

# A Predictive Analysis Framework for Six Degrees of Freedom Vibration Qualification

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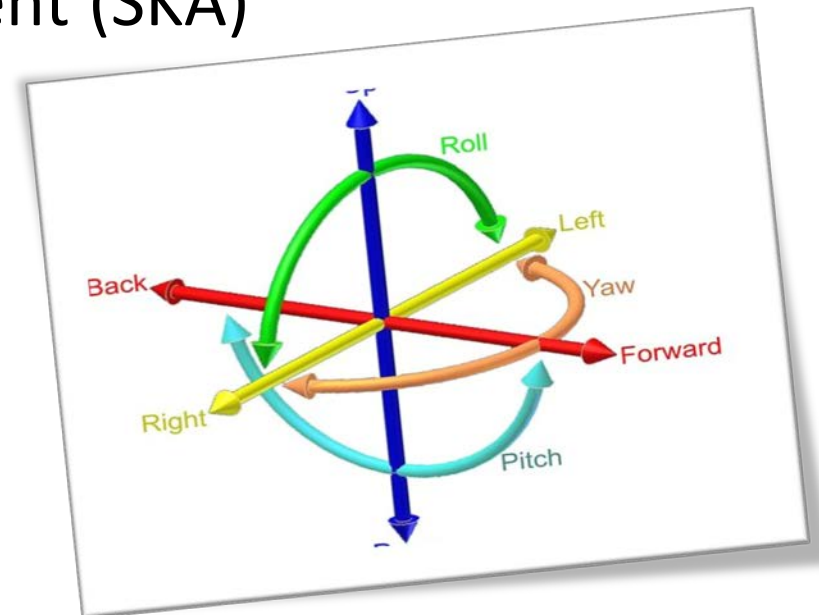
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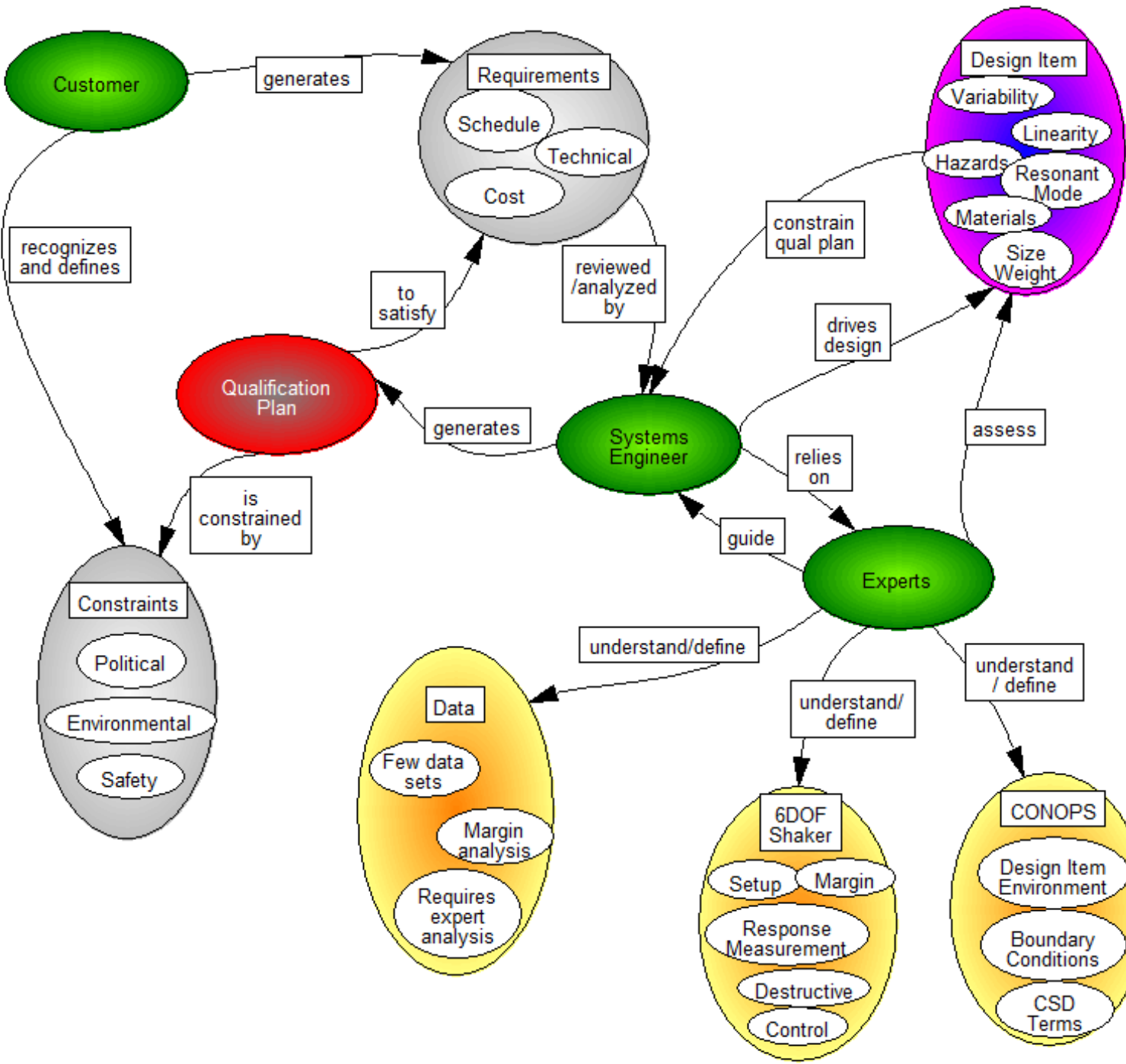
- Definitions
- Problem Statement
- Results
  - Building the BN Model
  - Validation
- Conclusion/Recommendations



