

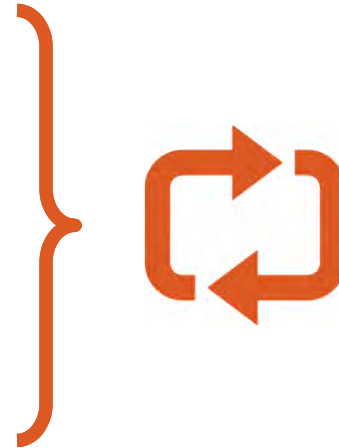
Today's Agenda

Motivation & Objective

- How can we quantify importance and interpret related measures?

Dimensions of Reasoning

- Prediction vs. Causation
- Theory vs. Data
- Probabilistic vs. Deterministic
- Bayesian networks as a reasoning framework



Today's Agenda (cont'd)

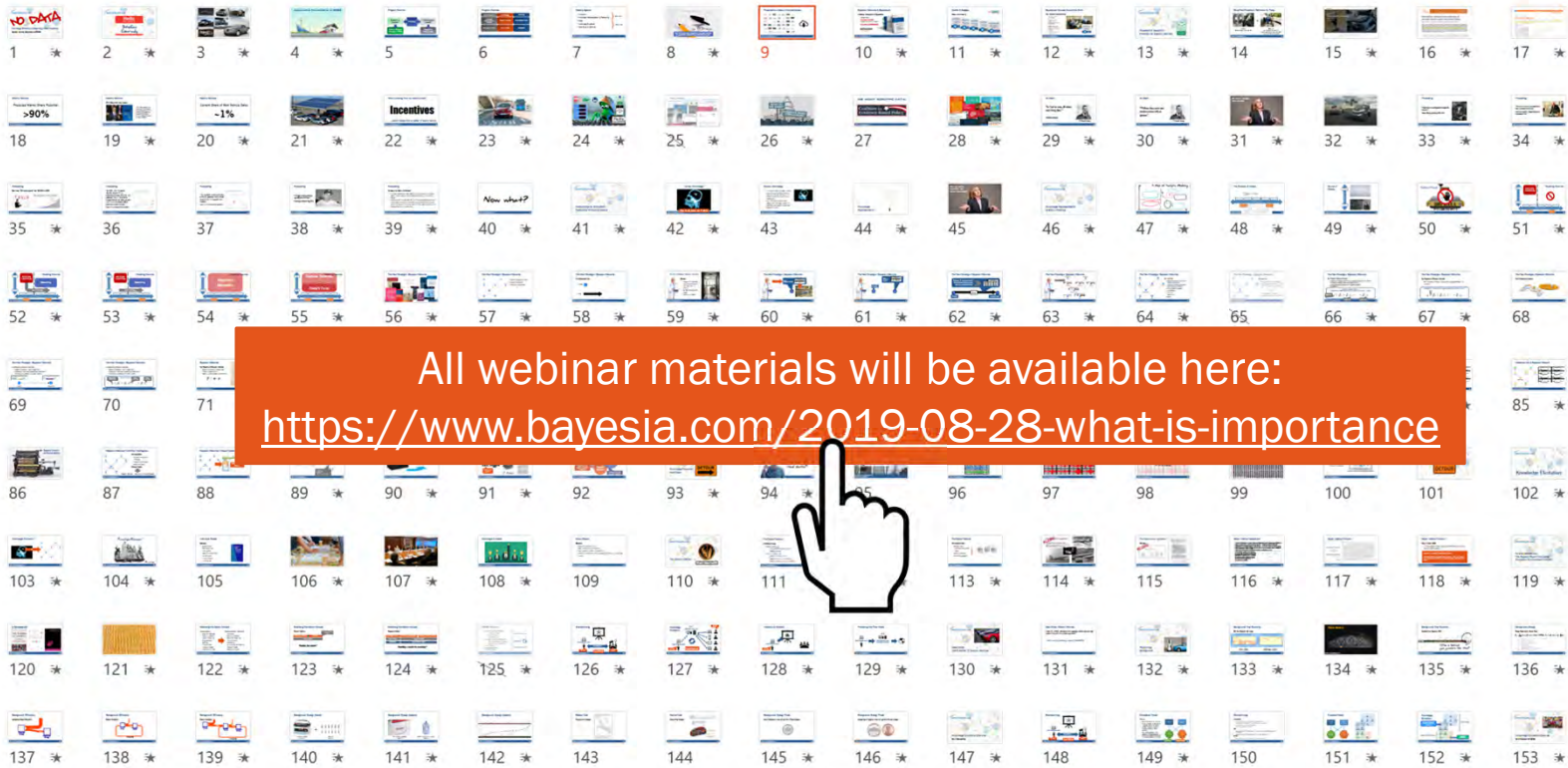
Importance in Predictive Modeling

- Total Effects
- Information Theory
 - Entropy & Mutual Information
 - Arc Force, Node Force
- Bayes Factor
- Tornado Chart

Importance in Causal Modeling

- Direct Effects
- Contributions & Synergy
- Elasticity

Slides, networks, and video will be available



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The methodology of focus groups: **the importance of** interaction between research participants

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What are focus groups? How are they distinct from ordinary group discussions and what use are they anyway? This article introduces focus group methodology, explores ways of conducting such groups and examines what this technique of data collection can offer ...

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The importance of selenium to human health

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The essential trace mineral, selenium, is of fundamental importance to human health. As a constituent of selenoproteins, selenium has structural and enzymic roles, in the latter context being best-known as an antioxidant and catalyst for the production of active thyroid ...

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The maintenance of species-richness in plant communities: **the importance of** the regeneration niche

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SUMMARY 1 According to 'Gause's hypothesis' a corollary of the process of evolution by natural selection is that in a community at equilibrium every species must occupy a different niche. Many botanists have found this idea improbable because they have ignored the ...

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The importance of the ratio of omega-6/omega-3 essential fatty acids

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Several sources of information suggest that human beings evolved on a diet with a ratio of omega-6 to omega-3 essential fatty acids (EFA) of ~ 1 whereas in Western diets the ratio is 15/1-16.7/1. Western diets are deficient in omega-3 fatty acids, and have excessive ...

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Consequence Effect Influence Priority

Influence Usefulness Value Force Significance

Weight Relevance Impact Leverage Strength

Contribution Potency Efficacy Efficiency

Power **Importance** Gain

Effectiveness Change Support Response

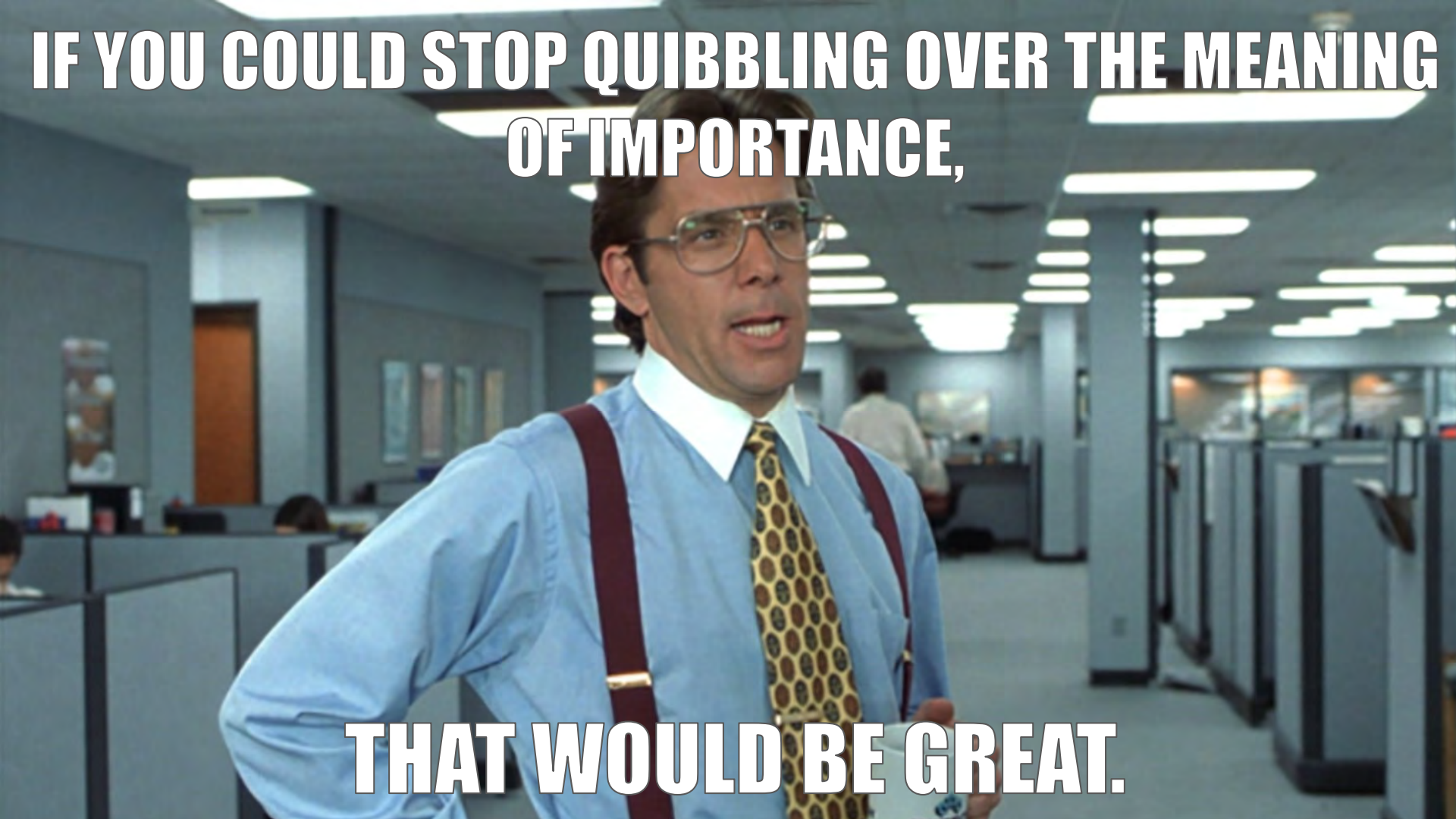
Causation Connection Determinant Motive

Impulse Coefficient Parameter Propensity Bias

Tendency Inclination Proneness Driver Factor

**IF YOU COULD STOP QUIBBLING OVER THE MEANING
OF IMPORTANCE,**

THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

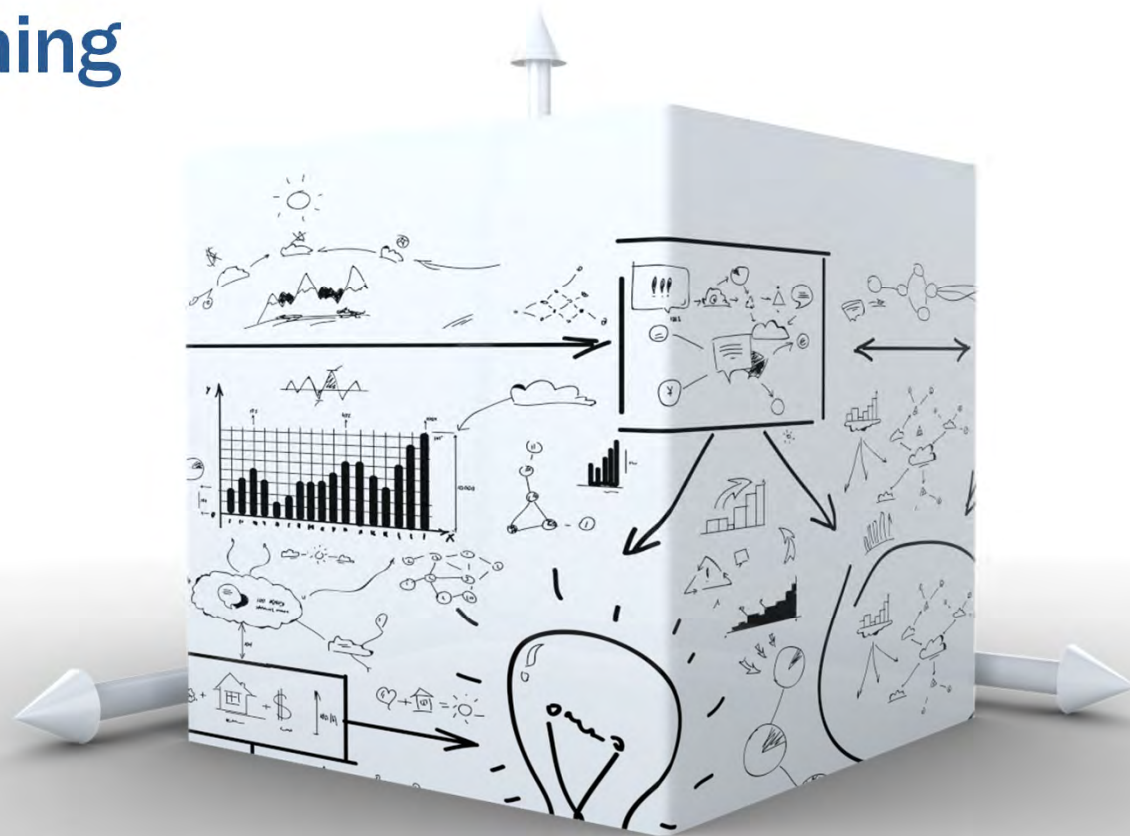






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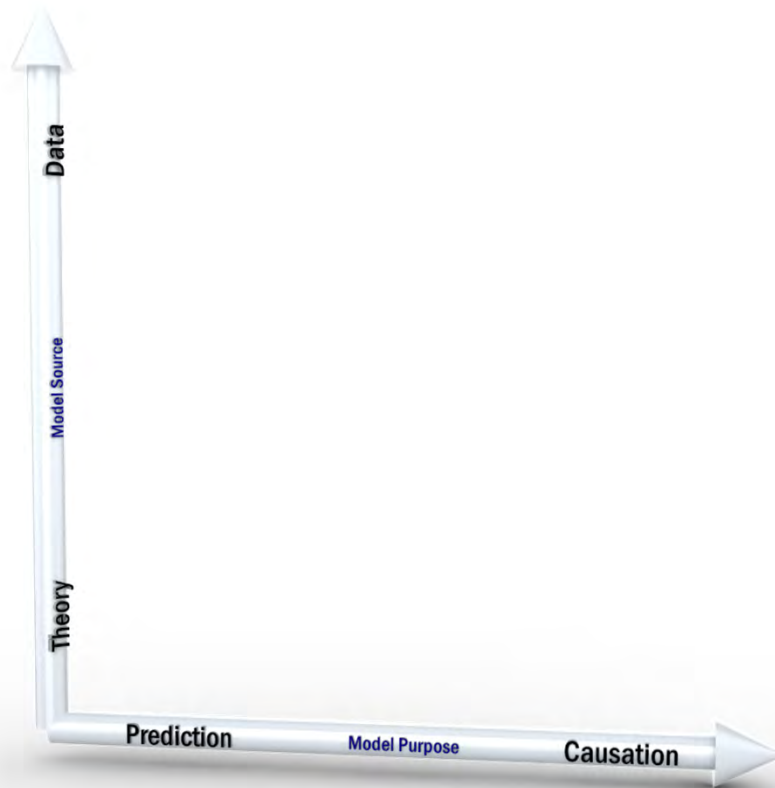
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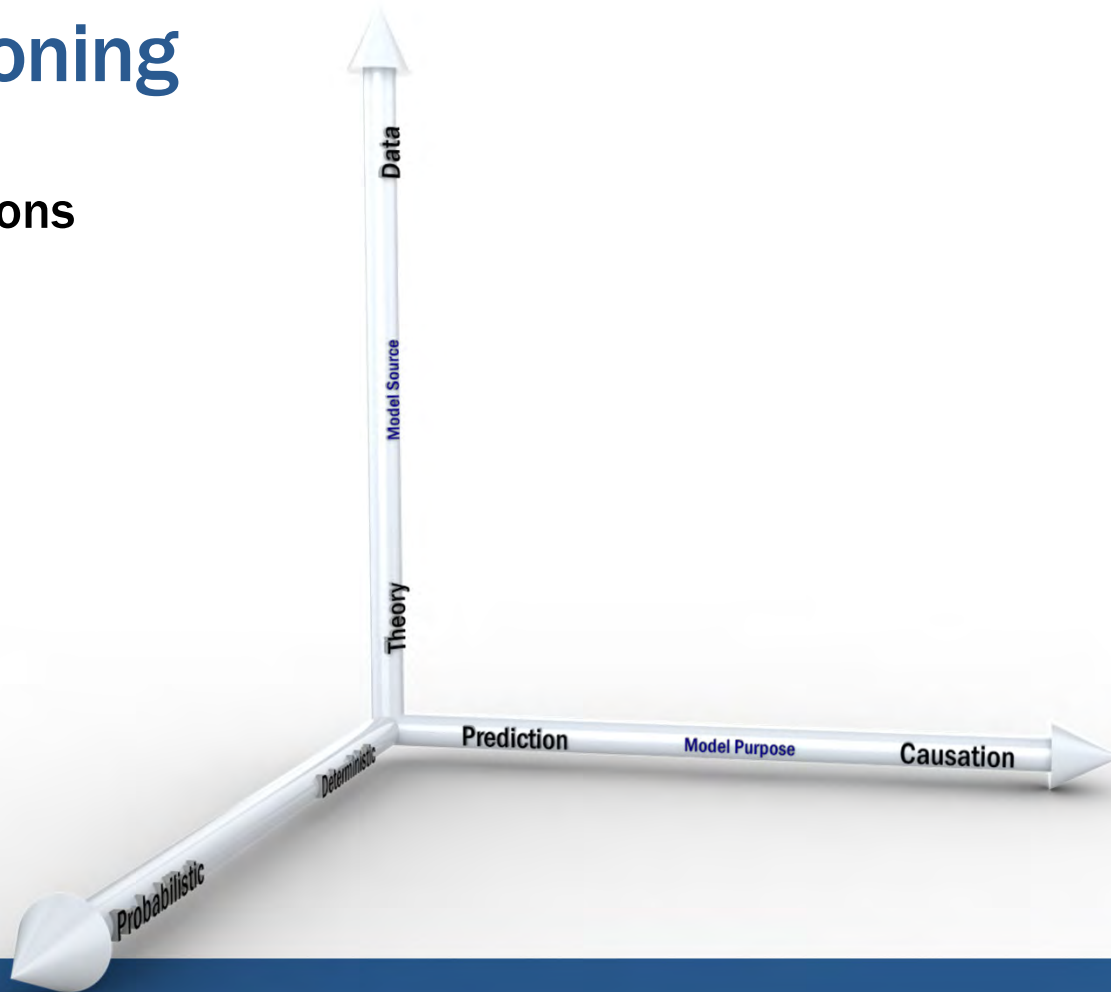
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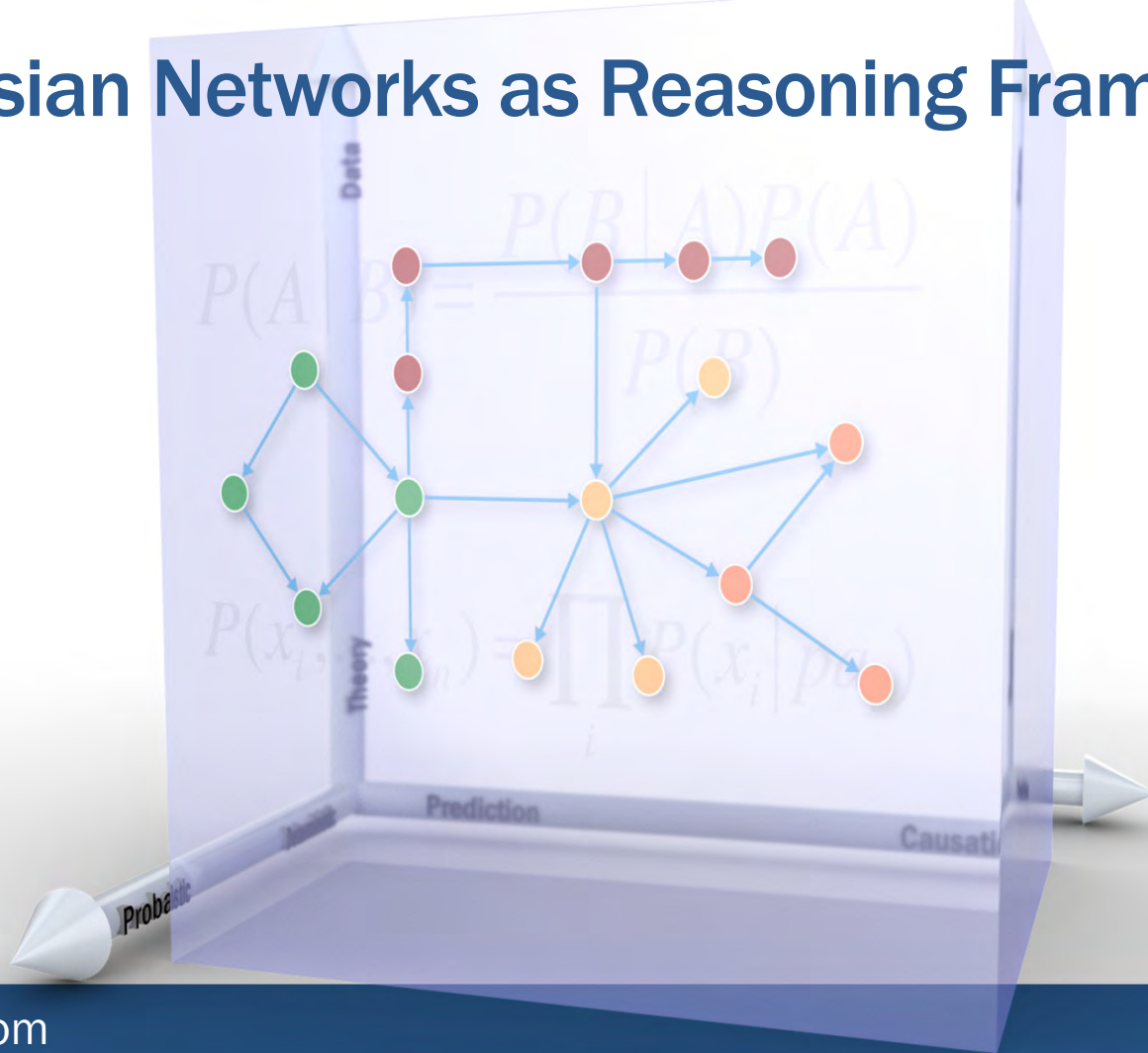


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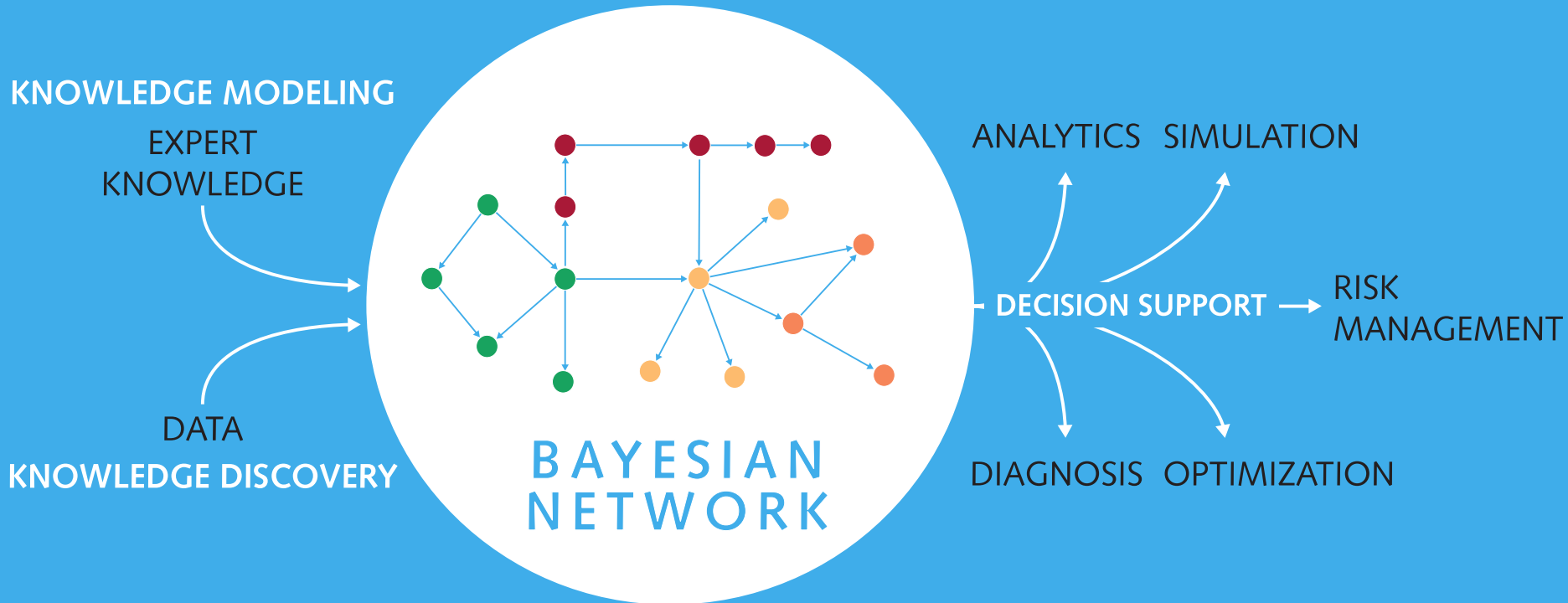
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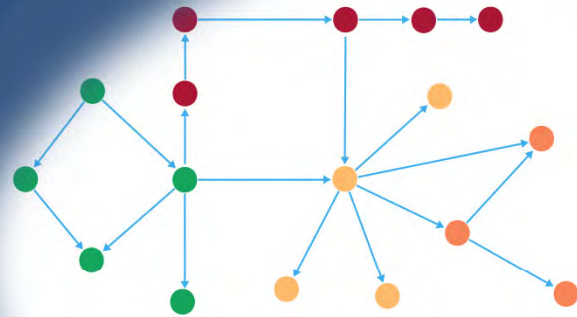
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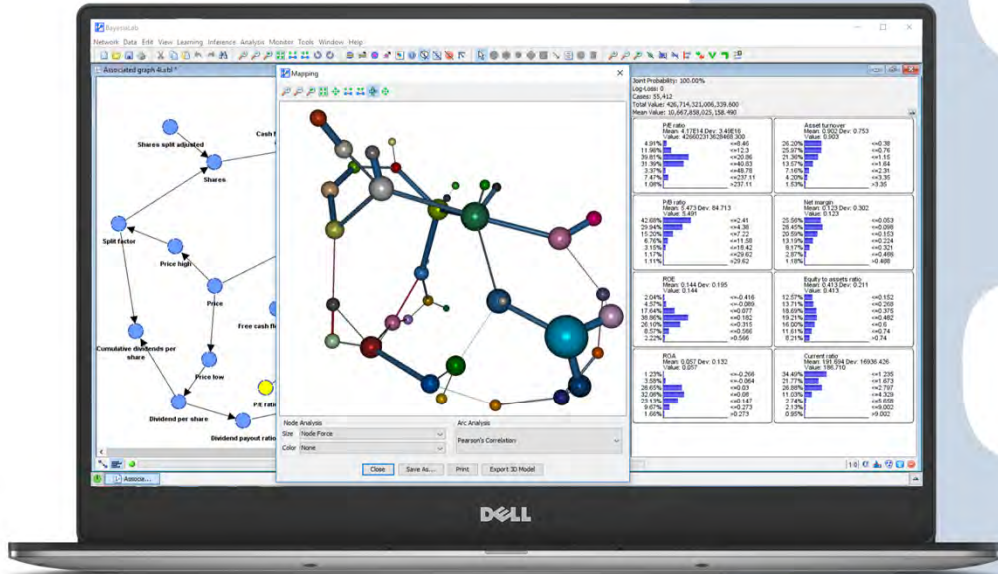
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DECISION SUPPORT

