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## The missing link between sea level science and coastal decision making

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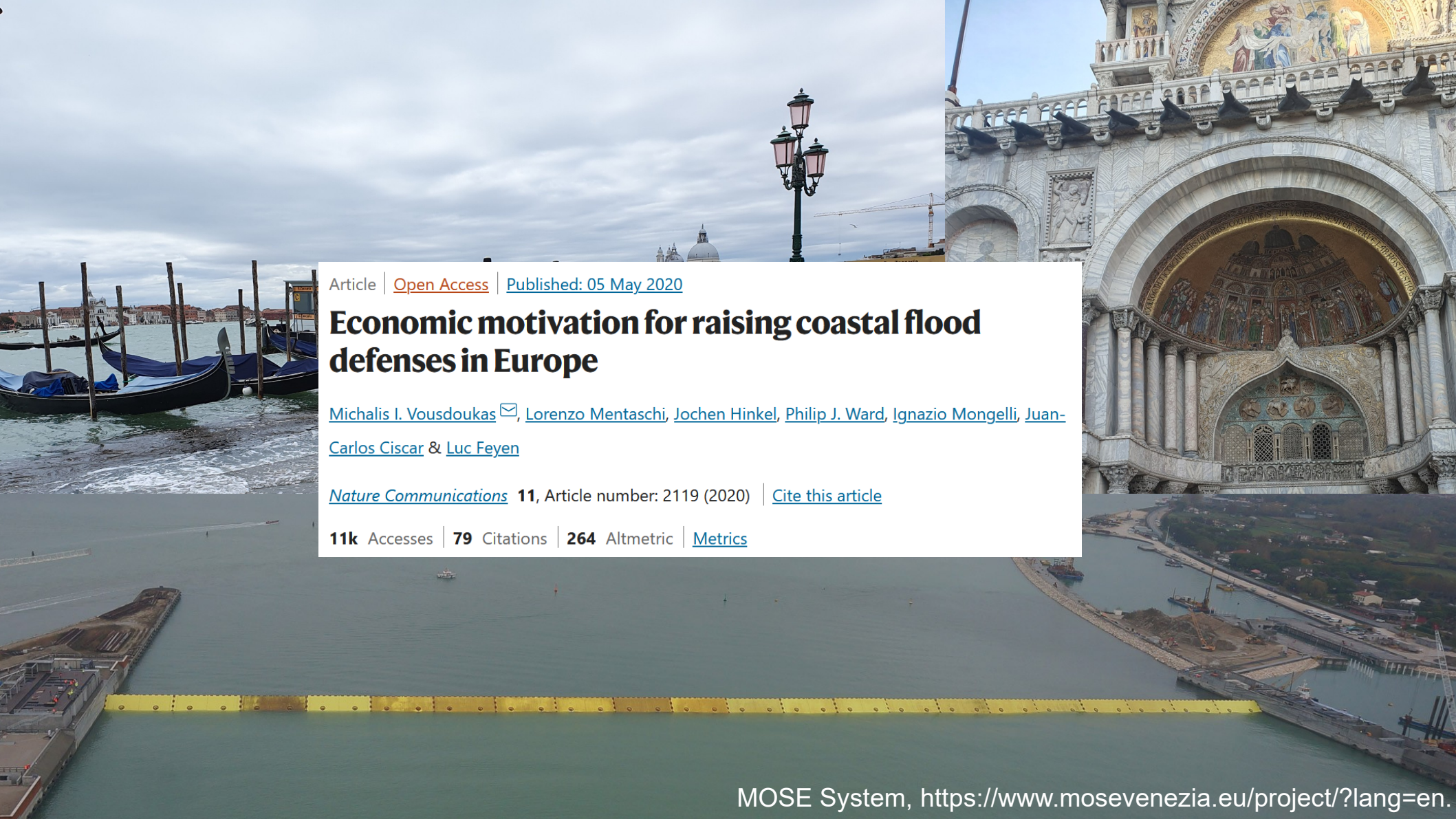


