

# Lesson 5 Hypernetworks in Global Systems Science

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## An introduction to hypernetworks

(<http://www.hypernetworks.info/introductiontohypernetworks.html>)

*and was awarded the following marks*

*Knowledge and understanding ..... Peer marking .....*

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# End of Lesson 1

## Conclusions

**Need a way of representing n-ary relations**

**Hypergraphs a first step, but not rich enough**

**Simplicial Complexes are better, but still not rich enough**

**Hypernetworks complete the relational jigsaw**

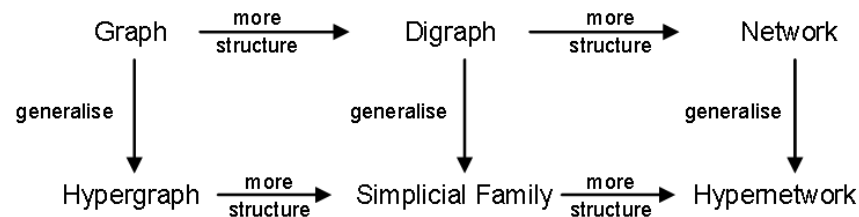


Fig. 4. The relationship between graphs, network, hypergraph and hypernetworks

**Hypernetworks can represent multilevel systems**

**Necessary (if not sufficient) for complex systems**

# Complex Systems

Generally there is no formula for predicting the future states of complex systems

Sometimes we have 'transition rules' from  $t$  to  $t' > t$ .

Computing may be the only way of knowing possible futures

Representation problem:

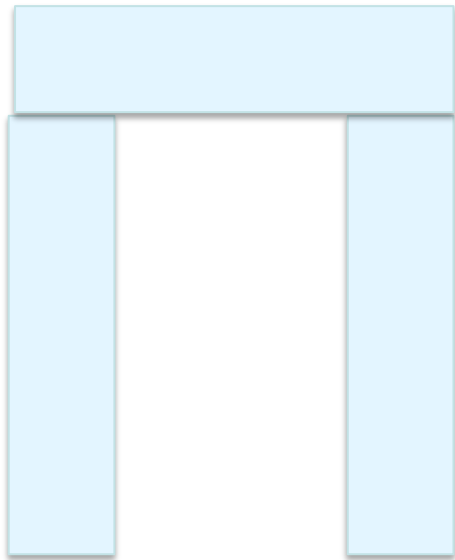


How can we get this into that?



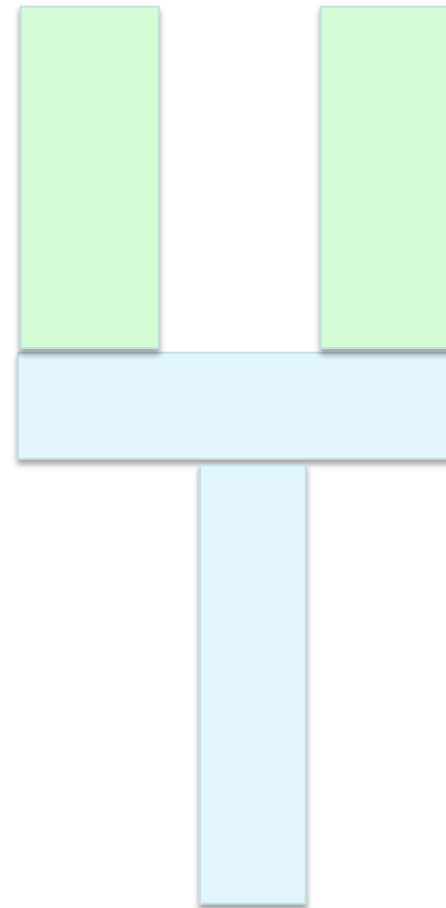
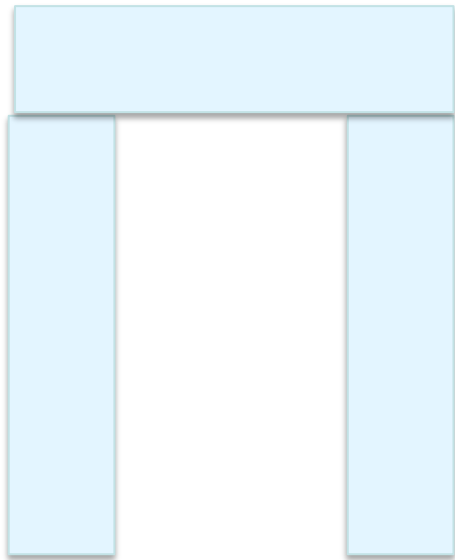
# DIMENSION TESTS