- Qualification
- Six Degrees of Freedom (6DOF)/ Single Degree of Freedom
- Bayesian Network Model
- Structural Knowledge Assessment (SKA)



# Problem Statement



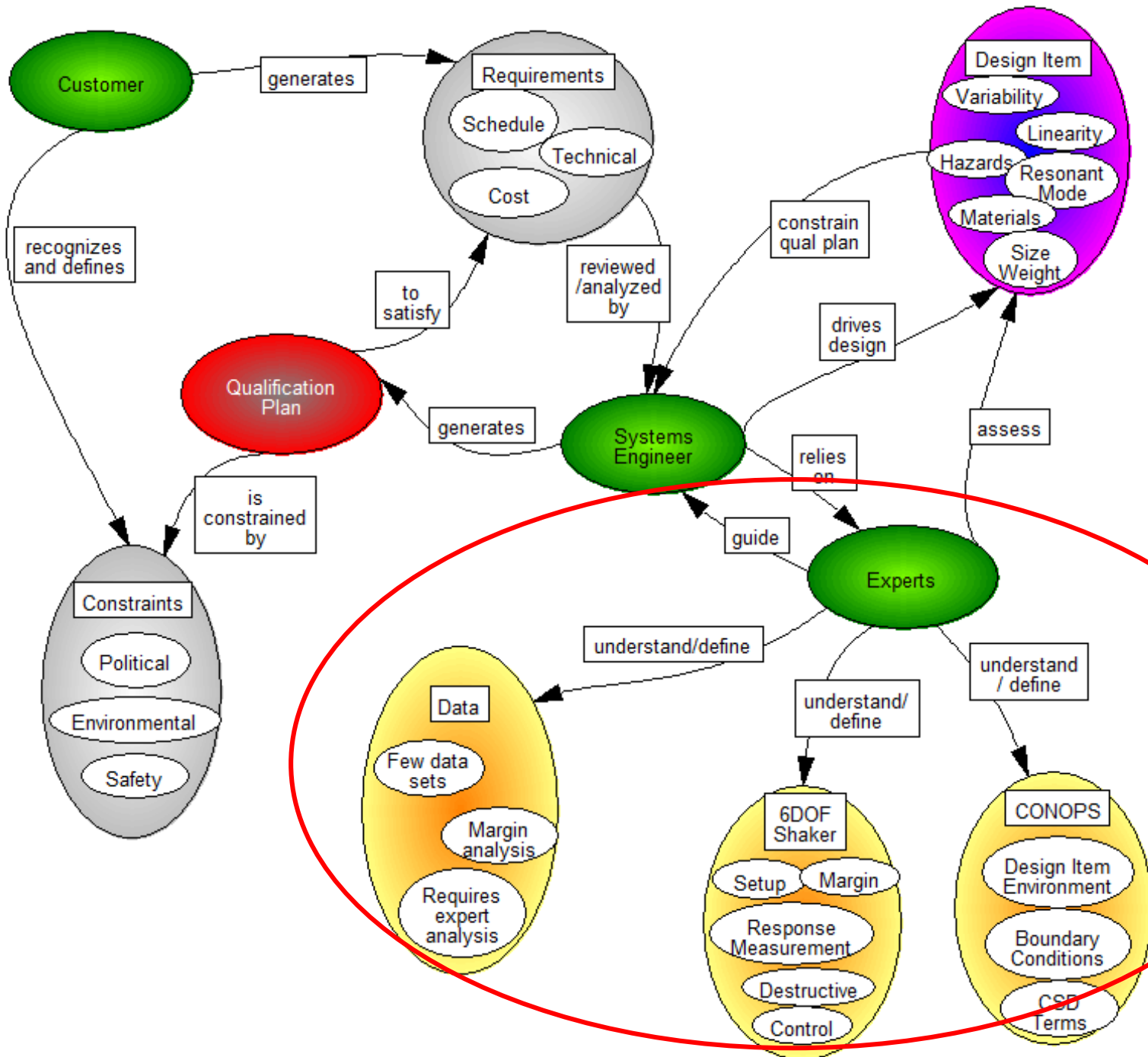
# Systemigram - Current state of 6DOF Qualification planning

