

Scenarios for the 21st Century

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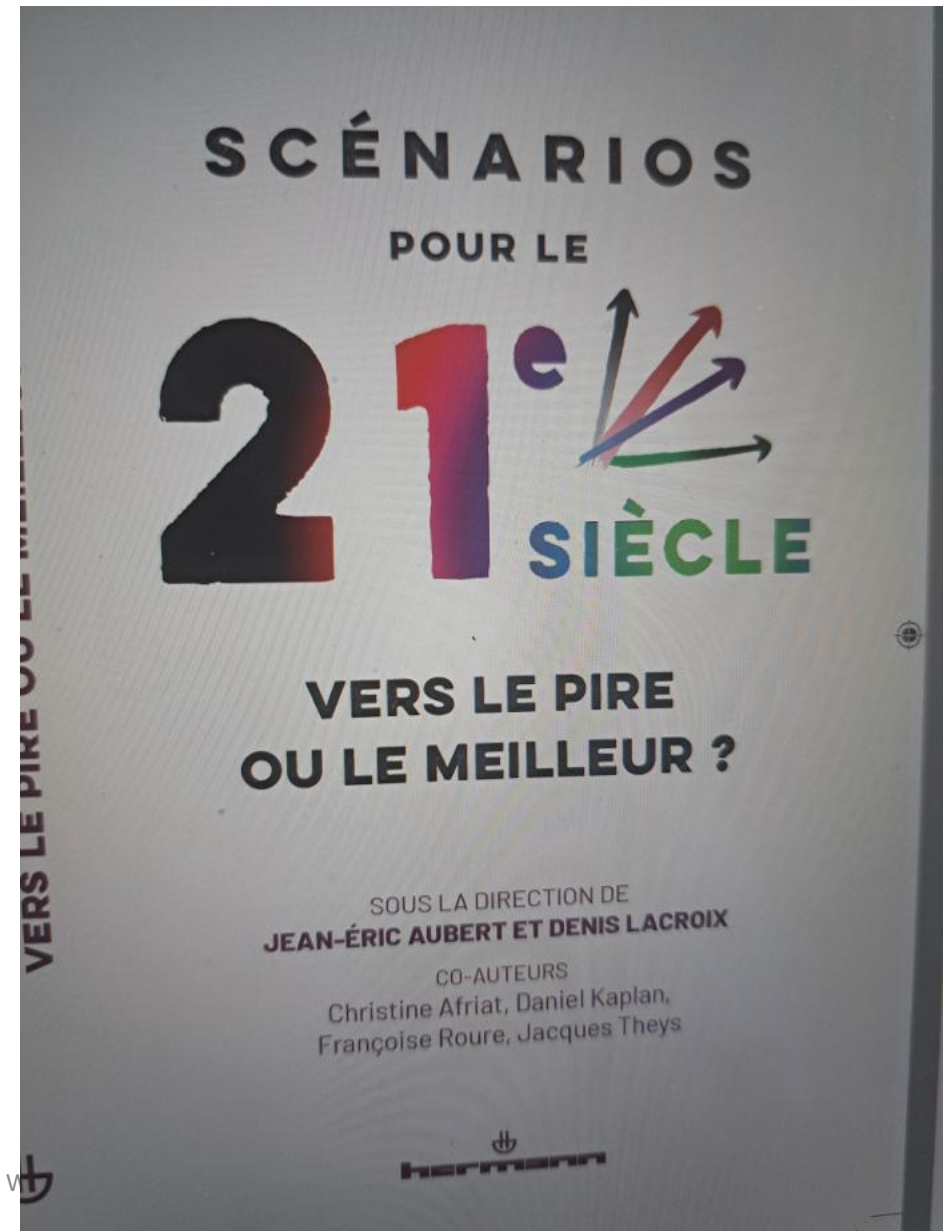
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Outline

- MEGATRENDS

- Climate/environment
- Demography
- Technology
- Geopolitics
- Economy
- Society

- SCENARIOS (4 majors)

- Techno humanism
- Symbiocene
- Surarmed blocks
- Regional collapses

- + Global Catastrophes
(briefly documented)

- nuclear war
- mega earthquake
- major solar storm
- ocean disturbance

Planet : Disturbances and shifts

- Climate change
- Beyond Planetary Limits
- Global (natural) catastrophes

Demography : Saturations and unbalance

- World population stabilized (10 M)
- N/S disequilibrium
- Massive migrations

Technology : Disruptions and risks

- ICT and IA – jobs?
- Converging Technologies -- hyper-choice
- Loss of control?

