



# Climate as a Risk Factor for Armed Conflict: State of Knowledge and Directions for Research

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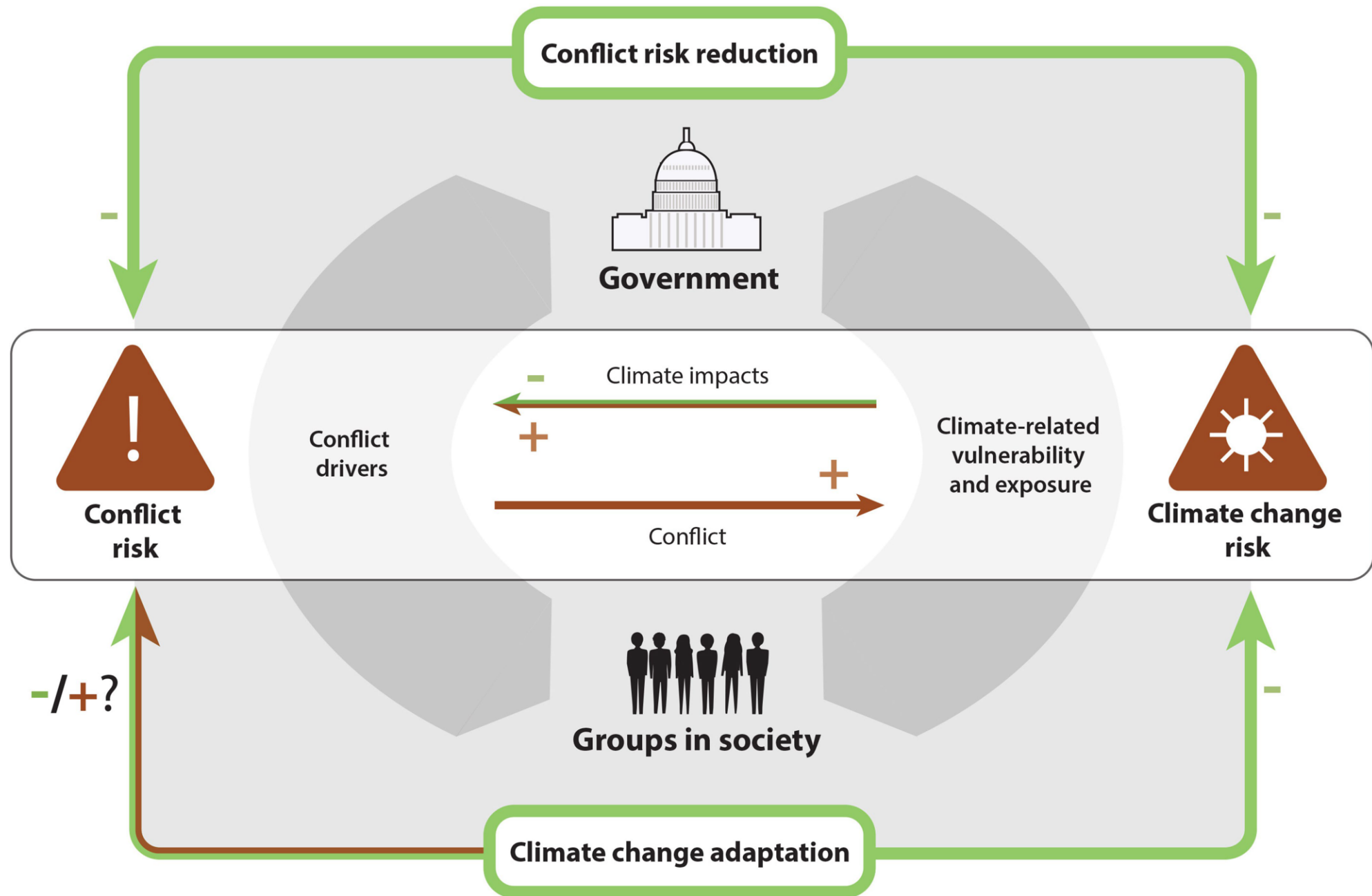
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# An expert assessment of climate change and the risk of violent conflict