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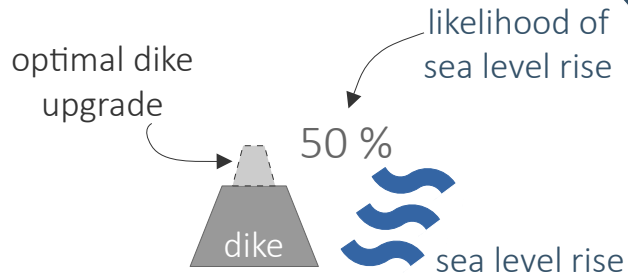
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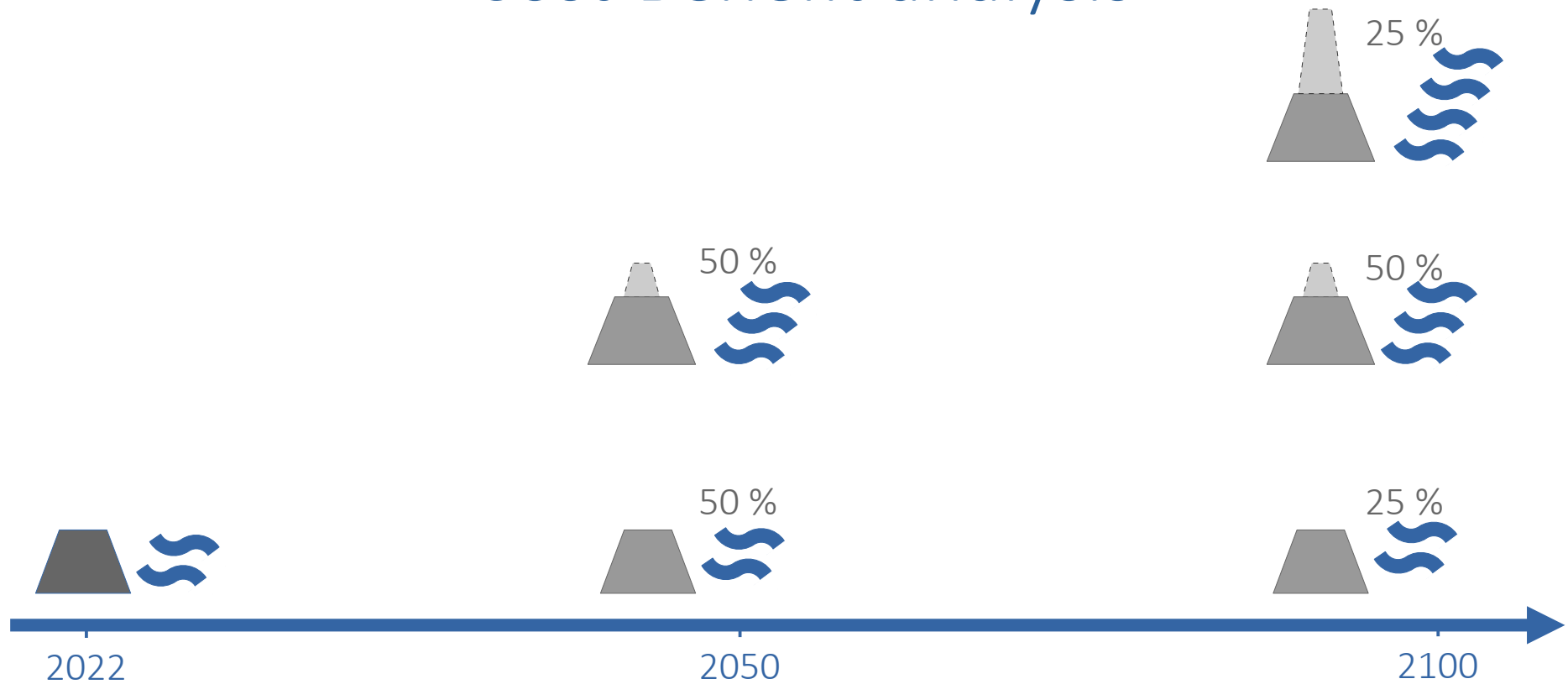
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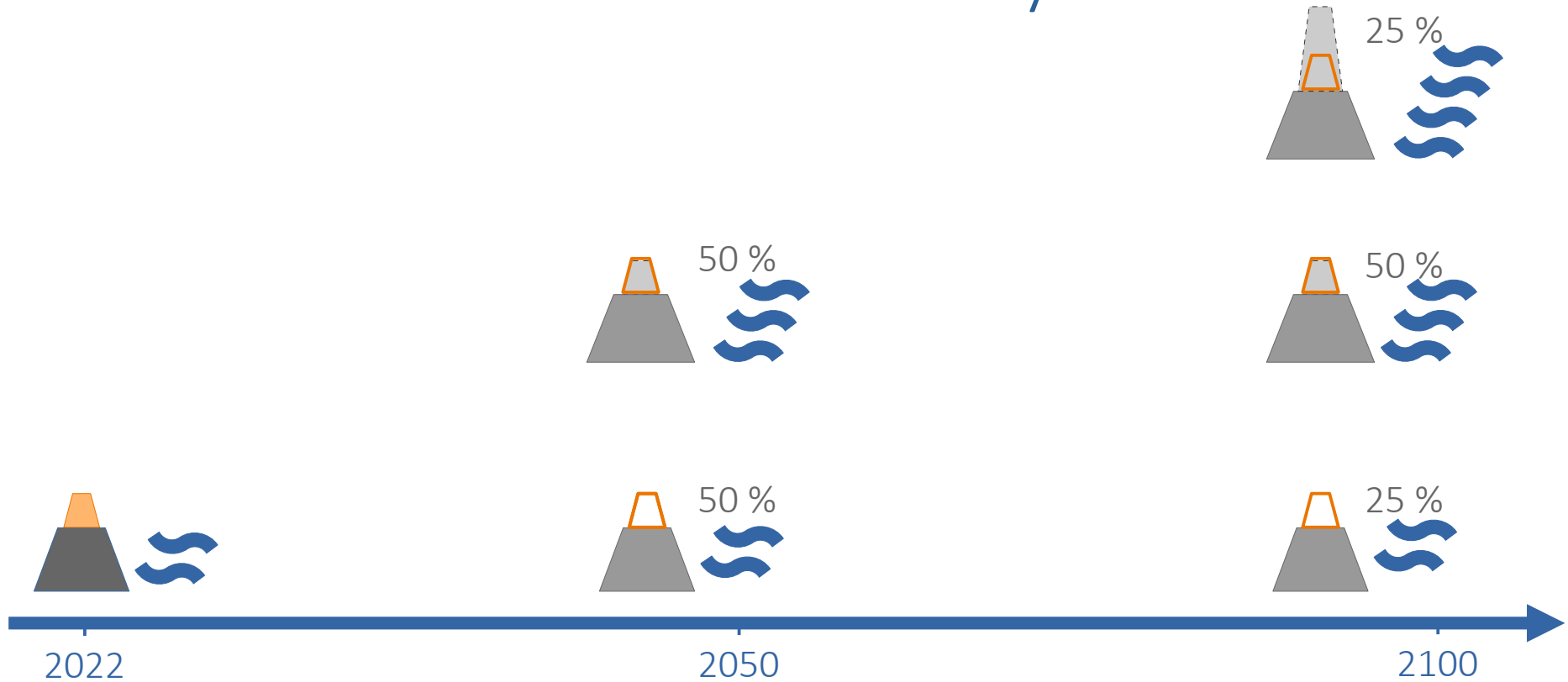
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# Economic decision making methods