GAME CHANGERS (2050 horizon): Negative trends; positive weak signals

Géopolitics

- Rise of conflicts, hybrid wars
- Decline + fragmentation of the West
- Democracies under pressure

Economics

- Sovereignty, protectionism
- Looming financial crises
- Economic growth ?

Society

- Evolving values (decline of patriarchal society)
- New relations to nature and to life

Framework for scenarios (with crossroads/bifurcations)

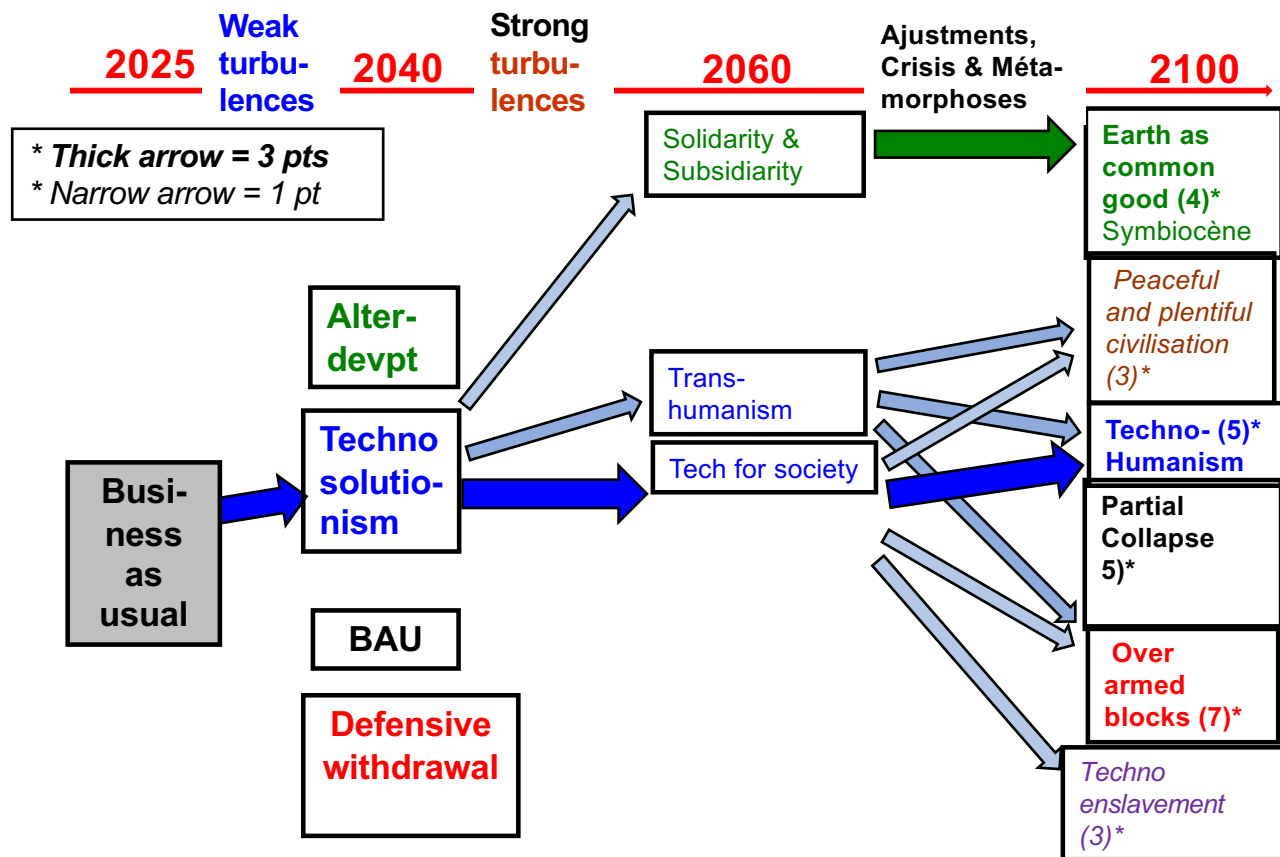
Humankind as a unique entity

