

**PRESCRIPTION OF MAINTENANCE INTERVENTIONS  
BY THE NEW GENERATION OF EUROCODES  
FOR CLIMATE-CHANGE RESILIENT STRUCTURES**

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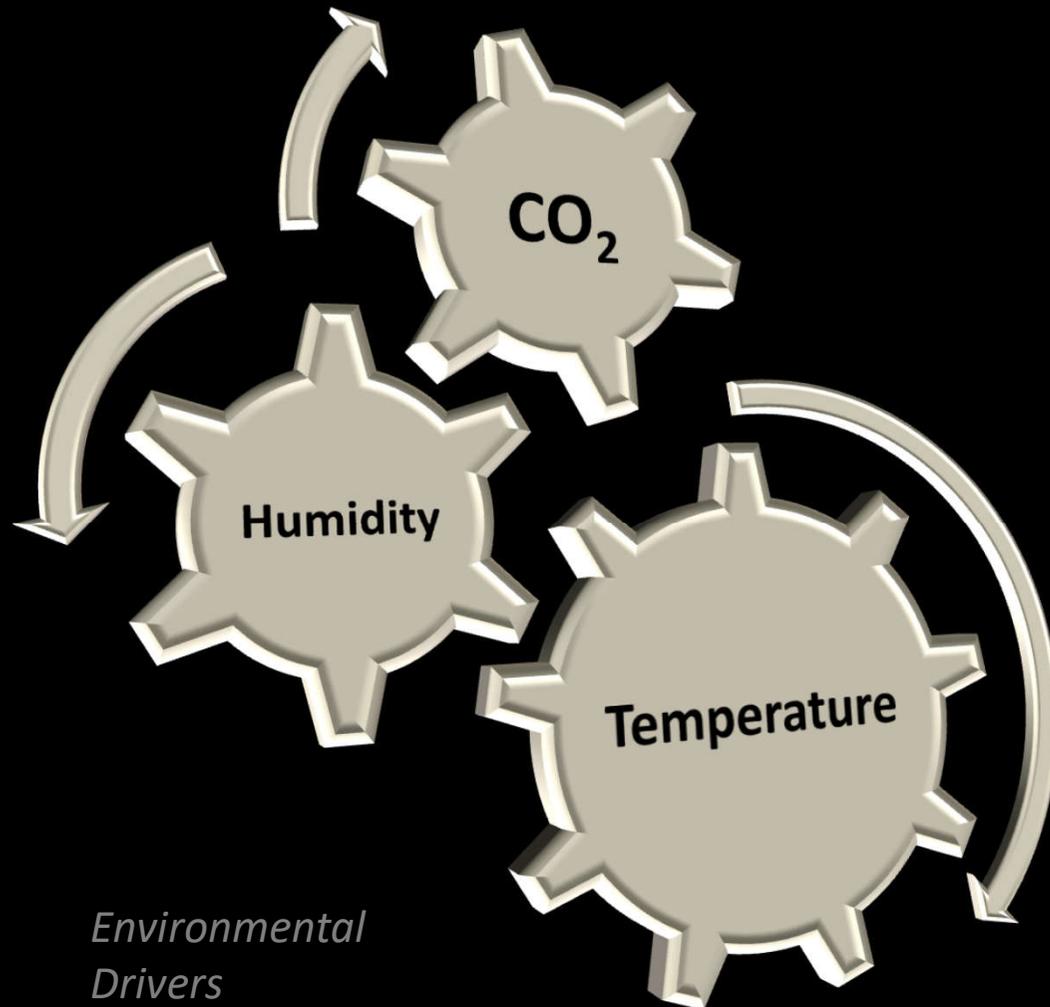
***“The acceleration of the corrosion process due to climate change might be of hundreds of billions of dollars annually.”\****

*Highway 35W -  
Mississippi Bridge (2007)*



*\*Bastidas-Arteaga, E., & Stewart, M. (2015). Damage risks and economic assessment of climate adaptation strategies for design of new concrete structures subject to chloride-induced corrosion. Structural Safety*

# Corrosion of Reinforced concrete



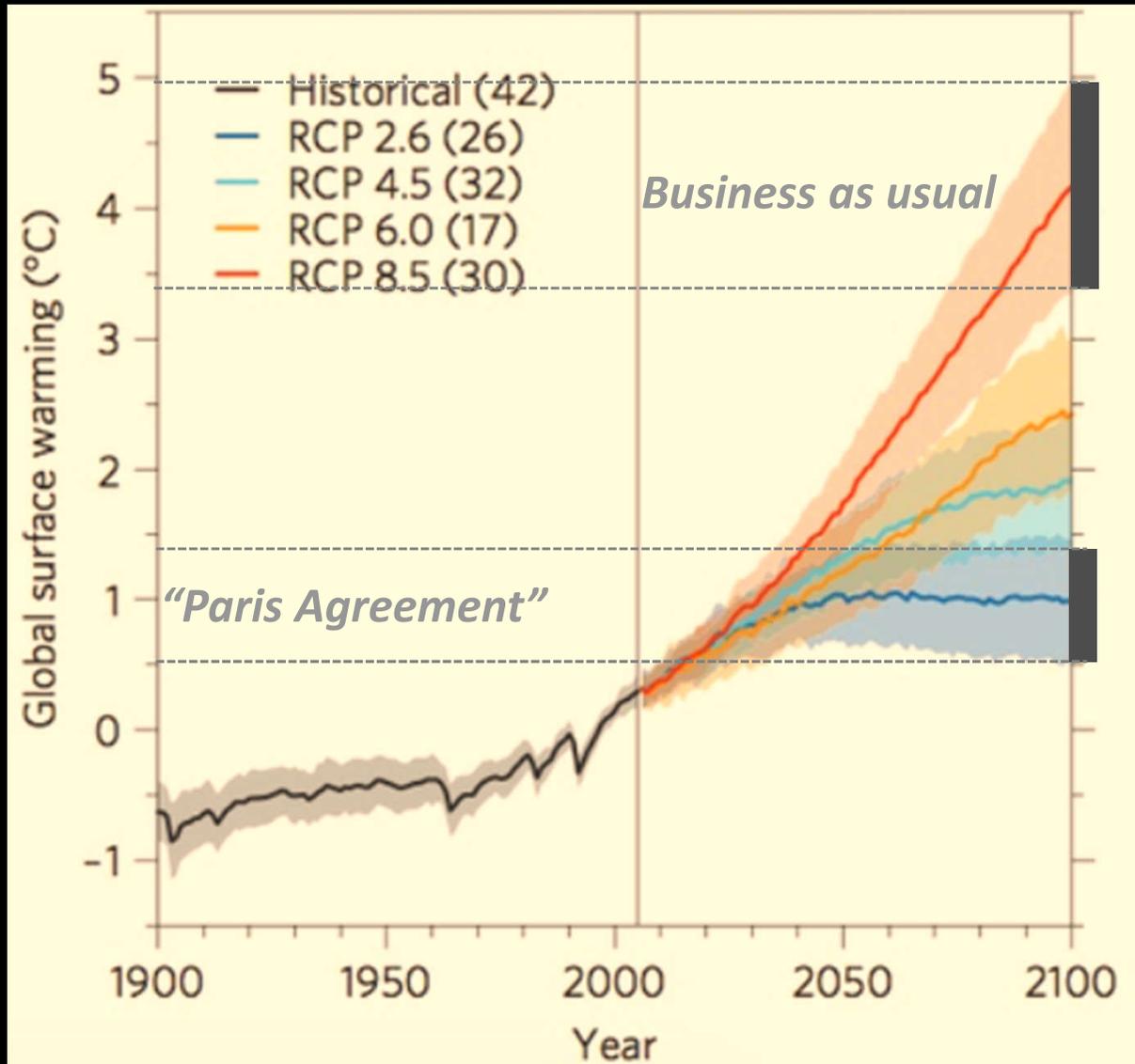
- ✓ Impact of climate change on RC corrosion
- ✓ Roadmap of EC
- ✓ Adaptation challenges

**Climate Change**

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**Impact on the environmental drivers**

# Climate Change Scenarios

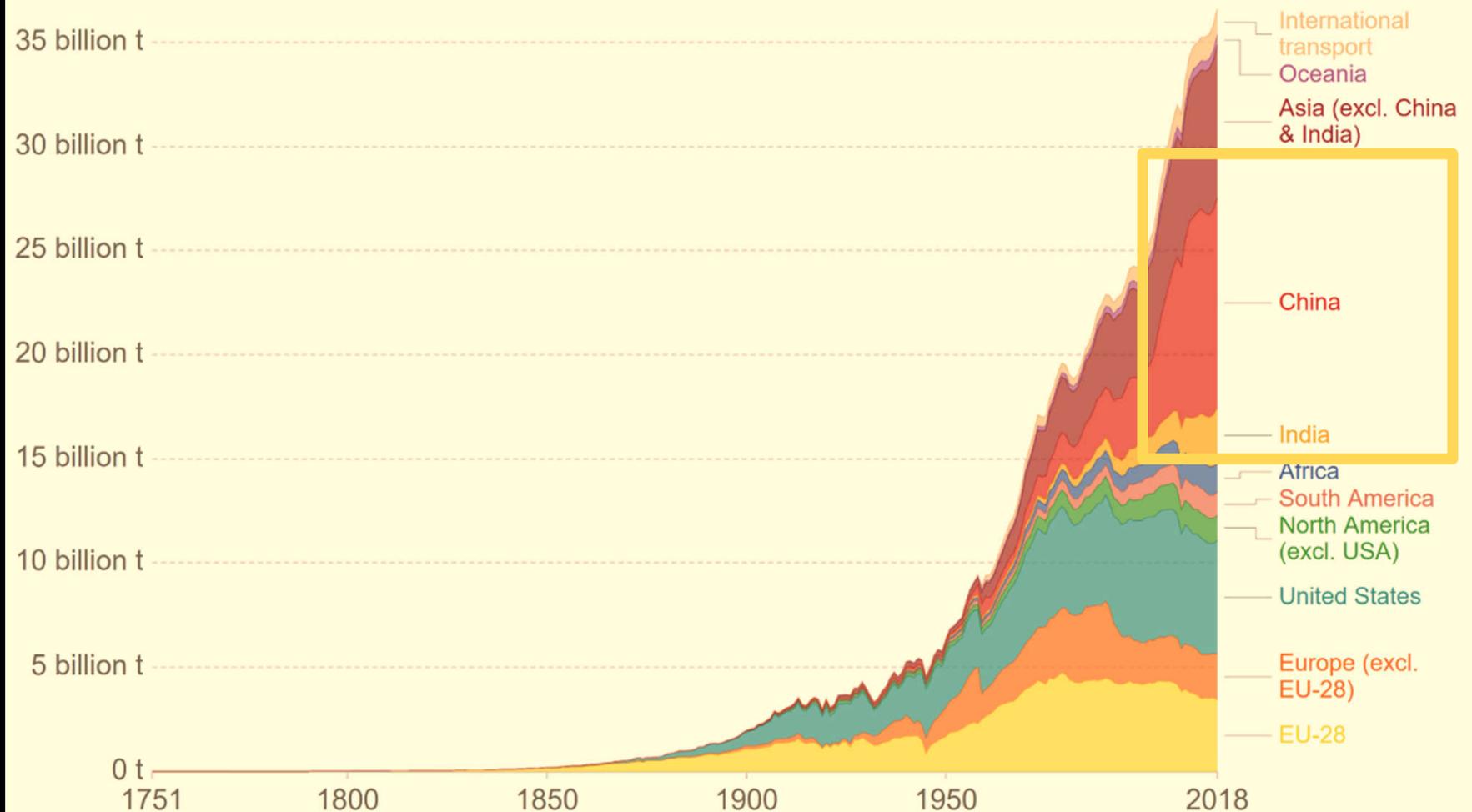


# Climate Change Scenarios

## Annual total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, by world region

This measures CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuels and cement production only – land use change is not included.

