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Becoming smarter, faster, better : How credible are GCF proposals in their claims?

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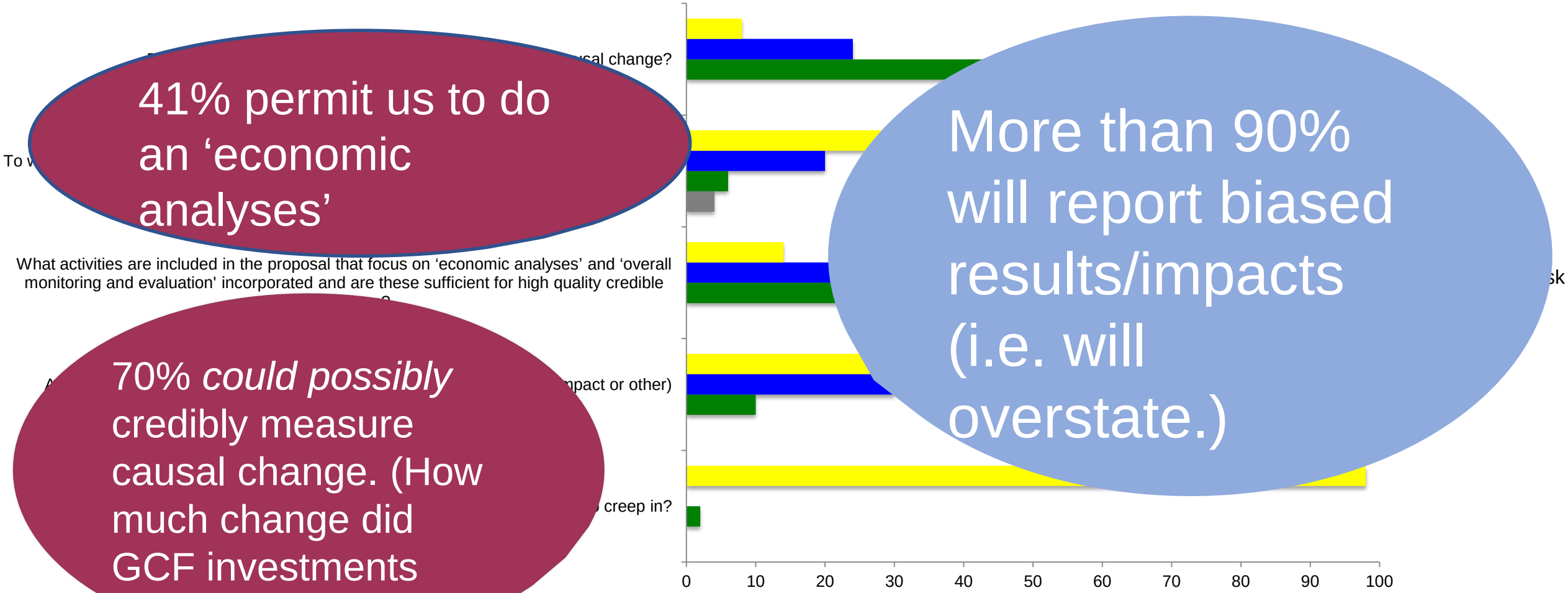