# Cost-Benefit analysis



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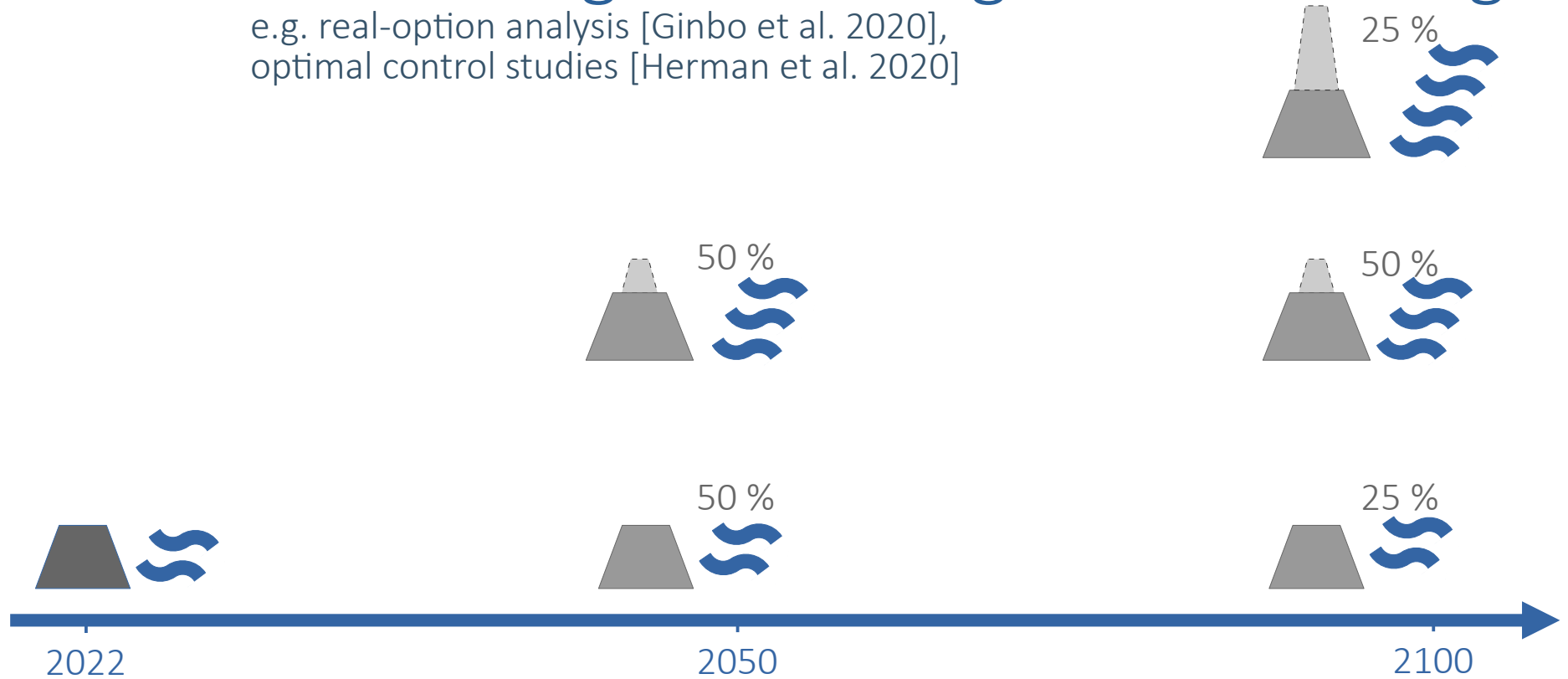


