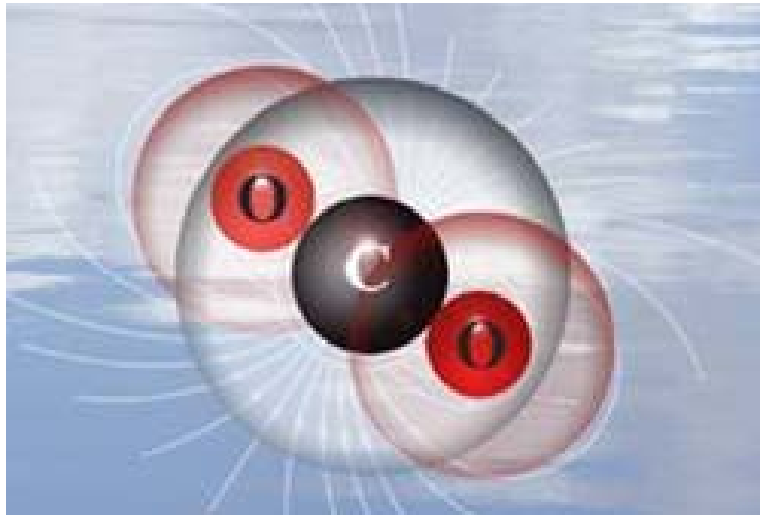




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**Modeling the Diffusion of Carbon Capture  
and Storage under Emission Control and  
Technology Learning**

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# Innovation in Energy Technology

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- **CCS, on and off-shore wind are considered as the most important low-carbon energy technologies for the German market**
- **Under today's emission restrictions, electricity producers miss economic incentives to apply CCS or other innovative high cost energy technologies**
- **No early bird market as in consumer electronics, high knowledge spillovers**
- **But innovative technologies often have a high potential for improvement**
- **The higher generation costs of CCS electricity are assumed to decline over time through learning effects if the technology is applied**
  
- **We therefore develop an economic, dynamic model to simulate the diffusion of CCS technology and wind under the German base-load regime, while taking into account expected learning effects**
- **CCS and wind are often referred to as being competitors to each other, focusing on one might harm the other.**

# Introduction to Technology Learning

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- First observed by Wright (1936) in airplane manufacture as decreasing labor time requirements as workers gained experience with a certain task
- A more comprehensive analysis by the Boston Consulting Group found learning rates between 10 to 25% along industries, each time cumulative output doubles

$$C_t = a * CC_t^{-b}$$

$$a = \frac{C_0}{CC_0^{-b}}$$

$C_t$  = technology cost in t

$CC_t$  = Cumulated installed Capacity in t

$b$  = learning exponent

- Study by Rubin et al (2006) indicates that the learning rate for CCS power plants capital costs could be expected around 10%
- However, we found no data on expected plants efficiency improvement, which is accounted for in the model

# The Model

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- Diffusion of CCS is modeled in a perfectly competitive market, in which the producer chooses a welfare maximizing production portfolio of different generation technologies
- Available technologies are: nuclear, lignite, natural gas combined cycle, wind on- and off-shore and lignite CCS
- Each technology is characterized by specific capital costs, efficiency, plant life and CO<sub>2</sub> emission per MWh<sub>el</sub>, which are limited
- In case of CCS, this leads to an emission reduction of 80% compared to the standard technology.

## Model Formulation

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- Player faces a linear inverse demand function of the form:

$$P_t = \frac{a_t - D_t}{b_t}$$

$$\sum_{g\tau \leq t} X_{g,\tau,t} = D_t = a_t - b_t P_t$$

$X_{g,\tau,t}$  = Plants production of technology  $g$  in  $t$  installed in  $\tau$

$$fl_{g,\tau,t} * CAP_{g,\tau} + flex_{g,\tau,t} * excap_{g,\tau} \geq X_{g,\tau,t}$$

