



# What do we need to consider when configuring Large Industrial Commodity Supply Chains?

## *Lessons from the Sugar Industry*

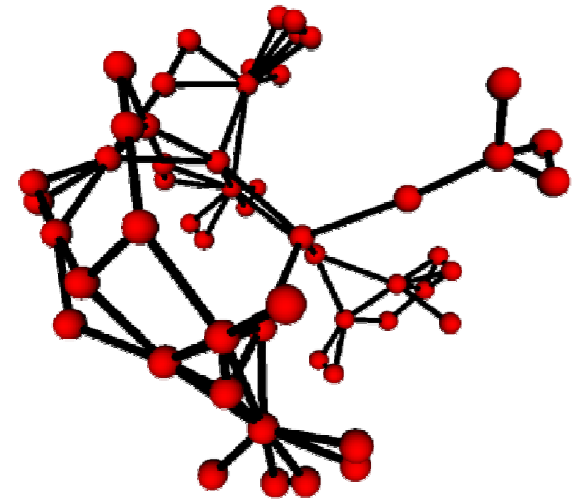
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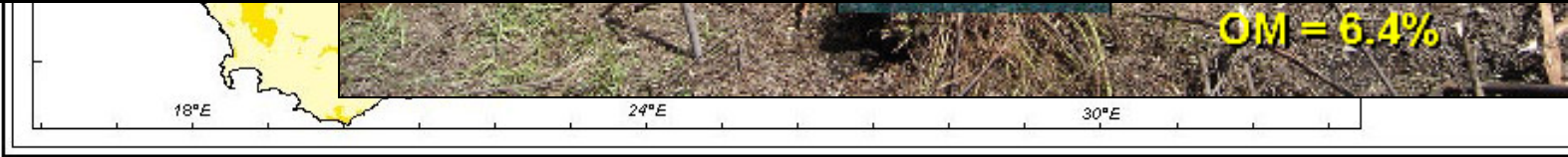
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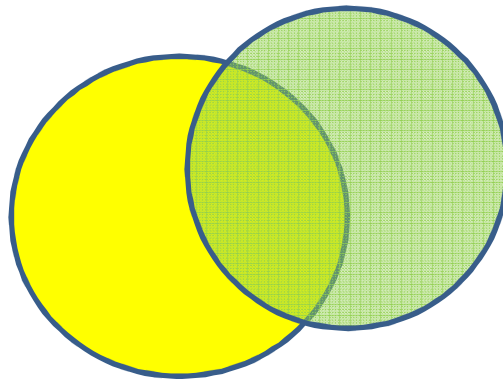


Exercise:

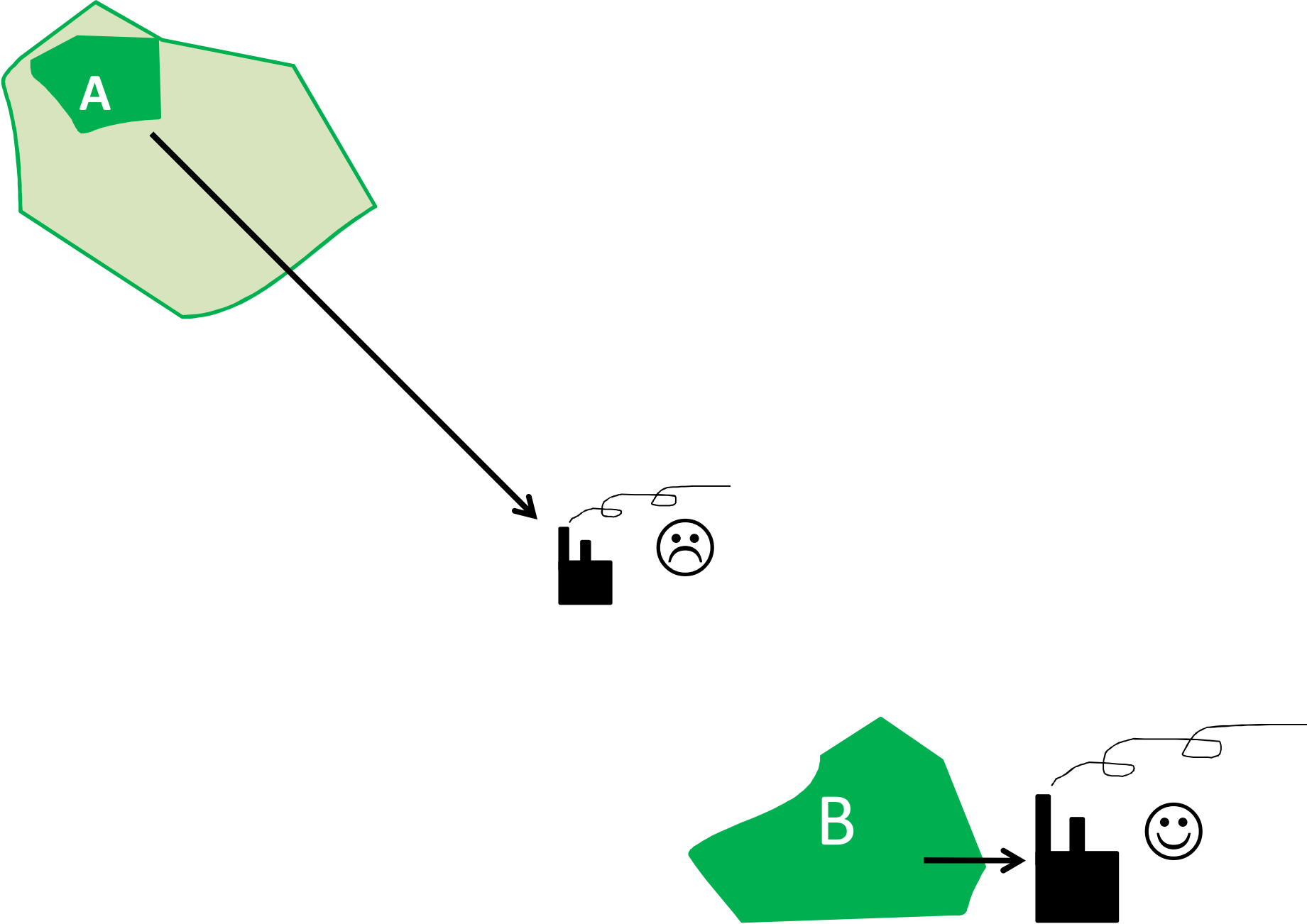
Pick any two people in the audience

Now position yourself exactly halfway between those two persons

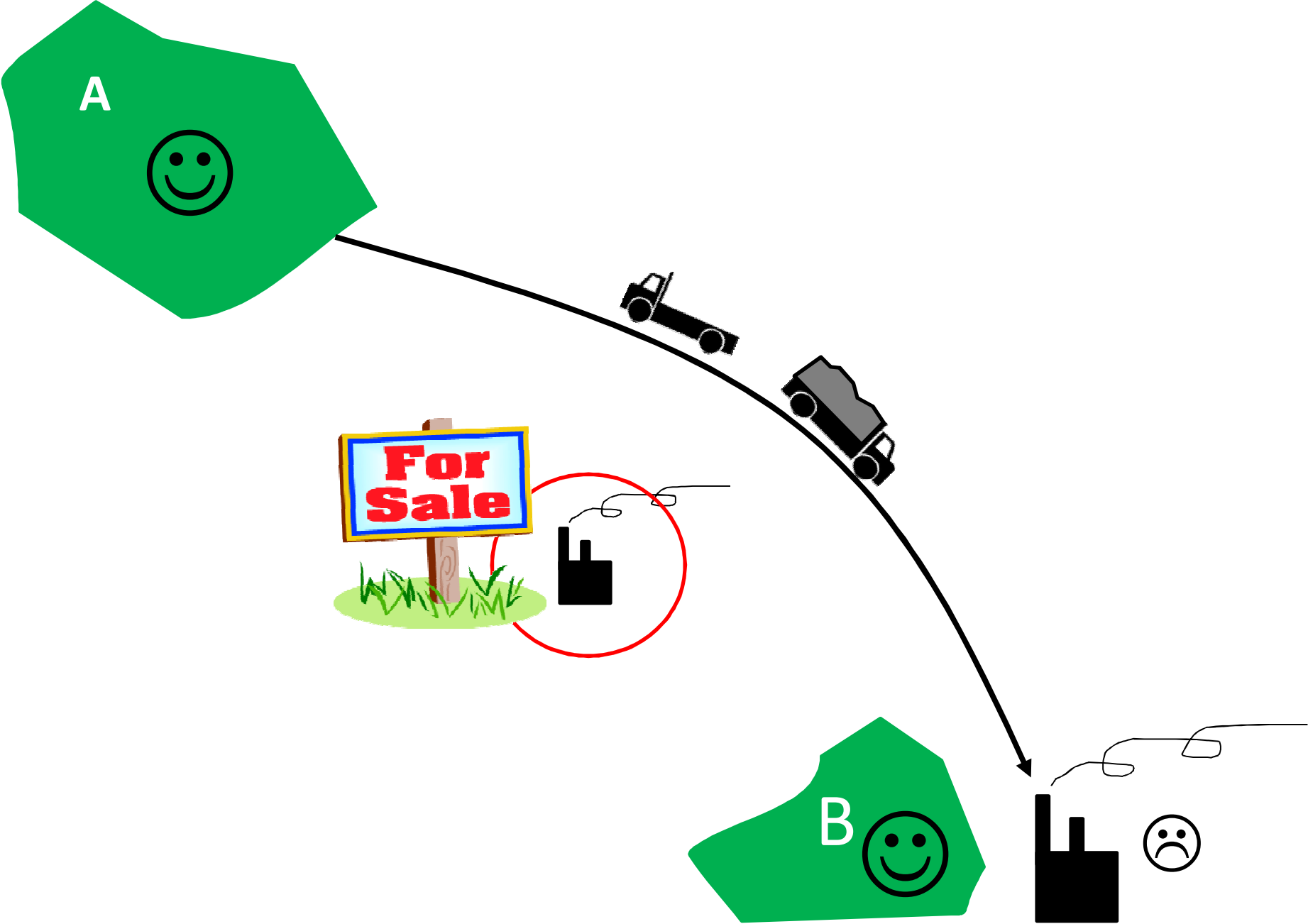
**Bounded rationality** is a concept based on the fact that rationality of individuals is limited by the information they have or by the model of what really matters to them.