DIAGNOSIS OPTIMIZATION

RISK ANALYSIS

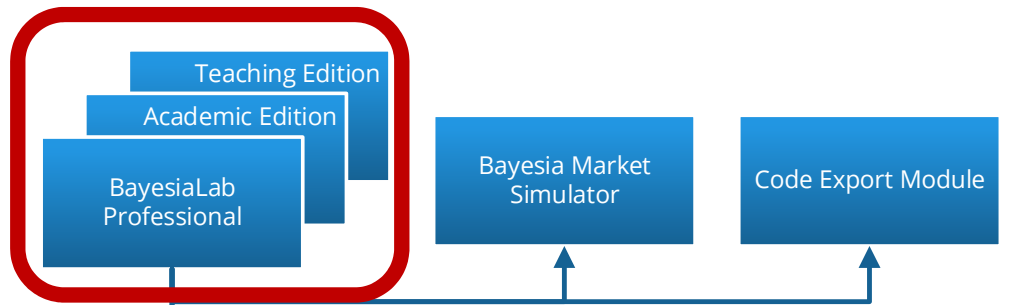


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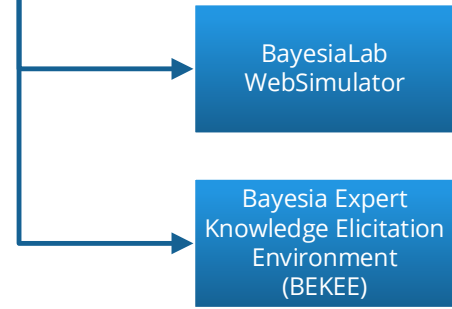
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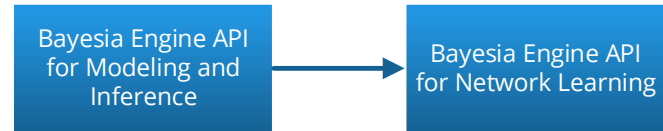
Desktop Software



Web Application



API



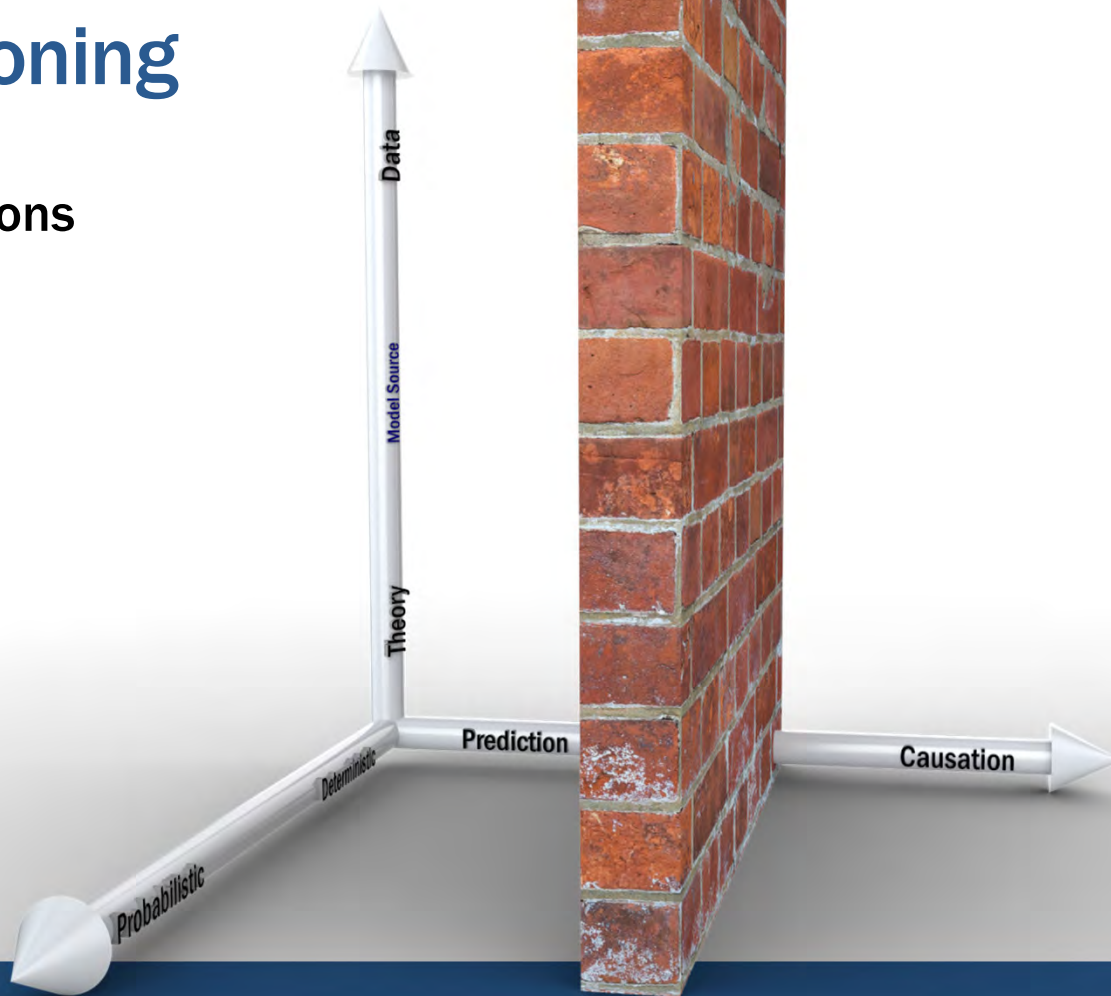
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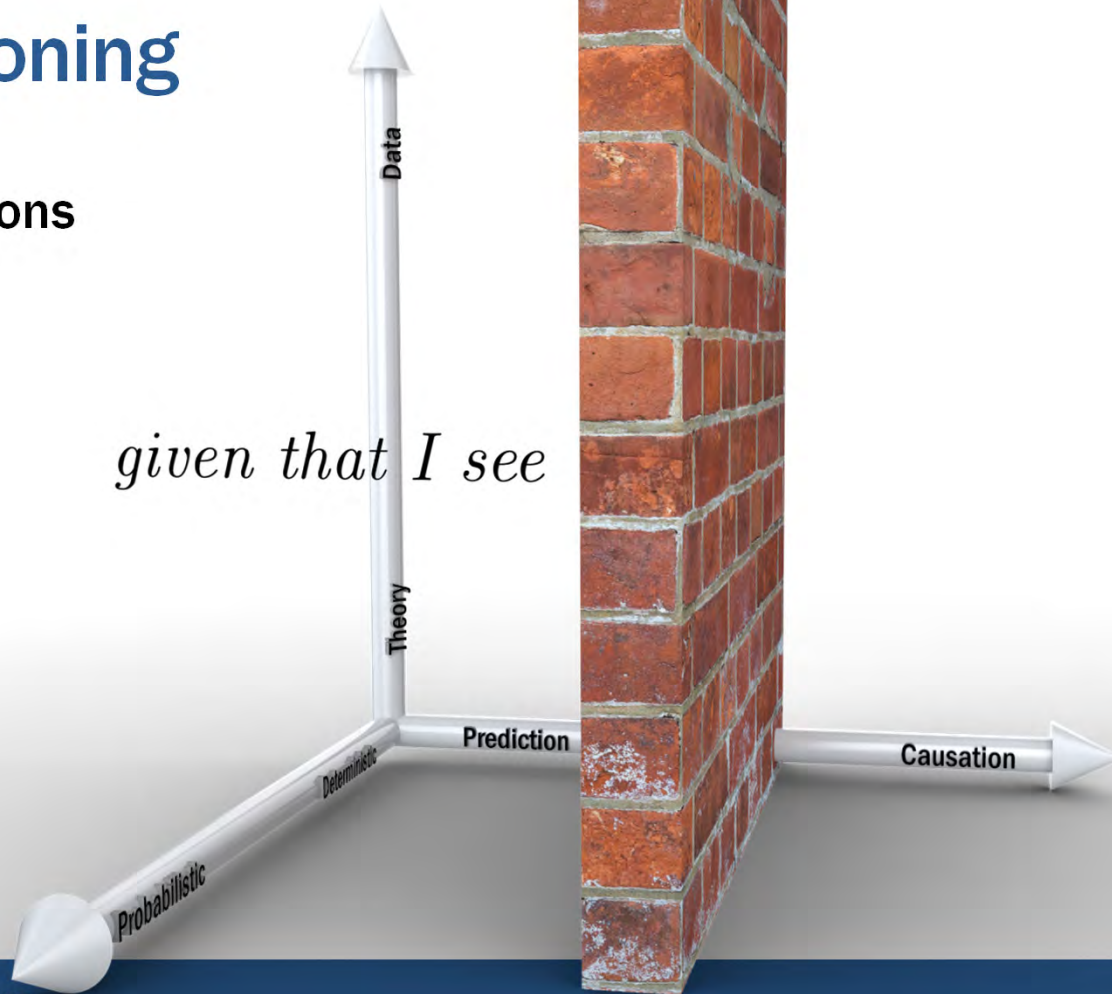
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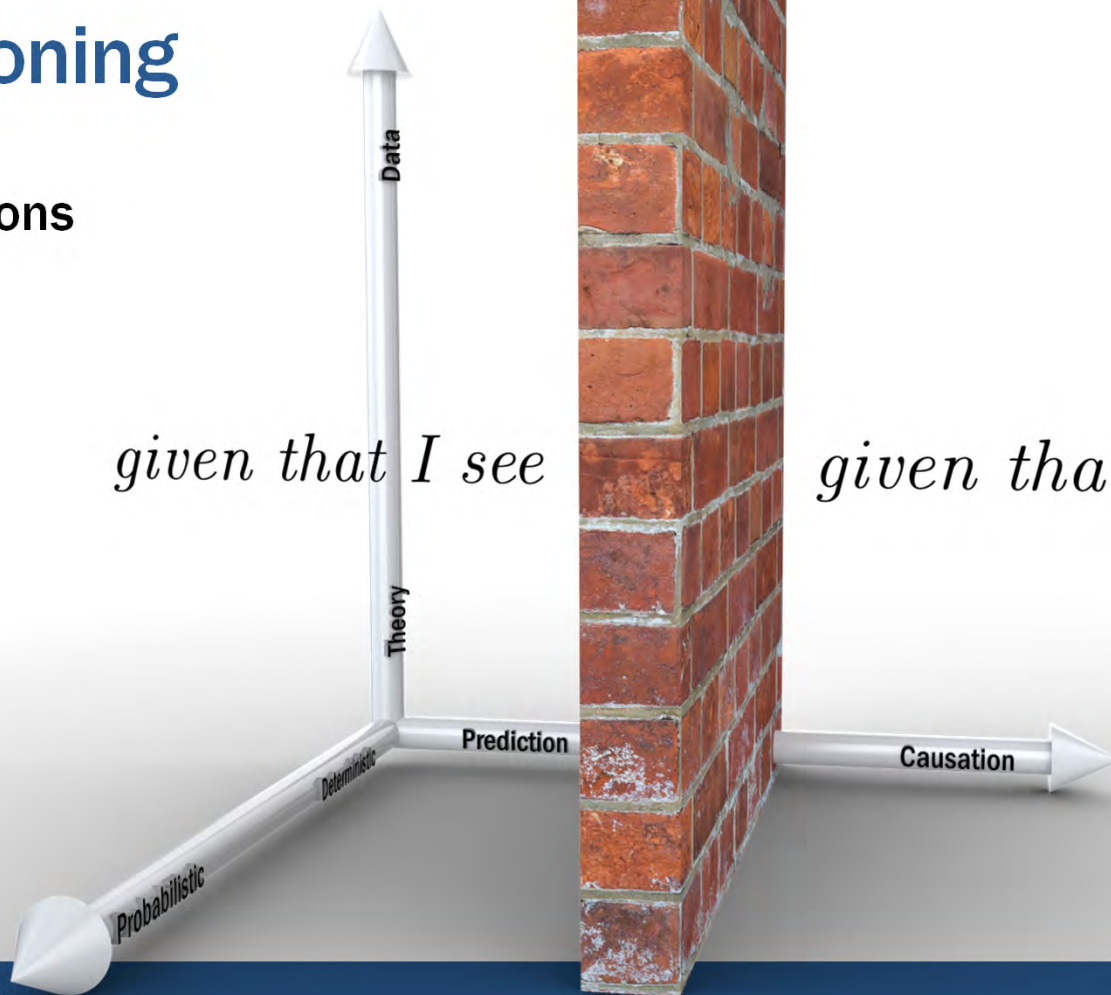
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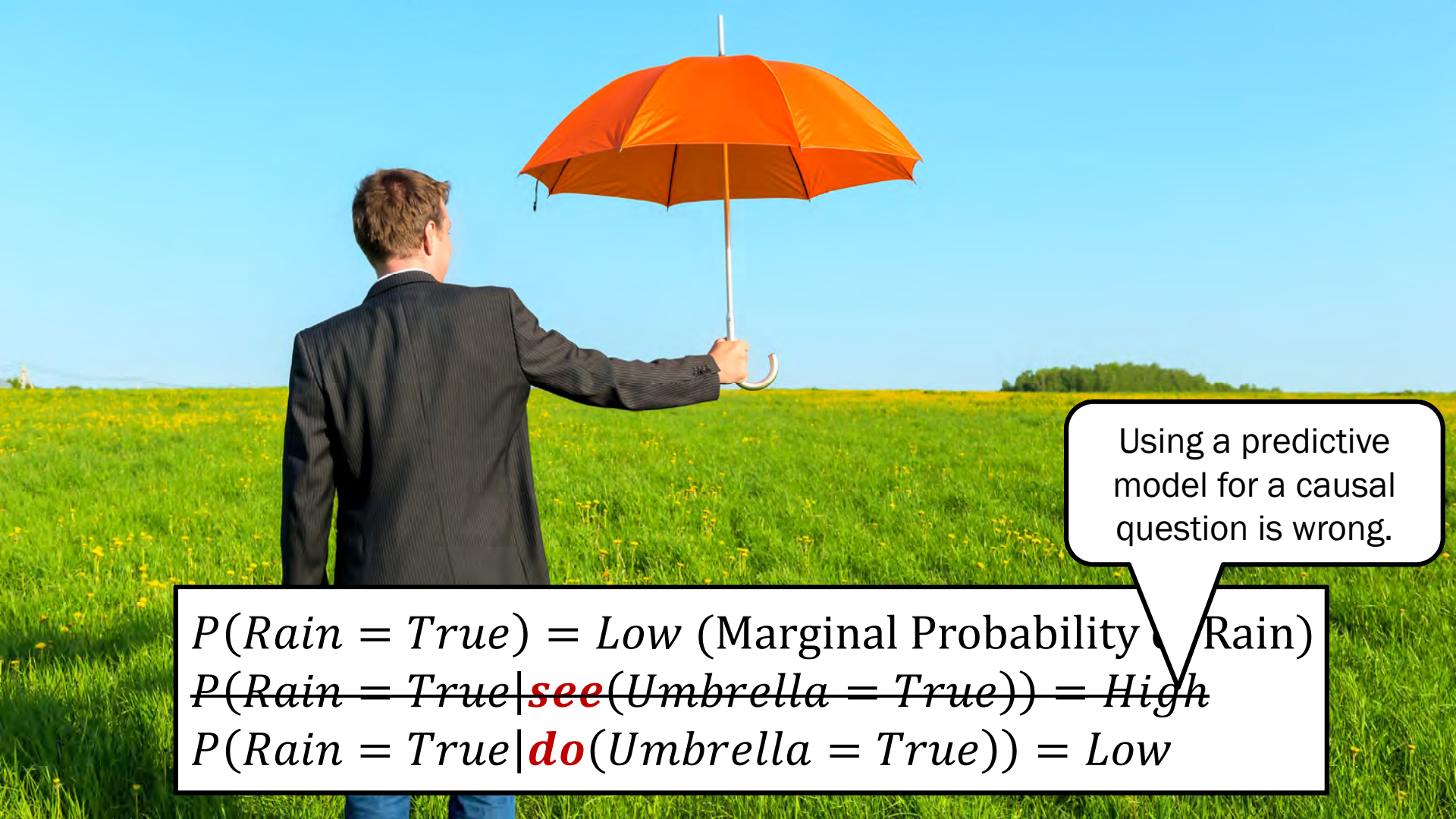
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An aerial photograph of a busy pedestrian crossing. The crossing is marked with thick white vertical stripes on a dark asphalt surface. Numerous people are walking across the crossing, many of whom are holding umbrellas. The umbrellas come in various colors, including clear, black, white, red, green, and blue. The scene is captured from a high angle, looking down on the pedestrians and their umbrellas.

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 $P(\text{Rain} = \text{True} | \text{see}(\text{Umbrella} = \text{True})) = \text{High}$



Using a predictive model for a causal question is wrong.

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Reasoning



Predictive Modeling

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Note

- We are not discussing how to build or learn Bayesian network models today.
- We simply use existing models to quantify the importance of variables and their relationships.
- All of today's examples were properly introduced in other seminars, and we will provide links to those materials.

Predictive Modeling

Total Effect

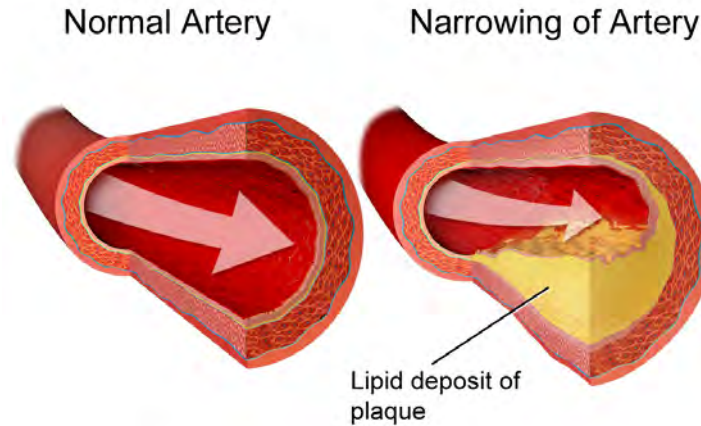
- “Given that I observe a change of one unit in variable x , how much change would I observe in variable y ?”

Compare to “parameter estimates” or “coefficients” in a regression:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_n x_n$$

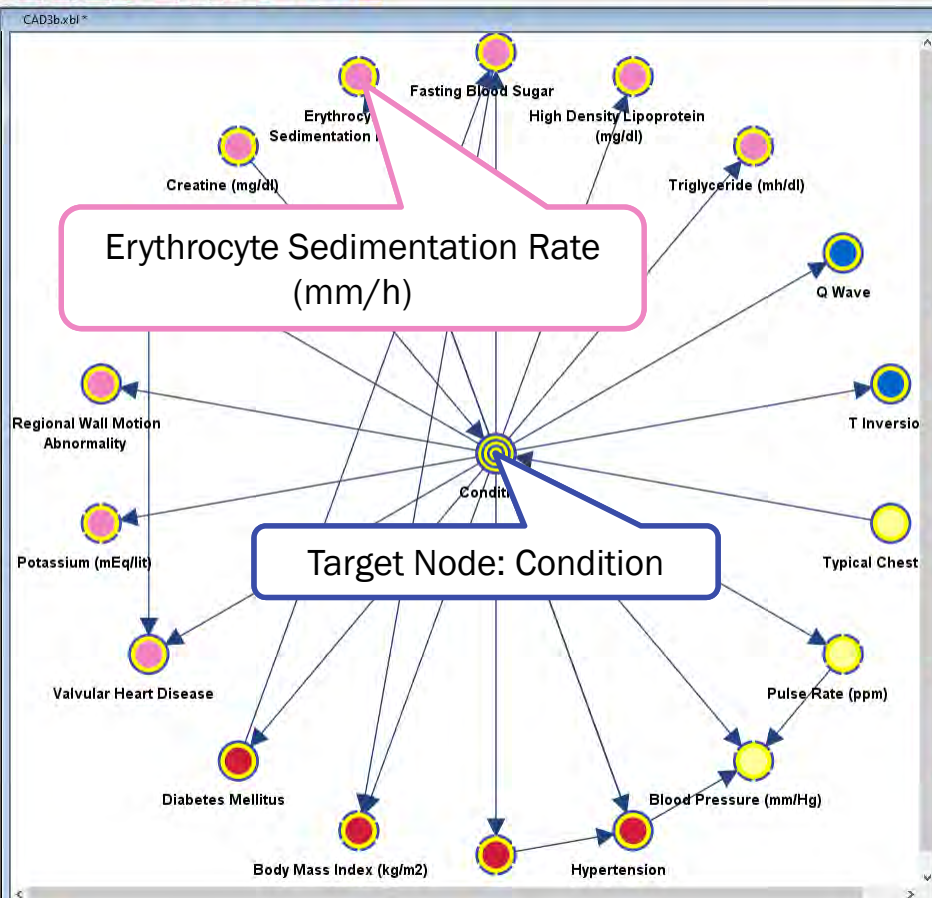
Predictive Modeling

Example: Diagnosing Coronary Artery Disease

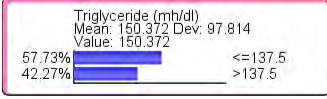
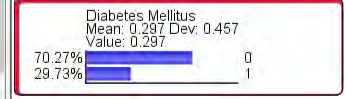
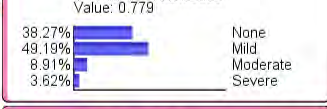
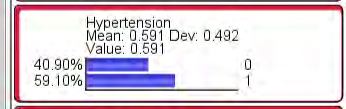
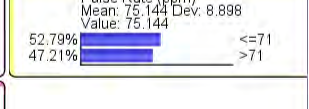
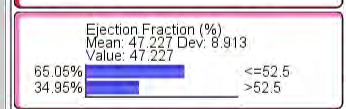
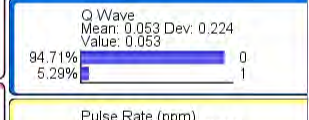
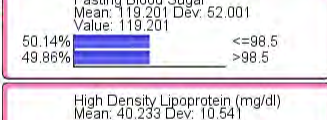
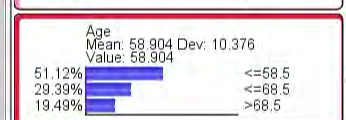
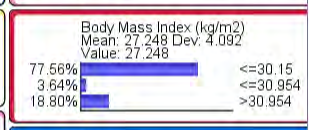
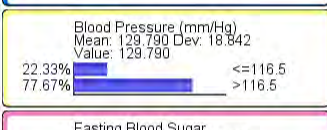
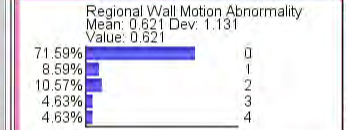
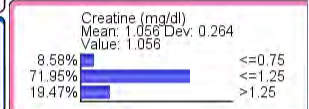
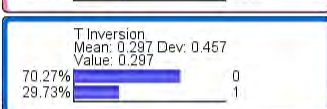
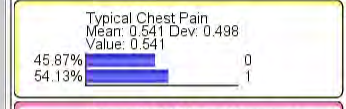
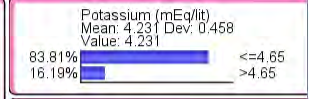
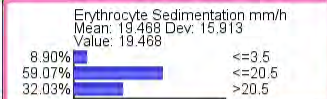
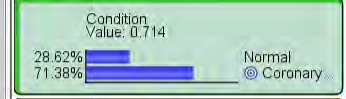


Coronary Artery Disease

See Webinar on Diagnostic Decision Support with Bayesian Networks:
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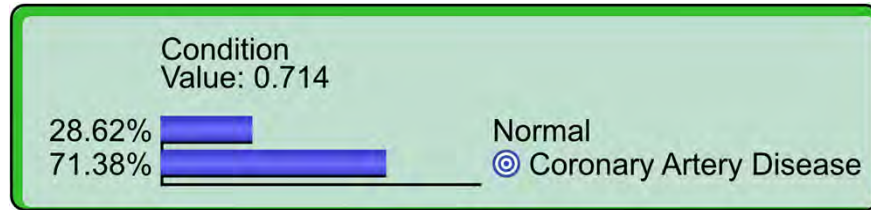
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 Log-Loss: 0
 Cases: 303
 Total Value: 675.275
 Mean Value: 39.722



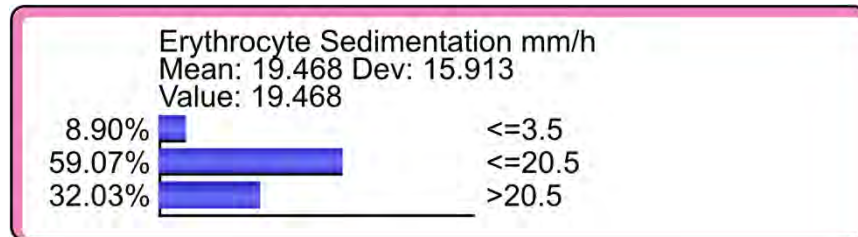
Predictive Modeling

Example: Diagnosing Coronary Artery Disease

- Target Variable: Condition (abbreviated “Cond.” or “C”)



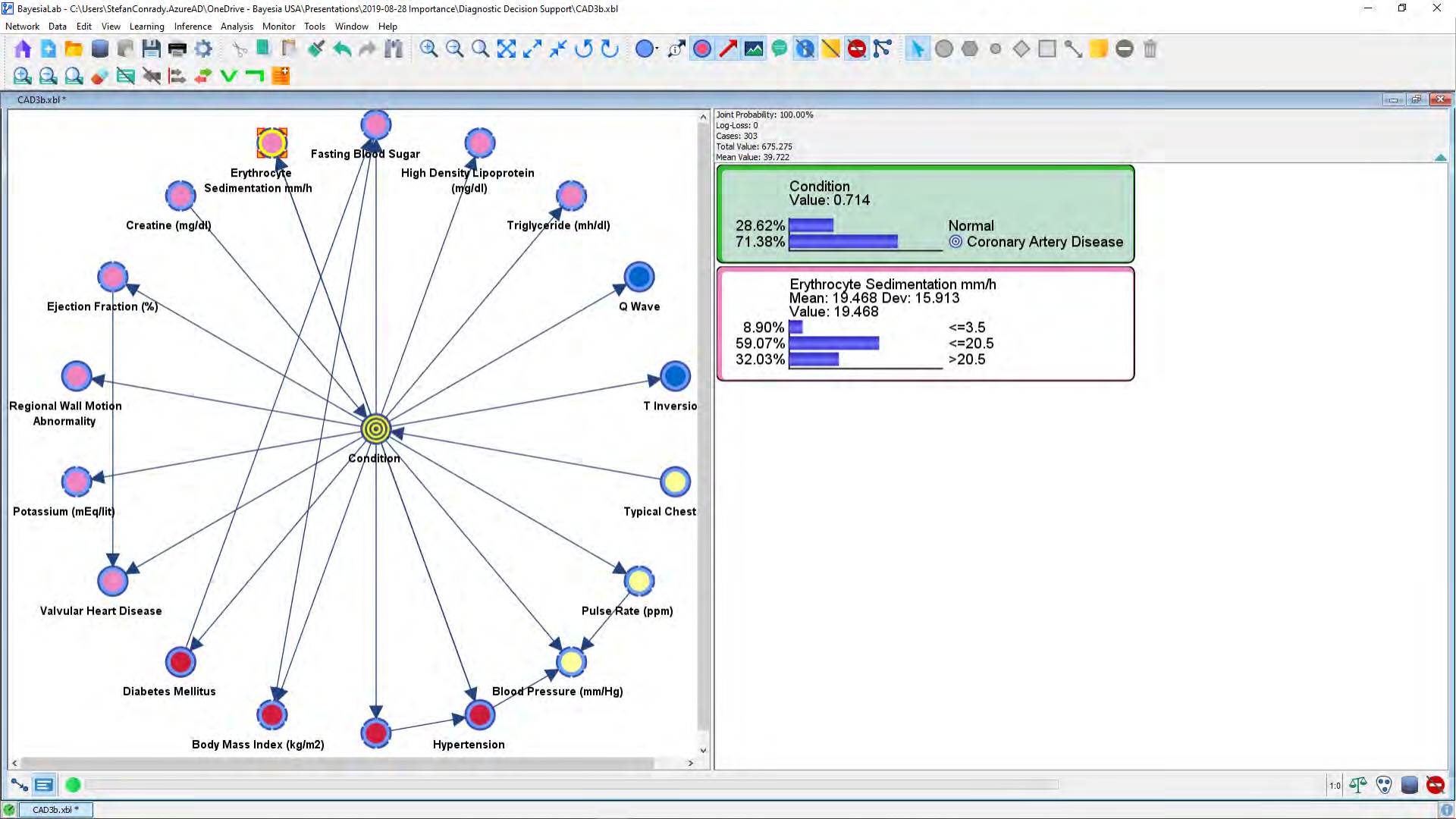
- One of 18 Predictors: Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate (abbr. “ESR” or “E”)

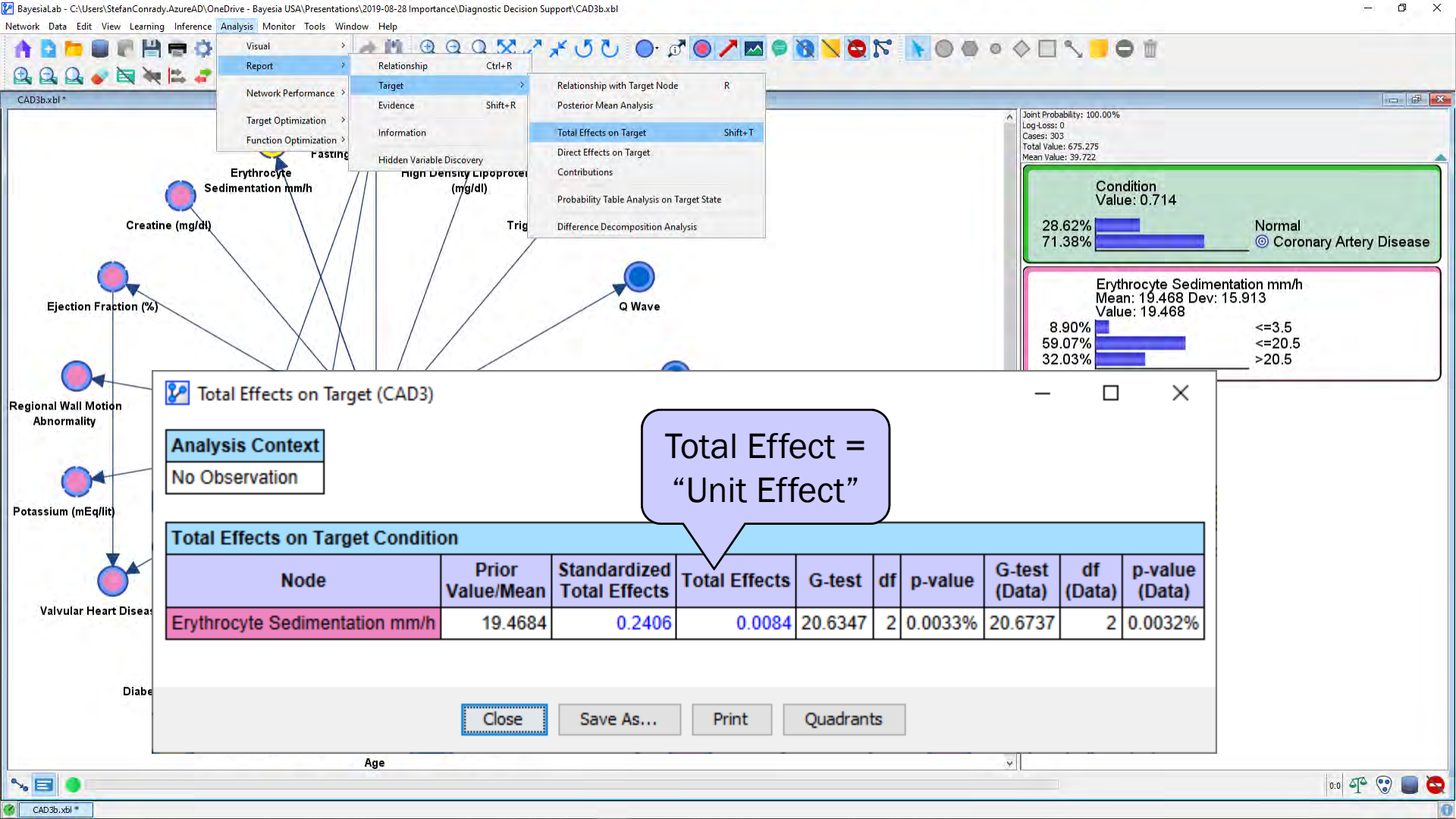


Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate (ESR) Measurement

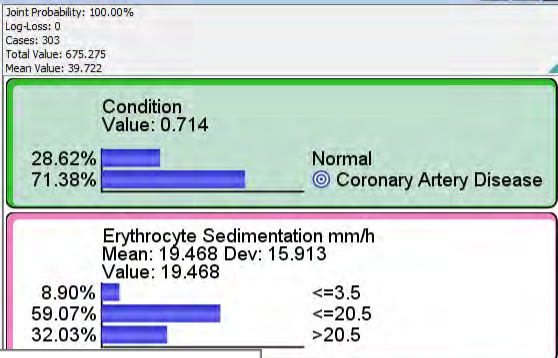
- An erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) is a type of blood test that measures how quickly erythrocytes (red blood cells) settle at the bottom of a test tube that contains a blood sample.
- Normally, red blood cells settle relatively slowly. A faster-than-normal rate may indicate inflammation in the body.