At a given level of representation, a thing has dimension  $p$  if it has  $p+1$  parts and they are all necessary for the thing to exist, e.g. the arch has dimension  $p = 2$ .



# DIMENSION TESTS

Some things can be  
assembled pairwise ( $p = 1$ )  
– some cannot ( $p > 1$ )



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**Global = ?**

**System = ?**

**Science = ?**



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**The climate in 100 years ?**

**The population of the world in 100 years**

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**System = set of interacting parts or agents**

**e.g. Greece, car, family, university**

# **What is Global System Science ?**

**Global = ?**



**What is Global System Science ?**

**Global = world wide? Universal ? Whole ?**

**Examples ?**

# **What is Global System Science ?**

**Global = world wide? Universal ? Whole ?**

**climate change**

**the financial system**

**cities**

**epidemics**

**wars**

**famine**

# What is Global System Science ?

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**many the financial system**

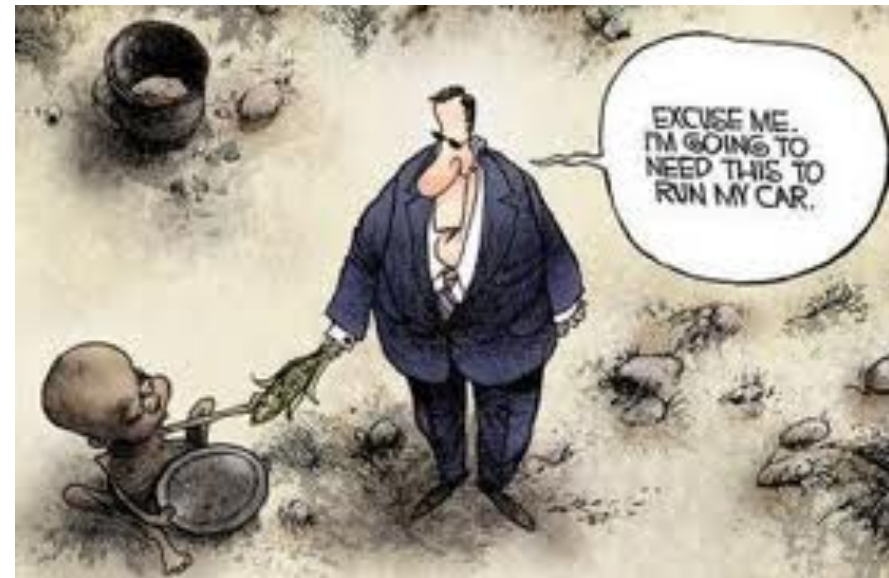
**global cities**

**system epidemics**

**are wars**

**coupled famine**

**energy**



# **What is Global System Science ?**

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**Testing predictions ... .. ? ? ?**

