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**support for decision-making under
deep uncertainty for future coastal flooding**

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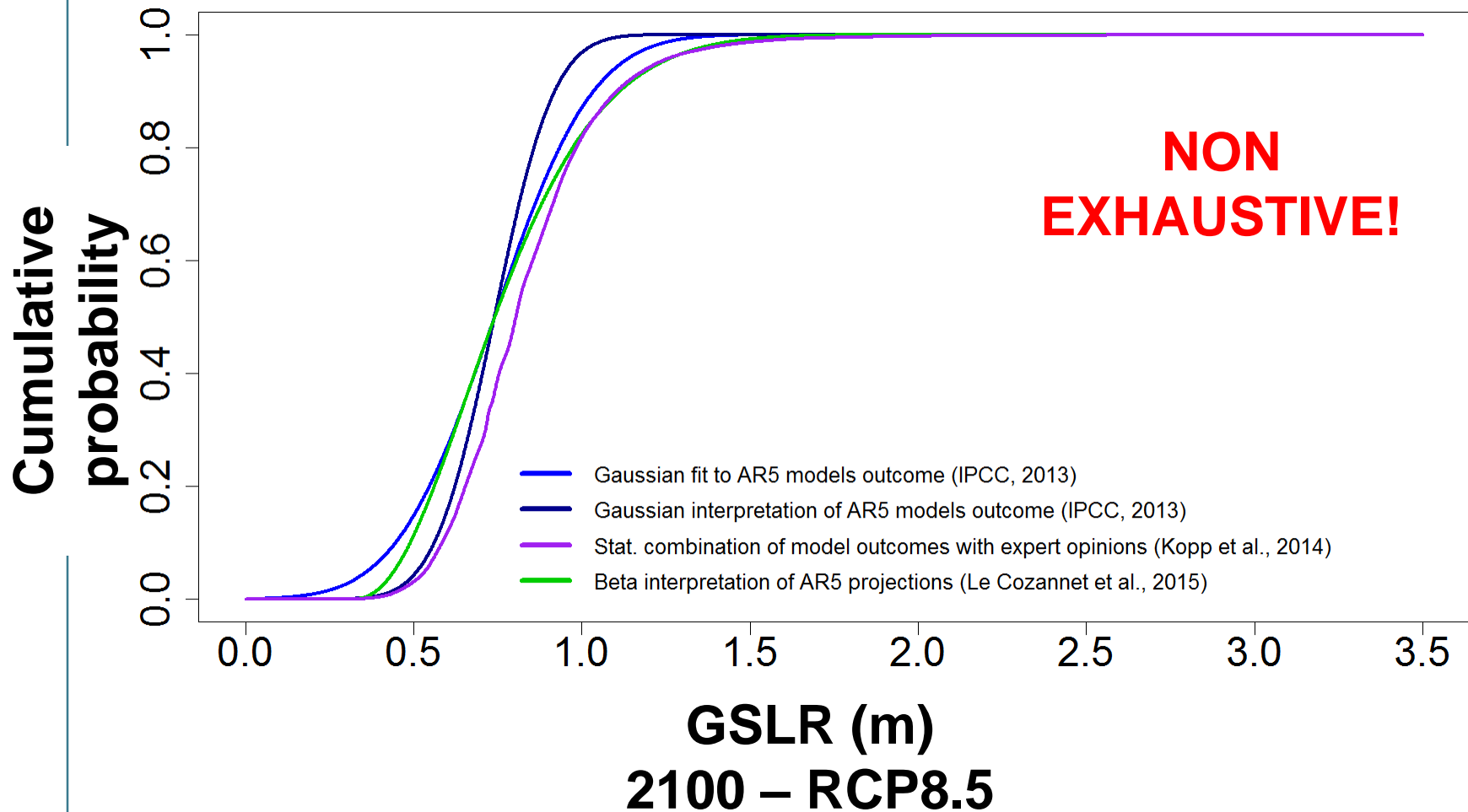
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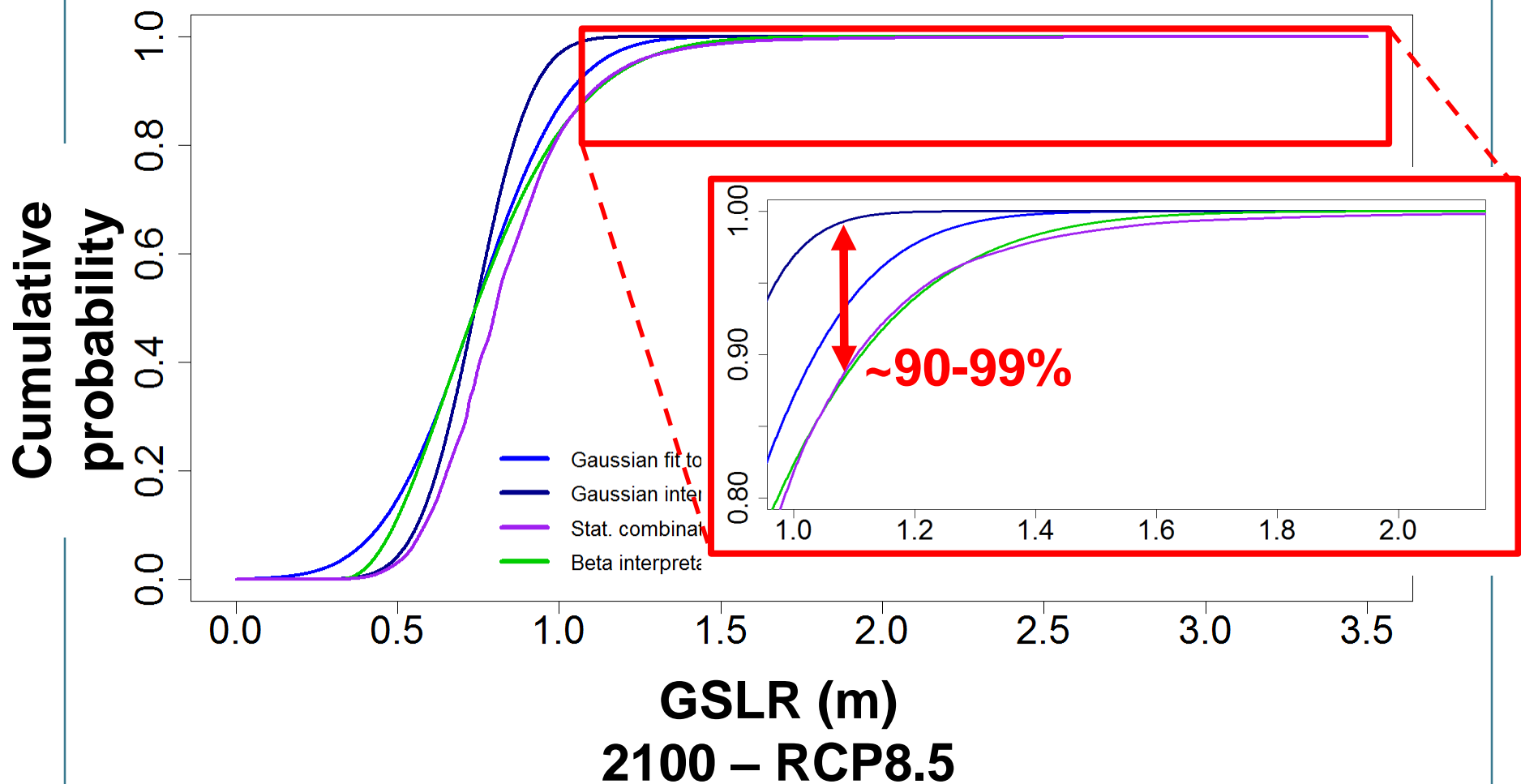
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Several credible probabilistic projections based on **slightly different assumptions** have been published