- Visual
- Report
- Network Performance
- Target Optimization
- Function Optimization
- Relationship Ctrl+R
- Target Relationship with Target Node R
- Evidence Shift+R
- Information
- Hidden Variable Discovery
- Posterior Mean Analysis
- Total Effects on Target Shift+T
- Direct Effects on Target
- Contributions
- Probability Table Analysis on Target State
- Difference Decomposition Analysis



Total Effects on Target (CAD3)

Analysis Context

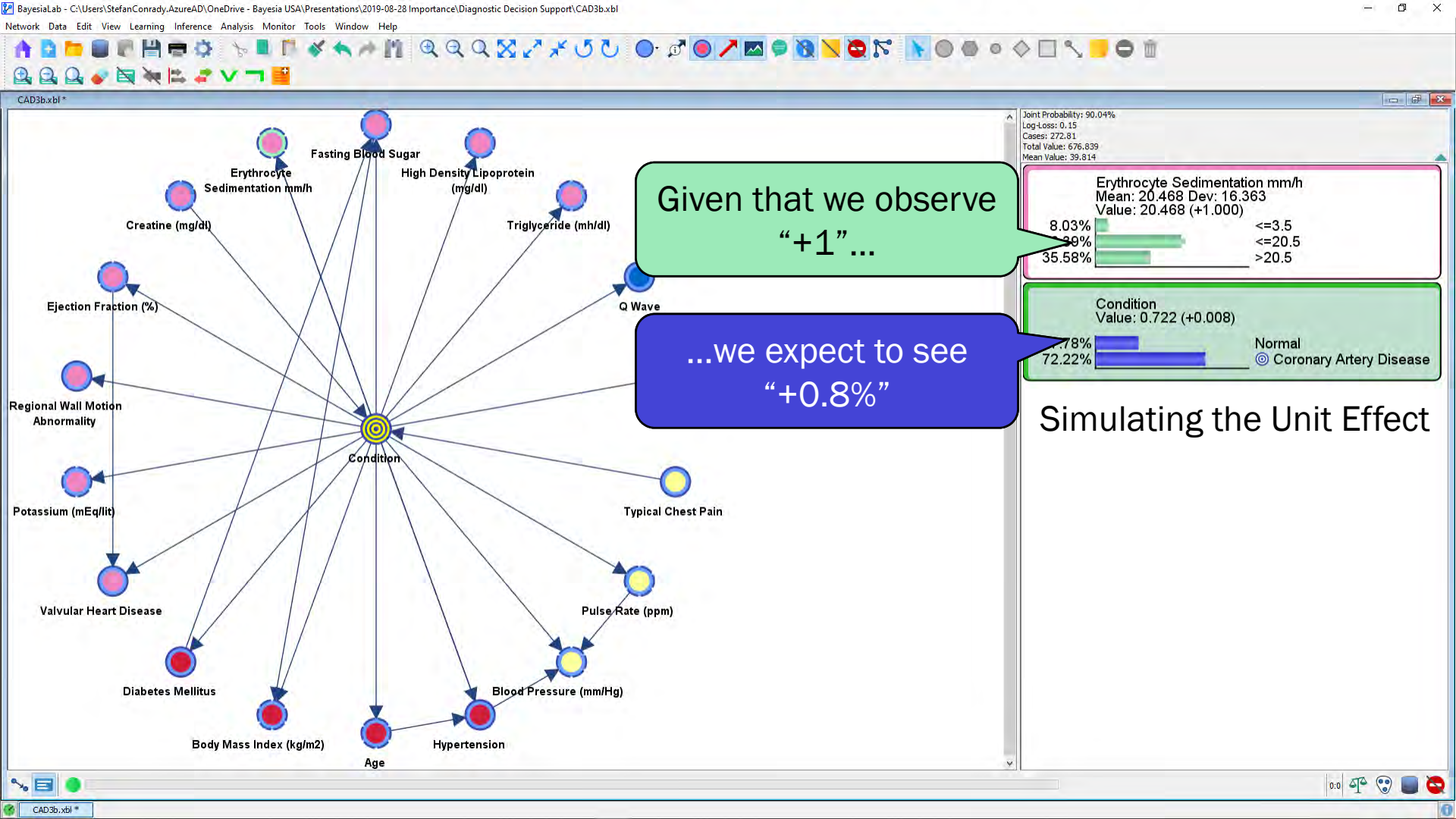
No Observation

Total Effects on Target Condition

Node	Prior Value/Mean	Standardized Total Effects	Total Effects	G-test	df	p-value	G-test (Data)	df (Data)	p-value (Data)
Erythrocyte Sedimentation mm/h	19.4684	0.2406	0.0084	20.6347	2	0.0033%	20.6737	2	0.0032%

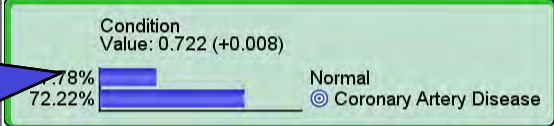
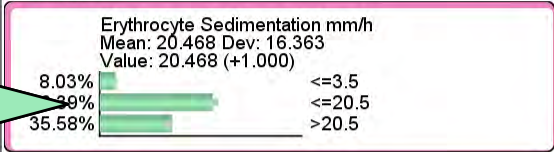
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Total Effect = "Unit Effect"

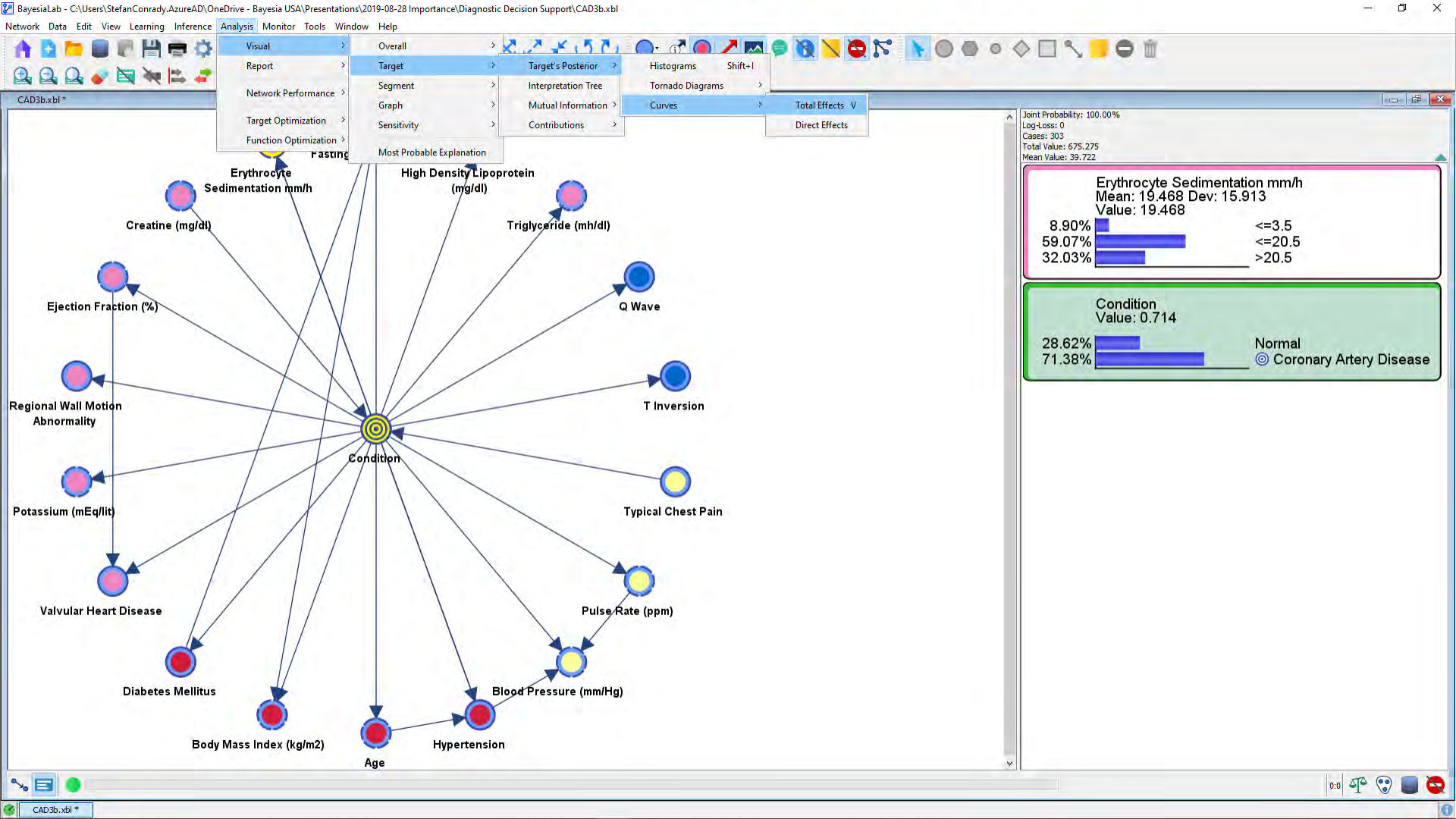


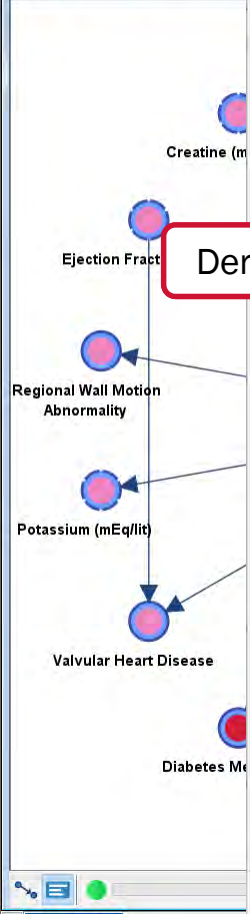
Given that we observe
"+1"...

...we expect to see
"+0.8%"



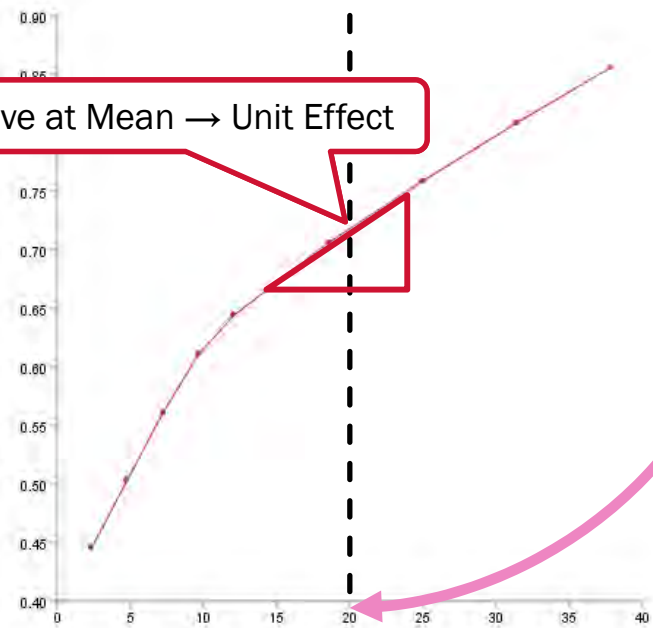
Simulating the Unit Effect





Node:
x:
y:

Condition Mean

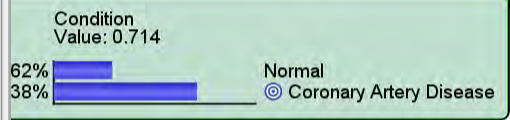
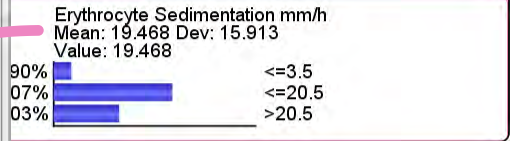


Derivative at Mean → Unit Effect

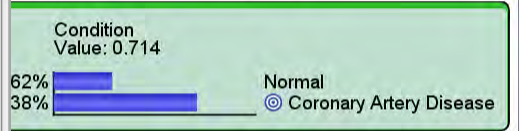
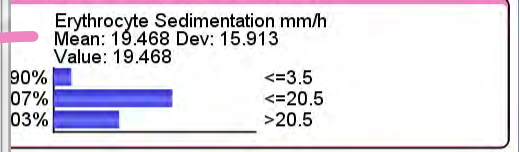
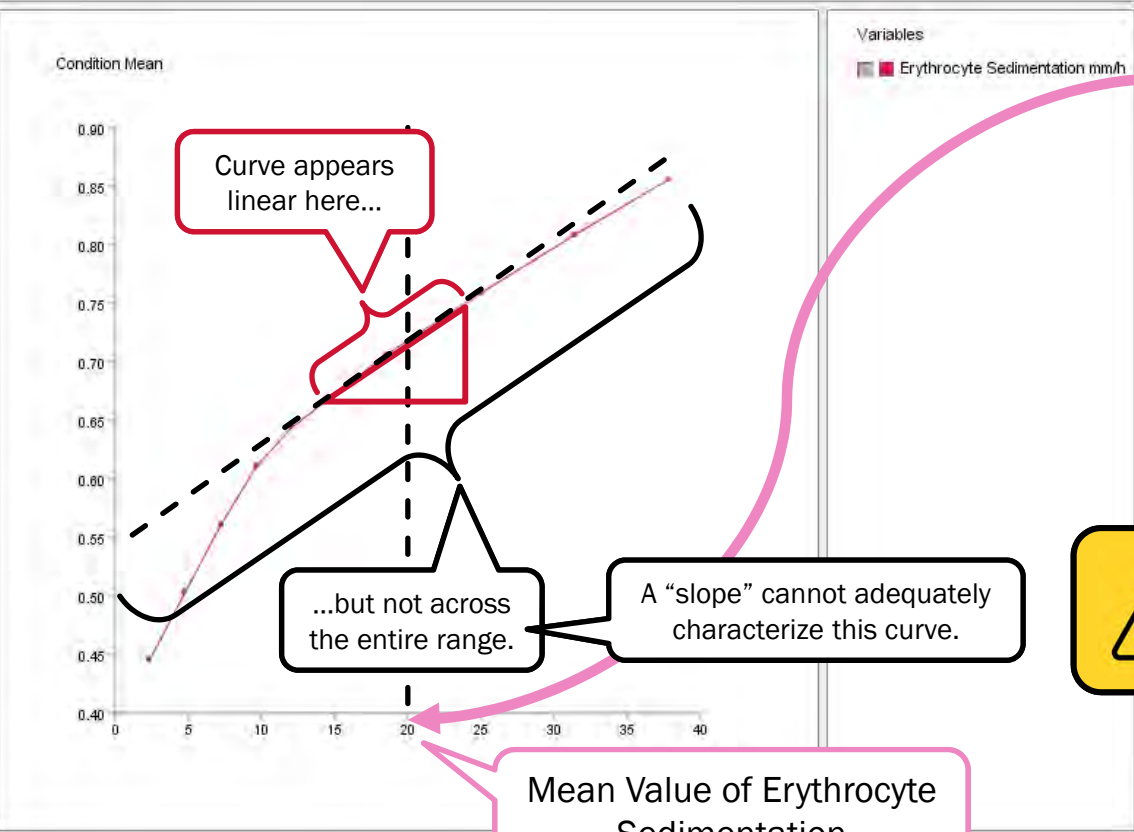
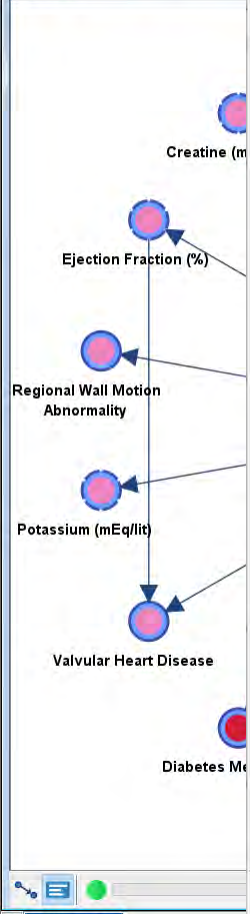
Variables

Erythrocyte Sedimentation mm/h

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Mean Value of Erythrocyte Sedimentation



Total Effects on Target (CAD3)

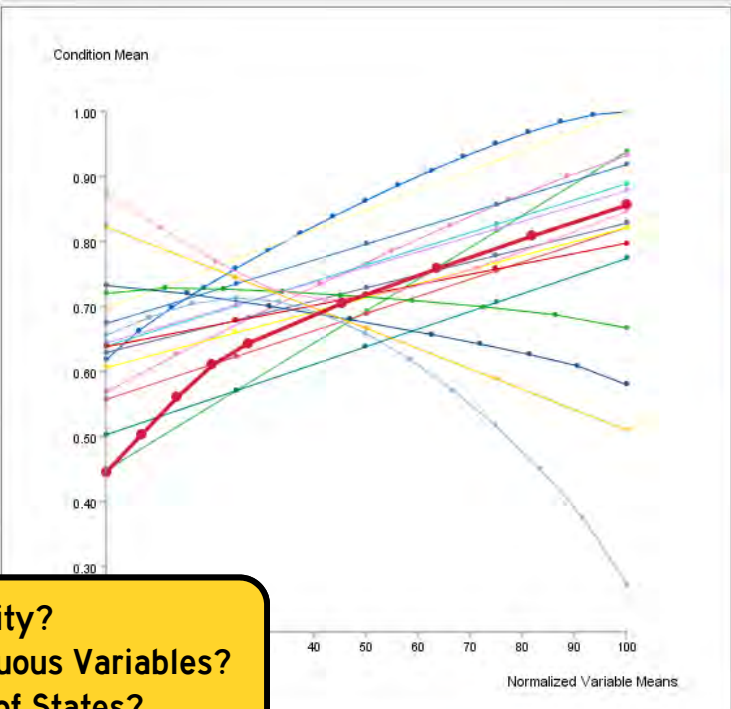
Analysis Context
No Observation

Total Effects on Target Condition

Node	Prior Value/Mean	Standardized Total Effects	Total Effects
Typical Chest Pain	0.5413	0.5400	0.4898
Age	58.9041	0.3345	0.0162
Ejection Fraction (%)	47.2270	-0.3296	-0.0251
Regional Wall Motion Abnormality	0.6212	0.3136	0.1253
Hypertension	0.5910	0.2875	0.2643
Diabetes Mellitus	0.2973	0.2526	0.2498
Blood Pressure (mm/Hg)	129.7904	0.2497	0.0088
Erythrocyte Sedimentation mm/h	19.4684	0.2406	0.0084
Fasting Blood Sugar	119.2006	0.2384	0.0033
T Inversion	0.2973	0.2367	0.2340
Triglyceride (mh/dl)	150.3718	0.2176	0.0015
Potassium (mEq/lit)	4.2308	0.1992	0.2829
Pulse Rate (ppm)	75.1444	0.1760	0.0116
Q Wave	0.0529	0.1496	0.3022
Body Mass Index (kg/m2)	27.2477		
Creatine (mg/dl)	1.0556		
High Density Lipoprotein (mg/dl)	40.2330		
Valvular Heart Disease	0.7789		

Target Mean Analysis

Node:
x:
y:



- Variables
- All Curves
 - Erythrocyte Sedimentation mm/h
 - Typical Chest Pain
 - Regional Wall Motion Abnormality
 - Age
 - Q Wave
 - Blood Pressure (mm/Hg)
 - Hypertension
 - Diabetes Mellitus
 - Potassium (mEq/lit)
 - T Inversion
 - Fasting Blood Sugar
 - Triglyceride (mh/dl)
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 - Body Mass Index (kg/m2)
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 - Ejection Fraction (%)
 - Valvular Heart Disease

! Linearity?
Continuous Variables?
Order of States?

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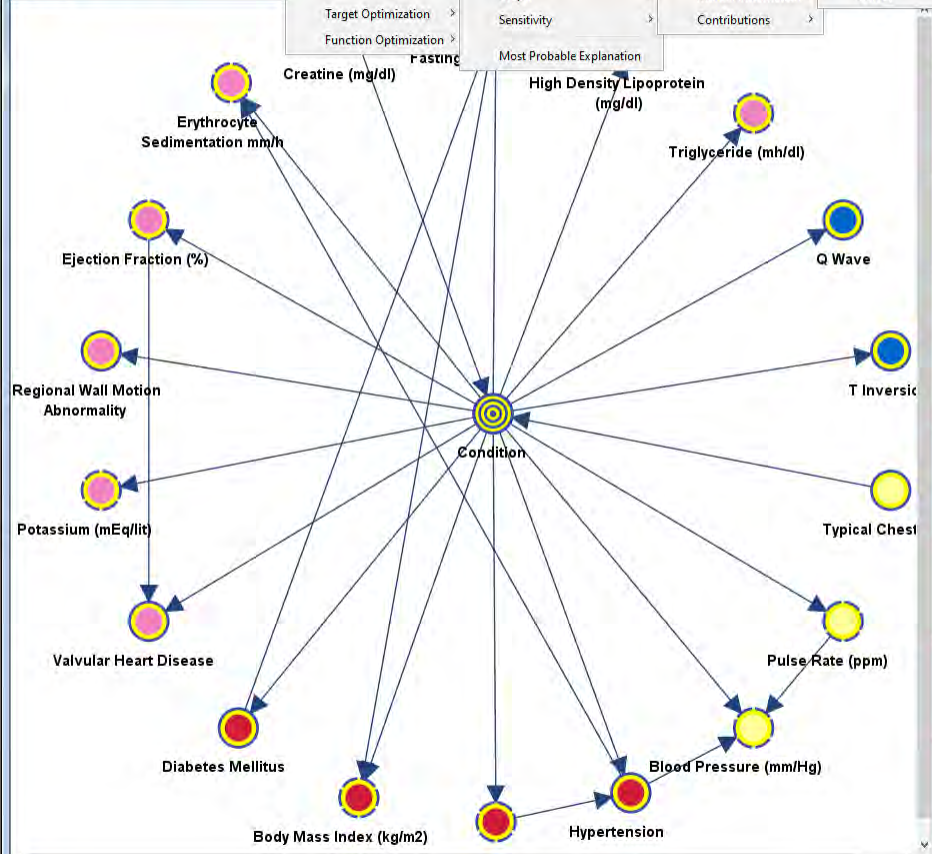
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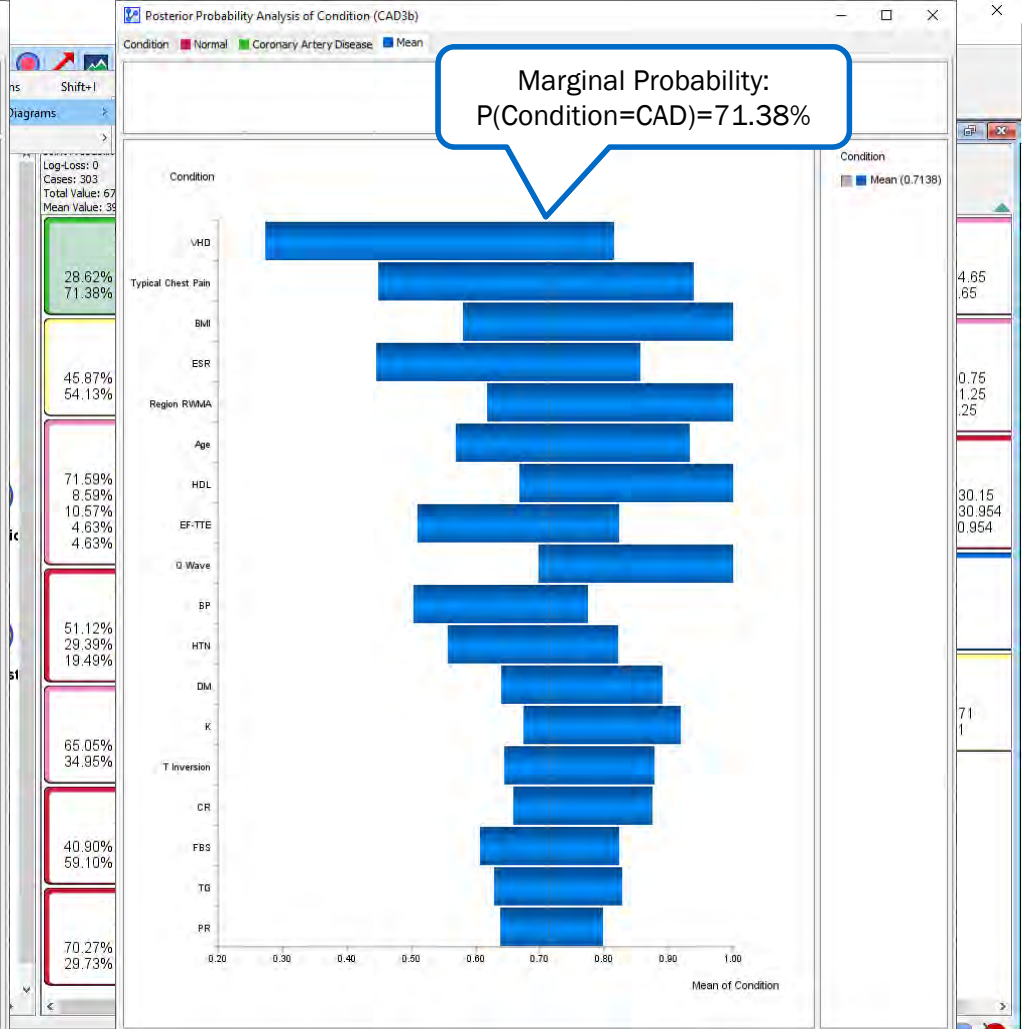
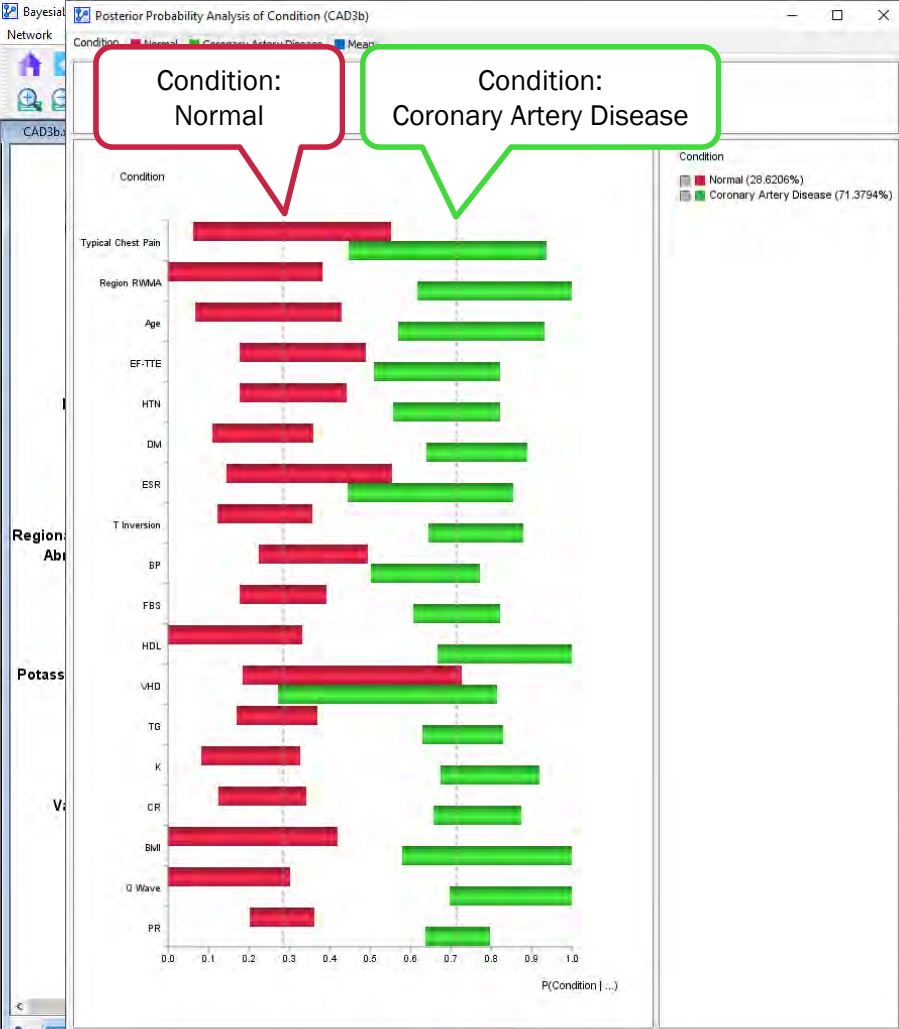
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- Curves > Direct Effects