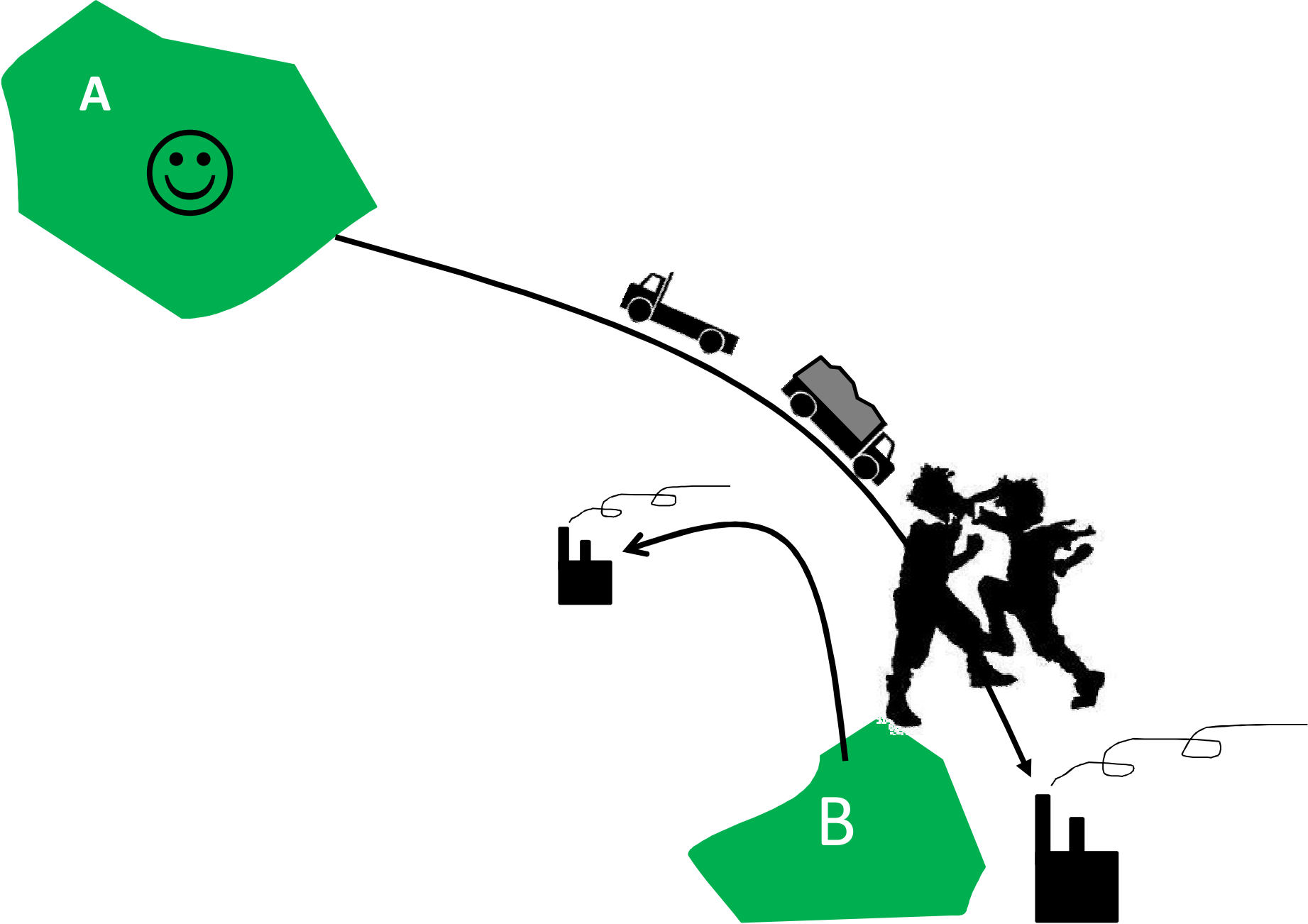
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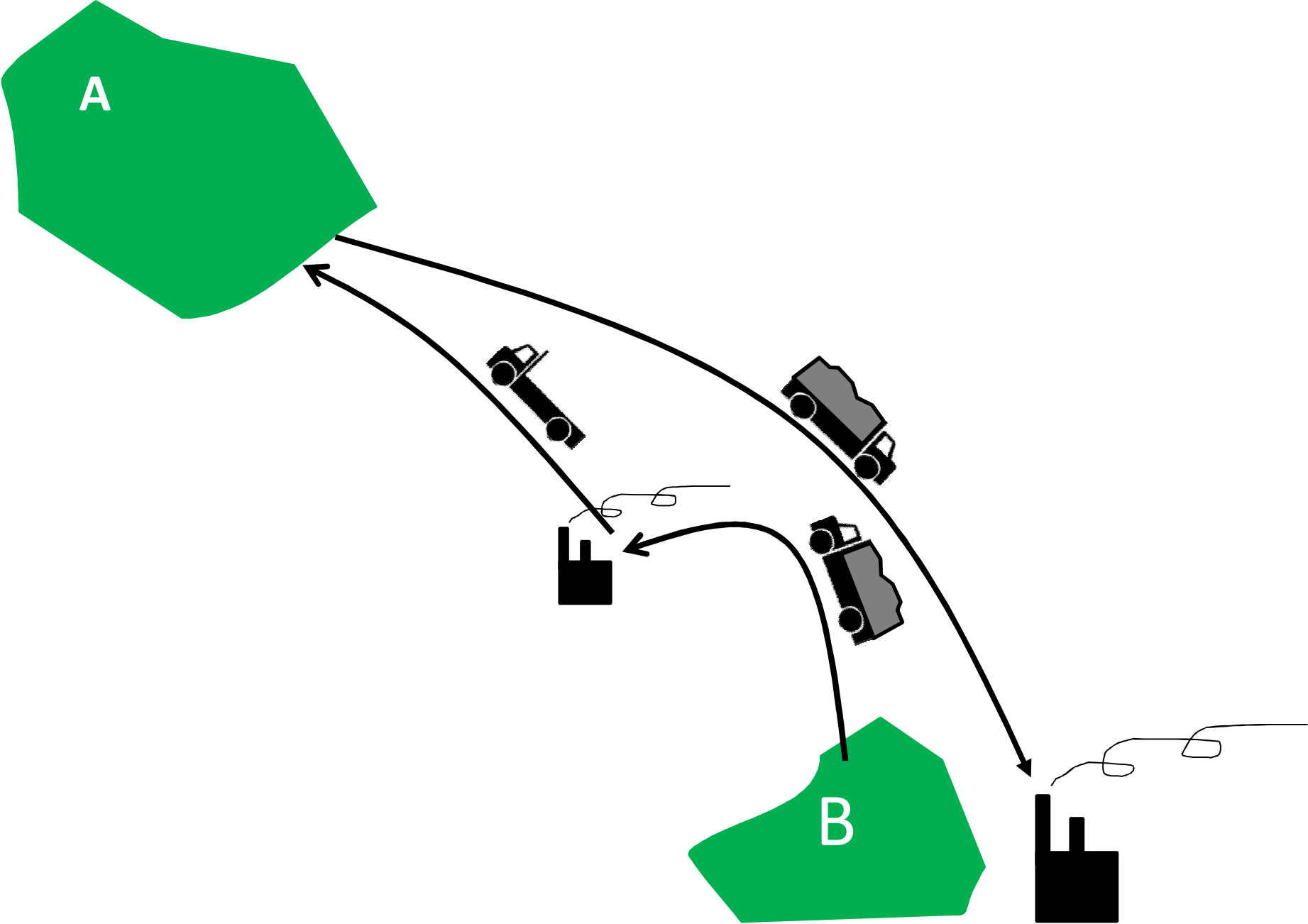
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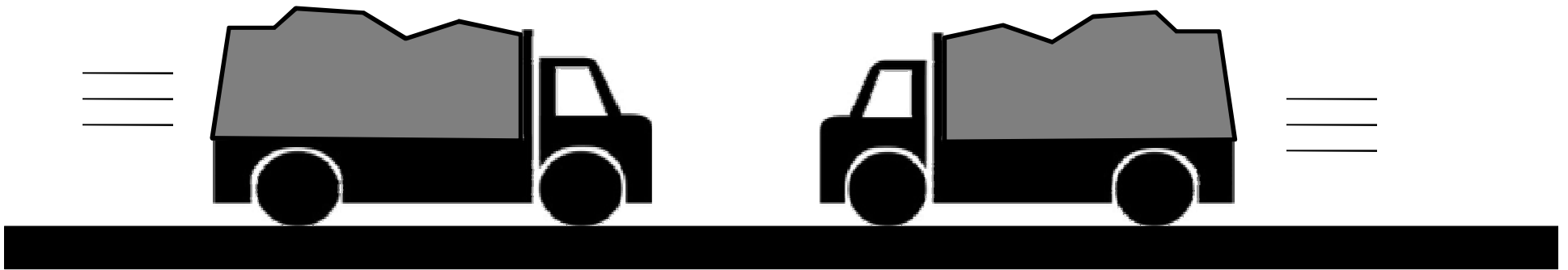