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vibration -  
many benefits  
but very  
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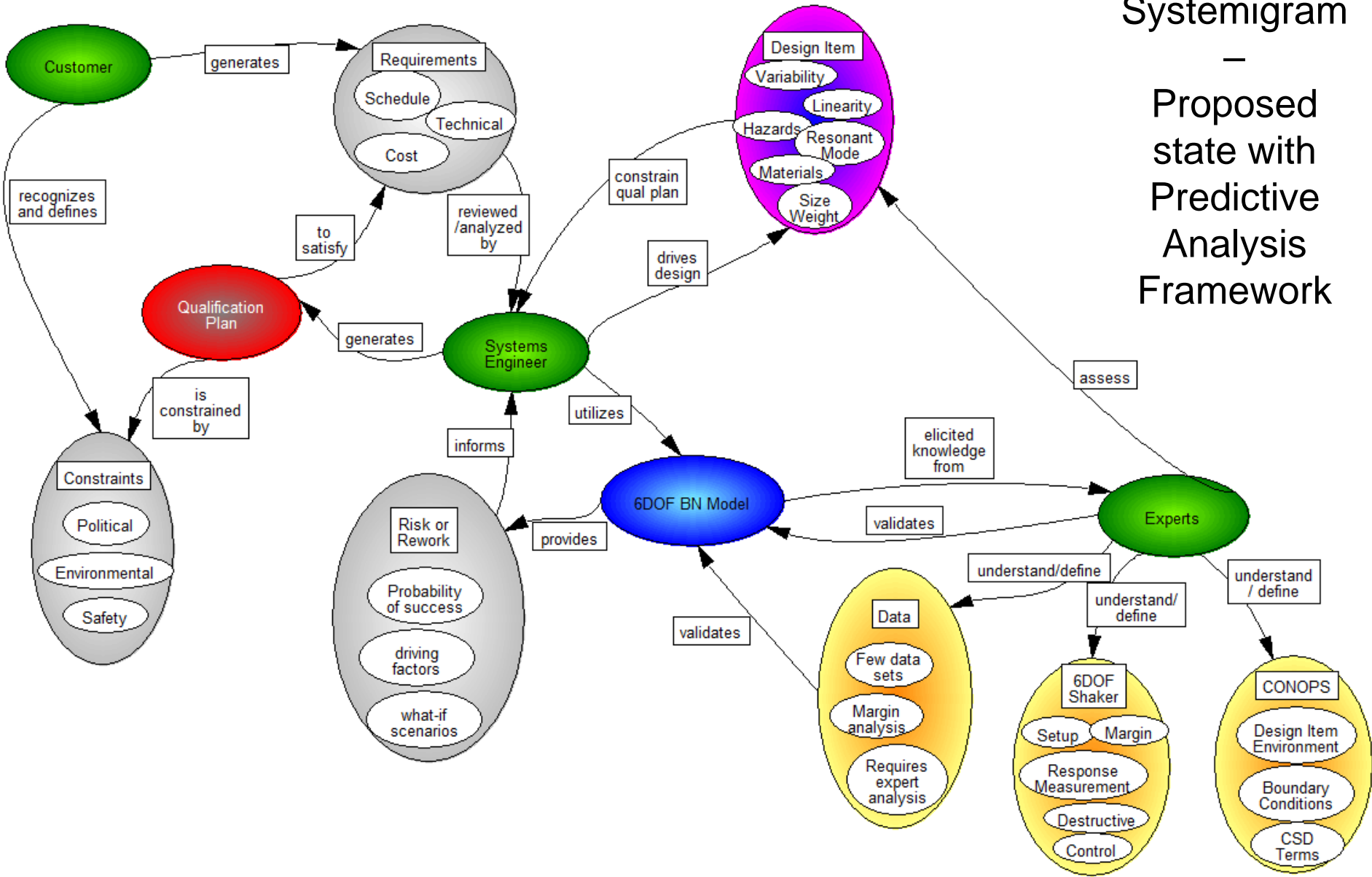
Causal  
technical  
factors must  
be considered  
(expert  
required)<sub>6</sub>