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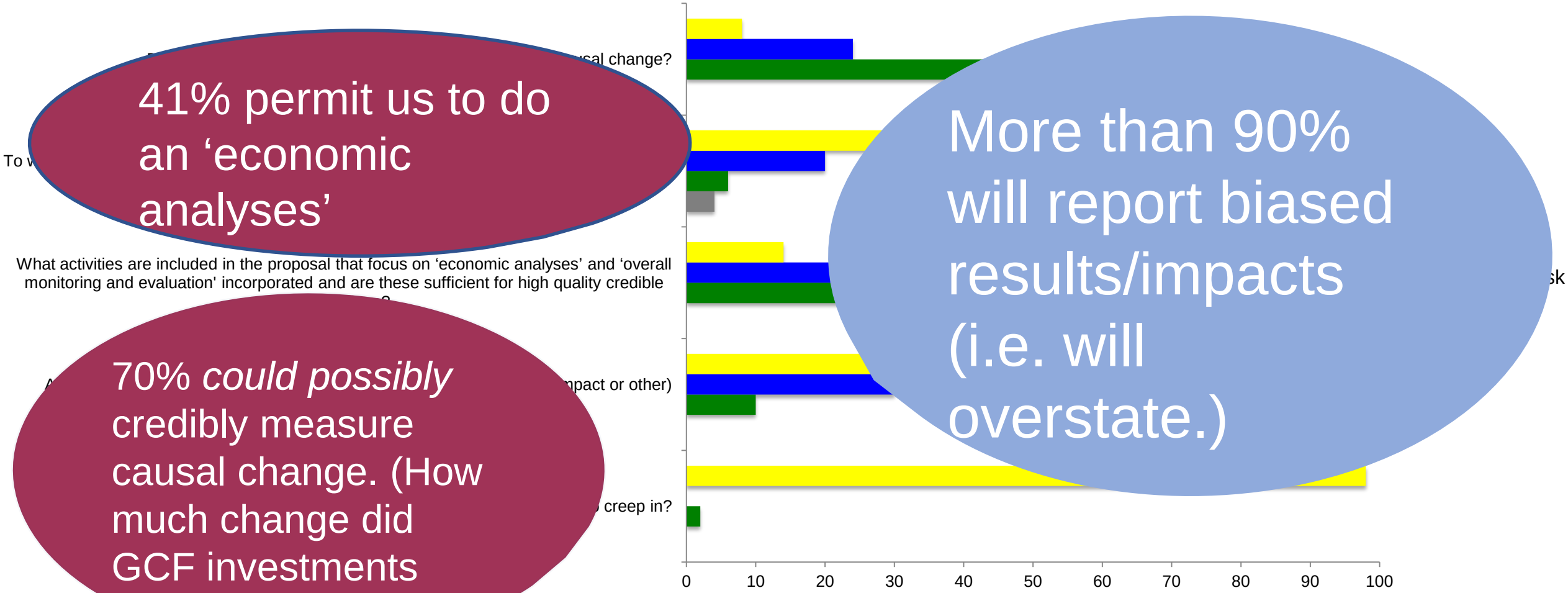

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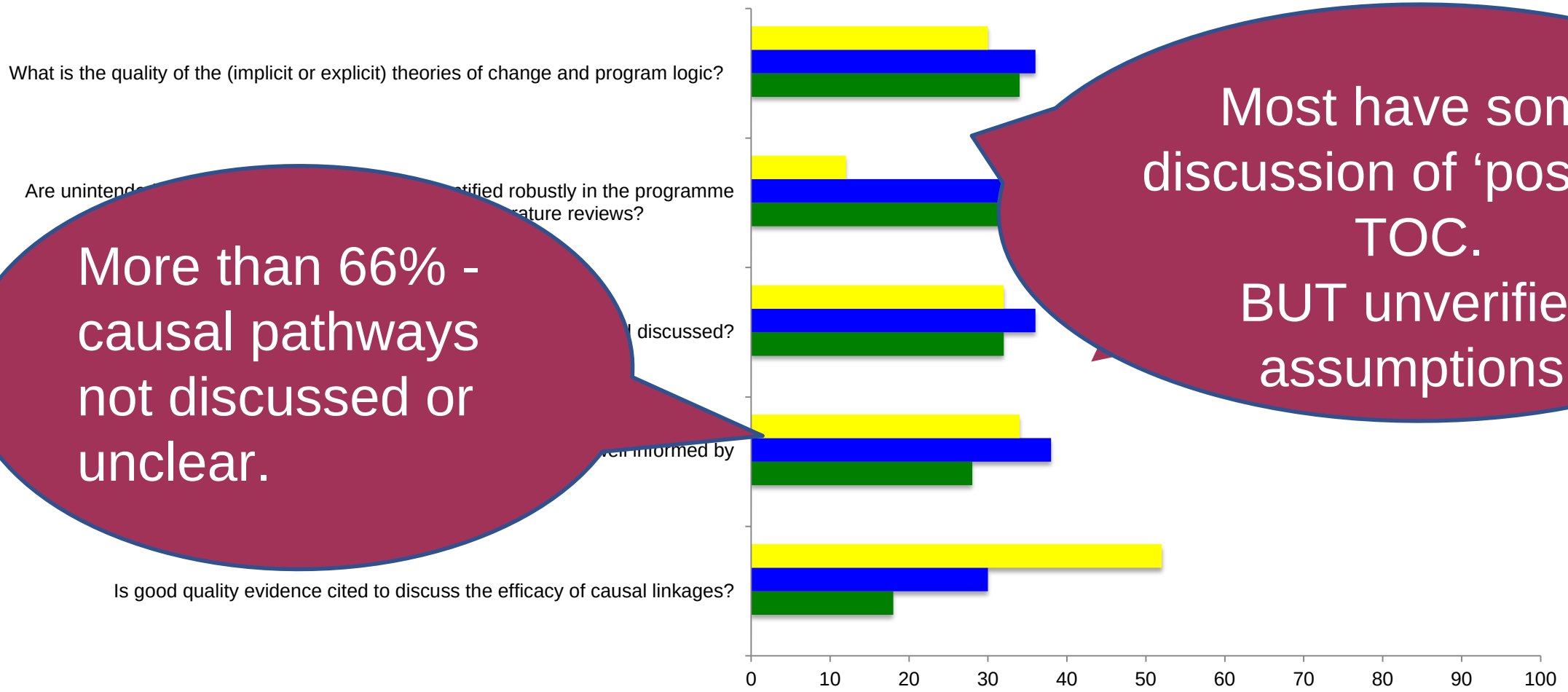