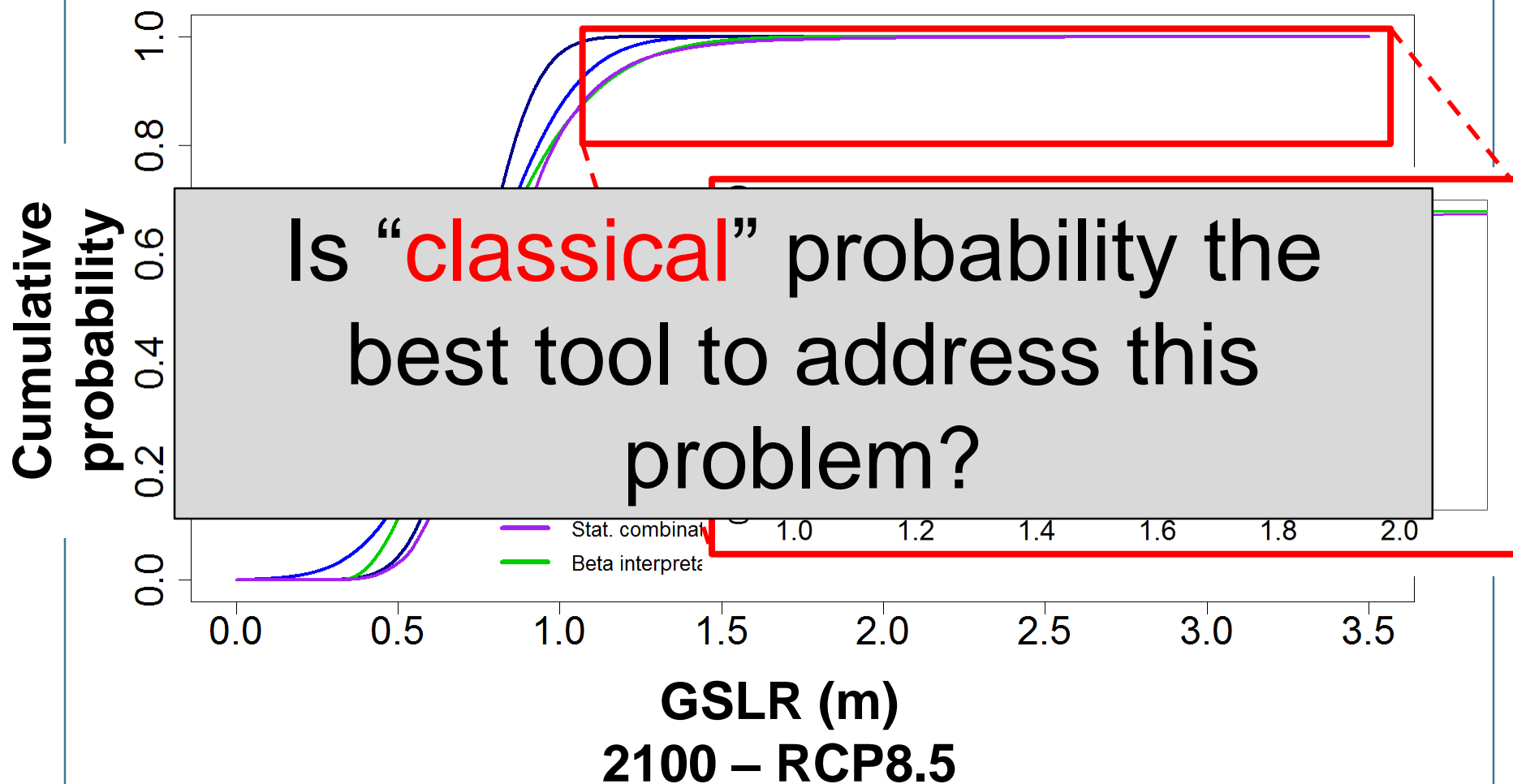
Le Cozannet et al. (2017) based on AR5; see also Bakker et al. (2017)

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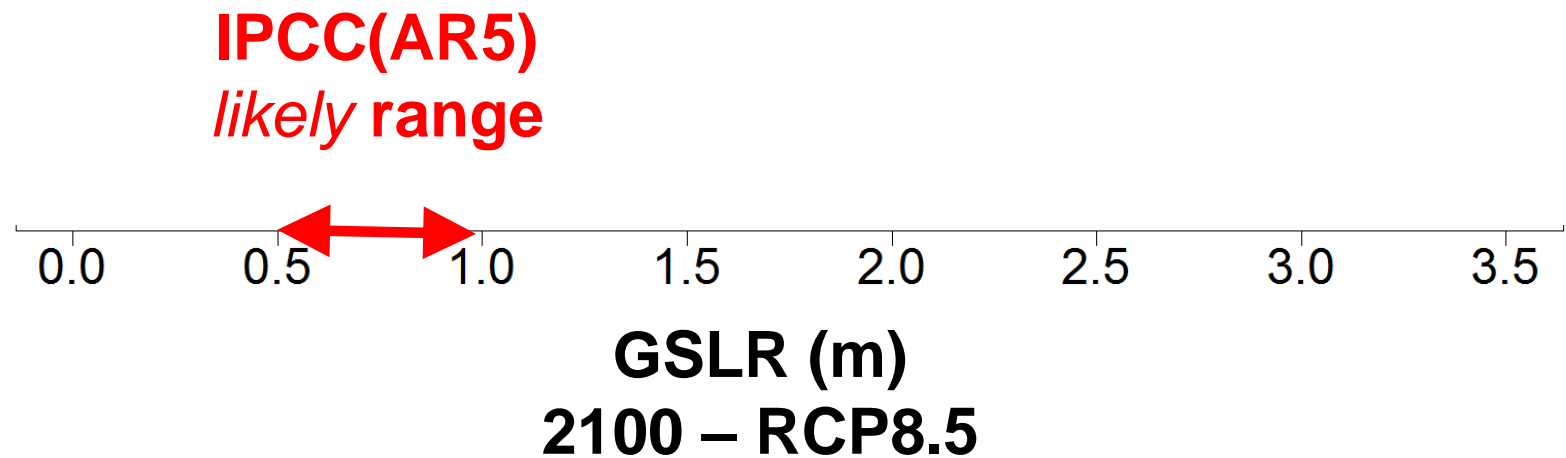
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Alternative setting: interval