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## ***Although everybody is acting rationally***

Full sugarcane trucks owned by the same person carrying the same product pass each other in an opposite directions on the freeway



*How does this happen?*

*Bounded Rationality & Complexity*



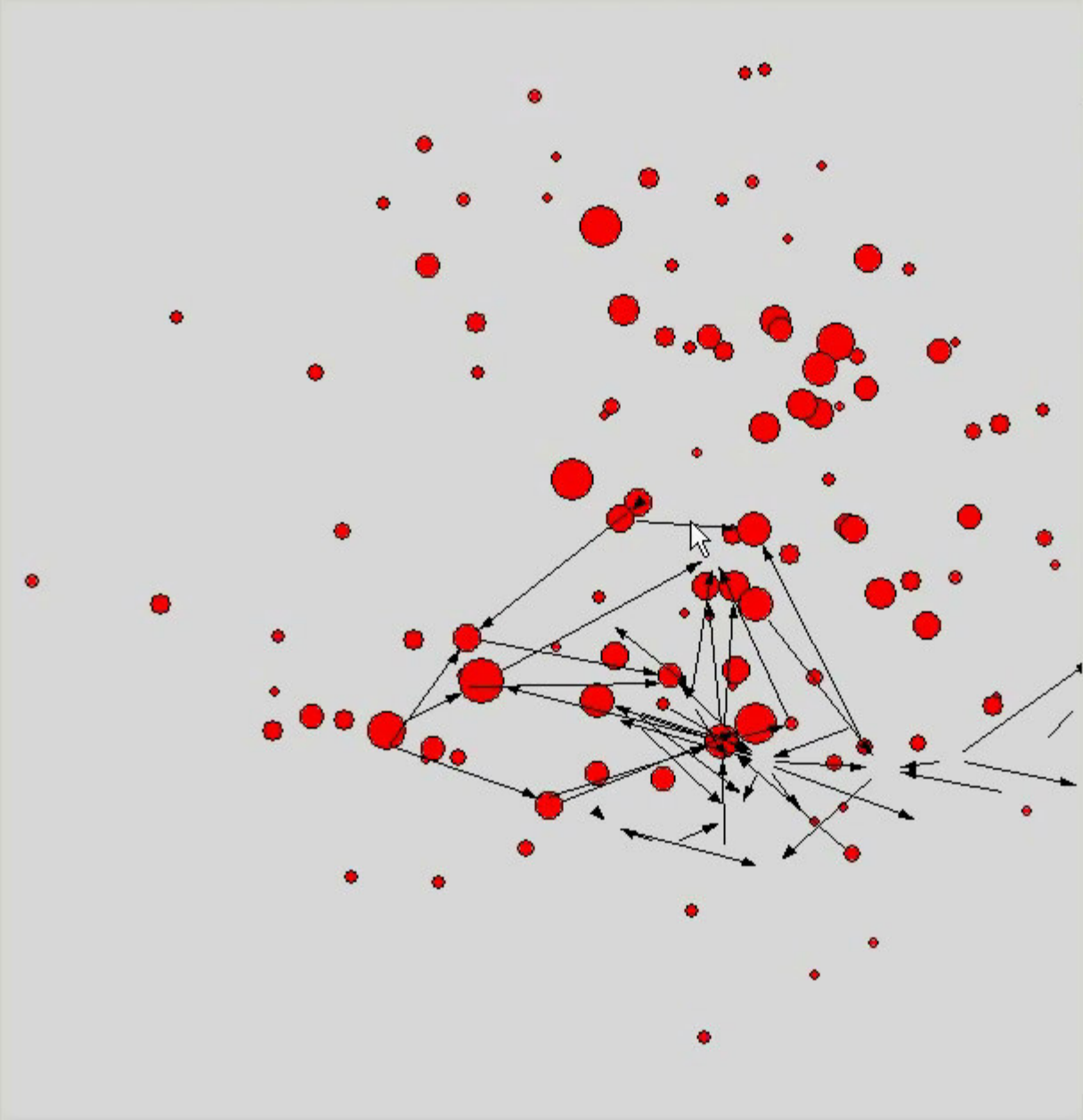
## ***Complexity***

A **large number** of system parts with a large amount of **connectivity** between parts

- 1. A Complex System is unpredictable but not irrational**
- 2. A non-repetitive nature (we cannot run experiments)**

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Folders

- Sabbatical2007
- Sabbatical2013
- SASTA&ISSCT
- SoybeanRust
- SYSTEM.SAV
- Temp
- TextGarden

Vertex Name	Centrality (%)	KPI	Leverage
Lower cane supply reliability	90.7	47	13
Lower cutter productivity	91.0	37	2
Lower cane quality	84.8	37	3
Rainfall events	91.6	1	30
Cane lodging	92.0	25	29
Yield reduction	85.7	30	20
Transport efficiency	91.7	27	11
Extended milling season	96.8	6	25
Mill breakdowns	89.4	9	23
No-cane stops	88.2	20	13
High cane moisture content	83.0	18	21
Cane deterioration	91.2	18	18
Soil in cane	91.0	18	18
Cane variety	80.3	20	2
Low cane Mill capacities	93.3	17	8
High operating costs	85.9	18	1
Trashing (mulching)	89.7	9	16
Aged equipment	88.5	0	16
Low sugar recovery	79.3	17	1

**Leverage Points**

**Performance Metrics**

**Analyse Structural Feedback Loops**

**Prioritize Problems**

*Make sense out of the messyness*

Shorter crop c  
 Poor Variet  
 Low Juice Purity  
 Less carry-over  
 Lower Sugar quality (hi  
 Drought  
 High Viscosity  
 More land C  
 More Dehydration of  
 More Leucosa

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*Is it fair to presume biofuel supply chains will be messy?*

## Capacity Building In South Africa, Namibia and Ghana to Create Sustainable Non-Food Bio-oil Supply Chains

To stimulate...  
**Large scale production**  
**High degree of community involvement**  
**Countries where political forces can dominate economical forces**

...supply chains using...  
...oil-bearing model crop; to transfer know-how...  
...experienced teams to others.

To provide capacity-building for ACP universities so that they are able to offer technical expertise and training to regional initiatives in renewable CHP, carry out research on the production and exploitation of 2nd generation biofuels exemplified by jatropha and microalgae, monitor the implementation of sustainability criteria and trading, and monitor the impacts of biofuels on **food, land use and the environment.**

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**Long-term non-exploiting focus**  
**Community involvement**  
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**Corporate structure  
Regulations, policies & standards  
A world full of accountants & lawyers**

*Is it fair to presume biofuel supply chains will...*

Seasonal & climatic variability

Limited skills

Ownership vs. Employment (Autonomy)

Payment agreements

Conservative / Traditionalism

Competition: Land, water, products, etc...

and Ghana to Create  
Supply Chains

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**Multi-criteria – fertile ground for bounded rationality**

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Political forces.....

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Traditionalism .....