More than 66% - causal pathways not discussed or unclear.

Most have some discussion of 'possible' TOC.
BUT unverified assumptions.

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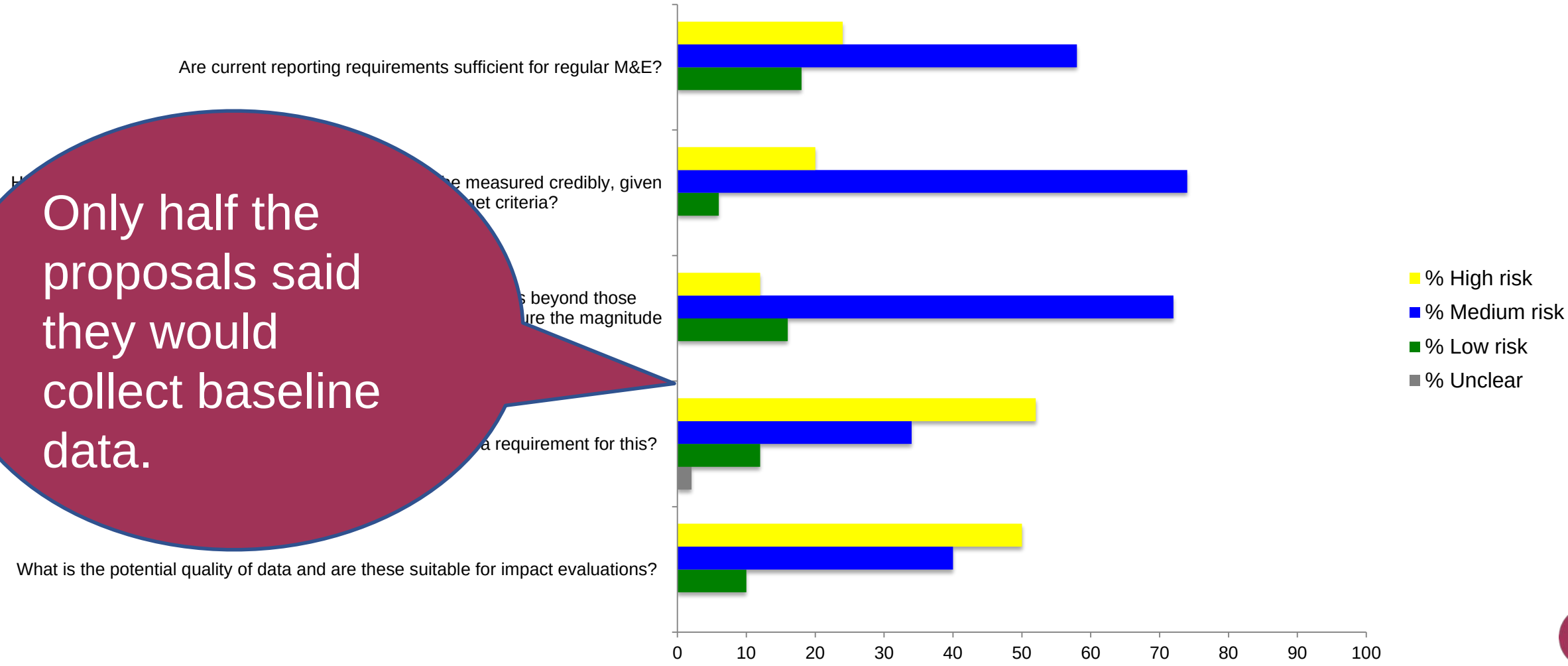
3. Data and reporting



Only half the proposals said they would collect baseline data.