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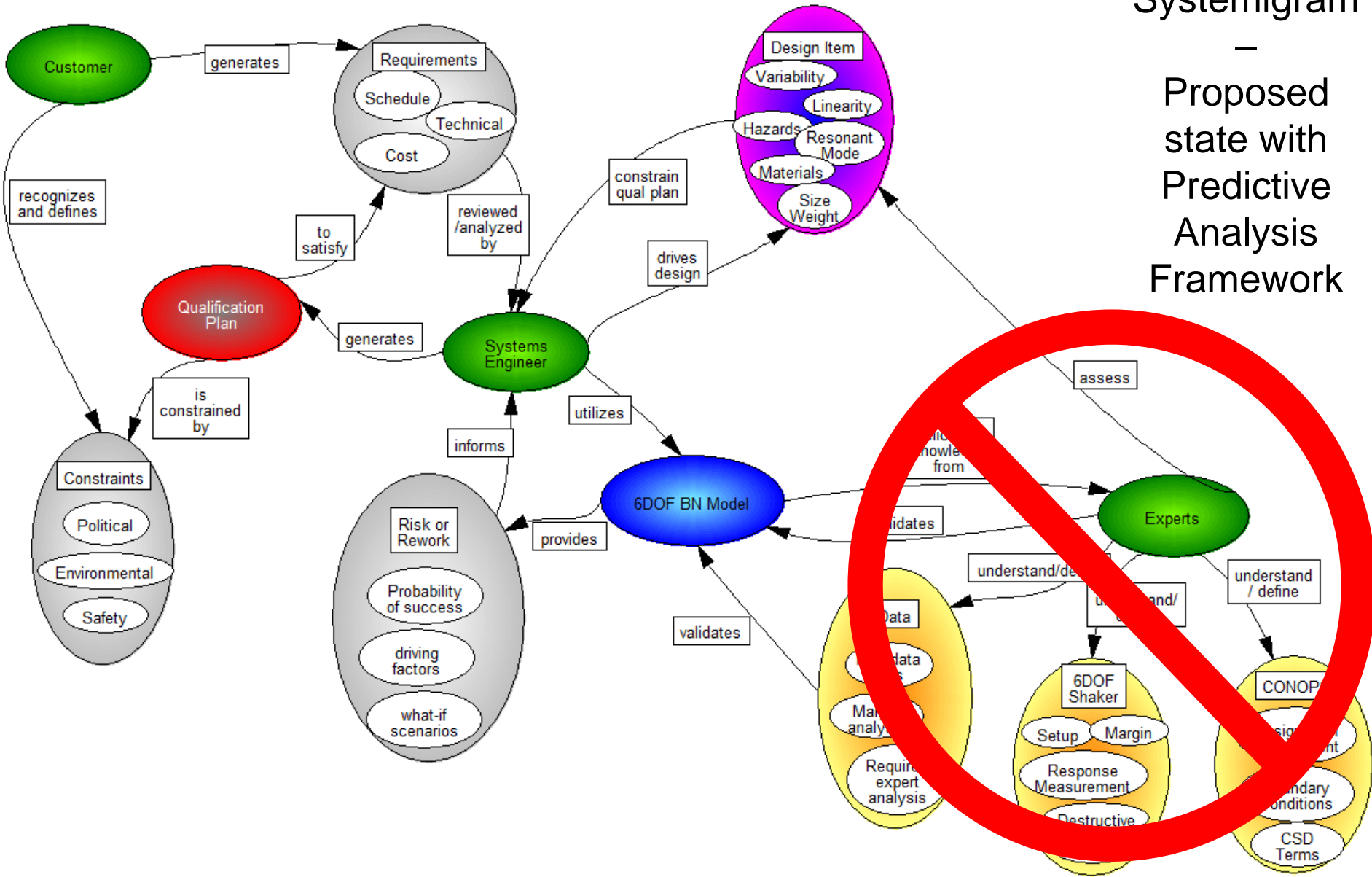
6DOF experts = few and not readily available

