



# NEGEM carbon neutrality scenarios for Europe and the role of CDR

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# Aim of the NEGEM scenario work

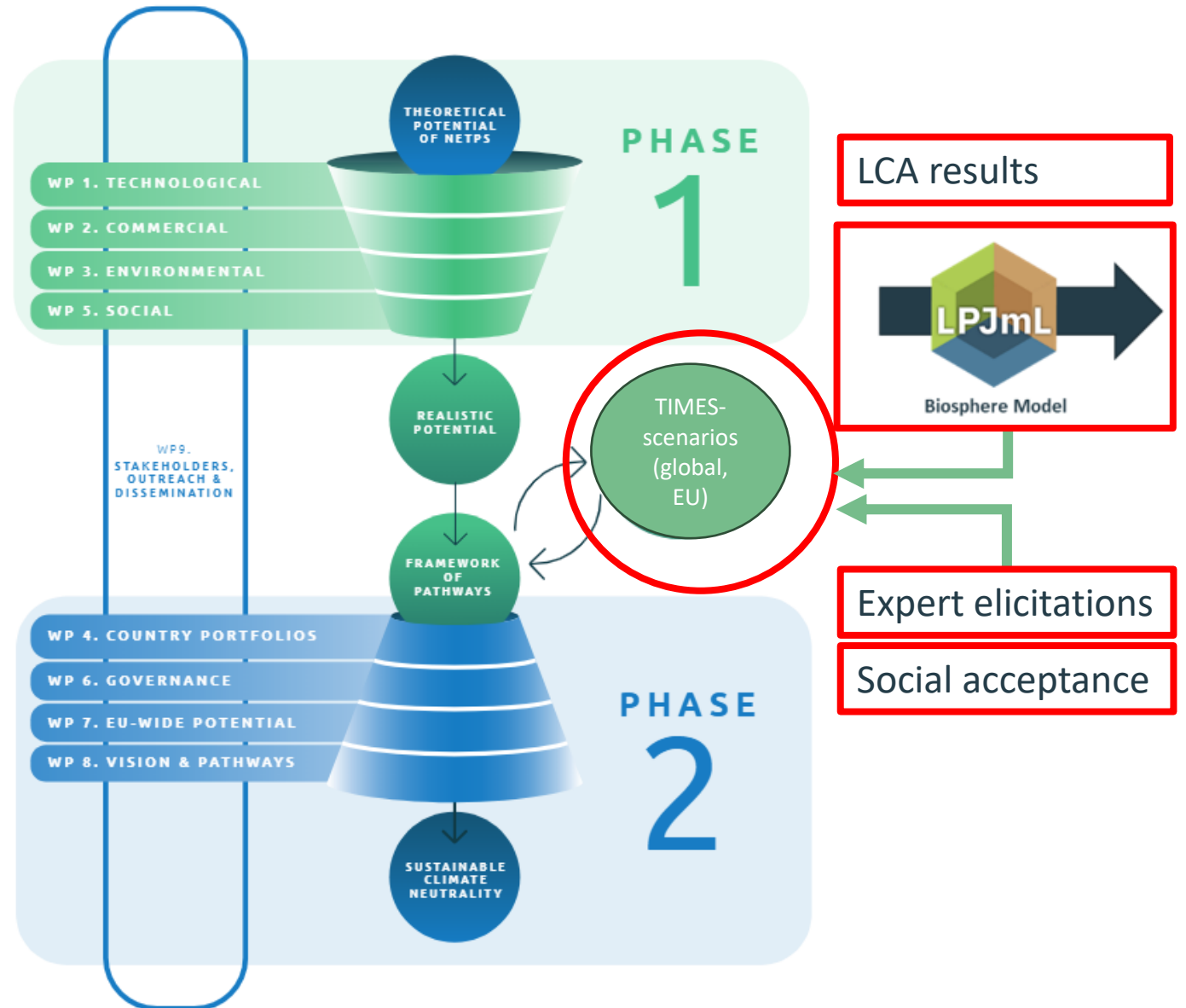
PHASE 1: **What** is the **realistic potential** for NETPs?