More than just an interval

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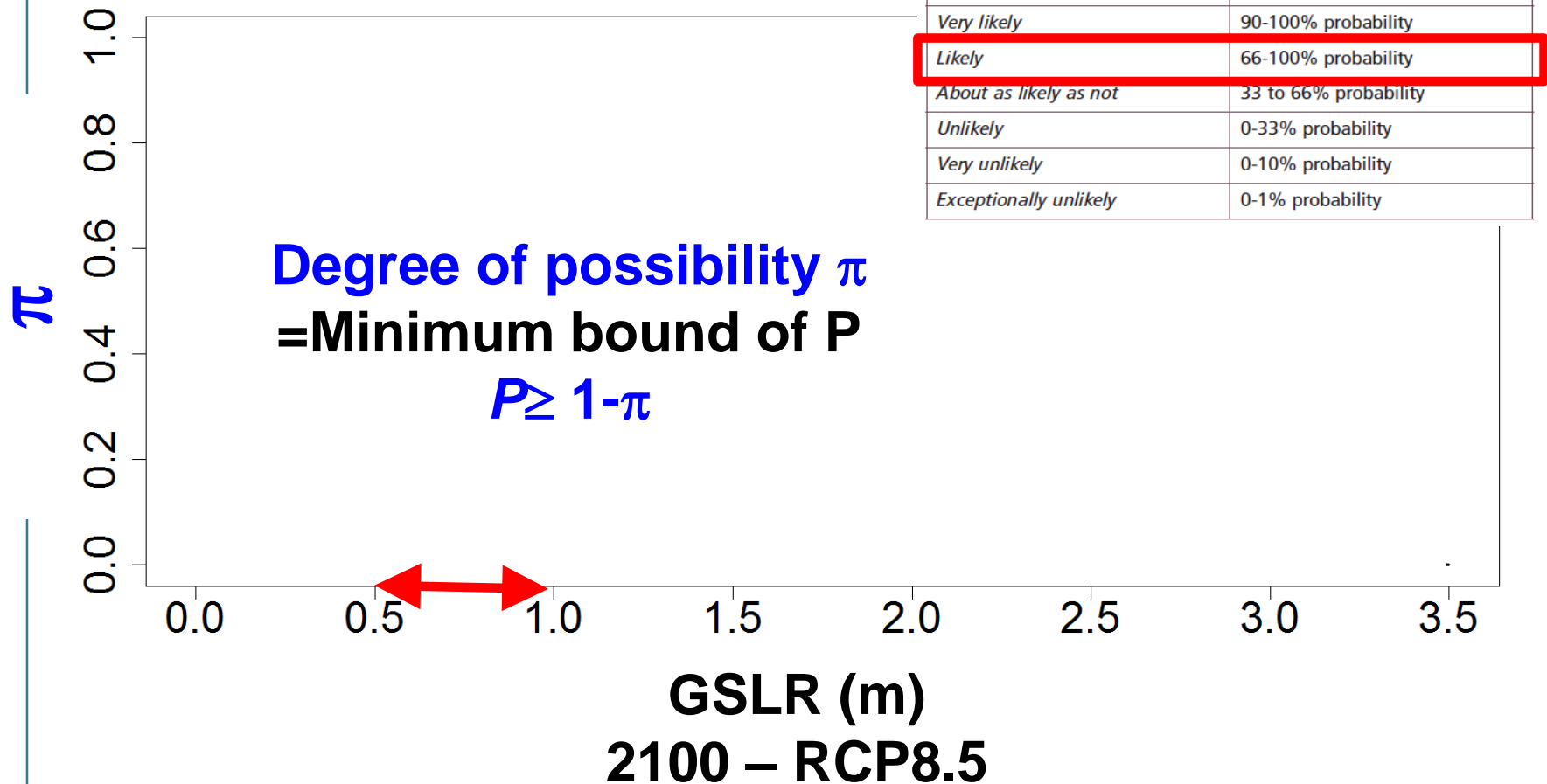
IPCC(AR5)
likely range



