

Uncertainty in global irrigation water use persists after 50 years of research

R code

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1 Preliminary functions

```
# PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS #####

sensobol::load_packages(c("openxlsx", "data.table", "tidyverse", "cowplot",
                          "benchmarkme", "parallel", "wesanderson", "scales", "ncdf4",
                          "countrycode", "rworldmap", "sp", "doParallel", "here", "lme4",
                          "microbenchmark", "mgcv", "brms", "randomForest", "here",
                          "igraph", "ggraph"))

# Create custom theme -----

theme_AP <- function() {
  theme_bw() +
    theme(panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
          panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
          legend.background = element_rect(fill = "transparent",
                                            color = NA),
          legend.key = element_rect(fill = "transparent",
                                     color = NA),
          strip.background = element_rect(fill = "white"),
          legend.text = element_text(size = 7.3),
          axis.title = element_text(size = 10),
          legend.key.width = unit(0.4, "cm"),
          legend.key.height = unit(0.4, "cm"),
          legend.key.spacing.y = unit(0, "lines"),
          legend.box.spacing = unit(0, "pt"),
          legend.title = element_text(size = 7.3),
          axis.text.x = element_text(size = 7),
          axis.text.y = element_text(size = 7),
          axis.title.x = element_text(size = 7.3),
          axis.title.y = element_text(size = 7.3),
          plot.title = element_text(size = 8),
          strip.text.x = element_text(size = 7.4),
          strip.text.y = element_text(size = 7.4))
}

# Select color palette -----

selected.palette <- "Darjeeling1"

# SOURCE ALL R FUNCTIONS NEEDED FOR THE STUDY #####

# Source all .R files in the "functions" folder -----

r_functions <- list.files(path = here("functions"), pattern = "\\..R$", full.names = TRUE)
lapply(r_functions, source)
```

2 Bibliographical study

```
# NAOMI DATASET #####

references.projected <- data.table(read.xlsx("./data/references_projection.xlsx")) %>%
  .[, focus:= "projected"]

references.current <- data.table(read.xlsx("./data/references_current.xlsx")) %>%
  .[, focus:= "current"]

references.full.dt <- rbind(references.projected, references.current) %>%
  .[, study:= paste(author, model, climate.scenario, sep = ".")]

# CLEAN THE DATASET #####

colnames_vector <- c("title", "author", "region")

# Remove leading and trailing spaces -----

references.full.dt[, (colnames_vector):= lapply(.SD, trimws), .SDcols = (colnames_vector)]
references.full.dt[, (colnames_vector):= lapply(.SD, str_squish), .SDcols = (colnames_vector)]

# Lowercaps -----

references.full.dt[, (colnames_vector):= lapply(.SD, tolower), .SDcols = (colnames_vector)]

# Remove multiple spaces -----

references.full.dt[, (colnames_vector):= lapply(.SD, function(x)
  gsub("\\s+", " ", x)), .SDcols = (colnames_vector)]

# Correct America -----

references.full.dt[, region:= ifelse(region == "america", "americas", region)]

# Extract the publication year -----

references.full.dt[, publication.date:= str_extract(author, "\\d{4}")] %>%
  .[, publication.date:= as.numeric(publication.date)]

# FEATURES OF THE DATASET #####

# Definition of target years -----

target_year <- c(2000, 2010, 2050, 2070, 2100)

# Name of different studies -----
```

```
sort(unique(references.full.dt[variable == "iww" & region == "global", title]))
```

```
## [1] "a global water scarcity assessment under shared socio-economic pathways - part 2: wat
## [2] "a pathway of global food supply adaptation in a world with increasingly constrained g
## [3] "a reservoir operation scheme for global river routing models"
## [4] "agricultural green and blue water consumption and its influence on the global water sy
## [5] "an integrated assessment of global and regional water demands for electricity generat
## [6] "an integrated model for the assessment of global water resources - part 2: application
## [7] "appraisal and assessment of world water resources"
## [8] "aquastat: fao's global information system on water and agriculture"
## [9] "bending the curve: toward global sustainability"
## [10] "cited in world resources 1990-1991, p. 172"
## [11] "climate change impacts on irrigation water requirements: effects of mitigation, 1990-2
## [12] "climate impacts on global irrigation requirements under 19 gcms, simulated with a veg
## [13] "climate mitigation policy implications for global irrigation water demand"
## [14] "climate policy implications for agricultural water demand"
## [15] "future long-term changes in global water resources driven by socio-economic and clima
## [16] "global and regional evaluation of energy for water"
## [17] "global hydrological cycles and world water resources,"
## [18] "global impacts of conversions from natural to agricultural ecosystems on water resour
## [19] "global irrigation characteristics and effects simulated by fully coupled land surface
## [20] "global irrigation water demand: variability and uncertainties arising from agricultur
## [21] "global modeling of irrigation water requirements"
## [22] "global modeling of withdrawal, allocation and consumptive use of surface water and gr
## [23] "global monthly sectoral water use for 2010-2100 at 0.5° resolution across alternative
## [24] "global water demand and supply projections"
## [25] "globwat - a global water balance model to assess water use in irrigated agriculture"
## [26] "high-resolution modeling of human and climate impacts on global water resources"
## [27] "how can we cope with the water resources situation by the year 2050?"
## [28] "human appropriation of renewable fresh water"
## [29] "impact of climate forcing uncertainty and human water use on global and continental w
## [30] "implementation and evaluation of irrigation techniques in the community land model"
## [31] "incorporating anthropogenic water regulation modules into a land surface model"
## [32] "incorporation of groundwater pumping in a global land surface model with the represen
## [33] "integrated crop water management might sustainably halve the global food gap"
## [34] "isimip database"
## [35] "long-term global water projections using six socioeconomic scenarios in an integrated a
## [36] "lpjml4 - a dynamic global vegetation model with managed land - part 2: model evaluati
## [37] "modelling global water stress of the recent past: on the relative importance of trends
## [38] "multimodel projections and uncertainties of irrigation water demand under climate cha
## [39] "pcr-globwb 2: a 5 arcmin global hydrological and water resources model"
## [40] "physical impacts of climate change on water resources"
## [41] "present-day irrigation mitigates heat extremes"
## [42] "projecting irrigation water requirements across multiple socio-economic development f
## [43] "projection of future world water resources under sres scenarios: water withdrawal"
## [44] "quantifying global agricultural water appropriation with data derived from earth obser
## [45] "recent global cropland water consumption constrained by observations"
```

```
## [46] "reconciling irrigated food production with environmental flows for sustainable develop
## [47] "reconstructing 20th century global hydrography: a contribution to the global terrestri
## [48] "the state of the world's land and water resources for food and agriculture"
## [49] "the world's water, 2000-2001: the biennial report on freshwater resources"
## [50] "united nations world water development report 2020: water and climate change"
## [51] "water 2050. moving toward a sustainable vision for the earth's fresh water"
## [52] "water and sustainability. global pattern and long-range problems"
## [53] "water savings potentials of irrigation systems: global simulation of processes and li
## [54] "water sector assumptions for the shared socioeconomic pathways in an integrated model
## [55] "world agriculture towards 2030/2050: the 2012 revision"
## [56] "world agriculture towards 2030/2055"
## [57] "world water demand and supply, 1990 to 2025: scenarios and issues"
## [58] "world water in 2025 - global modeling and scenario analysis for the world commission o
## [59] "world water resources and their future"
```

```
# Number of data points -----
```

```
nrow(references.full.dt[variable == "iww" & region == "global"])
```

```
## [1] 1394
```

```
# Number of different studies per variable -----
```

```
references.full.dt[region == "global", unique(title), variable] %>%
  .[, .N, variable]
```

```
##      variable      N
##      <char> <int>
## 1:      iww      60
## 2:      tww      20
## 3:      iwc      20
## 4:      twc       4
## 5:      iwr       2
```

```
# Number of data points for each target year -----
```

```
references.full.dt[variable == "iww" & region == "global" &
  estimation.year %in% target_year, .N, estimation.year]
```

```
##      estimation.year      N
##      <num> <int>
## 1:      2000      66
## 2:      2070     124
## 3:      2100     121
## 4:      2010     110
## 5:      2050     125
```

```
# Number of unique studies estimating for each target year -----
```

```
references.full.dt[variable == "iww" & region == "global" &
  estimation.year %in% target_year, unique(title), estimation.year] %>%
```

```
.[, .N, estimation.year]
```

```
##      estimation.year      N
##      <num> <int>
## 1:      2000      22
## 2:      2070       5
## 3:      2100       5
## 4:      2010      10
## 5:      2050      13
```

```
# Number of data points for every targeted year -----
```

```
references.full.dt[variable == "iww" & region == "global", .N, estimation.year] %>%
  .[order(estimation.year)]
```

```
##      estimation.year      N
##      <num> <int>
## 1:      1900       3
## 2:      1910       2
## 3:      1920       2
## 4:      1930       2
## 5:      1940       4
## 6:      1950       4
## 7:      1960       6
## 8:      1970       5
## 9:      1975      22
## 10:     1980      29
## 11:     1983       1
## 12:     1985      33
## 13:     1988       1
## 14:     1990      28
## 15:     1993       2
## 16:     1994       3
## 17:     1995      40
## 18:     1996       2
## 19:     2000      66
## 20:     2002       1
## 21:     2003       1
## 22:     2004       1
## 23:     2005      34
## 24:     2006       1
## 25:     2007       1
## 26:     2008       1
## 27:     2010     110
## 28:     2015       9
## 29:     2020      96
## 30:     2021       1
## 31:     2025      14
```

```
## 32:          2030      87
## 33:          2035       7
## 34:          2040     98
## 35:          2050    125
## 36:          2055       6
## 37:          2060     87
## 38:          2065       7
## 39:          2070    124
## 40:          2075       6
## 41:          2080    103
## 42:          2090     84
## 43:          2095     14
## 44:          2100    121
##      estimation.year      N
```