$fl_{g,\tau,t}$  = age dependent fullload hours

$CAP_{g,\tau}$  = available capacity of technology  $g$  installed in  $\tau$

$flex_{g,\tau,t} * excap_{g,\tau}$  = exogenous capacity

## Model Formulation

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- Capacity depreciation modeled as decreasing availability of plants

$$f_{\tau,t} \begin{pmatrix} 0,95 & 0,91 & 0,86 & 0,81 & 0,75 & 0,69 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0,95 & 0,91 & 0,86 & 0,81 & 0,75 & 0,69 & 0 \\ & & 0,95 & 0,91 & 0,86 & 0,81 & 0,75 & 0,69 \\ & & & 0,95 & 0,91 & 0,86 & 0,81 & 0,75 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$CAP_{g,(t+ilag_g)} = ICAP_{g,t}$$

$ICAP_{g,t}$  = investment into new capacity

$$imax_g \geq ICAP_{g,t}$$

$imax_g$  = investment constraint

## Model Formulation

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$$E_{g,t} = \sum_{\tau, f(g,f) \in M} (1 - cpr_{g,\tau}) * \frac{\theta_f}{\eta_{g,\tau}} * X_{g,\tau,t}$$

$E_{g,t}$  = Emissions of plant using technology g

$cpr_{g,t}$  = Emission capture rate of technology g

$\theta_f$  = carbon emission factor of fuel f

$$e \max_t \geq \sum_g E_{g,t}$$

$e \max_t$  = exogenous emission restriction



## Modeling of Learning

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$$PI_{g,t} = pi_{g,0} * \left( \frac{cap_{g,0}}{cap_{g,0} + \sum_{\tau < t} ICAP_{g,\tau}} \right)^{-\alpha_g}$$

$$\alpha_{CCS} = 0.1$$

$$\eta_{g,t} = \eta_{g,0} * \left( \frac{gen_{g,0}}{gen_{g,0} + \sum_{\bar{\tau} < t, \tau < \bar{\tau}} X_{g,\tau,\bar{\tau}}} \right)^{-\gamma_g}$$

$$\gamma_{CCS} = -0.025$$

## Model Formulation

- We maximize sum of future discounted welfare
- Welfare is calculated as the integral under the demand curve less the production cost which consist of fuel and other variable cost as well as investment cost.

$$\max_{\substack{X_{g,\tau,t} \\ ICAP_{g,t} \\ CAP_{g,t} \\ E_{g,t}}} \sum_t \beta^t \left\{ \int_0^{D_t(P_t)} P_t(D_t) dD_t - \sum_{(f,g) \in M, \tau \leq t} \left[ X_{g,\tau,t} \frac{pf_f}{\eta_{g,\tau}} + c_g \right] - \sum_g PI_{g,t} * ICAP_{g,t} \right\}$$

- Modeled as non-linear program in GAMS and solved using the CONOPT solver

# Scenarios

	Scenario Description
<b>Base Case</b>	<b>No learning rates, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are limited</b>
<b>Scenario 1: Emission Reduction</b>	<b>Permit allocation is reduced by 1% each period to increase attractiveness of the low-carbon technology CCS.</b>
<b>Scenario 2: Phase out of nuclear</b>	<b>No investment into nuclear power plant capacity allowed</b>
<b>Scenario 3: Learning effects</b>	<b>Learning effects which lower capital costs and increase efficiency are implemented for the CCS technology and wind, nuclear still allowed for</b>
	<b>Learning effects which lower capital costs and increase efficiency are implemented for the CCS technology and wind, nuclear not allowed for</b>

## Data

		<b>Nuclear</b>	<b>NGCC</b>	<b>Lignite</b>	<b>Lignite CCS</b>	<b>Wind onshore</b>	<b>Wind offshore</b>
<b>Full load hours</b>	[h/yr]	7500	7000	7000	7000	1750	3500
<b>Initial Efficiency</b>	[%]	35	58	44	32	0	0
<b>Initial capital costs</b>	€/kW	2500	750	1200	2100	1500	3000
<b>Life time</b>	Years	40	30	40	40	20	20
<b>O&amp;M costs</b>	[€/MWh]	3	2	3	6 + 7 (TS)	2	2

