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## probable

## possible

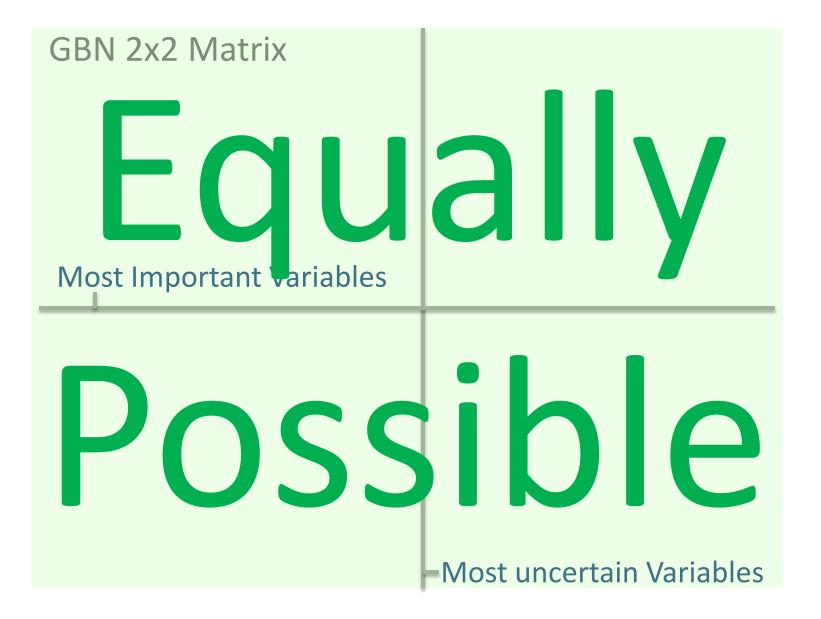
## plausible

### 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 Not all futures have Has an appearance of truth probabilities, but we are interested in them anyway. Uncertainty through change Individual event unknown, result is no surprise

#### possible Extract the possible **Binary** potential Impossibilities are continent And mostly based on timeline Challenged by absolute and subjective reasons conceivable Can be absolute 4 Type of Possible (Bloch) **Our Job: Open Possibilities!!** Formal Probable ≠ possible Factual nonsense Objects' Not everything possible exists Objective contradictory

| GBN 2x2 Matrix           |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Most Important Variables |                           |
|                          |                           |
|                          | –Most uncertain Variables |



#### plausible Plausible $\neq$ possible Exists in our minds **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