1) Individual expert elicitation

2) Expert group deliberation

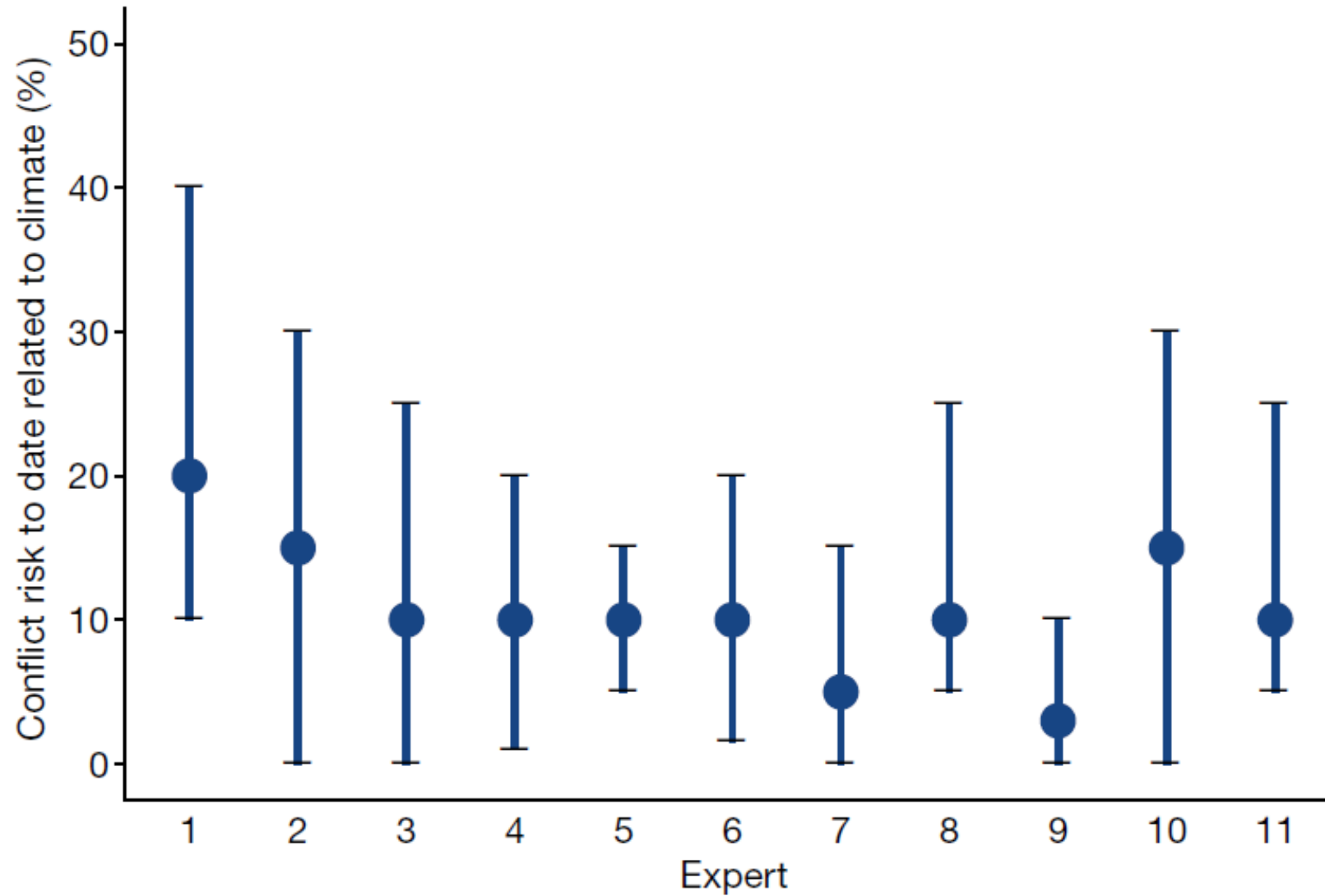


3) Synthesis publication by the expert group

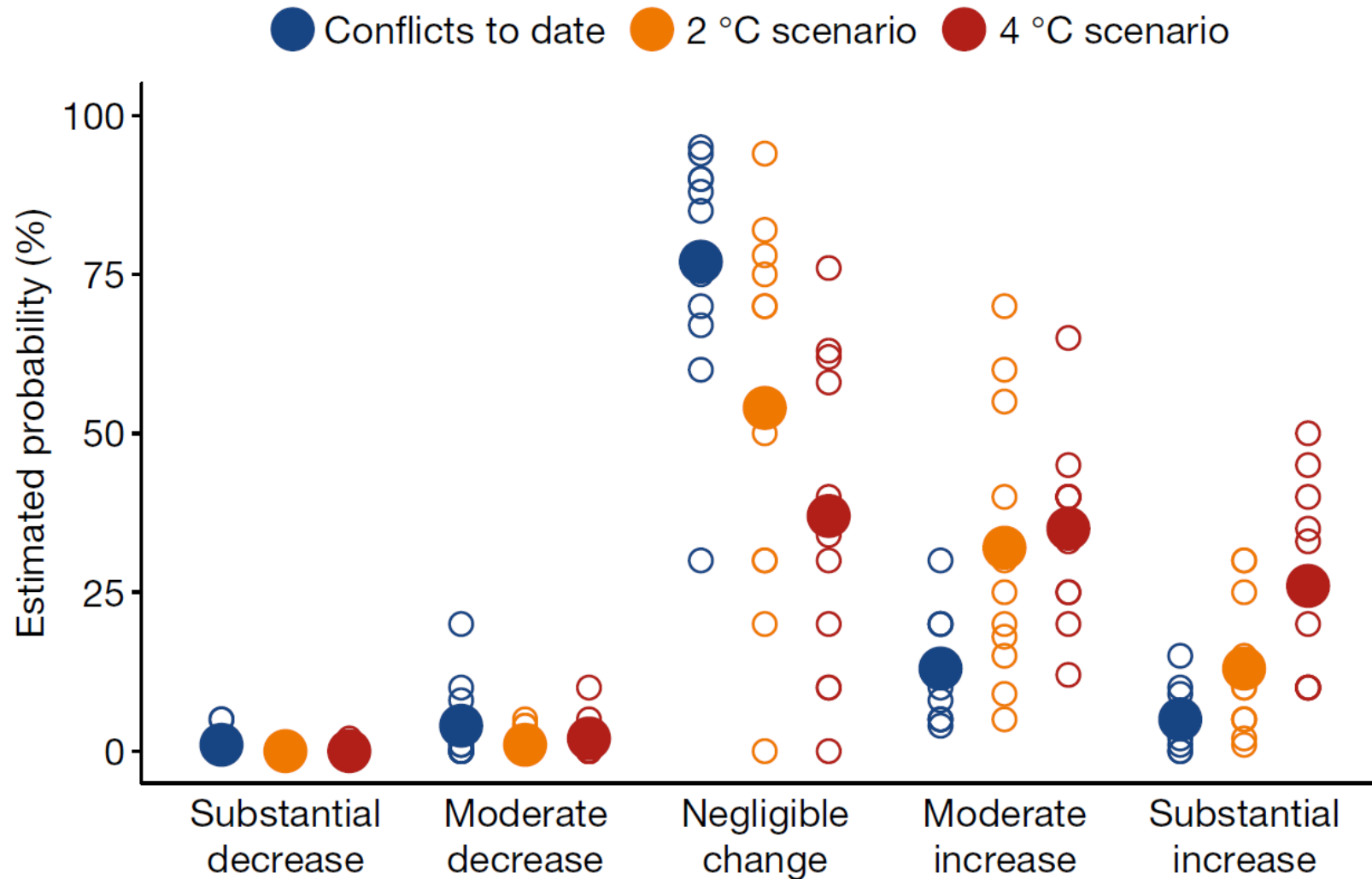
**Expert group:** N. Adger, H. Buhaug, M. Burke, J. Fearon, C. Hendrix, J.-F. Maystadt, J. O'Loughlin, P. Roessler, J. Scheffran, K. Schultz, and N. von Uexkull