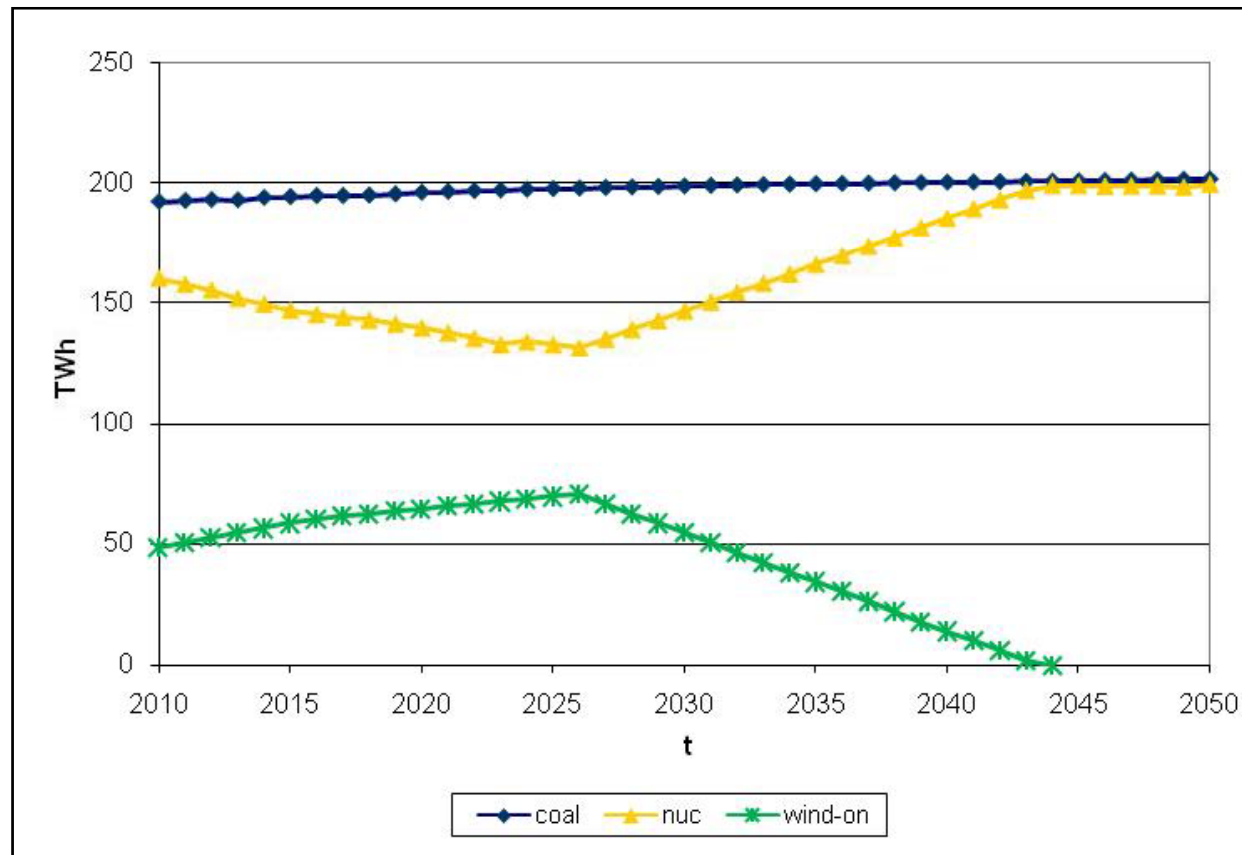
## Learning and Fuel Parameters

Technology	Elasticity eta	gen <sub>g;0</sub> [TWh]	Elasticity CC	cap <sub>g;0</sub> [GW]
CCS	-0.025	10	0.1	4
Wind onshore	-	-	0.18	20
Wind offshore	-	-	0.18	4

