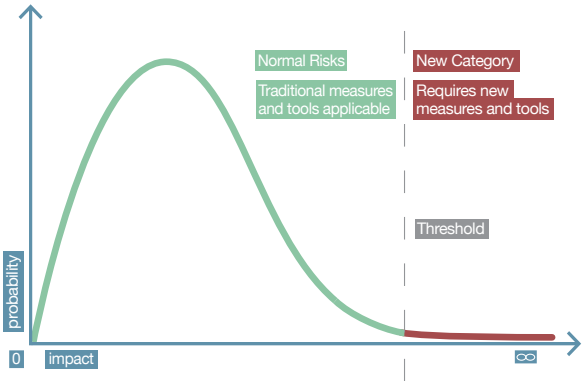


12 Risks that threaten human civilisation – The case for a new risk category



Each risk

has a dangerous "tail", making them unique in their potential impact

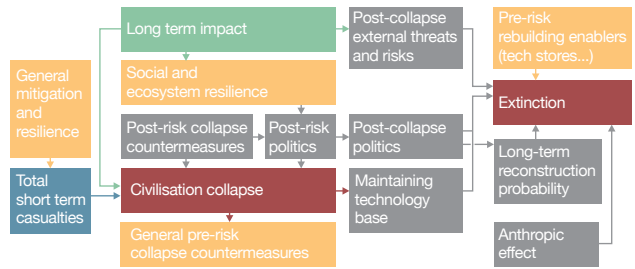


has relevant connections with the others that are often ignored

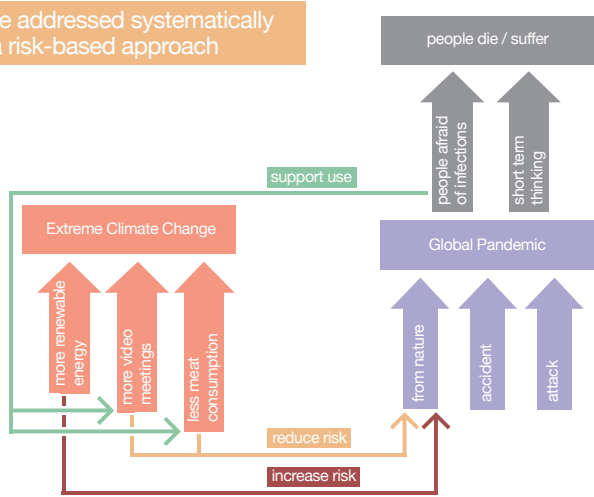


first risk worsens second risk
solving first risk improves second risk
both of the above

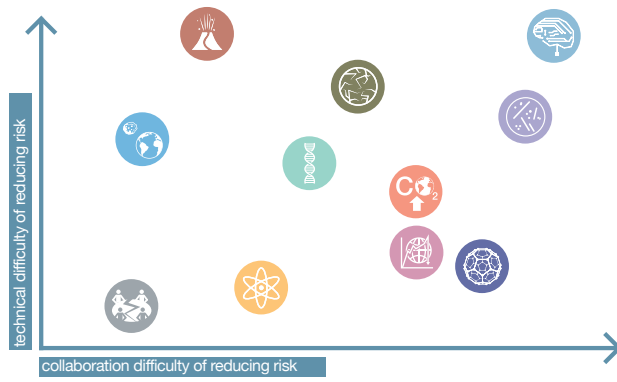
have thresholds that are important to understand



can be addressed systematically with a risk-based approach



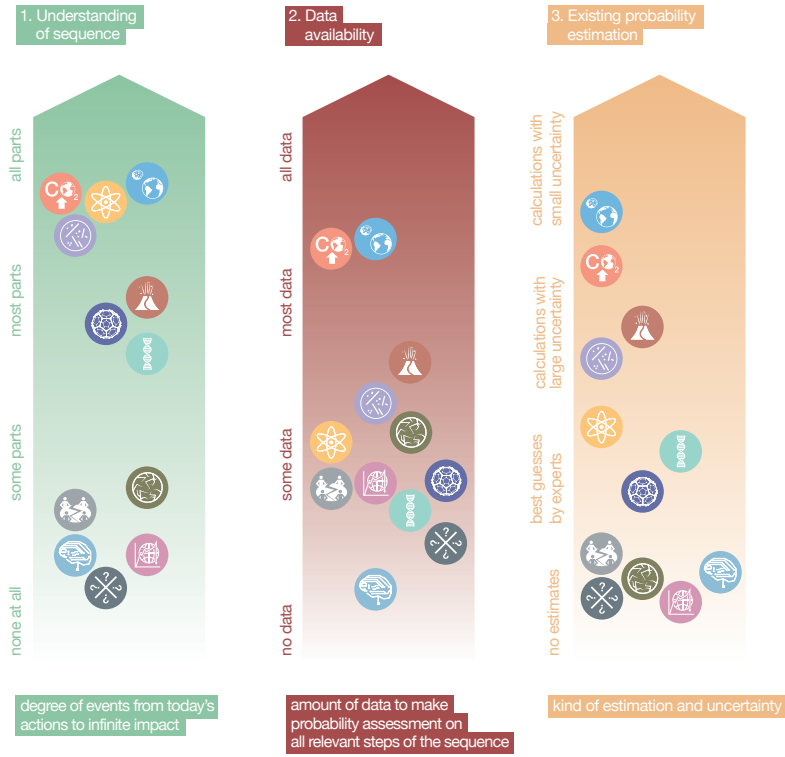
and have important similarities and differences