# Systemigram - Proposed state with Predictive Analysis Framework





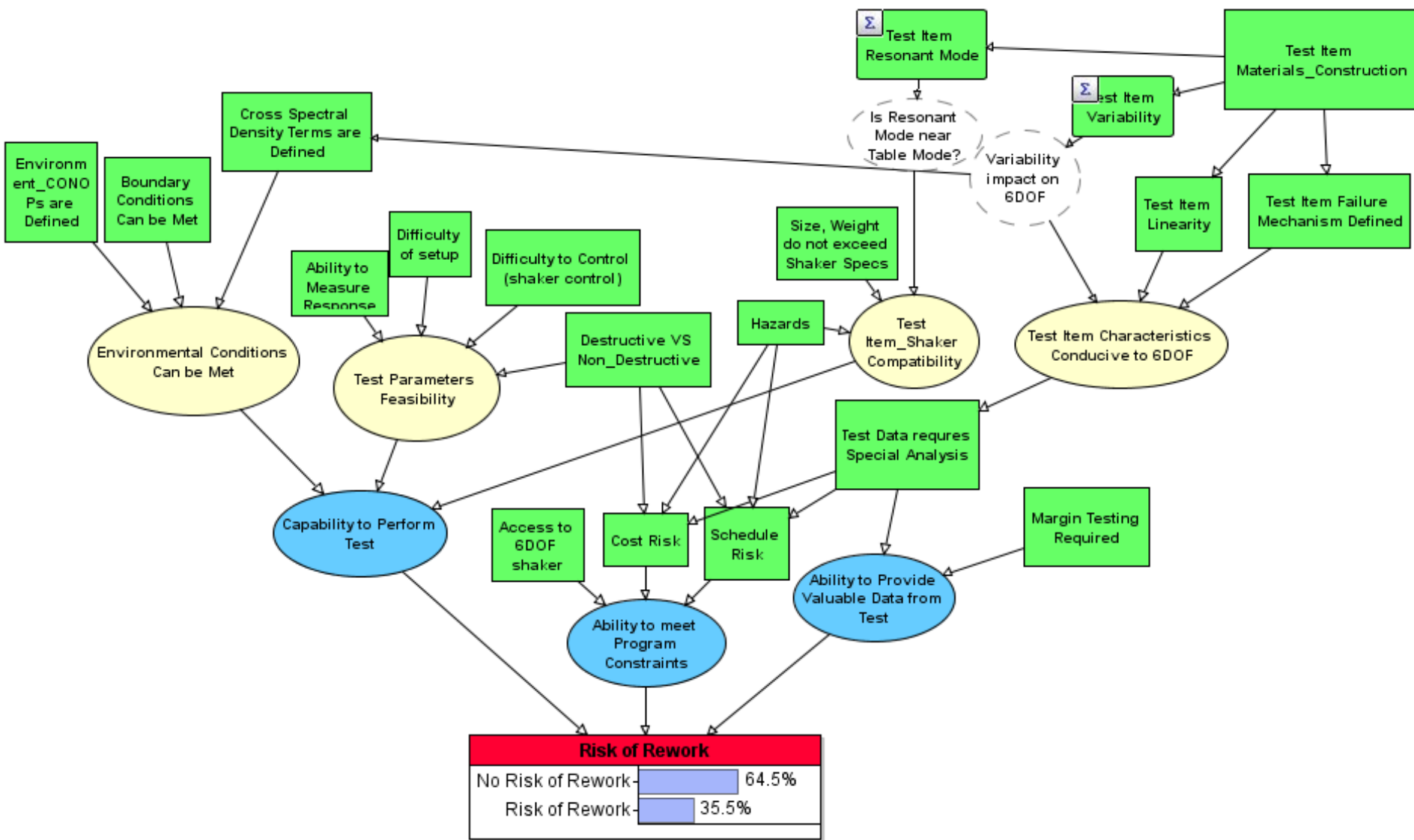
