

# Towards a Clarification of Terms

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probable

possible

plausible



distinct

absolute/subjective

practical





# probable

## Mathematical Concept

That may be proved

likeliness

The feeling of certainty

repetitive systems

chance

Transform into certainty

Sufficient certainties— B de Jouvenel

Has an appearance of truth

Not all futures have probabilities, but we are interested in them anyway.

Uncertainty through change

Individual event unknown, result is no surprise

# possible

Extract the possible

Binary

Impossibilities are contingent potential  
And mostly based on timeline

Challenged by absolute and subjective reasons

Can be absolute conceivable

4 Type of Possible (Bloch)

- Formal
- Factual
- Objects'
- Objective

Our Job: Open Possibilities!!

nonsense

Probable  $\neq$  possible

Not everything possible exists

contradictory

# GBN 2x2 Matrix

Most Important Variables



Most uncertain Variables

GBN 2x2 Matrix

Equally

Most Important Variables

Possible

Most uncertain Variables

# plausible

Exists in our minds

Plausible  $\neq$  possible

Reasonable

Subjective

Credible

Convincing

Most Problematic Qualifier

Judgments

Based on the argument, story as real

Belief that a future can be real

Does an informed audience believe?

Concepts

Can be improbable



probability  
likely to happen

possibility  
can it happen?



plausibility  
convinced could happen



probable

possible

**plausible**