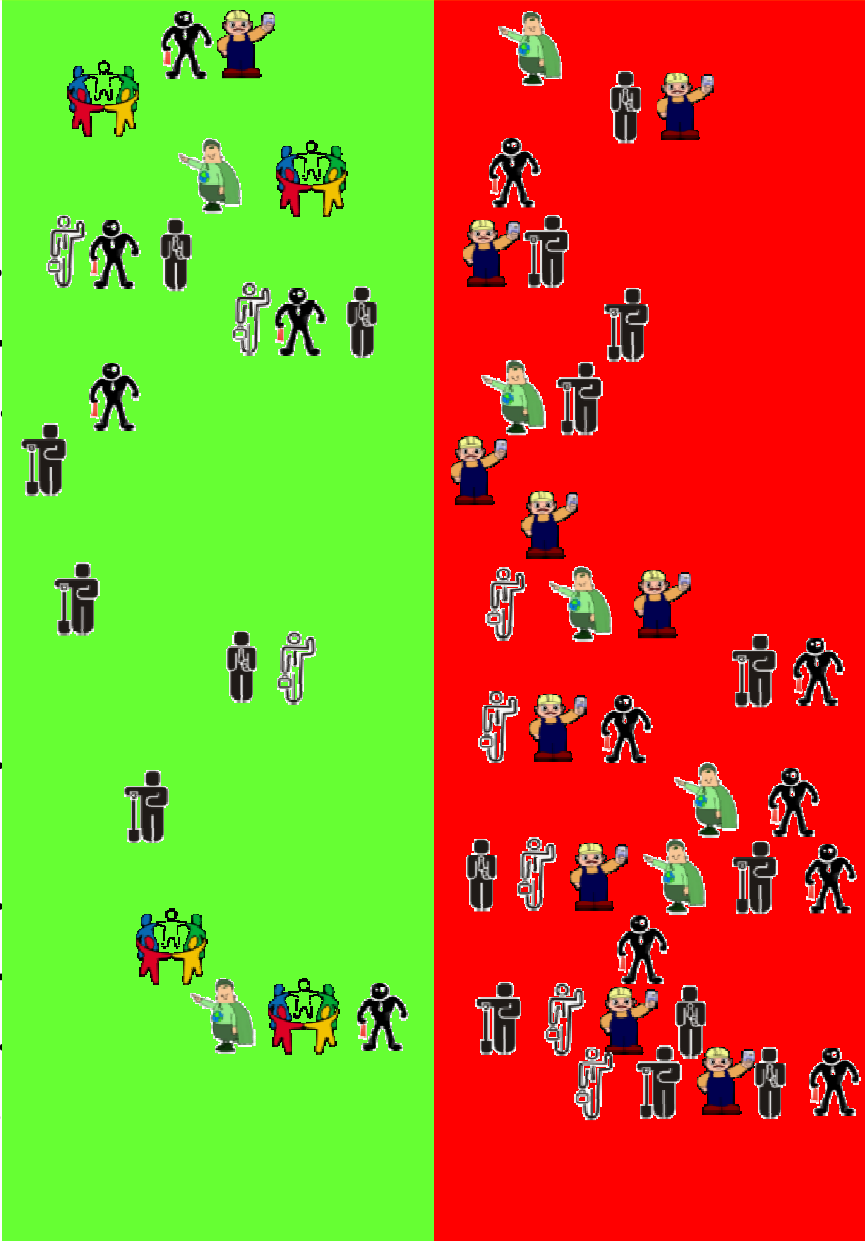
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Bounded rationality .....

Long-term non-exploiting focus .....

A system with adaptive capacity .....

Variable supply chain demand / market.....

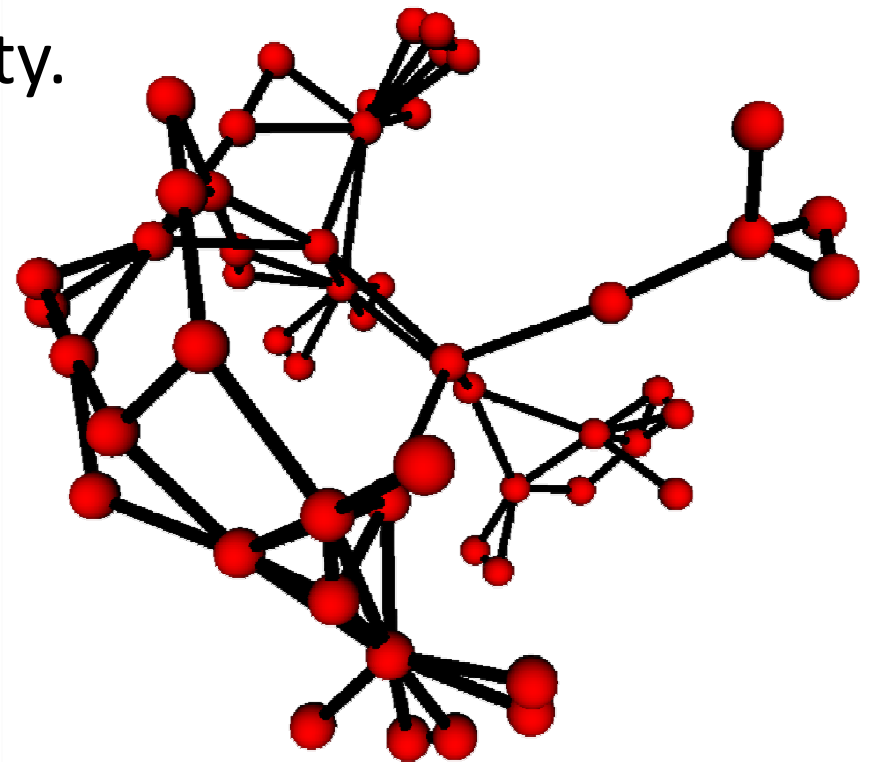


## *The **BIG** Challenge:*

Considering the complexities in the system, configure the supply chain is such a way that it would:

- (a) Exploit the positive features in the system,
- (b) Mitigate the negative features, and
- (c) Promote an adaptive capacity.