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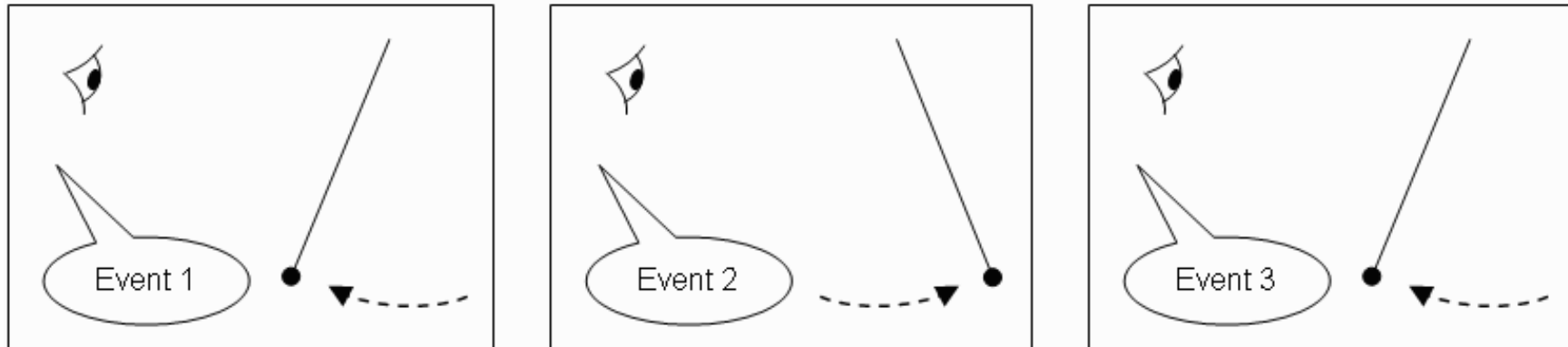
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**Figure 18: Pendulum events used to measure clock time**

# System time and System Events

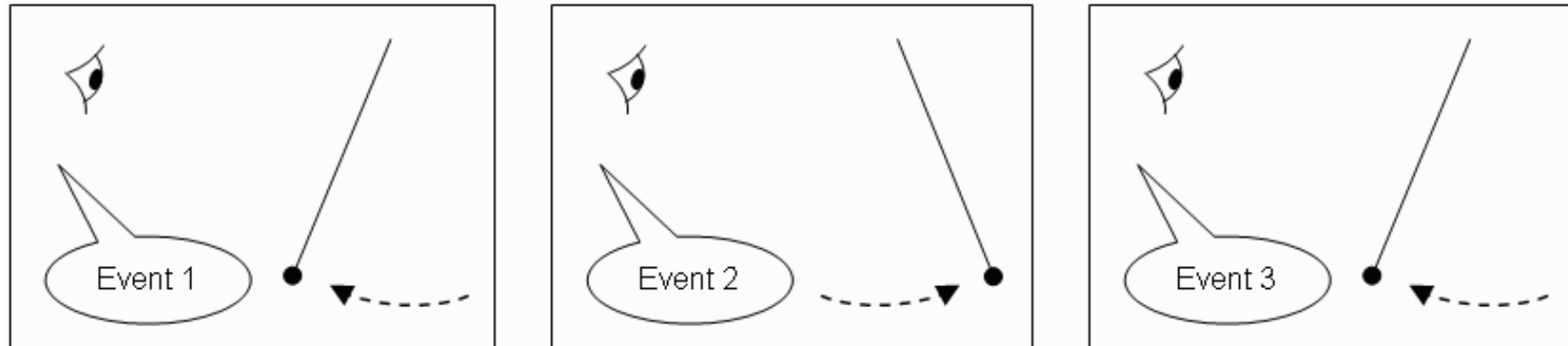
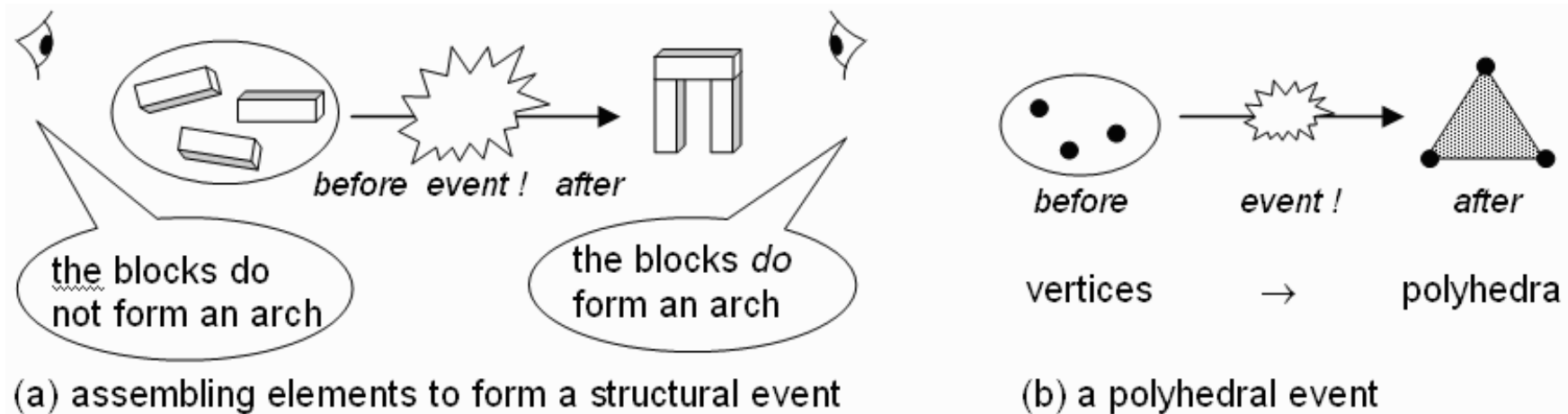