Our World  
in Data



## **Corrosion drivers**

### **Climate proxies**

**Ambient temperature:** Air temperature

**Ambient humidity:** Relative humidity

## Variation of air temperature in Europe

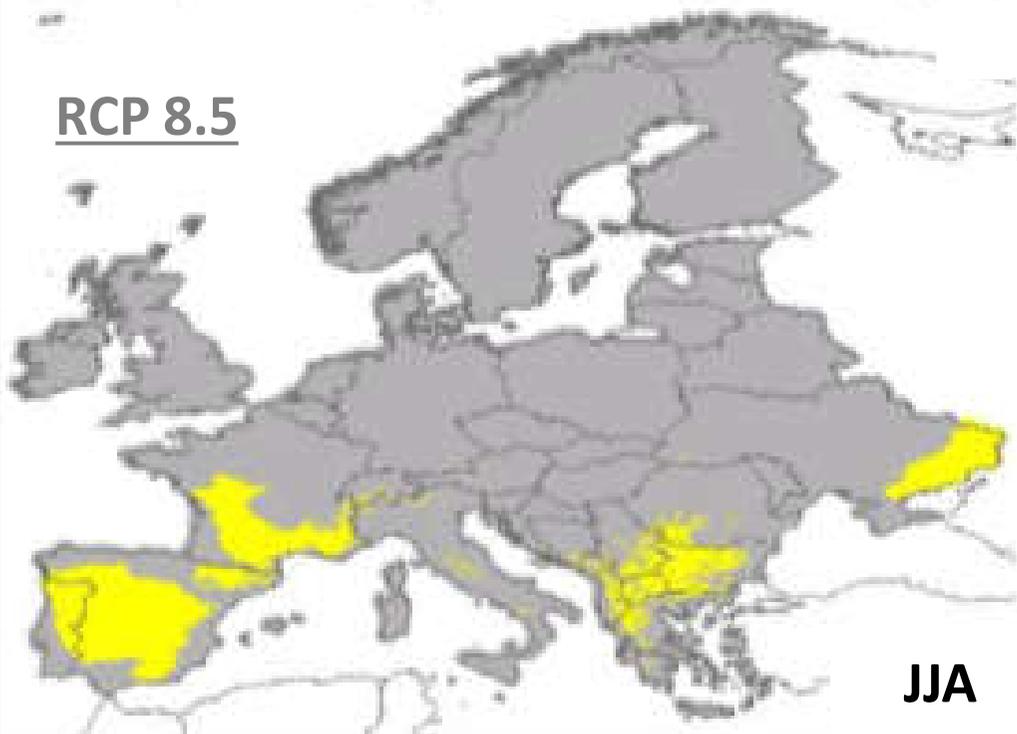
Area	Winter (DJF)	Summer (JJA)	Autumn (SON)	Spring (MAM)
RPC4.5				
North Europe	2°-8° (M)	0°-6° (H)	2°-6° (H)	2°-6° (M)
Central Europe	0°-4° (H)	0°-4° (H)	0°-4° (M)	0°-2° (V)
Mediterranean area	0°-4° (H)	2°-4° (H)	0°-4° (H)	0°-4° (H)
East Europe	2°-6° (H)	0°-4° (M)	0°-4° (H)	0°-4° (H)
RPC8.5				
North Europe	4°-10° (M)	2°-6° (H)	2°-6° (H)	2°-8° (H)
Central Europe	2°-4° (V)	2°-4° (V)	2°-6° (H)	2°-4° (H)
Mediterranean area	2°-4° (V)	2°-6° (M)	2°-6° (H)	2°-4° (V)
East Europe	2°-6° (M)	2°-6° (H)	2°-6° (H)	2°-6° (H)

*In brackets, level of agreement among climatic models : L-low, M-medium, H-high, V-very high*

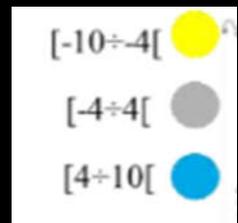
RCP 4.5



RCP 8.5



JJA



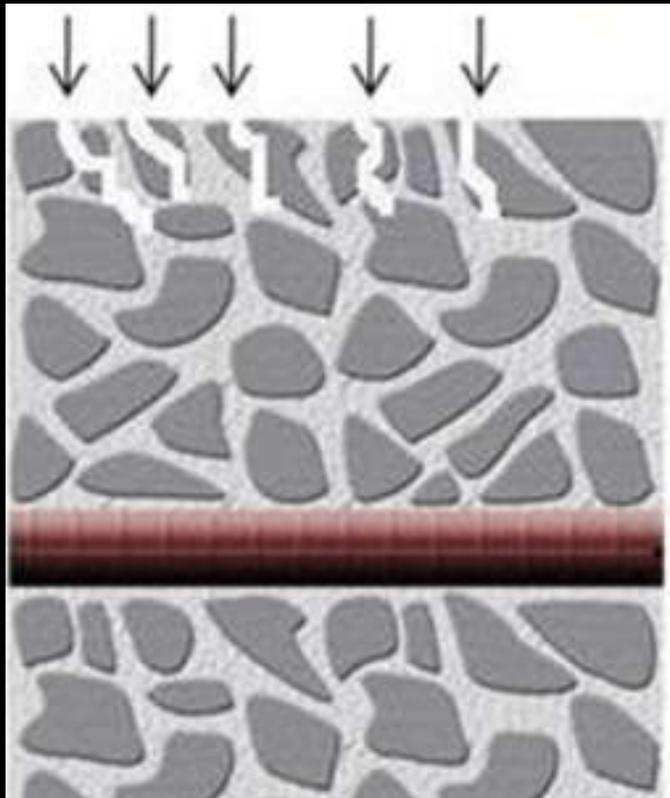
# Variation of Relative Humidity in Europe

# **Concrete corrosion. Climate change impact**

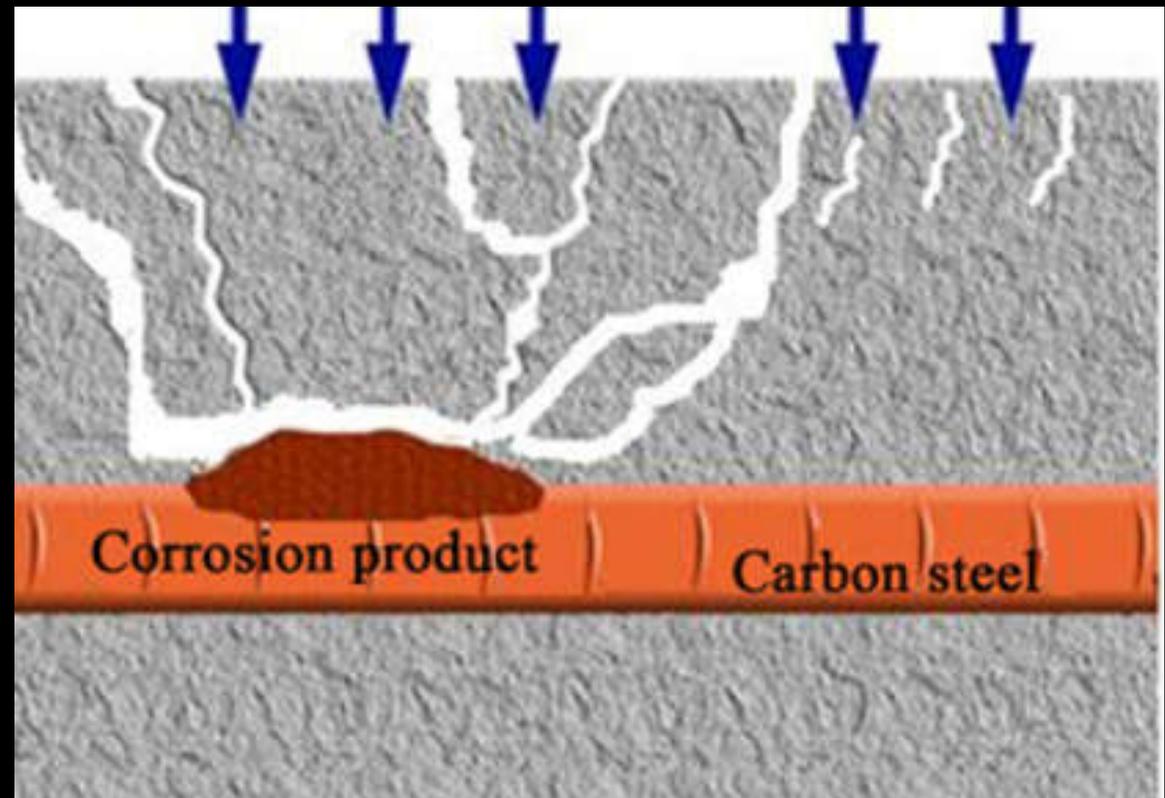
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# Reinforced concrete corrosion Mechanism