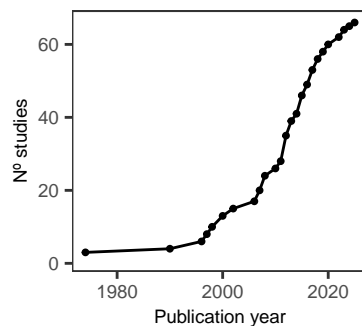
```
# Cumulative sum of published studies -----
```

```
cumulative.iww <- references.full.dt[, .(title, publication.date, variable)] %>%
  .[variable == "iww"] %>%
  .[!duplicated(.)] %>%
  setorder(., publication.date) %>%
  .[, .N, publication.date] %>%
  .[, cumulative_sum := cumsum(N)] %>%
  ggplot(., aes(publication.date, cumulative_sum)) +
  geom_line() +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = breaks_pretty(n = 3)) +
  geom_point(size = 0.7) +
  theme_AP() +
  labs(x = "Publication year", y = "N° studies")
```

```
cumulative.iww
```

```
## Warning: Removed 1 row containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_line()`).
```

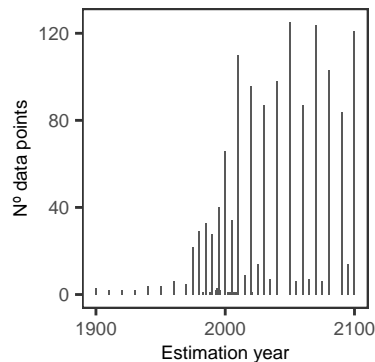
```
## Warning: Removed 1 row containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_point()`).
```



```
# DISTRIBUTION OF DATA POINTS THROUGH YEARS @#####
```

```
plot.bar <- references.full.dt[variable == "iww" & region == "global", .N, estimation.year] %>%
  ggplot(., aes(estimation.year, N)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = breaks_pretty(n = 3)) +
  labs(x = "Estimation year", y = "N° data points") +
  theme_AP()
```

plot.bar

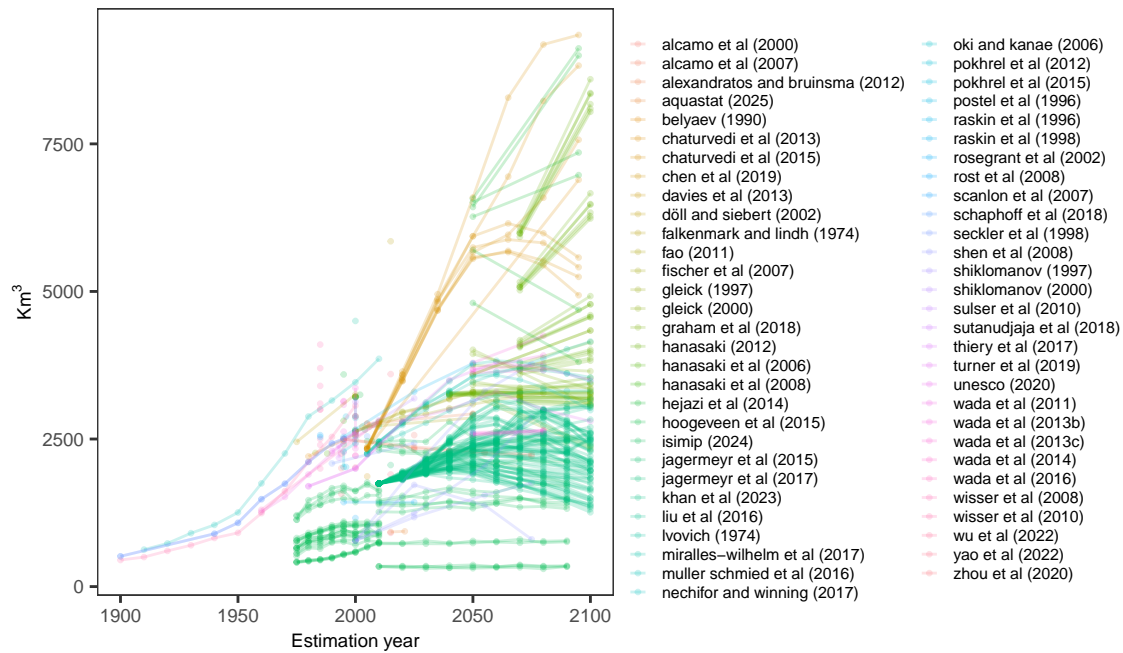


```
# PLOT ALL ESTIMATIONS #####
```

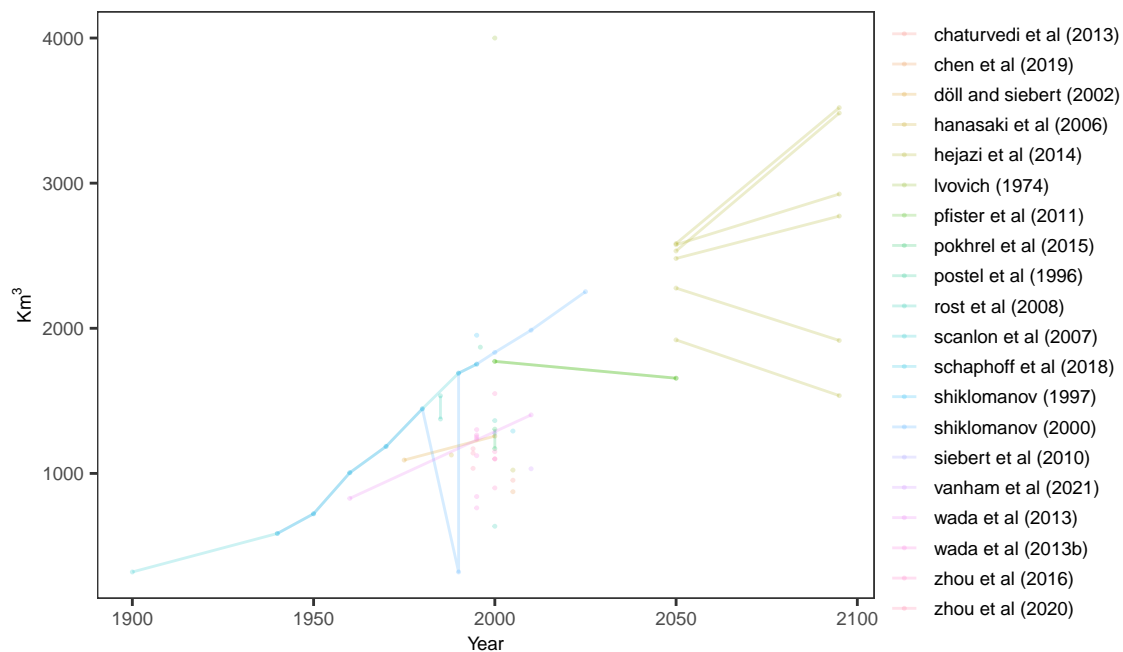
```
def.alpha <- 0.2
```

```
plot.iww <- references.full.dt[variable == "iww" & region == "global"] %>%
  .[, .(author, study, estimation.year, value)] %>%
  na.omit() %>%
  ggplot(., aes(estimation.year, value, color = author, group = study)) +
  geom_point(alpha = def.alpha, size = 0.5) +
  labs(x = "Estimation year", y = bquote("Km"^3)) +
  scale_color_discrete(name = "") +
  geom_line(alpha = def.alpha) +
  theme_AP() +
  guides(color = guide_legend(ncol = 2)) +
  theme(legend.text = element_text(size = 5.5),
        legend.key.width = unit(0.25, "cm"),
        legend.key.height = unit(0.25, "cm"))
```

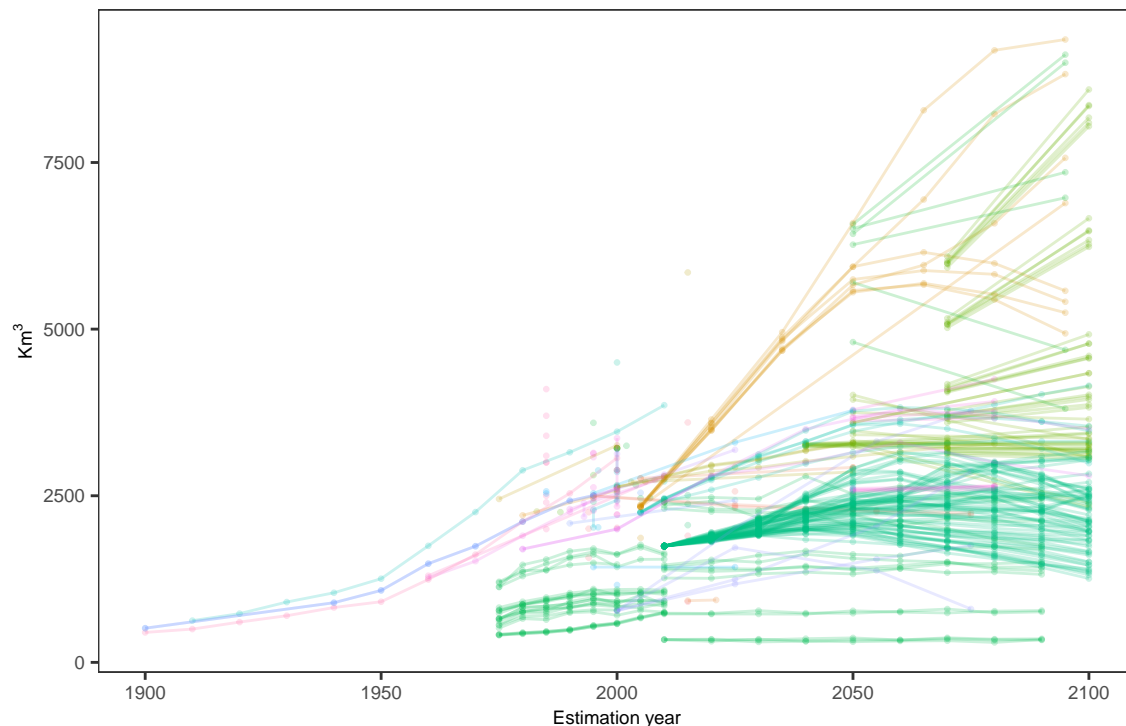
plot.iww



```
references.full.dt[variable == "iwc" & region == "global"] %>%
  .[, .(author, study, estimation.year, value)] %>%
  na.omit() %>%
  ggplot(., aes(estimation.year, value, color = author, group = study)) +
  geom_point(alpha = def.alpha, size = 0.2) +
  labs(x = "Year", y = bquote("Km"3)) +
  scale_color_discrete(name = "") +
  geom_line(alpha = def.alpha) +
  theme_AP()
```



```
plot.iww +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom",
        legend.text = element_text(size = 4.8))
```