- Technological parameters and their development
- Planetary and regional boundaries
- Costs, opportunities and risks
- Social acceptance, uptake and political feasibility

Sustainable NETP deployment

PHASE 2: **How** do we meet the **realistic potential** for NETPs?

- Country portfolios, EU-wide potentials
- Enabling governance frameworks

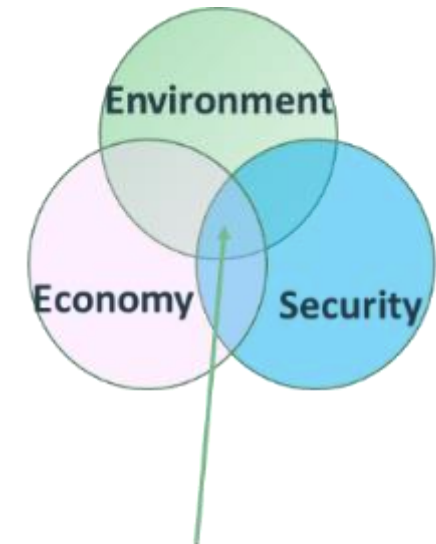




## NEGEM storylines to study the realistic potentials



- All storylines aim at **1.5°C global warming**
  - With alternative storylines **the realistic potentials of NETPs** are studied to better understand the key uncertainties for the development.
1. **1.5C-Technology:** Storyline focusing on **optimistic technology development** of the NETPs
  2. **1.5C-Environment:** Storyline focusing on global **environmental sustainability** and lifestyle changes (e.g. **strictly limited BECCS**)
  3. **1.5C-Security:** Storyline focusing on **security and self-sufficiency** due to geopolitical fragmentation and regional markets. (e.g. more **pessimistic development for DACSS** and **CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity**)
- The **reference pathway** follows the UN NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions in October 2021)



Inputs for realistic NETP potentials and for final NEGEM vision

Full storylines can be found from Deliverable 8.2: [https://www.negemproject.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/NEGEM\\_D8.2\\_NEGEM-scenarios.pdf](https://www.negemproject.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/NEGEM_D8.2_NEGEM-scenarios.pdf)

# EU level modelling – specific features and assumptions



- **PAN-European TIMES-VTT model** used (based on open access JRC-EU-TIMES)
  - Bottom-up technology-rich partial equilibrium model
  - The NEGEM scenarios were modelled for “EU-31” region.
  - CO<sub>2</sub> emissions trajectories considered up to 2060, no other GHGs nor LULUCF sector included in modelling
- EU-Specific assumptions:
  - Emission targets in line with the EU’s *Fit for 55* package & effort sharing regulation.
  - Net zero CO<sub>2</sub> target for EU-31 by 2050.
  - Russian trade restricted, and most severely in 1.5C-Sec up to 2060.