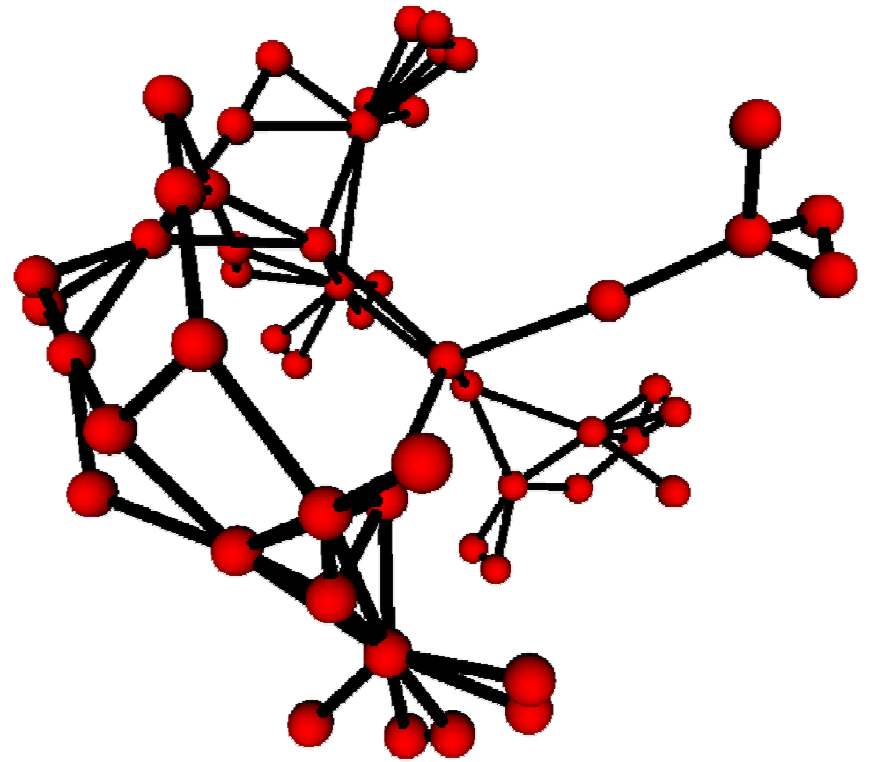
*Design with  
complexity in mind*



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*TRIZ*

*SSM*



*Game Theory*

*Metamodelling &  
Ontologies*

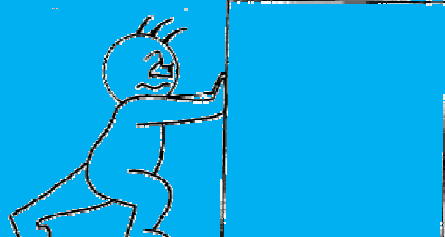
*Theory of  
constraints*



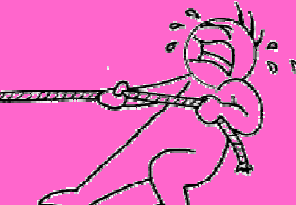
*Unstable*

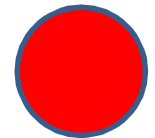
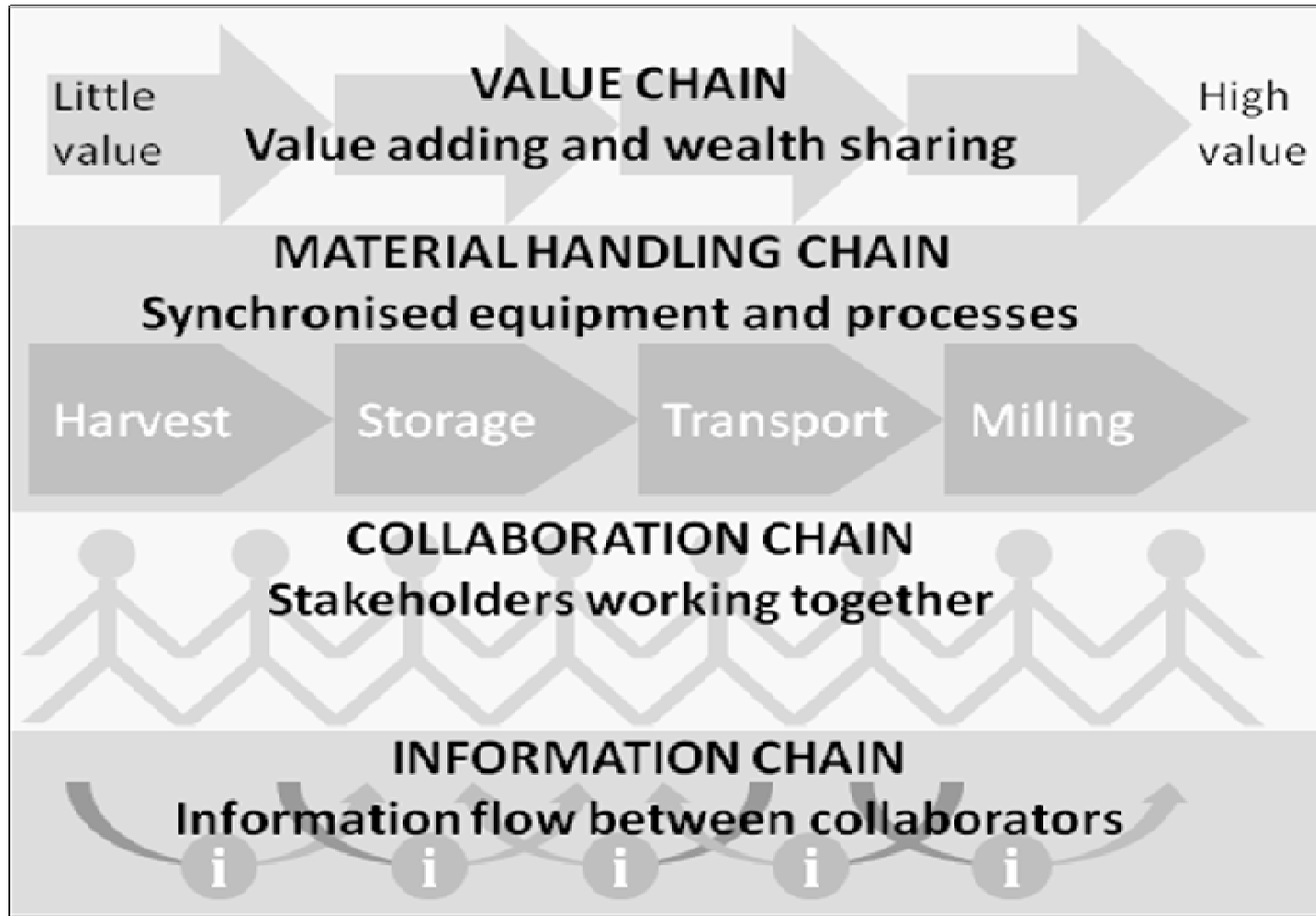
*Stable*

*Push*

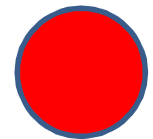
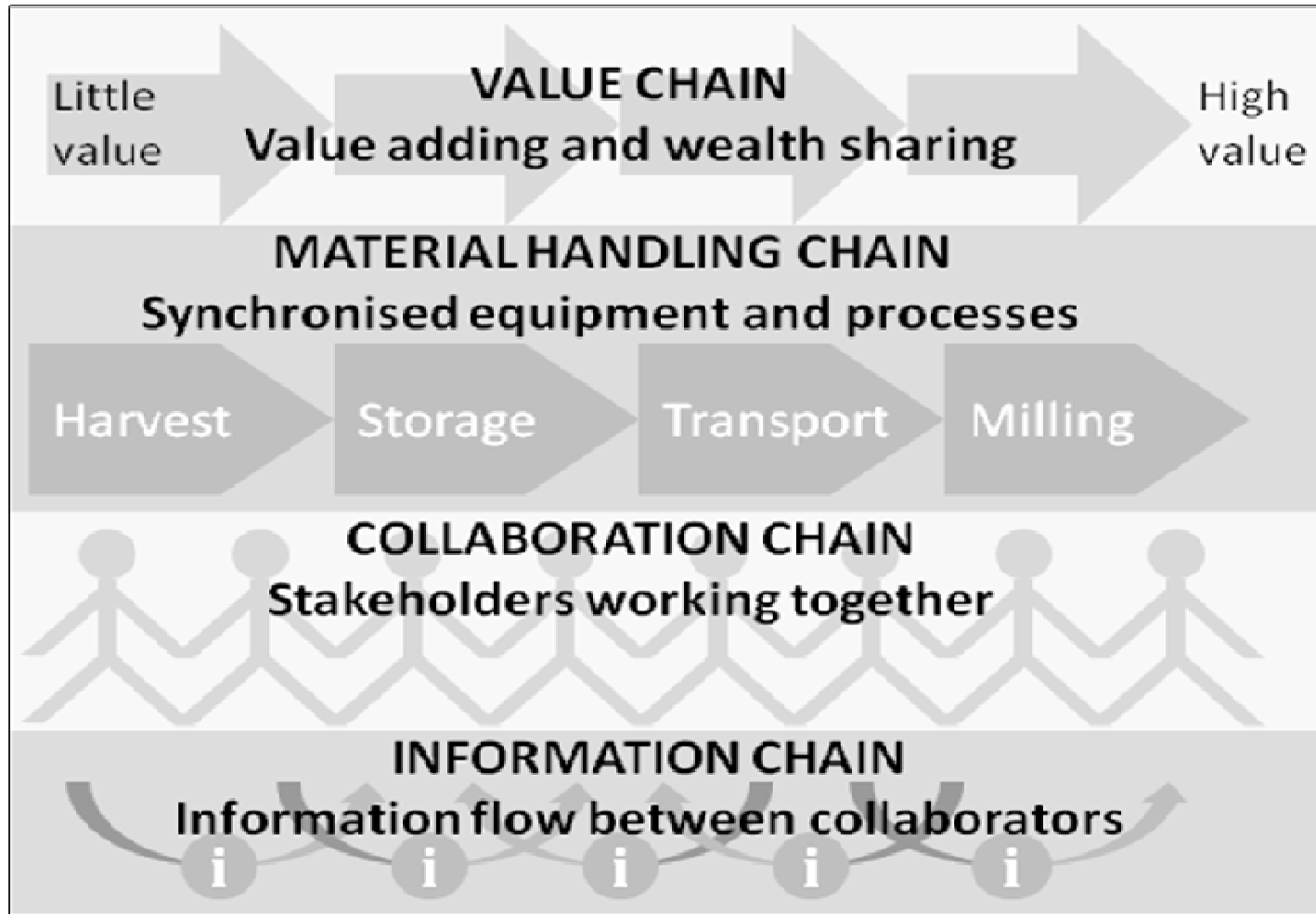


