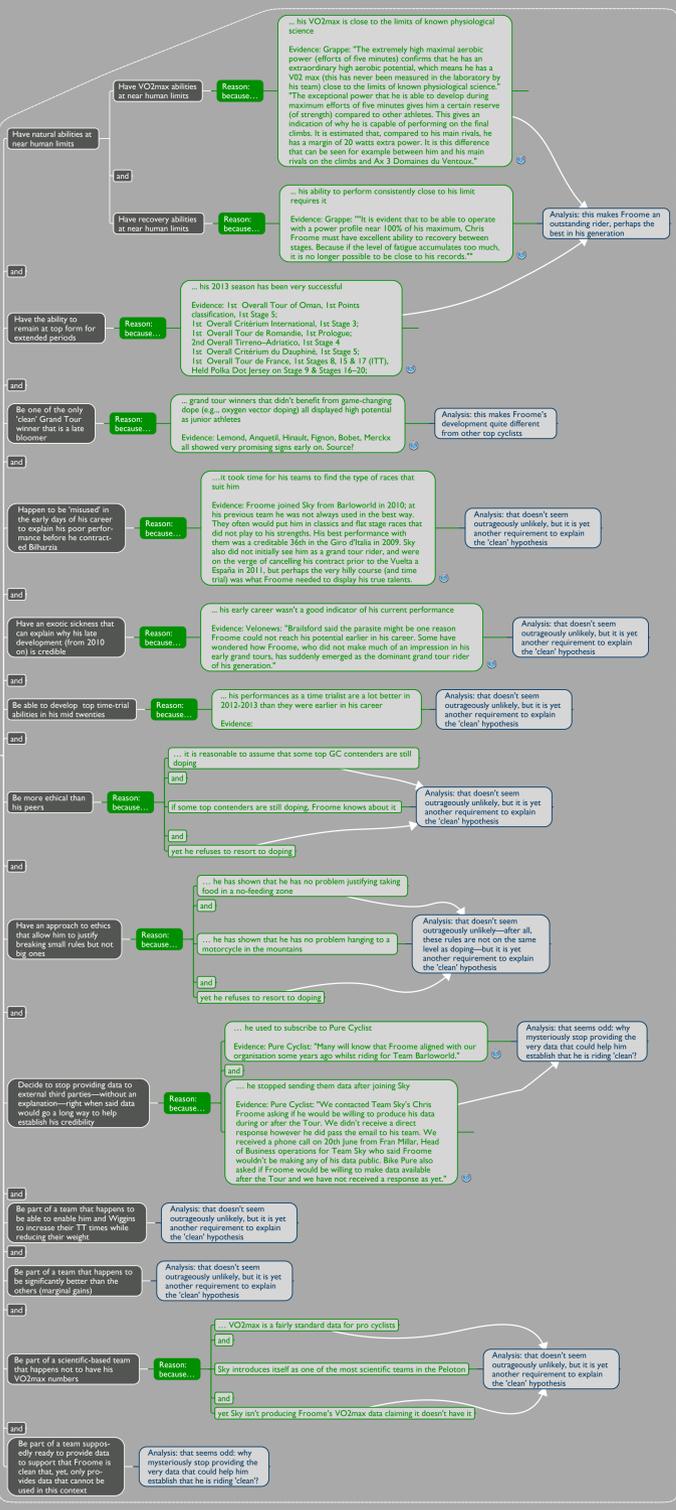


Hypothesis 1: Christopher Froome won the 2013 TdF without cheating

Necessary conditions for this hypothesis to be valid considering our body of evidence