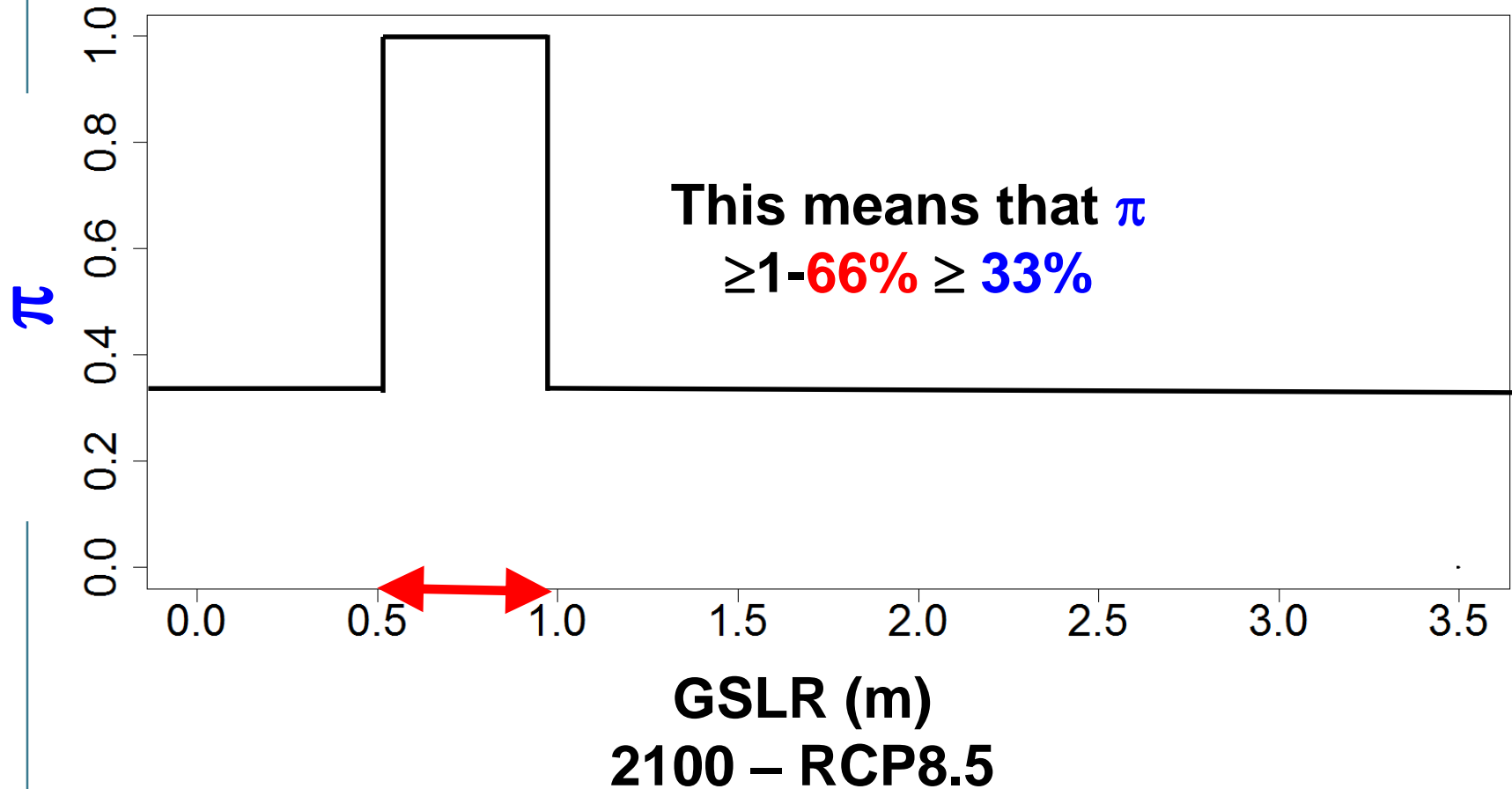
GSLR (m)
2100 – RCP8.5

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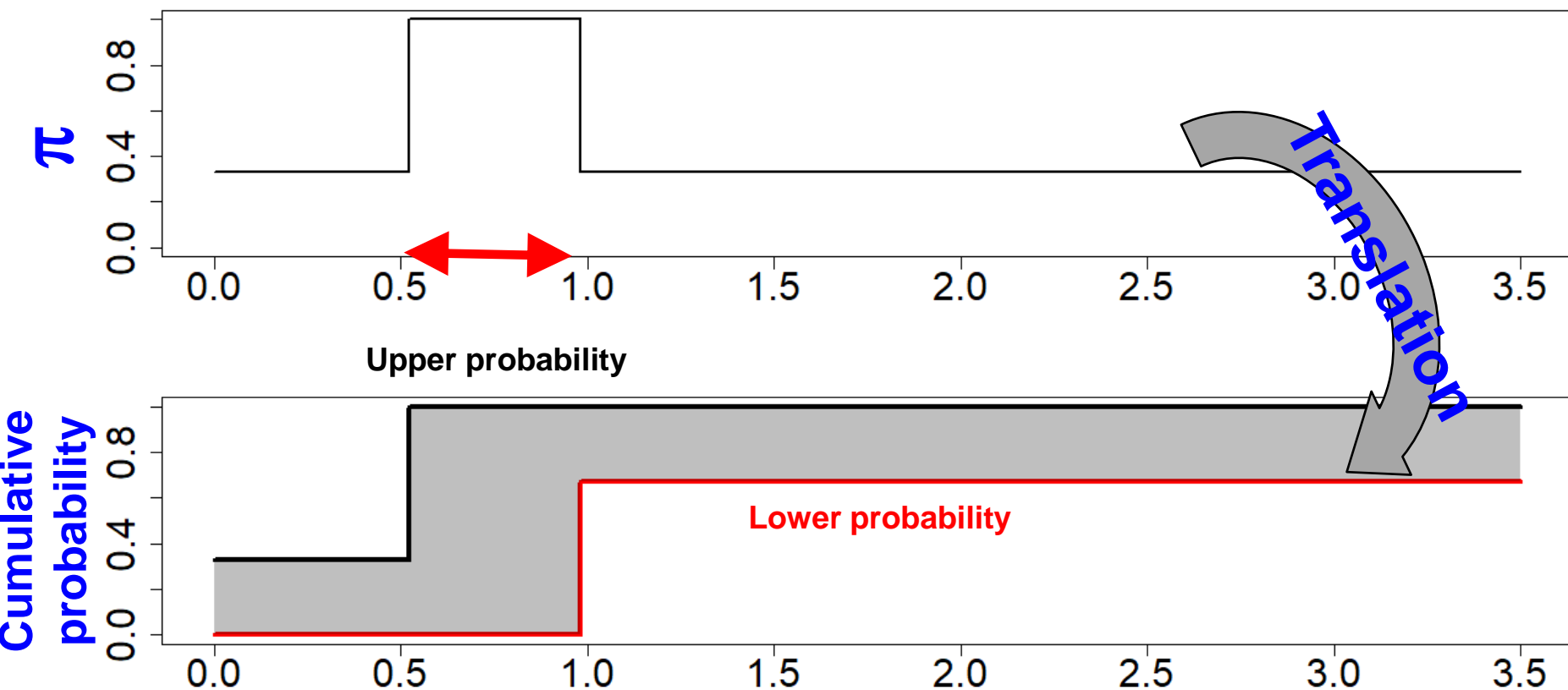
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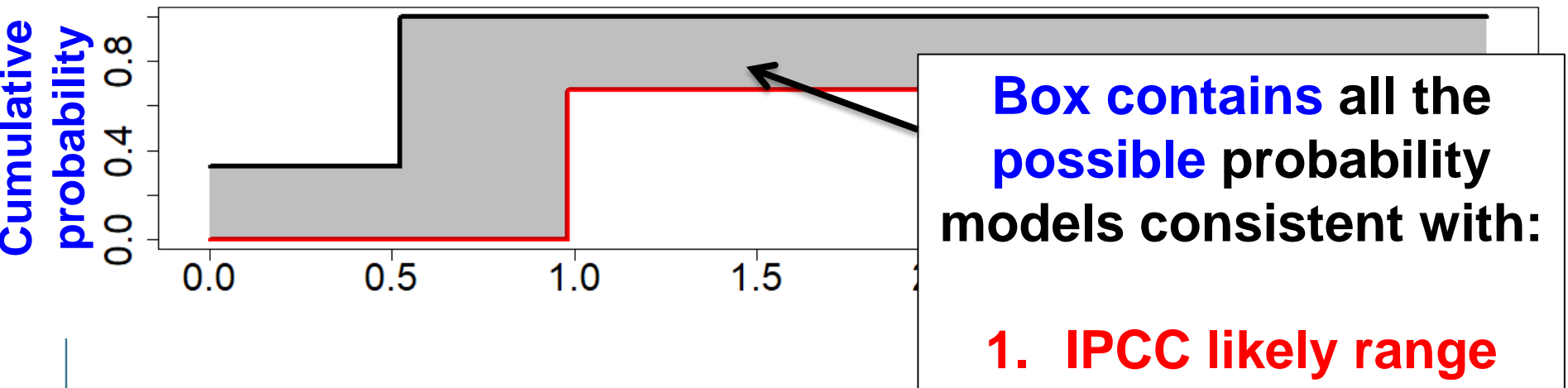