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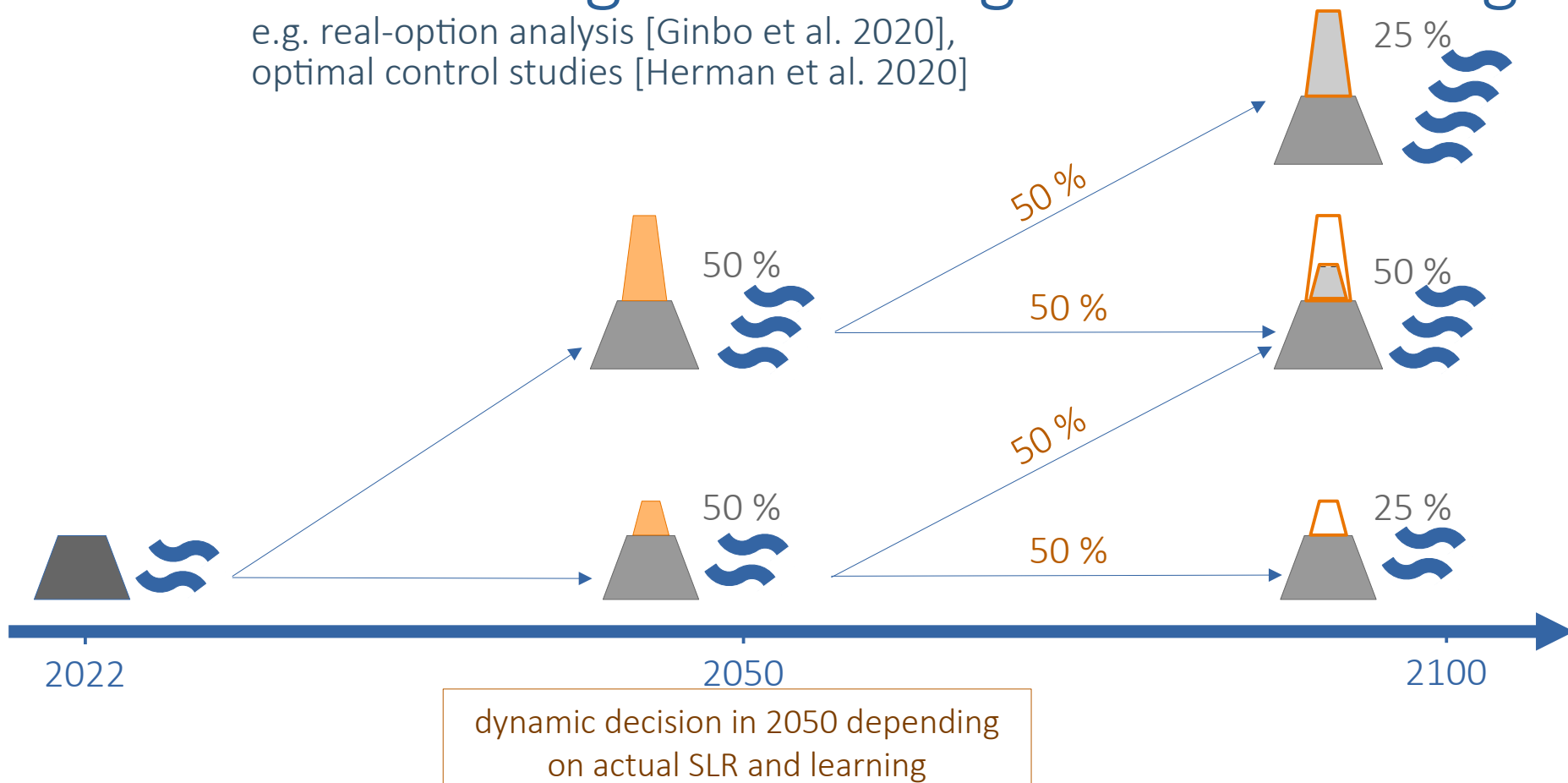
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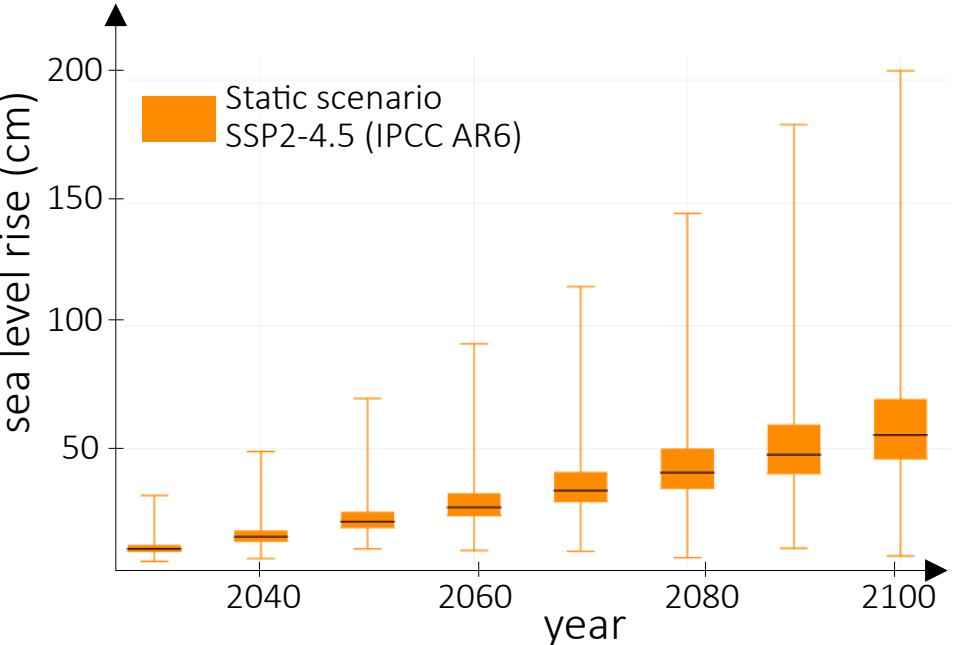
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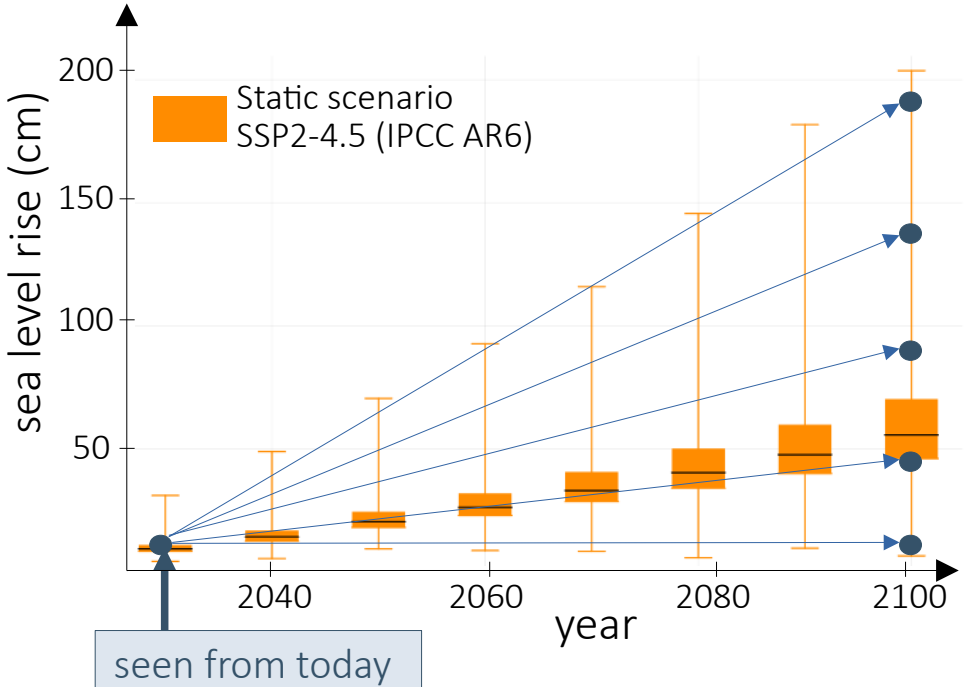
Economic decision making methods that consider future learning require learning scenarios [Hinkel et al. 2019].