*Pull*

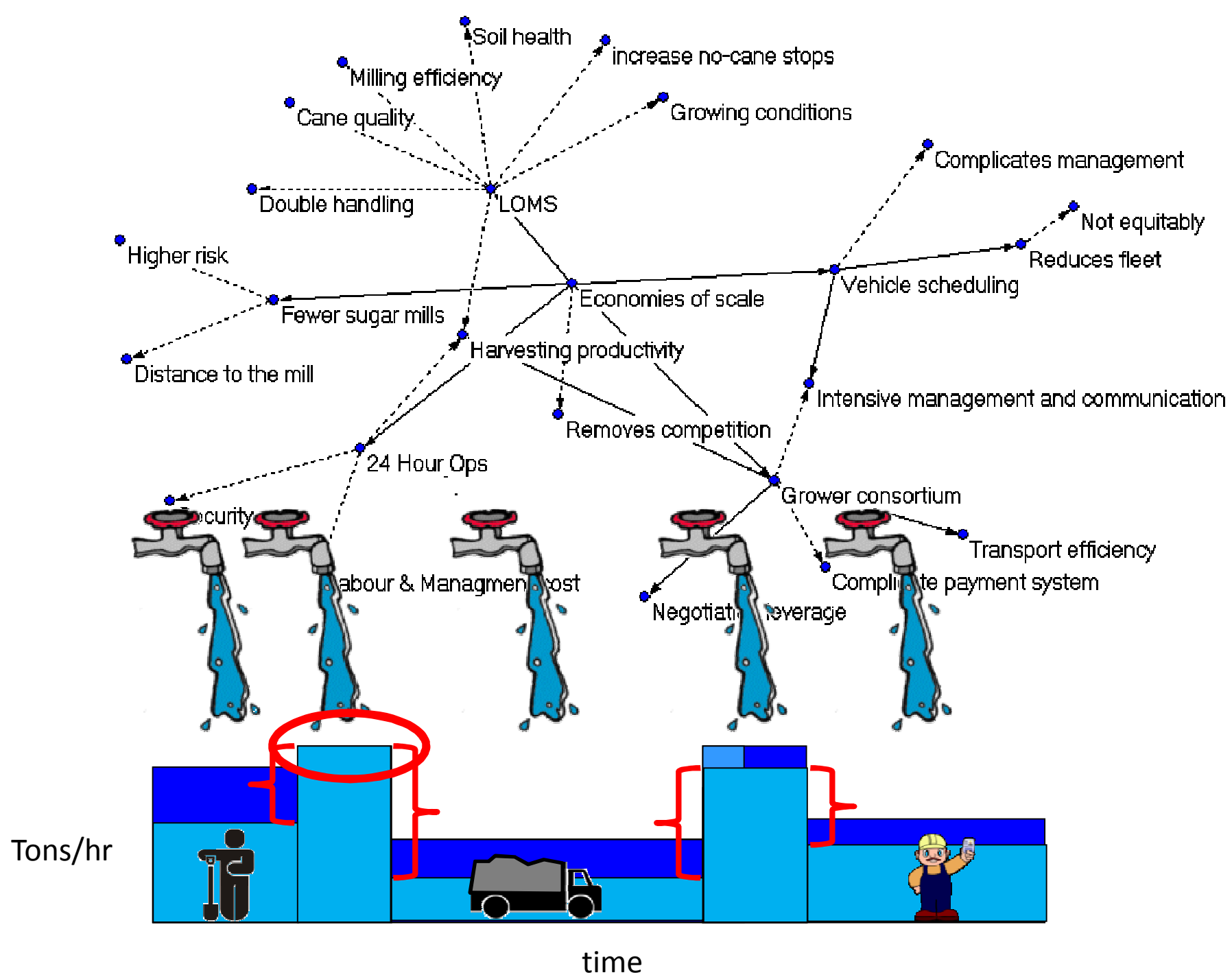


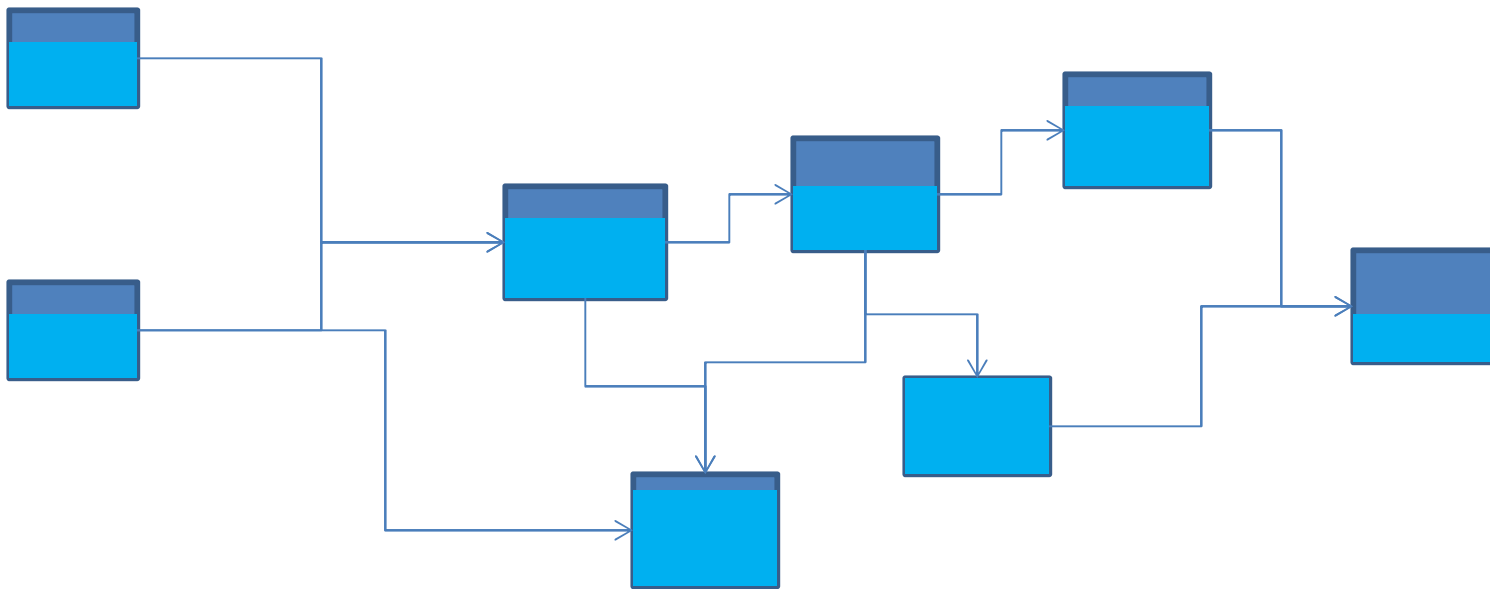






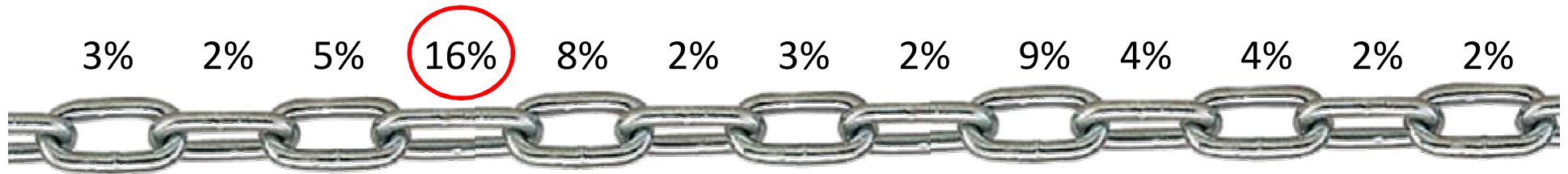






*Risk?*

## Risk of Failure

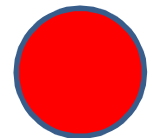
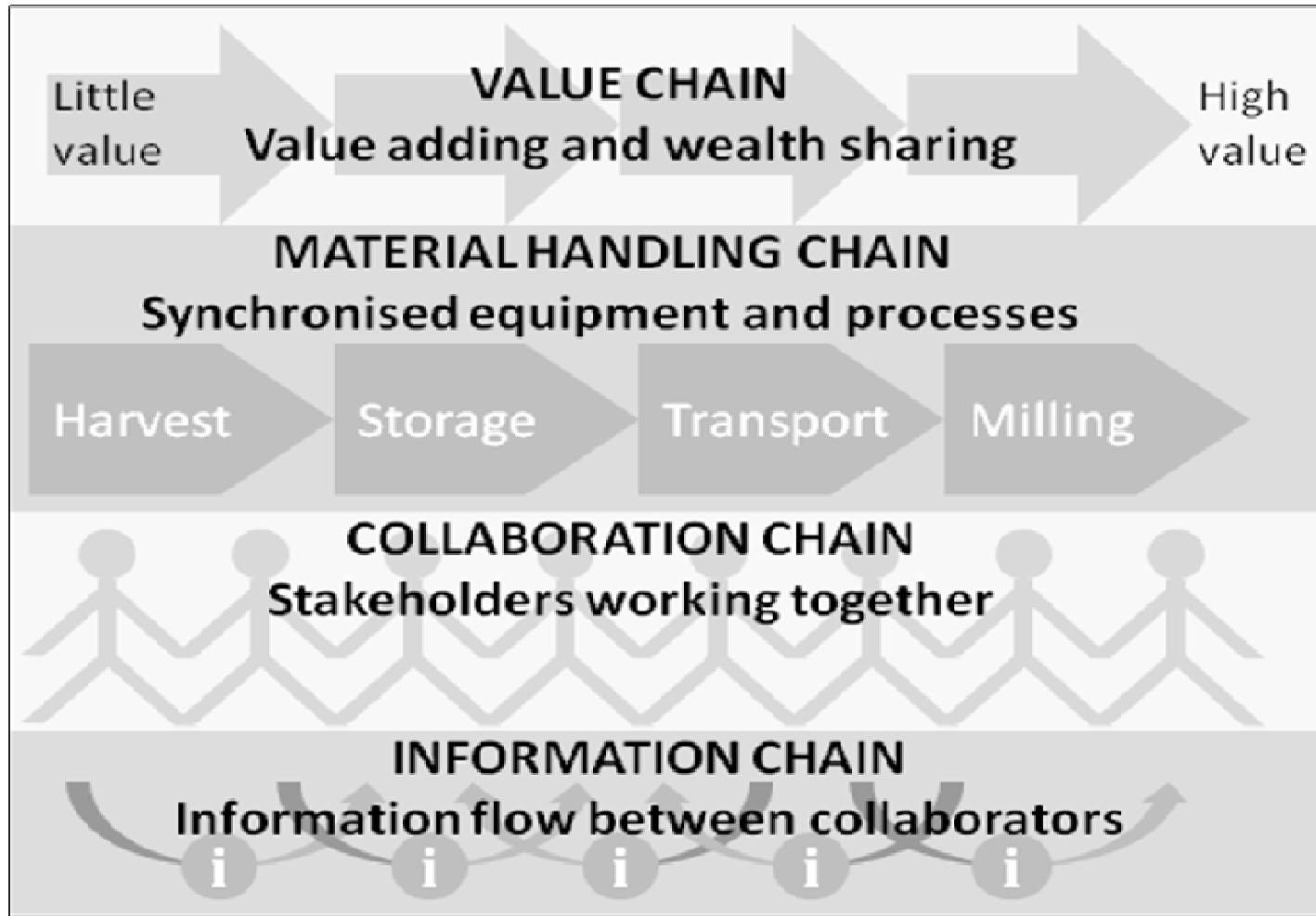