CAD3b.xbl



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<p>Condition Value: 0.714</p> <p>28.62% [Bar] Normal 71.38% [Bar] @ Coronary...</p>	<p>Erythrocyte Sedimentation mm/h Mean: 19.468 Dev: 15.913 Value: 19.468</p> <p>8.90% [Bar] <=3.5 59.07% [Bar] <=20.5 32.03% [Bar] >20.5</p>	<p>Potassium (mEq/lit) Mean: 4.231 Dev: 0.458 Value: 4.231</p> <p>83.81% [Bar] <=4.65 16.19% [Bar] >4.65</p>
<p>Typical Chest Pain Mean: 0.541 Dev: 0.498 Value: 0.541</p> <p>45.87% [Bar] 0 54.13% [Bar] 1</p>	<p>T Inversion Mean: 0.297 Dev: 0.457 Value: 0.297</p> <p>70.27% [Bar] 0 29.73% [Bar] 1</p>	<p>Creatine (mg/dl) Mean: 1.056 Dev: 0.264 Value: 1.056</p> <p>8.58% [Bar] <=0.75 71.95% [Bar] <=1.25 19.47% [Bar] >1.25</p>
<p>Regional Wall Motion Abnormality Mean: 0.621 Dev: 1.131 Value: 0.621</p> <p>71.59% [Bar] 0 8.59% [Bar] 1 10.57% [Bar] 2 4.63% [Bar] 3 4.63% [Bar] 4</p>	<p>Blood Pressure (mm/Hg) Mean: 129.790 Dev: 18.842 Value: 129.790</p> <p>22.33% [Bar] <=116.5 77.67% [Bar] >116.5</p>	<p>Body Mass Index (kg/m2) Mean: 27.248 Dev: 4.092 Value: 27.248</p> <p>77.56% [Bar] <=30.15 3.64% [Bar] <=30.954 18.80% [Bar] >30.954</p>
<p>Age Mean: 58.904 Dev: 10.376 Value: 58.904</p> <p>51.12% [Bar] <=58.5 29.39% [Bar] <=68.5 19.49% [Bar] >68.5</p>	<p>Fasting Blood Sugar Mean: 119.201 Dev: 52.001 Value: 119.201</p> <p>50.14% [Bar] <=98.5 49.86% [Bar] >98.5</p>	<p>Q Wave Mean: 0.053 Dev: 0.224 Value: 0.053</p> <p>94.71% [Bar] 0 5.29% [Bar] 1</p>
<p>Ejection Fraction (%) Mean: 47.227 Dev: 8.913 Value: 47.227</p> <p>65.05% [Bar] <=52.5 34.95% [Bar] >52.5</p>	<p>High Density Lipoprotein (mg/dl) Mean: 40.233 Dev: 10.541 Value: 40.233</p> <p>43.57% [Bar] <=38.5 6.94% [Bar] <=39.5 49.49% [Bar] >39.5</p>	<p>Pulse Rate (ppm) Mean: 75.144 Dev: 8.898 Value: 75.144</p> <p>52.79% [Bar] <=71 47.21% [Bar] >71</p>
<p>Hypertension Mean: 0.591 Dev: 0.492 Value: 0.591</p> <p>40.90% [Bar] 0 59.10% [Bar] 1</p>	<p>Valvular Heart Disease Value: 0.779</p> <p>38.27% [Bar] None 49.19% [Bar] Mild 8.91% [Bar] Moderate 3.62% [Bar] Severe</p>	
<p>Diabetes Mellitus Mean: 0.297 Dev: 0.457 Value: 0.297</p> <p>70.27% [Bar] 0 29.73% [Bar] 1</p>	<p>Triglyceride (mh/dl) Mean: 150.372 Dev: 97.814 Value: 150.372</p> <p>57.73% [Bar] <=137.5 42.27% [Bar] >137.5</p>	

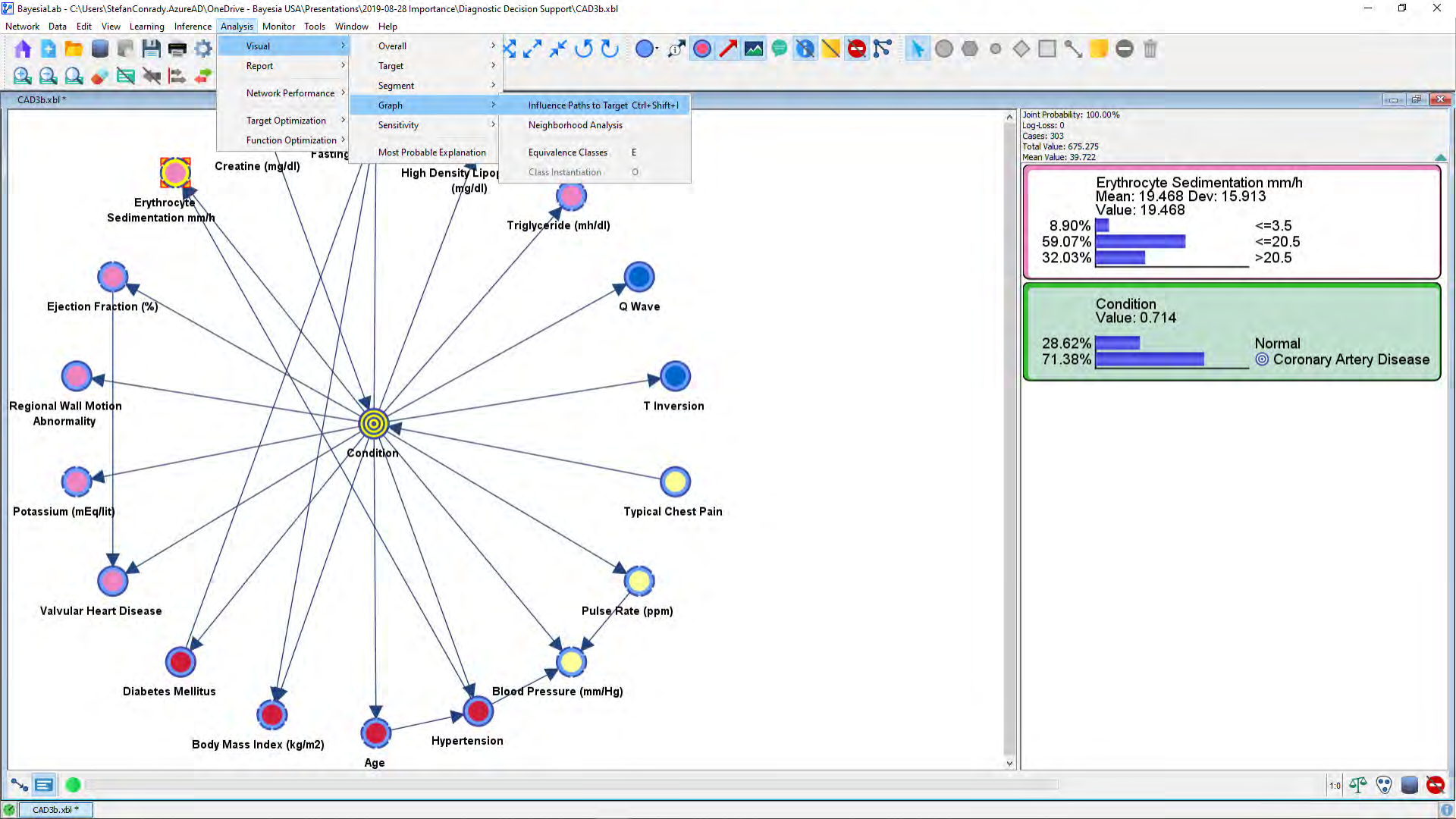


Total Effects

Why “*Total*” Effects?

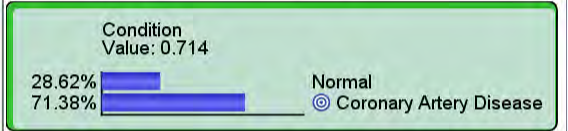
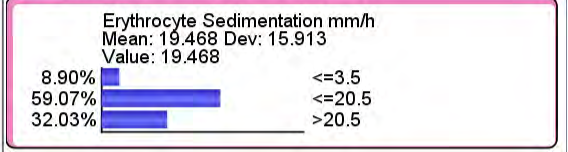
- In a Bayesian network, inference is performed in all directions, regardless of the arc direction.

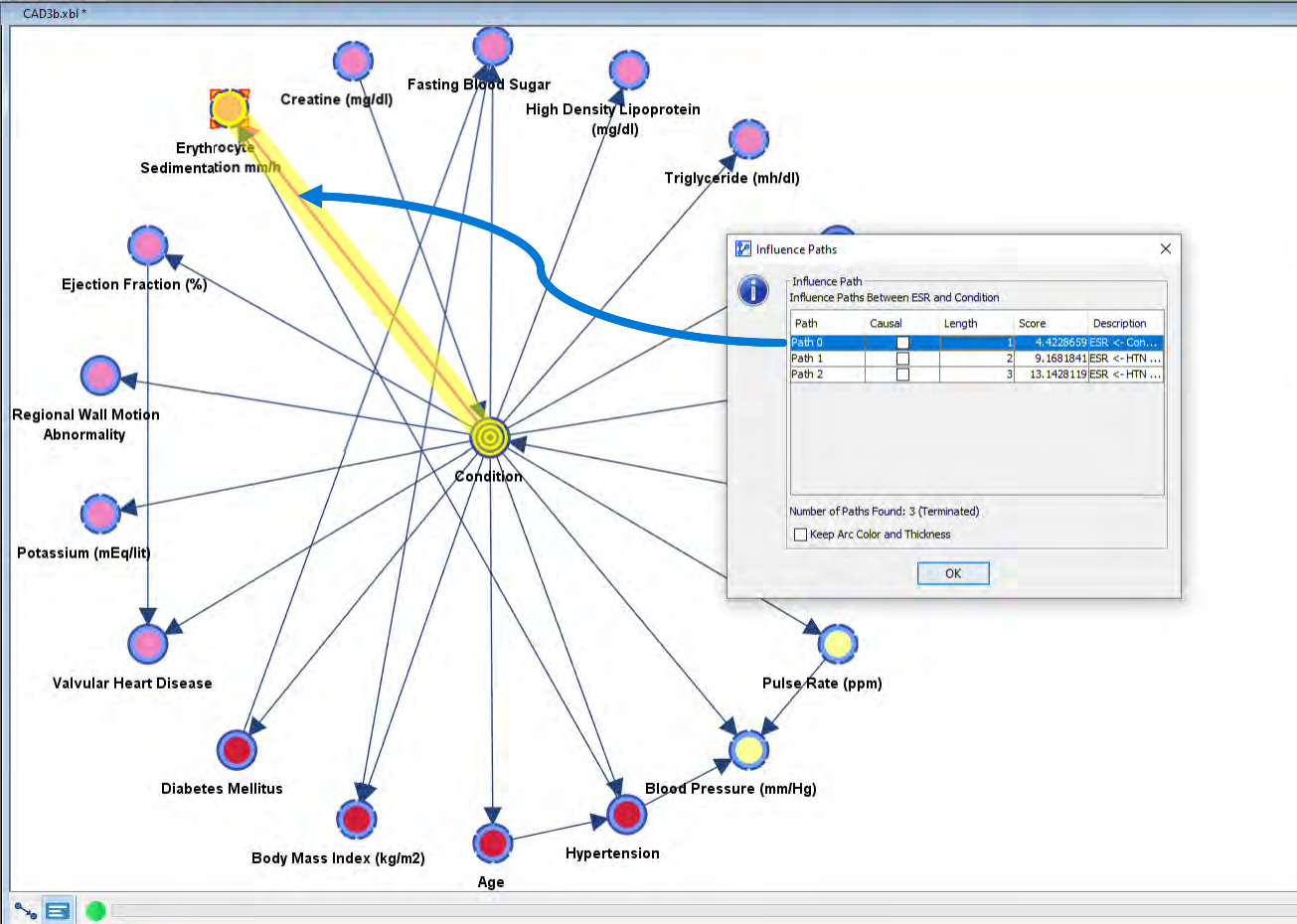




- Visual
- Report
- Network Performance
- Target Optimization
- Function Optimization
- Most Probable Explanation
- Influence Paths to Target Ctrl+Shift+I
- Neighborhood Analysis
- Equivalence Classes E
- Class Instantiation O

Joint Probability: 100.00%
Log-Loss: 0
Cases: 303
Total Value: 675.275
Mean Value: 39.722





Influence Paths

Influence Path:
Influence Paths Between ESR and Condition

Path	Causal	Length	Score	Description
Path 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	4.4228659	ESR <- Con...
Path 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	9.1681841	ESR <- HTN ...
Path 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	13.1428119	ESR <- HTN ...

Number of Paths Found: 3 (Terminated)

Keep Arc Color and Thickness

OK

Joint Probability: 100.00%

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Mean Value: 39.722

Erythrocyte Sedimentation mm/h

Mean: 19.468 Dev: 15.913

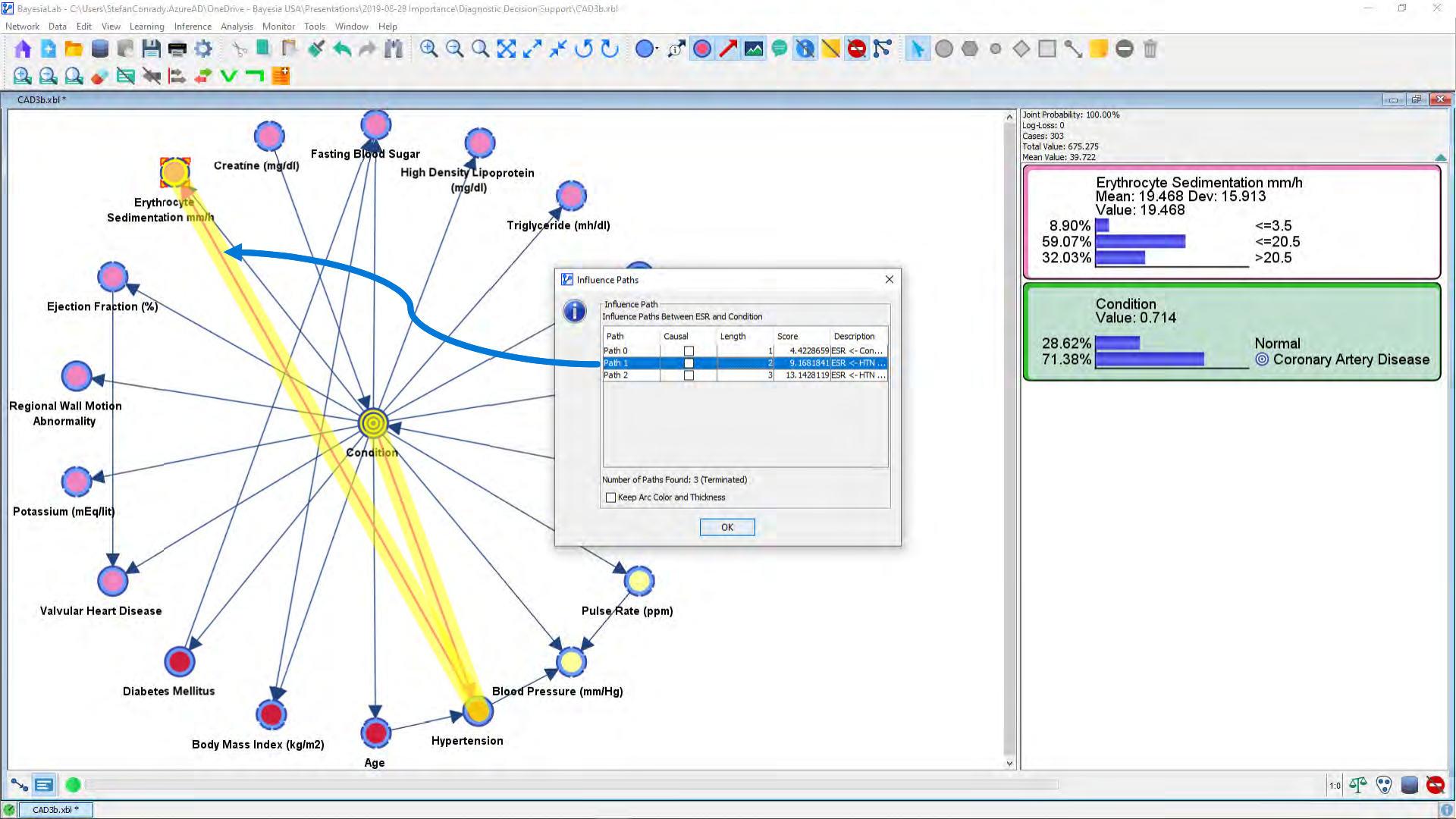
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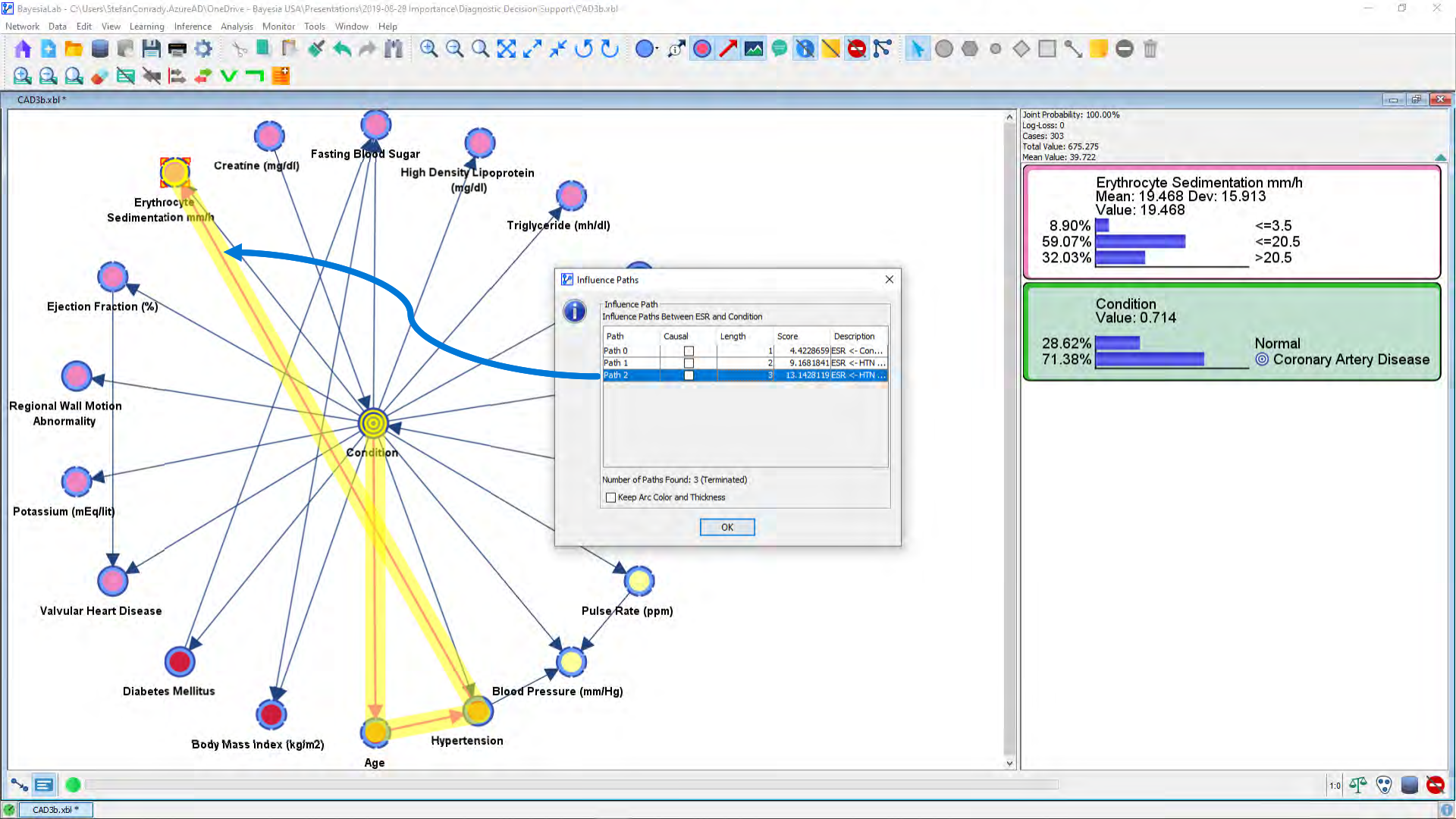
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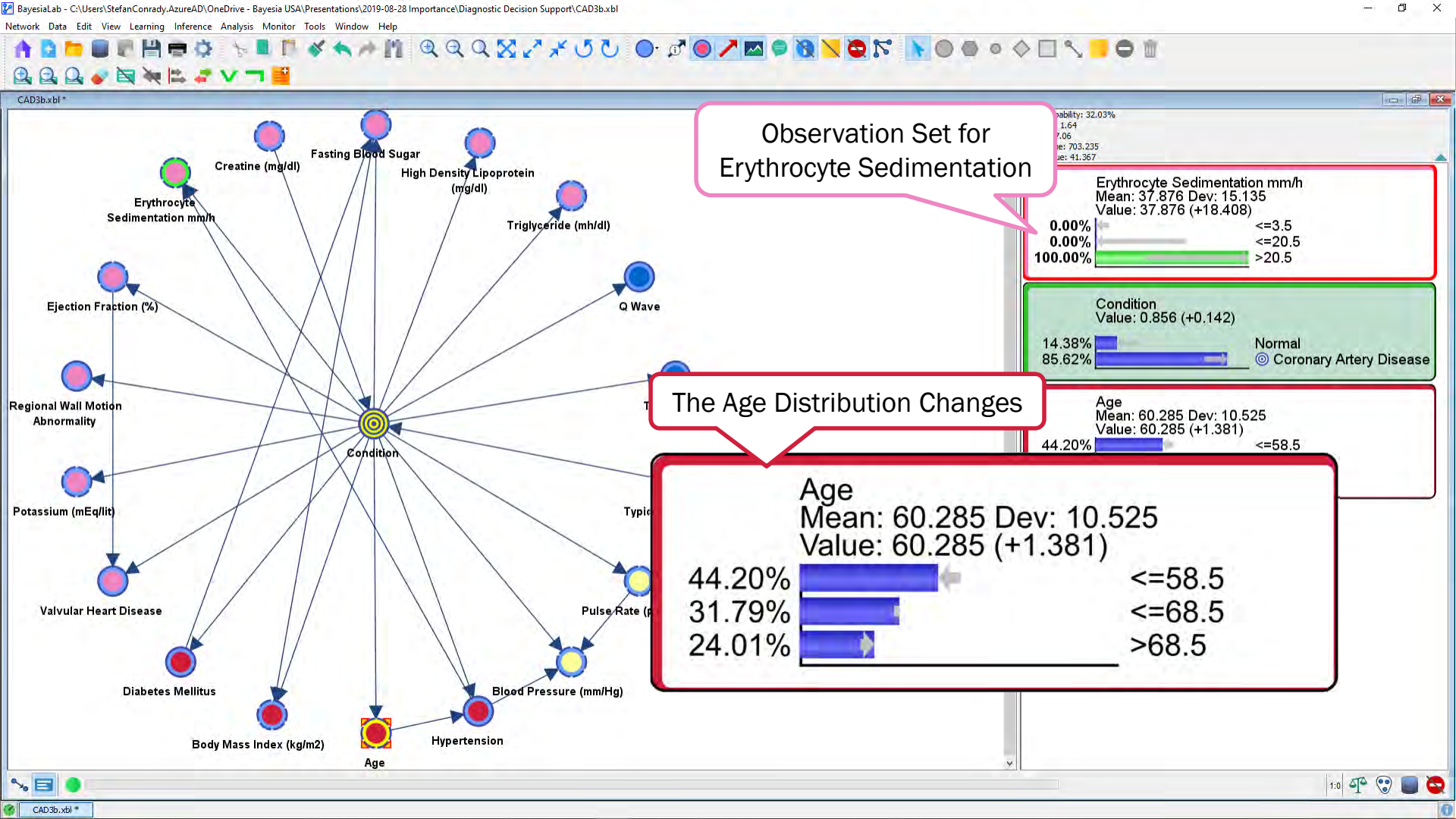
Condition

Value: 0.714

28.62%	<div style="width: 28.62%;"></div>	Normal
71.38%	<div style="width: 71.38%;"></div>	Ⓞ Coronary Artery Disease







Predictive Modeling

So far:

- We inferred the expected change in the mean value of a target variable given that we observed a change in a predictor variable.

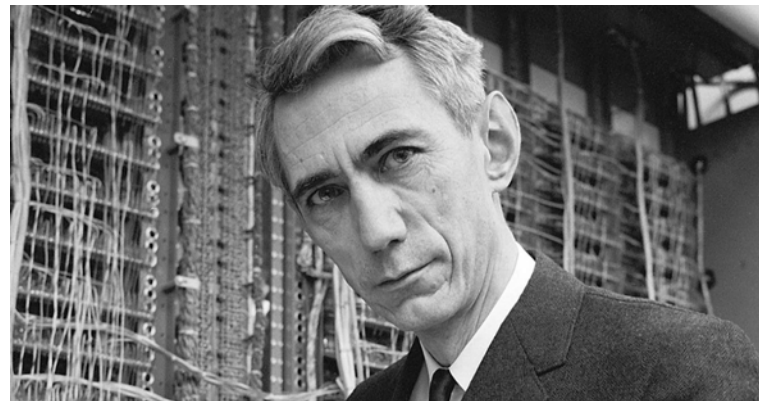
Next:

- Can we say anything about the uncertainty of one variable given another variable?

