Transformation of the Energy System Energy Efficiency as an Optimum?

Extreme Energy Efficiency: Possible? Profitable? Essential.

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Mitigation gap for WBGU clim. window









Aspects of Technological Change

1. Technological change driven by investments

2. Learning-by-doing

3. Relevant mitigation options









Electric Technologies in EU 1980-1995

The Options for Climate Policy





Structure of MIND



Mitigation options

- Efficiencies
- Renewable energy sources
- Carbon capturing and sequestration (CCS)

Fossil fuel extraction

- Learning by doing
- Rogner curve



Mitigation costs





Costs for different mitigation options





Climate target: WBGU climate window

Transformation of the energy system



Climate protection targets





The Carbon Problem



Figure 8 Aggregate quantity-cost curve for carbon contained in the global fossil resource base.



Source: H.-H. Rogner, An Assessment of World Hydrocarbon Resources, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), May 1998

Carbon Management



Carbon capturing and sequestration



Sensitivity of welfare losses



Sensitivity of captured CO₂



Investment dynamics in the energy system





Permit price





Policy Instruments

- Promoting the most innovative renewable energy sources (Green Trading)
- Managing the risks of Carbon Capturing and Sequestration (CCS) by Carbon Sequestration Bonds
- Establishing tradable permit scheme (Black Trading)