Figure 18: Pendulum events used to measure clock time



(a) assembling elements to form a structural event

(b) a polyhedral event

Figure 19. The formation of polyhedral structure marks system events

# **System time and System Events**

**Examples of events in social space-time ?**

# System time and System Events

**Examples of events in social space-time ?**

**first love**

**getting your PhD**

**learning to drive**

**having a baby**

**first time in Greece**

**Life is never**

**the same**

**after events**

**like these**

# System time and System Events

Events mark social time  $\neq$  clock time

**Events are hypersimplices !**

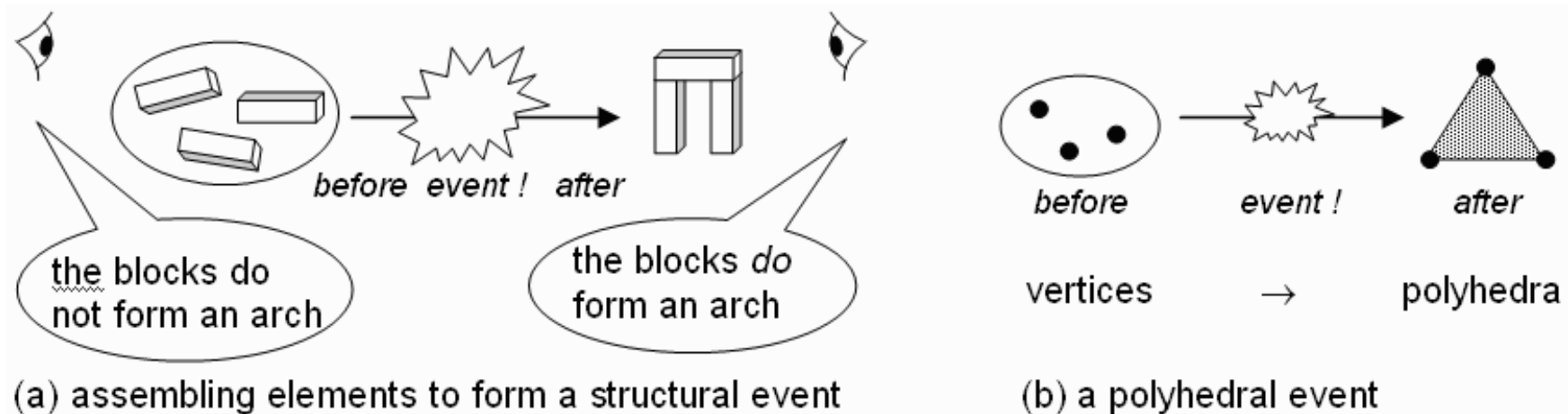


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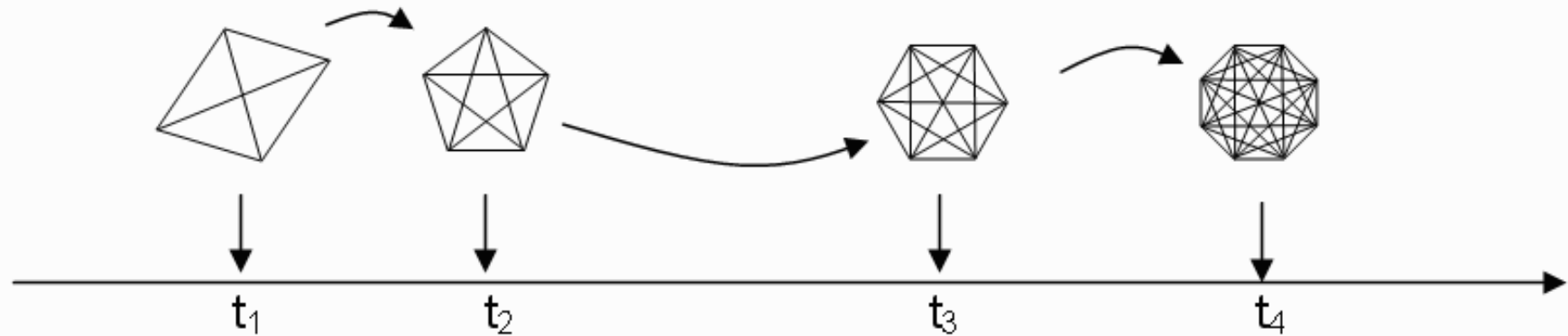