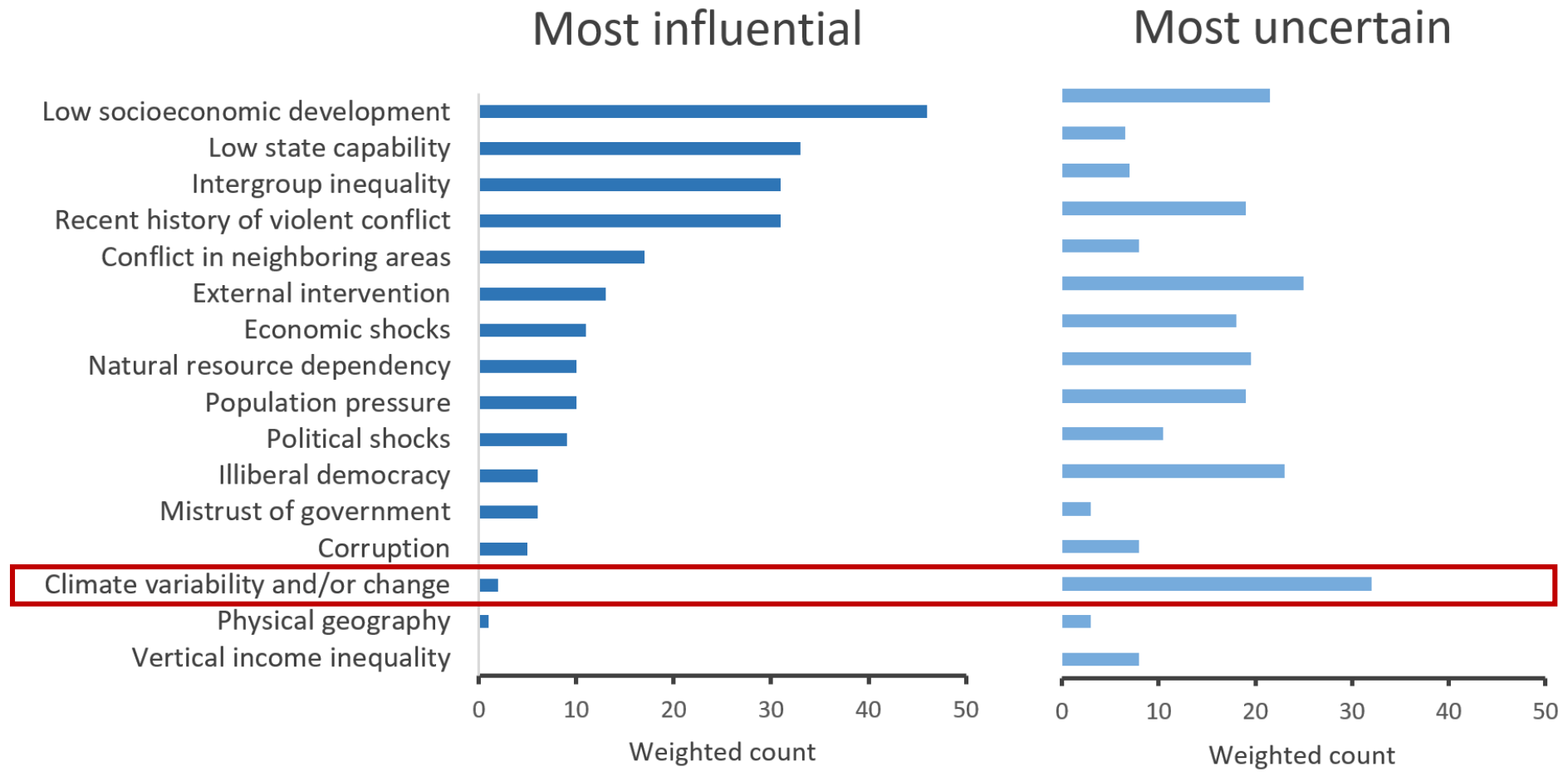
# Relationship between climate and conflict risk to date