Initiation stage



Propagation stage



# Reinforced concrete corrosion Processes

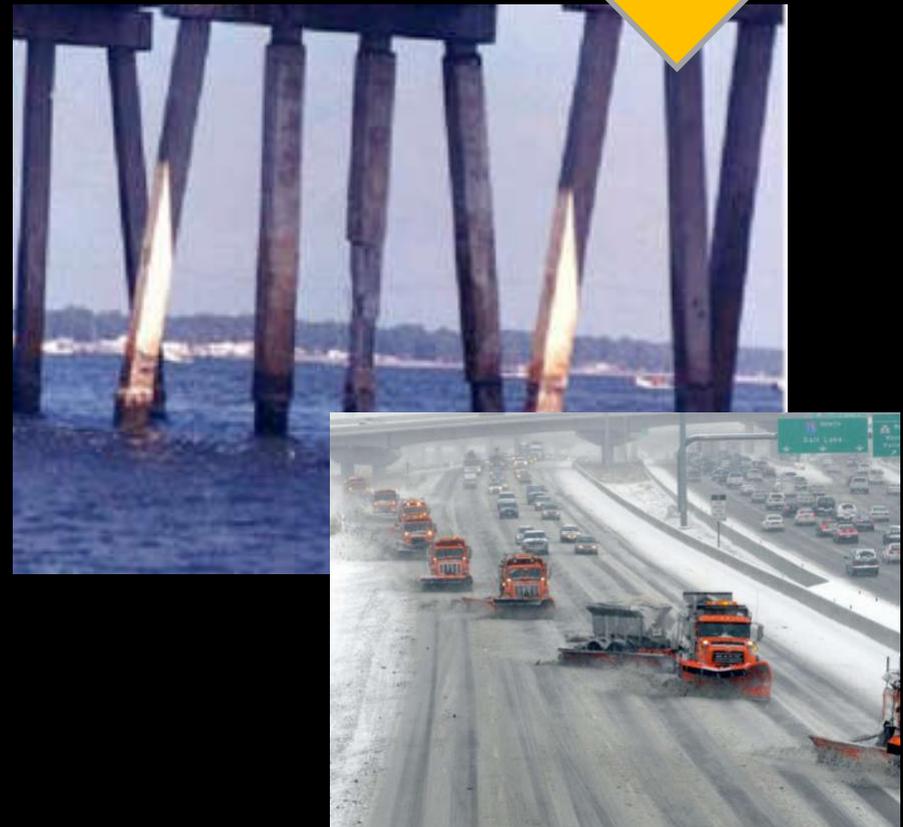
Carbonation

CO<sub>2</sub>



Chlorination

Chlorides



# Initiation stage

## Impact of CC on carbonation ingress

Ref.	Location	Assumptions	Estimation	Value	Scenarios	
			Target		Baseline	Target
<b>CARBONATION INGRESS PROCESS</b>						
Talukdar et al. (2012)	Canada	(a) increasing mean yearly temperature, (b) increasing duration of the hot season, (c) constant RH over time, and (d) increasing concentration of CO <sub>2</sub>	carbonation depths of non-pozzolanic, unloaded concrete structures	increment of 45%	year 2000	AIFI, year 2100
Talukdar & Banthia (2013)	Mumbai, London, New York City, Sydney, Toronto, Vancouver	(a) time dependent temperature	carbonation depths	increments between 27% and 45% (15 and 35 mm)	year 2000	AIFI, year 2100
Saha & Eckelman (2014)	Boston metropolitan area	(a) increasing temperatures, (b) increasing concentrations of CO <sub>2</sub>	carbonation depths	increment of 40%	year 2000	AIFI, year 2100
Peng & Stewart (2014)	China	(a) CO <sub>2</sub> concentration, (b) local temperature, and (c) RH variable over time	carbonation depths	increment of 45%	year 2010	RCP8.5, year 2100
Mizzi et al. (2018)	Malta	(a) increasing CO <sub>2</sub> concentration, and (b) increasing temperatures	carbonation depths for different concrete grades	increment up to 40%	RCP 2.6	RCP 8.5, year 2070

## Initiation stage

# Impact of CC on chlorine ion ingress

Ref.	Location	Assumptions	Estimation		Scenarios	
			Target	Value	Baseline	Target
<b>CHLORINE ION INGRESS PROCESS</b>						
Saha & Eckelman (2014)	Boston metropolitan area	(a) increasing temperatures, (b) increasing concentrations of CO <sub>2</sub>	chloride penetration depths	increment of 12%	year 2000	A1FI, year 2100
Xie et al. (2018)	China	(a) increasing temperatures	chloride concentration at the rebar level of offshore RC bridges	increments of 6%-15%	year 2000	RCP8.5, year 2100
Khatami & Shafei (2017)	U.S. Midwest region	(a) increasing temperatures, (b) decreasing, constant and increasing RH, and (c) increasing surface chloride concentration	chloride concentration at the rebar level	increment of 37%	RCP2.6, year 2100	RCP8.5, year 2100

*Increment of the consumption of the deicing salts as a consequence of CC: twice larger in the last 25 years.*

Initiation stage

**Carbonation &  
chlorination**

**Compound effect**

# Impact of CC on Reliability and Service life

Ref.	Location	Assumptions	Estimation		Scenarios	
			Carbonation-induced	Chloride-induced	Baseline	Target
M. G. Stewart et al. (2011)	Australia	(a) Increased CO2 levels, temperature and humidity, (b) different exposure classifications of the Australian code AS3600 (2009)	Increment of damage risk over 400% for inland arid or temperate climates	Increment of damage risk up to 15%	year 2000	A1B & A1FI, year 2100
Saha & Eckelman (2014)	Boston metropolitan area	(a) Structural design according to ACI (2011)	Reduction of service life of 26 years. Penetration depths in 60% of existing buildings exceeding the recommended cover thickness by 2050.	Reduction of service life of 10 years	year 2000	A1FI, year 2100
Pakkala et al. (2019)	Finland	(a) Changes in ambient T, RH and wind-driven rain, (b) different locations with respect to the solar radiation	Increment of corrosion rates of up to 200% during winter in coastal areas facing to the South		year 2000	A2, year 2100
Dasuadas-Arteaga & Stewart (2015)	Continental, oceanic and tropical environments	(a) increasing temperatures and length of hot periods, and (b) increasing RH	Lifetime reductions ranging up to 18%		year 2000	year 2100

## Assessment of problem severity

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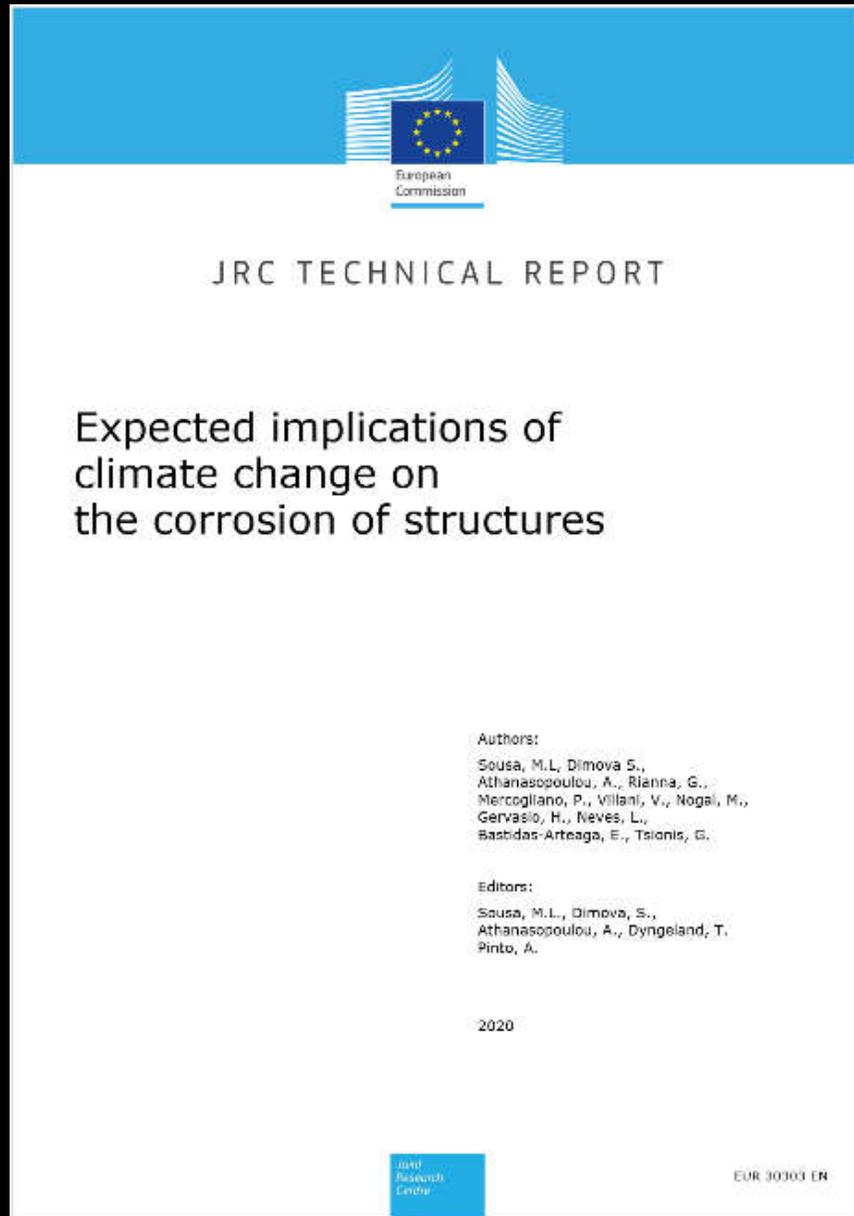
- ❑ Scarce studies in Europe
- ❑ Forecasted values of environmental drivers
- ❑ Studies linked to the level of confidence
- ❑ Structure and building stock database

# Adaptation to climate change

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# Adaptation of European infrastructure to CC