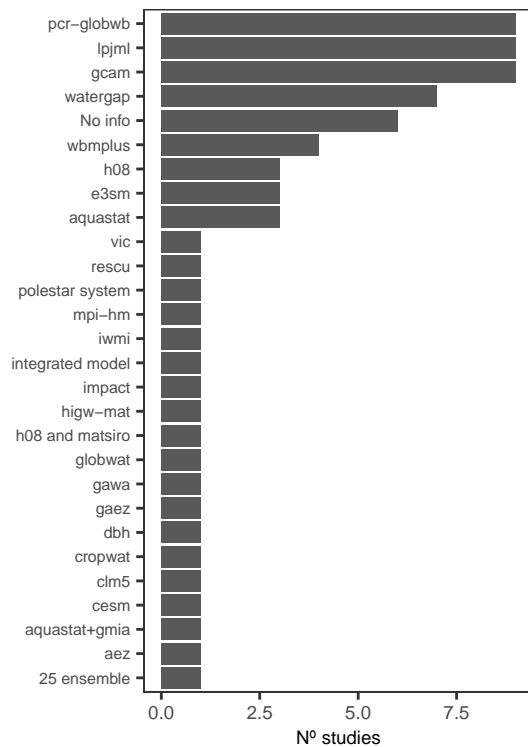
| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| alcamo et al (2000) | oki and kanae (2006) |
| alcamo et al (2007) | pokhrel et al (2012) |
| alexandratos and bruinsma (2012) | pokhrel et al (2015) |
| aquastat (2025) | postel et al (1996) |
| belyaev (1990) | raskin et al (1996) |
| chaturvedi et al (2013) | raskin et al (1998) |
| chaturvedi et al (2015) | rosegant et al (2002) |
| chen et al (2019) | rost et al (2008) |
| davies et al (2013) | scanlon et al (2007) |
| döll and siebert (2002) | schaphoff et al (2018) |
| falkenmark and lindh (1974) | seckler et al (1998) |
| fao (2011) | shen et al (2008) |
| fischer et al (2007) | shiklomanov (1997) |
| gleick (1997) | shiklomanov (2000) |
| gleick (2000) | sulser et al (2010) |
| graham et al (2018) | sutanudjaja et al (2018) |
| hanasaki (2012) | thiery et al (2017) |
| hanasaki et al (2006) | turner et al (2019) |
| hanasaki et al (2008) | unesco (2020) |
| hejazi et al (2014) | wada et al (2011) |
| hoogeveen et al (2015) | wada et al (2013b) |
| isimip (2024) | wada et al (2013c) |
| jagermeyr et al (2015) | wada et al (2014) |
| jagermeyr et al (2017) | wada et al (2016) |
| khan et al (2023) | wisser et al (2008) |
| liu et al (2016) | wisser et al (2010) |
| lvovich (1974) | wu et al (2022) |
| miralles-wilhelm et al (2017) | yao et al (2022) |
| muller schmied et al (2016) | zhou et al (2020) |
| nechifor and winning (2017) | |

PLOT NUMBER OF UNIQUE STUDIES PER MODEL

```
plot.models <- references.full.dt[variable == "iww" & region == "global"] %>%
  .[, .(title, doi, model)] %>%
  .[, model := tolower(model)] %>%
  .[, unique(doi), model] %>%
  .[, model := gsub("(?i)watergap\\s*\\d*\\.?.\\d*", "watergap", model, perl = TRUE)] %>%
```

```
.[, .N, model] %>%
.[, model:= ifelse(is.na(model), "No info", model)] %>%
ggplot(., aes(reorder(model, N), N)) +
geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
labs(x = "", y = "N° studies") +
coord_flip() +
theme_AP() +
theme(axis.text.y = element_text(size = 5.5))
```

plot.models



PLOT EXAMPLES TO ILLUSTRATE APPROACH

Set seed for reproducibility -----

```
set.seed(123)
```

Create datasets for different SD trends -----

```
data_increasing <- data.frame(
  period = rep(c("1990-2000", "2000-2010", "2010-2020"), times = c(5, 7, 4)),
  value = c(rnorm(5, mean = 5, sd = 0.3), # Low SD
            rnorm(7, mean = 7, sd = 0.8), # Medium SD
            rnorm(4, mean = 6, sd = 1.5)) # High SD
)
```

```

data_decreasing <- data.frame(
  period = rep(c("1980-2000", "2000-2020"), times = c(5, 7)),
  value = c(rnorm(5, mean = 5, sd = 1.5), # High SD
            rnorm(7, mean = 7, sd = 0.8)) # Medium
)

data_invertedV <- data.frame(
  period = rep(c("1990-2000", "2000-2010", "2010-2020"), times = c(5, 7, 4)),
  value = c(rnorm(5, mean = 5, sd = 0.4), # Low SD
            rnorm(7, mean = 7, sd = 1.4), # High SD (peak in the middle)
            rnorm(4, mean = 5, sd = 0.4)) # Low SD again
)

# Function to compute SD and create a ggplot -----

create_plot <- function(data, title) {
  sd_values <- data %>%
    group_by(period) %>%
    summarize(sd_value = sd(value) + 3)

  ggplot(data, aes(x = period, y = value)) +
    geom_point(size = 1) +
    geom_point(data = sd_values, aes(x = period, y = sd_value), color = "red", size = 1.5) +
    geom_line(data = sd_values, aes(x = period, y = sd_value, group = 1), color = "red", linewidth = 1) +
    theme_AP() +
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(size = 5.35),
          plot.margin = unit(c(0.1, 0.1, 0, 0.1), "cm")) +
    scale_y_continuous(breaks = breaks_pretty(n = 3)) +
    labs(x = "", y = "Value")
}

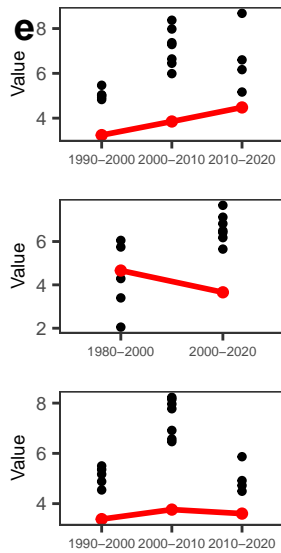
# Generate the three plots -----

p1 <- create_plot(data_increasing)
p2 <- create_plot(data_decreasing)
p3 <- create_plot(data_invertedV)

# Merge using plot_grid -----

plot.examples.trends.data <- plot_grid(p1, p2, p3, ncol = 1, labels = c("e", "", ""))
plot.examples.trends.data

```



2.1 The garden of forking paths

```
# GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF THE GARDEN OF FORKING PATHS #####

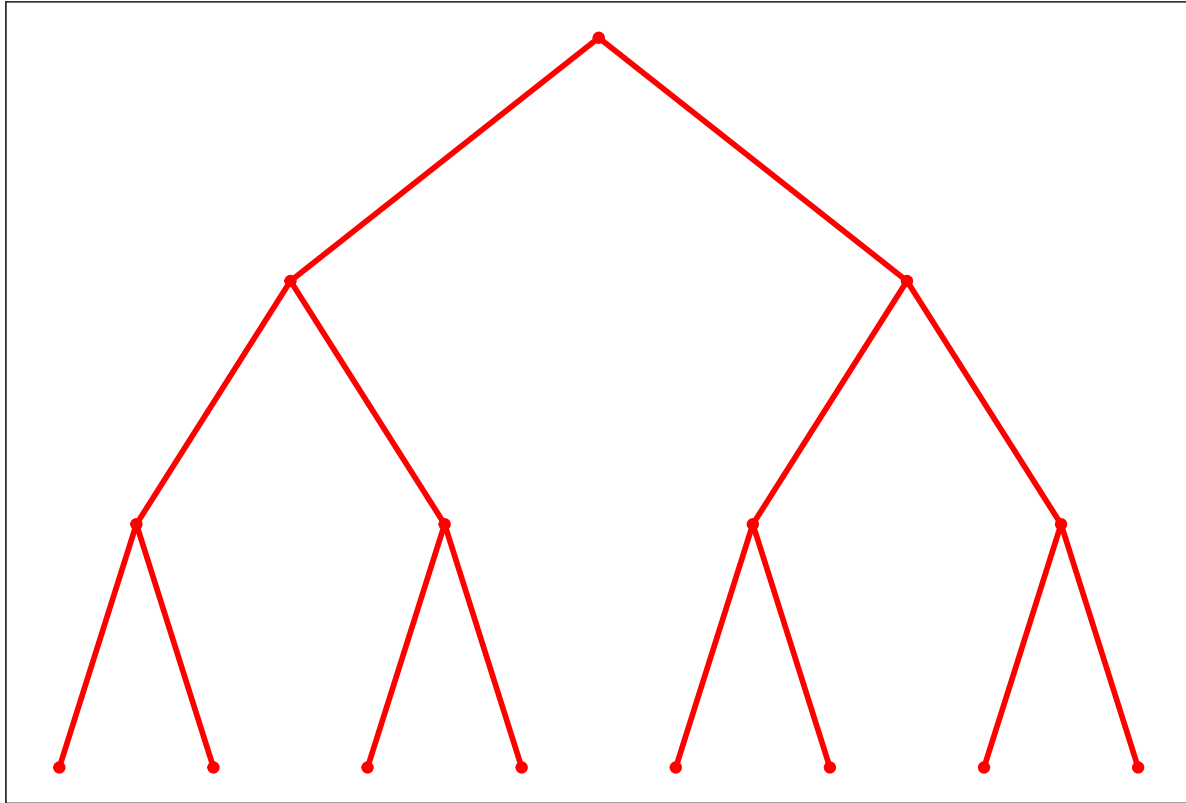
# Define size of nodes -----
size.nodes <- 1.5

# Create a balanced binary tree with height 3 -----
tree <- make_tree(15, children = 2, mode = "out")

# Create a tree plot with all edges highlighted in red -----

all.paths <- ggraph(tree, layout = "dendrogram") +
  geom_edge_link(color = "red", width = 1) +
  geom_node_point(size = size.nodes, color = "red") +
  theme_AP() +
  labs(x = "", y = "") +
  theme(legend.position = "none",
        axis.ticks = element_blank(),
        axis.text.x = element_blank(),
        axis.text.y = element_blank())

all.paths
```



```

# Create a tree plot with only one analytical path highlighted -----
# Define the path to highlight (from root to a specific node) -----
highlight_nodes <- c(1, 2, 5, 11) # Path: 1 → 2 → 5 → 11

highlight_edges <- apply(cbind(head(highlight_nodes, -1),
                                tail(highlight_nodes, -1)), 1, function(x)
                          paste(x, collapse = "-"))

# Assign default colors (black) to all edges and nodes -----

E(tree)$edge_color <- "black"
V(tree)$node_color <- "black"

# Extract edges from the tree and match with highlight_edges -----

edge_list <- apply(get.edgelist(tree), 1, function(x) paste(x, collapse = "-"))

## Warning: `get.edgelist()` was deprecated in igraph 2.0.0.
## i Please use `as_edgelist()` instead.
## This warning is displayed once every 8 hours.
## Call `lifecycle::last_lifecycle_warnings()` to see where this warning was
## generated.