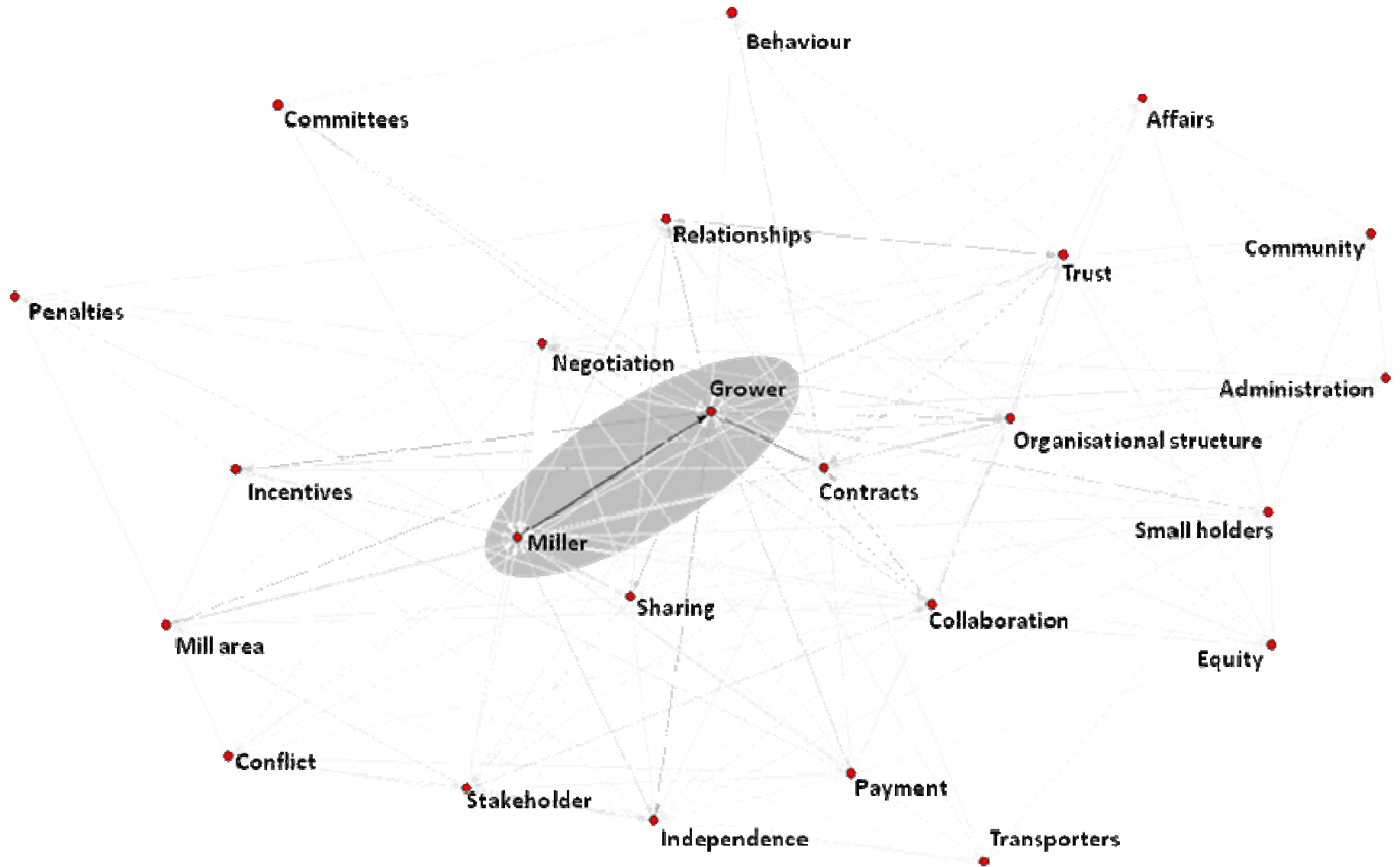
Total Supply Chain Risk = **62%**

***CONSISTENCY* !!!!!**

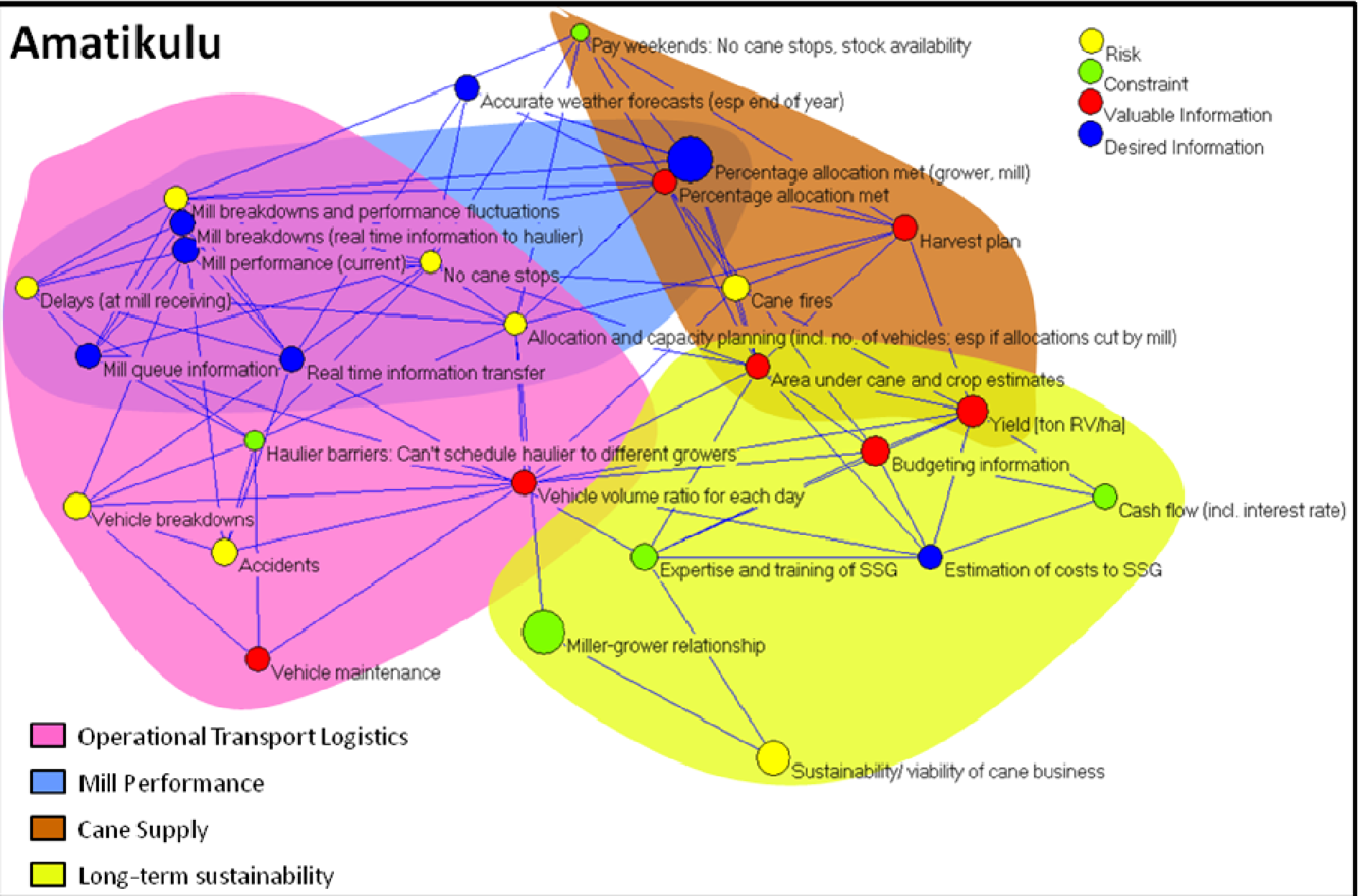
*The Perfect Order:*

- The right product, with ✓
- The right **quality**, from ✗
- The right source, to ✓
- The right destination, in ✓
- The right **condition**, at ✗
- The right **time**, with ✗
- The right documentation, for ✓
- The right cost. ✗



