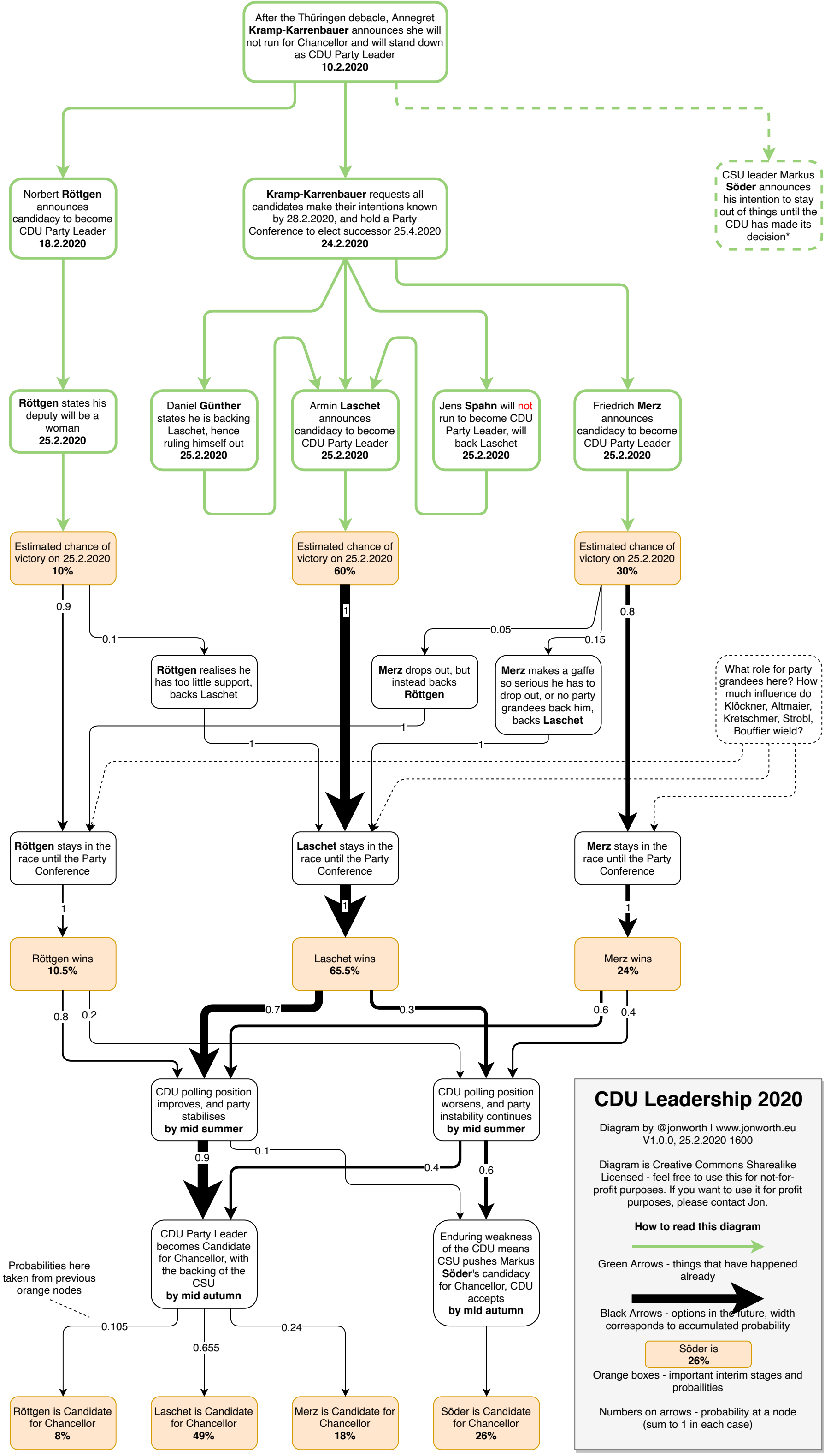
After the Thüringen debacle, Annegret **Kramp-Karrenbauer** announces she will not run for Chancellor and will stand down as CDU Party Leader **10.2.2020**
Norbert **Röttgen** announces candidacy to become CDU Party Leader **18.2.2020**
Kramp-Karrenbauer requests all candidates make their intentions known by 28.2.2020, and hold a Party Conference to elect successor 25.4.2020 **24.2.2020**
CSU leader Markus **Söder** announces his intention to stay out of things until the CDU has made its decision*
Röttgen states his deputy will be a woman **25.2.2020**
Daniel **Günther** states he is backing Laschet, hence ruling himself out **25.2.2020**
Armin **Laschet** announces candidacy to become CDU Party Leader **25.2.2020**
Jens **Spahn** will not run to become CDU Party Leader, will back Laschet **25.2.2020**
Friedrich **Merz** announces candidacy to become CDU Party Leader **25.2.2020**
Estimated chance of victory on 25.2.2020 **10%**
Estimated chance of victory on 25.2.2020 **60%**
Estimated chance of victory on 25.2.2020 **30%**
0.9
0.1
1
0.05
0.15
0.8
Röttgen realises he has too little support, backs Laschet
Merz drops out, but instead backs **Röttgen**
Merz makes a gaffe so serious he has to drop out, or no party grandees back him, backs **Laschet**
What role for party grandees here? How much influence do Klöckner, Altmaier, Kretschmer, Strobl, Bouffier wield?
1
1
1
Röttgen stays in the race until the Party Conference
Laschet stays in the race until the Party Conference
Merz stays in the race until the Party Conference
1
1
1
Röttgen wins **10.5%**
Laschet wins **65.5%**
Merz wins **24%**
0.8
0.2
0.7
0.3
0.6
0.4
CDU polling position improves, and party stabilises **by mid summer**
CDU polling position worsens, and party instability continues **by mid summer**
0.9
0.1
0.4
0.6
CDU Party Leader becomes Candidate for Chancellor, with the backing of the CSU **by mid autumn**
Enduring weakness of the CDU means CSU pushes Markus **Söder**'s candidacy for Chancellor, CDU accepts **by mid autumn**
Probabilities here taken from previous orange nodes
0.105
0.655
0.24
Röttgen is Candidate for Chancellor **8%**
Laschet is Candidate for Chancellor **49%**
Merz is Candidate for Chancellor **18%**
Söder is Candidate for Chancellor **26%**
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How to read this diagram
Green Arrows - things that have happened already
Black Arrows - options in the future, width corresponds to accumulated probability
Söder is **26%**
Orange boxes - important interim stages and probailities
Numbers on arrows - probability at a node (sum to 1 in each case)