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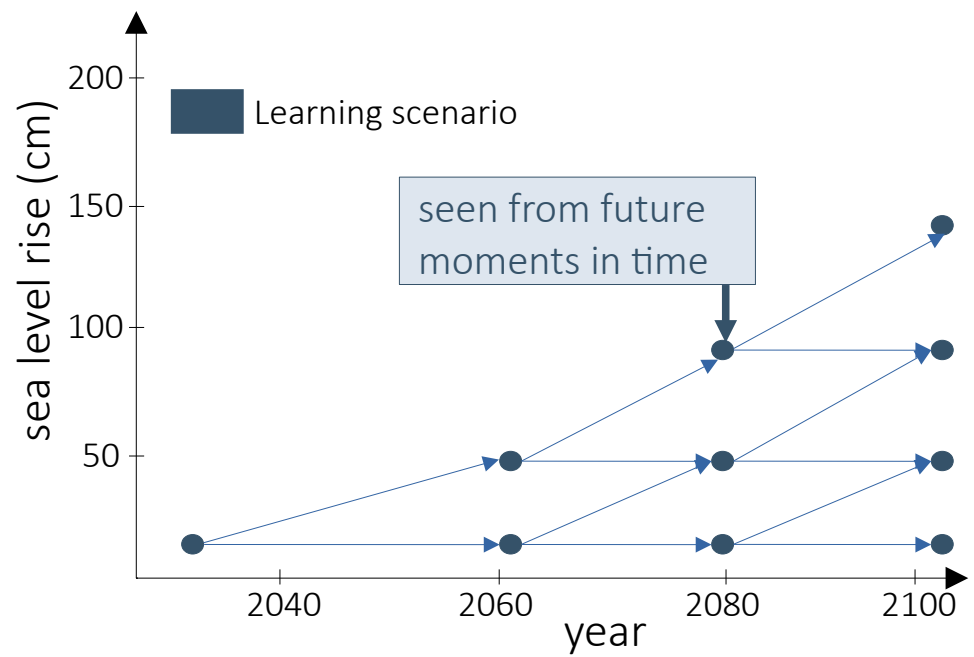
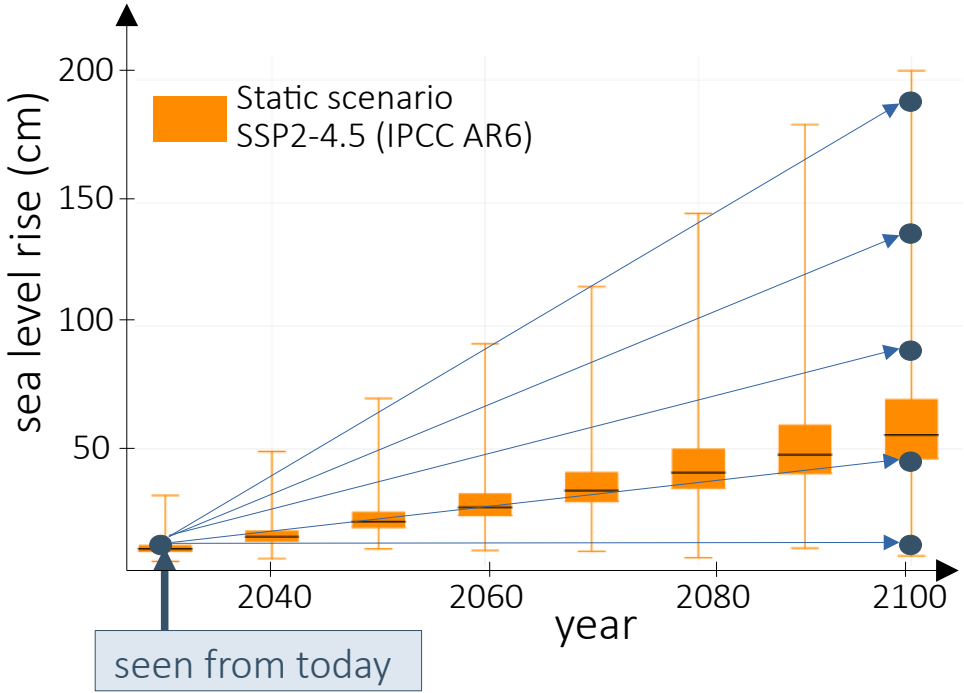
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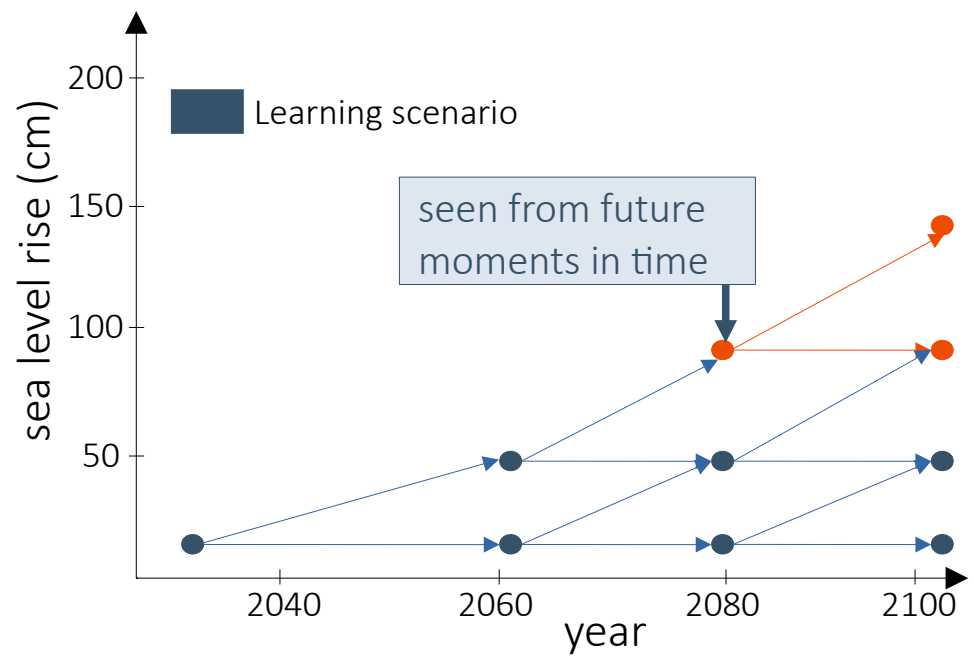
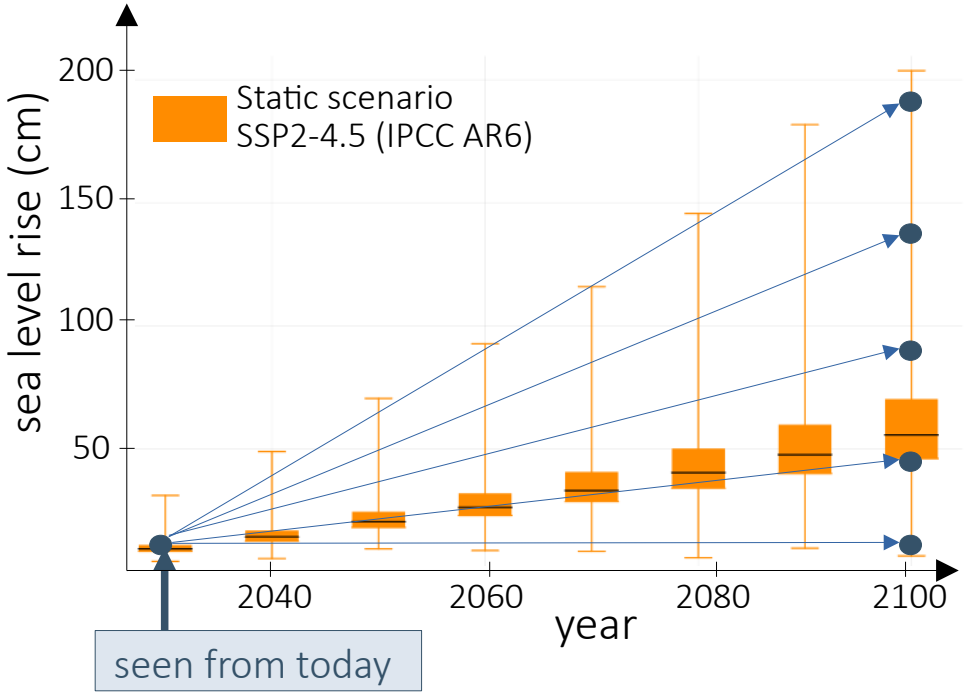