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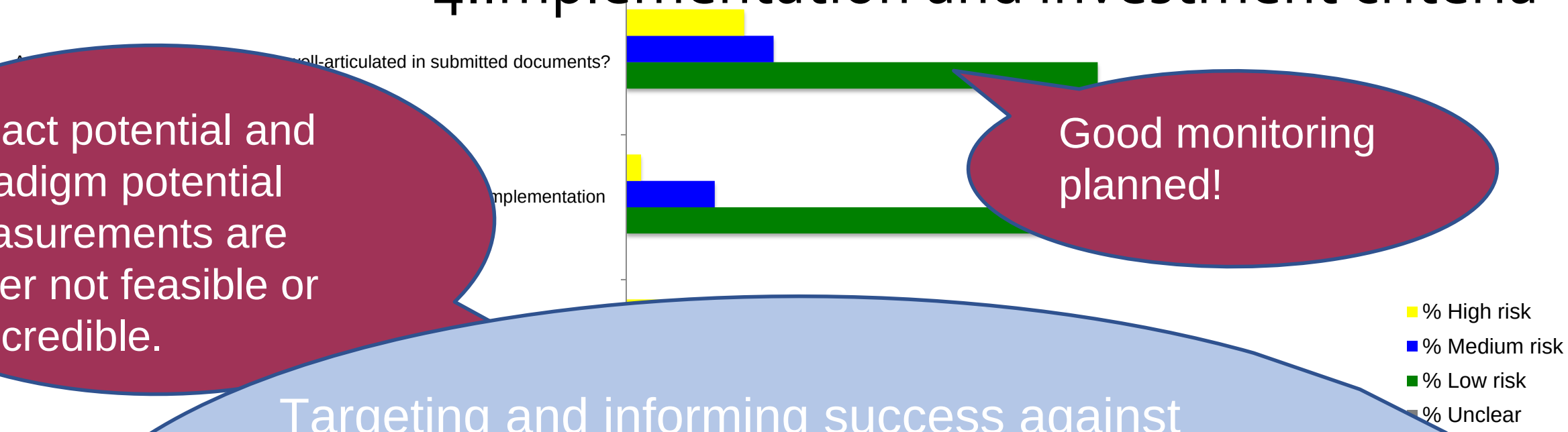
4.Implementation and investment criteria



Impact potential and paradigm potential measurements are either not feasible or not credible.

Good monitoring planned!

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How well are o

Targeting and informing success against investment criteria.

- Bad or missing TOCs
- Unclear how they can inform investment criteria
- More than half have limitations in how these are informed or insufficient information.

