Fifty years of research have deepened uncertainties in global irrigation water use

R code of the multiverse analysis

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1 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", "gganimate", "magick",
                       "randomForestExplainer", "ggrepel"))
# Create custom theme -----
theme_AP <- function() {</pre>
 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"</pre>
# 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 The Multiverse Analysis

2.1 The dataset

```
iww_dataset <- fread("./dataset/iww_dataset.csv")</pre>
# Definition of target years -----
target year \leftarrow c(2000, 2010, 2050, 2070, 2100)
# Name of different studies -----
sort(unique(iww_dataset[, title]))
   [1] "a global water scarcity assessment under shared socio-economic pathways - part 2: water
   [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 s
##
   [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-
## [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 agriculture
## [21] "global modeling of irrigation water requirements"
```

[22] "global modeling of withdrawal, allocation and consumptive use of surface water and graph ## [23] "global monthly sectoral water use for 2010-2100 at 0.5° resolution across alternative

[25] "globwat - a global water balance model to assess water use in irrigated agriculture"
[26] "green and blue water accounting in the ganges and nile basins: implications for food
[27] "high-resolution modeling of human and climate impacts on global water resources"

[28] "how can we cope with the water resources situation by the year 2050?"

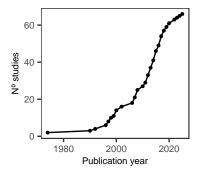
[24] "global water demand and supply projections"

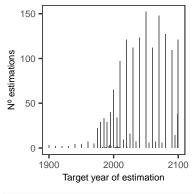
```
## [29] "human appropriation of renewable fresh water"
## [30] "impact of climate forcing uncertainty and human water use on global and continental water
## [31] "implementation and evaluation of irrigation techniques in the community land model"
## [32] "incorporating anthropogenic water regulation modules into a land surface model"
## [33] "incorporation of groundwater pumping in a global land surface model with the represen-
## [34] "integrated crop water management might sustainably halve the global food gap"
## [35] "isimip database"
## [36] "long-term global water projections using six socioeconomic scenarios in an intgrated a
## [37] "lpjml4 - a dynamic global vegetation model with managed land - part 2: model evaluation
## [38] "modelling global water stress of the recent past: on the relative importance of trend
## [39] "multimodel projections and uncertainties of irrigation water demand under climate char
## [40] "pcr-globwb 2: a 5 arcmin global hydrological and water resources model"
## [41] "physical impacts of climate change on water resources"
## [42] "present-day irrigation mitigares heat extremes"
## [43] "projecting irrigation water requirements across multiple socio-economic development f
## [44] "projection of future world water resources under sres scenarios: water withdrawal"
## [45] "quantifying global agricultural water appropriation with data derived from earth obser
## [46] "recent global cropland water consumption constrained by observations"
## [47] "reconciling irrigated food production with environmental flows for sustainable development
## [48] "reconstructing 20th century global hydrography: a contribution to the global terrestr
## [49] "sustainability of global water use: past reconstruction and future projections"
## [50] "the land-water-energy-nexus: biophysical and economic consequences"
## [51] "the state of the world's land and water resources for food and agriculture"
## [52] "the united nations world water development report 2014: water and energy"
## [53] "the world's water, 2000-2001: the biennial report on freshwater resources"
## [54] "united nations world water development report 2020: water and climate change"
## [55] "water 2050. moving toward a sustainable vision fot the earth's fresh water"
## [56] "water and sustainability. global pattern and long-range problems"
## [57] "water savings potentials of irrigation systems: global simulation of processes and li
## [58] "water scarcity in the twenty-first century"
## [59] "water sector assumptions for the shared socioeconomic pathways in an integrated model
## [60] "world agriculture towards 2030/2050: the 2012 revision"
## [61] "world agriculture towards 2030/2055"
## [62] "world resources 1992-93. a guide to the global environment"
## [63] "world water demand and supply, 1990 to 2025: scenarios and issues"
## [64] "world water in 2025 - global modeling and scenario analysis for the world commission
## [65] "world water resources and their future"
# Number of data points -----
nrow(iww dataset)
## [1] 1624
# Number of different studies per variable -----
iww_dataset[, unique(title), variable] %>%
 .[, .N, variable]
```

```
##
      variable
##
        <char> <int>
## 1:
           iww
                 65
# Number of data points for each target year ------
iww_dataset[estimation.year %in% target_year, .N, estimation.year]
##
      estimation.year
##
               <int> <int>
                2000
## 1:
                        65
## 2:
                2070
                       148
                2100
## 3:
                       121
## 4:
                        97
                2010
## 5:
                2050
                       152
# Number of unique studies estimating for each target year -----
iww_dataset[estimation.year %in% target_year, unique(title), estimation.year] %>%
.[, .N, estimation.year]
##
      estimation.year
                         N
##
               <int> <int>
                2000
## 1:
                        24
## 2:
                2070
                         5
## 3:
                2100
                         5
## 4:
                        11
                2010
## 5:
                2050
                        16
# Number of data points for every targeted year -----
iww_dataset[, .N, estimation.year] %>%
  .[order(estimation.year)]
##
       estimation.year
##
                <int> <int>
                  1900
## 1:
                          3
## 2:
                 1910
                          2
## 3:
                 1920
                          2
## 4:
                  1930
                          2
## 5:
                 1940
                          4
                  1950
                          4
## 6:
## 7:
                 1960
                          7
                  1970
                          5
## 8:
## 9:
                 1975
                         22
## 10:
                 1980
                         29
## 11:
                 1983
                          1
## 12:
                 1985
                         33
## 13:
                  1986
                          1
## 14:
                 1988
                          1
```

```
## 15:
                   1990
                           29
## 16:
                   1993
                            2
## 17:
                   1994
                            3
## 18:
                   1995
                           40
## 19:
                            2
                   1996
## 20:
                   2000
                           65
## 21:
                   2002
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## 22:
                   2003
                            1
## 23:
                   2004
                            1
## 24:
                   2005
                           34
## 25:
                   2006
                            2
## 26:
                   2007
                            1
## 27:
                   2008
                            1
## 28:
                   2010
                           97
## 29:
                   2015
                            9
## 30:
                   2020
                          121
## 31:
                   2021
                            1
## 32:
                   2025
                           16
## 33:
                   2030
                          112
## 34:
                   2035
                            7
## 35:
                   2040
                          123
## 36:
                   2050
                          152
## 37:
                   2055
                            6
## 38:
                   2060
                          112
## 39:
                   2065
                            7
## 40:
                   2070
                          148
## 41:
                   2075
                            6
## 42:
                   2080
                          127
## 43:
                          109
                   2090
## 44:
                   2095
                           14
## 45:
                   2099
                           38
## 46:
                   2100
                          121
##
       estimation.year
                            N
# Number of data points for year 2000 or later years -----
iww_dataset[, .N, estimation.year] %>%
  .[estimation.year \geq 2000] %>%
  .[, N] %>%
  sum(.)
## [1] 1432
# Min and max values for the target_years based on literature ----
iww_dataset[, .(min = min(value), max = max(value)), estimation.year] %>%
  .[estimation.year %in% target_year] %>%
  .[order(estimation.year)]
```