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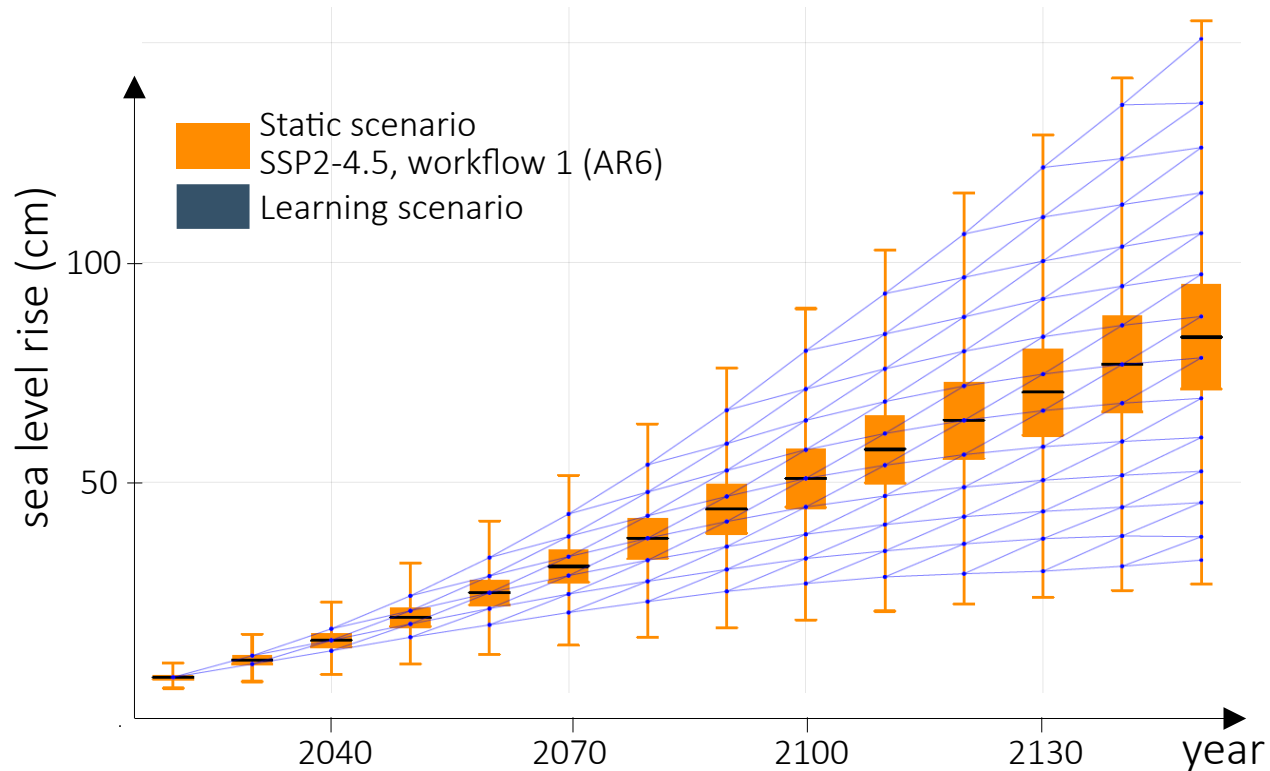
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# Direct fit method