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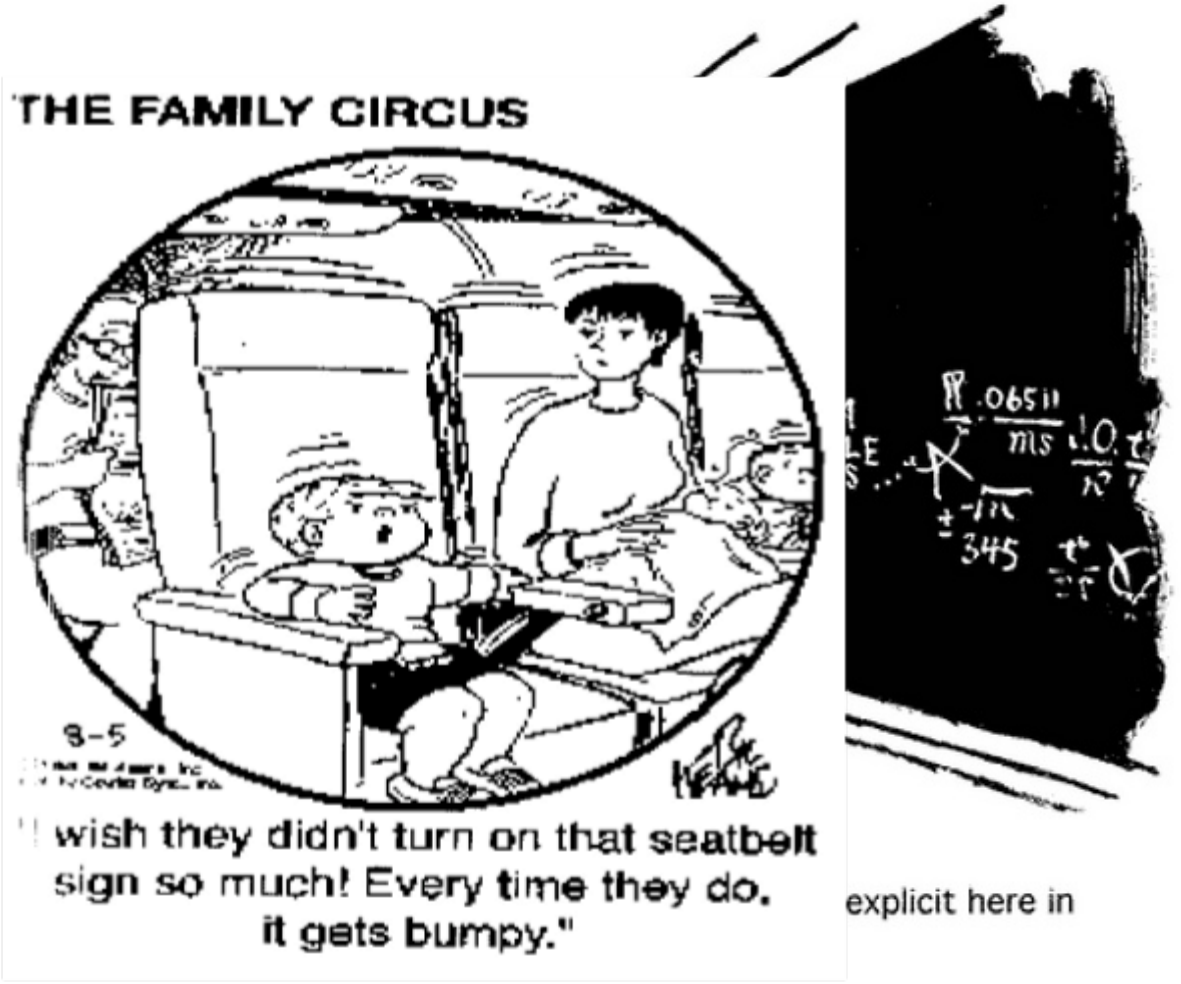
Main results recap I

- **Theory of change: Most have no or a limited theory of change**
  - **Connecting program activities to impacts on individuals and expected paradigm shift??**
- **Causality and attributable measurement of impact: Many lack a discussion about causal attribution**
  - **How a program will lead to ADDITIONAL outcomes - what in its absence ?**



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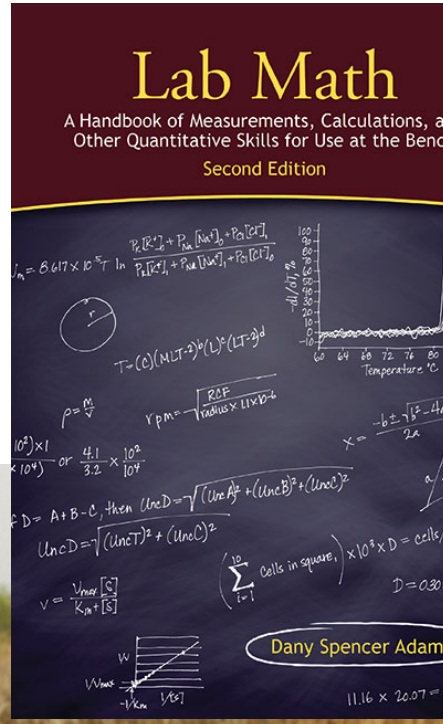
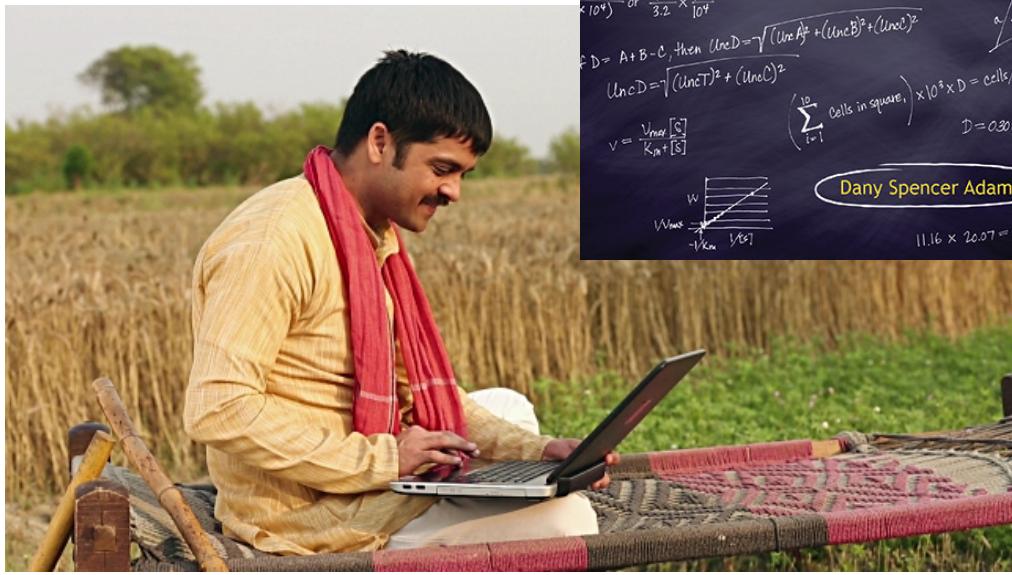
Main results recap ii