Information Theory

“Information is the
resolution of uncertainty.”

Claude Shannon, 1948

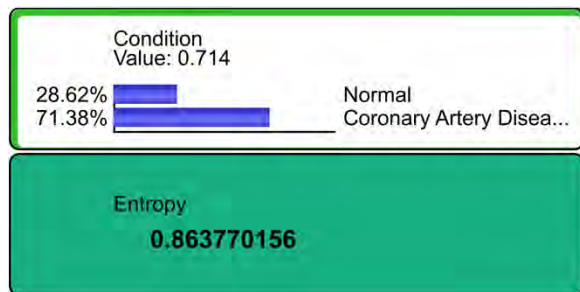


Claude Shannon (1916-2001)

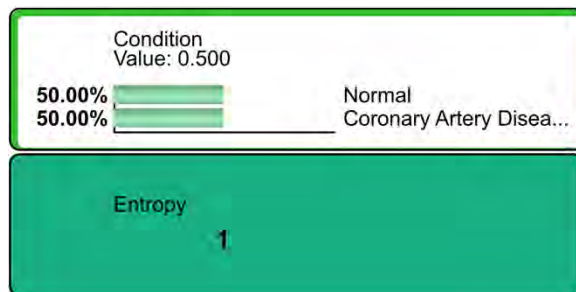
Information Theory

Entropy, a Measure of “Uncertainty”

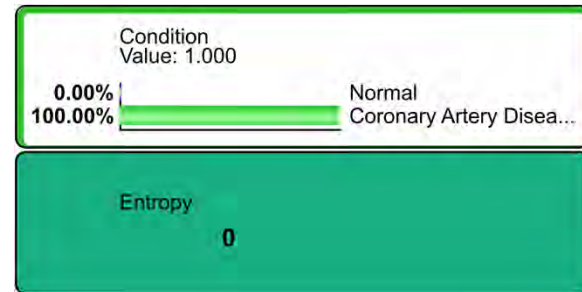
$$H(X) = - \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \times \log_2 p(x)$$



Marginal Entropy



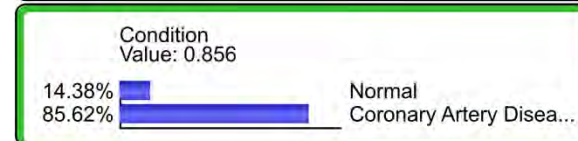
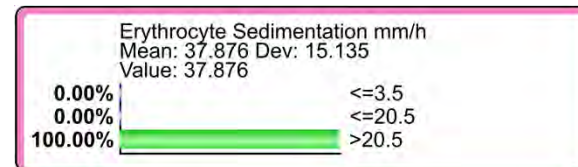
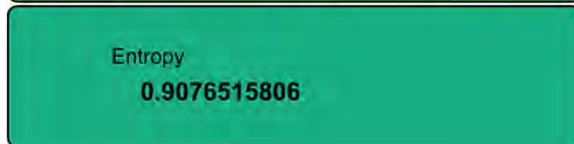
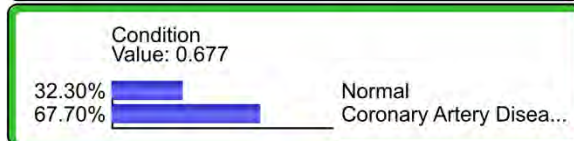
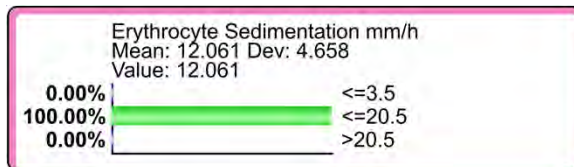
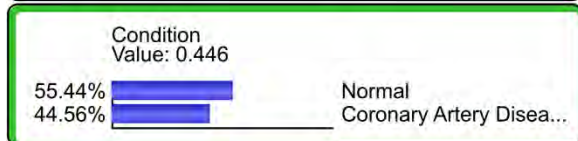
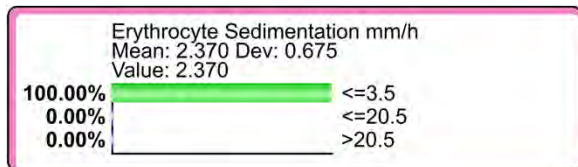
Maximum Entropy



Minimum Entropy

Information Theory

Conditional Entropy



$$H(\text{Condition} \mid \text{Erythrocyte Sedimentation}) = 0.815$$

Information Theory

Mutual Information

$$I(\text{Condition}, \text{ESR}) = H(\text{Condition}) - H(\text{Condition}|\text{ESR})$$

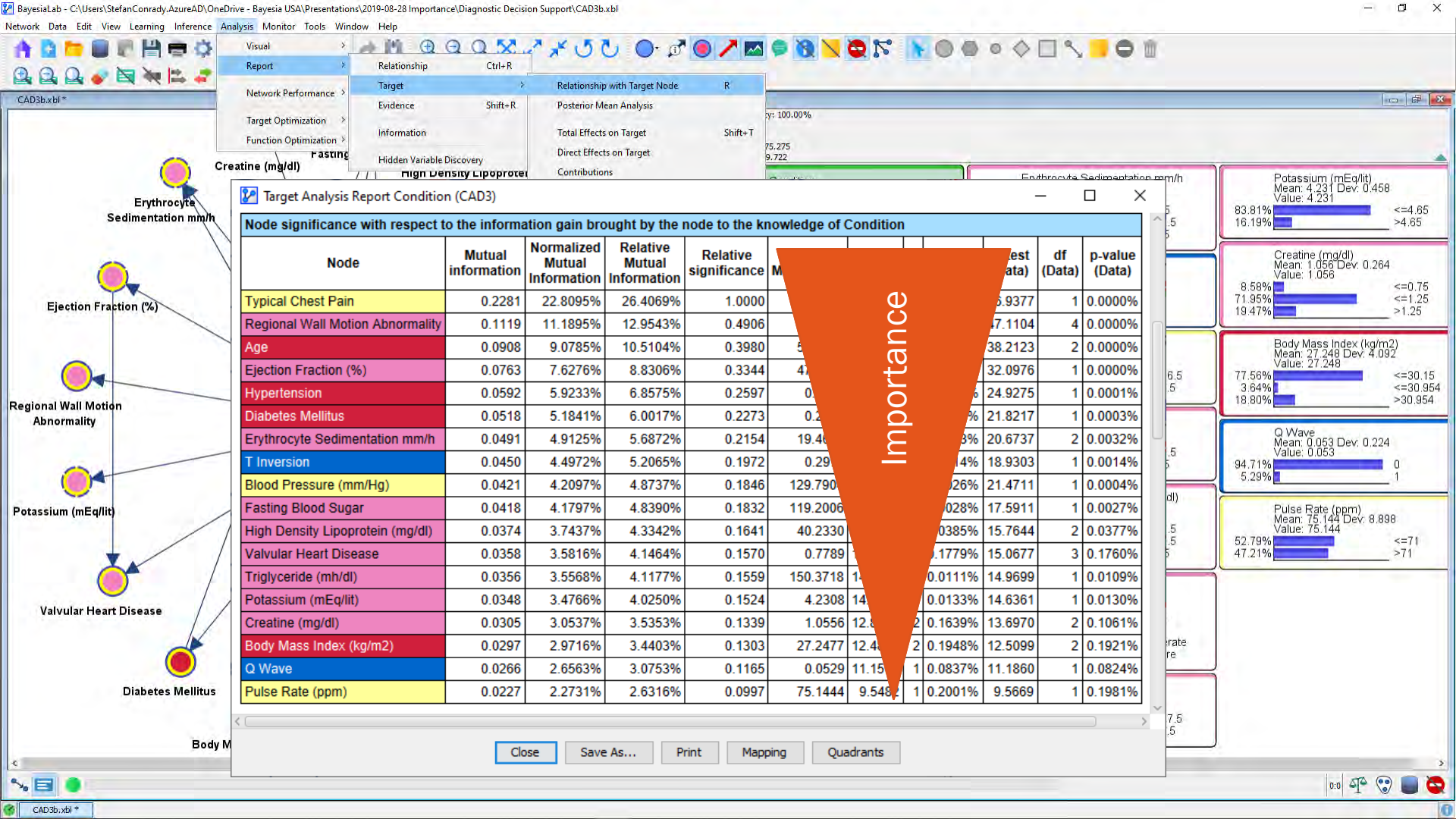
Mutual Information
0.0494

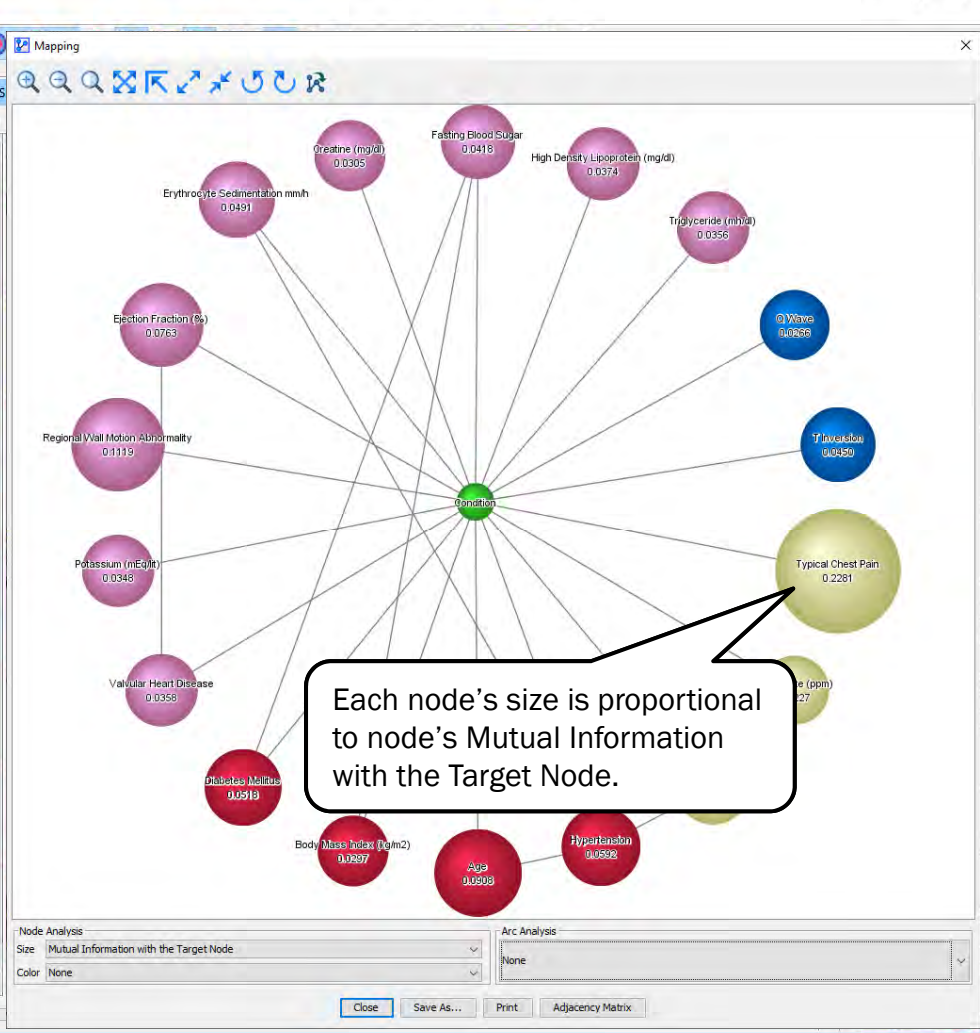
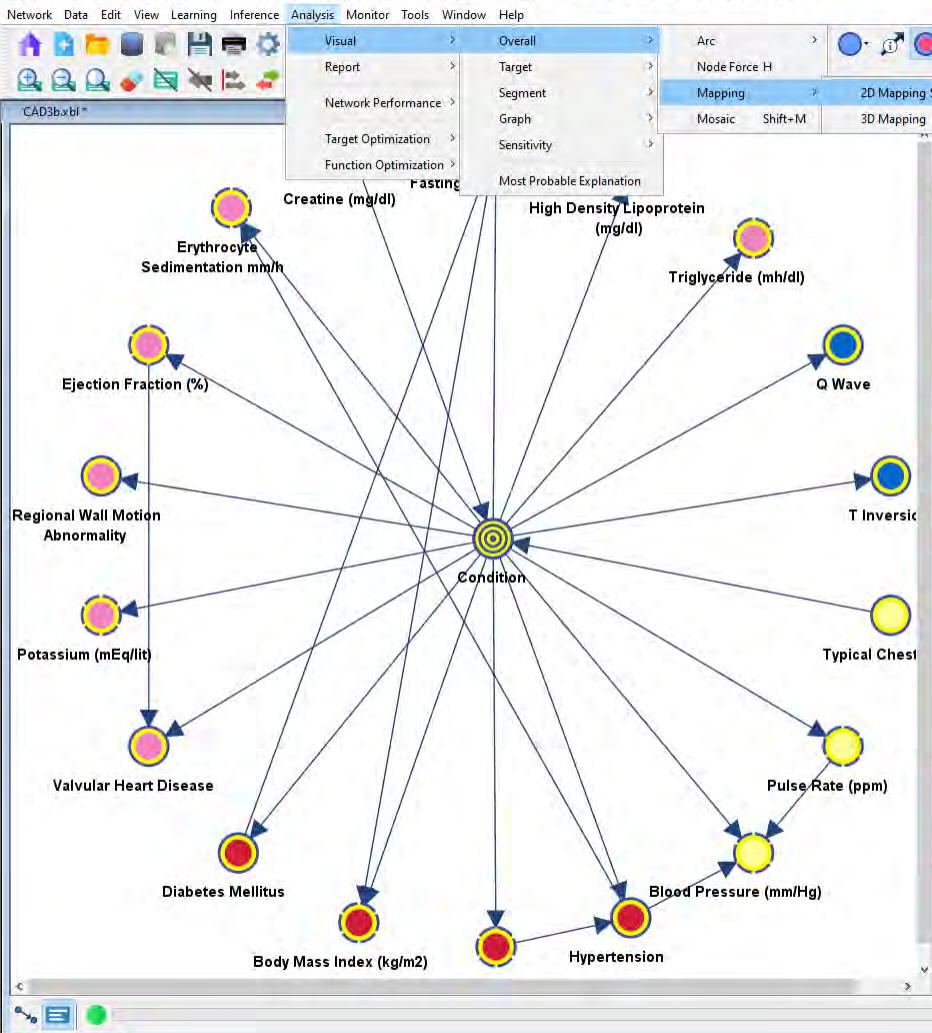
Marginal Entropy
0.864

Conditional Entropy
0.815

This is the amount of information
Condition and ESR have in common.

Mutual Information is a
symmetrical metric.

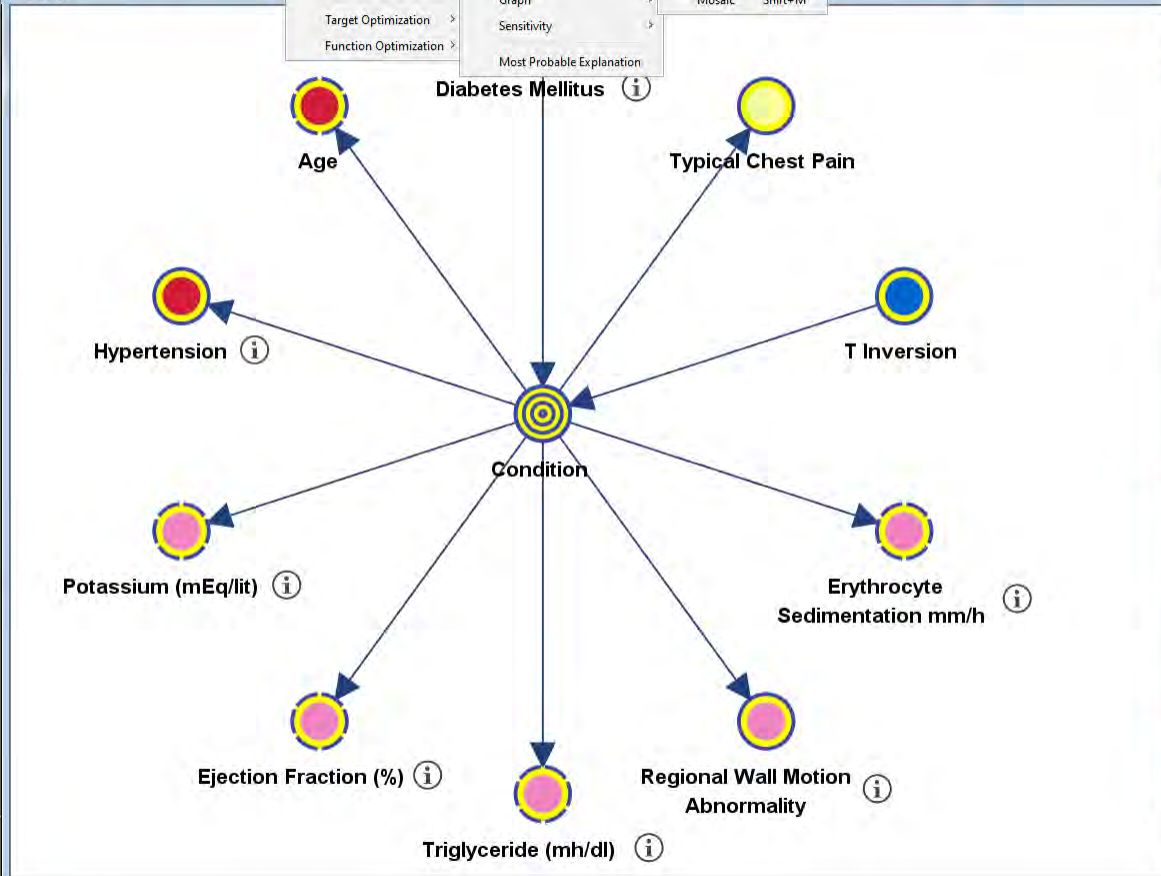




- Visual > Overall > Arc > Kullback-Leibler F
- Report > Target > Node Force H
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- Function Optimization > Sensitivity
- Most Probable Explanation

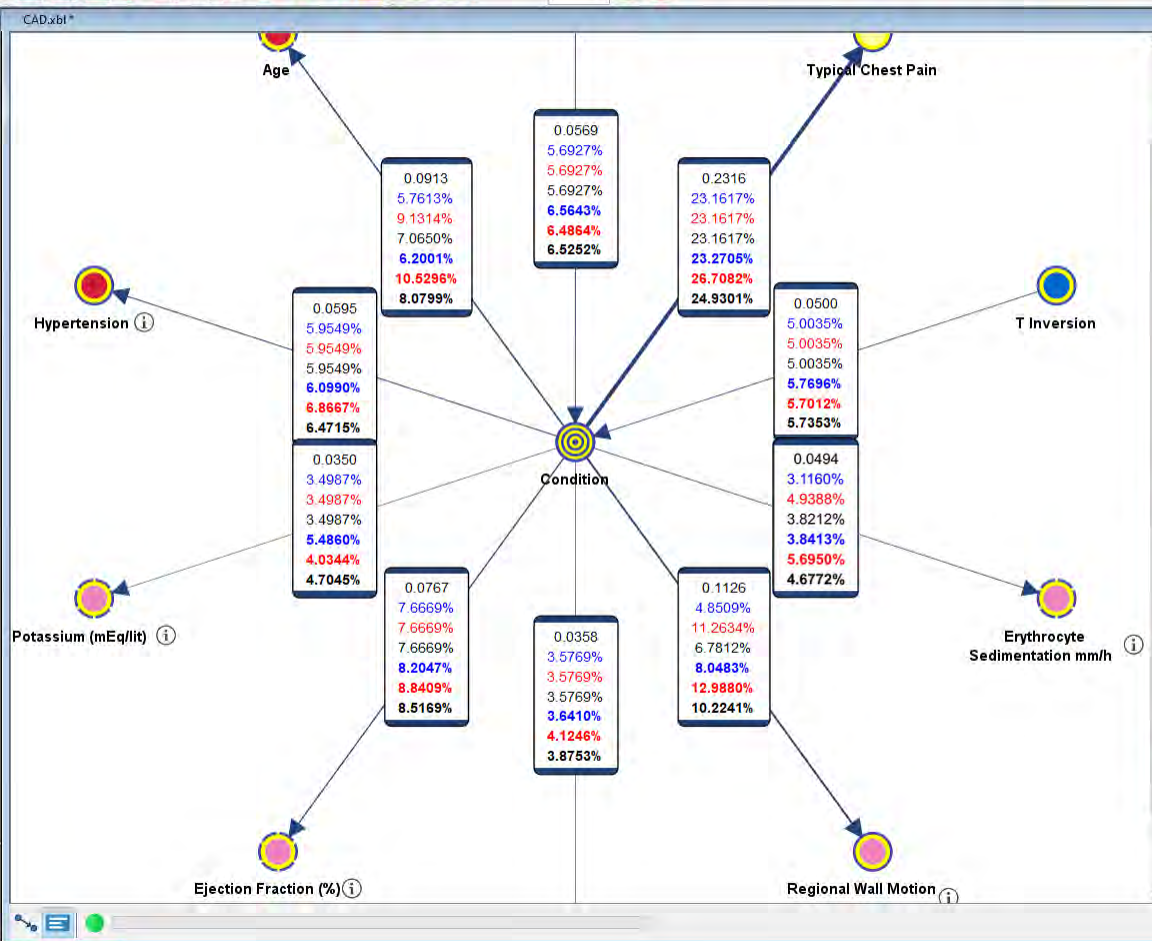
- Mutual Information J
- Pearson Correlation G

CAD.xbl*



Joint Probability: 100.00%
 Log-Loss: 0
 Cases: 303
 Total Value: 282,439
 Mean Value: 28,244

<p>Condition Value: 0.711</p> <p>28.88% <input type="checkbox"/> 0 71.12% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal</p> <p>71.12% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal 28.88% <input type="checkbox"/> Coronary</p>	<p>Diabetes Mellitus Mean: 0.297 Dev: 0.457 Value: 0.297</p> <p>70.30% <input type="checkbox"/> 0 29.70% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1</p>
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Absolute Amount of Mutual Information

$$I(C, E) = H(C) - H(C|E) \\ = H(E) - H(E|C)$$

Normalized Mutual Information

$$I_N(C, E) = \frac{I(C, E)}{\log_2(S_C)}$$

Denominator: Maximum Entropy Given the Number of States of Node C

Normalized Mutual Information

$$I_N(C, E) = \frac{I(C, E)}{\log_2(S_E)}$$

0.0494

3.1160%

4.9388%

3.8212%

3.8413%

5.6950%

4.6772%

C

Condition

E

Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate

Mutual Information

Symmetric Normalized Mutual Information

$$I_{SN}(C, E) = 2 \times \frac{I(C, E)}{\log_2(S_C) + \log_2(S_E)}$$

0.0494

3.1160%

4.9388%

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Relative Mutual Information

$$I_{RN}(C, E) = \frac{I(C, E)}{H(C)}$$

Denominator: Entropy of C

Relative Mutual Information

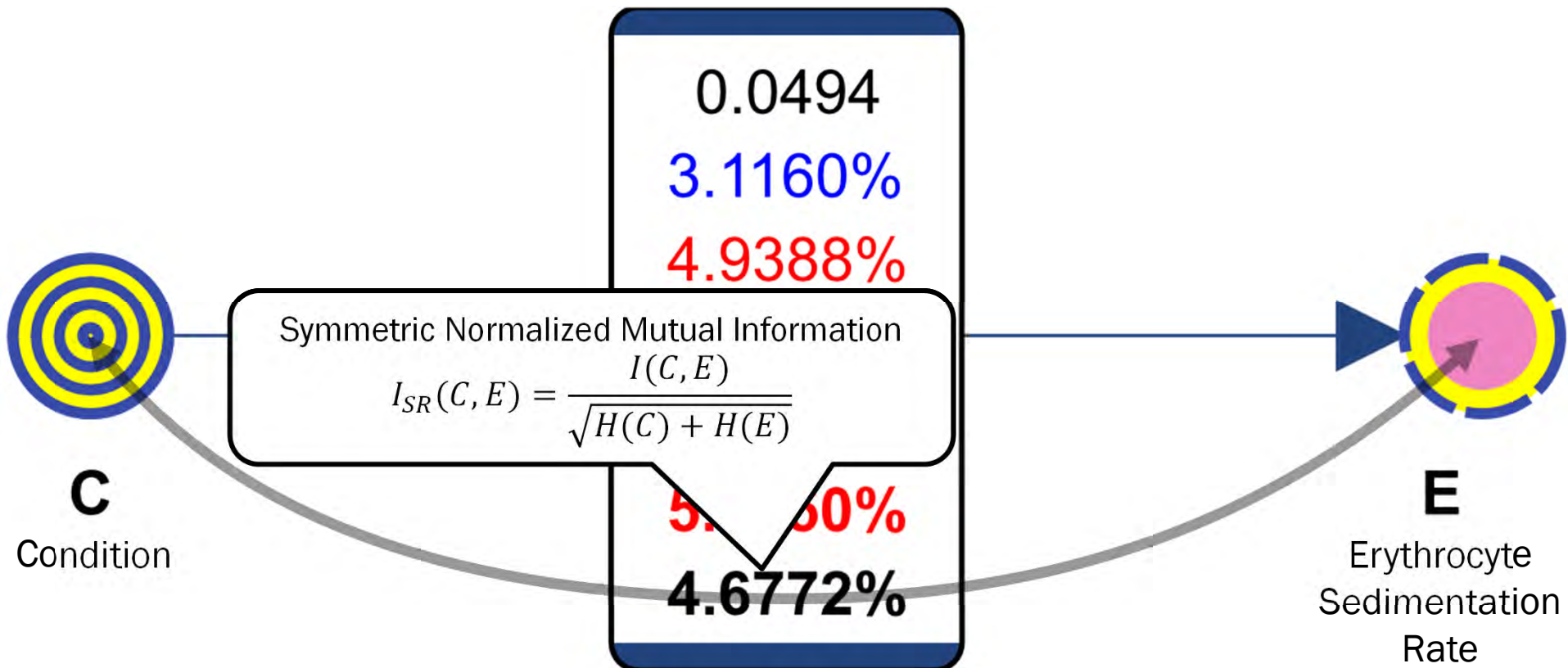
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Denominator: Entropy of E

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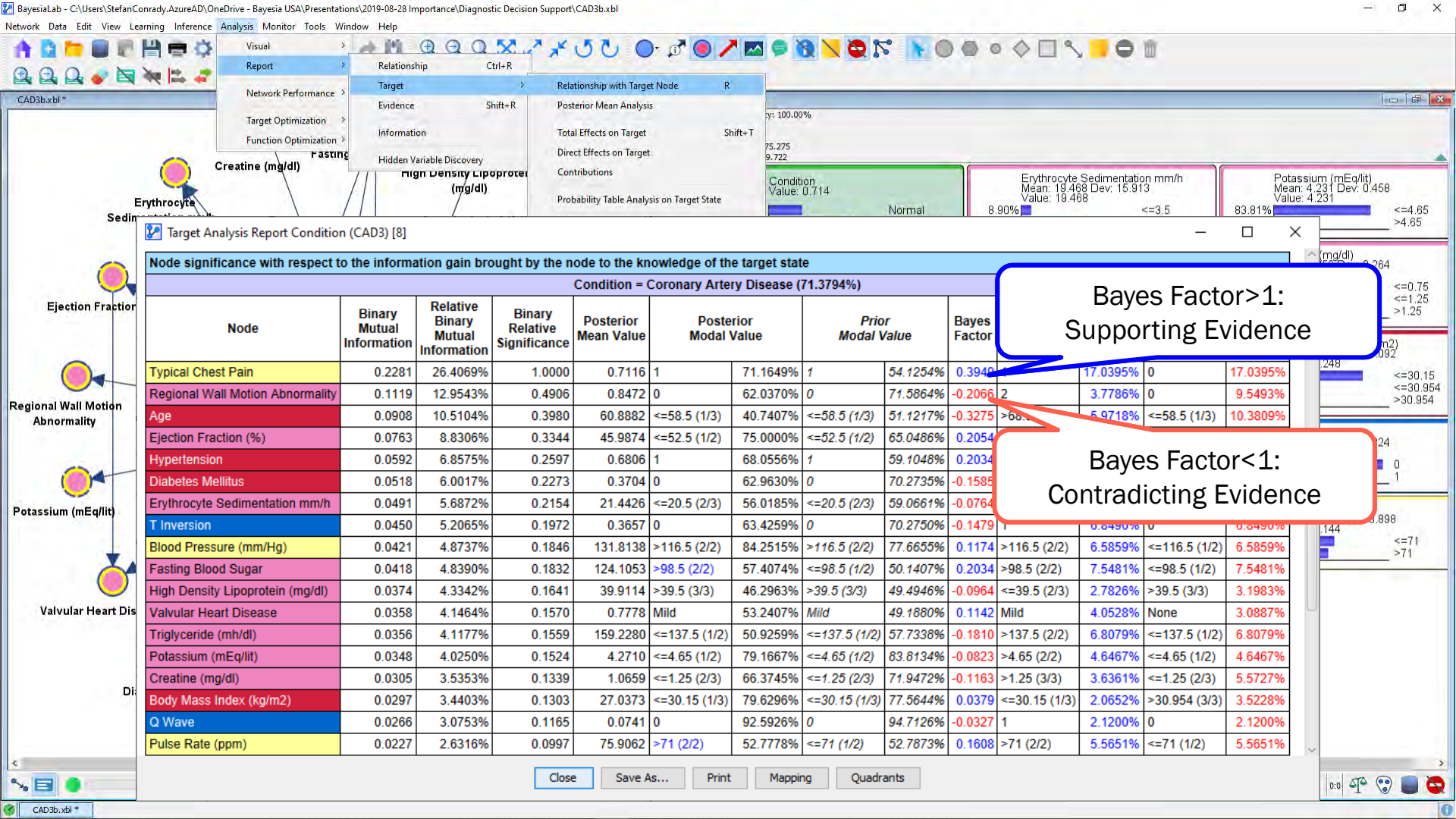
Mutual Information



Predictive Modeling

Importance of Information

- With Mutual Information, we have captured the average amount of information shared between two variables.
- However, the case-specific relevance very much depends on the state of the actual observation.
- The Bayes Factor can quantify how observations are consistent with a hypothesis or other pieces of evidence observed so far.