Fuel		Uranium	Natural Gas	Lignite
Price	[€/MWh <sub>th</sub> ]	5	20	5
Carbon emission factor	[CO <sub>2</sub> /MWh <sub>th</sub> ]	0	0,2	0,4
Price	%	1	2	1

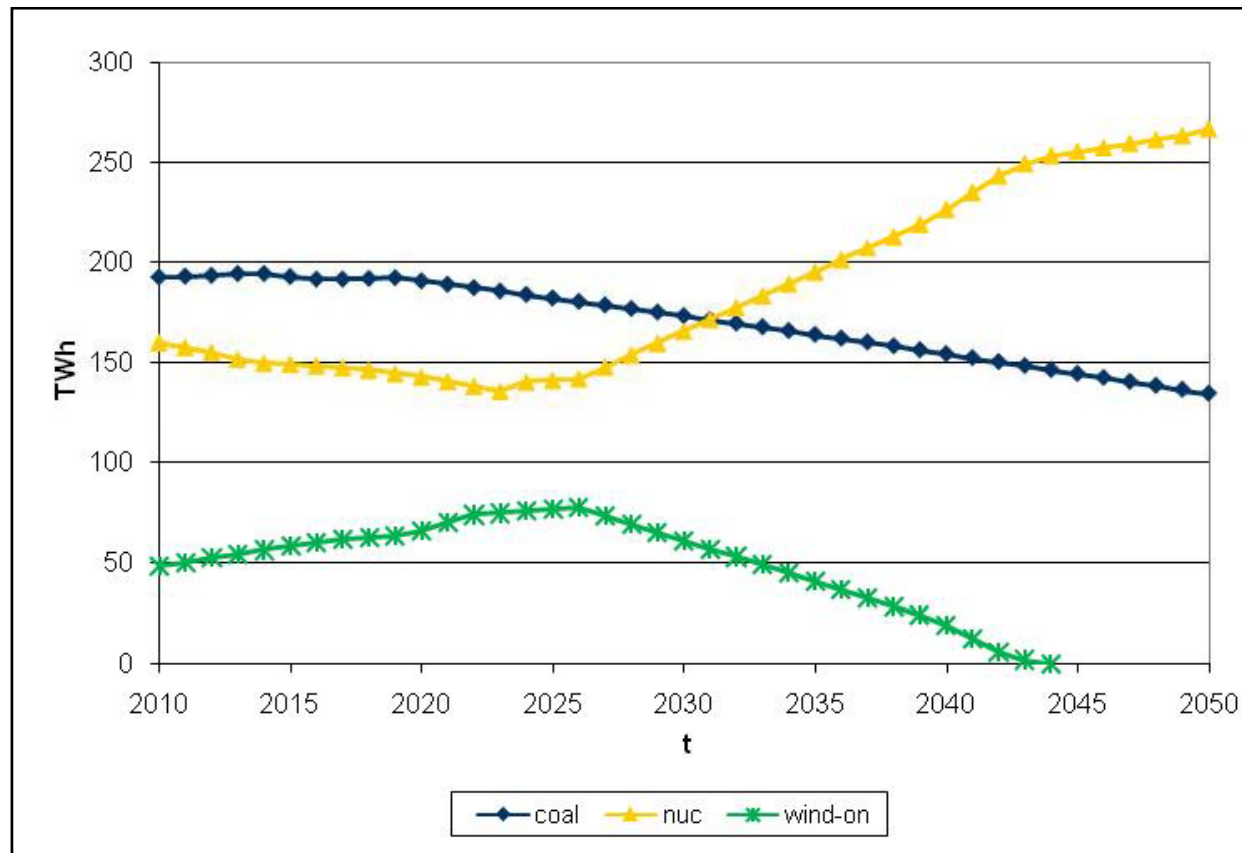
## Model Results Base Case

- Lignite electricity production up to the emission constraint
- No endogenous investment in wind capacity
- Nuclear the most competitive alternative to lignite