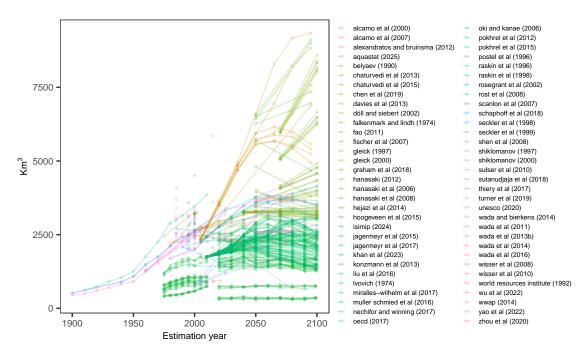
```
##
      estimation.year
                            min
                                     max
##
                <int>
                          <num>
                                   <num>
## 1:
                 2000 576.8473 4500.000
## 2:
                 2010 737.8622 3858.672
                 2050 284.1732 6591.501
## 3:
                 2070 314.5327 6091.000
## 4:
## 5:
                 2100 1258.4413 8595.000
# Min and max values for the target_years based on literature
# (Excluding pre-2000 studies) -----
iww_dataset[publication.date >2000, .(min = min(value), max = max(value)), estimation.year] %>
  .[estimation.year %in% target_year] %>%
  .[order(estimation.year)]
##
      estimation.year
                            min
                                     max
##
                <int>
                          <num>
                                   <num>
## 1:
                 2000 576.8473 3461.648
## 2:
                 2010 737.8622 3858.672
## 3:
                 2050 284.1732 6591.501
                 2070 314.5327 6091.000
## 4:
## 5:
                 2100 1258.4413 8595.000
# Cumulative sum of published studies -----
cumulative.iww <- iww_dataset[, .(title, publication.date, variable)] %>%
  .[!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 = "No studies")
cumulative.iww
```





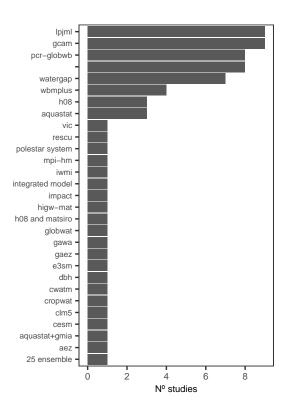
```
def.alpha <- 0.2

plot.iww <- iww_dataset %>%
    .[, .(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 = 5.2),
        legend.key.width = unit(0.25, "cm"),
        legend.key.height = unit(0.25, "cm"))
```



```
plot.models <- iww_dataset %>%
    .[, .(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 = "Nº studies") +
    coord_flip() +
    scale_y_continuous(breaks = breaks_pretty()) +
    theme_AP() +
    theme(axis.text.y = element_text(size = 5.5))

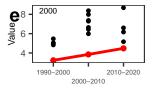
plot.models
```

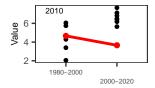


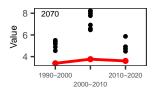
2.2 Graphical representation of the multiverse

```
# Set seed for reproducibility -----
set.seed(123)
# Create datasets for different SD trends -----
data_increasing <- data.frame(</pre>
 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
 target_year = 2000
)
data_decreasing <- data.frame(</pre>
 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
 target_year = 2010
)
data_invertedV <- data.frame(</pre>
```

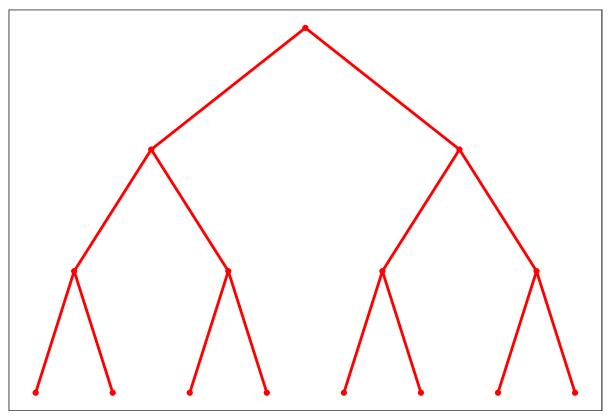
```
period = rep(c("1990-2000", "2000-2010", "2010-2020"), times = c(5, 7, 4)),
 value = c(rnorm(5, mean = 5, sd = 0.4), \# Low SD
           rnorm(7, mean = 7, sd = 1.4), # High SD (peak in the middle)
           rnorm(4, mean = 5, sd = 0.4)), # Low SD again
 target_year = 2070
# Function to compute SD and create a ggplot -----
create_plot <- function(data, title) {</pre>
  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", linew
   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)) +
   scale_x_discrete(guide = guide_axis(n.dodge = 2)) +
   labs(x = "", y = "Value") +
    annotate("text", x = 0.1 + 0.5, y = max(data$value),
            label = unique(data$target_year), hjust = 0, vjust = 1,
            size = 2)
}
# Generate the three plots ------
p1 <- create_plot(data_increasing)</pre>
p2 <- create_plot(data_decreasing)</pre>
p3 <- create_plot(data_invertedV)</pre>
# Merge using plot_grid -----
plot.examples.trends.data <- plot_grid(p1, p2, p3, ncol = 1, labels = c("e", "", ""))</pre>
plot.examples.trends.data
```





