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Institutional aspects of carbon lock-in: obstacles and opportunities for transitioning to a low-carbon world

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decades to come, severely limiting opportunities to change course, especially towards transformative change. The entrapment of a system into a state of constrained physical, economic and social opportunities for change – for instance to adapt to and solve, among other things, climate change-related challenges is referred to as carbon lock-in. Path dependency occurs in the evolution of complex systems where there are increasing returns to scale, most notably in connection with socio-economic and technical systems with large inertia in social and institutional structures. With respect to climate change, the urgency of action exalcm[ouR9(e, ie, ie,1r)9(e, t)-6h)11(e)TJ1)6)6syson4(i)6(a f1(ca)8(r)ETBT1 0 0 1 90.wher)-7Tr