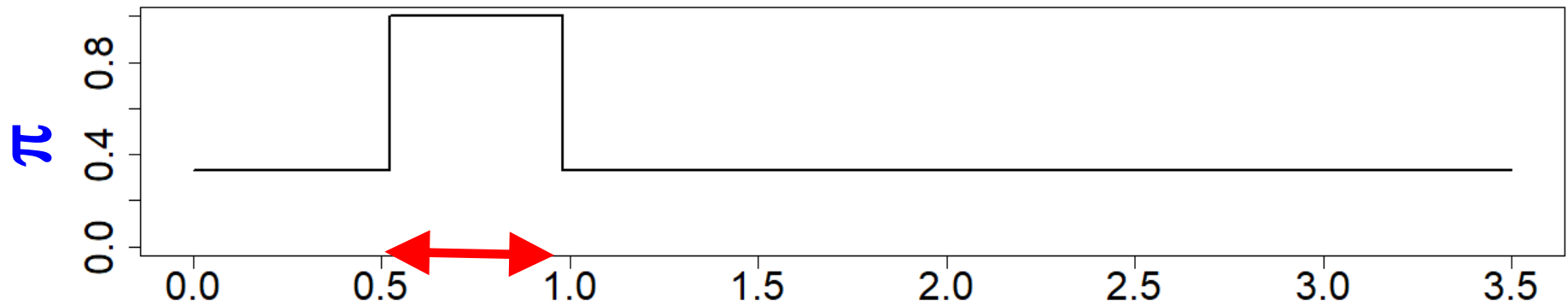
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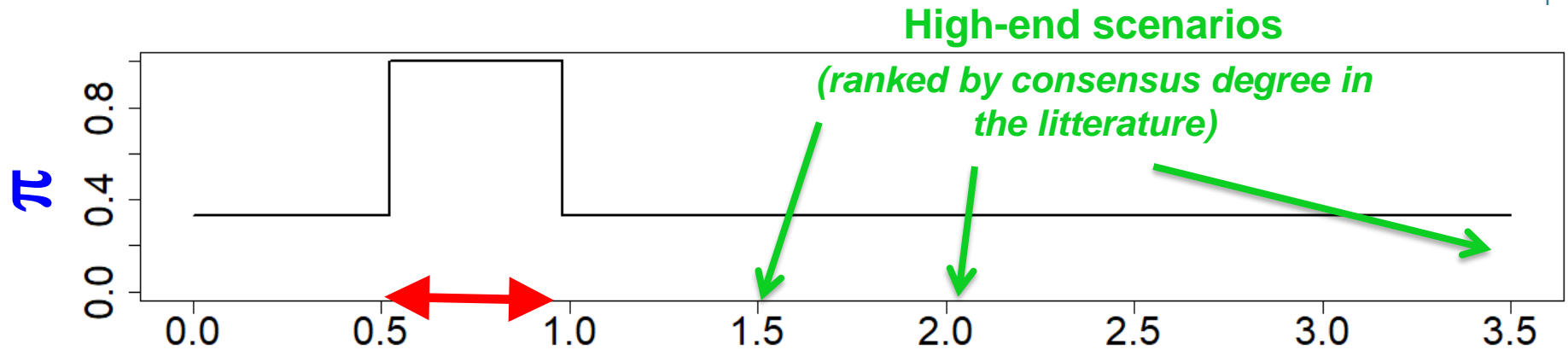
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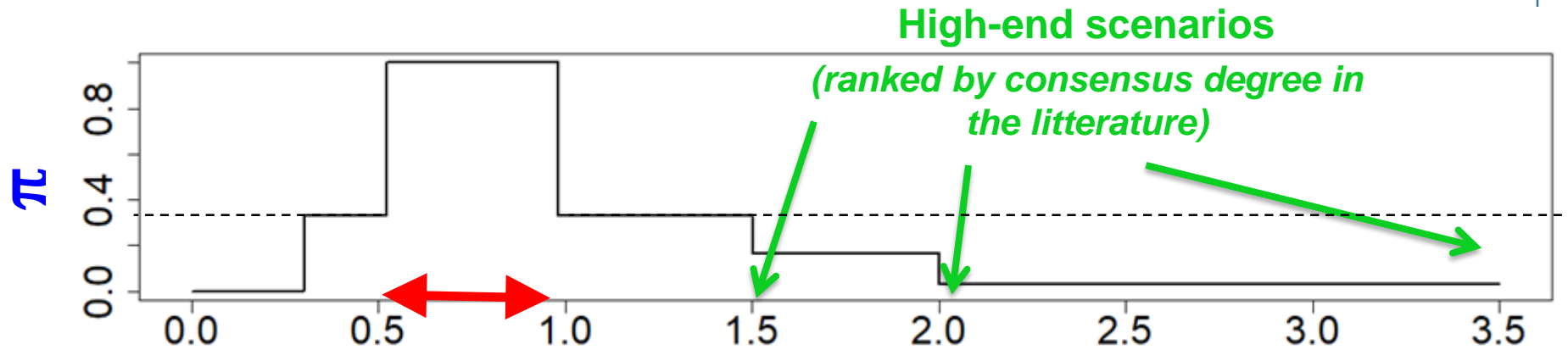