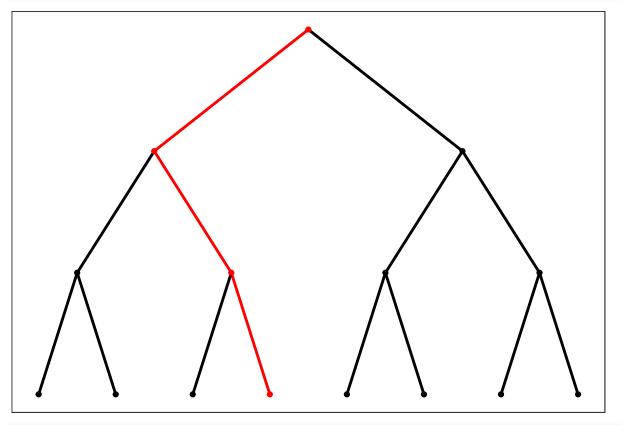


```
# Define size of nodes -----
size.nodes <- 1.5
# Create a balanced binary tree with height 3 -----
tree <- make_tree(15, children = 2, mode = "out")</pre>
# Create a tree plot with all edges highlighted in red ------
all.paths <- ggraph(tree, layout = "dendrogram") +</pre>
 geom_edge_link(color = "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
```

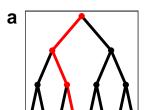


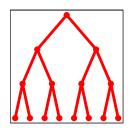
```
# Create a tree plot with only one analytical path highlighted ------
# Define the path to highlight (from root to a specific node) ------
highlight_nodes <- c(1, 2, 5, 11) # Path: 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 11
highlight_edges <- apply(cbind(head(highlight_nodes, -1),
                               tail(highlight_nodes, -1)), 1, function(x)
                                 paste(x, collapse = "-"))
# Assign default colors (black) to all edges and nodes ------
E(tree)$edge_color <- "black"</pre>
V(tree)$node_color <- "black"</pre>
# Extract edges from the tree and match with highlight_edges ------
edge_list <- apply(get.edgelist(tree), 1, function(x) paste(x, collapse = "-"))</pre>
## 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)$edge_color[edge_list %in% highlight_edges] <- "red"</pre>
# Highlight the selected nodes in red -___
V(tree)$node_color[highlight_nodes] <- "red"</pre>
# Plot the tree with explicitly defined colors for both edges and nodes ------
one.path <- ggraph(tree, layout = "dendrogram") +</pre>
  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
```

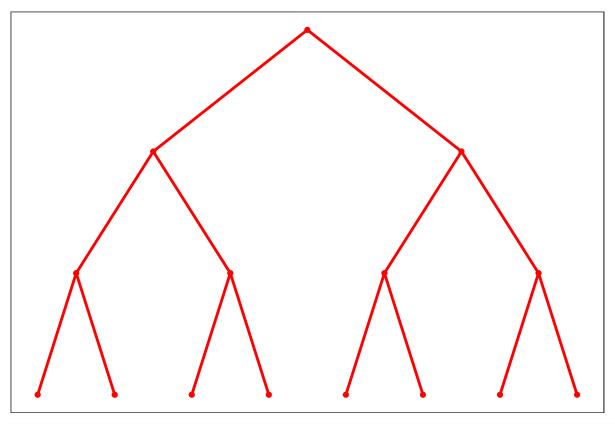


```
plot_grid(one.path, all.paths, ncol = 2, labels = c("a", ""))
```



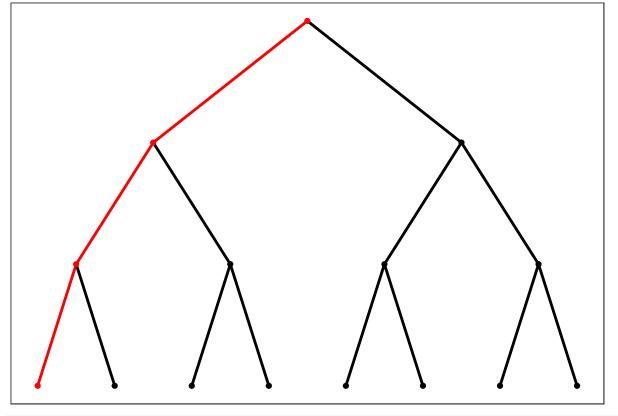


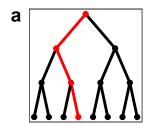
```
# Define size of nodes ------
size.nodes <- 1.5
# Create a balanced binary tree with height 3 -----
tree <- make_tree(15, children = 2, mode = "out")</pre>
# Create a tree plot with all edges highlighted in red ------
all.paths <- ggraph(tree, layout = "dendrogram") +</pre>
 geom_edge_link(color = "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
```

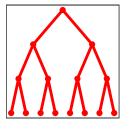


```
one.path2 <- ggraph(tree, layout = "dendrogram") +
   geom_edge_link(aes(edge_color = edge_color), width = 1) + # Correct edge colors
   geom_node_point(aes(color = node_color), size = size.nodes) + # Correct node colors
   scale_edge_color_manual(values = c("black" = "black", "red" = "red")) + # 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.path2</pre>
```