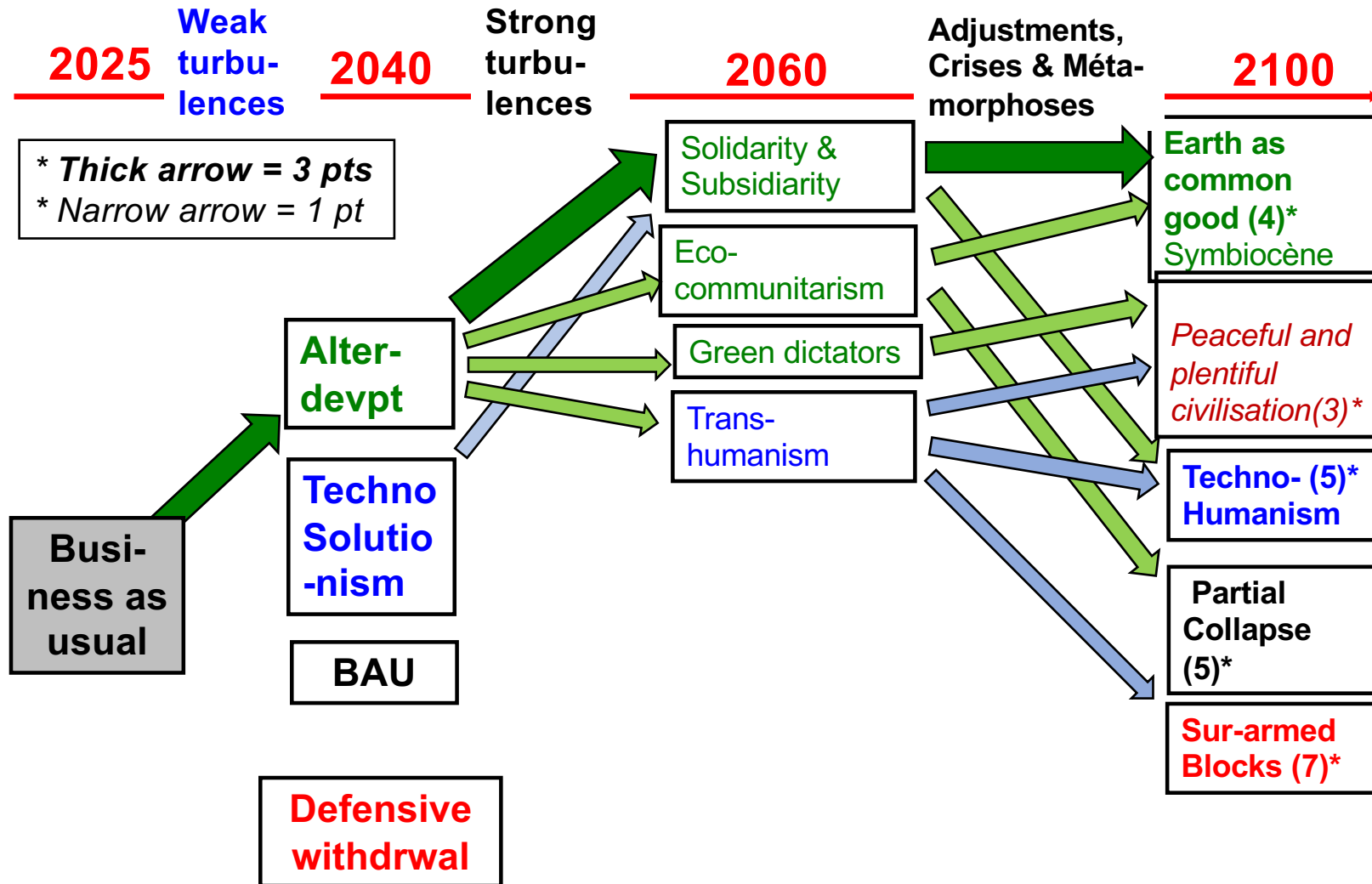
Behaviors

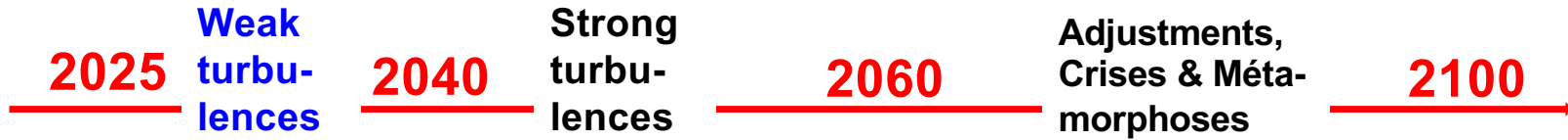
- Proactive
- Transformative
- Defensive
- Inertia

Periods

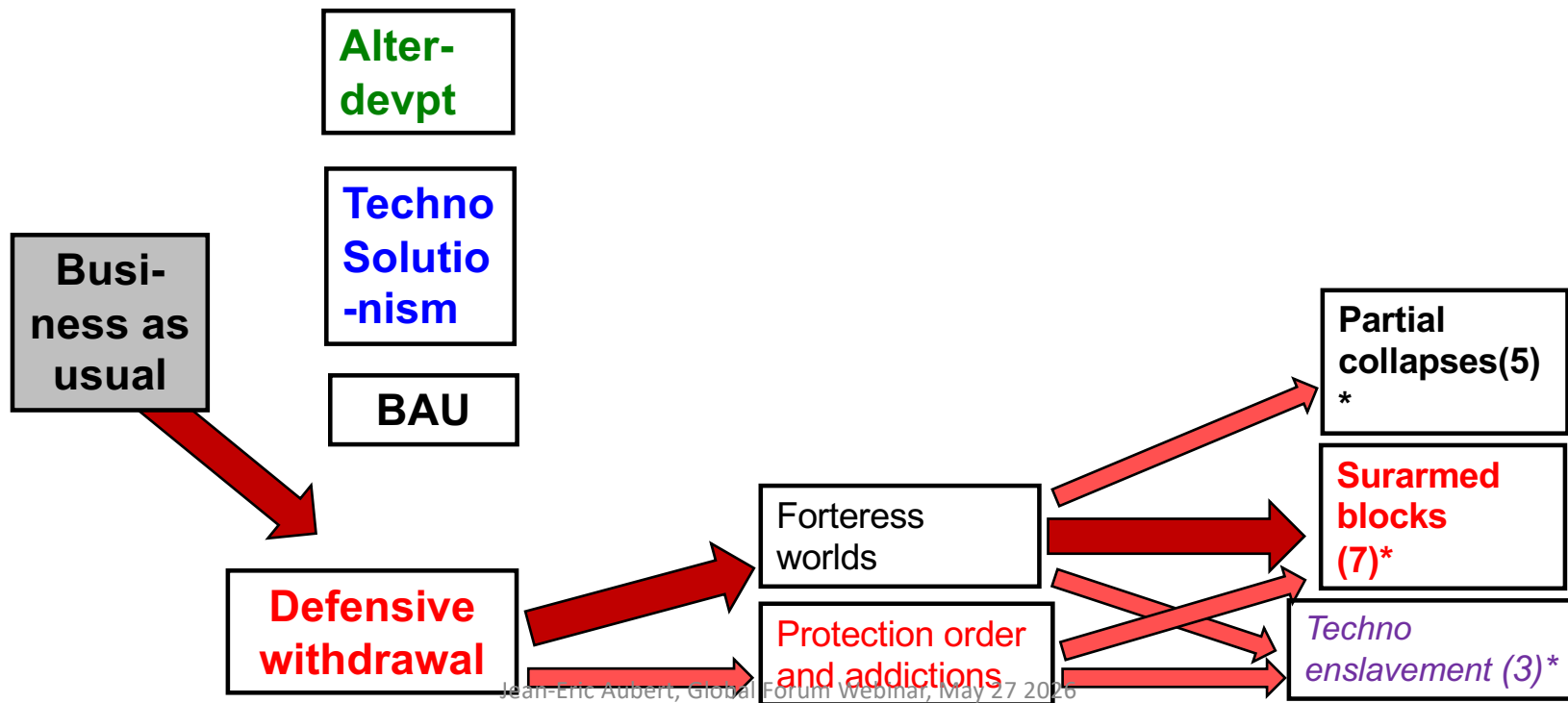
- 2025-2040
- 2040-2060
- 2060-2100
- Beyond 2100