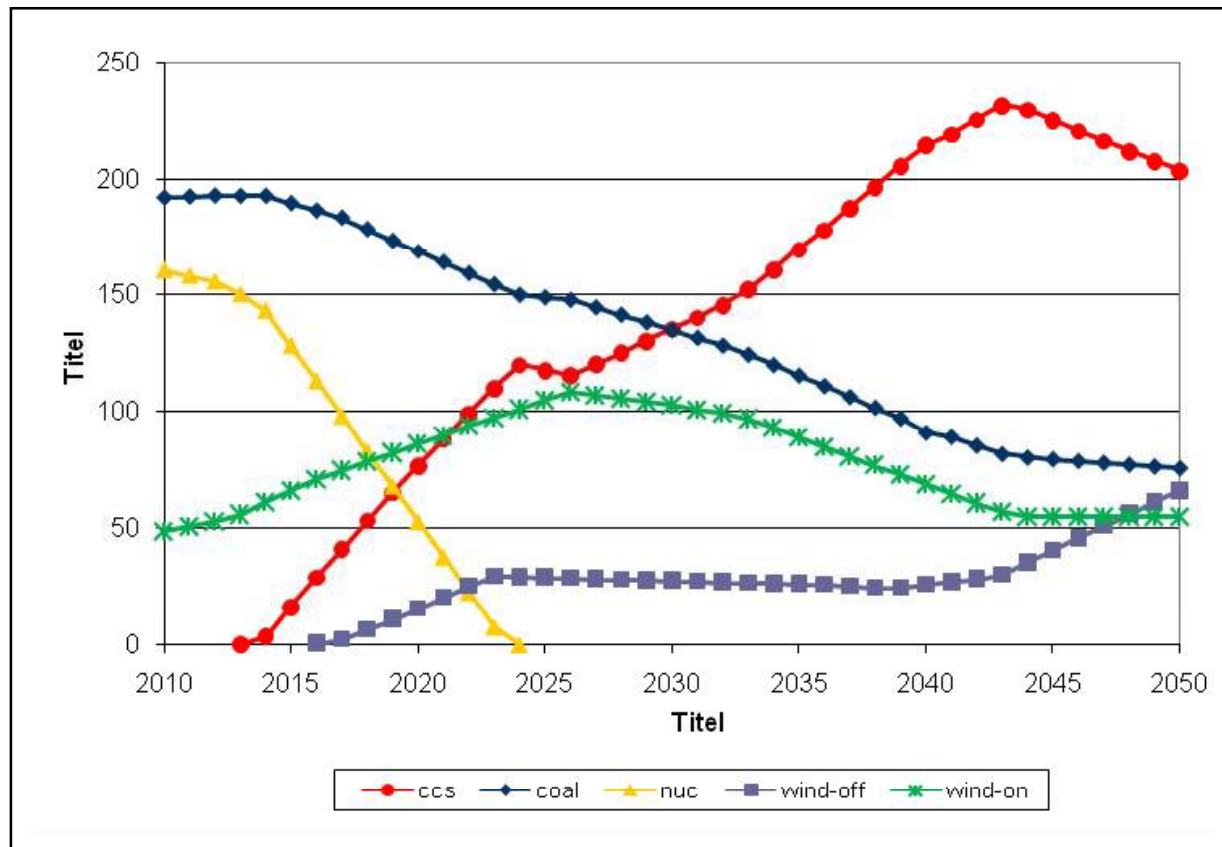
# Scenario 1: Emission Reduction

- Lignite electricity production up to the emission constraint
- No endogenous investment in wind capacity
- Nuclear fills the opening gap from reduced lignite capacity