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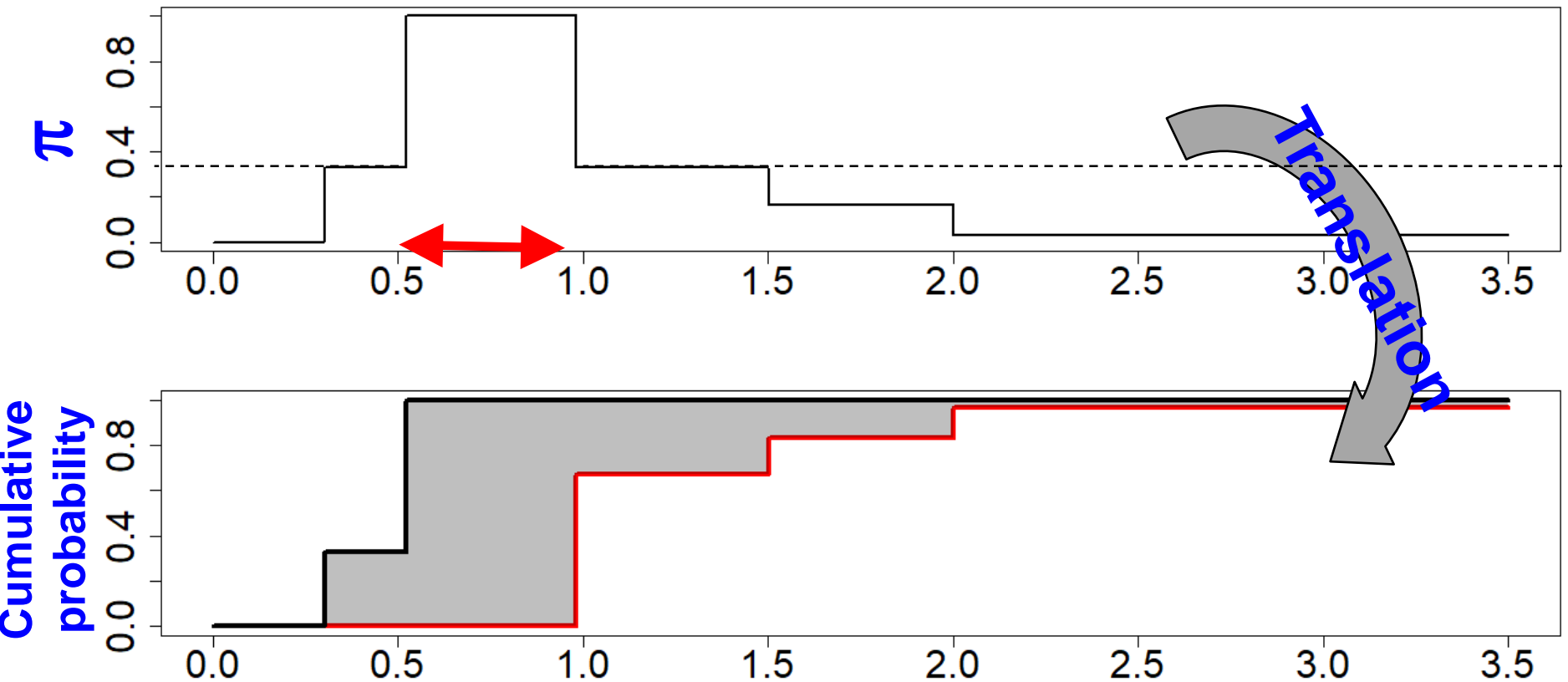
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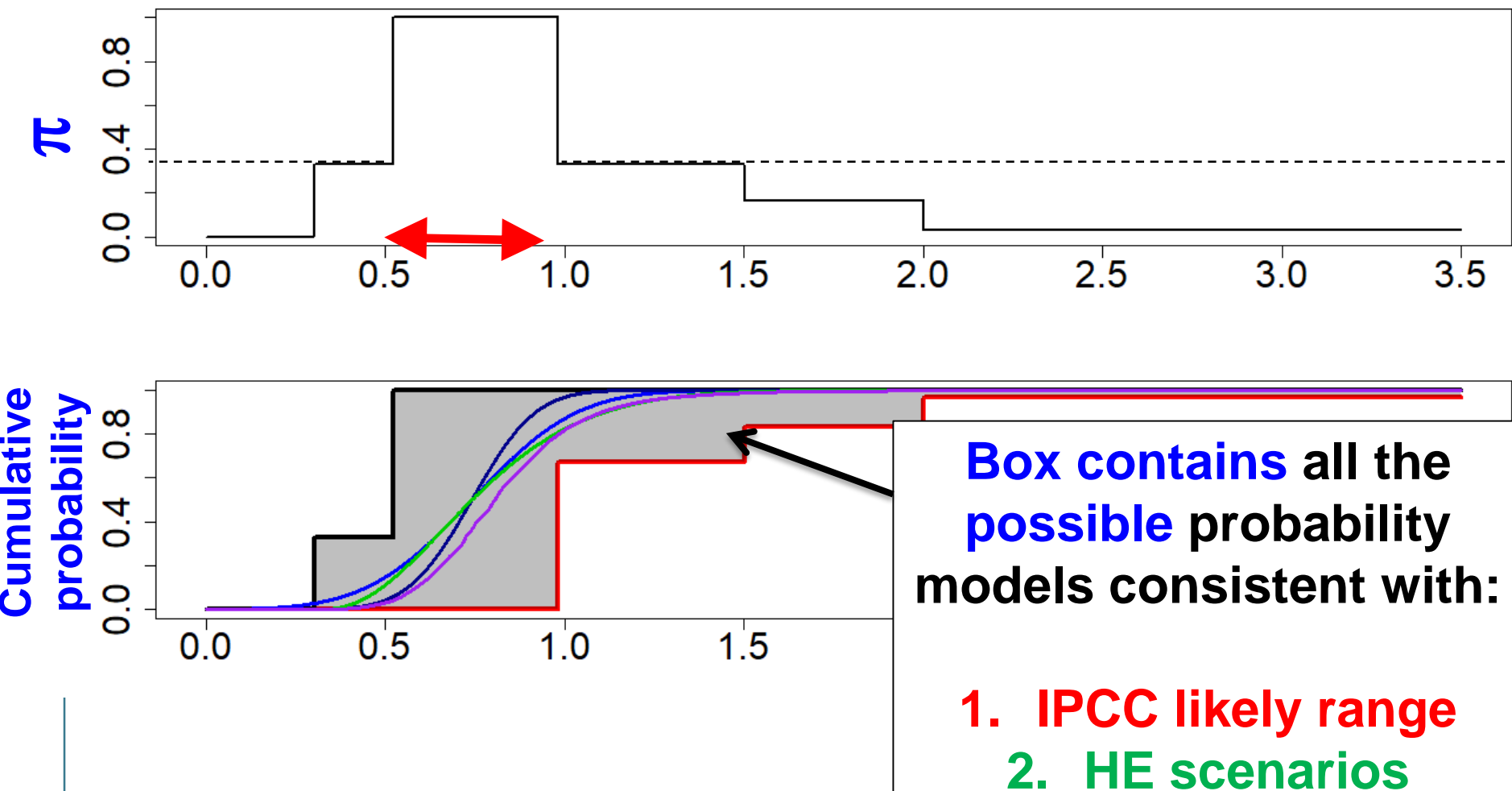
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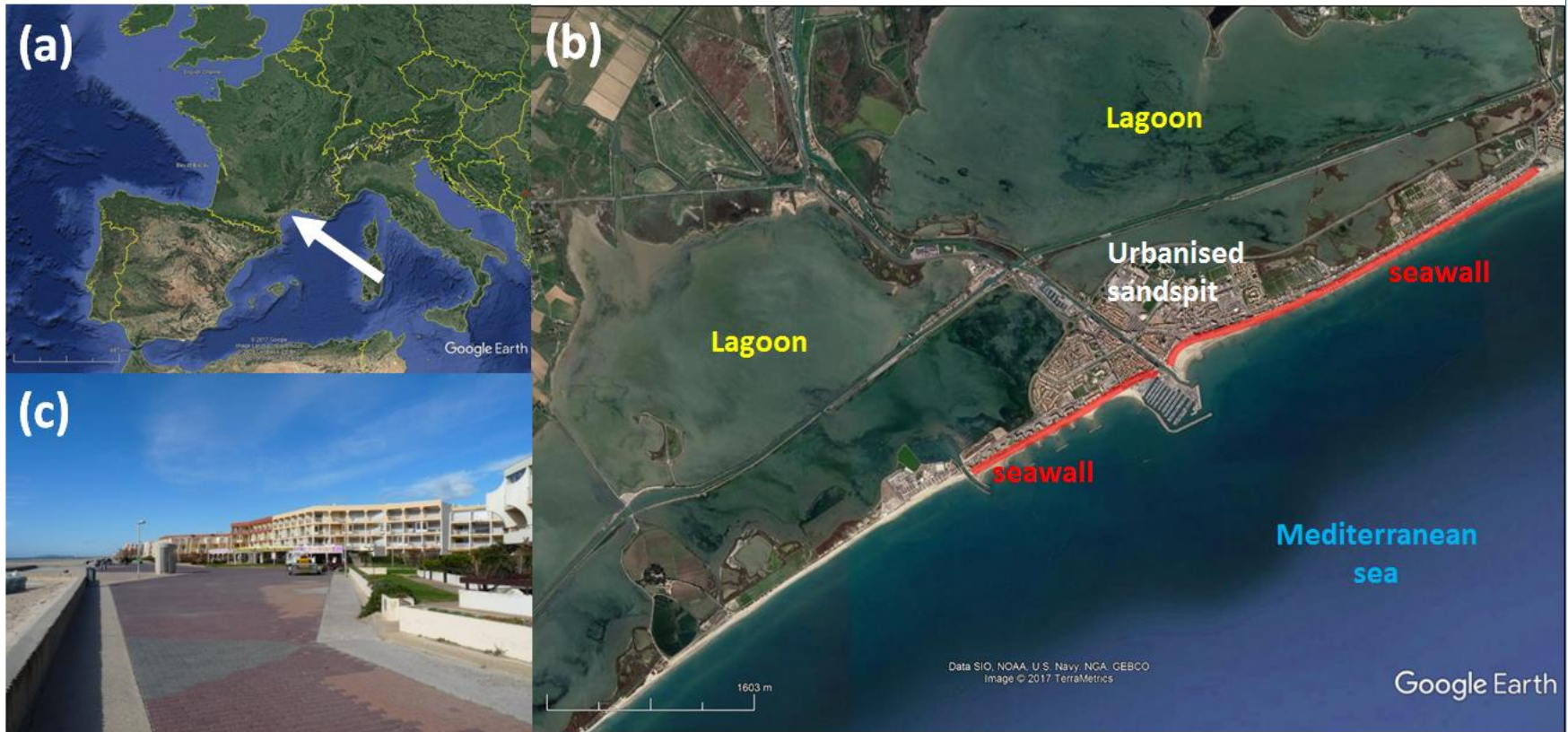