```

```

E(tree)$edge_color[edge_list %in% highlight_edges] <- "red"

# Highlight the selected nodes in red -----

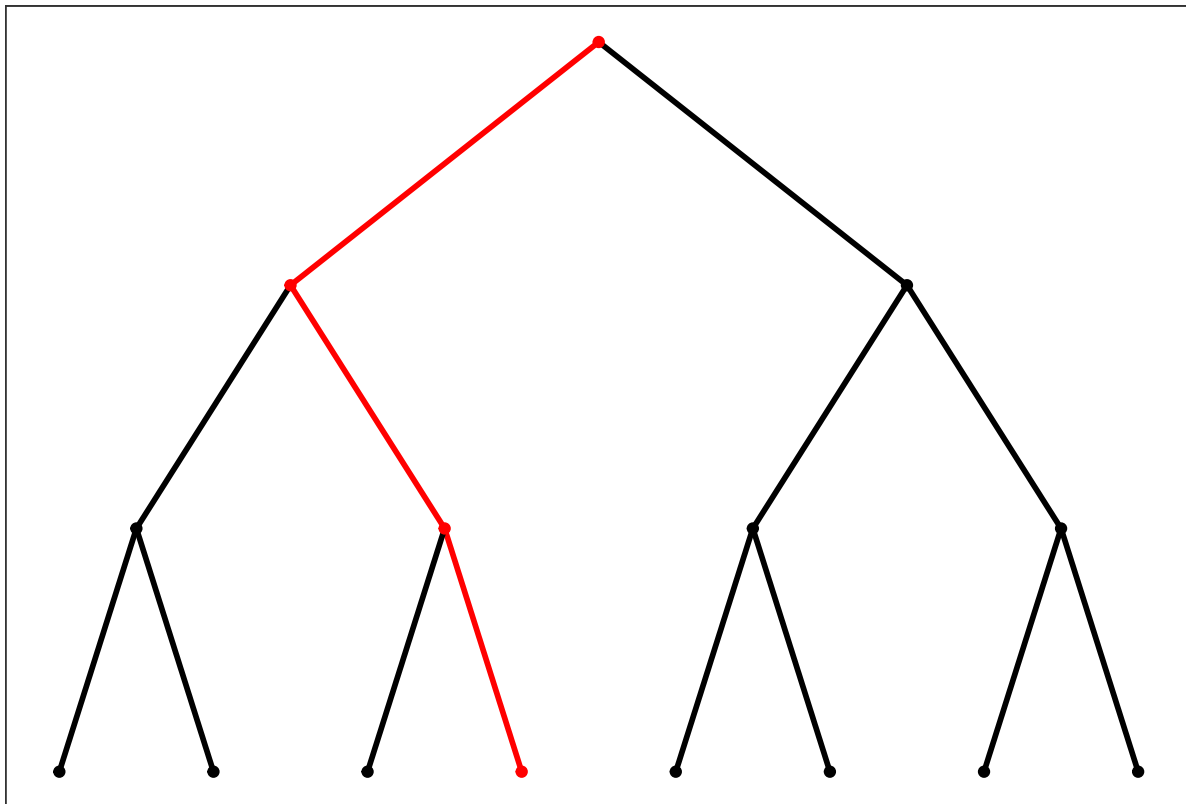
V(tree)$node_color[highlight_nodes] <- "red"

# Plot the tree with explicitly defined colors for both edges and nodes -----

one.path <- ggraph(tree, layout = "dendrogram") +
  geom_edge_link(aes(edge_color = edge_color), width = 1) + # Correct edge colors
  geom_node_point(aes(color = node_color), size = size.nodes) + # Correct node colors
  scale_edge_color_manual(values = c("black" = "black", "red" = "red")) + # Fix for edges
  scale_color_manual(values = c("black" = "black", "red" = "red")) + # Fix for nodes
  theme_AP() +
  labs(x = "", y = "") +
  theme(legend.position = "none",
        axis.ticks = element_blank(),
        axis.text.x = element_blank(),
        axis.text.y = element_blank())

one.path

```

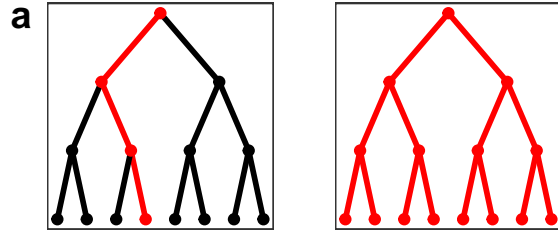


```

# MERGE FORKING PATHS #####

```

```
plot_grid(one.path, all.paths, ncol = 2, labels = c("a", ""))
```



```
# DEFINE THE UNCERTAINTY SPACE #####
```

```
# Target year -----
```

```
## Defined above
```

```
# Target year interval -----
```

```
target_year_interval <- c("yes", "no")
```

```
# Interval publication -----
```

```
interval <- c(10, 15, 20)
```

```
# Metrics of study -----
```

```
metrics <- c("cv", "range", "sd", "var", "entropy", "iqr")
```

```
# Inclusion criteria -----
```

```
exclude_before_1990 <- c("yes", "no")
```

```
# Rolling windows -----
```

```
rolling_window_factor <- c(1, 0.5)
```

```
# Define the forking paths -----
```

```
forking_paths <- expand_grid(target_year = target_year,
                             target_year_interval = target_year_interval,
                             interval = interval,
                             exclude_before_1990 = exclude_before_1990,
                             rolling_window_factor = rolling_window_factor,
                             metric = c(metrics, paste(metrics, "_normalized", sep = ""))) %>%
  data.table()
```

```
# Number of simulations -----
```



```

nrow(forking_paths)

## [1] 1440
# RUN MODEL #####

# Select only simulations at the global level of iww -----

dt <- references.full.dt[variable == "iww" & region == "global"]

# Run simulations -----

trend <- list()

for (i in 1:nrow(forking_paths)) {

  trend[[i]] <- forking_paths_fun(dt = dt,
                                target_year = forking_paths[[i, "target_year"]],
                                target_year_interval = forking_paths[[i, "target_year_interval"]],
                                interval = forking_paths[[i, "interval"]],
                                rolling_window_factor = forking_paths[[i, "rolling_window_factor"]],
                                exclude_before_1990 = forking_paths[[i, "exclude_before_1990"]],
                                metric = forking_paths[[i, "metric"]])

}

# ARRANGE DATA #####

output.dt <- lapply(trend, function(x) x[["results"]]) %>%
  do.call(rbind, .) %>%
  data.table() %>%
  setnames(., "V1", "trend")

final.dt <- cbind(forking_paths, output.dt)

# Export simulations -----

fwrite(final.dt, "forking.paths.dataset.csv")

# Print the fraction of simulations in each classification -----

final.dt %>%
  .[, .(total = .N), trend] %>%
  .[, fraction := total / nrow(output.dt)] %>%
  print()

##           trend total   fraction
##          <char> <int>    <num>
## 1:      Random   621 0.43125000
## 2:   Ascending   488 0.33888889

