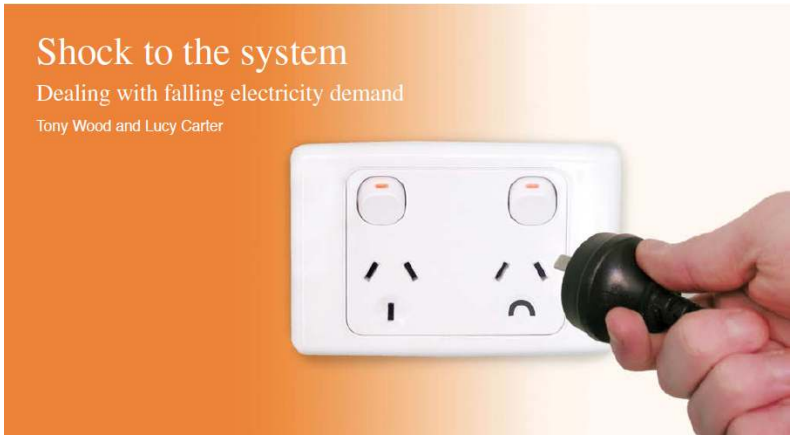

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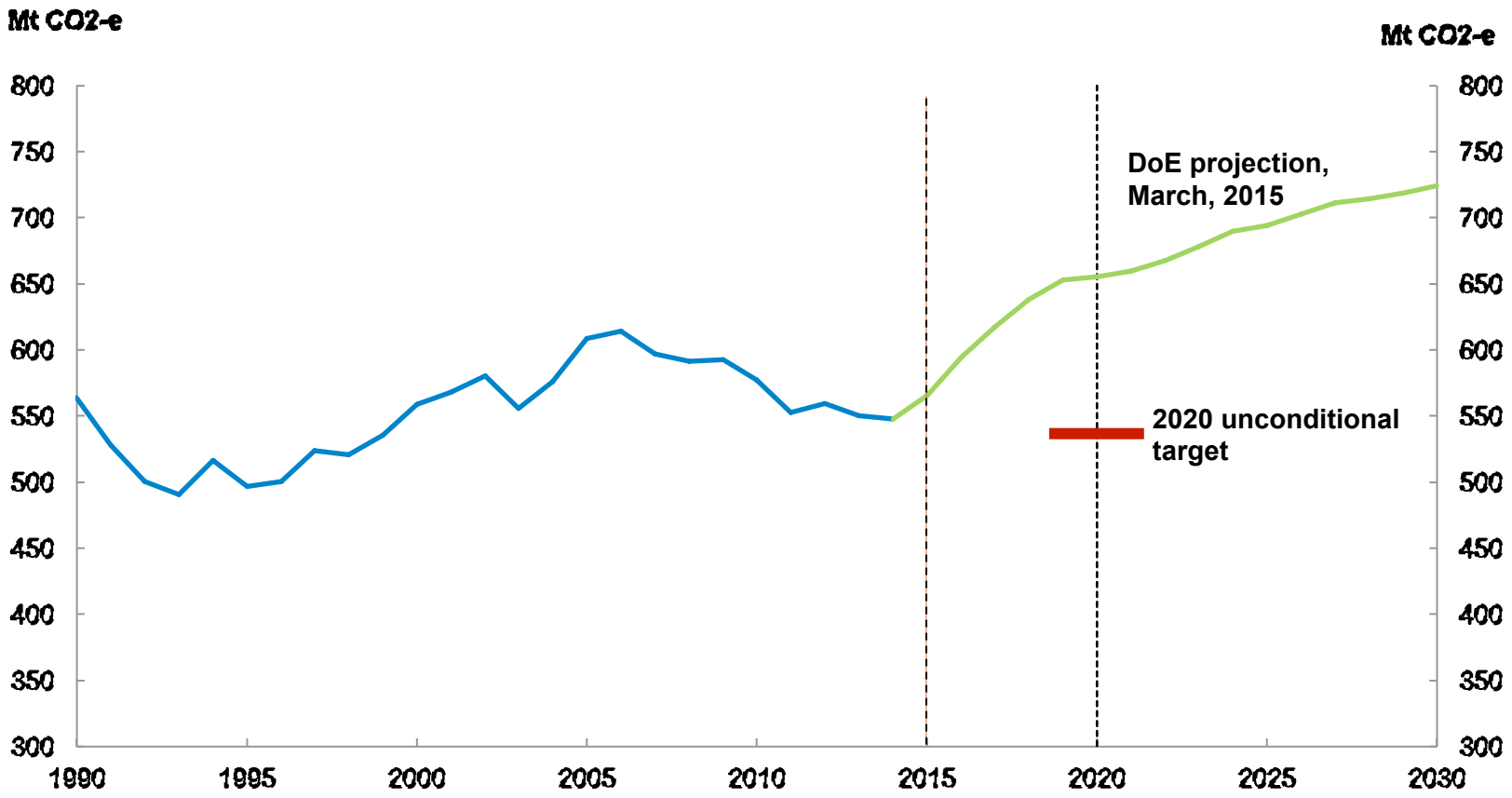