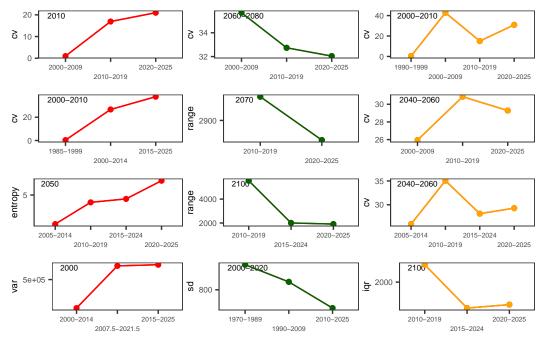
2.3 The garden of forking paths

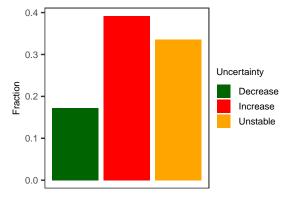
```
# Target year ------
## Defined above
# Target year interval ------
target_year_interval <- c("yes", "no")</pre>
# Interval publication ------
interval <-c(10, 15, 20)
# Metrics of study -----
metrics <- c("cv", "range", "sd", "var", "entropy", "iqr")</pre>
# Rolling windows -----
rolling_window_factor <- c(1, 0.5)
# Define the forking paths -----
forking_paths <- expand.grid(target_year = target_year,</pre>
                 target_year_interval = target_year_interval,
                 interval = interval,
                 rolling_window_factor = rolling_window_factor,
                 metric = metrics) %>%
 data.table()
# Number of simulations -----
nrow(forking paths)
## [1] 360
# Run simulations -------
trend <- list()</pre>
for (i in 1:nrow(forking_paths)) {
 trend[[i]] <- forking_paths_fun(dt = iww_dataset,</pre>
```

```
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_fa
                              metric = forking_paths[[i, "metric"]])
}
output.dt <- lapply(trend, function(x) x[["results"]]) %>%
 do.call(rbind, .) %>%
 data.table() %>%
 setnames(., "V1", "trend") %>%
 .[, row:= .I]
final.dt <- cbind(forking_paths, output.dt)</pre>
data.dt <- lapply(trend, function(x) x[["data"]]) %>%
 rbindlist(., idcol = "row") %>%
 merge(., final.dt, by = "row")
# Export simulations ----
fwrite(final.dt, "forking.paths.dataset.csv")
write.xlsx(final.dt, "forking.paths.dataset.xlsx")
fwrite(data.dt, "data.dt.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:
        Unstable 121 0.3361111
## 2:
        Decrease 62 0.1722222
## 3:
        Increase 141 0.3916667
## 4: single point 36 0.1000000
# Now remove all simulations that produced just one single point -----
final.dt <- final.dt[!trend == "single point"]</pre>
# Calculate how many forking paths lead to different results just
```

```
# by changing the metric (all the rest fixed) -----
final.dt %>%
 .[, .(target_year, target_year_interval, interval,
       rolling window factor, metric, trend)] %>%
 .[order(target_year, target_year_interval, interval, rolling_window_factor)] %>%
 split(., ceiling(seq_len(nrow(.)) / length(metrics))) %>%
 rbindlist(., idcol = "group") %>%
 .[, .(unique_trend_count = uniqueN(trend)), group] %>%
 .[, .N, unique_trend_count] %>%
 .[order(unique_trend_count)]
##
     unique_trend_count
##
                 <int> <int>
## 1:
                    1
                       15
## 2:
                    2
                         37
## 3:
# Simulations that did not lead to a reduction in uncertainty ------
final.dt %>%
 .[, .(total = .N), trend] %>%
 .[, fraction:= total / nrow(output.dt)] %>%
 .[!trend == "Decrease"] %>%
 .[, sum(fraction)]
## [1] 0.7277778
plots.dt <- lapply(trend, function(x) x[["plot"]])</pre>
# Increasing trends ------
plots.increasing <- plot_grid(plots.dt[[7]] +</pre>
                            geom_line(color = "red", group = 1),
                           plots.dt[[11]] +
                            geom_line(color = "red", group = 1),
                           plots.dt[[278]] +
                            geom_line(color = "red", group = 1),
                           plots.dt[[226]] +
                            geom_line(color = "red", group = 1), ncol = 1)
# Decreasing trend -----
plots.decreasing <- plot_grid(plots.dt[[4]] +</pre>
                            geom_line(color = "darkgreen", group = 1) +
                            geom_point(color = "darkgreen"),
                           plots.dt[[69]] +
```

```
geom_line(color = "darkgreen", group = 1) +
                                geom_point(color = "darkgreen"),
                              plots.dt[[100]] +
                                geom_line(color = "darkgreen", group = 1) +
                                geom_point(color = "darkgreen"),
                              plots.dt[[142]] +
                                geom_line(color = "darkgreen", group = 1) +
                                geom_point(color = "darkgreen"), ncol = 1)
# Random trend -----
plots.random <- plot_grid(plots.dt[[1]] +</pre>
                            geom_line(color = "orange", group = 1) +
                            geom_point(color = "orange"),
                          plots.dt[[3]] +
                            geom_line(color = "orange", group = 1) +
                            geom_point(color = "orange"),
                          plots.dt[[33]] +
                            geom_line(color = "orange", group = 1) +
                            geom_point(color = "orange"),
                          plots.dt[[340]] +
                            geom_line(color = "orange", group = 1) +
                            geom_point(color = "orange"), ncol = 1)
# Merge -----
plots.examples.trends <- plot_grid(plots.increasing, plots.decreasing,</pre>
                                   plots.random, ncol = 3)
plots.examples.trends
```

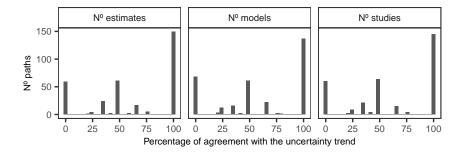




2.4 Directional analysis

```
# CHECK DIRECTIONAL TRENDS BETWEEN UNCERTAINTY AND NUMBER OF STUDIES, ESTIMATES
data aggregated <- lapply(trend, function(x) x[["data aggregated"]])</pre>
# Apply function -----
directional_results <- rbindlist(</pre>
 lapply(seq_along(data_aggregated), function(i) {
   directional_trends_fun(data_aggregated[[i]], dataset_id = paste0("dataset_", i))
 }),
 fill = TRUE
# Summary ------
directional_results[, .(avg_agreement_studies = mean(studies, na.rm = TRUE),
                   avg_agreement_estimates = mean(estimates, na.rm = TRUE),
                   avg_agreement_models = mean(models, na.rm = TRUE))]
    avg_agreement_studies avg_agreement_estimates avg_agreement_models
##
##
                                     <num>
                                                      <num>
## 1:
                62.1142
                                  63.51337
                                                    59.93827
# Plot -----
directional_results %>%
 melt(., measure.vars = c("studies", "estimates", "models")) %>%
 .[, variable:= paste("Nº", variable, sep = " ")] %>%
 ggplot(., aes(value)) +
 geom_histogram() +
 facet_wrap(~variable) +
 theme AP() +
 labs(x = "Percentage of agreement with the uncertainty trend", y = "N^{\circ} paths")
```

`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.