## Scenario 2: Emission Reduction, no Nuclear

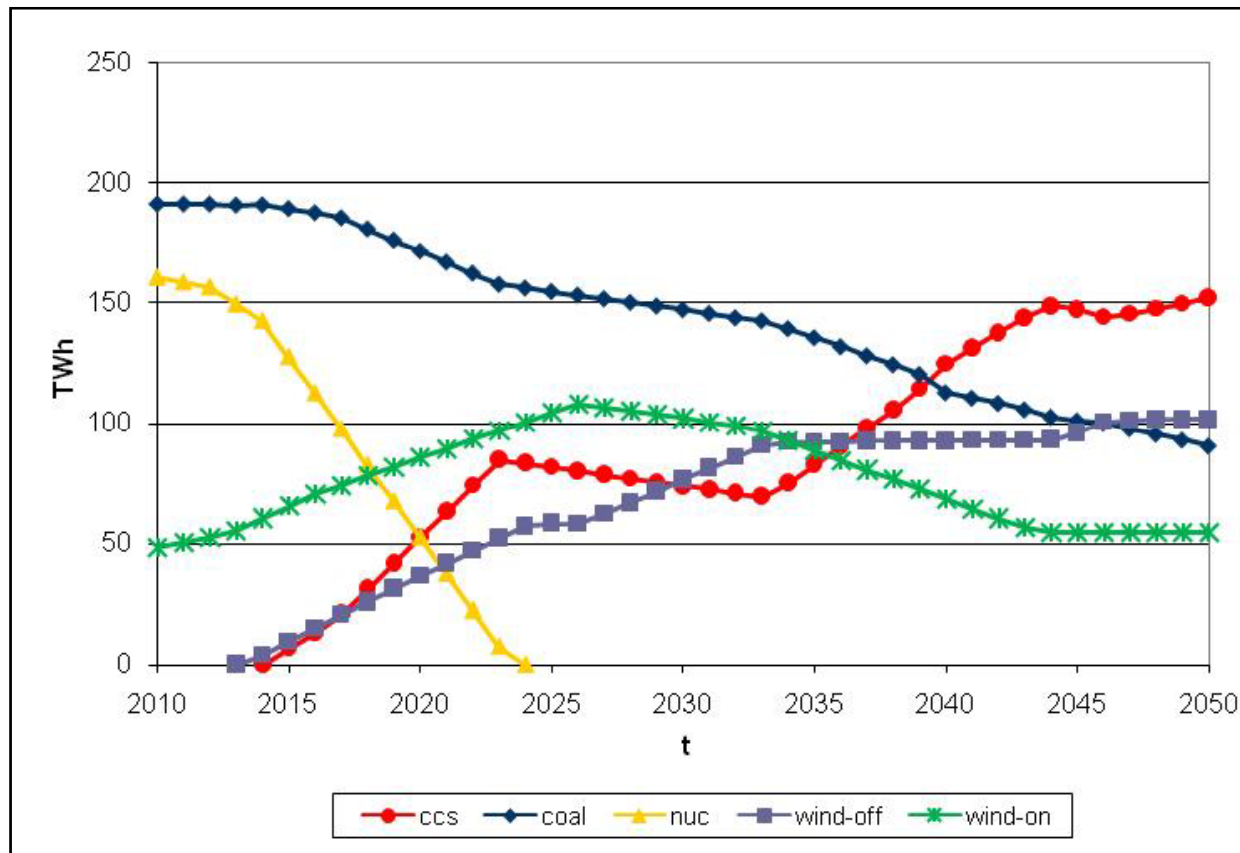
- Major investment in CCS technology
- Endogenous investment in wind, for offshore the capacity limit not reached
- Highest electricity price scenario 83€/MWh in average





## Scenario 3: Emission Reduction, Nuclear Phase-out, Learning

- Investment into offshore wind from 1012 until capacity restriction is reached
- More diverse generation portfolio, CCS acts as a bridge technology
- Average electricity price of 68€/MWh



## Conclusion

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- **Low carbon alternatives do not enter the market unless very stringent policies (the phase out of nuclear energy production and a significant reduction in emission allowances) are implemented.**
- **The impact of learning on electricity prices is significant.**

Scenario	BAU	S1	S2	S3
Electricity Price	59	61	83	68
Shadow price CO <sub>2</sub>	5	5.5	8	5