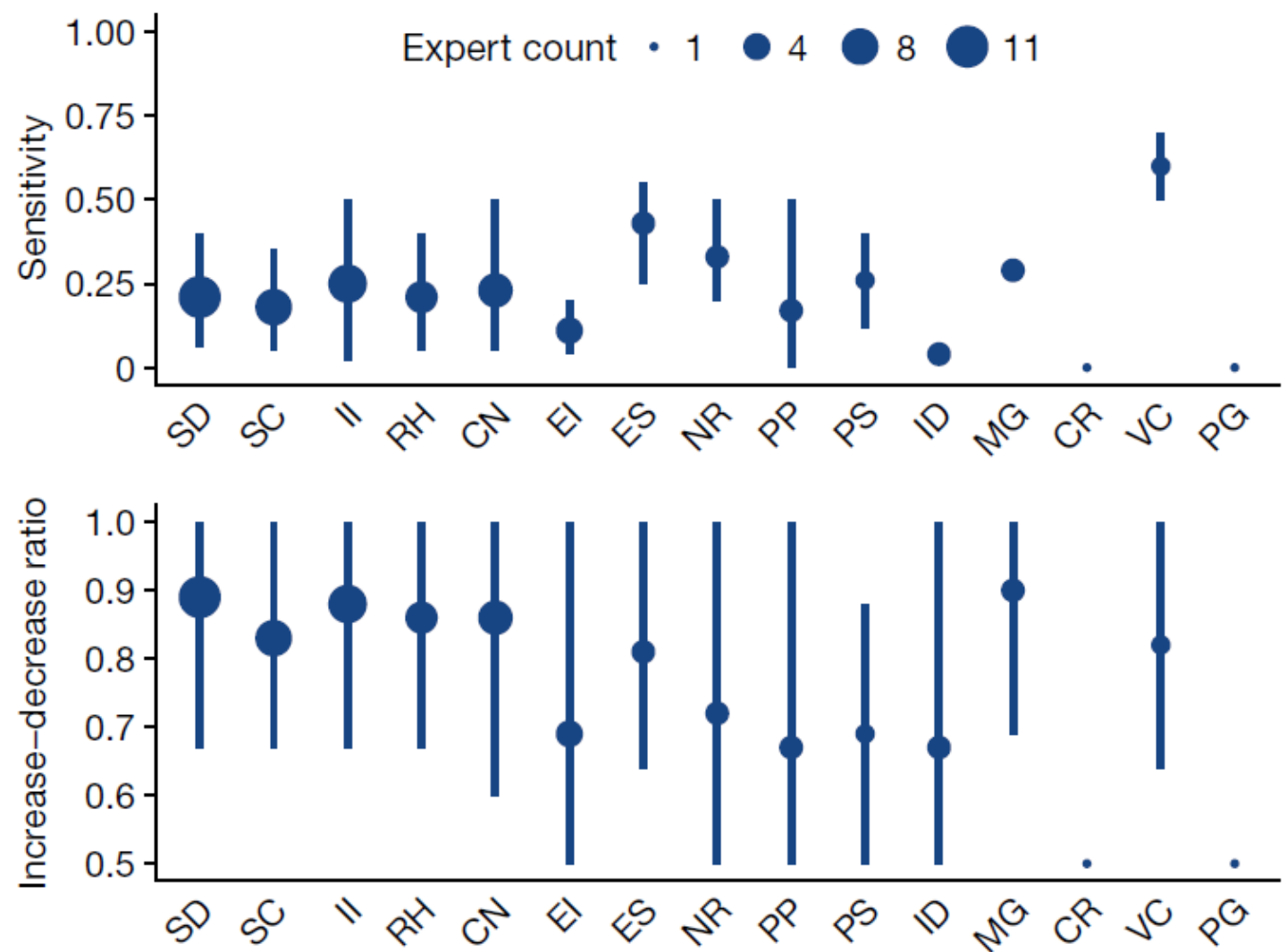
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