

Option 1: Minimal DAG (6 nodes)

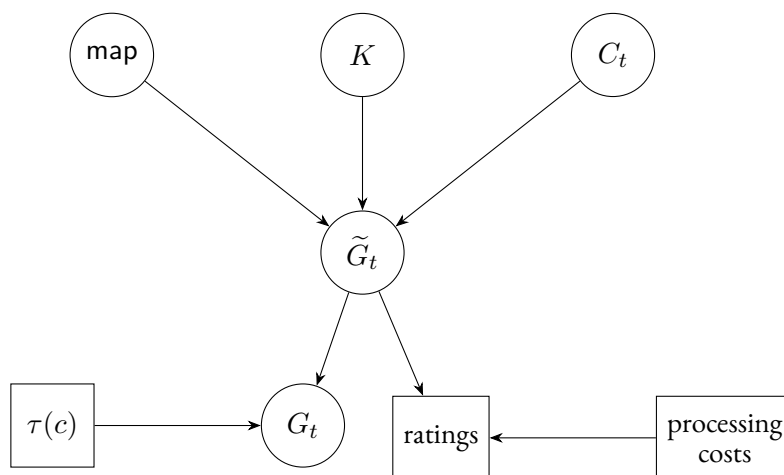


Figure 1: *

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

Option 2: Medium DAG (11 nodes)

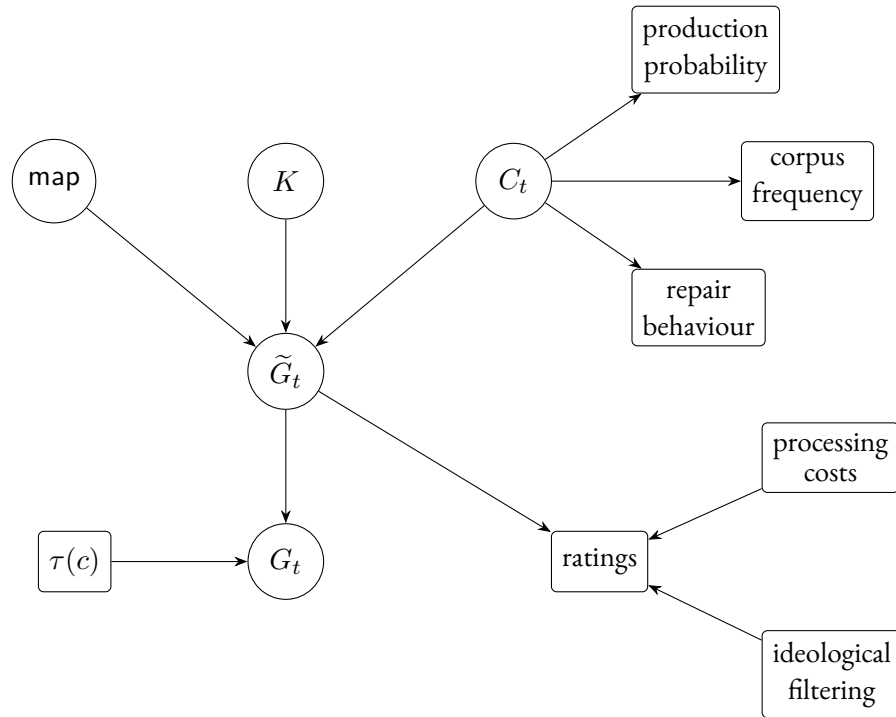


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Option 2: Medium. Adds C_t 's observable indicators (right) and ideological filtering. C_t is latent, inferred from converging evidence.

Option 3: Full DAG — polished

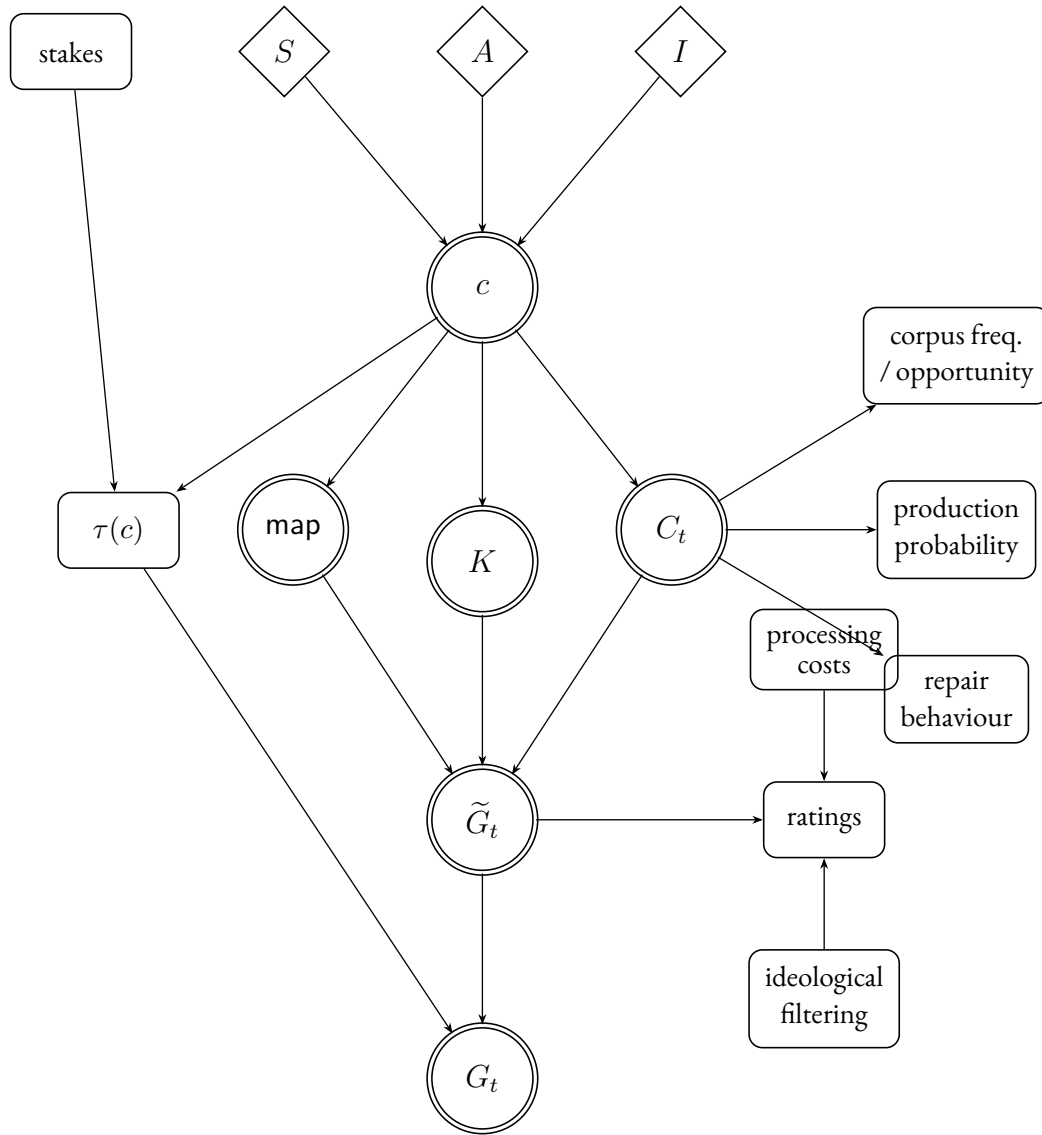


Figure 3: *

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