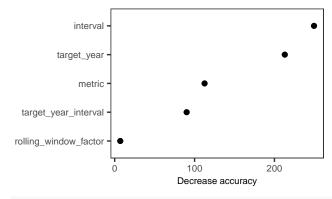


2.5 Random forest model

```
# Convert categorical variables to factors -----
df <- data.frame(final.dt[trend != "single point"]) # Remove 5% observations</pre>
df$metric <- as.factor(df$metric)</pre>
df$trend <- as.factor(df$trend)</pre>
df$target_year_interval <- as.factor(df$target_year_interval)</pre>
# Train the model with weights on 2,000 random trees -----
rf_model <- randomForest(trend ~ target_year + target_year_interval + interval +
                        rolling_window_factor + metric,
                      data = df, importance = TRUE, ntree = 5000,
                      classwt = c(1.5, 1.5, 1), mtry = 3)
# Check model summary ---
print(rf_model)
##
## Call:
## randomForest(formula = trend ~ target_year + target_year_interval + interval + rolling
                Type of random forest: classification
##
                     Number of trees: 5000
##
## No. of variables tried at each split: 3
##
          OOB estimate of error rate: 15.12%
## Confusion matrix:
          Decrease Increase Unstable class.error
## Decrease
                51
                    8
                               3
                                     0.1774194
## Increase
                 8
                       121
                                     0.1418440
                                12
## Unstable
                 5
                        13
                               103
                                     0.1487603
# View variable importance -
dt_rf_model <- data.frame(importance(rf_model))</pre>
```

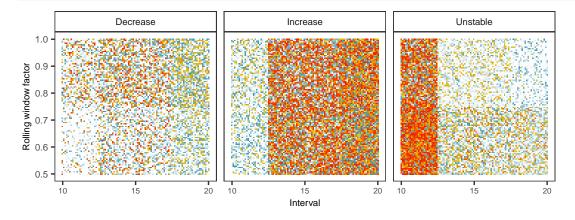
```
dt_rf_model
##
                         Decrease Increase Unstable MeanDecreaseAccuracy
                        192.10345 101.61249 121.81205
## target year
                                                               212.985909
## target_year_interval
                         39.56988 72.08804 50.51787
                                                               90.089826
## interval
                         62.00356 178.18602 212.71774
                                                              249.543296
## rolling_window_factor 22.98758 -54.57240 46.36293
                                                                6.993587
## metric
                         86.21448 110.97814 13.99047
                                                              112.530444
##
                        MeanDecreaseGini
## target_year
                               68.79696
## target_year_interval
                               19.01072
## interval
                               42.85123
## rolling_window_factor
                               15.11698
## metric
                                52.82946
# Compute importance ------
importance_frame <- measure_importance(rf_model)</pre>
data <- importance_frame[importance_frame$no_of_trees > 0, ]
# Retrieve data -----
data for labels <- importance frame[importance frame$variable %in%
                                     important_variables(importance_frame, k = 10,
                                                        measures = c("mean_min_depth",
                                                                     "times_a_root",
                                                                     "no_of_nodes")),]
data_for_labels
##
                 variable mean_min_depth no_of_nodes accuracy_decrease
## 1
                 interval
                                 1.0832
                                              51900
                                                          0.170662146
## 2
                   metric
                                                         0.077324121
                                 0.8888
                                              82537
## 3 rolling_window_factor
                                                         0.003025196
                                 2.3554
                                              42483
              target year
## 4
                                 0.6912
                                             101960
                                                         0.150471000
## 5 target_year_interval
                                 2.5932
                                              50966
                                                         0.043589115
    gini_decrease no_of_trees times_a_root p_value
## 1
         42.85123
                         5000
                                     1082
## 2
         52.82946
                         5000
                                     1567
                                                0
## 3
         15.11698
                                                1
                         5000
                                        3
## 4
         68.79696
                         5000
                                     2348
                                                0
## 5
         19.01072
                         5000
                                        0
                                                1
# Plot -----
plot.rf <- data.frame(importance(rf_model)) %>%
  rownames_to_column(., var = "factors") %>%
 data.table() %>%
  setnames(., c("MeanDecreaseAccuracy", "MeanDecreaseGini"),
```

```
c("Accuracy", "Gini")) %>%
melt(., measure.vars = c("Accuracy", "Gini")) %>%
.[variable == "Accuracy"] %>%
ggplot(., aes(reorder(factors, value), value)) +
geom_point() +
coord_flip() +
scale_y_continuous(breaks = breaks_pretty(n = 3)) +
labs(x = "", y = "Decrease accuracy") +
theme_AP()
```

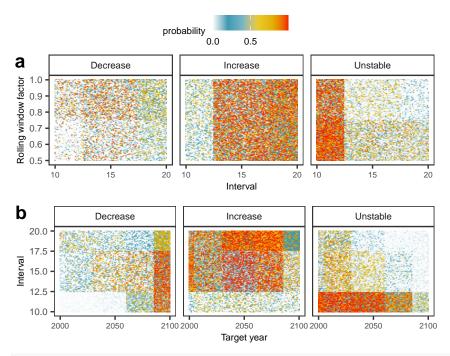


```
2000 - target_year | 1500 - metric | 1500 - metric | 1000 - me
```

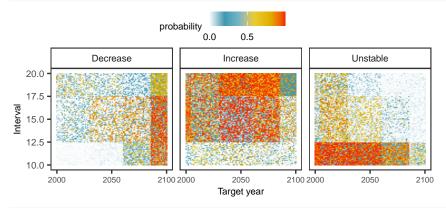
Scale for fill is already present.
Adding another scale for fill, which will replace the existing scale.
plot.predict1



```
# Now on different combinations
plot.predict2 <- plot_predict_interaction(rf_model, df, "target_year", "interval") +</pre>
  theme AP() +
  scale_fill_gradientn(colours = c("white", wes_palette("Zissou1")),
                        name = "probability",
                        breaks = c(0, 0.5, 1)) +
  theme(plot.title = element blank()) +
  labs(x = "Target year", y = "Interval") +
  scale x continuous(breaks = pretty breaks(n = 3)) +
  facet_grid(~variable, labeller = labeller(variable = supp.labs)) +
  theme(legend.position = "none",
        axis.text.x = element_text(size = 6.1))
## Scale for fill is already present.
## Adding another scale for fill, which will replace the existing scale.
legend <- get_legend_fun(plot.predict1 + theme(legend.position = "top"))</pre>
bottom <- plot_grid(plot.multiway, plot.predict1, ncol = 2, rel_widths = c(0.36, 0.64),
                     labels = "auto")
plot_grid(legend, bottom, rel_heights = c(0.13, 0.87), ncol = 1)
                            probability
                                       0.5
                           b
a
                                    Decrease
                                                   Increase
                                                                 Unstable
        target_year
 2000
                             1.0
          metric
                           Rolling window factor 8.0 8.0 8.0
times_a_root
1000
           interval
              target_year_interval
  500
         rolling_window_factor
    0
        1.0
             1.5
                  2.0
                       2.5
                                              10
                                10
                                            20
                                                          20
          mean_min_depth
                                                   Interval
bottom <- plot_grid(plot.predict1, plot.predict2, ncol = 1, labels = "auto")</pre>
plot_grid(legend, bottom, rel_heights = c(0.1, 0.9), ncol = 1)
```