Predictive Modeling

Bayes Factor: Measuring the Agreement of Pieces of Evidence



Predictive Modeling

- New **Target Analysis Report** to be revealed as part of the BayesiaLab 9 launch on October 10 at the 7th Annual BayesiaLab Conference.



Predictive Modeling

- So far, all our measure everything were mostly about “importance” with respect to one variable.
- However, predictive models are not limited to merely predicting a single target variable.
- Through BayesiaLab’s **Unsupervised Learning**, we can learn models that simultaneously predict all variables in a domain.
- The learning process itself is out of scope for today. However, we want to understand how to evaluate the importance of variables and relationships in such a network.

Predictive Models

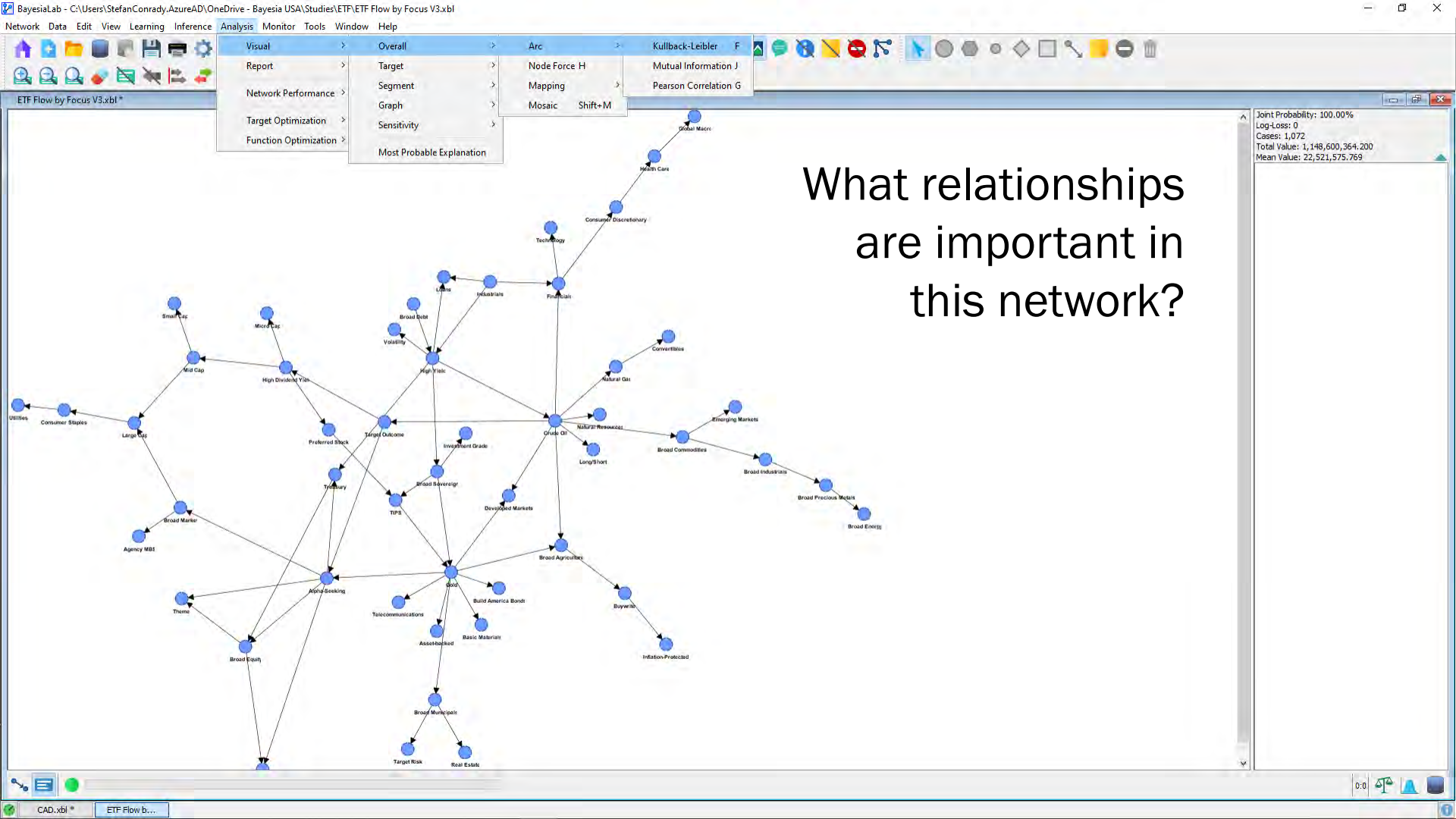
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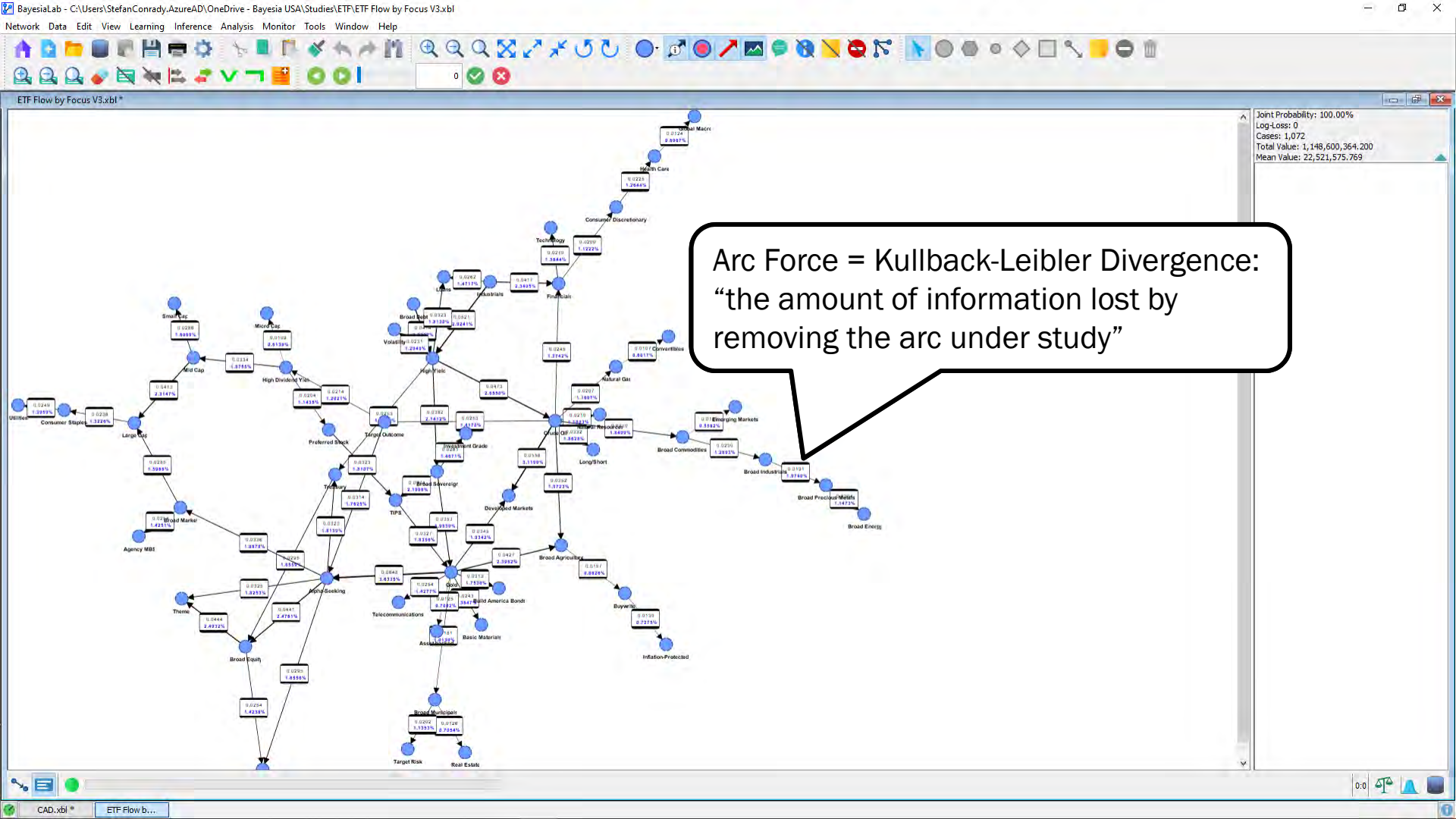
- 1,147 Exchange-Traded Funds
- Timeframe: 2014–2018
- Daily Flow grouped by 50 investment themes
- 1,000 daily observations

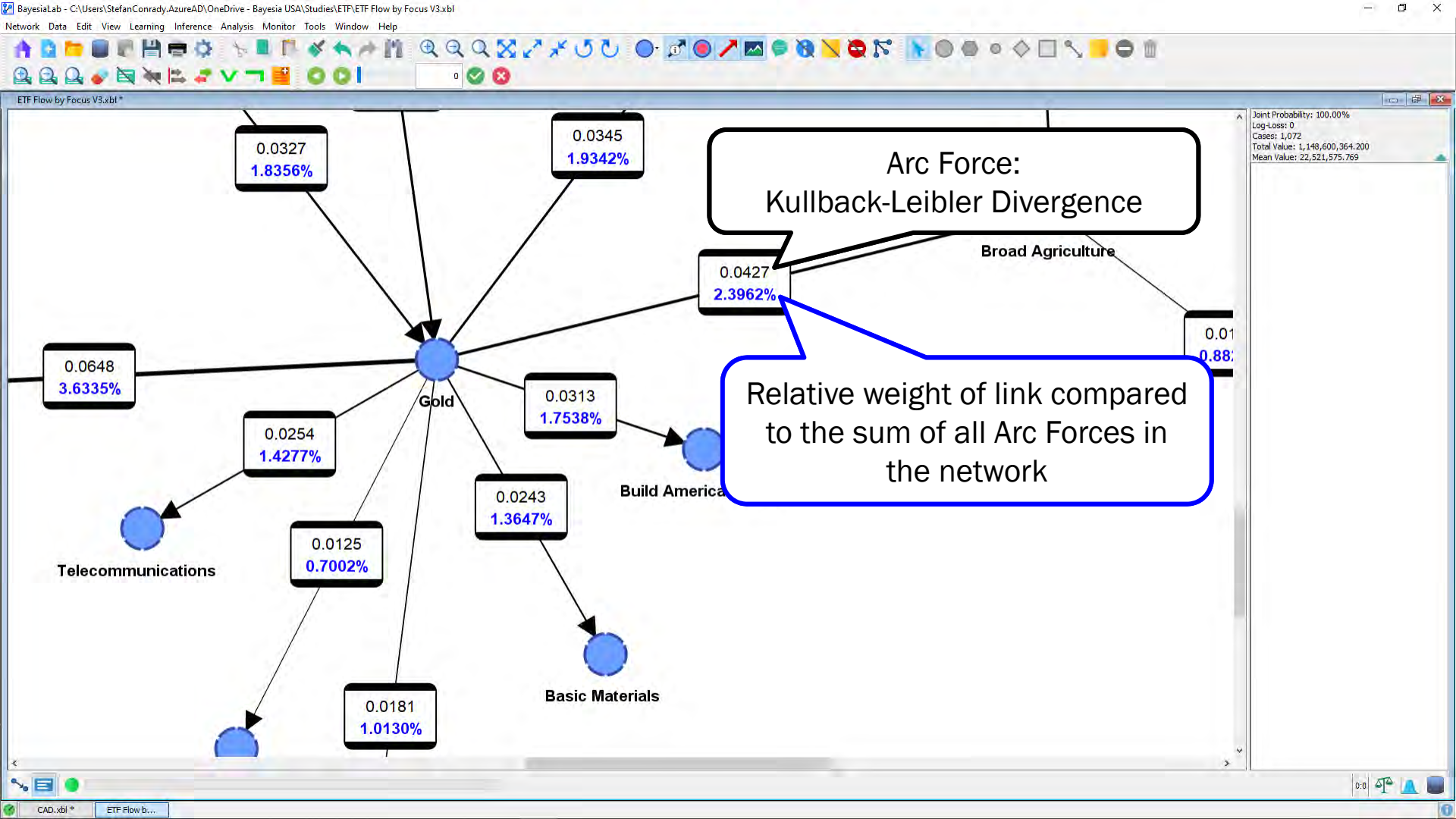
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- Technology
- Agency MBS
- Asset-backed
- Broad Agriculture
- Broad Commodities
- Broad Debt
- Broad Energy
- Broad Industrials
- Broad Market
- Broad Municipals
- Broad Sovereign
- Build America Bonds
- Buywrite
- Consumer Staples
- Crude Oil
- Developed Markets
- Emerging Markets
- Global Macro
- Gold
- Health Care
- High Yield
- Inflation-Protected
- Investment Grade
- Large Cap
- Loans
- Long/Short
- Micro Cap
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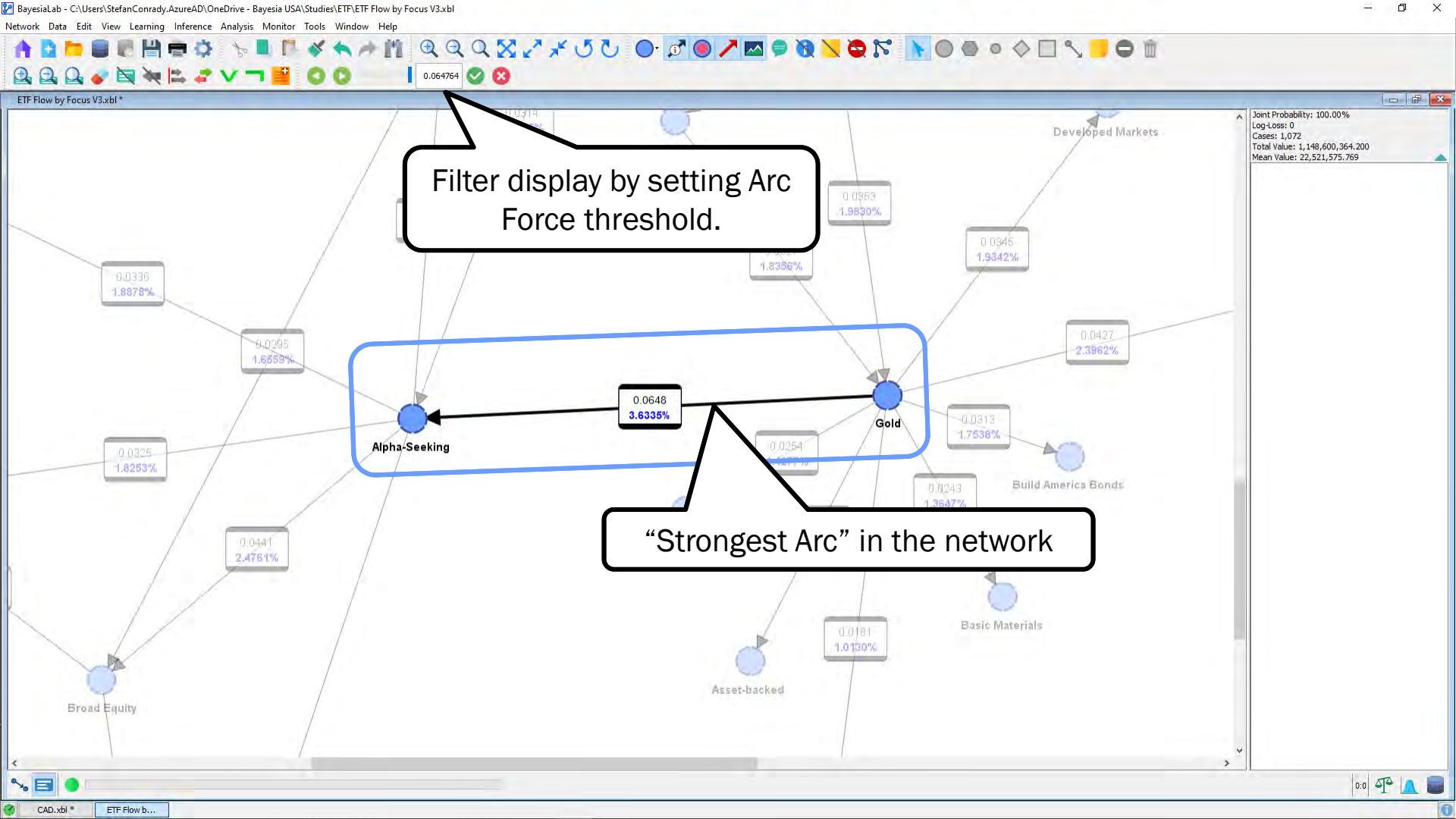


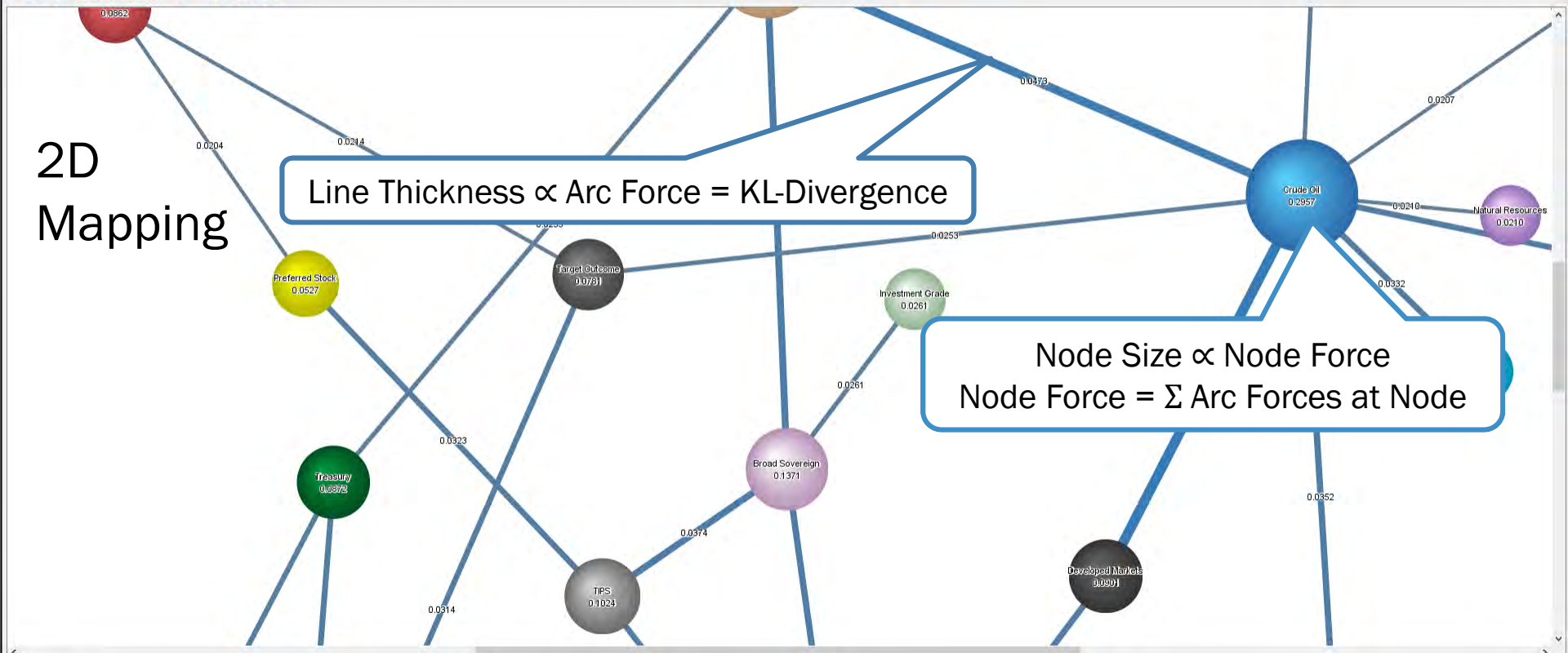
See Webinar on Analyzing Capital Flows of Exchange-Traded Funds:
<https://www.bayesia.com/2018-04-13-analyzing-capital-flows>







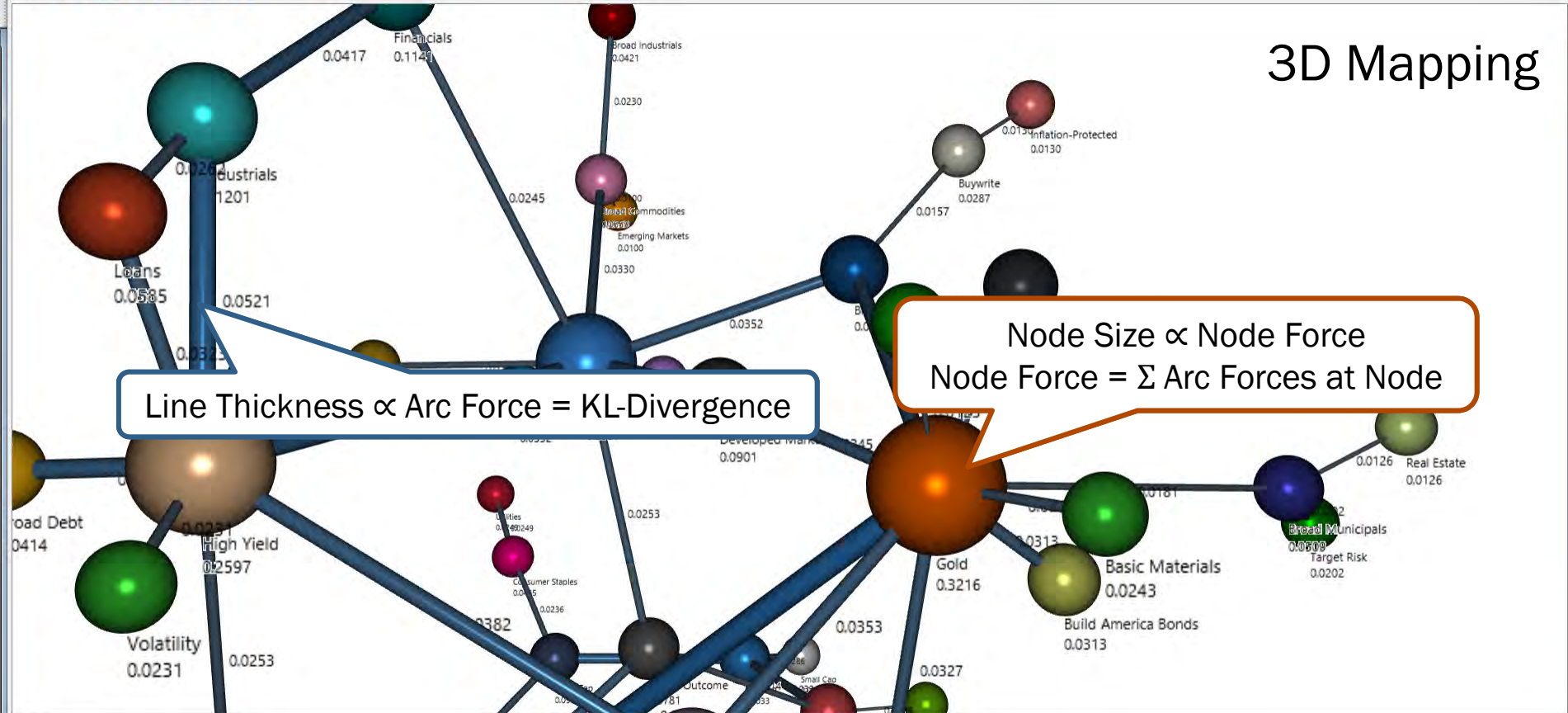




Node Analysis: Size: Node Force, Color: None

Arc Analysis: Kullback-Leibler

3D Mapping



Node Analysis
Size: Node Force
Color: None

Arc Analysis
Kullback-Leibler

Prediction



Causation





EXPERIMENTS



$$\text{Spring Stiffness} = \frac{\text{Modulus of Spring Steel} \times \text{Wire Diameter}^4}{8 \times \text{Number of Active Coils} \times \text{Mean Coil Diameter}^3}$$





NO EXPERIMENTS

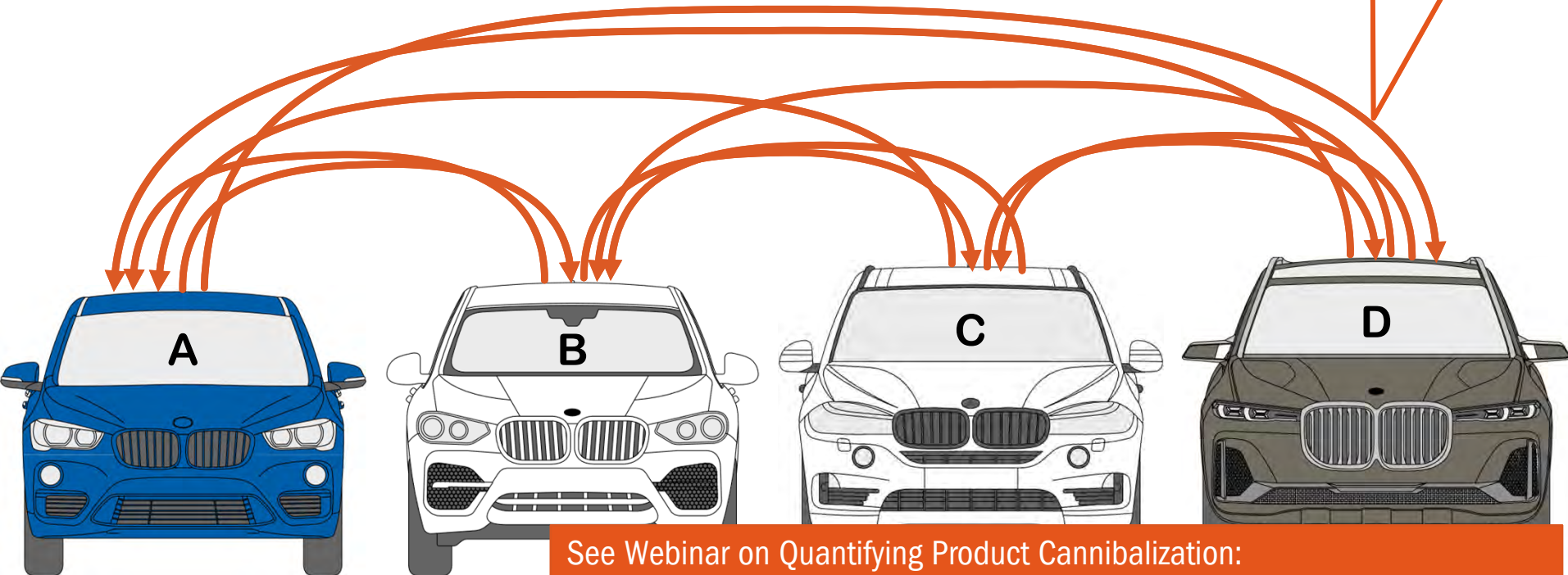
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Causation

Theoretical assumption:
potential substitution between
all models in SUV portfolio.

