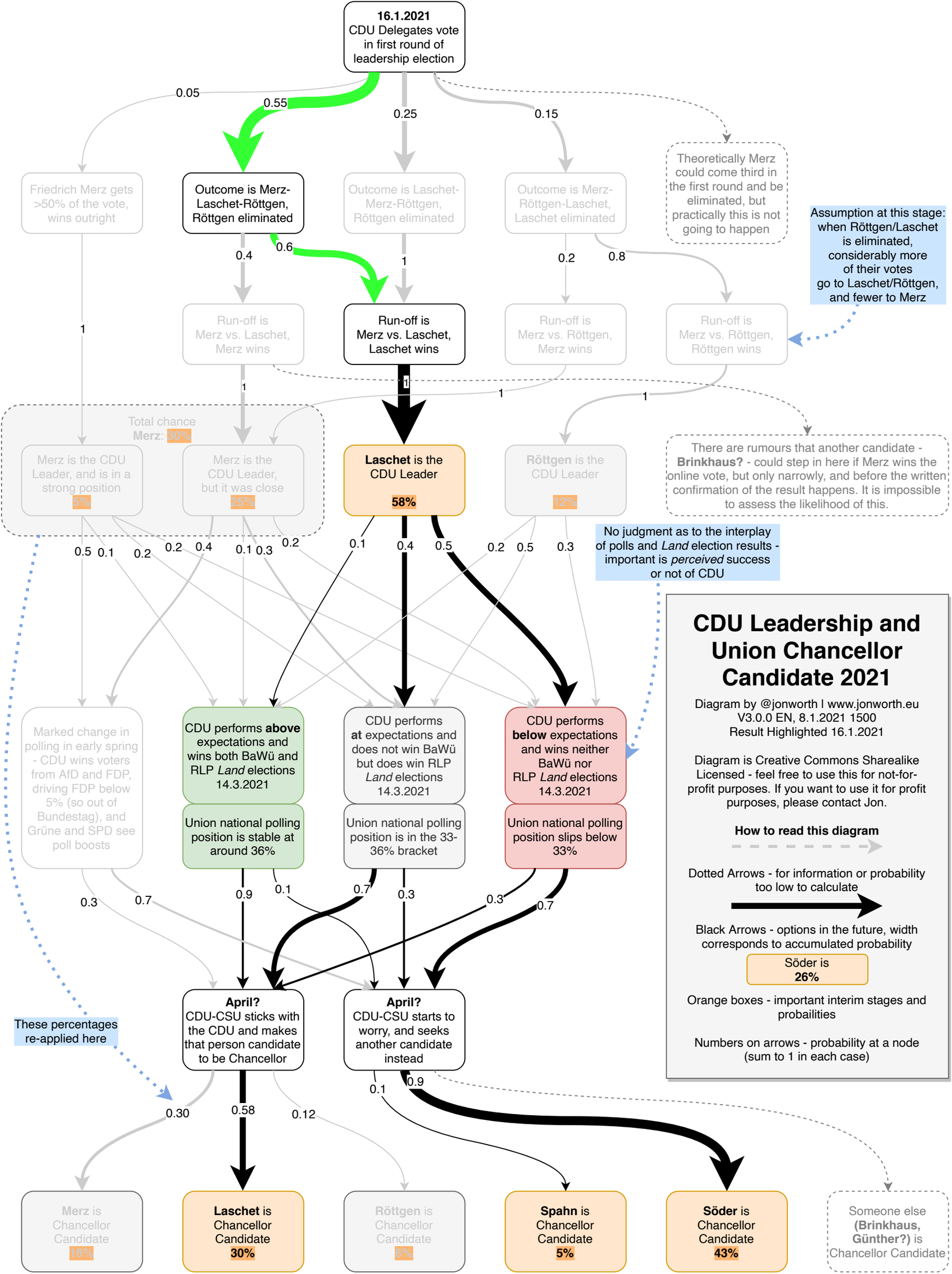
16.1.2021
CDU Delegates vote in first round of leadership election
0.05
0.55
0.25
0.15
Friedrich Merz gets >50% of the vote, wins outright
Outcome is Merz-Laschet-Röttgen, Röttgen eliminated
Outcome is Laschet-Merz-Röttgen, Röttgen eliminated
Outcome is Merz-Röttgen-Laschet, Laschet eliminated
Theoretically Merz could come third in the first round and be eliminated, but practically this is not going to happen
Assumption at this stage: when Röttgen/Laschet is eliminated, considerably more of their votes go to Laschet/Röttgen, and fewer to Merz
0.4
0.6
1
0.2
0.8
1
Run-off is Merz vs. Laschet, Merz wins
Run-off is Merz vs. Laschet, Laschet wins
Run-off is Merz vs. Röttgen, Merz wins
Run-off is Merz vs. Röttgen, Röttgen wins
1
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Total chance Merz: 30%
Merz is the CDU Leader, and is in a strong position 5%
Merz is the CDU Leader, but it was close 25%
Laschet is the CDU Leader 58%
Röttgen is the CDU Leader 12%
There are rumours that another candidate - Brinkhaus? - could step in here if Merz wins the online vote, but only narrowly, and before the written confirmation of the result happens. It is impossible to assess the likelihood of this.
0.5 0.1 0.2 0.2 0.4 0.1 0.3 0.2 0.1 0.4 0.5 0.2 0.5 0.3
No judgment as to the interplay of polls and Land election results - important is perceived success or not of CDU
Marked change in polling in early spring - CDU wins voters from AfD and FDP, driving FDP below 5% (so out of Bundestag), and Grüne and SPD see poll boosts
CDU performs above expectations and wins both BaWü and RLP Land elections 14.3.2021
CDU performs at expectations and does not win BaWü but does win RLP Land elections 14.3.2021
CDU performs below expectations and wins neither BaWü nor RLP Land elections 14.3.2021
Union national polling position is stable at around 36%
Union national polling position is in the 33-36% bracket
Union national polling position slips below 33%
0.3 0.7 0.9 0.1 0.7 0.3 0.3 0.7
April? CDU-CSU sticks with the CDU and makes that person candidate to be Chancellor
April? CDU-CSU starts to worry, and seeks another candidate instead
These percentages re-applied here
0.30 0.58 0.12 0.1 0.9
Merz is Chancellor Candidate 16%
Laschet is Chancellor Candidate 30%
Röttgen is Chancellor Candidate 6%
Spahn is Chancellor Candidate 5%
Söder is Chancellor Candidate 43%
Someone else (Brinkhaus, Günther?) is Chancellor Candidate
CDU Leadership and Union Chancellor Candidate 2021
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How to read this diagram
Dotted Arrows - for information or probability too low to calculate
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)