Technical standards.  
New Generation of Eurocodes

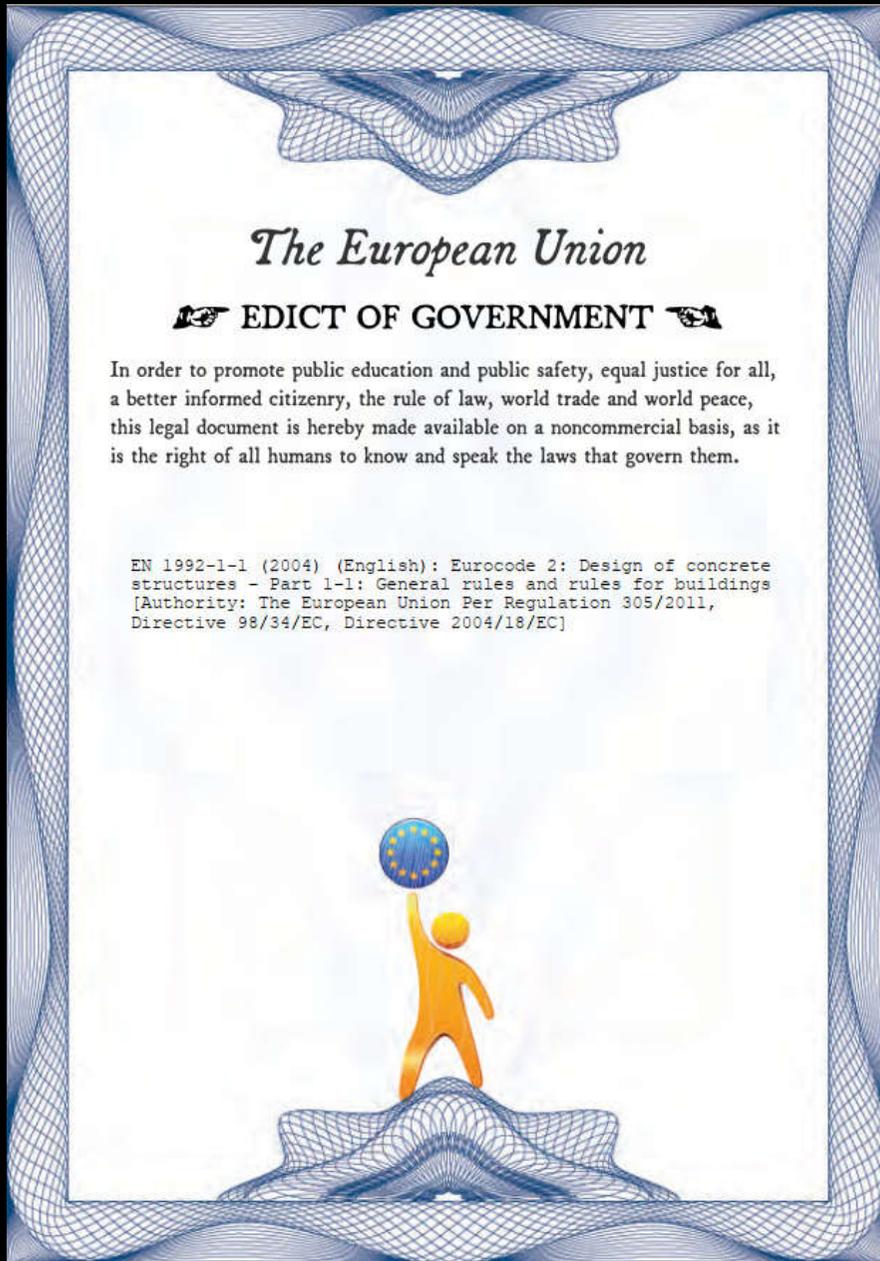


**Inform and support UE policies and development of standards**

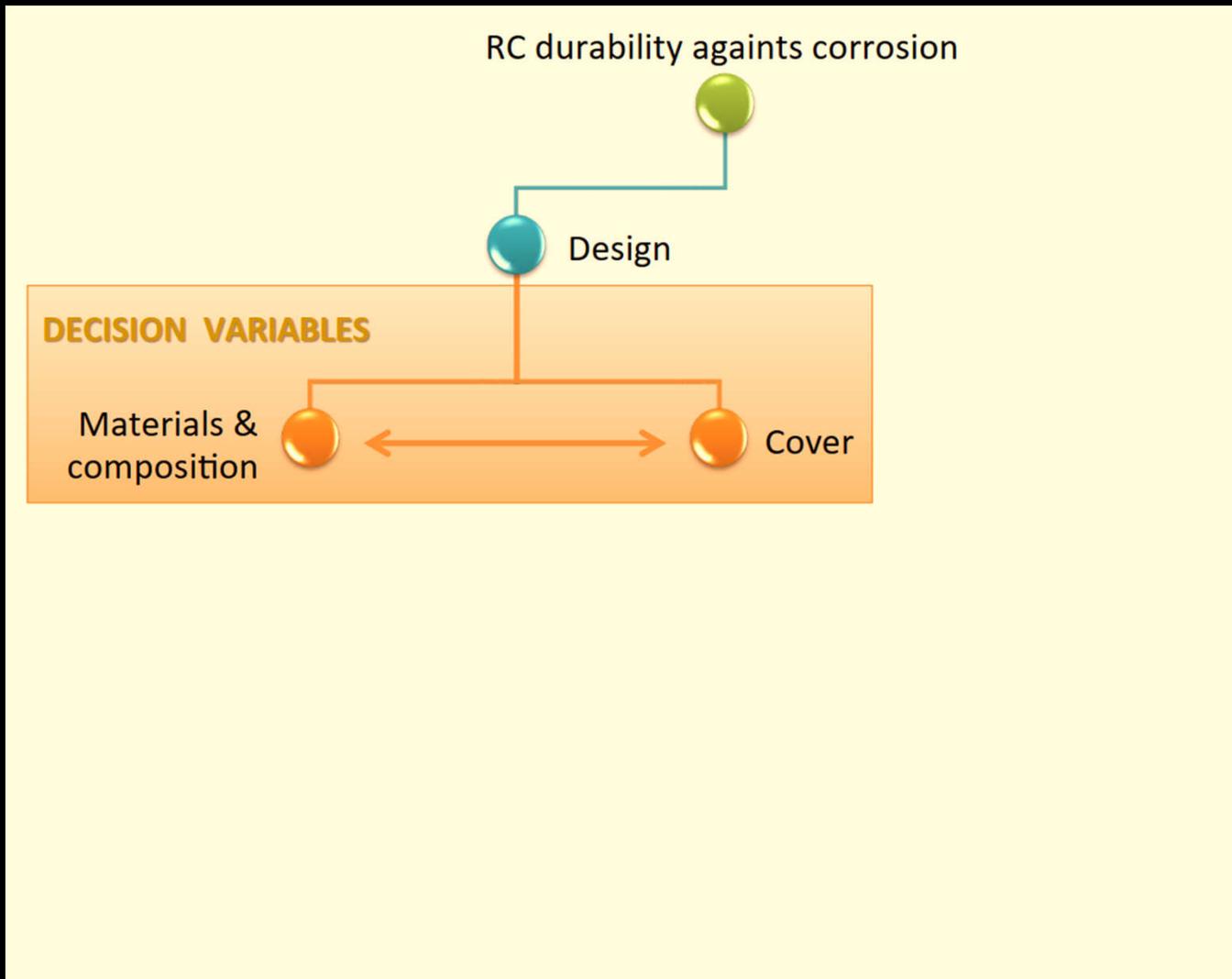
# Adaptation of European infrastructure to CC

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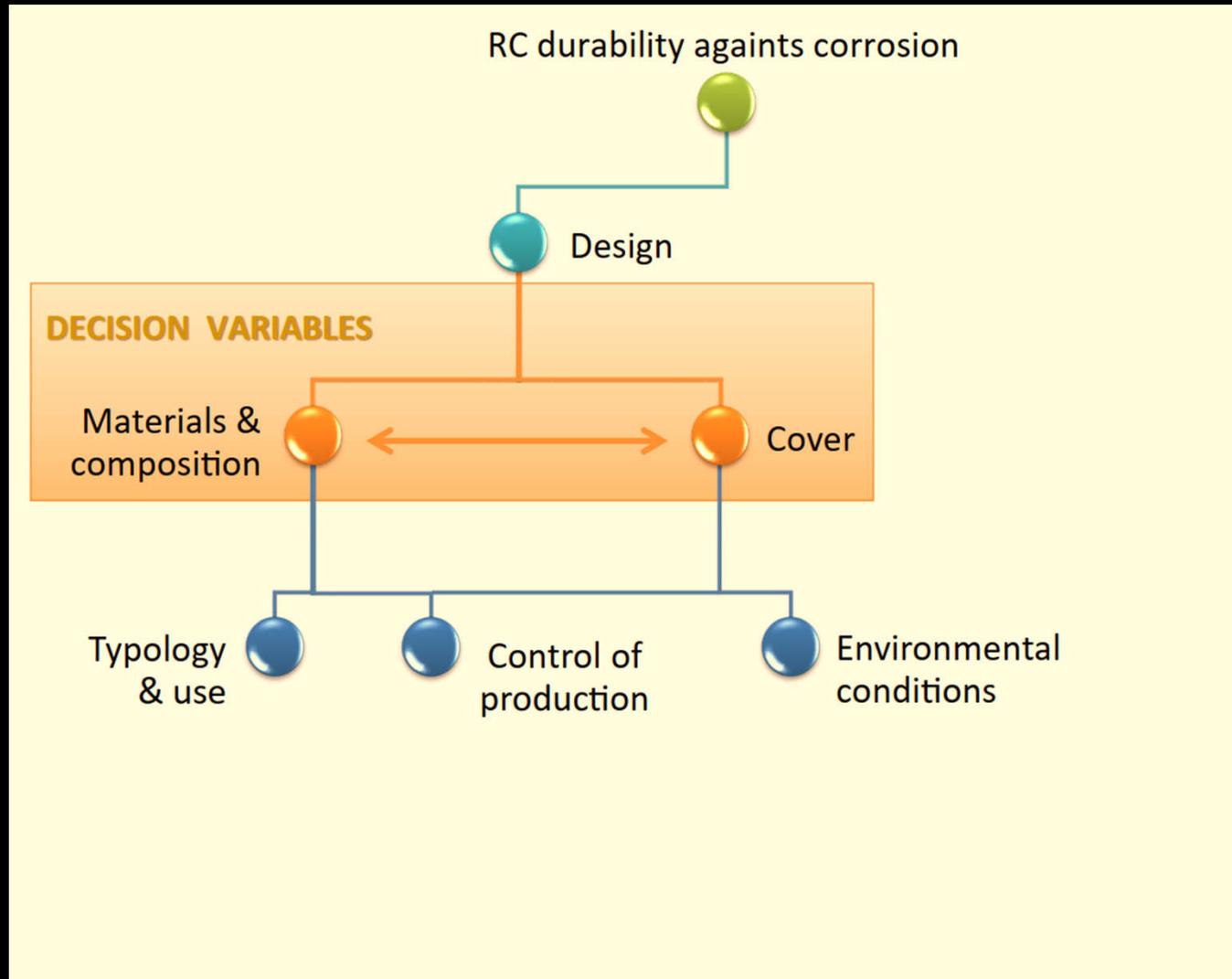
Structural corrosion: EC2