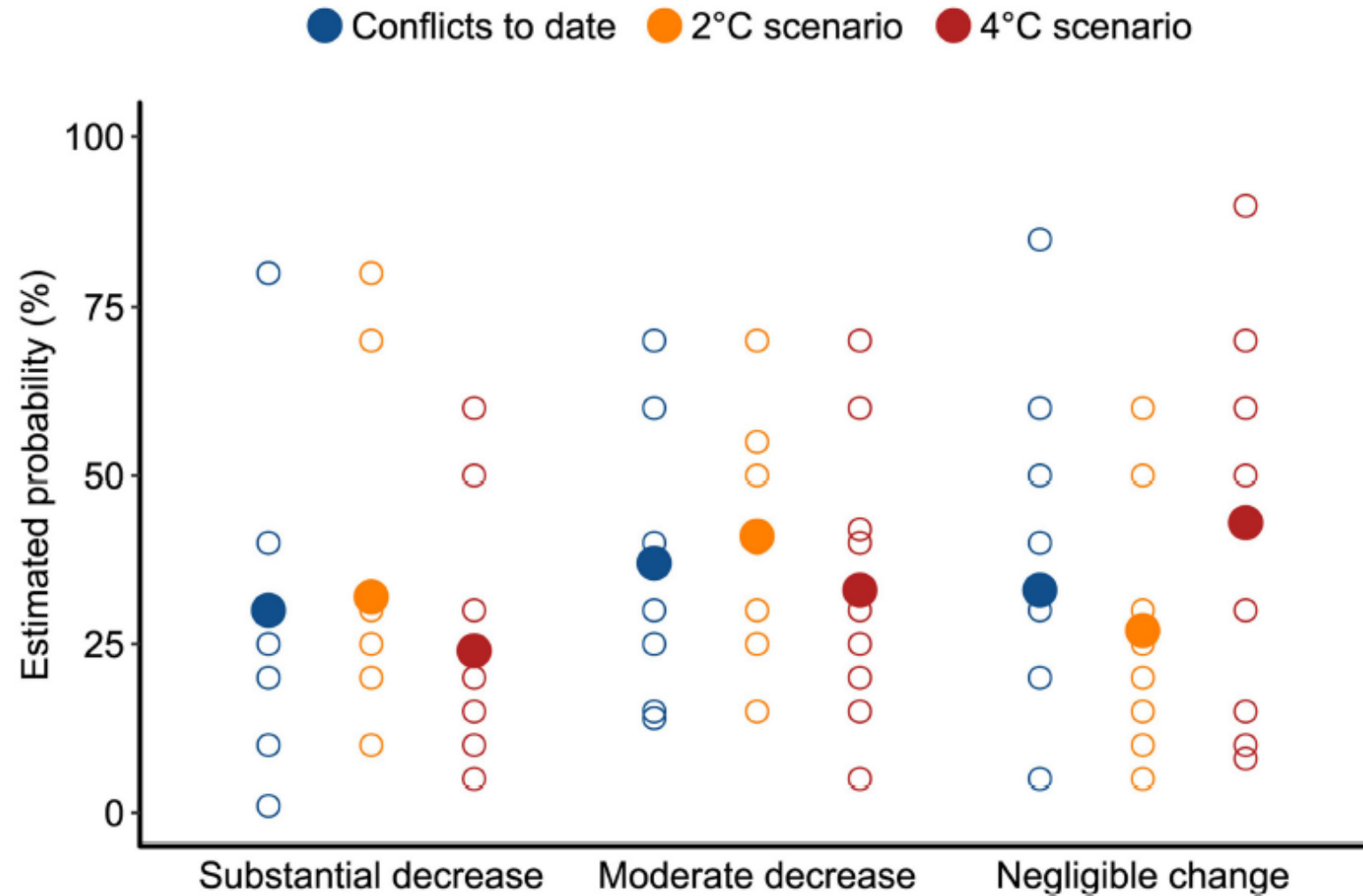
# Most influential & uncertain factors for conflict