```

```

## 3:   Descending   271 0.18819444
## 4: single point   60 0.04166667

# Now remove all simulations that produced just one single point -----

final.dt <- final.dt[!trend == "single point"]

# Simulations that did not lead to a reduction in uncertainty -----

final.dt %>%
  .[, .(total = .N), trend] %>%
  .[, fraction:= total / nrow(output.dt)] %>%
  .[!trend == "Descending"] %>%
  .[, sum(fraction)]

## [1] 0.7701389

# PLOTS FORKING PATHS EXAMPLES #####

plots.dt <- lapply(trend, function(x) x[["plot"]])

random.plots <- c(1, 986, 345)
decreasing.plots <- c(1093, 556, 4)
increasing.plots <- c(10, 602, 770)

out.random <- out.decreasing <- out.increasing <- list()

for (i in 1:length(random.plots)) {

  out.random[[i]] <- plot_plots_forking_paths_fun(random.plots[i])
  out.decreasing[[i]] <- plot_plots_forking_paths_fun(decreasing.plots[i])
  out.increasing[[i]] <- plot_plots_forking_paths_fun(increasing.plots[i])
}

pt.random <- plot_grid(out.random[[1]] + geom_smooth() + labs(x = "", y = "+ Uncertainty"),
                      out.random[[2]] + geom_smooth() + labs(x = "", y = ""),
                      out.random[[3]] + geom_smooth() + labs(x = "", y = ""),
                      ncol = 3)

## `geom_smooth()` using method = 'loess' and formula = 'y ~ x'
## `geom_smooth()` using method = 'loess' and formula = 'y ~ x'
## `geom_smooth()` using method = 'loess' and formula = 'y ~ x'

pt.decreasing <- plot_grid(out.decreasing[[1]] + geom_smooth() + labs(x = "", y = "+ Uncertainty"),
                          out.decreasing[[2]] + geom_smooth() + labs(x = "", y = ""),
                          out.decreasing[[3]] + geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = F) + labs(x = "", y = "+ Uncertainty"),
                          ncol = 3)

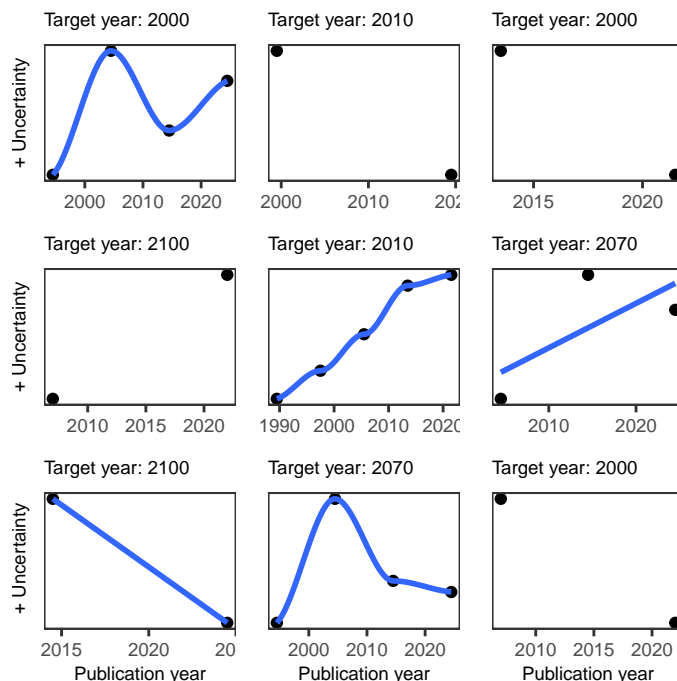
## `geom_smooth()` using method = 'loess' and formula = 'y ~ x'
## `geom_smooth()` using method = 'loess' and formula = 'y ~ x'

```

```
## `geom_smooth()` using formula = 'y ~ x'
pt.increasing <- plot_grid(out.increasing[[1]] + geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = F),
                           out.increasing[[2]] + geom_smooth() + labs(x = "Publication year", y = "Uncertainty"),
                           out.increasing[[3]] + geom_smooth() + labs(x = "Publication year", y = "Uncertainty"),
                           ncol = 3)

## `geom_smooth()` using formula = 'y ~ x'
## `geom_smooth()` using method = 'loess' and formula = 'y ~ x'
## `geom_smooth()` using method = 'loess' and formula = 'y ~ x'

plot.examples.trends <- plot_grid(pt.random, pt.decreasing, pt.increasing, ncol = 1)
plot.examples.trends
```

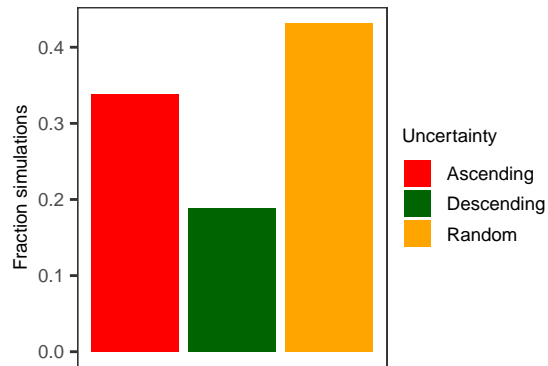


PLOT RESULTS

```
selected_colors <- c("Ascending" = "red", "Descending" = "darkgreen", "Random" = "orange")

plot.fraction <- final.dt[, .(total = .N), trend] %>%
  .[, fraction:= total / nrow(output.dt)] %>%
  ggplot(., aes(trend, fraction, fill = trend)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
  labs(x = "", y = "Fraction simulations") +
  scale_fill_manual(values = selected_colors, name = "Uncertainty") +
  scale_x_discrete(guide = guide_axis(n.dodge = 2)) +
  theme_AP() +
  theme(axis.ticks.x = element_blank(),
        axis.text.x = element_blank(),
        legend.position = "right")
```

```
plot.fraction
```



```
# RANDOM FOREST #####
```

```
# Convert categorical variables to factors -----
```

```
df <- data.frame(final.dt)
df$exclude_before_1990 <- as.factor(final.dt$exclude_before_1990)
df$metric <- as.factor(final.dt$metric)
df$trend <- as.factor(df$trend)
df$target_year_interval <- as.factor(df$target_year_interval)
```

```
# Train the model -----
```

```
rf_model <- randomForest(trend ~ target_year + target_year_interval + interval +
                        exclude_before_1990 + rolling_window_factor + metric,
                        data = df, importance = TRUE)
```

```
# View variable importance -----
```

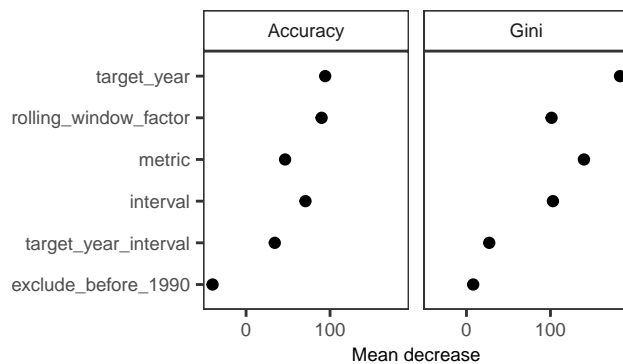
```
dt_rf_model <- data.frame(importance(rf_model))
dt_rf_model
```

| ## | Ascending | Descending | Random | MeanDecreaseAccuracy |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|
| ## target_year | 58.48813 | 90.63844 | 71.27962 | 94.20959 |
| ## target_year_interval | 27.35199 | 11.65554 | 26.97276 | 34.18253 |
| ## interval | 40.86415 | 49.00795 | 62.65107 | 70.74657 |
| ## exclude_before_1990 | -31.03482 | -18.85533 | -23.29184 | -39.86391 |
| ## rolling_window_factor | 55.53992 | 34.72830 | 85.64432 | 89.92829 |
| ## metric | 45.16112 | 28.87487 | 22.13455 | 46.47483 |
| ## | MeanDecreaseGini | | | |
| ## target_year | 182.83710 | | | |
| ## target_year_interval | 27.14430 | | | |
| ## interval | 102.90392 | | | |
| ## exclude_before_1990 | 8.01515 | | | |
| ## rolling_window_factor | 101.29024 | | | |
| ## metric | 139.86534 | | | |

```
# Plot -----

plot.rf <- dt_rf_model %>%
  rownames_to_column(., var = "factors") %>%
  data.table() %>%
  setnames(., c("MeanDecreaseAccuracy", "MeanDecreaseGini"),
            c("Accuracy", "Gini")) %>%
  melt(., measure.vars = c("Accuracy", "Gini")) %>%
  ggplot(., aes(reorder(factors, value), value)) +
  geom_point() +
  coord_flip() +
  facet_wrap(~variable) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = breaks_pretty(n = 3)) +
  labs(x = "", y = "Mean decrease") +
  theme_AP()
```

plot.rf

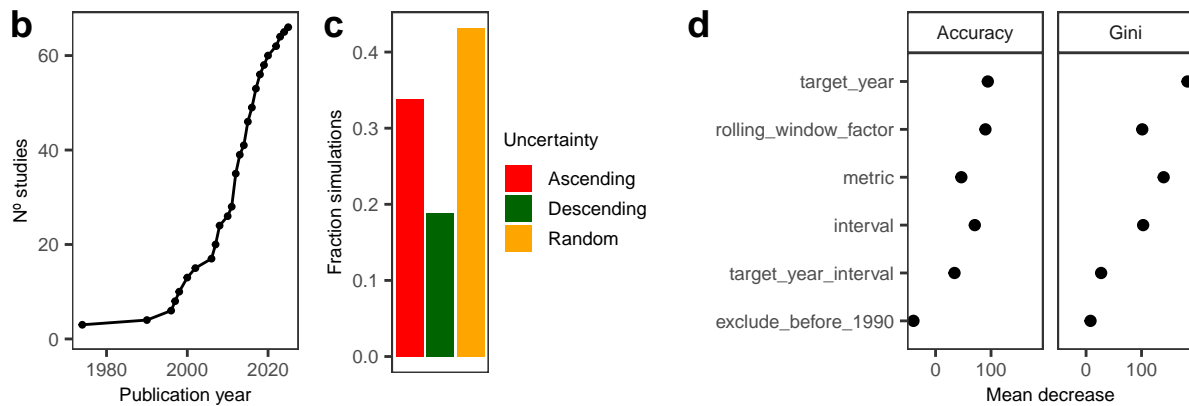


```
bottom <- plot_grid(cumulative.iww, plot.fraction, plot.rf, ncol = 3, labels = c("b", "c", "d"),
  rel_widths = c(0.26, 0.3, 0.44))
```

```
## Warning: Removed 1 row containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_line()`).
```

