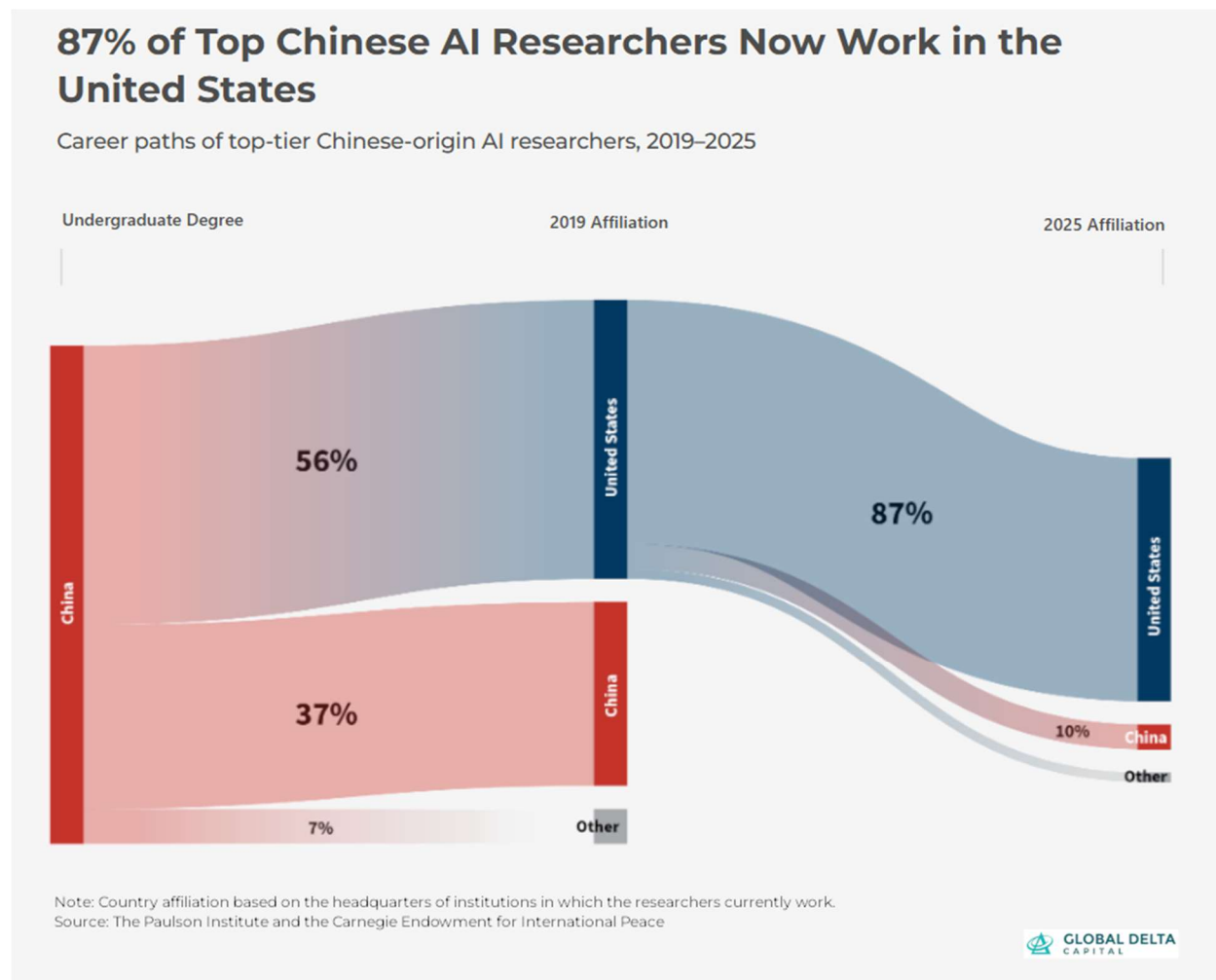


US-China Decoupling/Recoupling Whiplash

The “gravity model” of trade—economic scale, proximity, and complexity—continues to pull the U.S. and China together, despite tariffs and controls.

Particularly in cutting edge AI, robotics, energy, and biotech arenas, US and Chinese firms are tied by staff exchanges, customer-supplier relationships, investment, and licensing.

In fact, the US-led AI boom is powered by Chinese researchers, who then sell platforms and tools back to China in a gigantic virtuous “conveyer belt”, as shown by the Carnegie Endowment.



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