# Limitations of the EU study

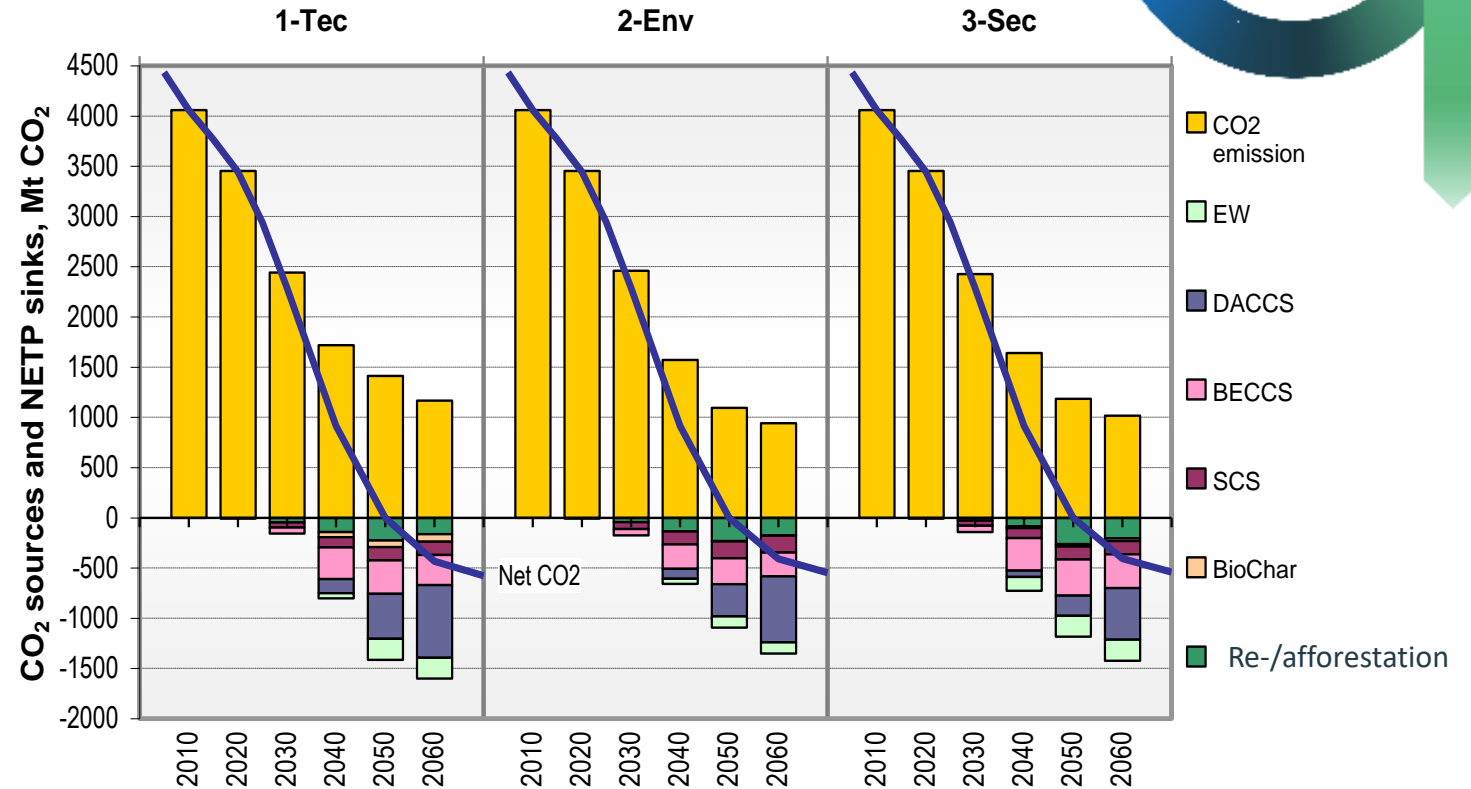


- As only CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are included in the scenario modelling.
  - This can lead to overestimation of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and the demand for NETS to reach the net zero targets.
  - However, alternative scenarios **can provide rough scale and understanding on the critical barriers or opportunities** for the development.
- **Uncertainties** on technical parameters, prices, demographics and macroeconomic drivers.
- **Risk of double counting for land use and biomass based NETPs**
  - Use of residues for bioenergy vs. soil carbon sequestration potentials vs. land use for enhanced weathering.
  - To avoid double counting residues used for BECCS not for biochar. In addition, PIK's modelling results were used for land based NETPs (in Env and Sec scenarios).
- Geological storage potentials not limited by distance from CO<sub>2</sub> sources.