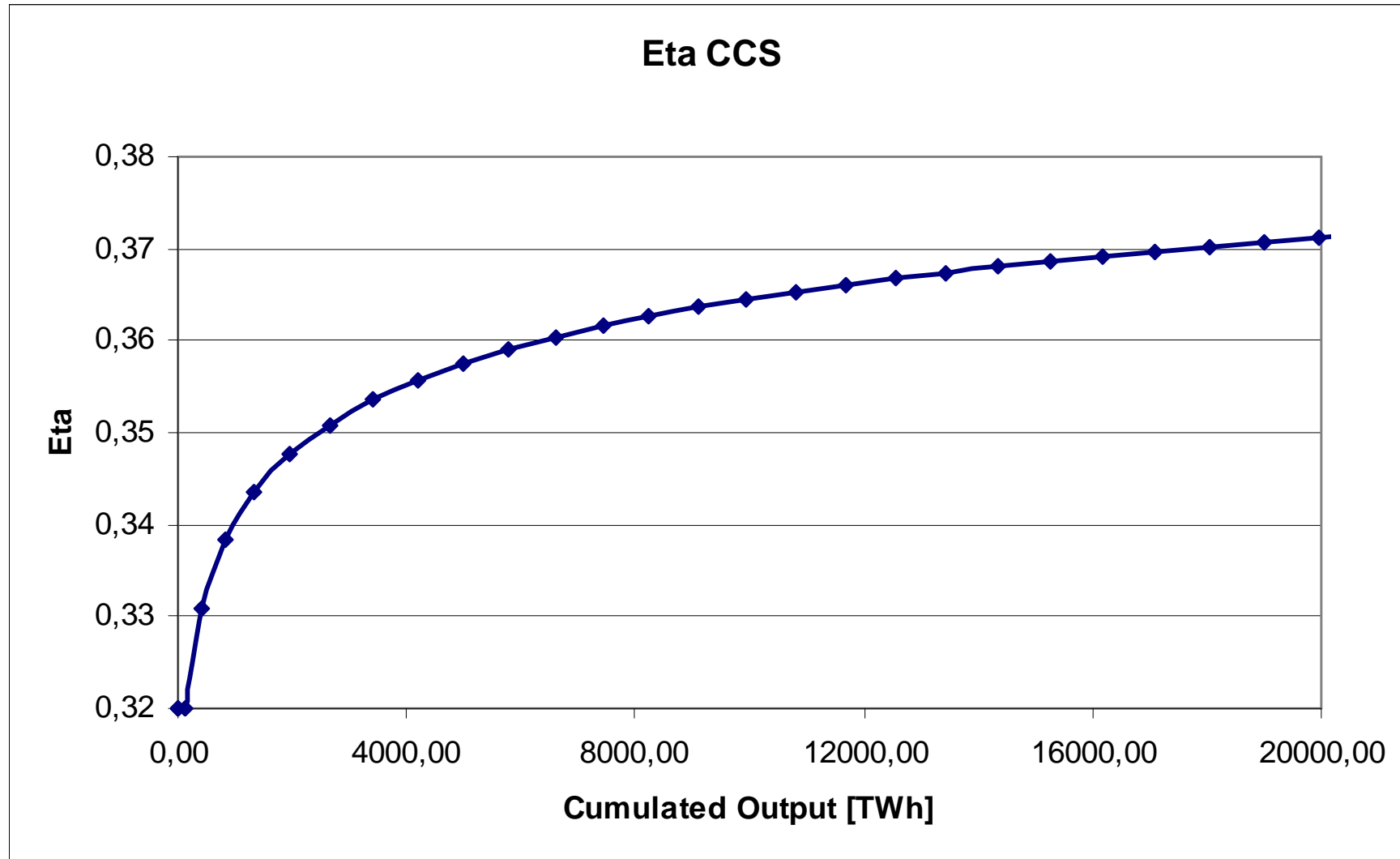
- **For offshore wind, learning is even more crucial for its application**
- **CCS is no threat to the deployment of cost competitive or potentially cost competitive renewable technologies**
- **Natural gas plays no role in the CCS base-load scenario with or without learning effects.**