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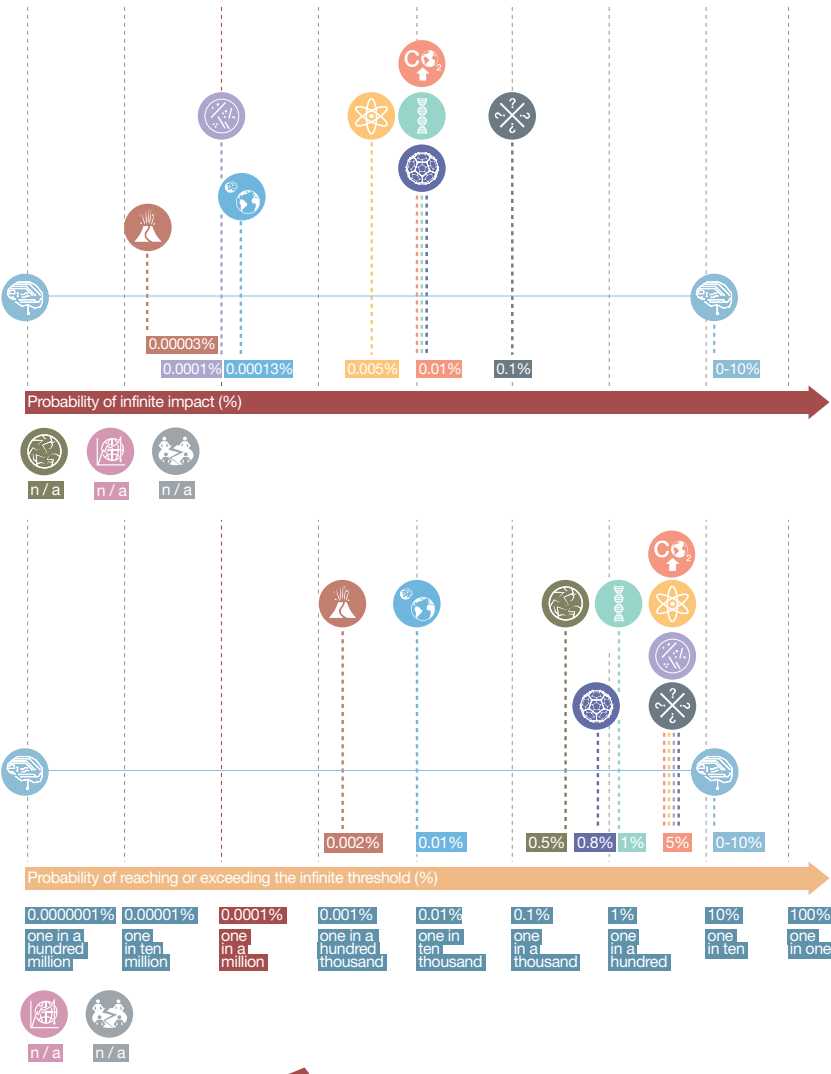
Uncertainties

differ, requiring different actions



Probability

estimates surprisingly high



10 Opportunities

The report's essential aim is to inspire action and dialogue as well as an increased use of the methodologies used for risk assessment.

1. Global Challenges leadership networks
2. Better quality risk assessment for global challenges
3. Development of early warning systems
4. Encouraging visualisation of complex systems
5. Highlighting early movers
6. Including the whole probability distribution
7. Increasing the focus on the probability of extreme events
8. Encouraging appropriate language to describe extreme risks
9. Establishing a Global Risk and Opportunity Indicator to guide governance
10. Explore the possibility of establishing a Global Risk Organization (GRO)

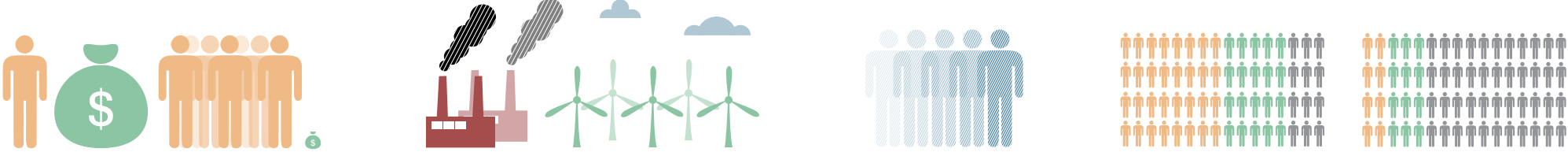


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