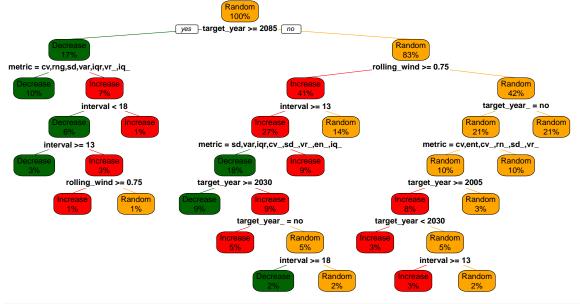
##
plotp1 <- plot_grid(legend, plot.predict2, ncol = 1, rel_heights = c(0.15, 0.85))
plotp1</pre>



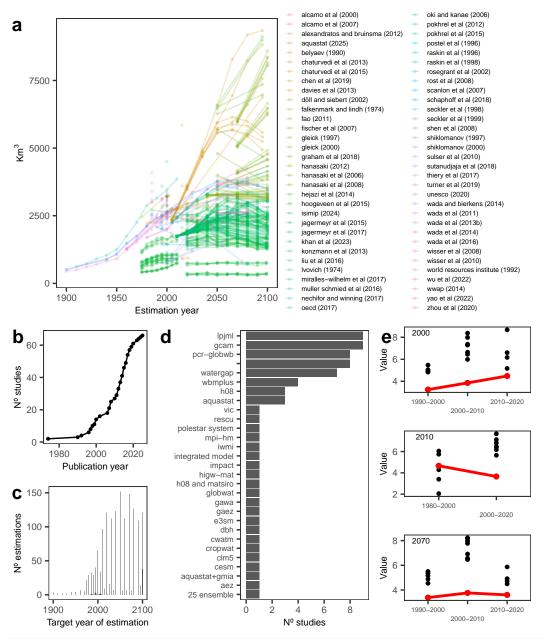
library(rpart)

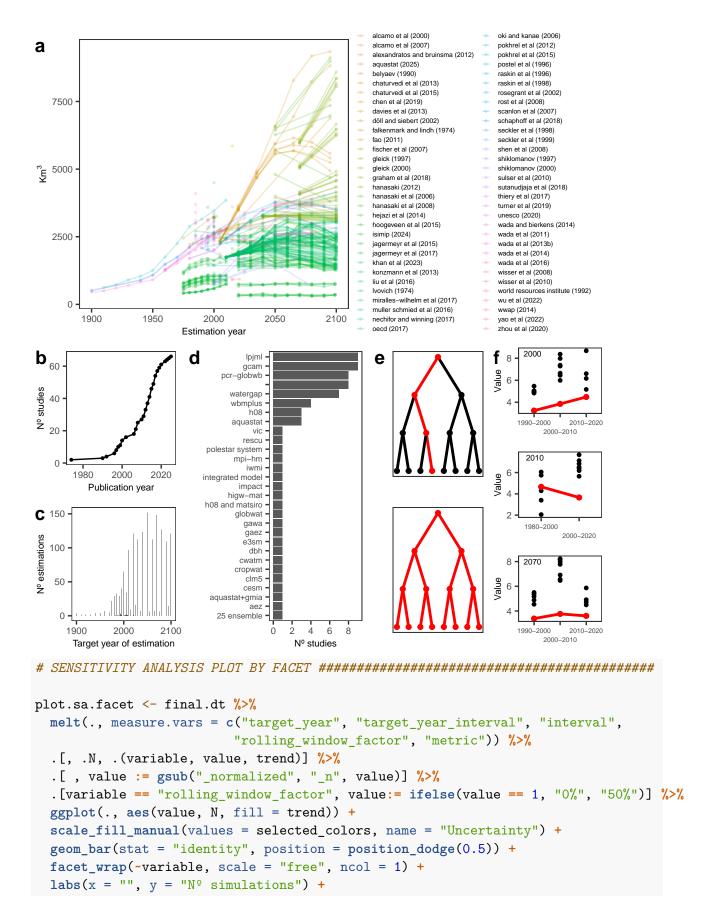
```
## Warning: package 'rpart' was built under R version 4.3.3
library(rpart.plot)
```

Warning: package 'rpart.plot' was built under R version 4.3.3
Fit a decision tree model-



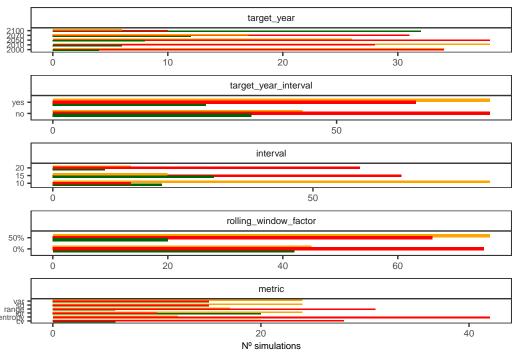
```
left <- plot_grid(cumulative.iww, plot.bar, ncol = 1, labels = c("b", "c"))
bottom <- plot_grid(left, plot.models, ncol = 2, labels = c("", "d"), rel_widths = c(0.4, 0.6)
bottom.right <- plot_grid(bottom, plot.examples.trends.data, ncol = 2, rel_widths = c(0.7, 0.3)
plot_grid(plot.iww, bottom.right,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

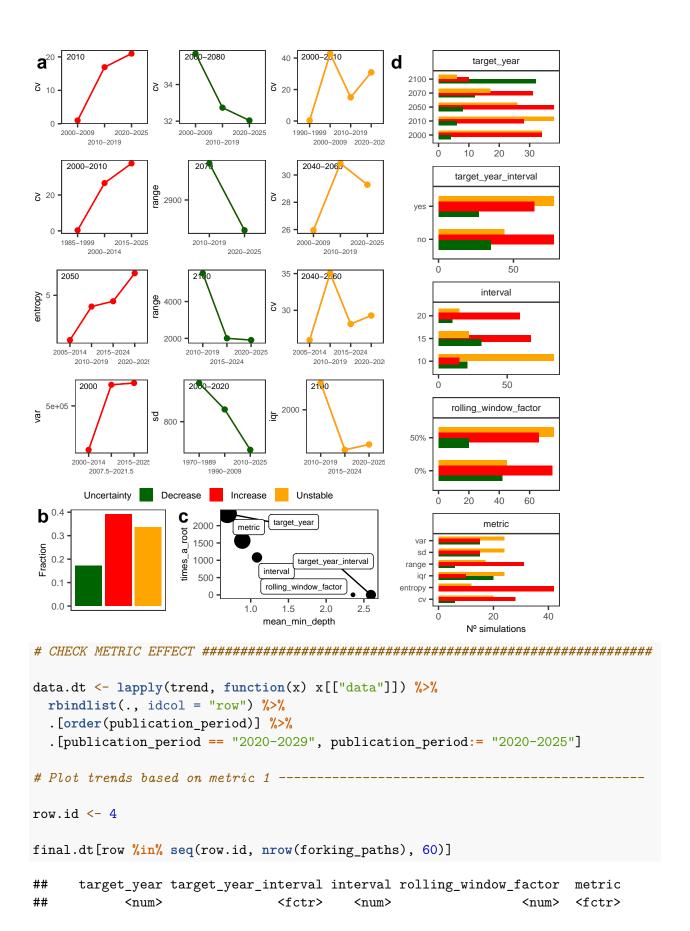