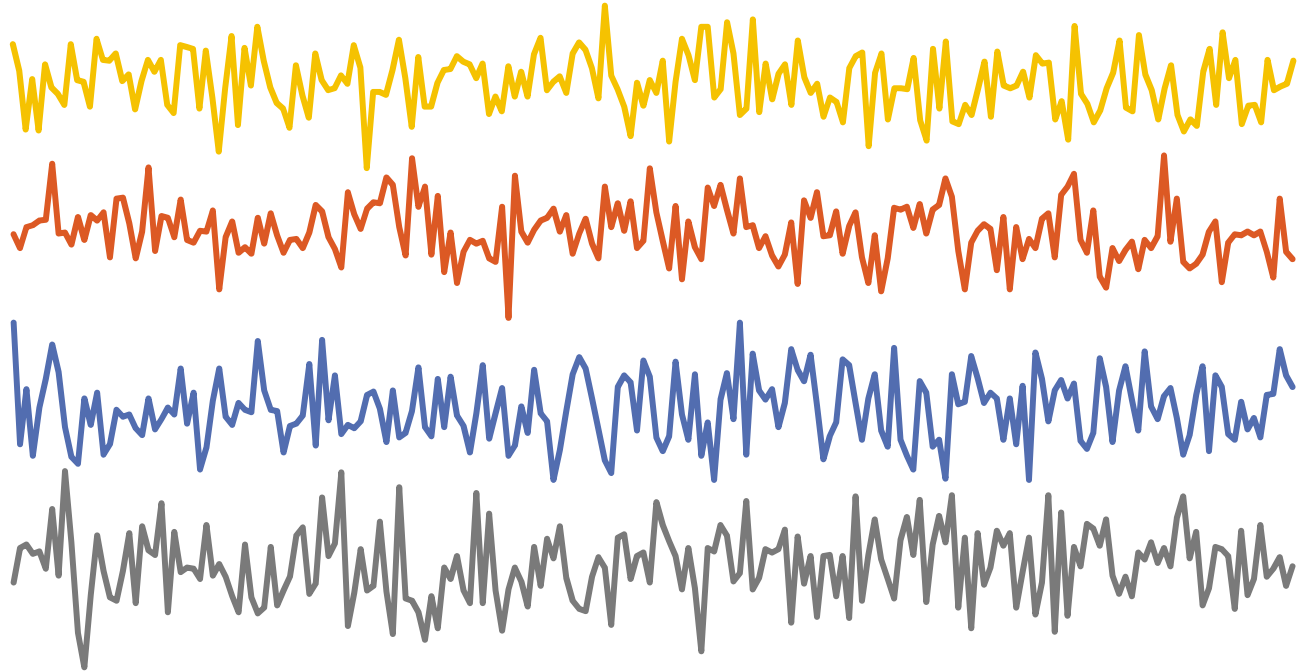
Example: Cannibalization/Substitution Between Vehicles in Portfolio



See Webinar on Quantifying Product Cannibalization:
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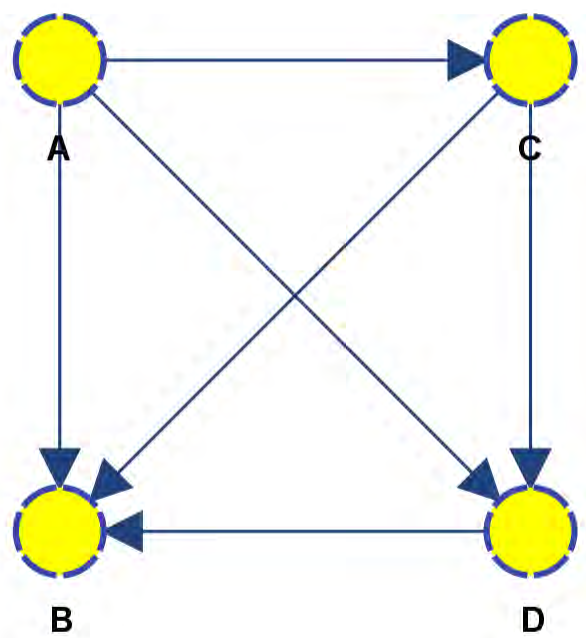
Causation

Data for Estimation of Bayesian Network Model

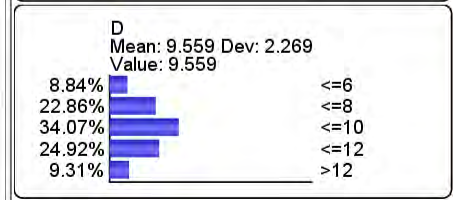
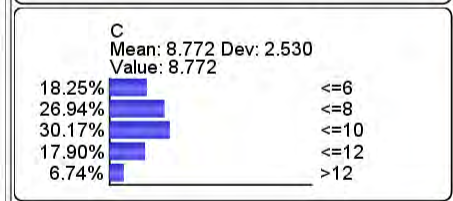
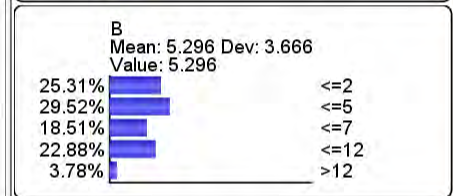
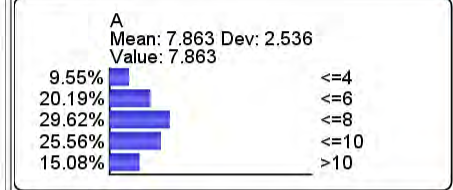




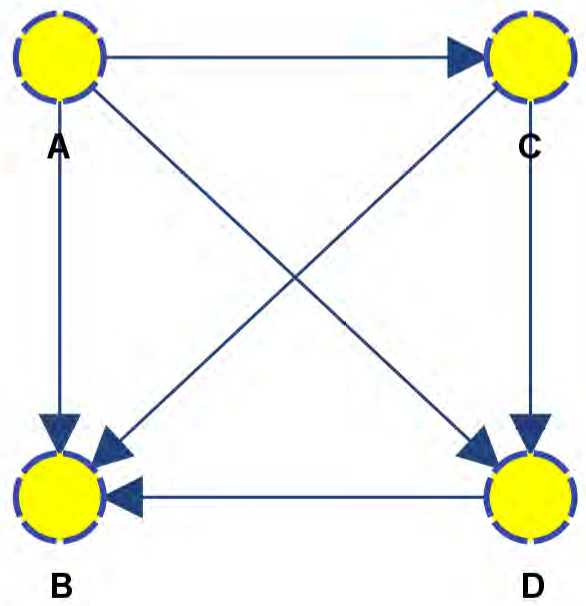
Associated graph 1.xbl*



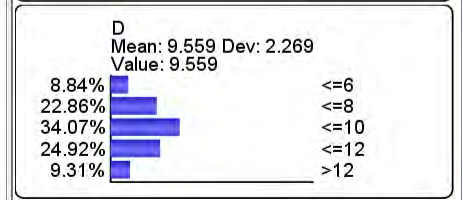
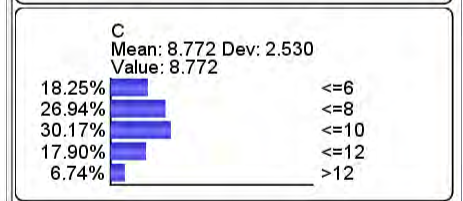
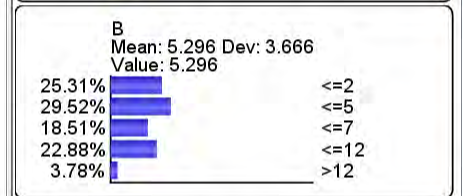
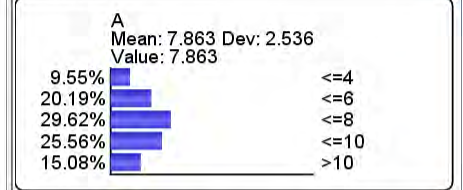
Joint Probability: 100.00%
 Log-Loss: 0
 Cases: 5,001
 Total Value: 31,489
 Mean Value: 7.872

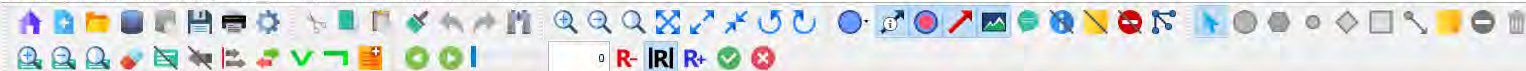


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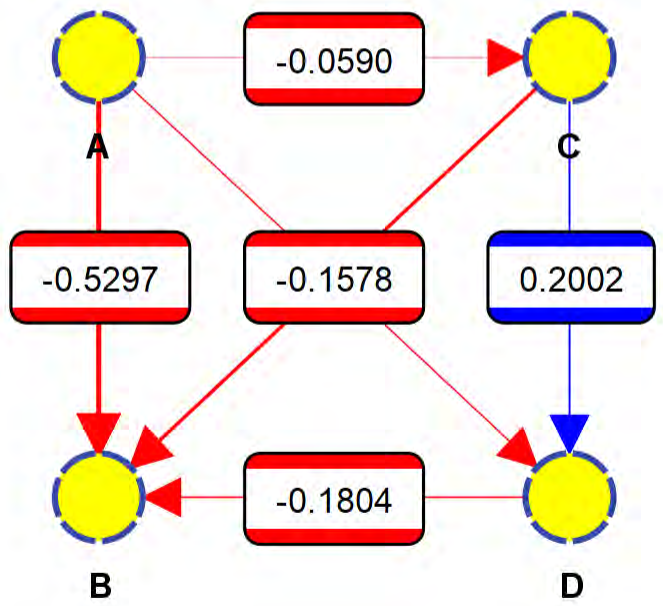


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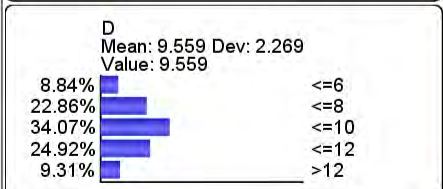
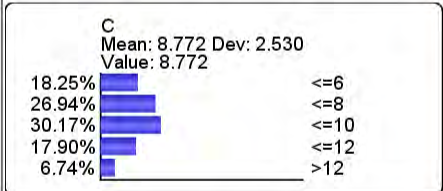
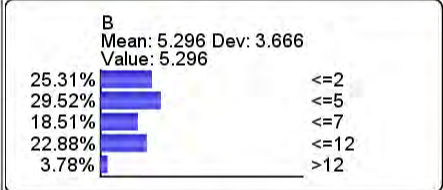
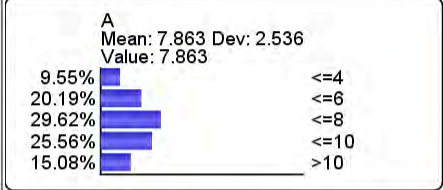


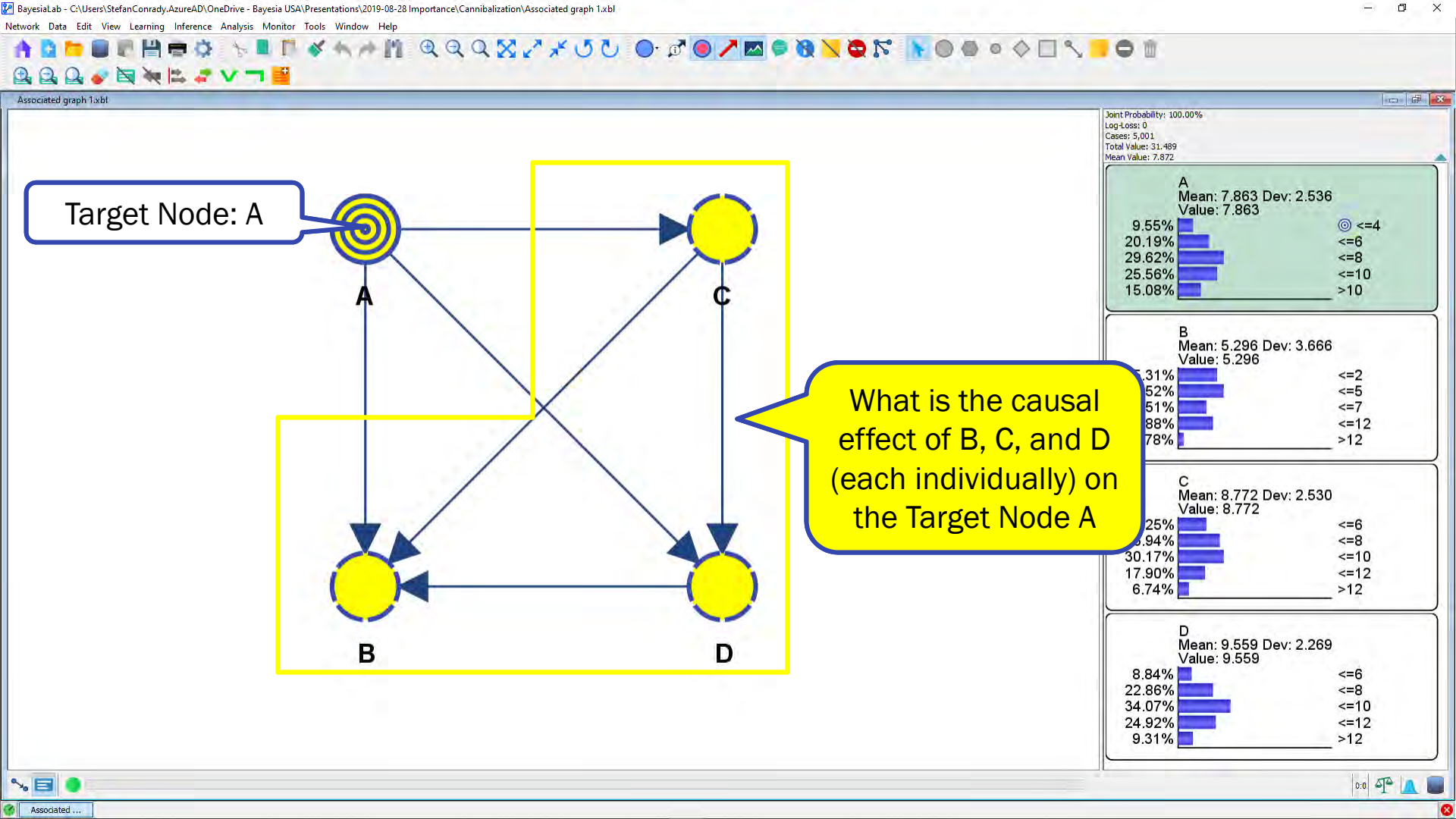


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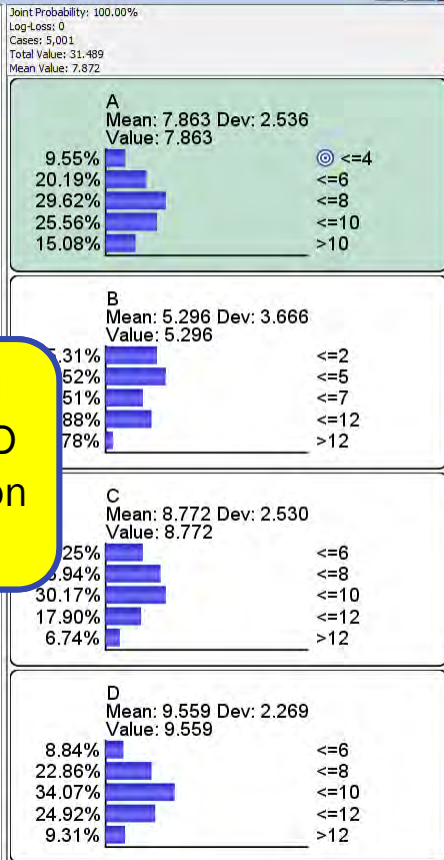
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Target Node: A

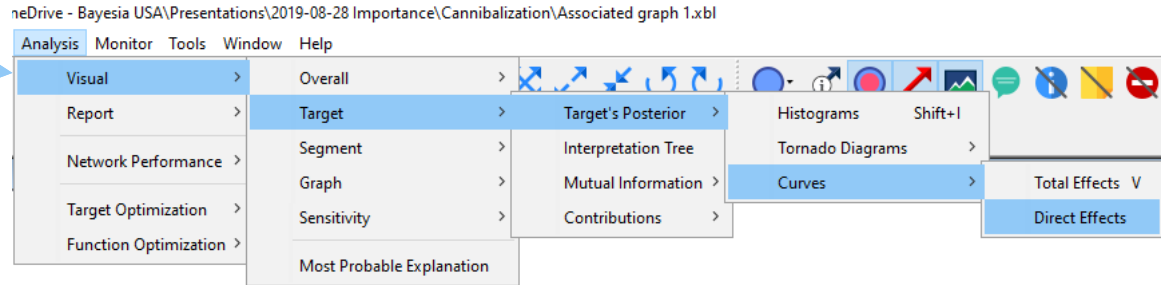
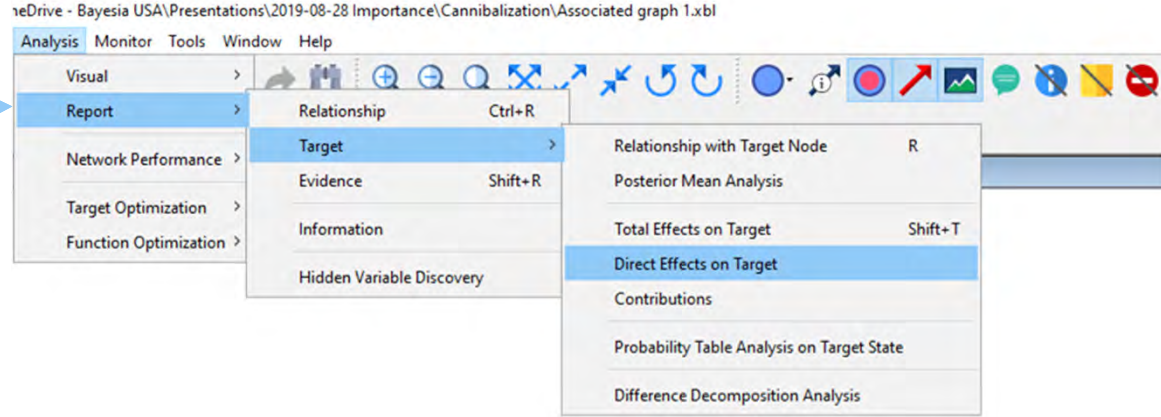
What is the causal effect of B, C, and D (each individually) on the Target Node A

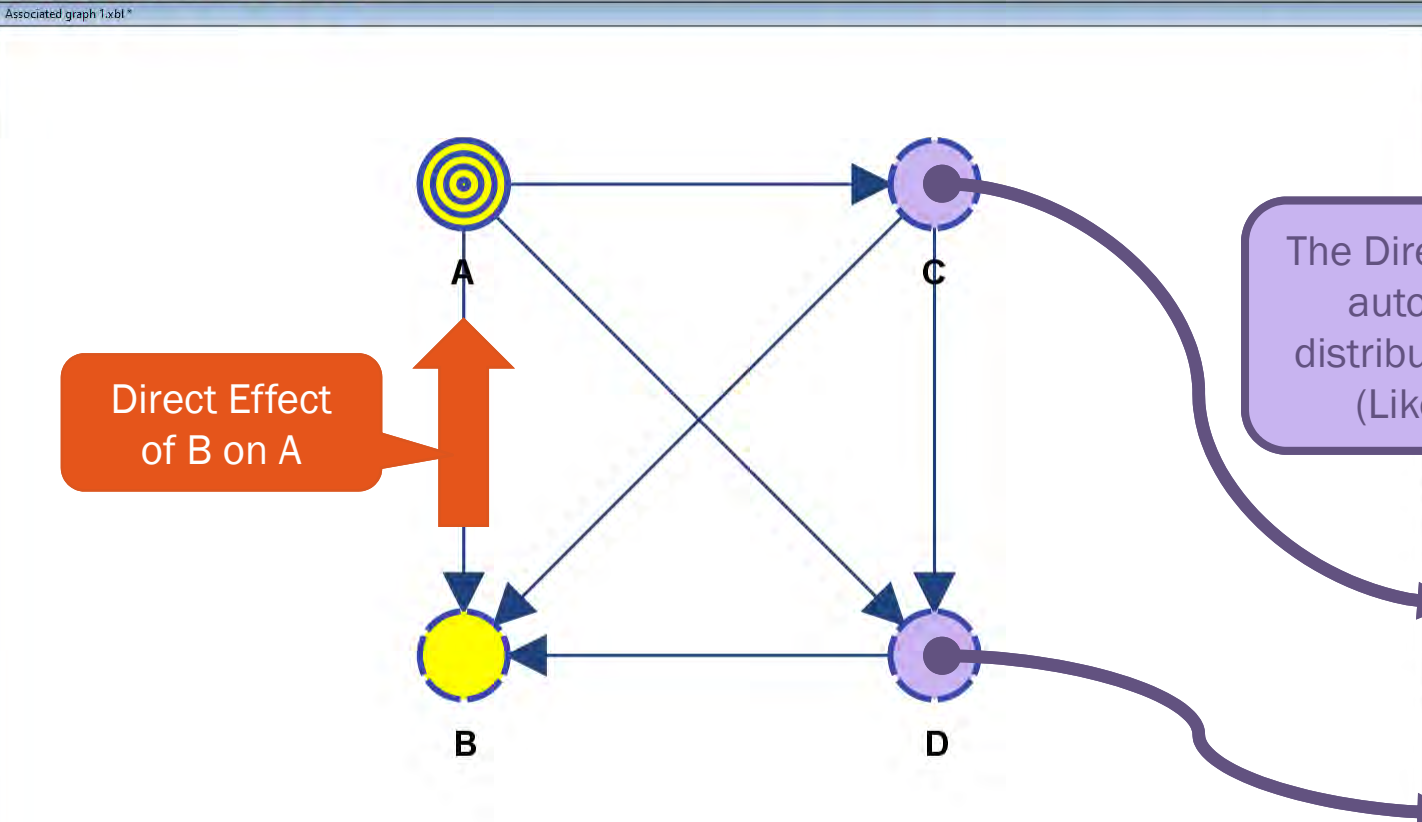


Causation

Direct Effects Analysis

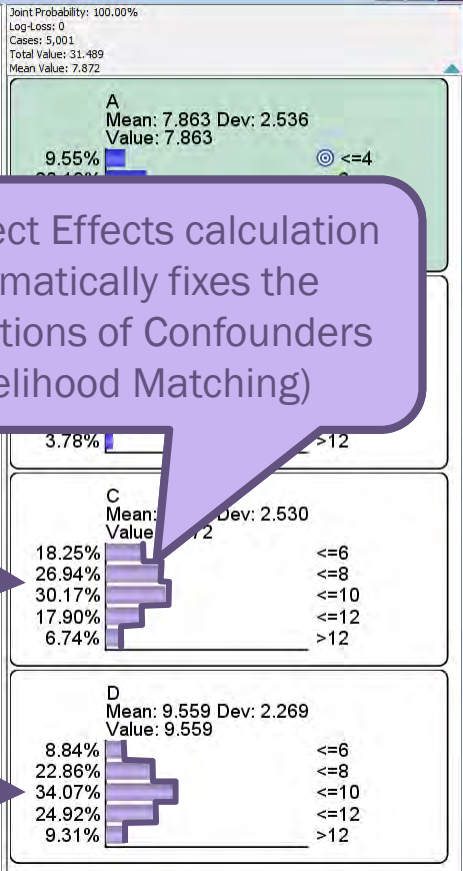
- Report
- Visual





Direct Effect
of B on A

The Direct Effects calculation
automatically fixes the
distributions of Confounders
(Likelihood Matching)



For illustration only – Likelihood Matching happens in the background.

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Visual > Report > Relationship Ctrl+R > Target > Relationship with Target Node R > Posterior Mean Analysis > Total Effects on Target Shift+T > **Direct Effects on Target** > Contributions > Probability Table Analysis on Target State > Difference Decomposition Analysis

Target Node: A

Joint Probability: 100.00%
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Cases: 5,001
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A
Mean: 7.863 Dev: 2.536
Value: 7.863

9.55%	≤4
20.19%	≤6
29.62%	≤8
25.56%	≤10
15.08%	>10

B
Mean: 5.296 Dev: 3.666
Value: 5.296

25.31%	≤2
29.52%	≤5
18.51%	≤7
22.88%	≤12
3.78%	>12

C
Mean: 8.772 Dev: 2.530
Value: 8.772

18.25%	≤6
	8
	10
	12

D
Mean: 9.559 Dev: 2.269
Value: 9.559

8.84%	≤6
22.86%	≤8
34.07%	≤10
24.92%	≤12
9.31%	>12

Direct Effects on Target (Associated graph 1)

Analysis Context
No Observation

“Causal Unit Effect”

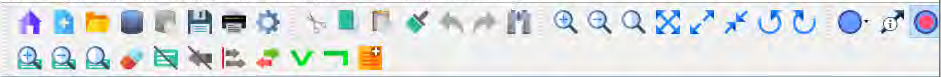
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C	8.7720	-0.2662	-0.2684	22.8938%	-27.1037%
D	9.5585	-0.2280	-0.2549	19.6123%	-24.7344%

Elasticity: $e = \frac{\Delta A}{\Delta B}$

Contribution: Share of Sum of Standardized Direct Effects

Pearson Correlation

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Associated graph 1.xbl

Direct Effects on Target (Associated graph 1)

Analysis Context
No Observation

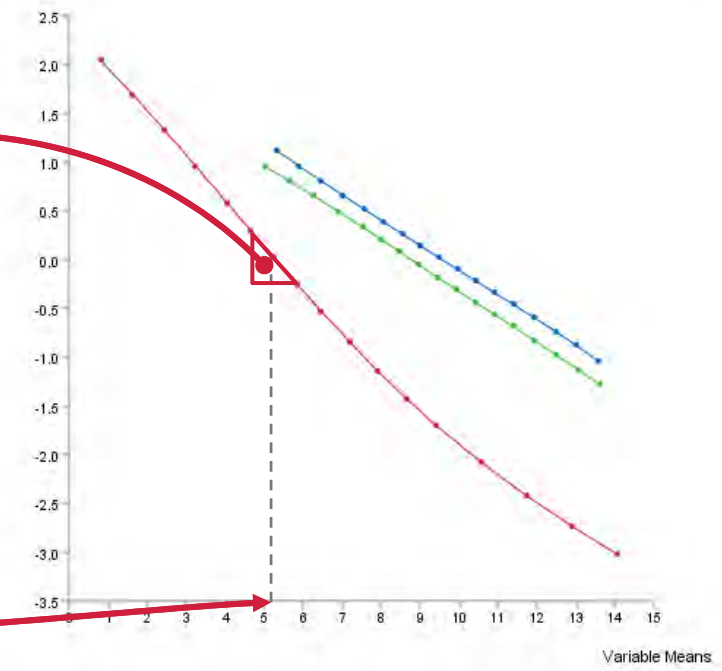
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Target Mean Analysis by Direct Effects

Node:
x:
y:

A Delta Mean



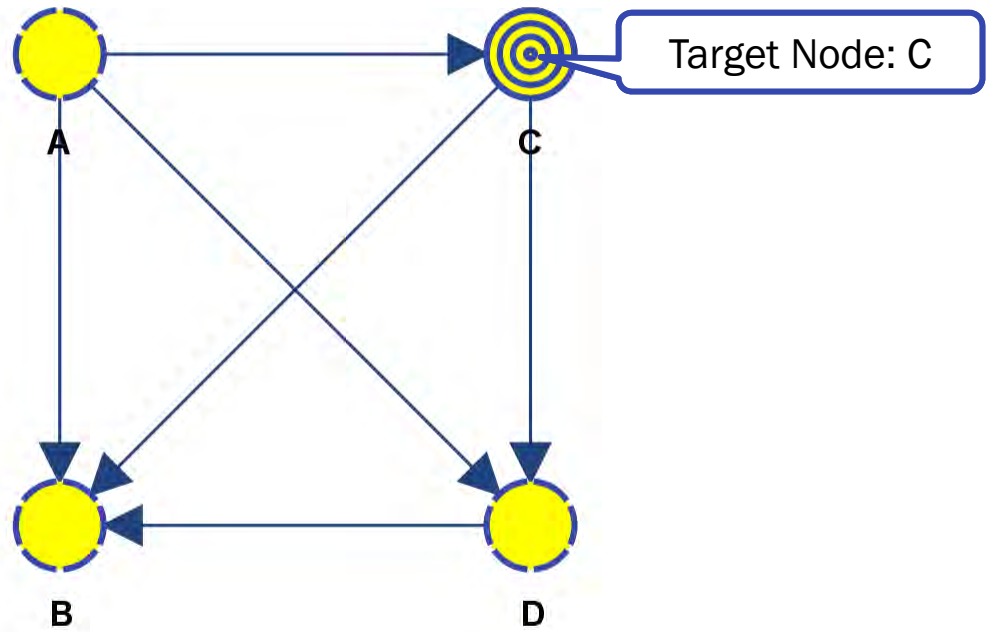
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- All Curv
- B
- C
- D