Translation into probabilities



Le Cozannet et al. (2017)

What is the probability of flooding by 2100?



Rohmer et al. (2019)

Climate Change scenario

Scenarios RCP2.6,4.5,6.0,8.5

Global SLR projection

Kopp et al. (2014)'s projections

Highend scenarios

Regional SL variability

Triangle probability law

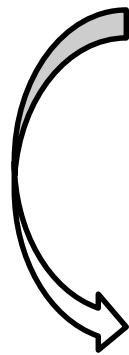
Extreme water levels

Pareto probability law

Wave setup

Uniform probability law

**Cascade of
uncertainty**

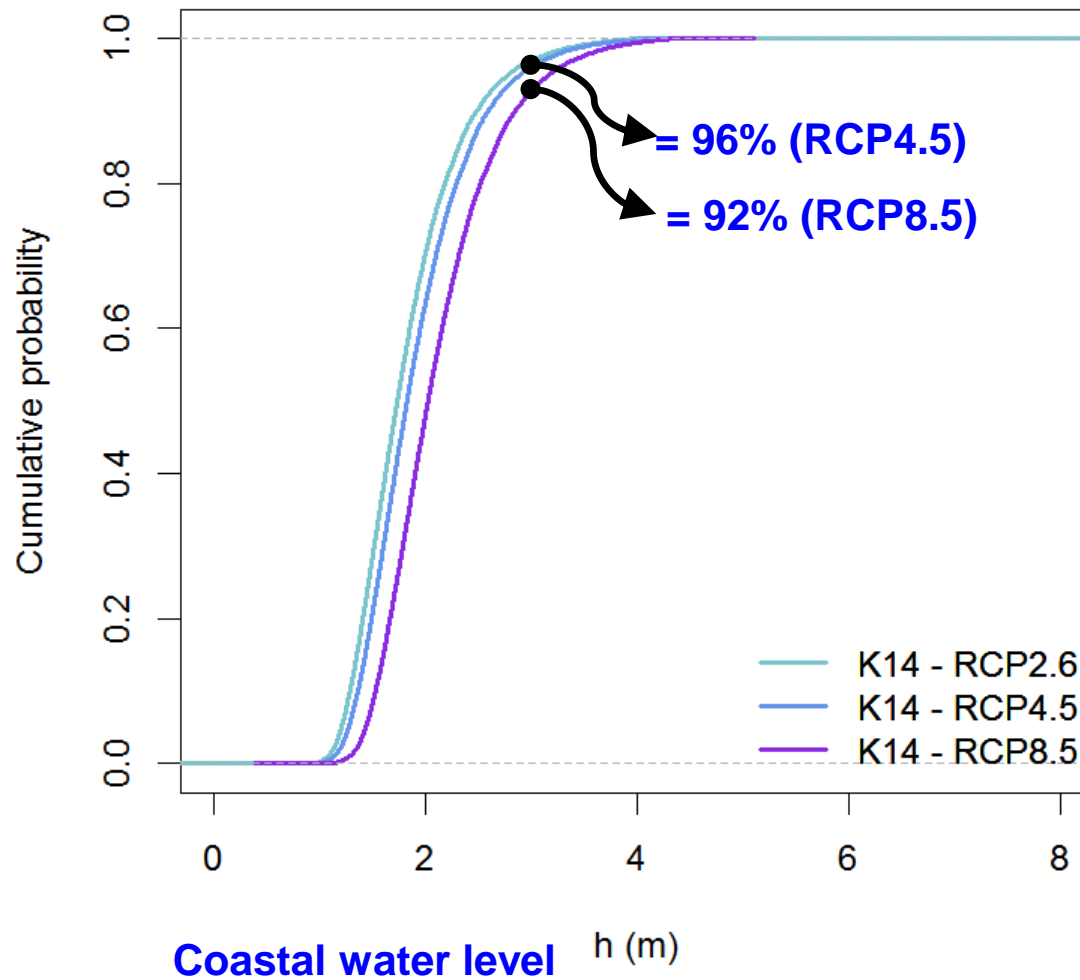


**Coastal water
level h**

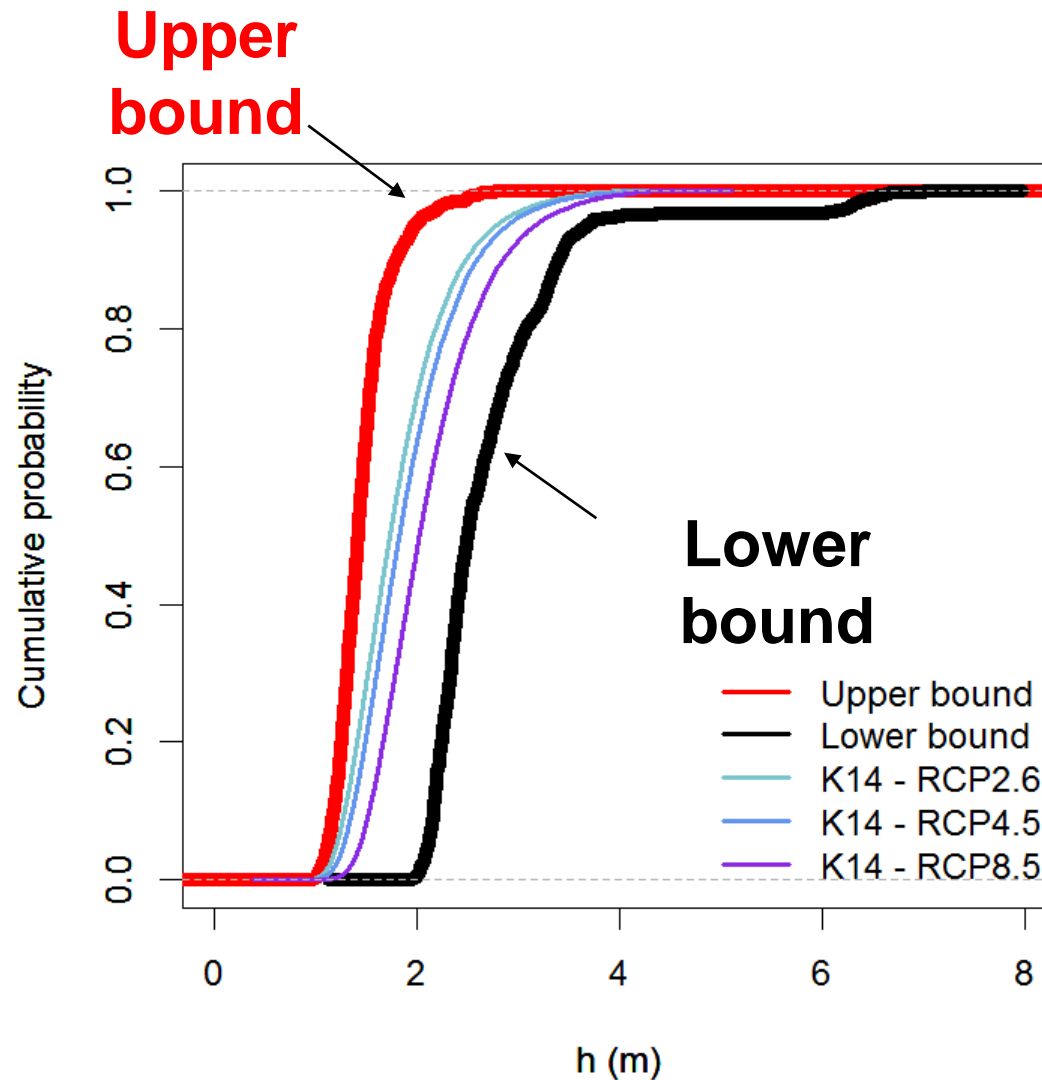