# EU-31 scenarios: CO<sub>2</sub> Balances



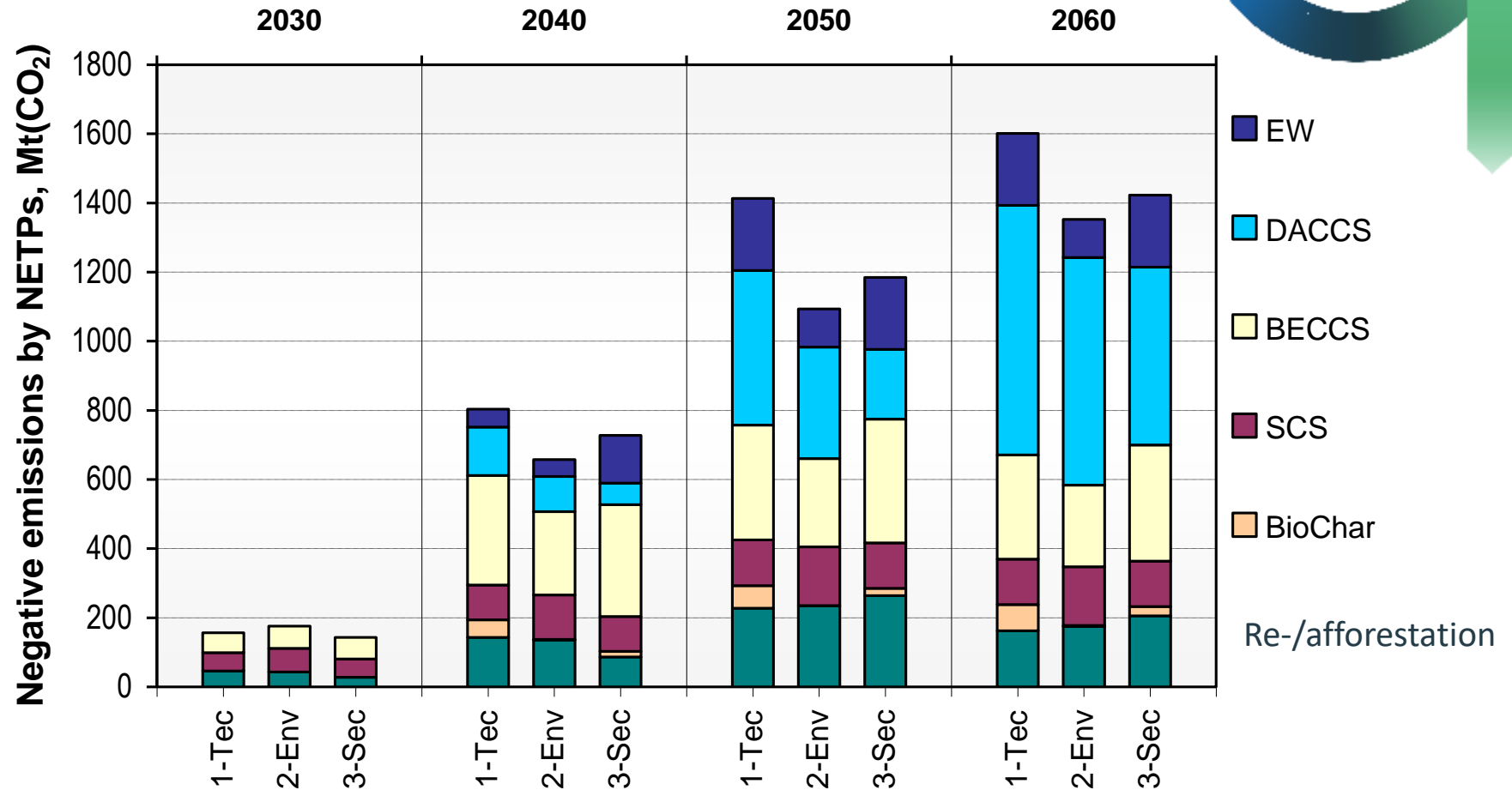
- A wide variety of NETP options appear to become cost-effective and thus merit consideration.
- Results indicate that deep reductions in emissions would become costly without NETPs.
- In 1.5C-Tec and 1.5-Env BECCS would be left in a smaller role than DACCS by 2050, due to limited resources of sustainable biomass. In 1.5-Sec increased BECCS potential due to dietary changes.



# EU-31 scenarios: NETPs contribution in alternative scenarios



- Total demand for NETPs above 1 Gt/a by 2050.
- Need for geological CO<sub>2</sub> storage 0.6–0.7 Gt/a by 2050.
- DACCS becomes cost-effective even when all other NETP options are available. Beyond 2050 DACCS would appear to become dominant NETP.