```
## Warning in melt.data.table(., measure.vars = c("target_year",
## "target_year_interval", : 'measure.vars' [target_year, target_year_interval,
## interval, rolling_window_factor, ...] are not all of the same type. By order of
## hierarchy, the molten data value column will be of type 'character'.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

plot.sa.facet





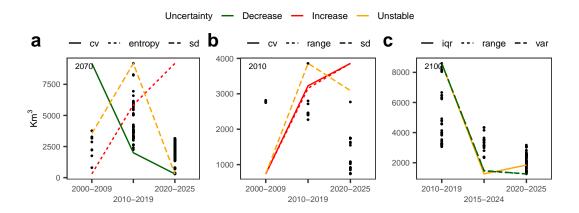
```
## 1:
             2070
                                              10
                                                                      1
                                                                              cv
                                    yes
## 2:
             2070
                                              10
                                                                      1
                                                                          range
                                    yes
## 3:
             2070
                                              10
                                                                      1
                                    yes
                                                                              sd
## 4:
             2070
                                              10
                                                                      1
                                    yes
                                                                             var
## 5:
             2070
                                    yes
                                              10
                                                                      1 entropy
## 6:
             2070
                                              10
                                    yes
                                                                             iqr
##
         trend
                 row
##
        <char> <int>
## 1: Decrease
## 2: Unstable
                  64
## 3: Unstable
                124
## 4: Unstable
                184
## 5: Increase
                 244
## 6: Unstable
                 304
tmp <- data.dt[row == row.id] %>%
  merge(., final.dt, by = "row")
metrics <- c("cv", "sd", "entropy")</pre>
results <- lapply(metrics, function(m)
   tmp %>%
      .[, calculate_uncertainty_fun(data = .SD, metric = m), .(publication_period, period_midp
      .[order(publication_period)] %>%
      .[!V1 == 0] \%
     .[, trend:= lapply(.SD, check_order_fun), .SDcols = "V1"] %>%
      .[, publication_period:= gsub("-", "-", publication_period)] %>%
     .[publication_period == "2020-2029", publication_period:= "2020-2025"]
  )
names(results) <- metrics</pre>
data.trend <- lapply(results, function(x)</pre>
  x[, scaled:= scale_to_range_fun(data = .SD, column = "V1",
                                   ref_data = tmp, ref_column = "value")]) %>%
  lapply(., data.table) %>%
  rbindlist(., idcol = "metric")
p1 <- tmp %>%
  .[!is.na(publication_period)] %>%
  .[, publication_period:= gsub("-", "-", publication_period)] %>%
  .[publication_period == "2020-2029", publication_period:= "2020-2025"] %>%
  ggplot(., aes(publication_period, value)) +
  geom_point(size = 0.3) +
  geom_line(data = data.trend, aes(x = publication_period,
                                    y = scaled, lty = metric, group = metric,
                                    color = trend),
            linewidth = 0.5) +
  scale_color_manual(values = c("Increase" = "red", "Decrease" = "darkgreen",
```

```
"Unstable" = "orange")) +
  scale_x_discrete(guide = guide_axis(n.dodge = 2)) +
  theme AP() +
  labs(x = "", y = bquote("Km"^3), linetype = NULL) +
  theme(axis.text.x = element text(size = 6.3),
        axis.text.y = element_text(size = 6.3),
        axis.title.y = element_text(size = 6.5),
        plot.margin = unit(c(0.05, 0.05, 0, 0.05), "cm"),
        legend.position = "top") +
  annotate("text", x = 0.1 + 0.5, y = max(tmp$value),
           label = unique(tmp$target_year), hjust = 0, vjust = 1,
           size = 2)
p.withoutline <- tmp %>%
  .[!is.na(publication_period)] %>%
  ggplot(., aes(publication_period, value)) +
  geom_point(size = 0.3) +
  geom_line(data = data.trend, aes(x = publication_period,
                                   y = scaled, group = metric,
                                   color = trend),
            linewidth = 0.5) +
  scale_color_manual(values = c("Increase" = "red", "Decrease" = "darkgreen",
                                "Unstable" = "orange"),
                     name = "Uncertainty") +
  scale_x_discrete(guide = guide_axis(n.dodge = 2)) +
  theme_AP() +
  labs(x = "", y = bquote("Km"^3), linetype = NULL) +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(size = 6.3),
        axis.text.y = element_text(size = 6.3),
        axis.title.y = element_text(size = 6.5),
        plot.margin = unit(c(0.05, 0.05, 0, 0.05), "cm")) +
  annotate("text", x = 0.1 + 0.5, y = max(tmp$value),
           label = unique(tmp$target year), hjust = 0, vjust = 1,
           size = 2)
# Plot trends based on metric 2 ---
row.id <- 7
final.dt[row %in% seq(row.id, nrow(forking_paths), 60)]
##
      target_year target_year_interval interval rolling_window_factor
                                                                        metric
##
            <num>
                                <fctr>
                                           <num>
                                                                 <num>
                                                                         <fctr>
## 1:
             2010
                                              10
                                                                     1
                                    nο
                                                                             cv
## 2:
             2010
                                              10
                                    nο
                                                                     1
                                                                         range
             2010
## 3:
                                              10
                                                                     1
                                                                             sd
                                    no
```

```
## 4:
             2010
                                              10
                                                                            var
                                     no
## 5:
             2010
                                              10
                                                                      1 entropy
                                     nο
## 6:
             2010
                                              10
                                     no
                                                                            iqr
##
         trend
                 row
##
        <char> <int>
## 1: Increase
## 2: Increase
                  67
## 3: Unstable
                 127
## 4: Unstable
                187
## 5: Unstable
                 247
## 6: Unstable
                 307
tmp <- data.dt[row == row.id] %>%
  merge(., final.dt, by = "row")
metrics <- c("range", "cv", "sd")</pre>