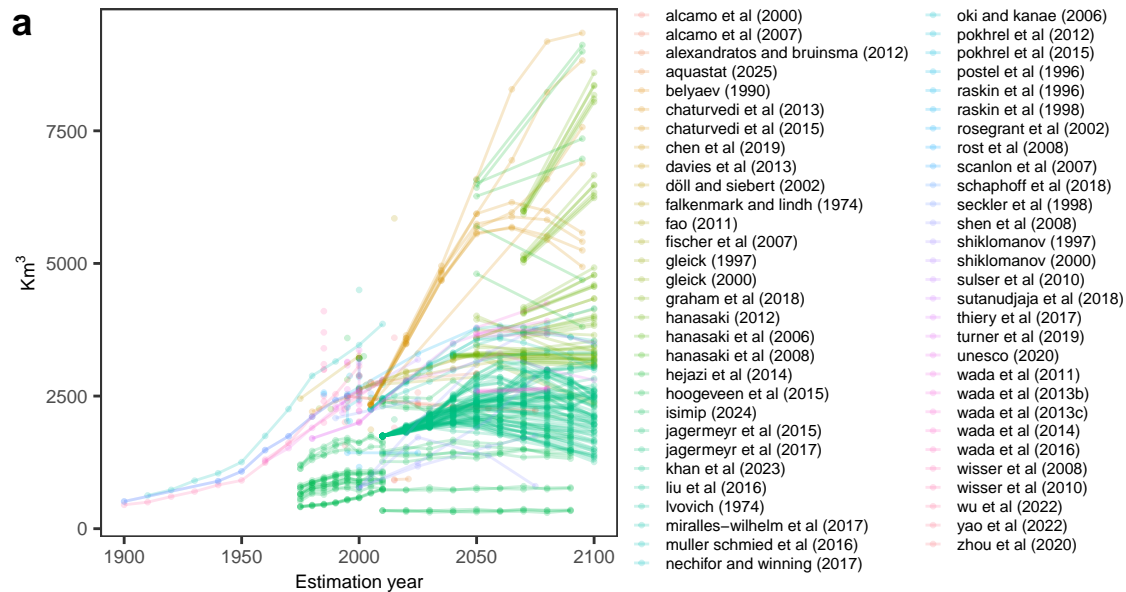
```
## Warning: Removed 1 row containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_point()`).
```

bottom



```
#
final.faceted.plot <- plot_grid(plot.iww, bottom, ncol = 1, labels = c("a", ""),
                                rel_heights = c(0.55, 0.45))
```

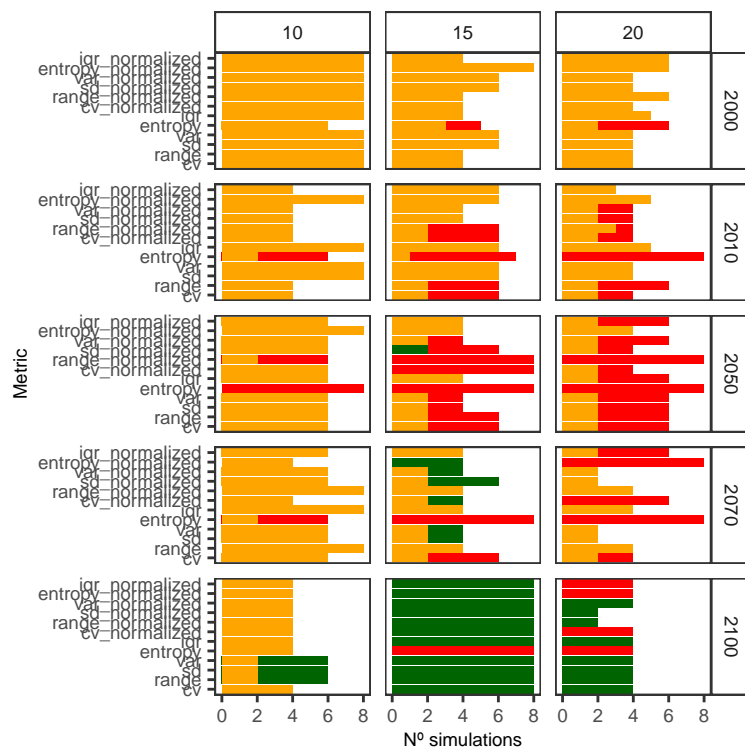
```
final.faceted.plot
```



```
# RESULTS FACETED BY INTERVAL AND TARGET YEAR, X AXIS METRICS #####
```

```
plot.faceted.metrics <- final.dt %>%
  ggplot(., aes(x = factor(metric), fill = trend)) +
  geom_bar(position = "identity") +
  facet_grid(target_year ~ interval, scales = "free_y") +
  scale_fill_manual(values = selected_colors, name = "Uncertainty") +
  theme_AP() +
  labs(x = "Metric", y = "N° simulations") +
  theme(legend.position = "none") +
  coord_flip()
```

```
plot.faceted.metrics
```

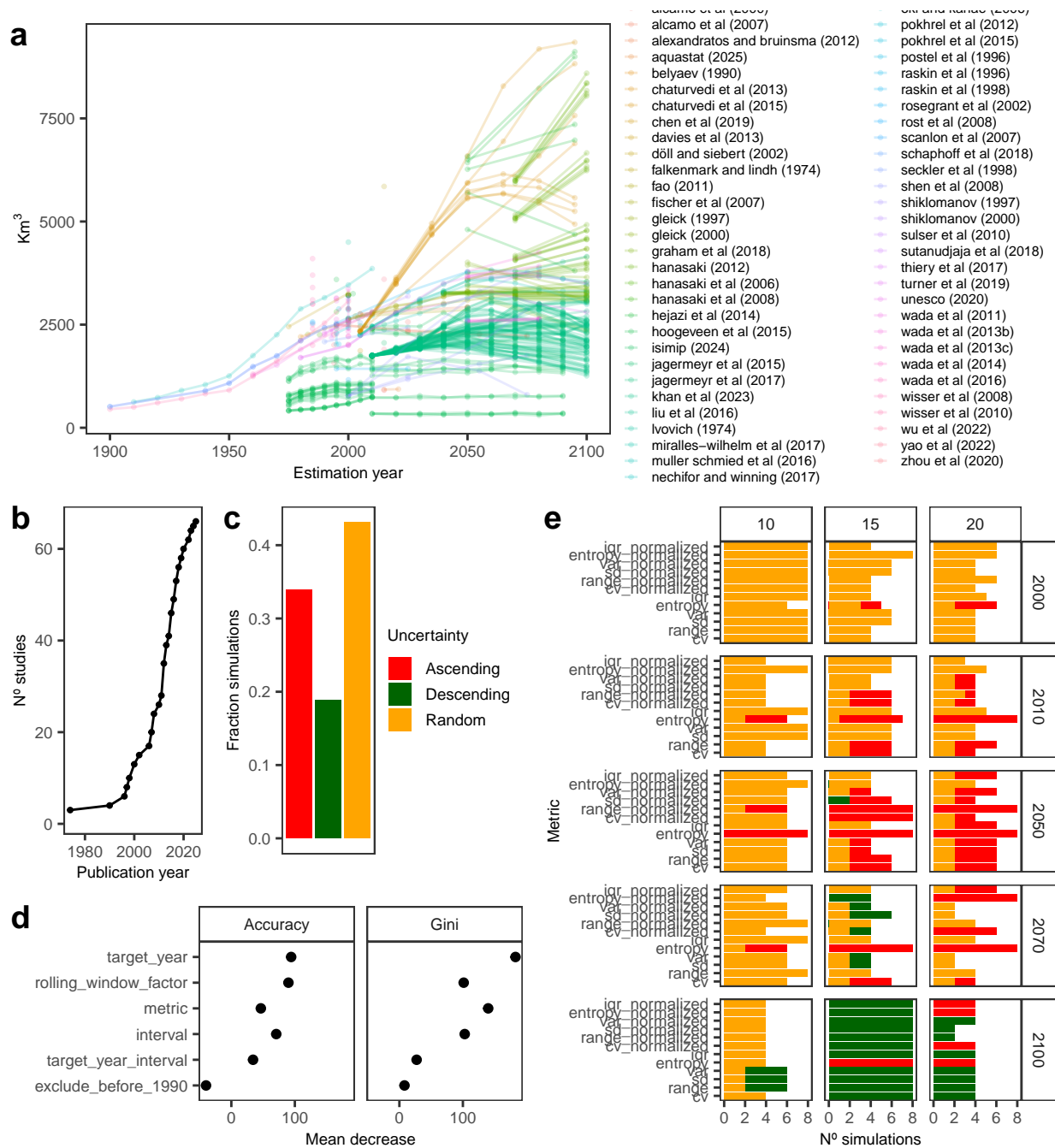


```
bottom <- plot_grid(cumulative.iww, plot.fraction, ncol = 2, rel_widths = c(0.4, 0.6),
  labels = c("b", "c"))
```

```
## Warning: Removed 1 row containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_line()`).
```

```
## Warning: Removed 1 row containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_point()`).
```

```
left <- plot_grid(bottom, plot.rf, ncol = 1, labels = c("", "d"), rel_heights = c(0.6, 0.4))
bottom2 <- plot_grid(left, plot.faceted.metrics, ncol = 2, labels = c("", "e"))
plot_grid(plot.iww, bottom2, rel_heights = c(0.42, 0.58), ncol = 1, labels = c("a", ""))
```



```
left <- plot_grid(cumulative.iww, plot.fraction, ncol = 1, rel_heights = c(0.4, 0.6),
  labels = c("b", "d"))
```