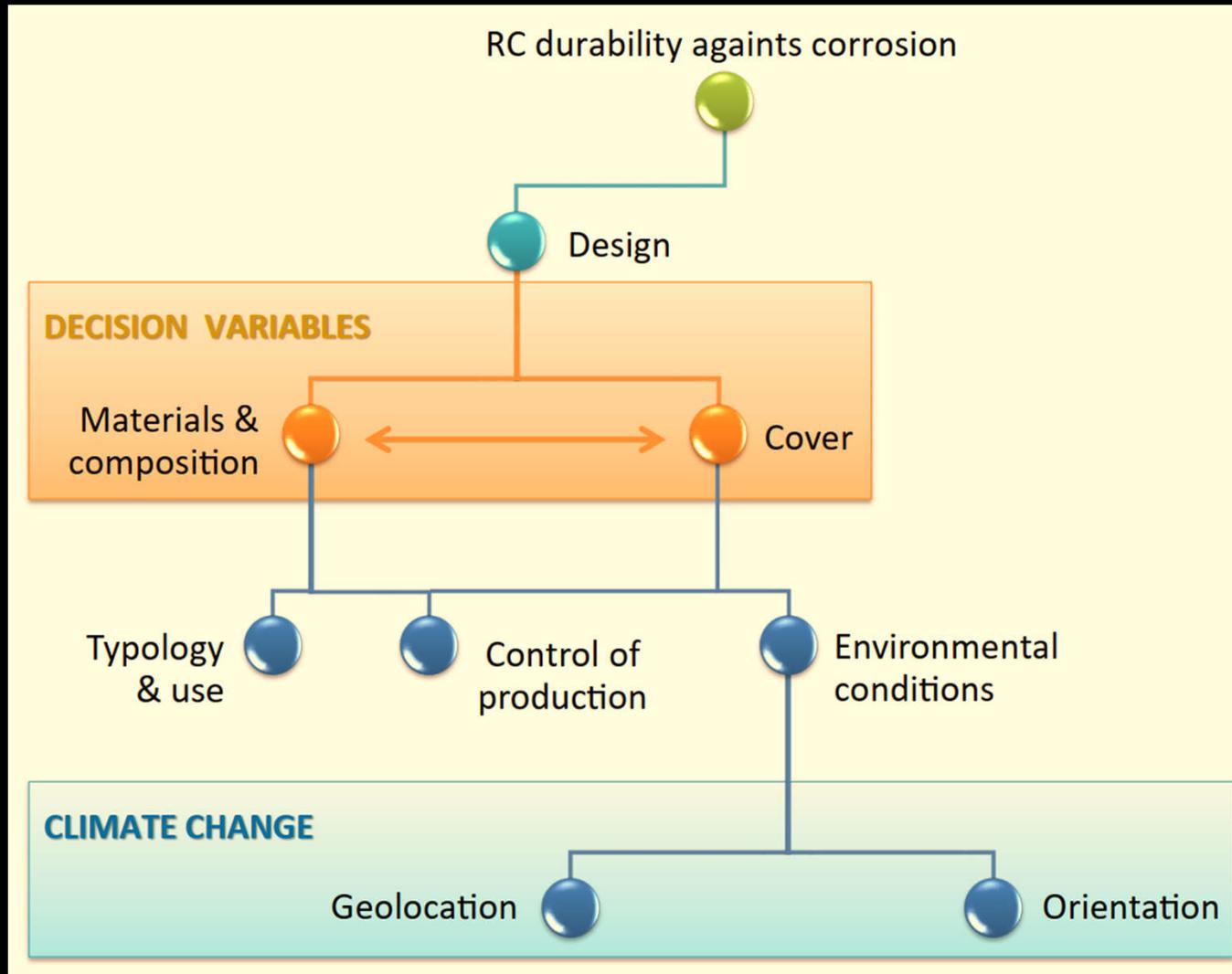
# RC durability against corrosion



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Cathodic  
protection

## Adaptation measures Design phase

- ❑ Increase cover depth
- ❑ Vary concrete composition
  - ✓ Improve concrete grade
  - ✓ Reducing w/c ratio

### ❑ Use new materials

- ✓ Blended and alkali-activated (AA) cements
- ✓ Low carbon, stainless or galvanized steel reinforcement, glass-fiber-reinforced polymer rebars

+10 mm

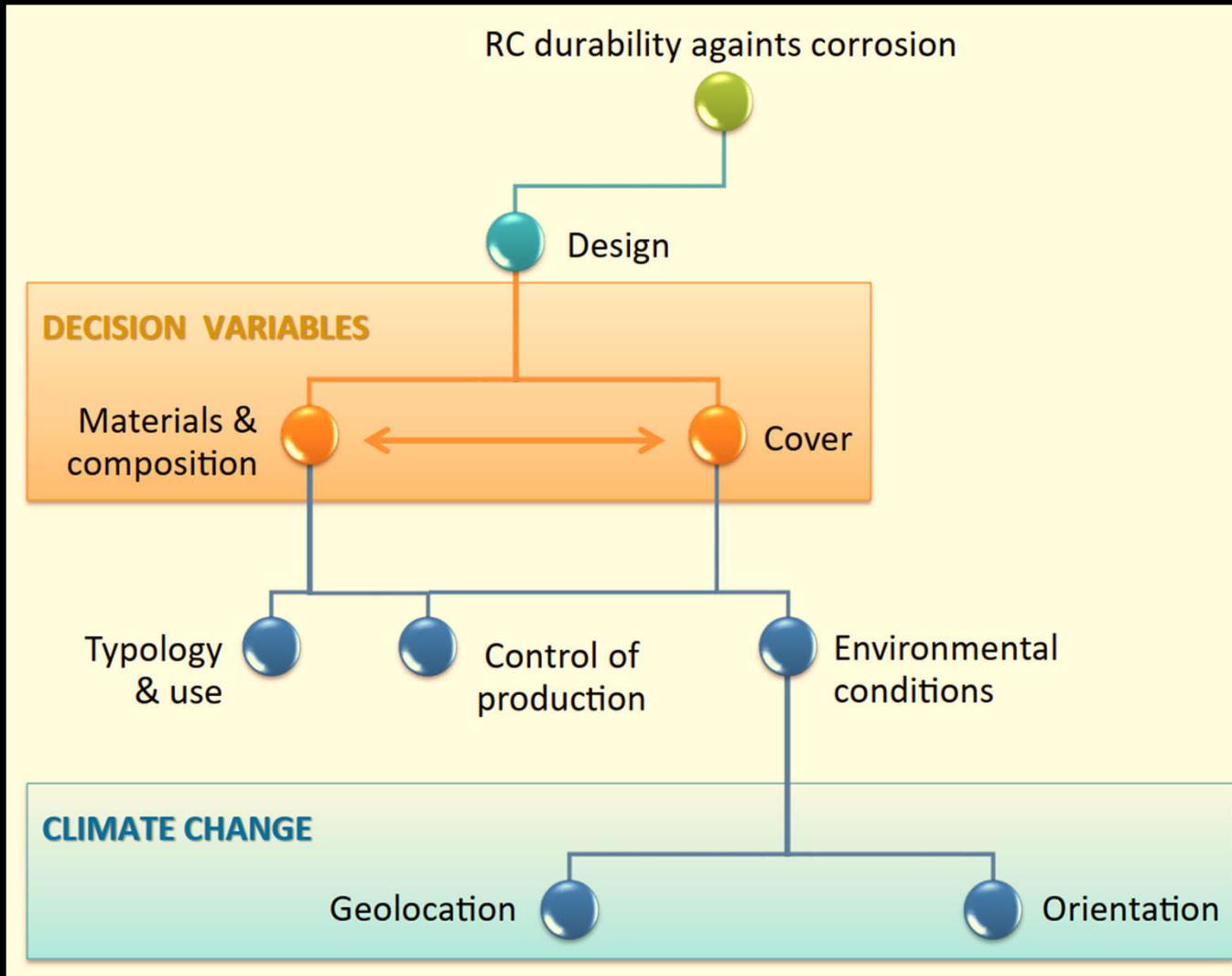
or

+ grade

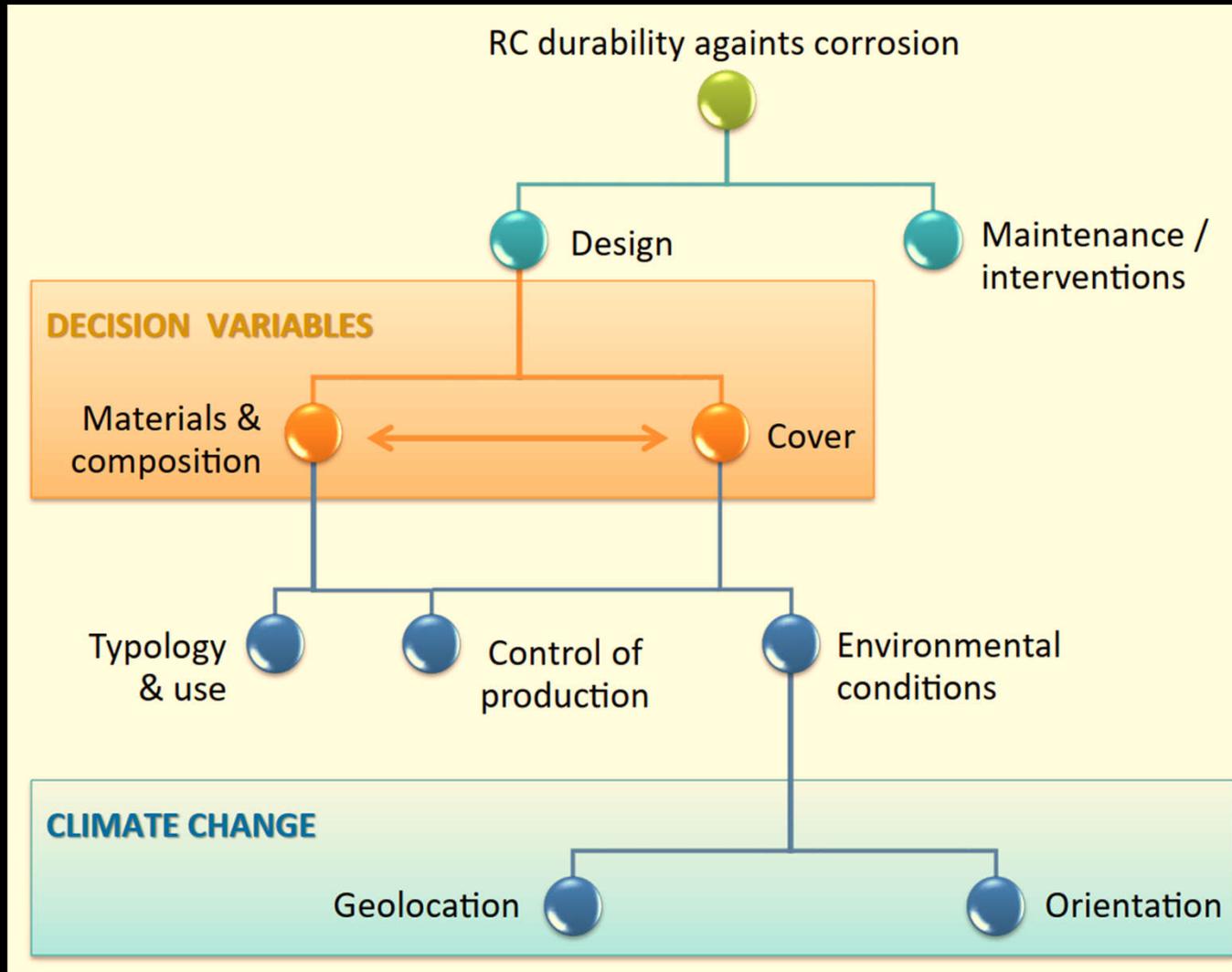
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1-3% of construction costs