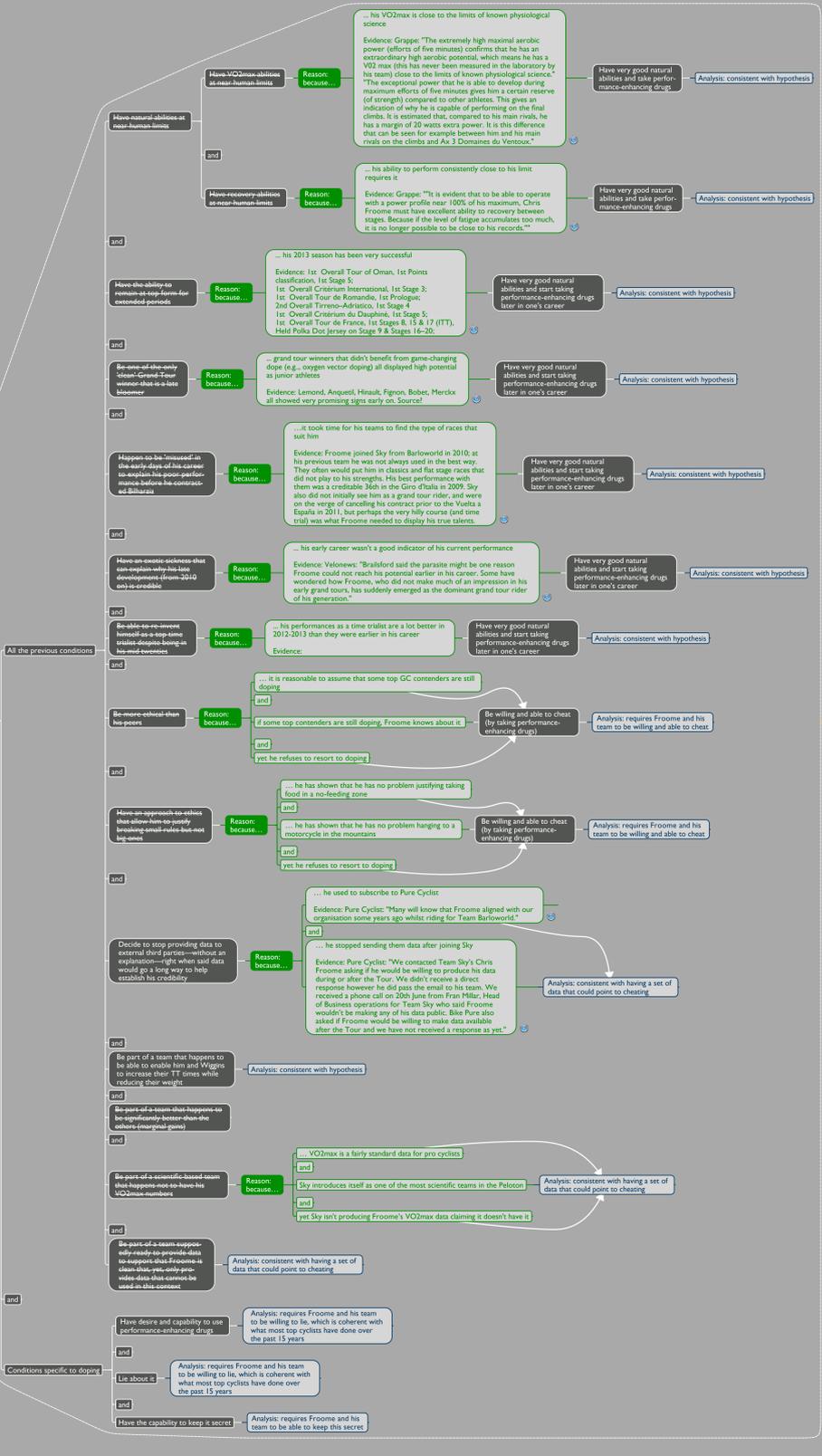
Synthesis

To be true, the 'clean' hypothesis requires that:
- Froome is the best rider of his generation (or close)
- Froome developed in a way completely different than previous top riders
- Froome was missed as a pro cyclist during various years
- Froome has an exotic sickness that prevents common efforts to verify whether he is clean
- Froome is developing new capabilities late in his career
- Froome is more ethical than (at least some of) his peers
- Froome is ok breaking small rules but he isn't ok with doping
- Froome decides to stop providing data to third parties that could help establish him as a 'clean' rider right when such data would be most useful, without an explanation
- Froome is part of one of the only teams in the world who can make their riders become better at TT while dropping weight
- Froome is part of the best team in the world
- Froome is part of a team that believes in science yet doesn't have some of its basic data
- Froome is part of a team that claims they want transparency but provides only data that can't help establish his 'cleanliness'

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Hypothesis 2: Christopher Froome won the 2013 TdF because he started doping when he joined Sky and that gave him the edge to beat his competition

Necessary conditions for this hypothesis to be valid considering our body of evidence



Synthesis

To be true, the 'doping' hypothesis requires that:
- Froome has very good natural abilities
- Froome started taking performance-enhancing drugs at Sky
- Froome and his team are willing to cheat
- Froome and his team lie, which is coherent with what most top cyclists have done over the past 15 years
- Froome and his team have the ability to keep his doping secret

Hypothesis 3: Christopher Froome won the 2013 TdF because cheating (in a different way than doping) gave him the edge to beat his competition

Synthesis: No evidence suggests that this is happening, therefore we discard it as too unlikely for now

Decision: X