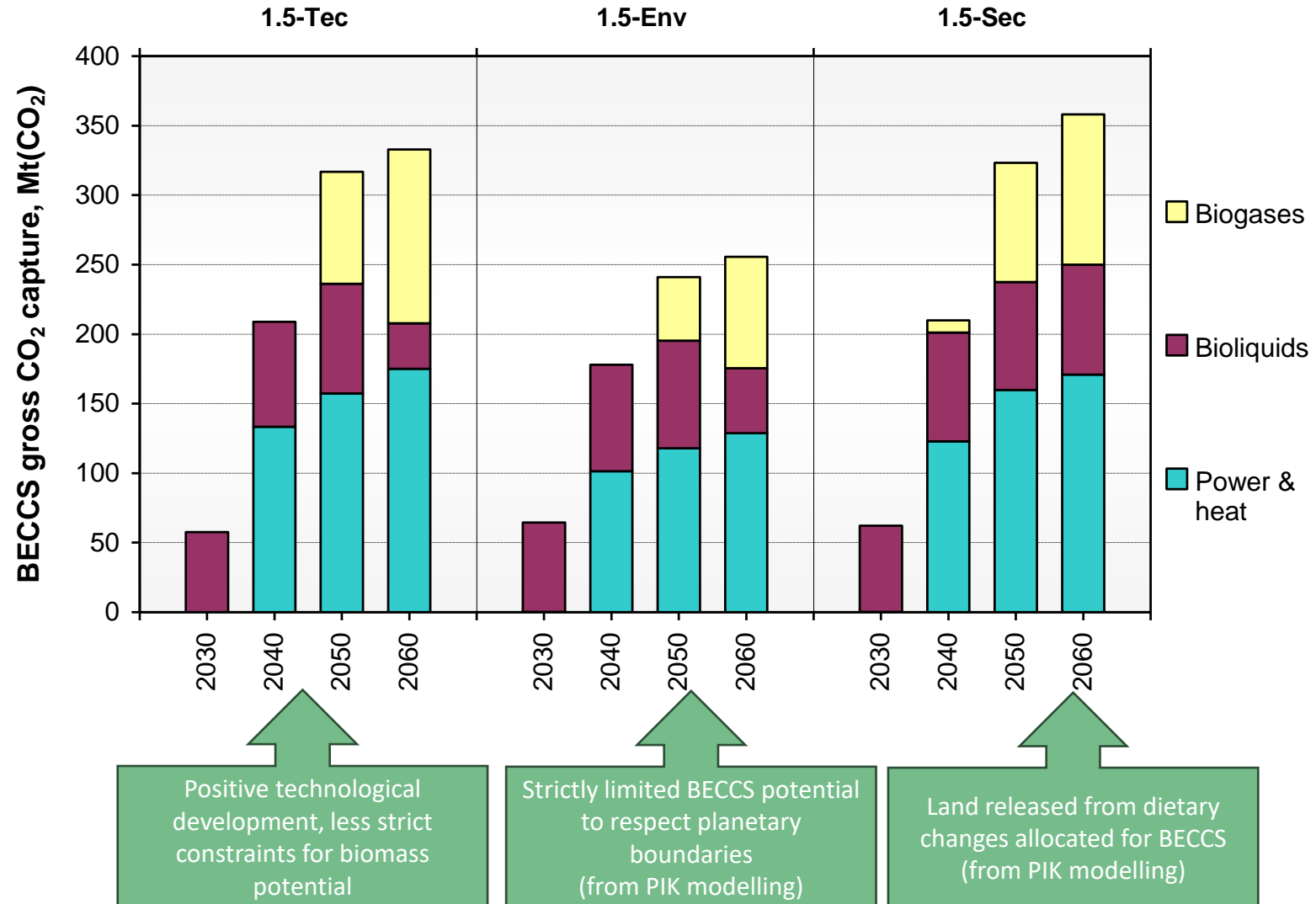


# EU-31 NEGEM scenarios: Deployment of BECCS by application

## BECCS integrated with electricity production is not the only option



- Point-source emissions of biogenic CO<sub>2</sub>, CHP-plants, and biorefineries could provide interesting solutions combined with sustainable use of residual biomass feedstock.
- Potentials vary a lot between countries.



## Key conclusions



- The existing climate policy measures are not sufficient for deep emission reductions.
  - ⇒ More measures are needed, including incentives for CDR.
- Investments for all the NETP options appear in alternative scenarios.
  - ⇒ The whole portfolio of NETPs should be considered and further analysed.
  - ⇒ BECCS would dominate in the short term but the demand for DACCS increases beyond 2040-2050.
- Use of sustainable biomass resources is a key for successful BECCS.
  - ⇒ BECCS can be integrated in biorefineries, power and CHP-plants, and industrial plants.



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