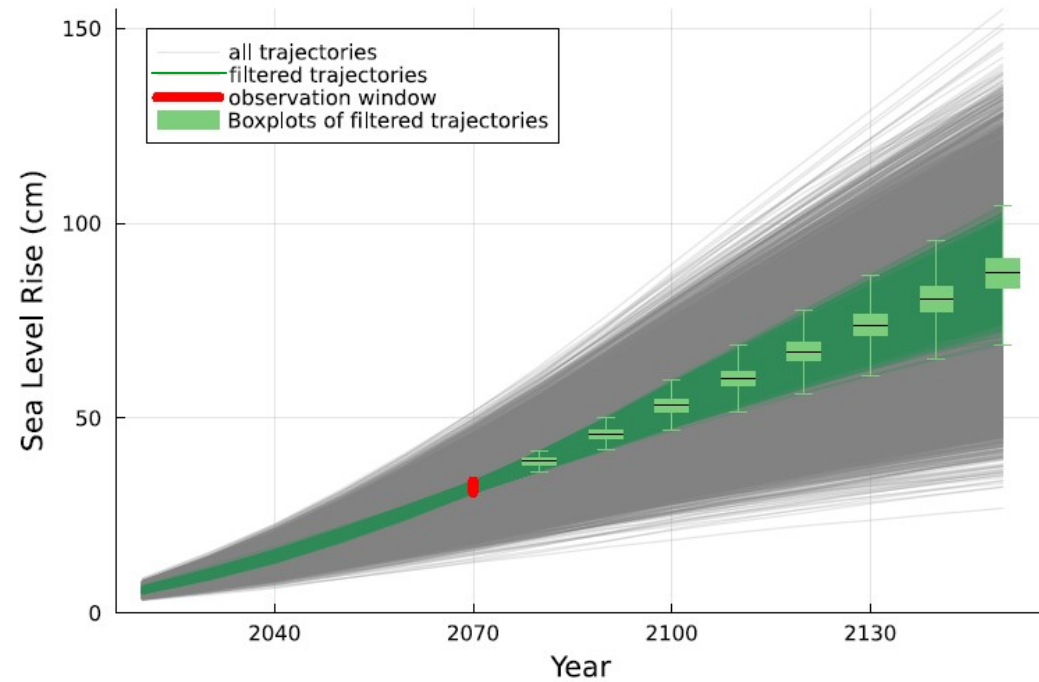
Good representation of sea level rise. A lattice with a highly flexible structure is fitted directly on a static scenario.

Computational efficiency. The binomial and recombining structure of the lattice creates a low number of nodes.