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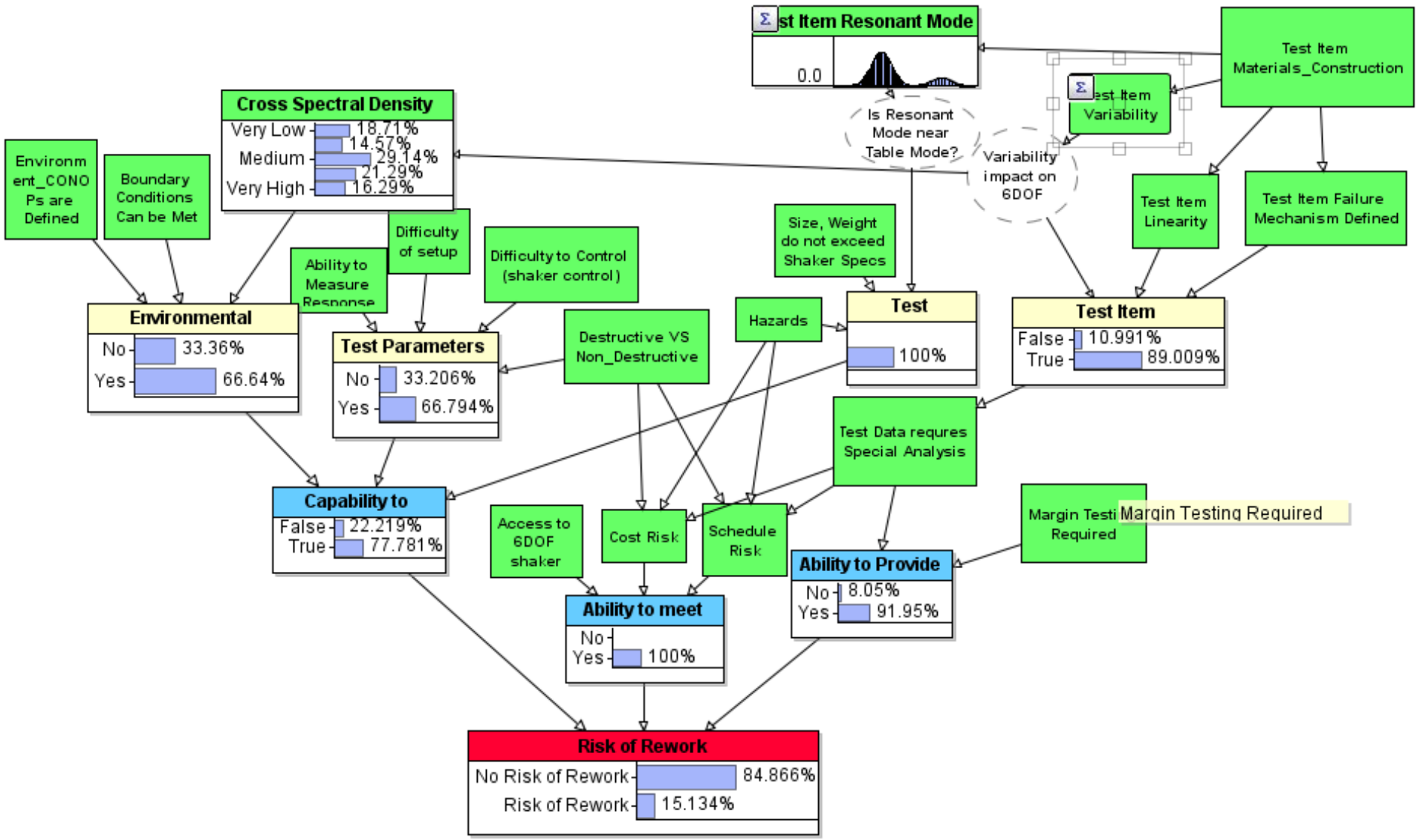