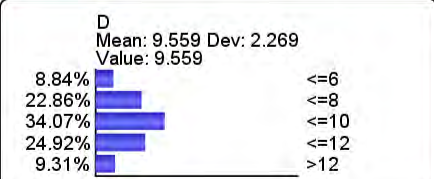
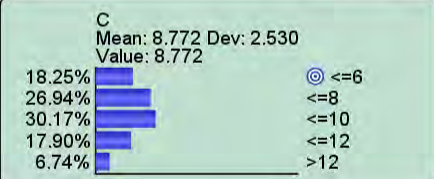
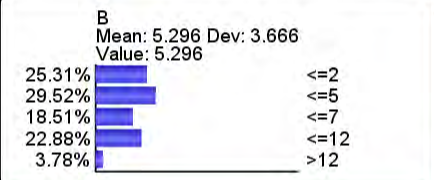
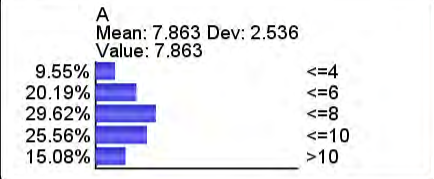
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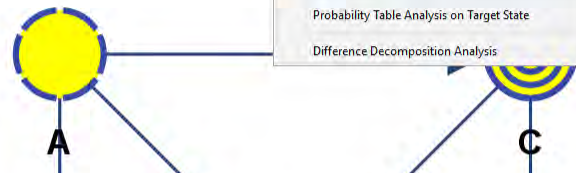
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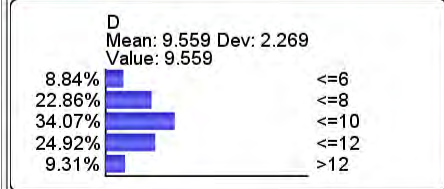
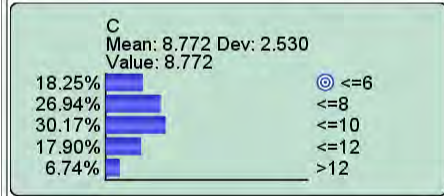
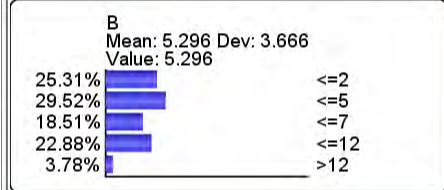
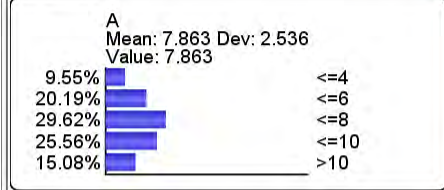
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 - Evidence Shift+R
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 - Total Effects on Target Shift+T
 - Direct Effects on Target**
 - Contributions
 - Probability Table Analysis on Target State
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 - Information
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- Target Optimization >
- Function Optimization >



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Direct Effects on Target (Associated graph 1)

Analysis Context
 No Observation

Direct Effects on Target C					
Node	Prior Value/Mean	Standardized Direct Effect	Direct Effect	Contribution	Elasticity
B	5.2959	-0.5460	-0.3743	58.7864%	-57.8988%
A	7.8630	-0.3409	-0.3381	36.7042%	-33.4815%
D	9.5585	0.0419	0.0464	4.5095%	4.4616%

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Network Data Edit View Learning Inference Analysis Monitor Tools Window Help

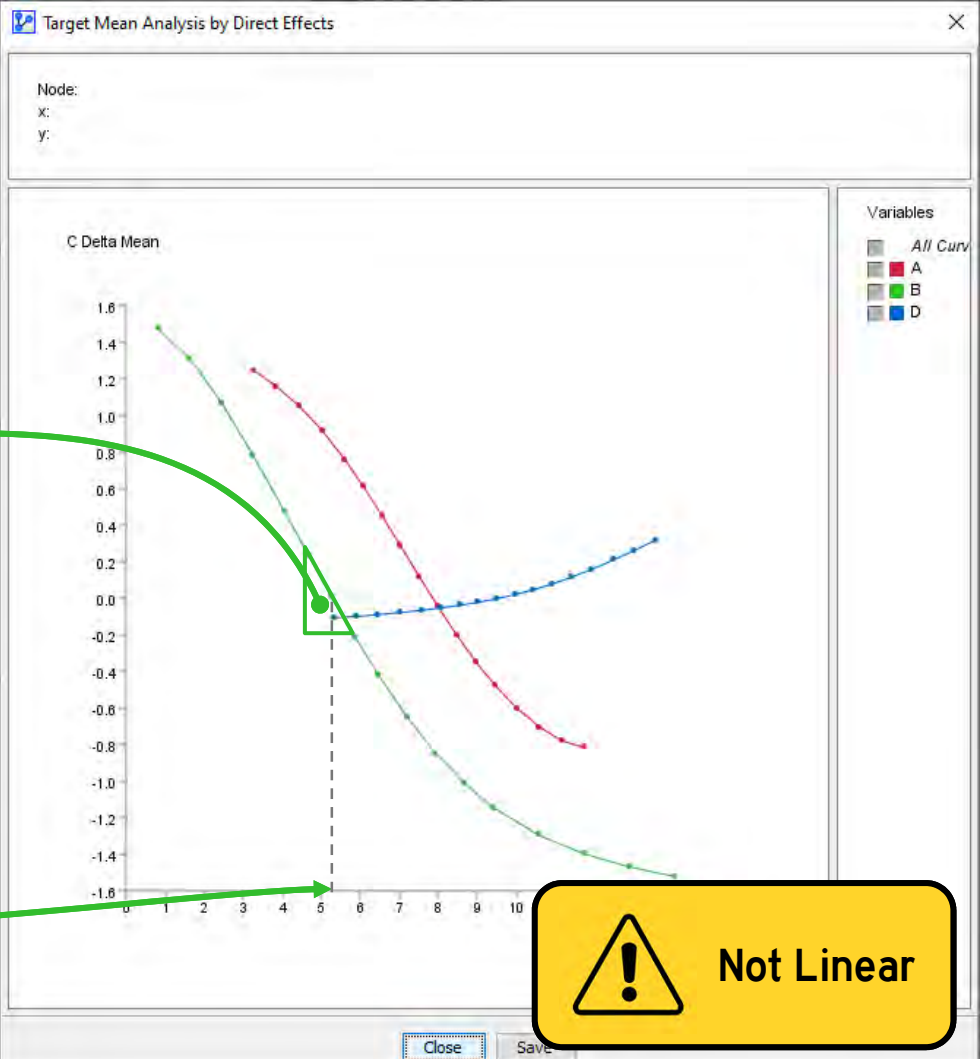
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- Report > Target > Target's Posterior > Tornado Diagram
- Network Performance > Segment > Interpretation Tree
- Graph > Mutual Information > Curves
- Target Optimization > Sensitivity > Contributions
- Function Optimization > Most Probable Explanation

Direct Effects on Target (Associated graph 1)

Analysis Context
No Observation

Direct Effects on Target C					
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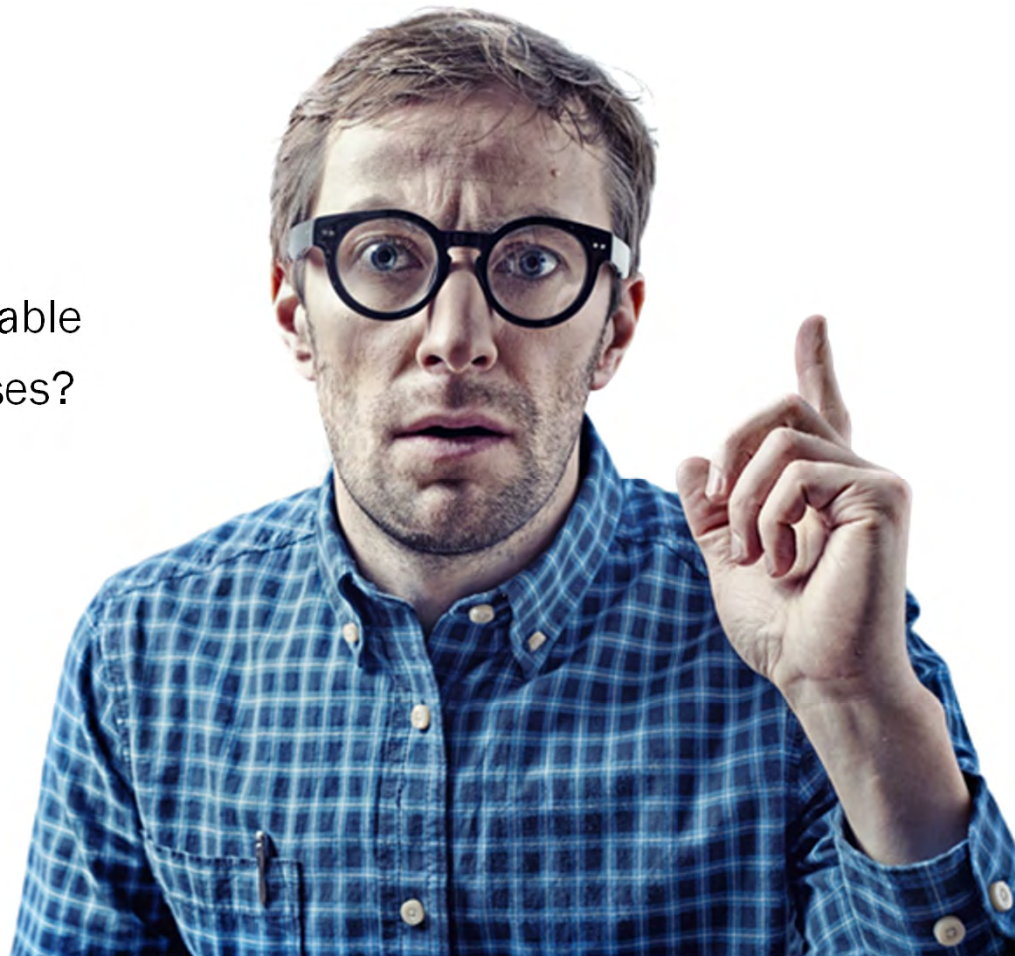


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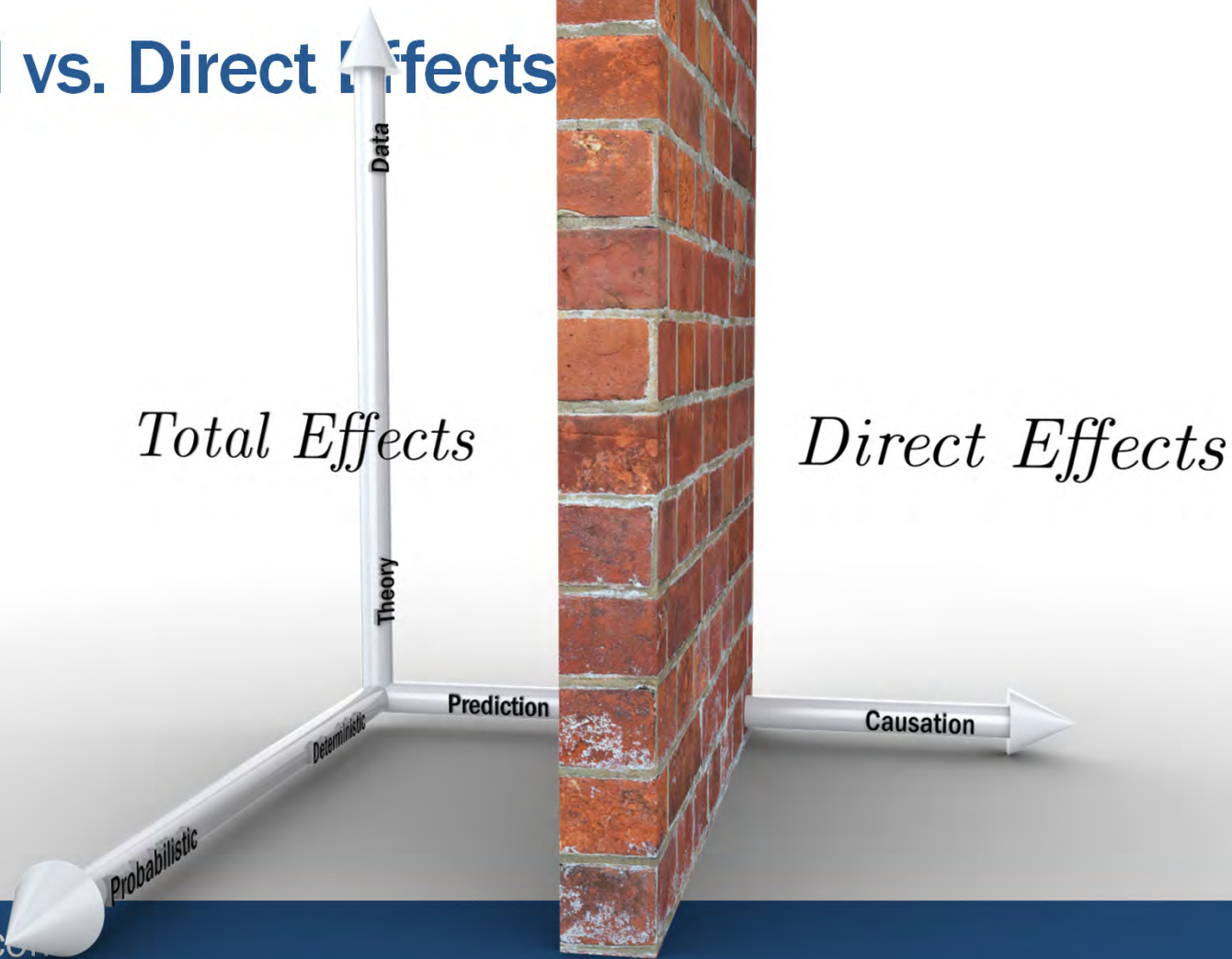
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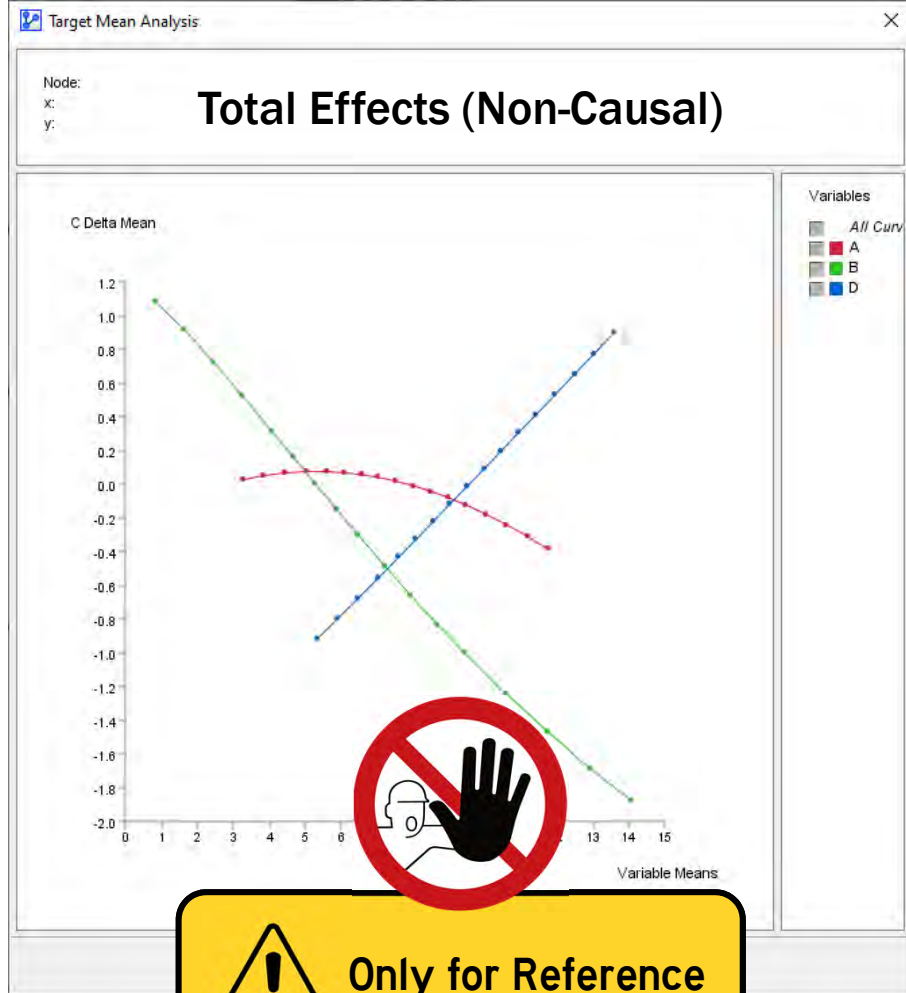
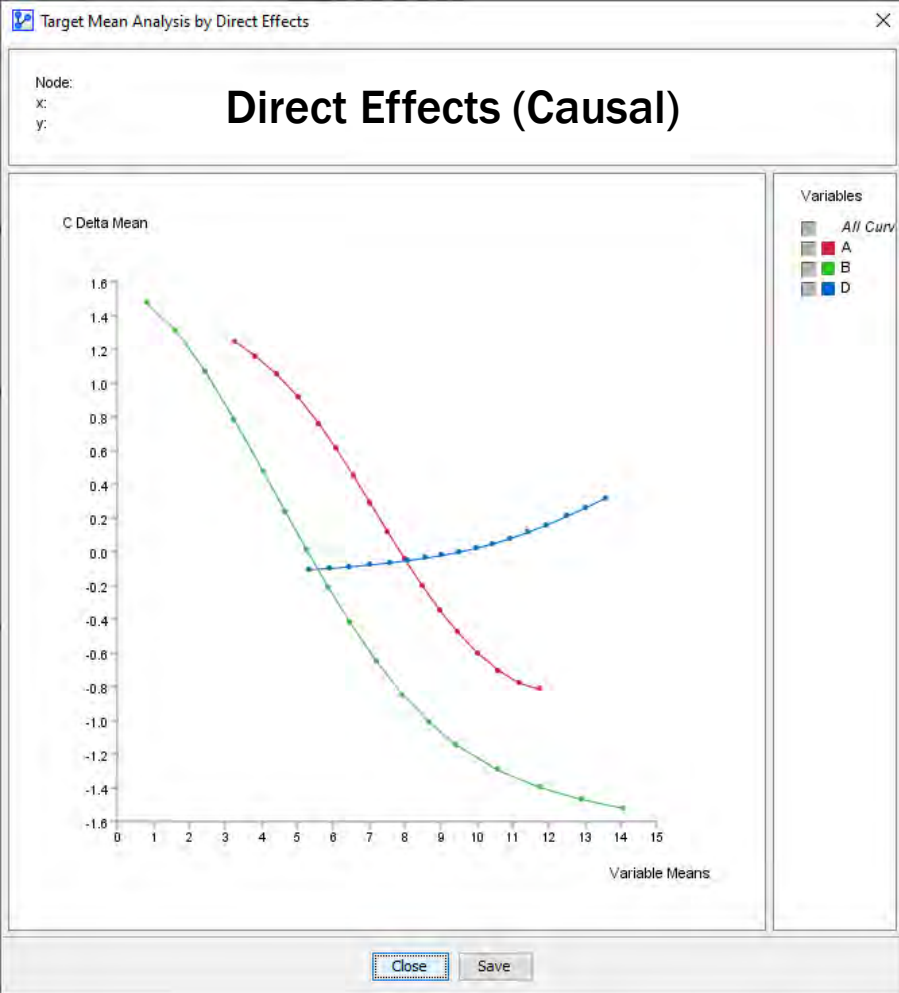
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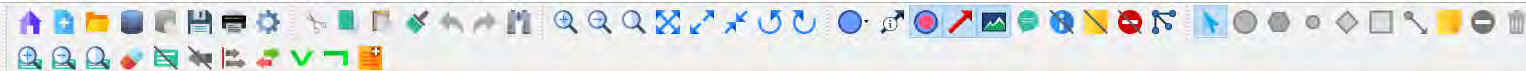
- Wouldn't Total Effects be a reasonable proxy for Direct Effects in most cases?



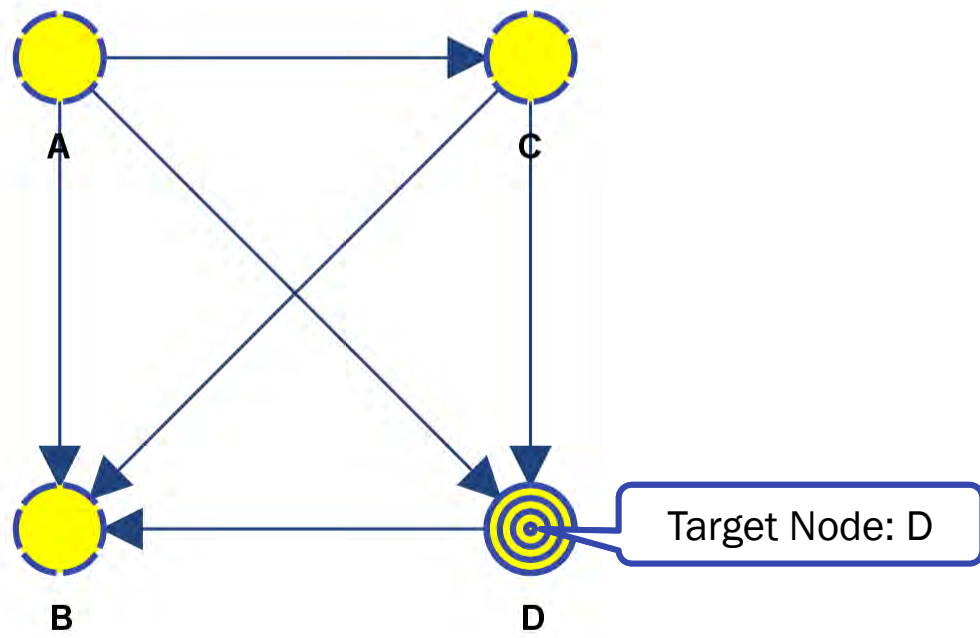
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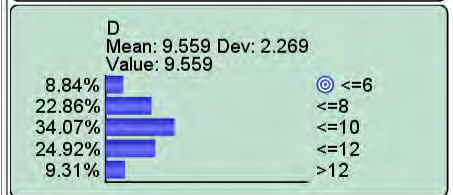
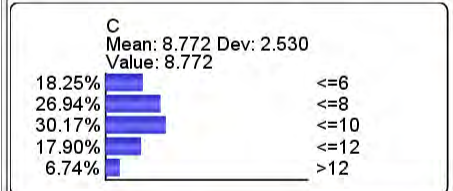
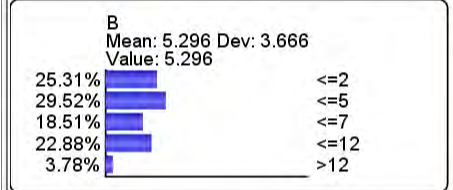
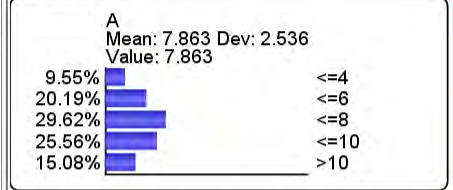


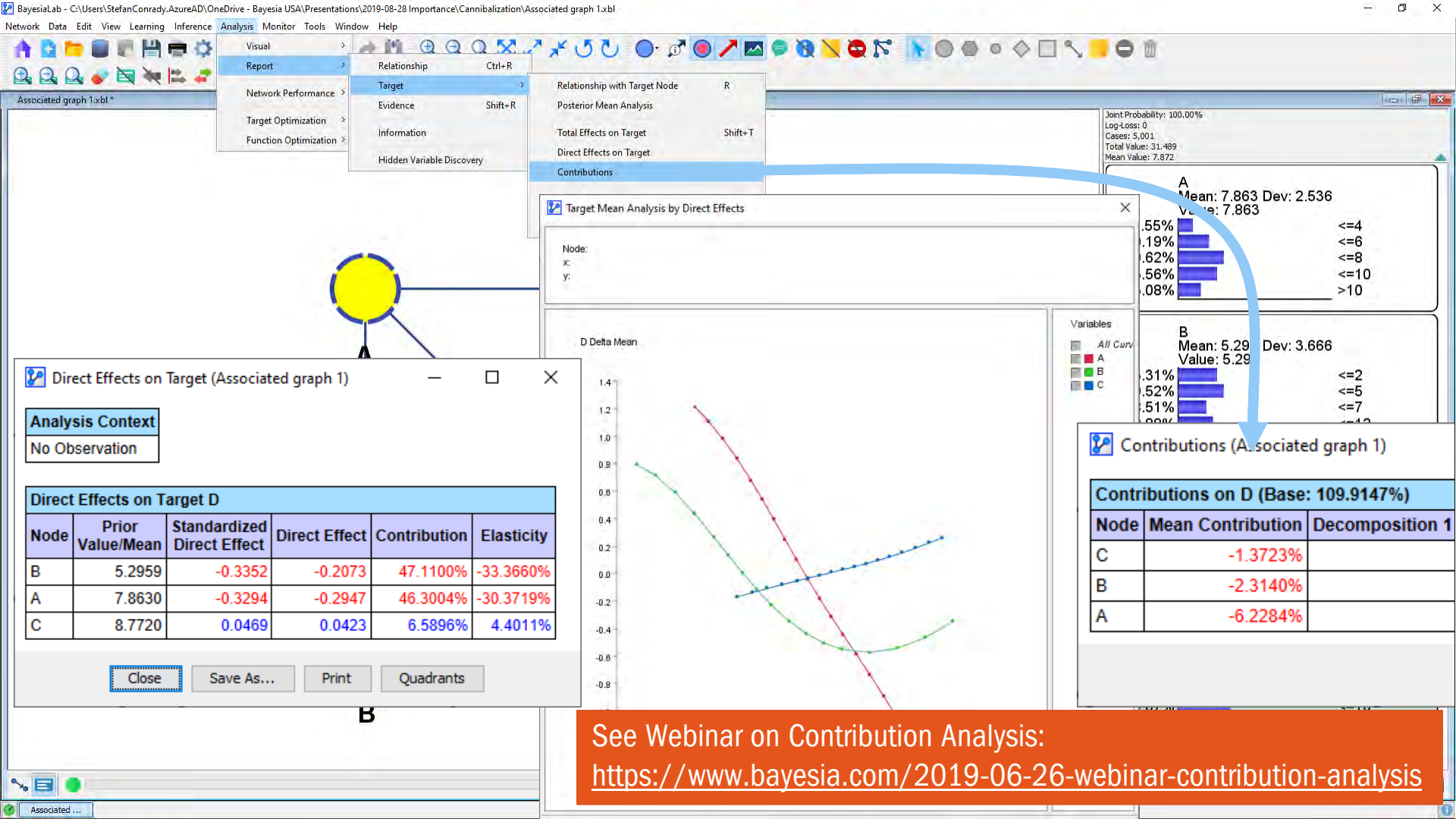


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Direct Effects on Target (Associated graph 1)

Analysis Context
No Observation

Direct Effects on Target D

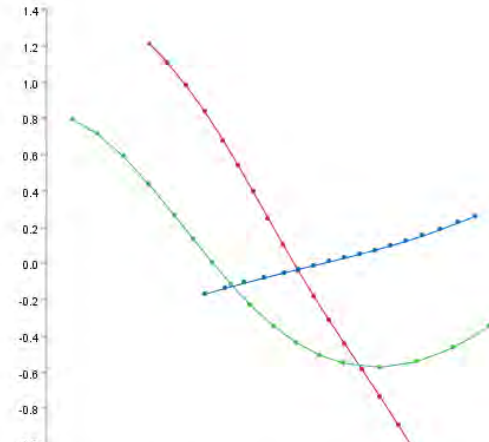
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C	8.7720	0.0469	0.0423	6.5896%	4.4011%

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Target Mean Analysis by Direct Effects

Node:
X:
Y:

D Delta Mean



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A
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B
Mean: 5.29 Dev: 3.666
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Contributions (Associated graph 1)

Contributions on D (Base: 109.9147%)

Node	Mean Contribution	Decomposition 1
C	-1.3723%	
B	-2.3140%	
A	-6.2284%	

See Webinar on Contribution Analysis:
<https://www.bayesia.com/2019-06-26-webinar-contribution-analysis>

Summary

Importance in Predictive Modeling

- Total Effects
- Information Theory
 - Entropy & Mutual Information
 - Arc Force, Node Force
- Bayes Factor
- Tornado Chart

Importance in Causal Modeling

- Direct Effects
- Contributions & Synergy
- Elasticity

What part of “it’s important”
don’t you understand?

Thank You!



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