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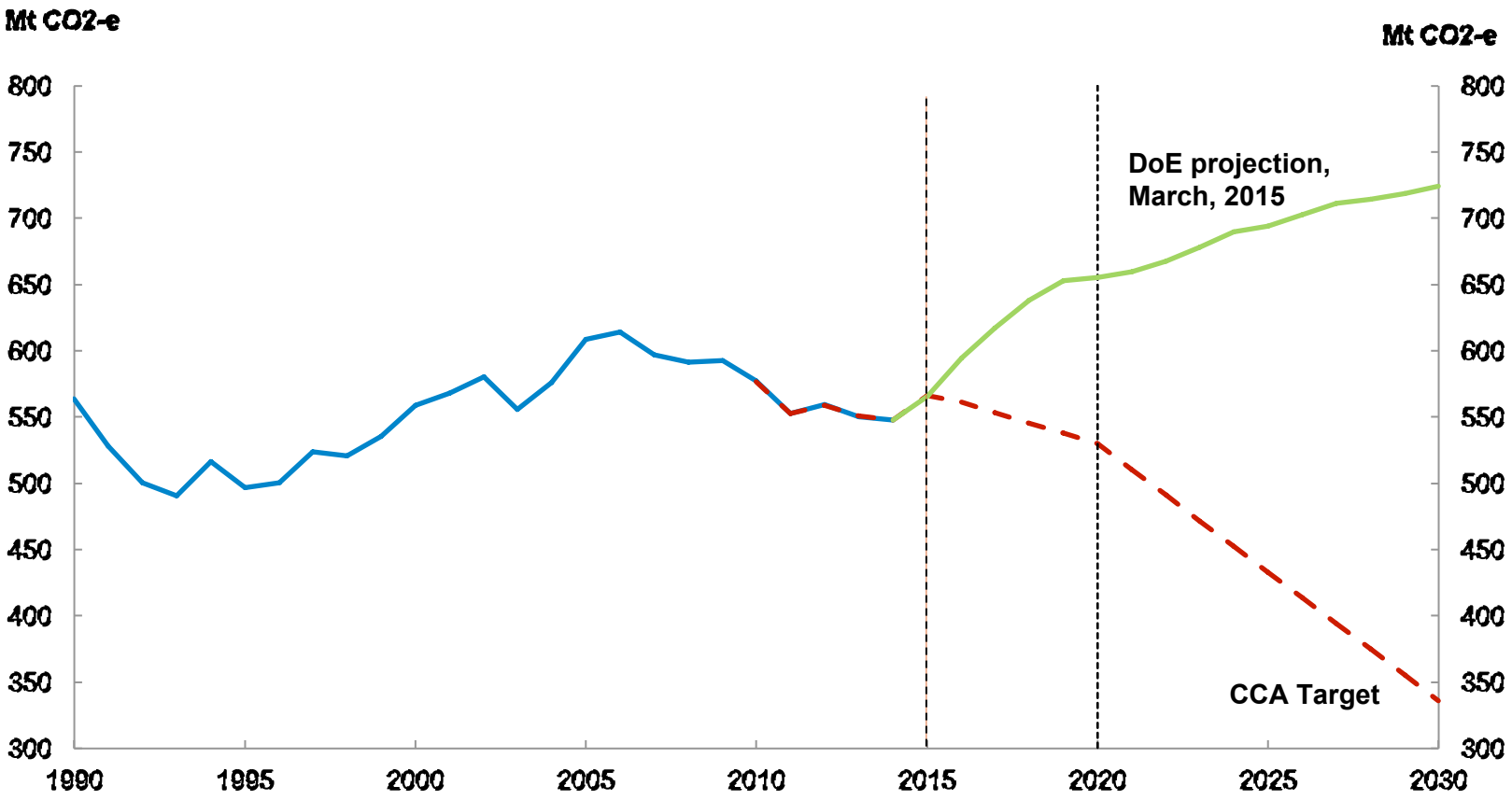