- What?
  - Incorporate technical factors into decision space
  - Extremely limited data / reliance on experts
- Why? (GAPS)
  - Systems engineers are required to make decisions about complex subjects<sup>1</sup>
  - Experts and/or data may not be available
  - Existing qualification decision models focus on cost, schedule, risk and quality only<sup>2</sup>
- How?
  - Use a Bayesian Network model
  - Capture the technical factors and expert knowledge
  - Understand the risk of using 6DOF tests for qualification

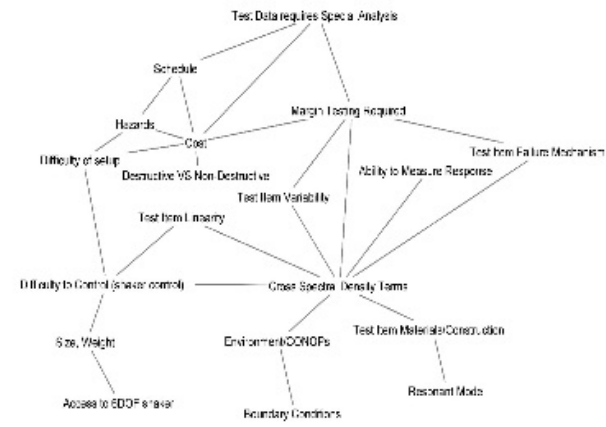
# Results – Building the BN Model

- Build BN Model - Critical Effort
  1. Identify Causal Factors
    - Literature review, screening experiment
  2. Identify Relationships
    - Based on expert input
    - Novel approach – Structural Knowledge Assessment<sup>3</sup>
  3. Identify Factor Probability Distributions
    - Based on expert input
    - Modified Sheffield Elicitation Framework (SHELF)<sup>4</sup>





- All possible relationships between factors is a large list
- Need:
  - Unbiased assessment of relationships
  - Strength of relationships
  - Determine whether the relationship is a driver
- SKA was modified to derive BN model relationships
  - Used in education, medical and cognitive science fields
  - Represents the structural properties of domain-specific knowledge
  - Factors presented in pairs to expert who rates based on the strength of the relationship
  - Pathfinder algorithm: derives a network from proximities for pairs of factors



Structural Knowledge Assessment (SKA) used to elicit relationships from experts

- Prior elicitation: discretization and parameterization
  - Elicit priors from experts in an unbiased manner
  - Quantitative and qualitative data
  - Probability of an event AND
  - Probability of the probability (uncertainty)
- SHELF method - objectively elicit priors from experts and incorporate data in the process
  - Multi-step process
  - Provides 'evidence dossiers'
  - Requires working meetings with the experts
- Roulette and Quartiles methods
  - Clear definition of factors defined in advance
  - Assign probability distributions
  - I modified to support qualitative data

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## Iterative Validation Approach

1. Verification of the model – Tolerance, deterministic, structured walk-thru, built-in tools with BN software
2. Validation of factors – screening experiment, peer review with industry working group
3. Validation of relationships and probability distributions – multiple expert peer review with SKA and SHELF, convergent and concurrent validity with other BN models
4. Validation of model performance – prediction metric 98.3%
5. Validation of model performance with historical test data - historical prediction metric 83.3%
6. Validation test cases – two test cases, 8 teams total, examine the effectiveness of the model to aid decision AND assess *learning* through the use of the model - validation case study metric 100%
  - Demonstrated the model is effective as a decision aid in planning 6DOF qualification
  - Demonstrated the model is effective in teaching key technical concepts



- **Effective decision aid** that could significantly **reduce the cost of rework** in vibration qualification efforts.
- Expand into other areas of Systems Engineering – Method to **capture expert knowledge** in a **predictive framework** to **guide system decisions** when the experts are not available.
  - Technical factors included
- **Ideas/Methods to help develop BN Models – Expert elicitation**
  - Use of the Structural Knowledge Assessment to elicit SME input on relationships between factors in an unbiased manner.
  - Customized SHELF framework for expert elicitation of quantitative and qualitative factor probabilities
- Method to **accelerate learning** relative to the causal information in the model

Questions?

Thank you!

- Use BN Models for critical systems engineering problems requiring assessment of technical factors
- Use BN Models for high risk programs where changes are expected
- Use BN Models to capture expert knowledge
- Use BN Models to accelerate learning
- Make sure the definitions and assumptions for the model are understood

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