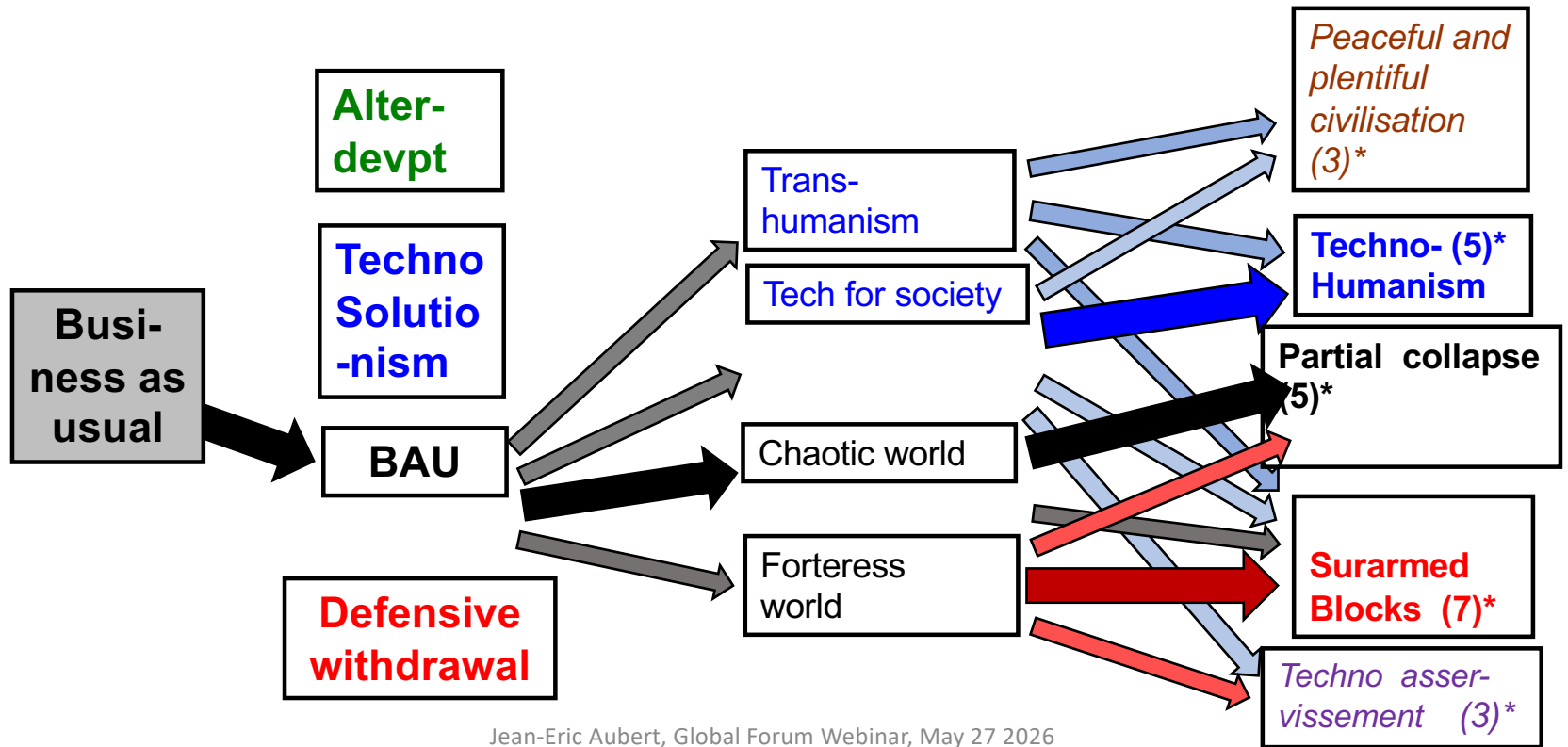
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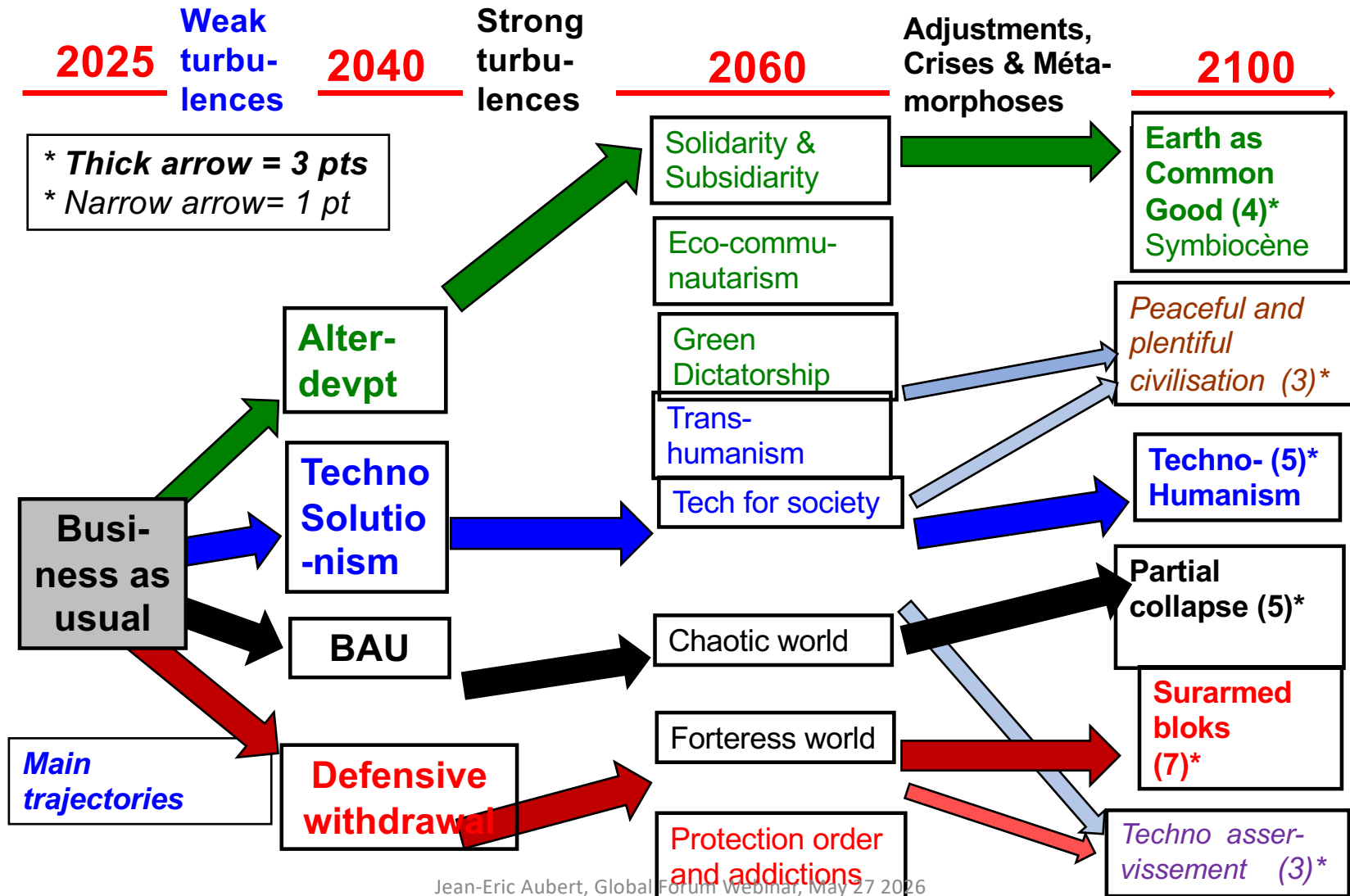


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Recommendations

- Act now for a livable planet (in 2050 it will be too late)
 - Fight climate change : mitigation + adaptation
 - Control of technology: Education, Ethics
 - Conflict reduction and prevention
 - Development of the South
- Need for appropriate institutions and rules

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