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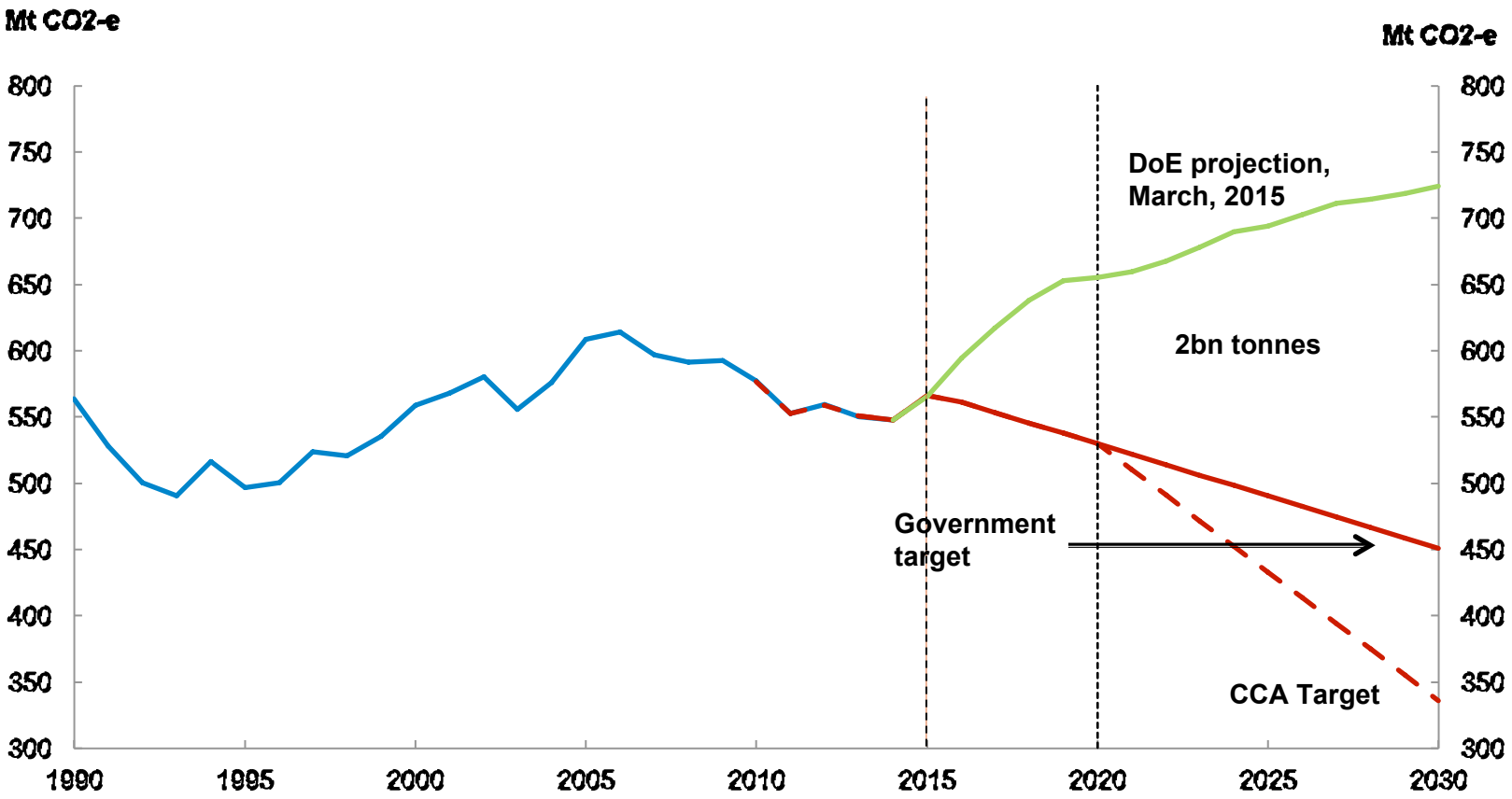