# Factors driving conflict risk and relationship to climate to date



# Potential to **reduce** climate-related conflict risk



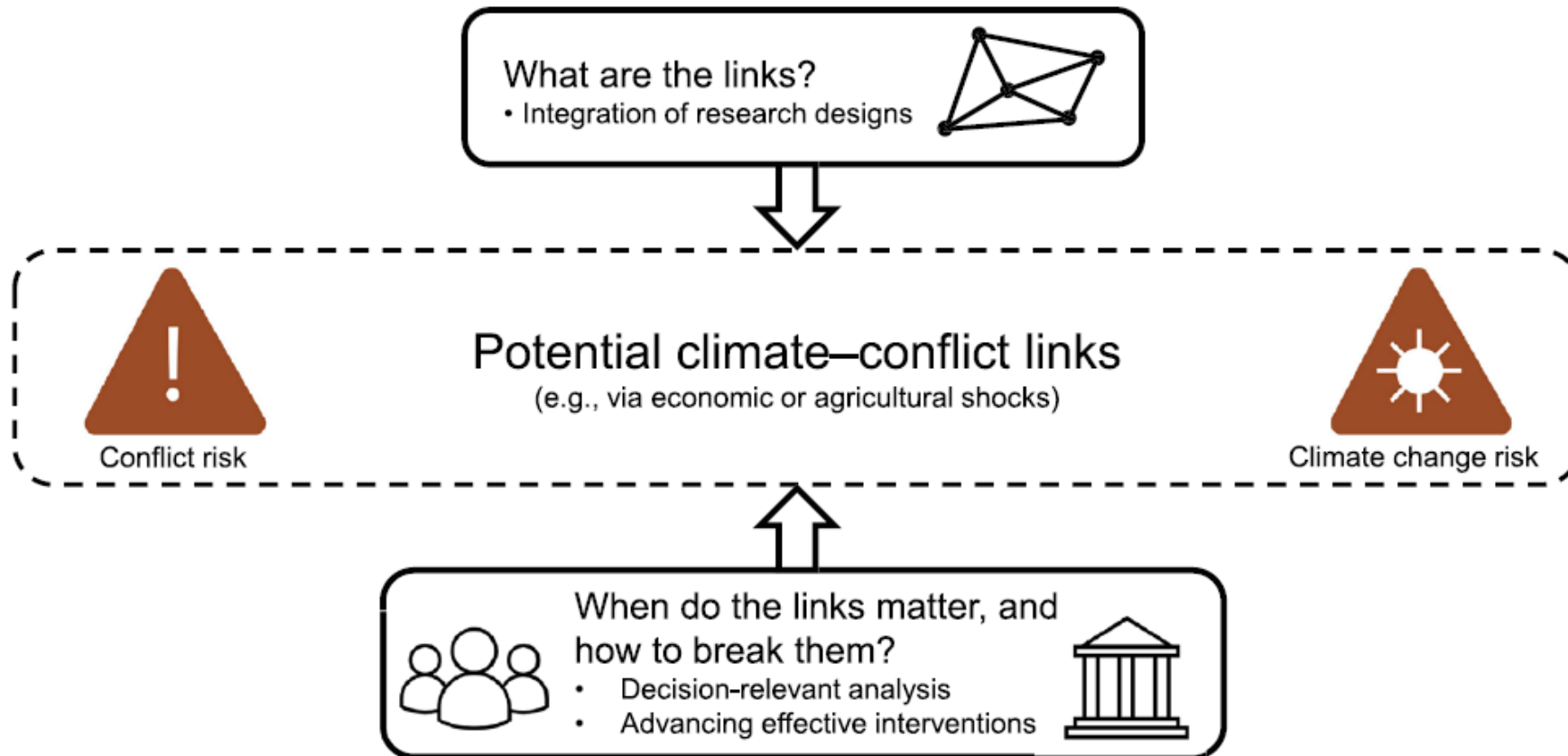


# Conflict risk reduction and climate change adaptation

- International peacekeeping
- Development assistance
- State capability building
- Economic diversification and resilience
- International governance
- Migration



# Directions for research on climate and conflict



## Future **directions** for research

- Climate-conflict linkages and conditions under which they manifest
- Ambitious integration of research designs
