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Early Revision of the Linear Reduction Factor

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- Markets don't optimize long term intertemporal efficiency
- Costs for emission reduction the lower, the earlier long term investments take place
- Emission markets without supply reactions tend to extreme prices (high and/or low)

Long Term Path

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- With current targets, costs will exponentially grow in the long run
- Fast Reduction Path carries risk of price spikes if economies boom

Current targets

- Not set according to scientific requirements
- Set long ago, fearing extreme carbon prices otherwise
- Carbon market
 - Works technically for reaching set targets
 - Does not work politically targets too low in medium term yielding excessive long term carbon costs

For intertemporal efficiency / cost reduction, tighter targets are needed \Rightarrow **Increase annual reduction factor** (2 percentage points p.a.) \Rightarrow **Adjust baseline to 2011-emission levels**

But: Avoid extremely high carbon prices

Proposal

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Auction Volume per Auction

Volumes per auction

- Minimum volumes acc. to "Fast Reduction Path"
- Maximum volumes acc. to "Current Reduction Path"
- "Medium volumes" acc. to linear supply function

Implementation is easy!

- Decide on upper / lower reduction path (e.g. "fast" and "current")
- Decide on lower / upper price of linear reduction function
- Calculate min./max. volumes per auction for each year

⇒ Leave the rest for the auctioning platform (this is standard!)

Positive Effects of Proposal

- Price elastic supply:
 - Stabilizes market
 - Avoids excess price volatility
 - Reduces long term costs
- Secures reaching target corridor
- Increased environmental impact
- Facilitates adoption to target change in case of successful international negotiations





Auction Volume per Auction

Proposal

- Adjust baseline to 2011-emissions
- Increase linear reduction factor (2 percentage points per year)
- Avoid price spikes by adding some additional price-elastic supply volumes

Results

- \Rightarrow Improved intertemporal efficiency
 - Earlier long term investments
 - Increased R&D activities
- ⇒ Automatic stabilization mechanisms for carbon market
- \Rightarrow Lower long term costs for ETS compliance companies

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Thank you!

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