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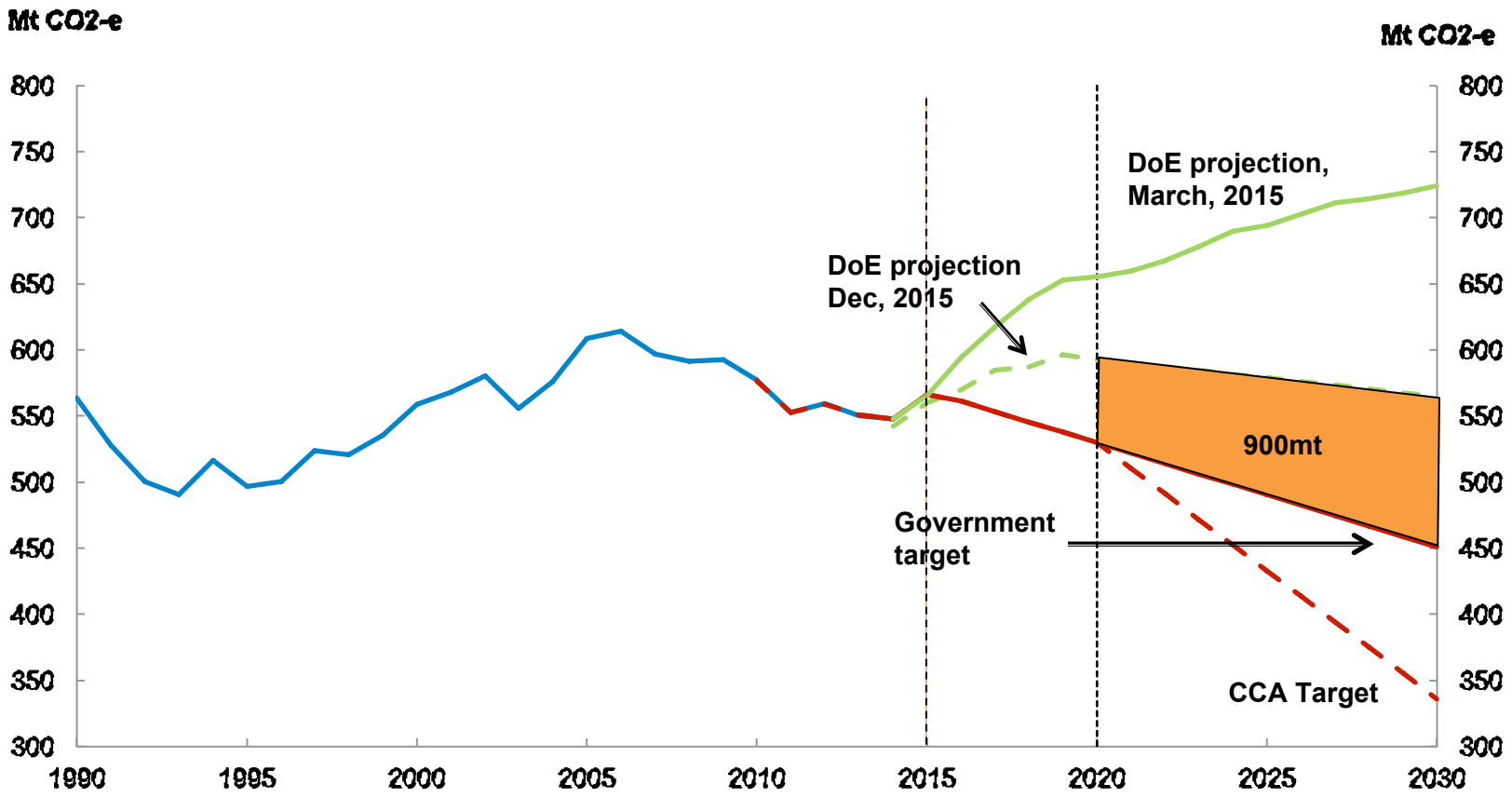
And, Australia is part of the Paris Agreement