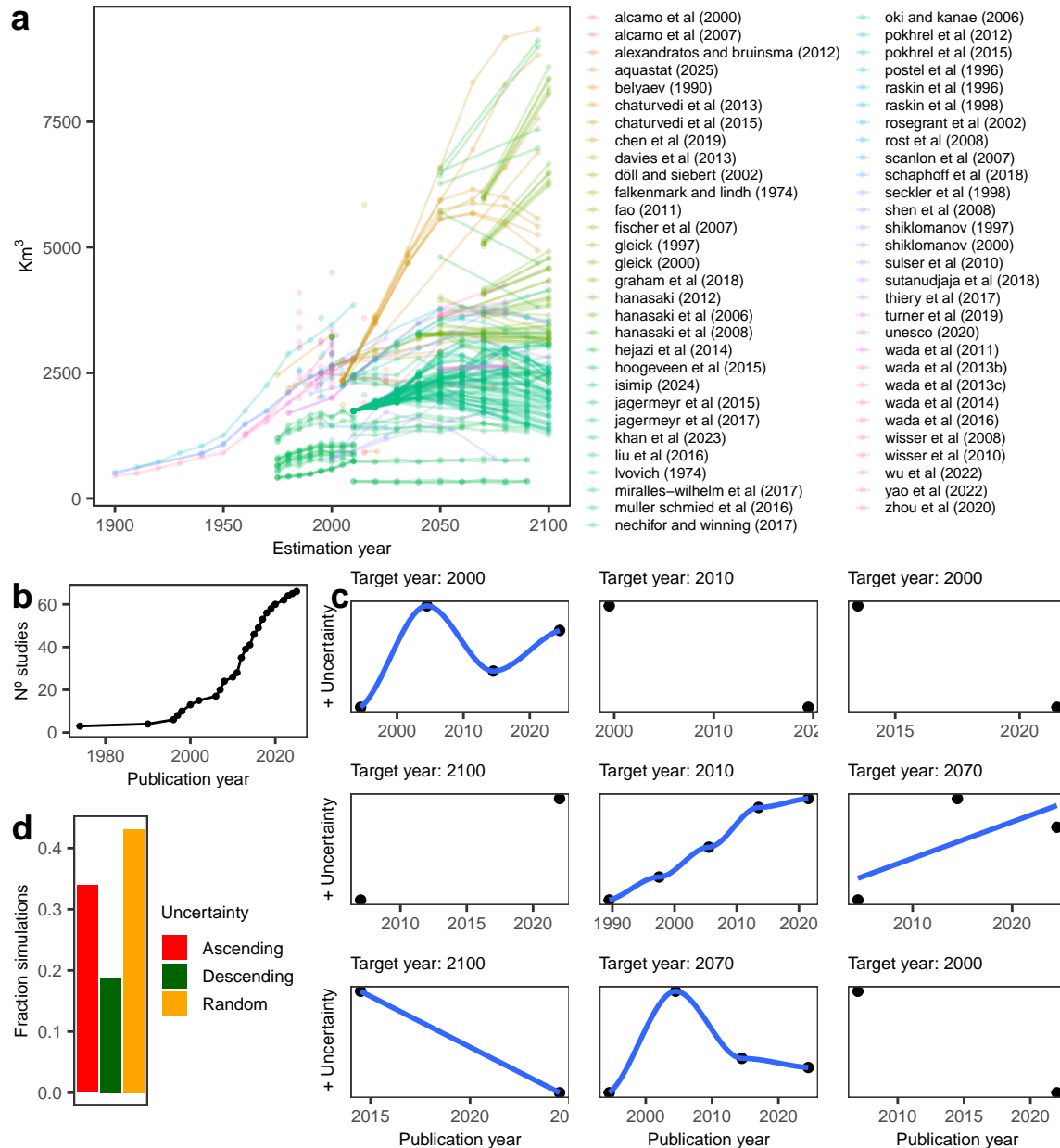
```
## Warning: Removed 1 row containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_line()`).
```

```
## Warning: Removed 1 row containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_point()`).
```

```
bottom <- plot_grid(left, plot.examples.trends, ncol = 2, rel_widths = c(0.3, 0.7),
  labels = c("", "c"))
```



```
plot_grid(plot.iww, bottom, ncol = 1, rel_heights = c(0.5, 0.5), labels = c("a", ""))
```

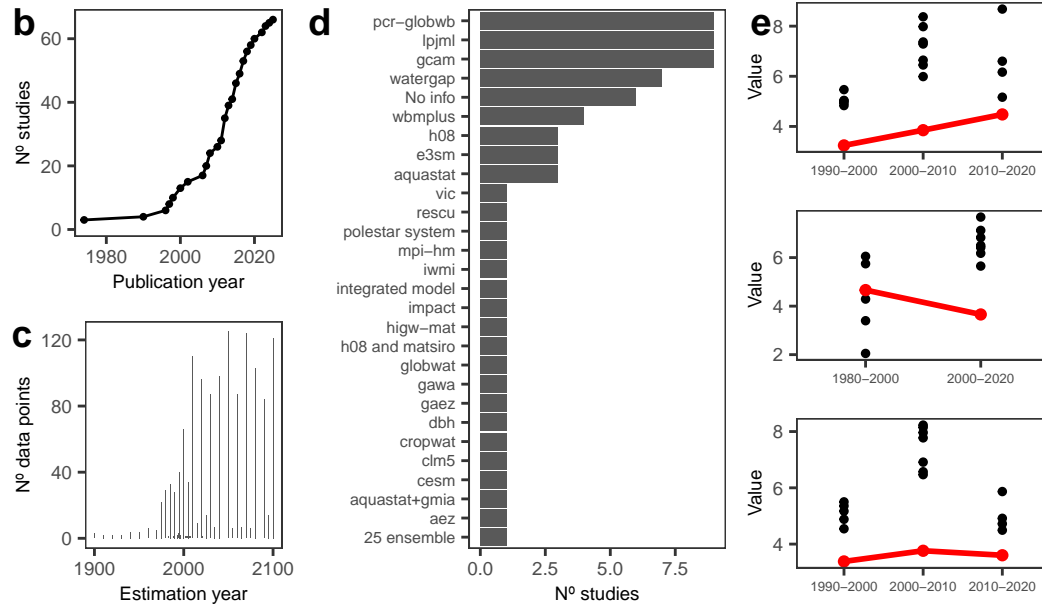
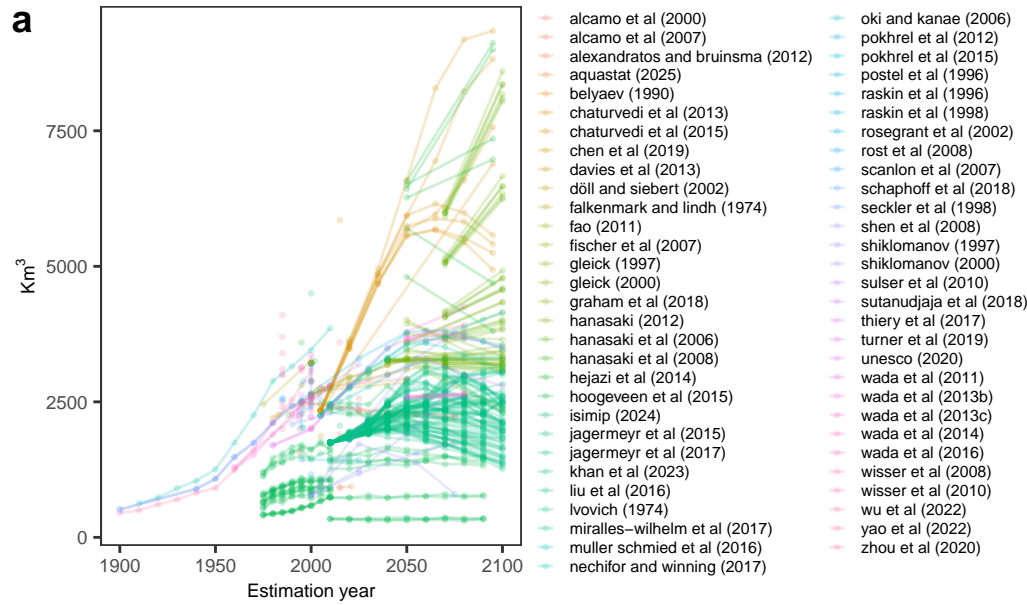


```
left <- plot_grid(cumulative.iww, plot.bar, ncol = 1, labels = c("b", "c"))
```

```
## Warning: Removed 1 row containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_line()`).
```

```
## Warning: Removed 1 row containing missing values or values outside the scale range
## (`geom_point()`).
```

```
bottom <- plot_grid(left, plot.models, ncol = 2, labels = c("", "d"), rel_widths = c(0.4, 0.6))
bottom.right <- plot_grid(bottom, plot.examples.trends.data, ncol = 2, rel_widths = c(0.7, 0.3))
plot_grid(plot.iww, bottom.right, ncol = 1, rel_heights = c(0.5, 0.5), labels = c("a", ""))
```



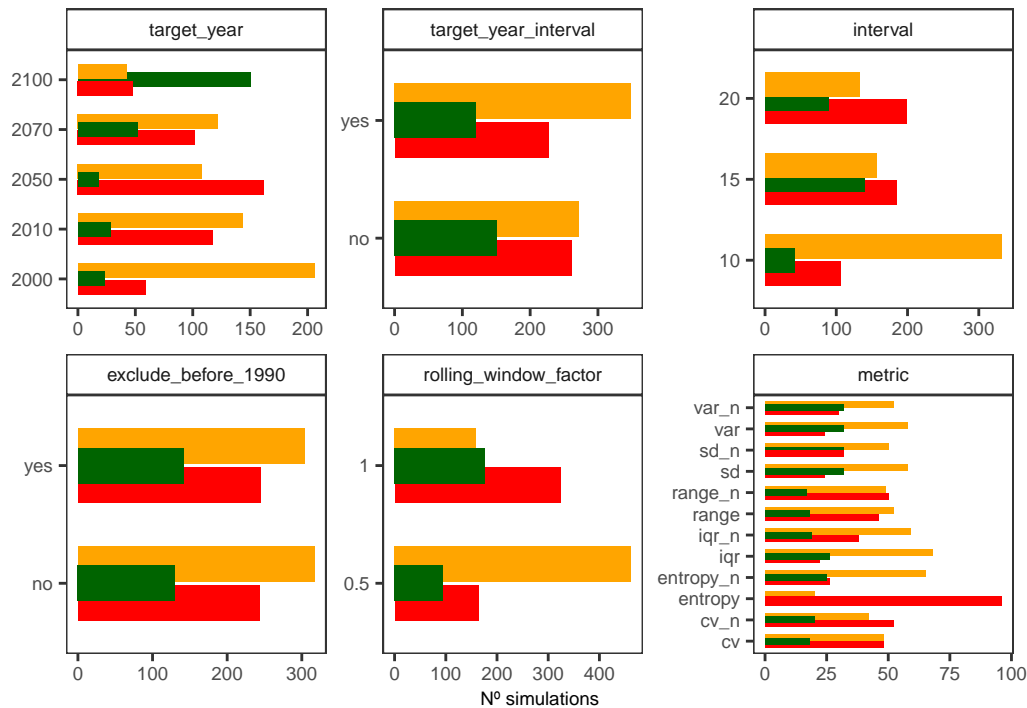
SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS PLOT BY FACET

```
plot.sa.facet <- final.dt %>%
  melt(., measure.vars = c("target_year", "target_year_interval", "interval",
    "exclude_before_1990", "rolling_window_factor", "metric")) %>%
  .[, .N, .(variable, value, trend)] %>%
  .[, value := gsub("_normalized", "_n", value)] %>%
  ggplot(., aes(value, N, fill = trend)) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = selected_colors, name = "Uncertainty") +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = position_dodge(0.5)) +
  facet_wrap(~variable, scale = "free") +
  labs(x = "", y = "N° simulations") +
  theme_AP() +
```

```
coord_flip() +
theme(legend.position = "none")
```

```
## Warning in melt.data.table(., measure.vars = c("target_year",
## "target_year_interval", : 'measure.vars' [target_year, target_year_interval,
## interval, exclude_before_1990, ...] are not all of the same type. By order of
## hierarchy, the molten data value column will be of type 'character'. All
## measure variables not of type 'character' will be coerced too. Check DETAILS in
## ?melt.data.table for more on coercion.
```

```
plot.sa.facet
```