**Thank you for your Attention**

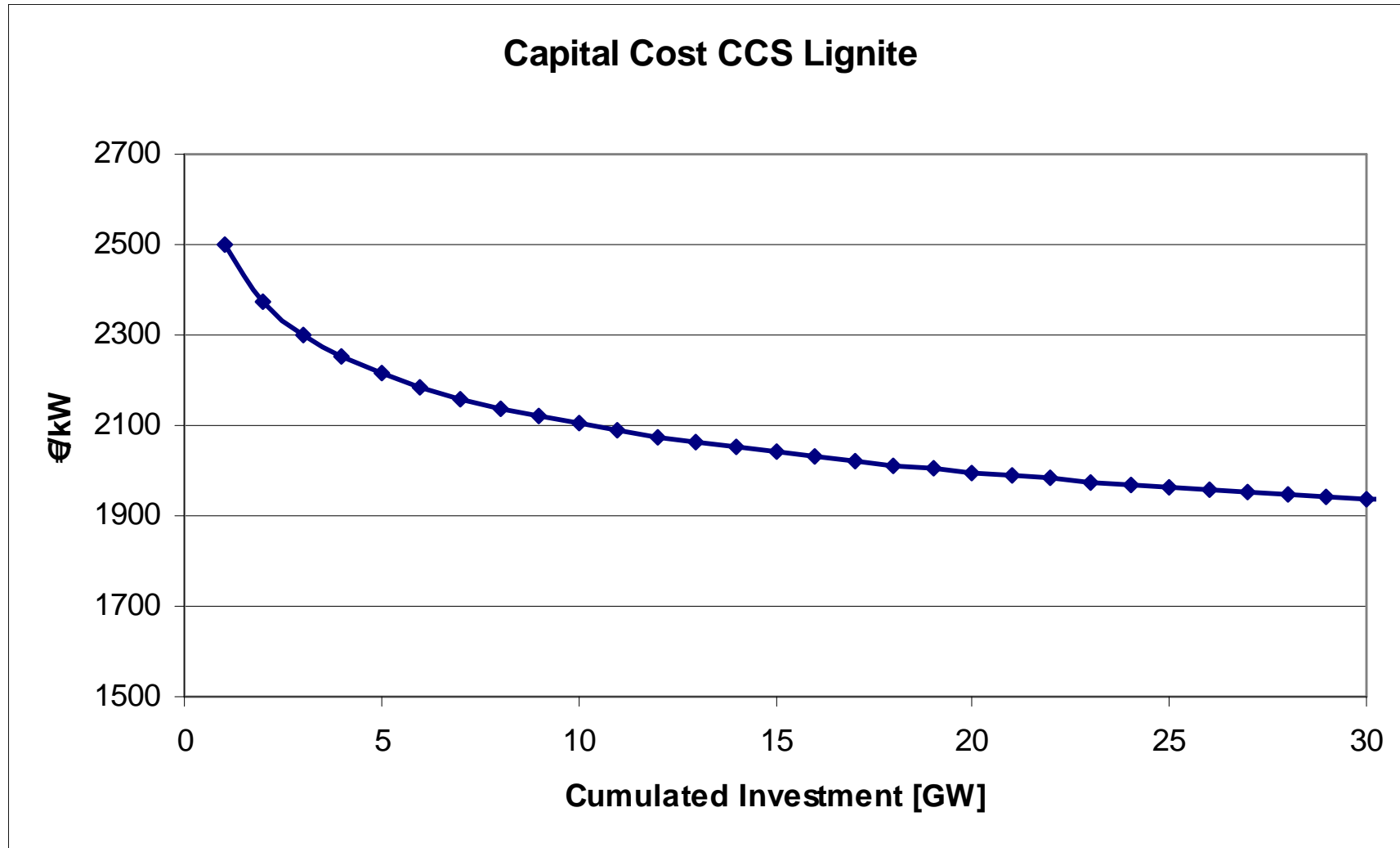
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**Questions and Comments are welcome**

## Scenario 3: Learning Effect Efficiency



## Scenario 3: Learning Effect Capital Costs



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