results <- lapply(metrics, function(m)
  tmp %>%
    .[, calculate_uncertainty_fun(data = .SD, metric = m), .(publication_period, period_midpoi
    .[order(publication_period)] %>%
    .[!V1 == 0] \%>\%
    .[, trend:= lapply(.SD, check_order_fun), .SDcols = "V1"] %>%
    .[, publication_period:= gsub("-", "-", publication_period)] %>%
    .[publication_period == "2020-2029", publication_period:= "2020-2025"]
)
names(results) <- metrics</pre>
data.trend <- lapply(results, function(x)</pre>
  x[, scaled:= scale_to_range_fun(data = .SD, column = "V1", ref_data = tmp,
                                   ref_column = "value")]) %>%
  lapply(., data.table) %>%
  rbindlist(., idcol = "metric")
p2 <- tmp %>%
  .[!is.na(publication_period)] %>%
  .[, publication_period:= gsub("-", "-", publication_period)] %>%
  .[publication_period == "2020-2029", publication_period:= "2020-2025"] %>%
  ggplot(., aes(publication_period, value)) +
  geom_point(size = 0.3) +
  geom_line(data = data.trend, aes(x = publication_period,
                                    y = scaled, color = trend,
                                    group = metric, lty = metric),
            linewidth = 0.5) +
  scale_color_manual(values = c("Increase" = "red", "Decrease" = "darkgreen",
                                 "Unstable" = "orange")) +
  guides(color = "none") +
```

```
labs(x = "", y = "", linetype = NULL) +
  scale_x_discrete(guide = guide_axis(n.dodge = 2)) +
  theme AP() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(size = 6.3),
        axis.text.y = element_text(size = 6.3),
        axis.title.y = element_text(size = 6.5),
        plot.margin = unit(c(0.05, 0.05, 0, 0.05), "cm"),
        legend.position = "top") +
  annotate("text", x = 0.1 + 0.5, y = max(tmp$value),
           label = unique(tmp$target_year), hjust = 0, vjust = 1,
           size = 2)
# plot trends based on metrics 3 -----
row.id <- 40
final.dt[row %in% seq(row.id, nrow(forking_paths), 60)]
##
      target_year target_year_interval interval rolling_window_factor
##
            <num>
                                 <fctr>
                                           <num>
                                                                  <num>
                                                                         <fctr>
## 1:
             2100
                                              10
                                                                    0.5
                                     no
                                                                             cv
## 2:
             2100
                                              10
                                                                    0.5
                                                                          range
                                     nο
## 3:
             2100
                                              10
                                                                    0.5
                                     no
                                                                             sd
## 4:
             2100
                                              10
                                                                    0.5
                                                                            var
                                     no
## 5:
             2100
                                              10
                                                                    0.5 entropy
                                     no
## 6:
             2100
                                                                    0.5
                                     no
                                              10
                                                                            iqr
##
         trend
                 row
##
        <char> <int>
## 1: Unstable
## 2: Decrease
                 100
## 3: Decrease
                 160
## 4: Decrease
                 220
## 5: Unstable
                 280
## 6: Unstable
                 340
tmp <- data.dt[row == row.id] %>%
 merge(., final.dt, by = "row")
metrics <- c("range", "var", "iqr")</pre>
results <- lapply(metrics, function(m)
  tmp %>%
    .[, calculate_uncertainty_fun(data = .SD, metric = m), .(publication_period, period_midpoints)
    .[order(publication_period)] %>%
    .[!V1 == 0] \%>\%
    .[, trend:= lapply(.SD, check_order_fun), .SDcols = "V1"] %>%
    .[, publication_period:= gsub("-", "-", publication_period)] %>%
    .[publication_period == "2020-2029", publication_period:= "2020-2025"]
)
```

```
names(results) <- metrics</pre>
data.trend <- lapply(results, function(x)</pre>
  x[, scaled:= scale to range fun(data = .SD, column = "V1", ref data = tmp,
                                  ref_column = "value")]) %>%
 lapply(., data.table) %>%
 rbindlist(., idcol = "metric")
p3 <- tmp %>%
  .[!is.na(publication_period)] %>%
  .[, publication_period:= gsub("-", "-", publication_period)] %>%
  .[publication_period == "2020-2029", publication_period:= "2020-2025"] %>%
  ggplot(., aes(publication_period, value)) +
  geom_point(size = 0.3) +
  geom_line(data = data.trend, aes(x = publication_period,
                                    y = scaled, color = trend,
                                    group = metric, lty = metric),
            linewidth = 0.5) +
  scale_color_manual(values = c("Increase" = "red", "Decrease" = "darkgreen",
                                 "Unstable" = "orange")) +
 guides(color = "none") +
  labs(x = "", y = "", linetype = NULL) +
  scale_x_discrete(guide = guide_axis(n.dodge = 2)) +
  theme_AP() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(size = 6.3),
        axis.text.y = element_text(size = 6.3),
        axis.title.y = element_text(size = 6.5),
        plot.margin = unit(c(0.05, 0.05, 0, 0.05), "cm"),
        legend.position = "top") +
  annotate("text", x = 0.1 + 0.5, y = max(tmp$value),
           label = unique(tmp$target_year), hjust = 0, vjust = 1,
           size = 2)
da <- get_legend_fun(p.withoutline + theme(legend.position = "top"))</pre>
di <- plot_grid(p1 + guides(color = "none"), p2,p3, ncol = 3, labels = "auto")</pre>
plot_grid(da, di, rel_heights = c(0.1, 0.9), ncol = 1)
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3 Session information

[28] splines_4.3.3

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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
          /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/4.3-arm64/Resources/lib/libRblas.0.dylib
## BLAS:
## 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] ncdf4_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
                                                  100_2.8.0
                             compiler_4.3.3
## [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
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tidyselect_1.2.1

timechange_0.3.0

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## [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
                            benchmarkmeData_1.0.4 posterior_1.6.0
## [37] bridgesampling_1.1-2
## [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
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## [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
```