- Targeting: How the program will reach (and benefit) people that are vulnerable is generally unclear
- Investment criteria:
  - Take-up and usage assumptions necessary
  - A common mistake: people will use the product or service as designed
- **Questionable link to the amount of CO_2 emissions that will be reduced by the program**
  - **GHG estimations are mostly mechanical estimation, assume perfect usage and no rebound effects.**
- M&E systems: lack of details on how they





4. Proposed next steps

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5. Learning oriented real-time impact assessments (LORTA) and A review of the RMF.

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IMMEDIATE NEXT STEPS - LORTA

- LORTA: LEARNING-ORIENTED REAL-TIME IMPACT ASSESSMENTS
- Start building better NOW
- Meeting in July

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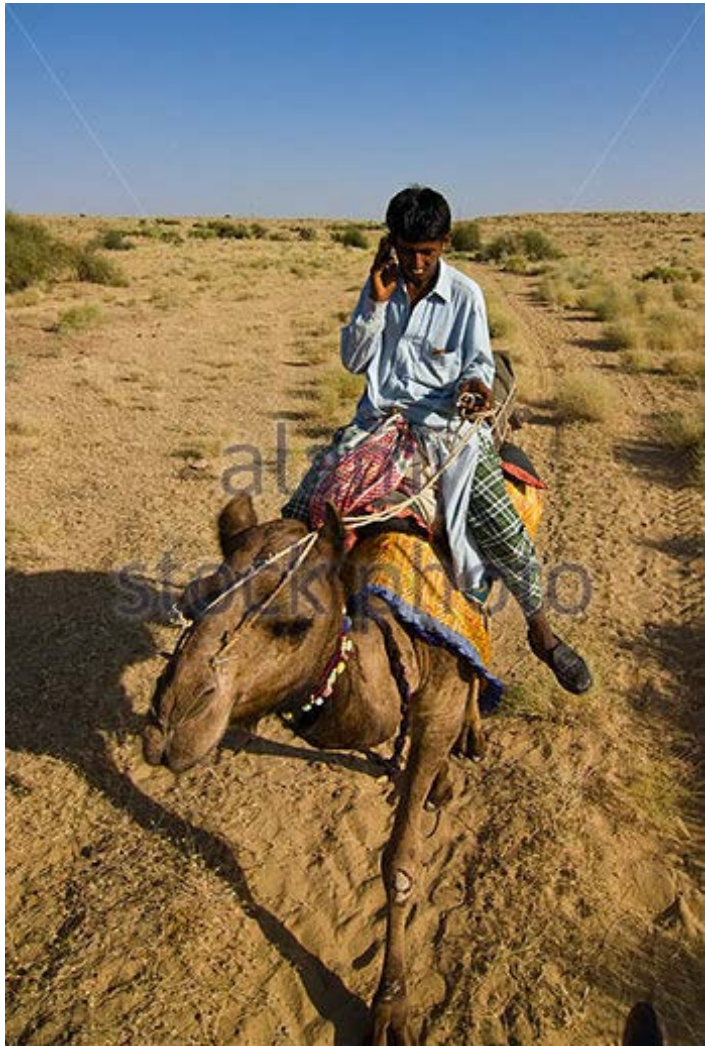
Review of the RMF

- Ongoing
- Design, implementation/use and capacity
- Available end of August.



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