# RC durability against corrosion



# RC durability against corrosion



## Adaptation measures Service Life

### ☐ Prevent corrosion

- ✓ Coating and penetrating sealants

EVERY 10-15 YEARS

### ☐ Rehabilitation of RC

- ✓ Patch repair
- ✓ Re-alkalization
- ✓ Electrochemical chloride extraction

No long-term rehabilitation for chloride

EVERY 15-20 YEARS\*

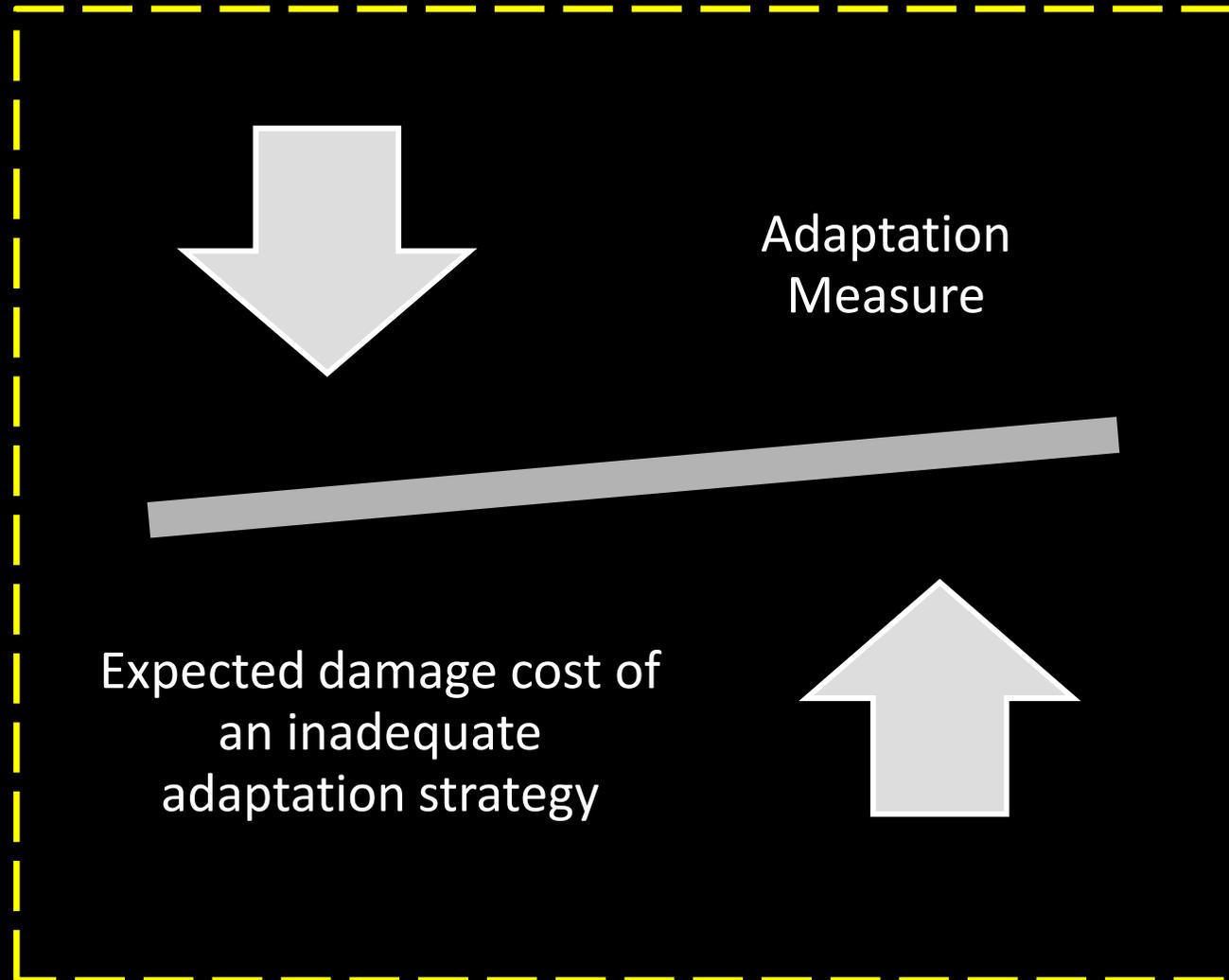
**Carbonation &  
chlorination**

Climate change vulnerability  
& adaptation

# Viability of solutions

## Cost-Benefit Analysis

**Uncertainty  
of Climate  
Change**



# Viability of solutions

## Cost-Benefit Analysis

### Mean Benefit-Cost Ratio ( $Pr[BCR>1]$ ) for CC over 100 years. Marine environment

Slabs ( $De=300\text{mm}$ )

$\Delta RH$	5 mm Increase in Design Cover								10mm Increase in Design Cover							
	$\Delta T=0^{\circ}\text{C}$		$\Delta T=2^{\circ}\text{C}$		$\Delta T=4^{\circ}\text{C}$		$\Delta T=6^{\circ}\text{C}$		$\Delta T=0^{\circ}\text{C}$		$\Delta T=2^{\circ}\text{C}$		$\Delta T=4^{\circ}\text{C}$		$\Delta T=6^{\circ}\text{C}$	
-10%	0.33	(8%)	0.53	(8%)	0.57	(9%)	0.57	(9%)	0.29	(8%)	0.39	(8%)	0.39	(9%)	0.40	(9%)
0%	0.68	(18%)	0.91	(20%)	0.94	(22%)	0.95	(23%)	0.60	(18%)	0.67	(20%)	0.69	(22%)	0.78	(23%)
10%	1.17	(34%)	1.27	(37%)	1.35	(38%)	1.32	(40%)	0.92	(34%)	1.03	(37%)	1.07	(38%)	1.07	(40%)
20%	1.65	(50%)	1.70	(53%)	1.72	(55%)	1.76	(59%)	1.36	(50%)	1.42	(54%)	1.45	(56%)	1.47	(59%)

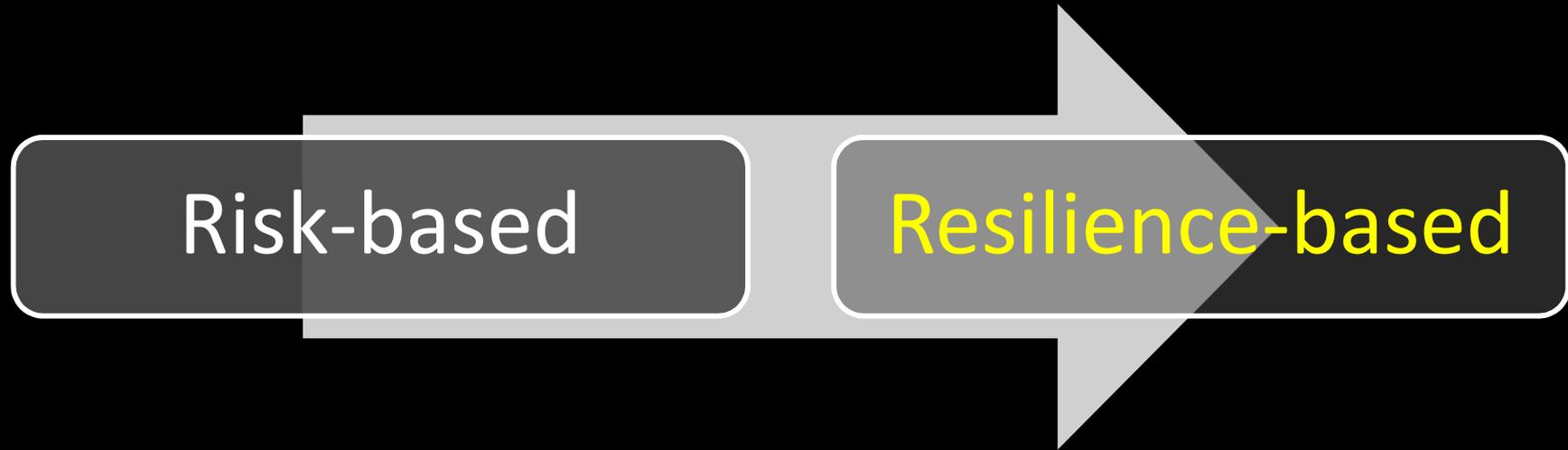
Columns ( $De=300\text{mm}$ )

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	$\Delta T=0^{\circ}\text{C}$		$\Delta T=2^{\circ}\text{C}$		$\Delta T=4^{\circ}\text{C}$		$\Delta T=6^{\circ}\text{C}$		$\Delta T=0^{\circ}\text{C}$		$\Delta T=2^{\circ}\text{C}$		$\Delta T=4^{\circ}\text{C}$		$\Delta T=6^{\circ}\text{C}$	
-10%	0.10	(5%)	0.16	(7%)	0.18	(8%)	0.19	(8%)	0.09	(4%)	0.12	(4%)	0.12	(5%)	0.13	(5%)
0%	0.21	(7%)	0.29	(8%)	0.30	(9%)	0.31	(11%)	0.19	(5%)	0.21	(5%)	0.21	(6%)	0.24	(6%)
10%	0.36	(9%)	0.40	(11%)	0.42	(12%)	0.41	(12%)	0.29	(5%)	0.32	(6%)	0.34	(7%)	0.34	(7%)
20%	0.45	(13%)	0.50	(13%)	0.52	(14%)	0.55	(14%)	0.43	(7%)	0.45	(8%)	0.44	(9%)	0.46	(9%)