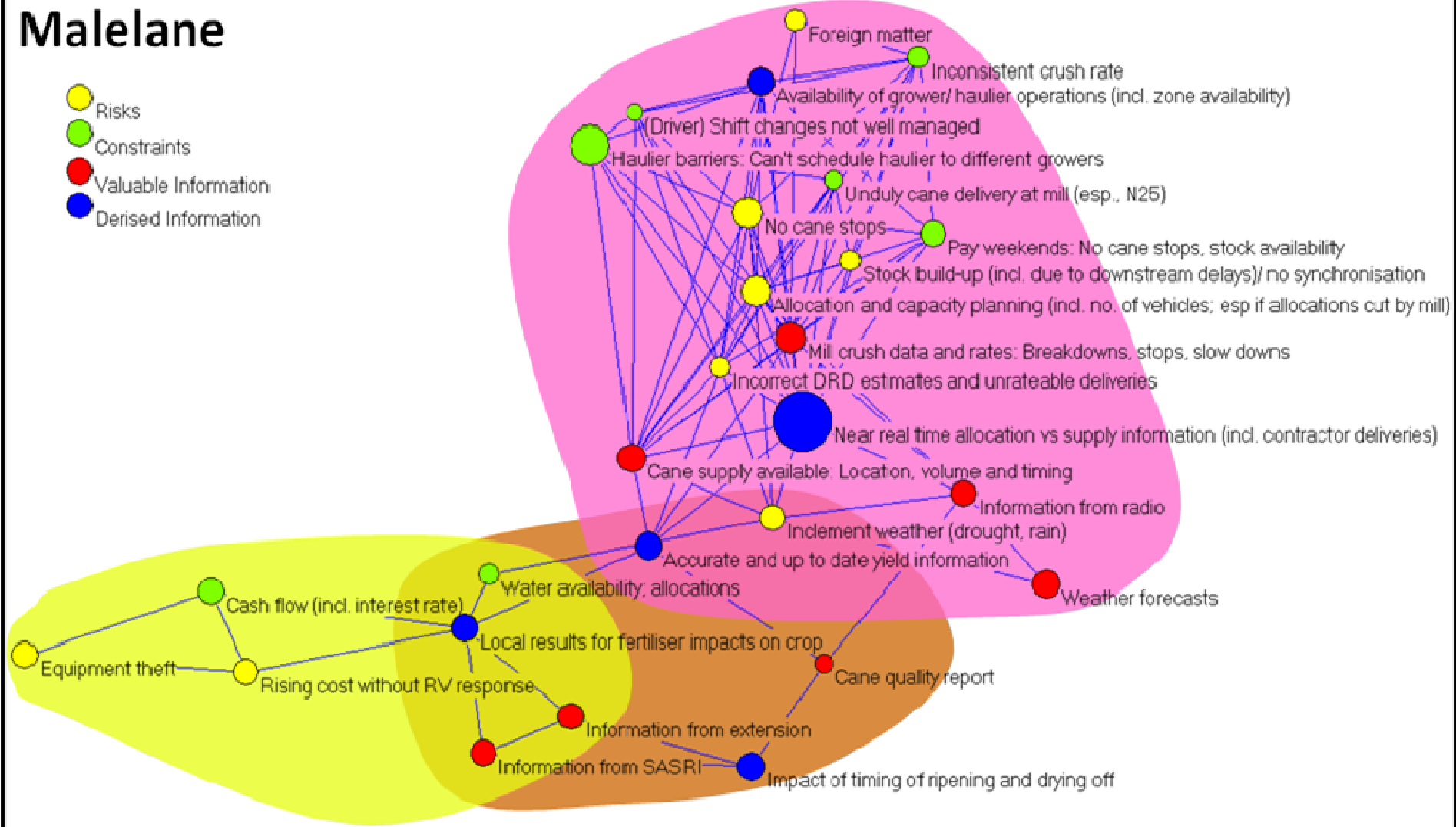


# Amatikulu



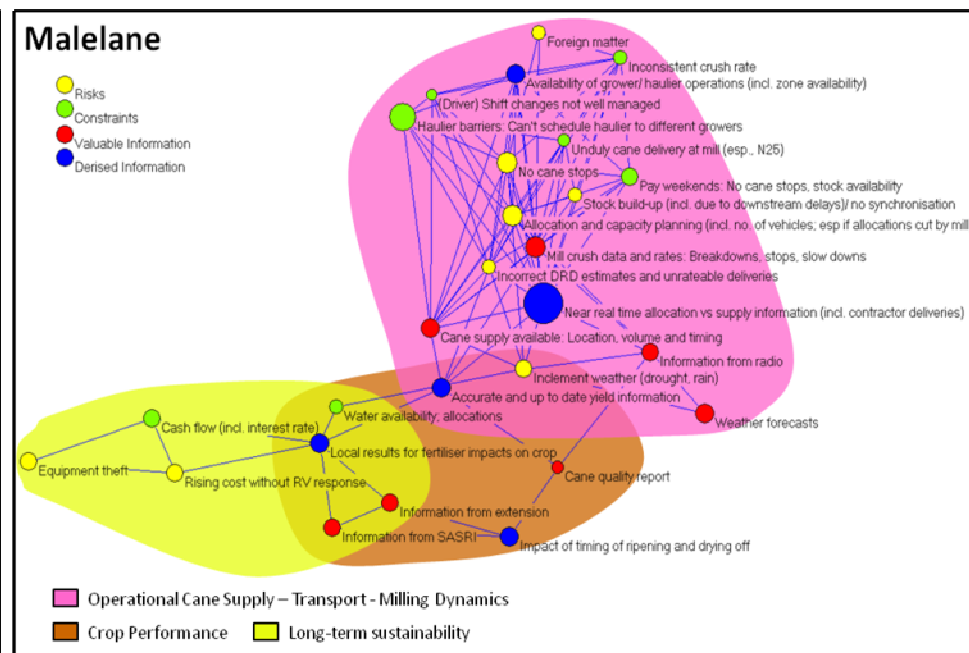
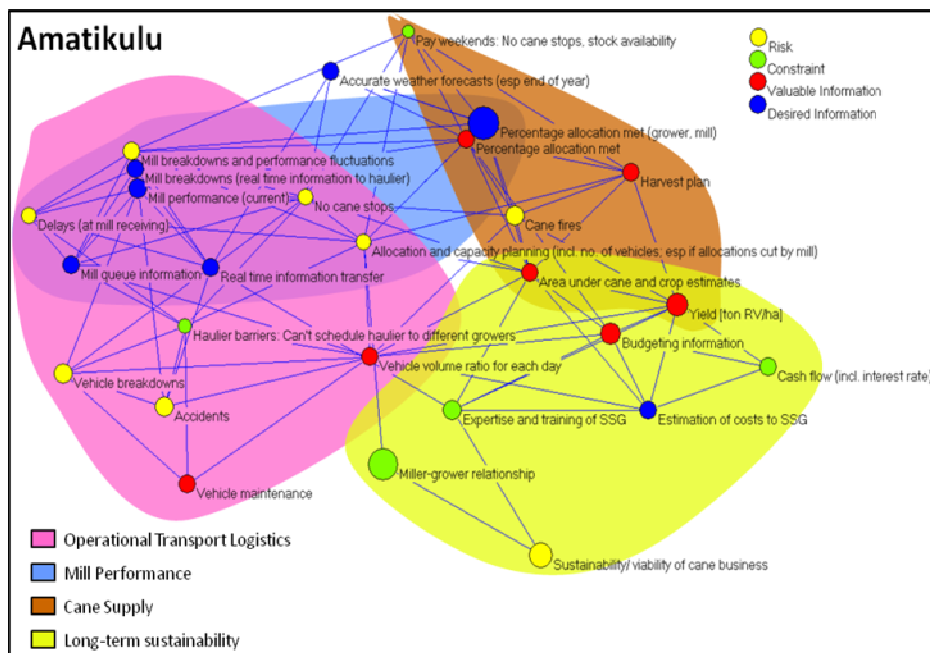
# Malelane

- Risks
- Constraints
- Valuable Information
- Derived Information



- Operational Cane Supply – Transport - Milling Dynamics
- Crop Performance
- Long-term sustainability

Mill area	Number of vertexes	Total number of triangles	Maximum number of triangles per vertex
Amatikulu	27	306	23
Malelane	27	447	55
Sezela	29	360	37







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