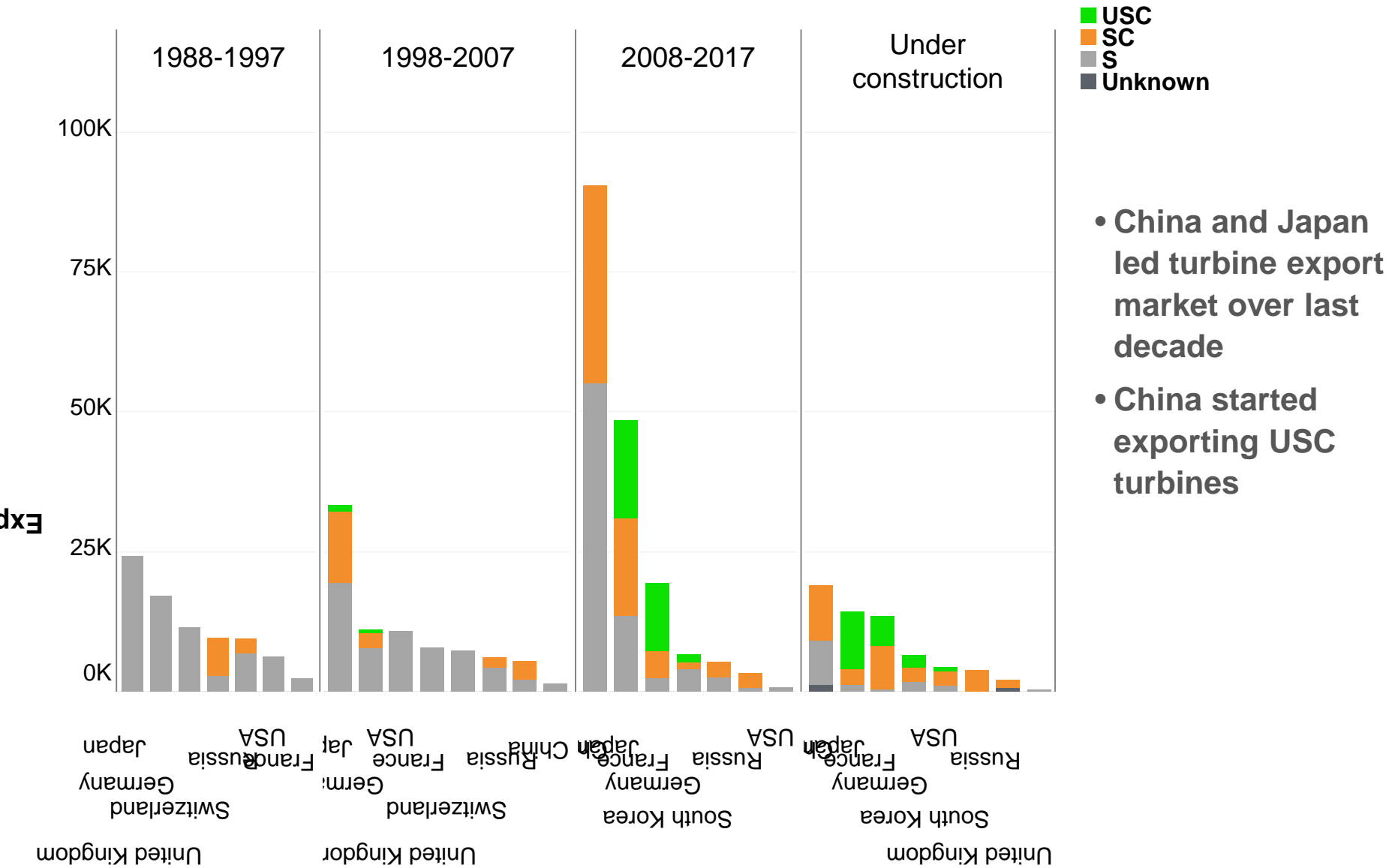


# China and Japan are world's largest exporters



Data source: WEPP database December 2017 release

# China became dominant exporter of steam turbines in less than a decade



- China and Japan led turbine export market over last decade
- China started exporting USC turbines

- Center of coal power plant construction has dramatically shifted to Asia
- United States is small exporter in global coal power equipment markets:
  - In less than decade since 2005, China overtook Japan as world's leading exporter of subcritical and supercritical boilers and turbines
  - Although with regional differences, higher-efficiency coal power generation technologies increasingly deployed worldwide and gaining share in equipment export markets
  - Japan is world's leading exporter of supercritical and USC equipment, but China could emerge based on domestic world-class construction
- A-USC development activities
  - A number of national programs on-going to develop A-USC and other power systems
  - Programs focused on main steam temperature between 700°C and 760°C and main pressure ranging from ~30 to ~36 MPa
  - Extensive material evaluation programs on-going and variety of strategies guide material selection. Some countries may adjust cycle conditions (T, P) to allow lower-cost materials to be used. Many candidate materials being testing in several programs
  - Individual national programs are seeking to develop new materials, sometimes based on enhancements of existing materials (for example, addition of N to manage scaling)
  - China, India, and EU see value in cooperation on materials development, sub-scale testing, and a-priori evaluation for end use
  - India also values the potential of advanced materials to support increased cycling of coal power plants