# **A resilience-based approach for adaptation**

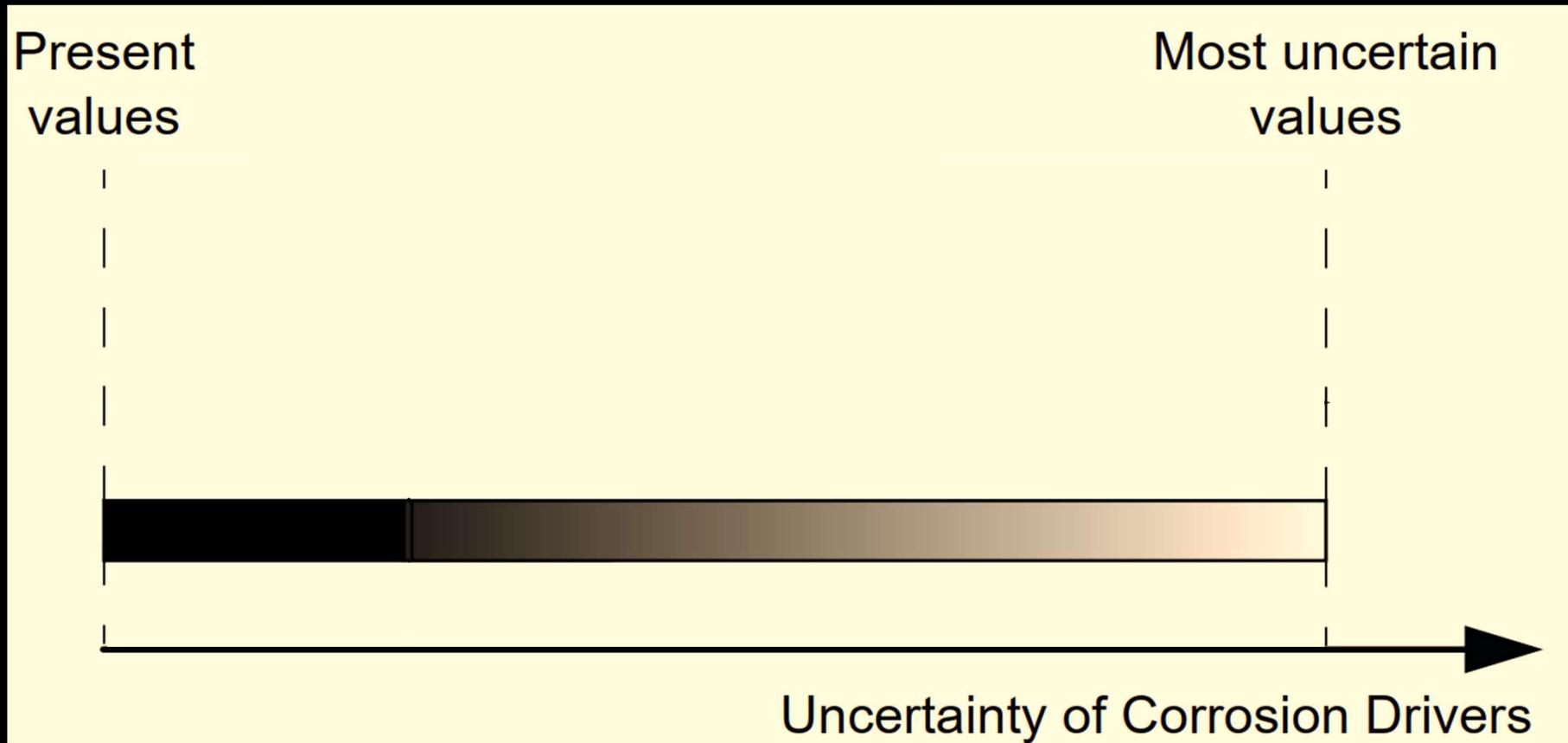
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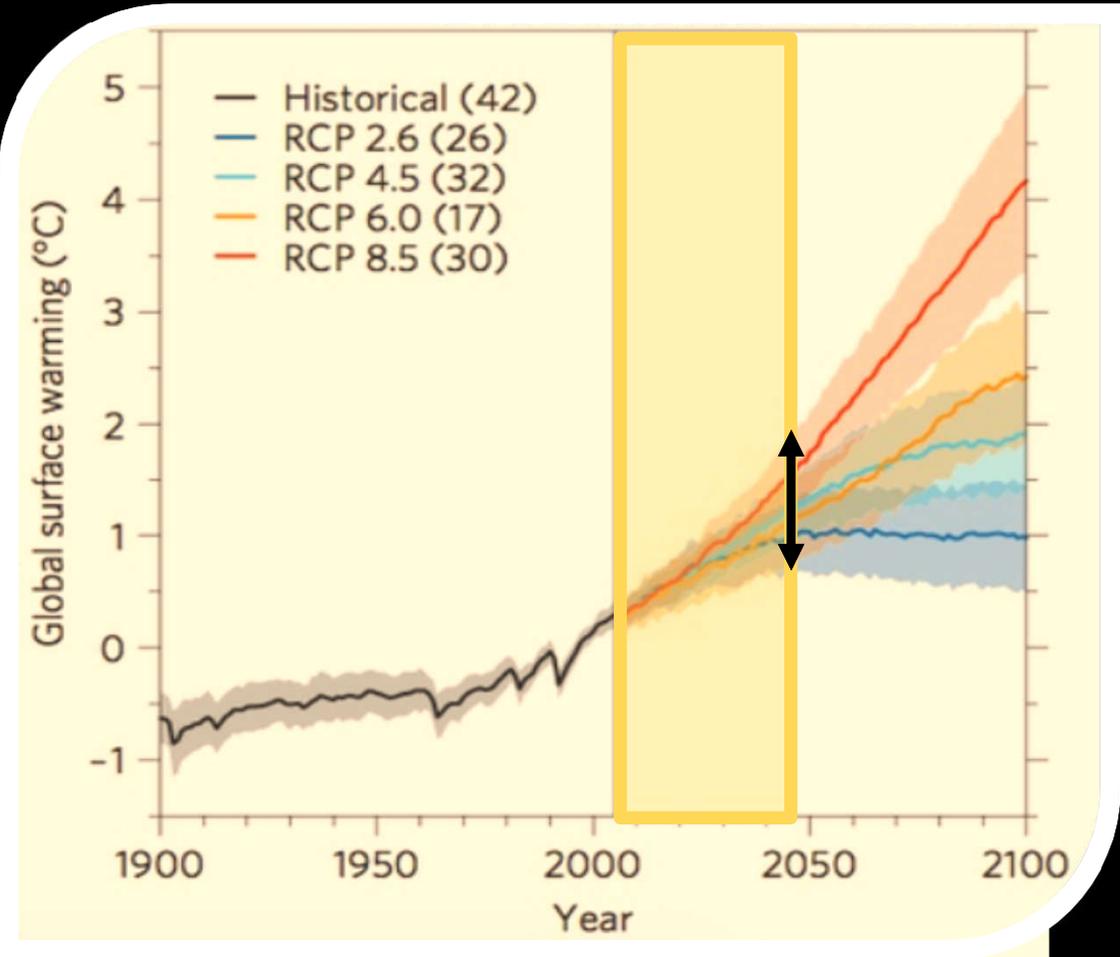
# Risk-based vs Resilience



Lack of knowledge  
Temporal dimension  
Strategies to increase preparedness  
Adaptive response over time

# Resilience-based framework

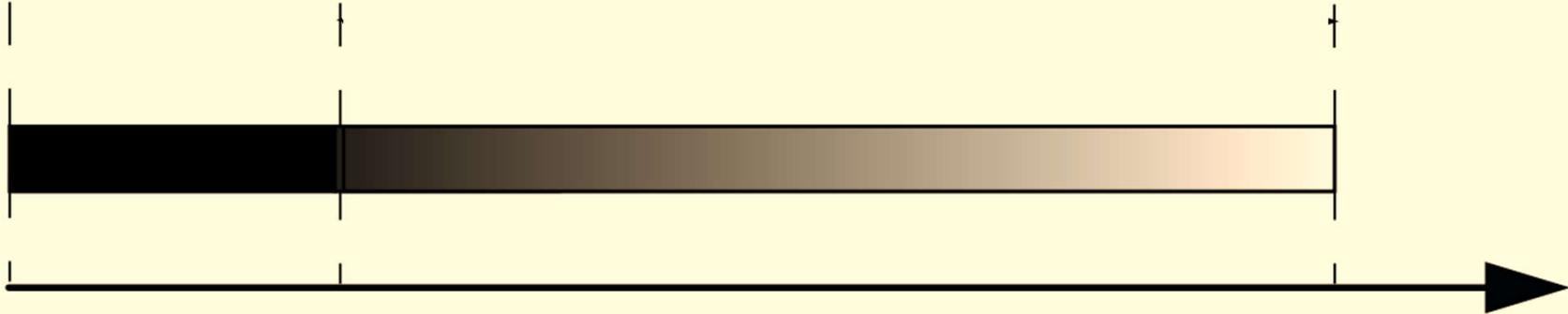




Present values

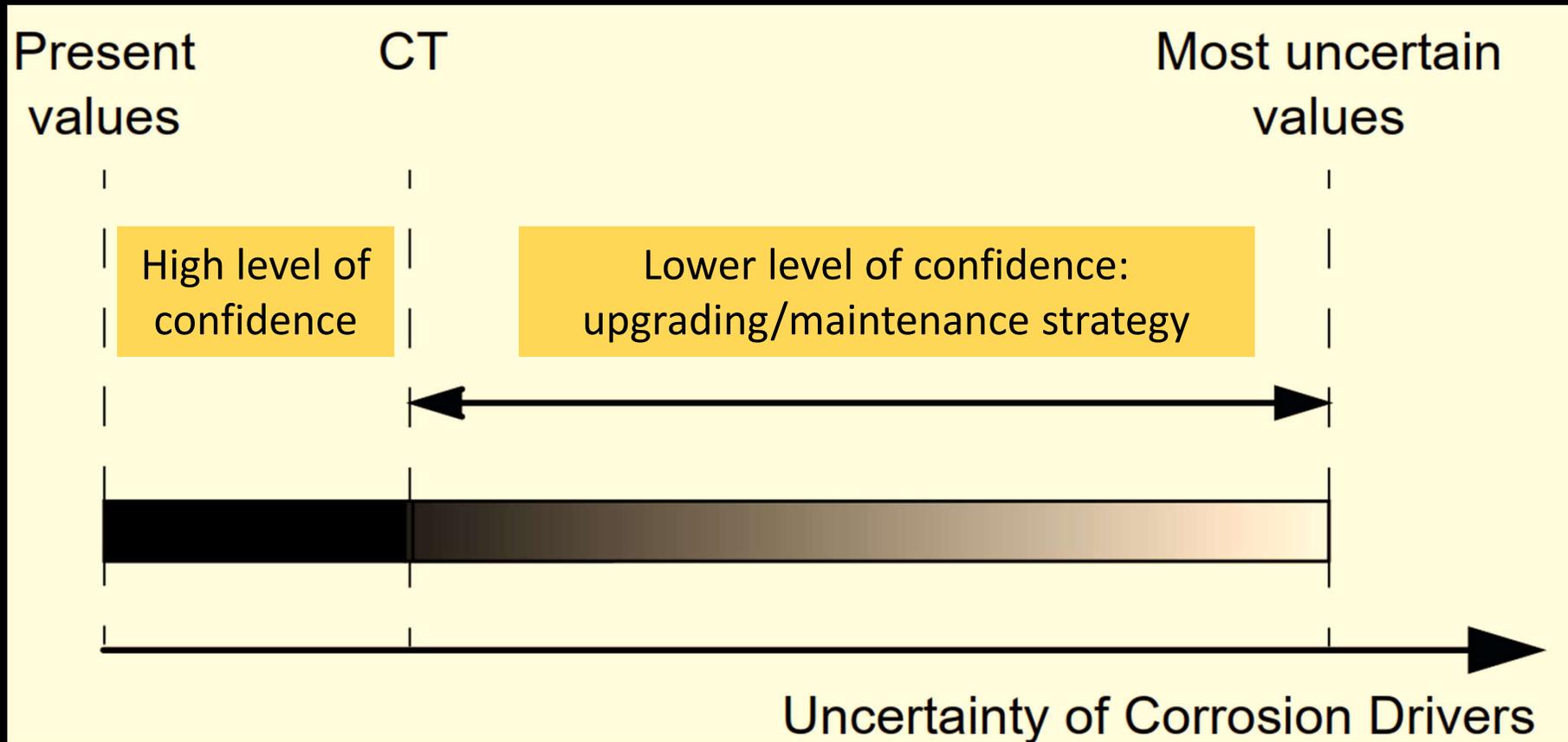
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High level of confidence



