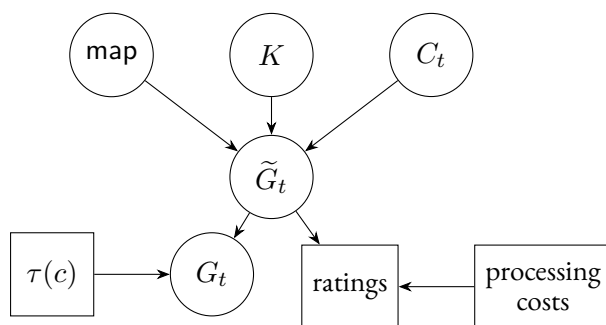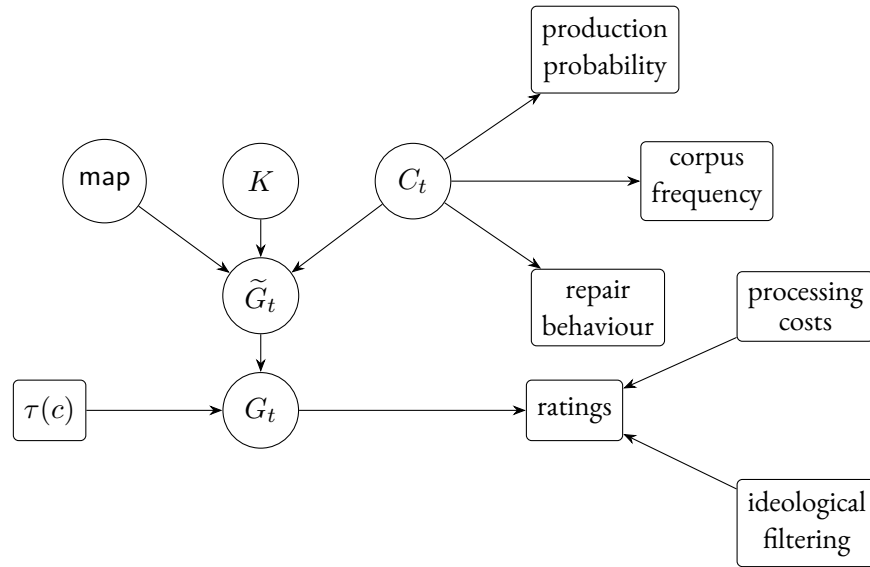# Option 1: Minimal DAG (6 nodes)
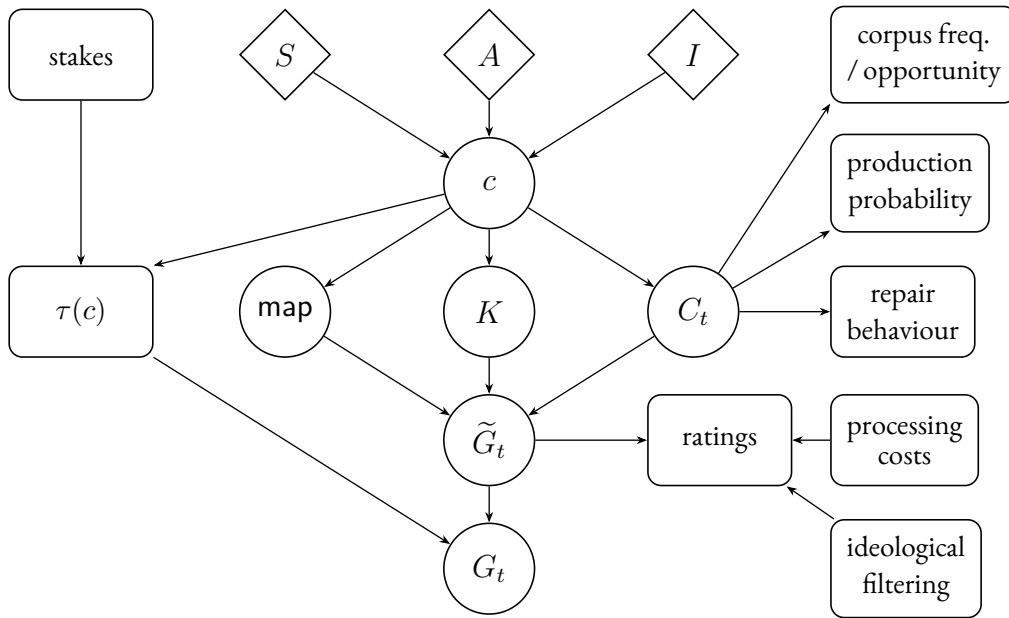

Option 1: Minimal. Circles = latent; rectangles = observed/set. Ratings reflect $\widetilde{G}_t$ plus processing costs, not G_t directly.

Option 2: Medium DAG (11 nodes)

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Option 3: Full DAG - polished

Option 3 (polished). Circles = latent; rounded rectangles = observed/set; diamonds = conditioning anchors. Ratings are downstream of $\widetilde{G}_t$ (stability), not G_t (membership). C_t indicators are each direct outputs of C_t.