- Exploration of future risks & options--responsive to decision-making needs
- Effectiveness of interventions to manage climate-conflict links



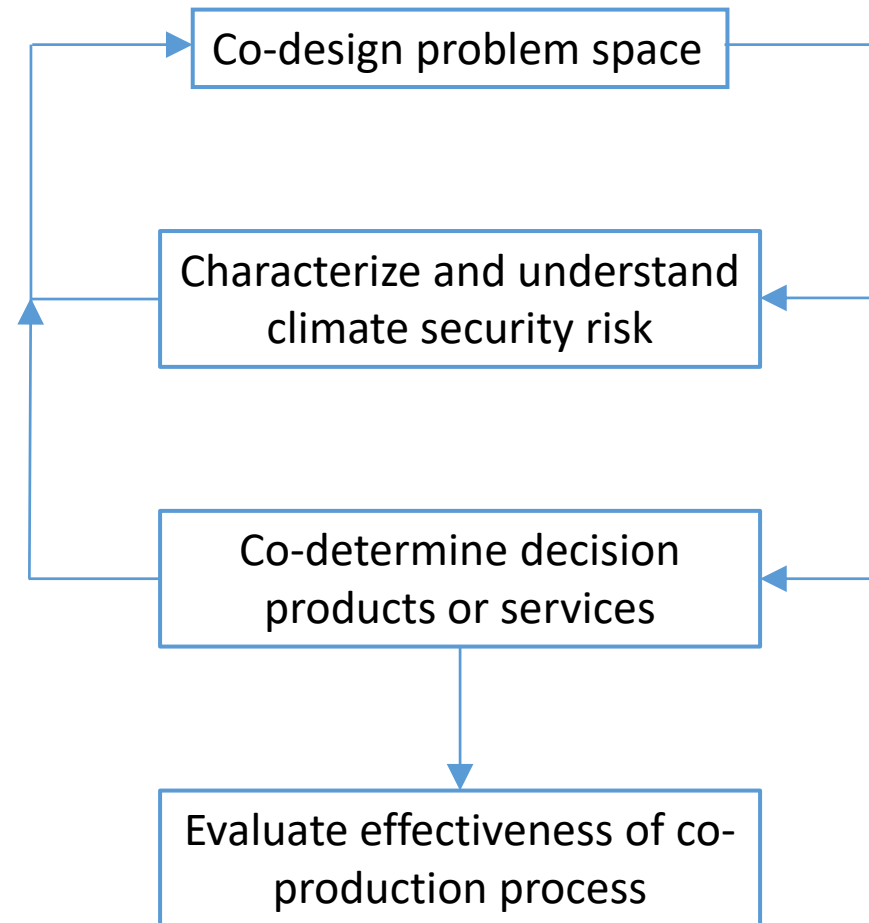
# Science-policy challenges

- Inevitable presence of societal and policy dynamics in climate-conflict knowledge production
- Integrating diverse lines of evidence
- Encompassing uncertainties and contested priorities
- Encouraging interactions among researchers, decision-makers, societies





# Framework for co-production of actionable climate security science







Questions?