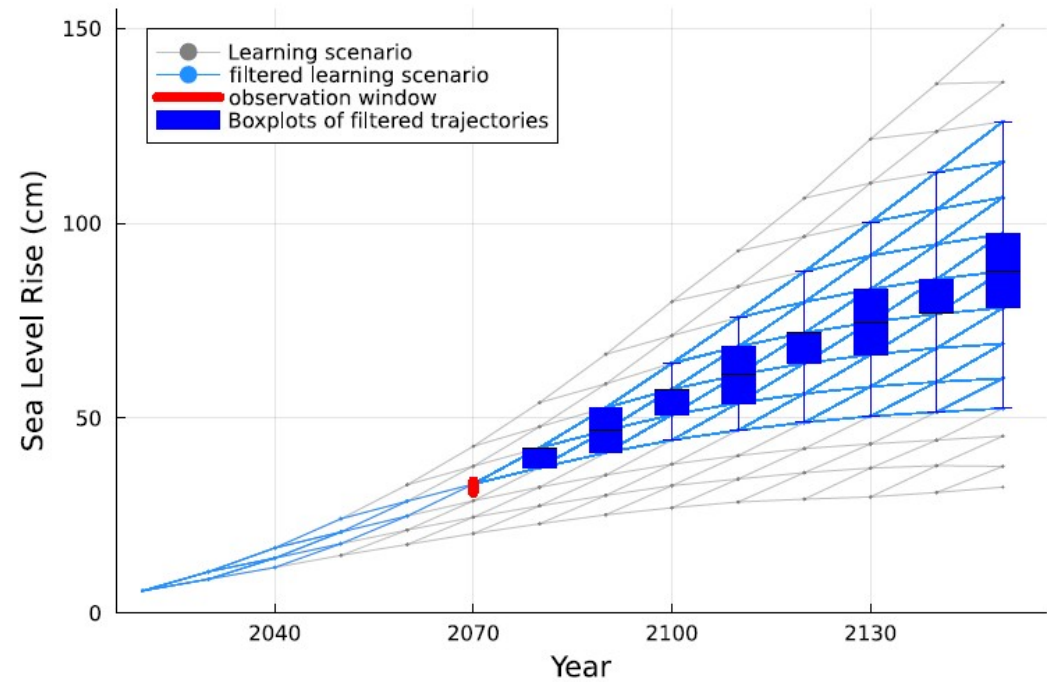
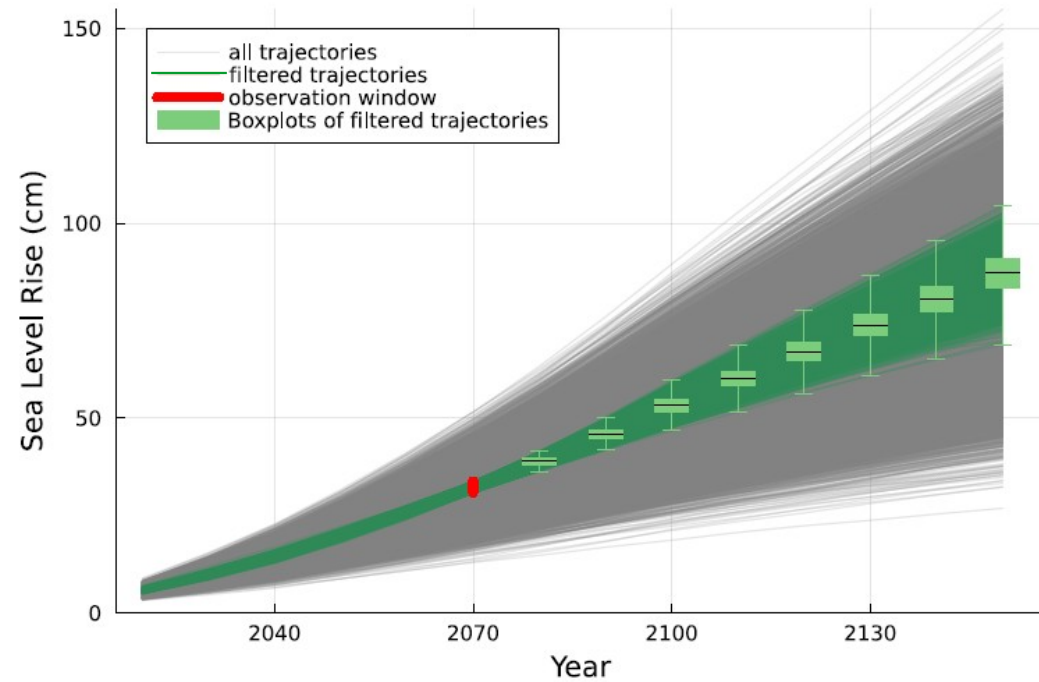
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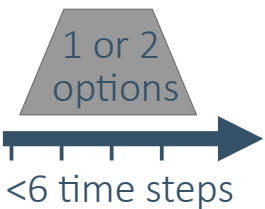
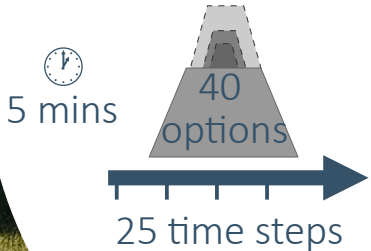


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Computational efficiency.

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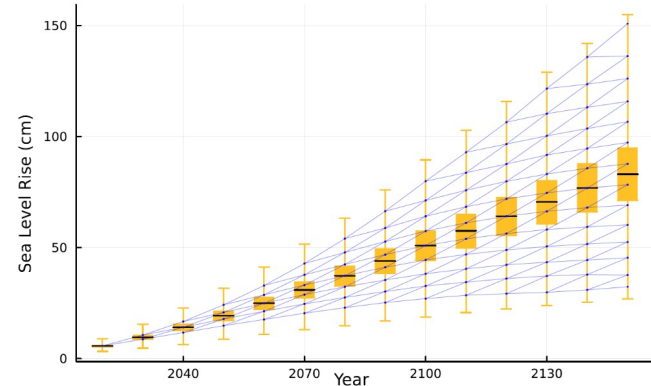
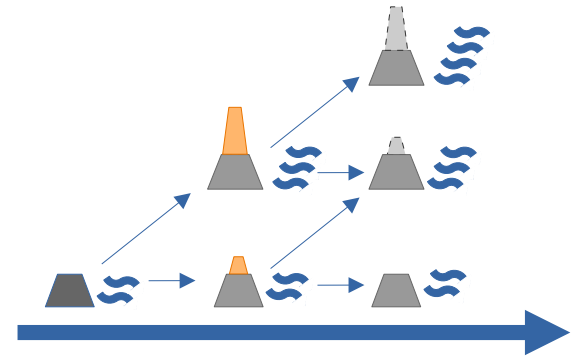


# Key messages

Considering **future learning** in decision making methods leads to more precise decision rules and can **reduce costs** [Wreford et al. 2020].

This **requires learning scenarios**, i.e. probabilistic information seen from future moments in time.

**Learning scenarios for sea level rise** can be generated with our direct fit method [Völz and Hinkel, under review].



Questions?

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