**Using
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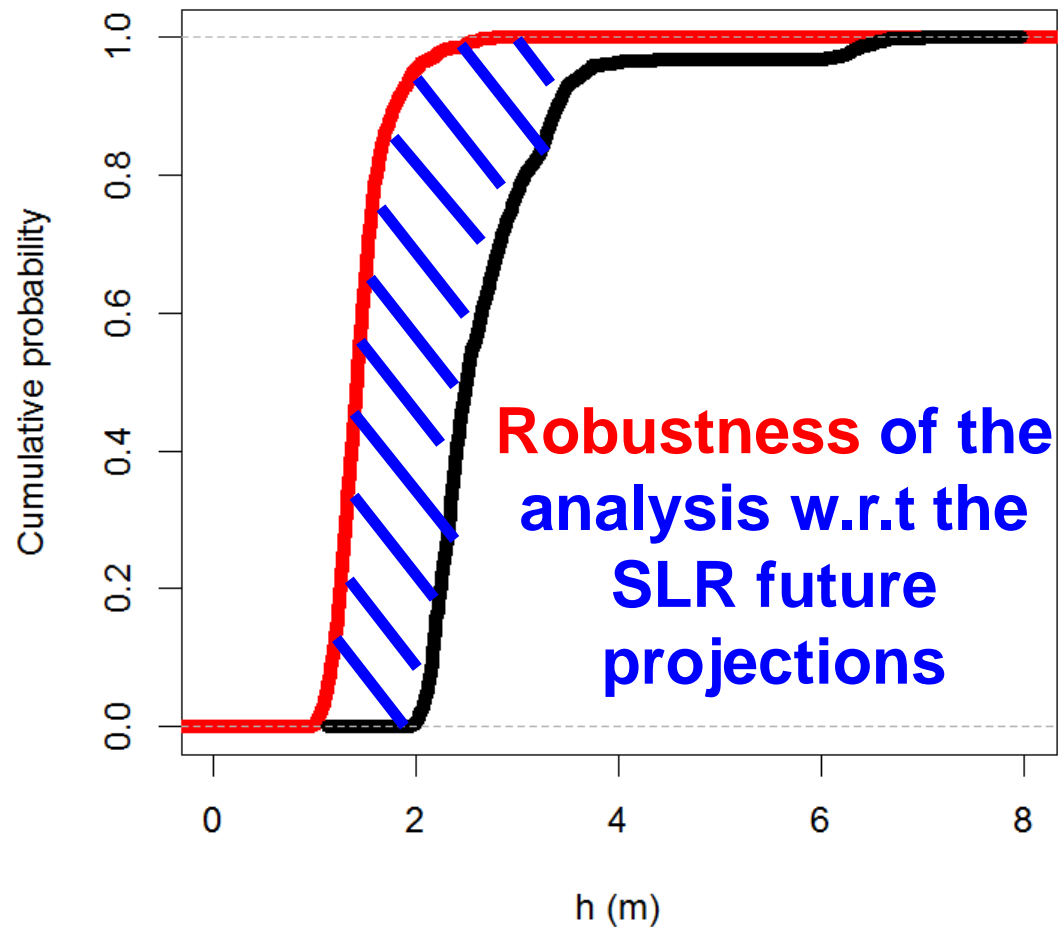


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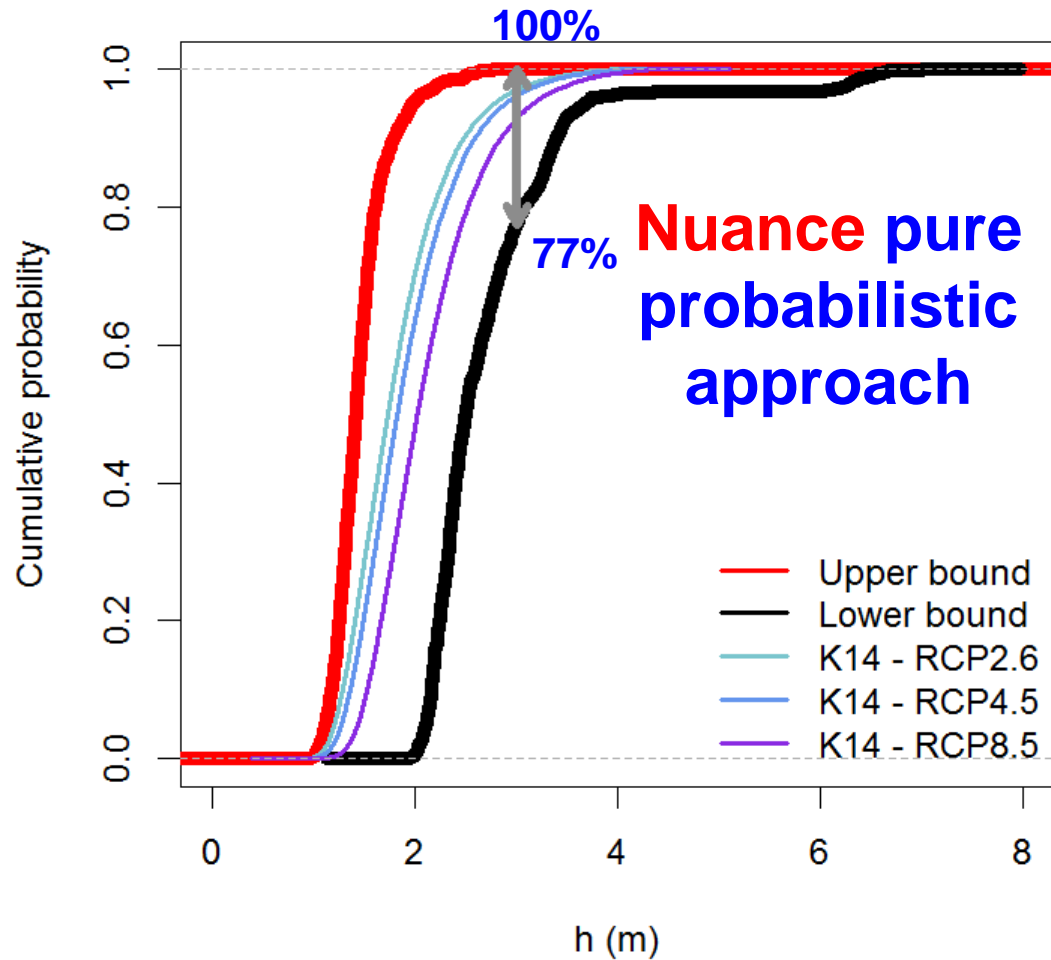
Propagation using algorithm implemented in R (pkg HYRISK, Rohmer et al., 2018)

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See also...



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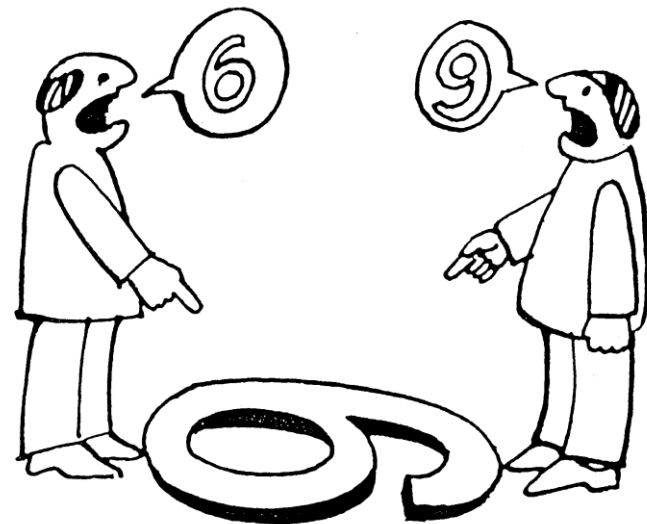
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> **Need for different perspectives** (extra-probabilistic, frequentist, Bayesian, robust, etc.)



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