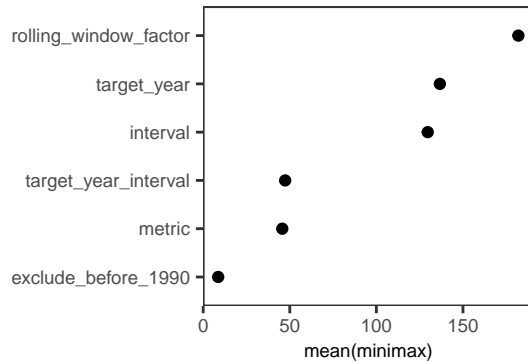
```
# PLOT AVERAGE MINIMAX AS SENSITIVITY INDEX #####
```

```
plot.sa <- final.dt %>%
  melt(., measure.vars = c("target_year", "target_year_interval", "interval",
                           "exclude_before_1990", "rolling_window_factor", "metric")) %>%
  .[, .N, .(variable, value, trend)] %>%
  .[, .(minimax = max(N) - min(N)), .(variable, trend)] %>%
  .[, .(mean = mean(minimax),
        sd = sd(minimax)), variable] %>%
  ggplot(., aes(reorder(variable, mean), mean)) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(x = "", y = "mean(minimax)") +
  coord_flip() +
  theme_AP()
```

```
## Warning in melt.data.table(., measure.vars = c("target_year",
## "target_year_interval", : 'measure.vars' [target_year, target_year_interval,
```

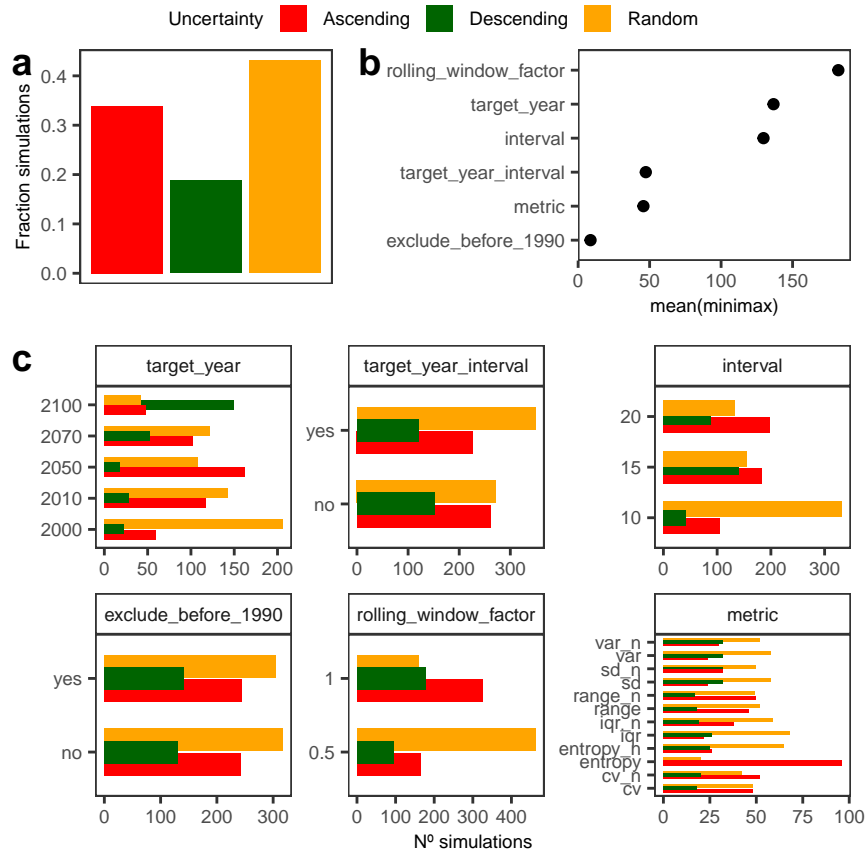
```
## interval, exclude_before_1990, ...] are not all of the same type. By order of
## hierarchy, the molten data value column will be of type 'character'. All
## measure variables not of type 'character' will be coerced too. Check DETAILS in
## ?melt.data.table for more on coercion.
```

```
plot.sa
```



```
# MERGE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS PLOTS #####
```

```
legend <- get_legend_fun(plot.fraction + theme(legend.position = "top"))
top <- plot_grid(plot.fraction + theme(legend.position = "none"), plot.sa, ncol = 2,
  rel_widths = c(0.4, 0.6), labels = c("a", "b"))
top.with.legend <- plot_grid(legend, top, rel_heights = c(0.1, 0.9), ncol = 1)
plot_grid(top.with.legend, plot.sa.facet, ncol = 1, rel_heights = c(0.38, 0.62),
  labels = c("", "c"))
```



3 Session information

```
# SESSION INFORMATION #####
```

```
sessionInfo()
```

```
## R version 4.3.3 (2024-02-29)
## Platform: aarch64-apple-darwin20 (64-bit)
## Running under: macOS Sonoma 14.2.1
##
## Matrix products: default
## BLAS:   /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/4.3-arm64/Resources/lib/libRblas.0.dylib
## LAPACK: /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/4.3-arm64/Resources/lib/libRlapack.dylib;
##
## locale:
## [1] en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/C/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8
##
## time zone: Europe/London
## tzcode source: internal
##
## attached base packages:
## [1] parallel stats      graphics  grDevices utils      datasets  methods
## [8] base
##
## other attached packages:
##  [1] randomForest_4.7-1.2 brms_2.22.0      Rcpp_1.0.13-1
##  [4] mgcv_1.9-1           nlme_3.1-166      microbenchmark_1.5.0
##  [7] lme4_1.1-35.5        Matrix_1.6-5      here_1.0.1
## [10] doParallel_1.0.17    iterators_1.0.14  foreach_1.5.2
## [13] rworldmap_1.3-8      sp_2.1-4          countrycode_1.6.0
## [16] ncd4_1.23            scales_1.3.0      wesanderson_0.3.7
## [19] benchmarkme_1.0.8    cowplot_1.1.3     lubridate_1.9.3
## [22] forcats_1.0.0        stringr_1.5.1     dplyr_1.1.4
## [25] purrr_1.0.2          readr_2.1.5       tidyr_1.3.1
## [28] tibble_3.2.1         ggplot2_3.5.1     tidyverse_2.0.0
## [31] data.table_1.16.2    openxlsx_4.2.7.1
##
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
##  [1] Rdpack_2.6.2          rlang_1.1.4        magrittr_2.0.3
##  [4] matrixStats_1.4.1     compiler_4.3.3      loo_2.8.0
##  [7] vctrs_0.6.5           maps_3.4.2.1        crayon_1.5.3
## [10] pkgconfig_2.0.3       fastmap_1.2.0       backports_1.5.0
## [13] labeling_0.4.3        utf8_1.2.4          rmarkdown_2.29
## [16] tzdb_0.4.0            nloptr_2.1.1        tinytex_0.54
## [19] xfun_0.49             terra_1.7-78        R6_2.5.1
## [22] stringi_1.8.4         boot_1.3-31         estimability_1.5.1
## [25] knitr_1.49            fields_16.3          bayesplot_1.11.1
## [28] splines_4.3.3         timechange_0.3.0    tidyselect_1.2.1
```

```
## [31] rstudioapi_0.17.1      abind_1.4-8            yaml_2.3.10
## [34] codetools_0.2-20       lattice_0.22-6         withr_3.0.2
## [37] bridgesampling_1.1-2   benchmarkmeData_1.0.4 posterior_1.6.0
## [40] coda_0.19-4.1          evaluate_1.0.1         RcppParallel_5.1.9
## [43] zip_2.3.1              pillar_1.9.0           tensorA_0.36.2.1
## [46] checkmate_2.3.2        distributional_0.5.0    generics_0.1.3
## [49] rprojroot_2.0.4        hms_1.1.3              rstantools_2.4.0
## [52] munsell_0.5.1          minqa_1.2.8            sensobol_1.1.5
## [55] xtable_1.8-4           glue_1.8.0             emmeans_1.10.5
## [58] tools_4.3.3            mvtnorm_1.3-2          dotCall64_1.2
## [61] grid_4.3.3             rbibutils_2.3          colorspace_2.1-1
## [64] raster_3.6-30          cli_3.6.3              spam_2.11-0
## [67] fansi_1.0.6            viridisLite_0.4.2      Brobdingnag_1.2-9
## [70] gtable_0.3.6           digest_0.6.37          farver_2.1.2
## [73] htmltools_0.5.8.1      lifecycle_1.0.4        httr_1.4.7
## [76] MASS_7.3-60.0.1
```

```
## Return the machine CPU -----
```

```
cat("Machine:      "); print(get_cpu()$model_name)
```

```
## Machine:
```

```
## [1] "Apple M1 Max"
```

```
## Return number of true cores -----
```

```
cat("Num cores:    "); print(detectCores(logical = FALSE))
```

```
## Num cores:
```

```
## [1] 10
```

```
## Return number of threads -----
```

```
cat("Num threads: "); print(detectCores(logical = FALSE))
```

```
## Num threads:
```

```
## [1] 10
```