The target may have become a little easier



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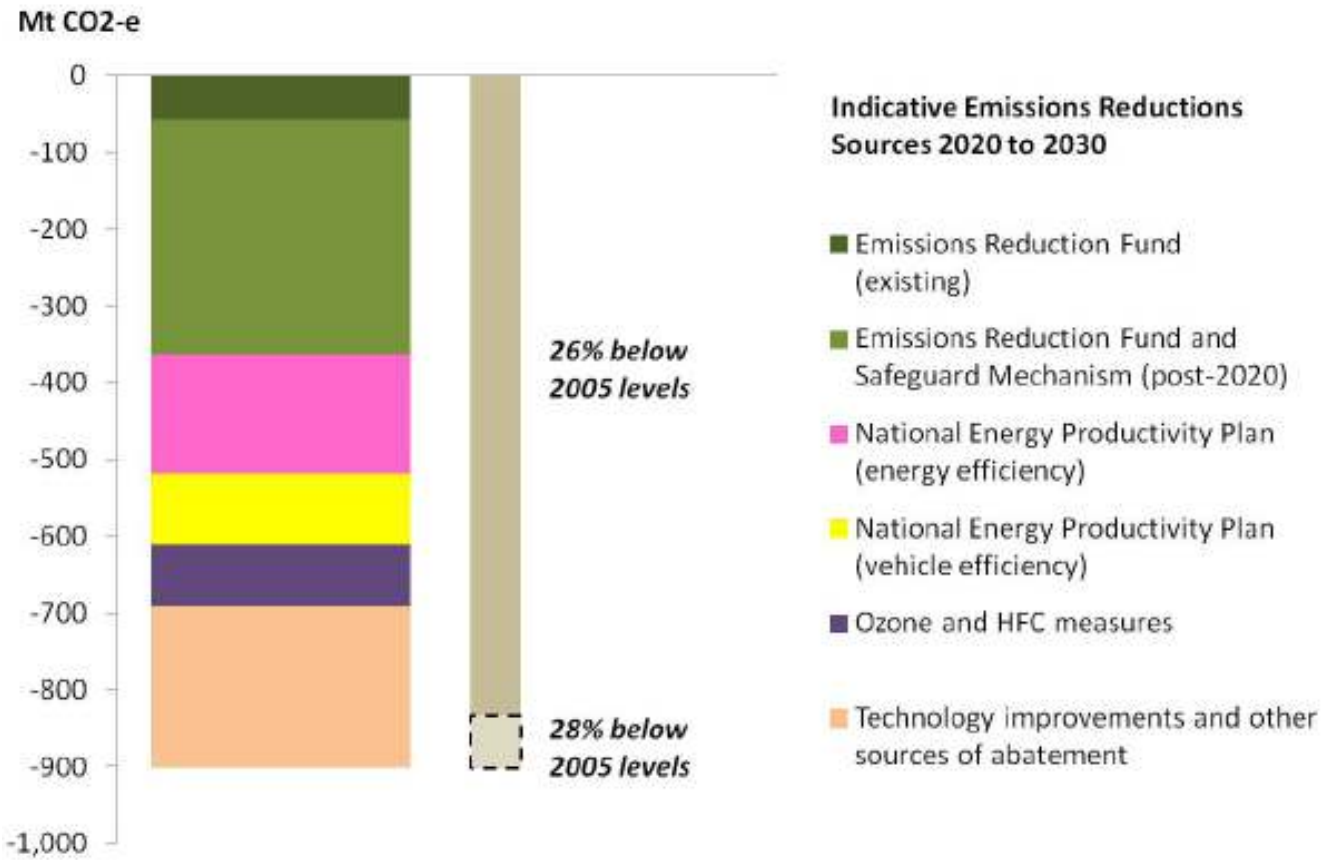

Source: Department of Environment "Australia's 2030 climate change target

Are we really there yet?

The challenge

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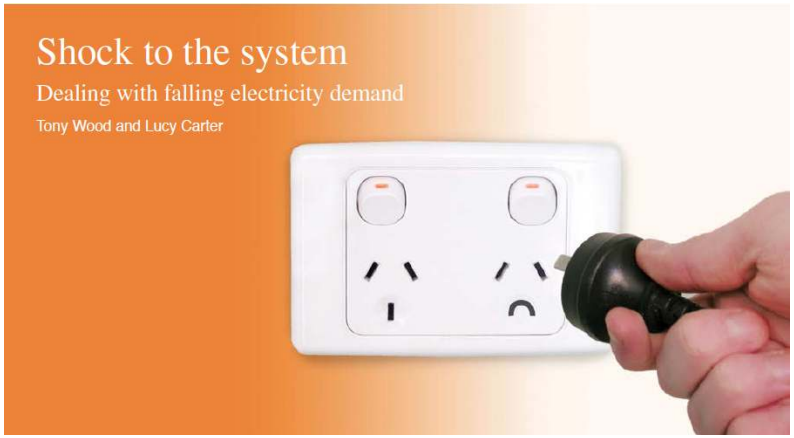
The criteria
- Credibility
- Political viability
- Flexibility
- Adaptability
- Public acceptability
- Low cost

Related issues
- Acceptance of international units.
- Assistance for emissions-intensive, trade-exposed (EITE) industries.
- Scheme coverage.
- Complementary policies.
- Use of scheme revenue.

The choices
- Cap and trade emissions trading
- Carbon tax
- Intensity baseline and credit
- Emissions purchasing
- Regulation
- Tradable green certificates

The politics
- A toxic, rollercoaster history
- Coalition has opted for a non-trading, combination of policies
- Labor is consulting on emissions trading and 50% renewables
- Paris Agreement remains delicately poised
- State governments are looking to act



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