Uncertainty of Corrosion Drivers

# Resilience-based framework



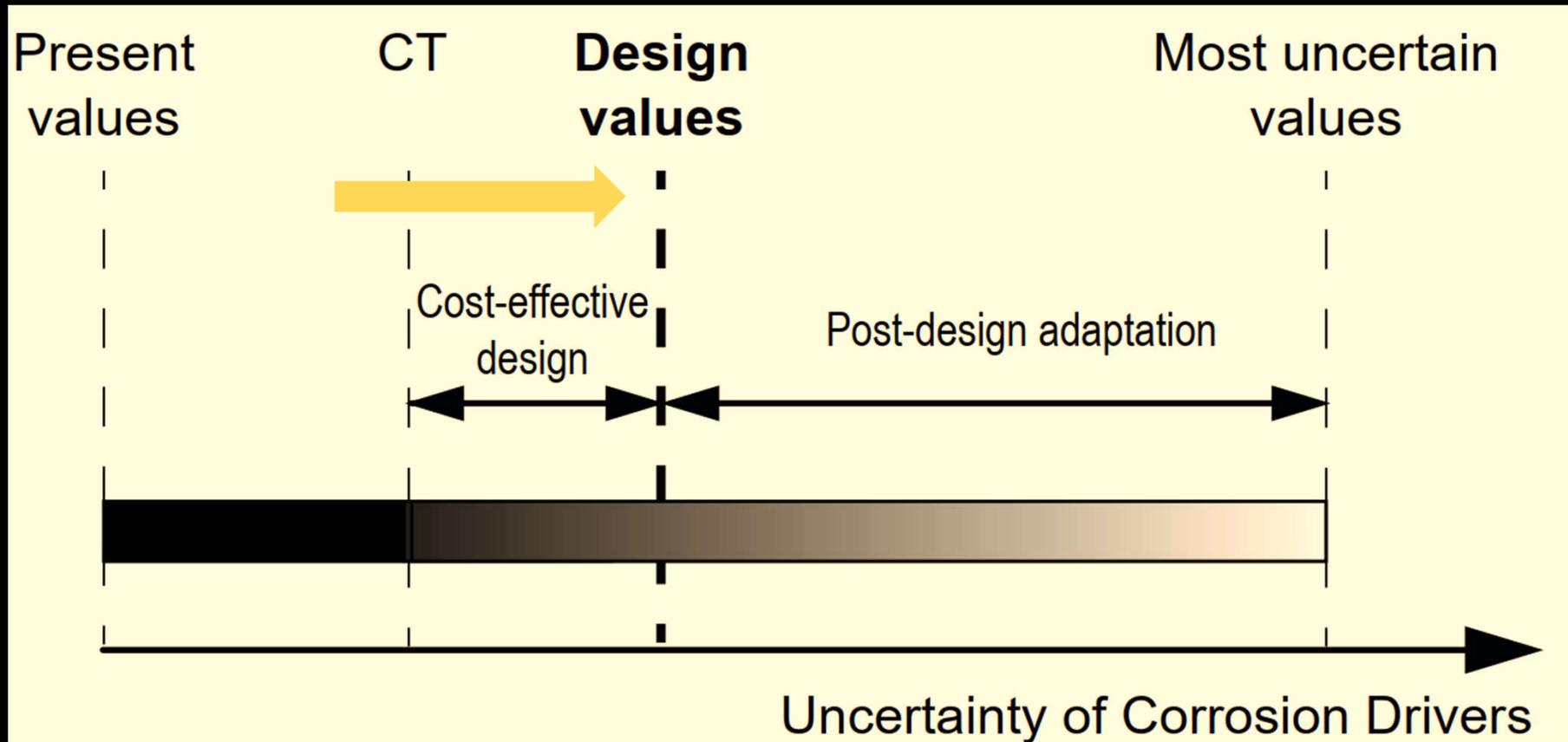
## Maintenance plan *in the design stage*

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For several scenarios, **a detailed maintenance plan**

- ❑ Type of maintenance (preventive, predictive, corrective)
- ❑ Detailed actions, adapting the structural design
- ❑ Economical viability study

# Resilience-based framework

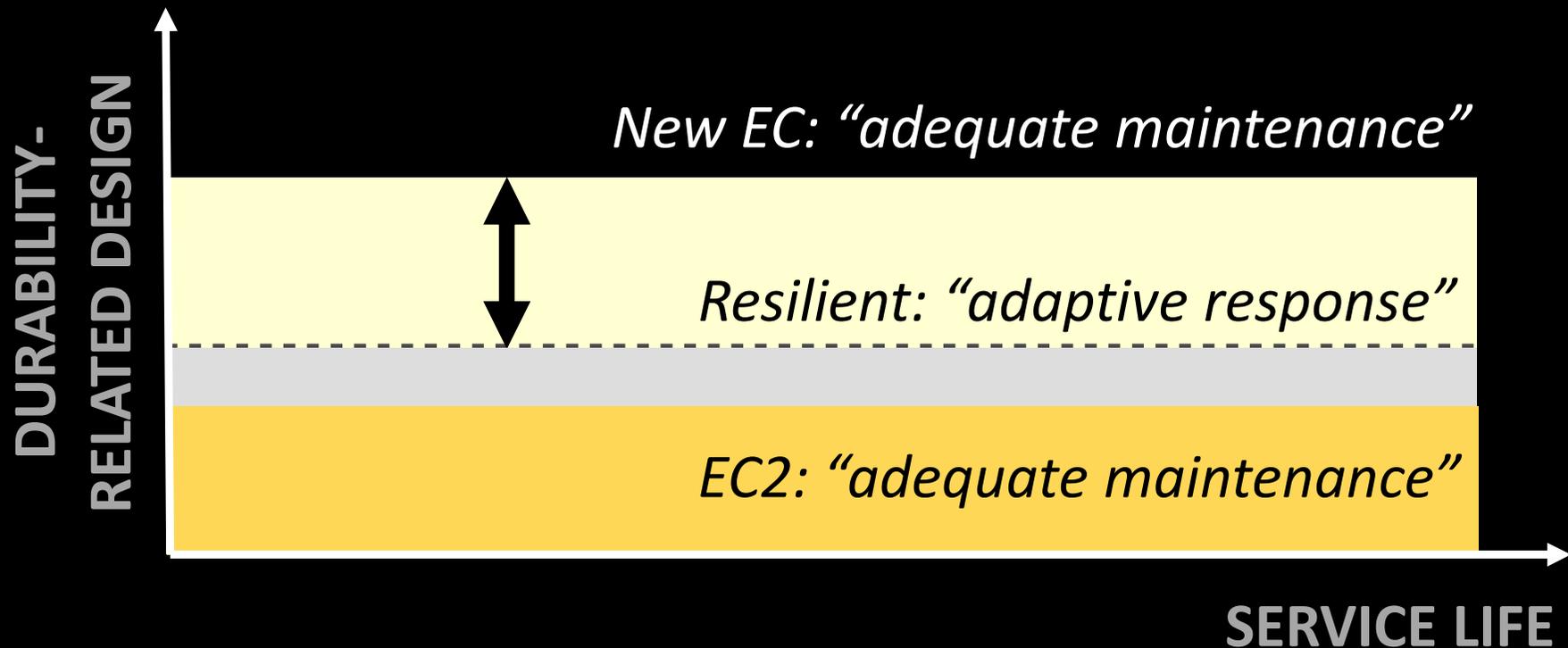


## **Closure. Challenges and opportunities**

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# Closure Challenges

- ✓ Main challenge: uncertainty of climate change
- ✓ “Win-win, low-cost and no-regret” adaptation measures



# Climate Adaptation within the European roadmap

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

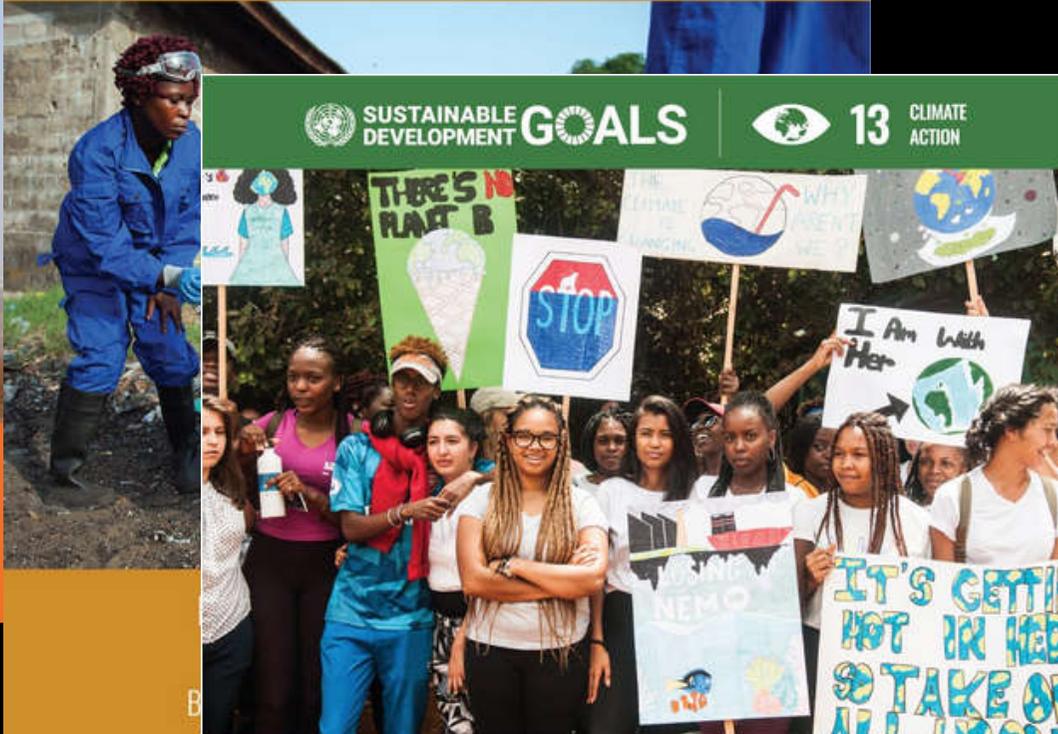
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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

13 CLIMATE ACTION



**ACT NOW TO STOP GLOBAL WARMING.**

Global emissions of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) have increased by almost 50% since 1990.

**Action and the possible impact on cement-related CO<sub>2</sub>**  
(% reduction in emissions)

Carbon capture and storage	<b>95-100%</b>
Novel cements	<b>90-100%</b>
Clinker substitution	<b>70-90%</b>
Alternative fuels	<b>40%</b>
Energy efficiency	<b>4-8%</b>

Source: Chatham House

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