Figure 21. System event dynamics form trajectories in a non-linear way in clock time

Planning involves changing *relations*



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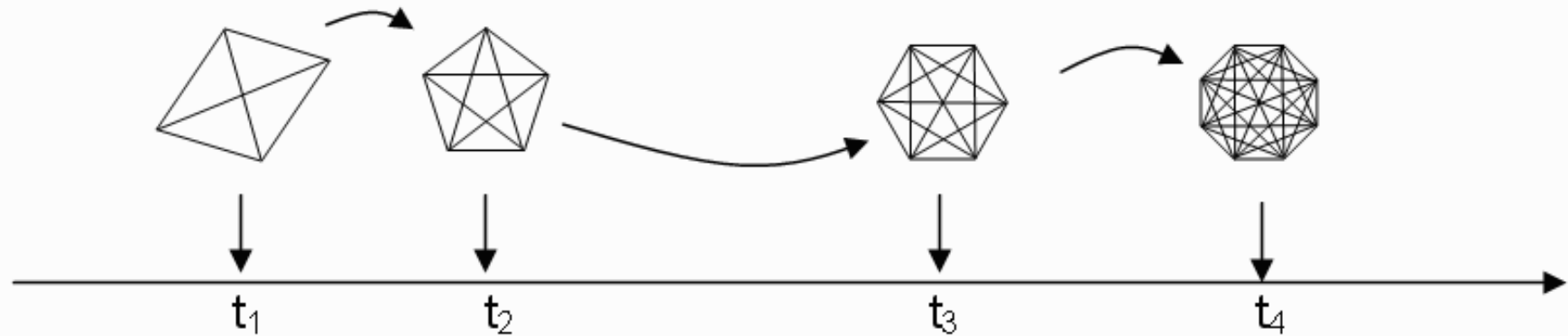


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**System dynamics involves changing *relations***  
**... trajectories of multidimensional events**

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## Wednesday

16:00 – 18:00 ***Afternoon session***

16:00 – 18:00 “*Hypernetworks in Global Systems Science*”

Jeff Johnson (British Open University)

18:00 – 19:00 Poster Session

## Thursday

9:30 – 14:00 ***Morning session***

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Tassos Bountis (University of Patras)

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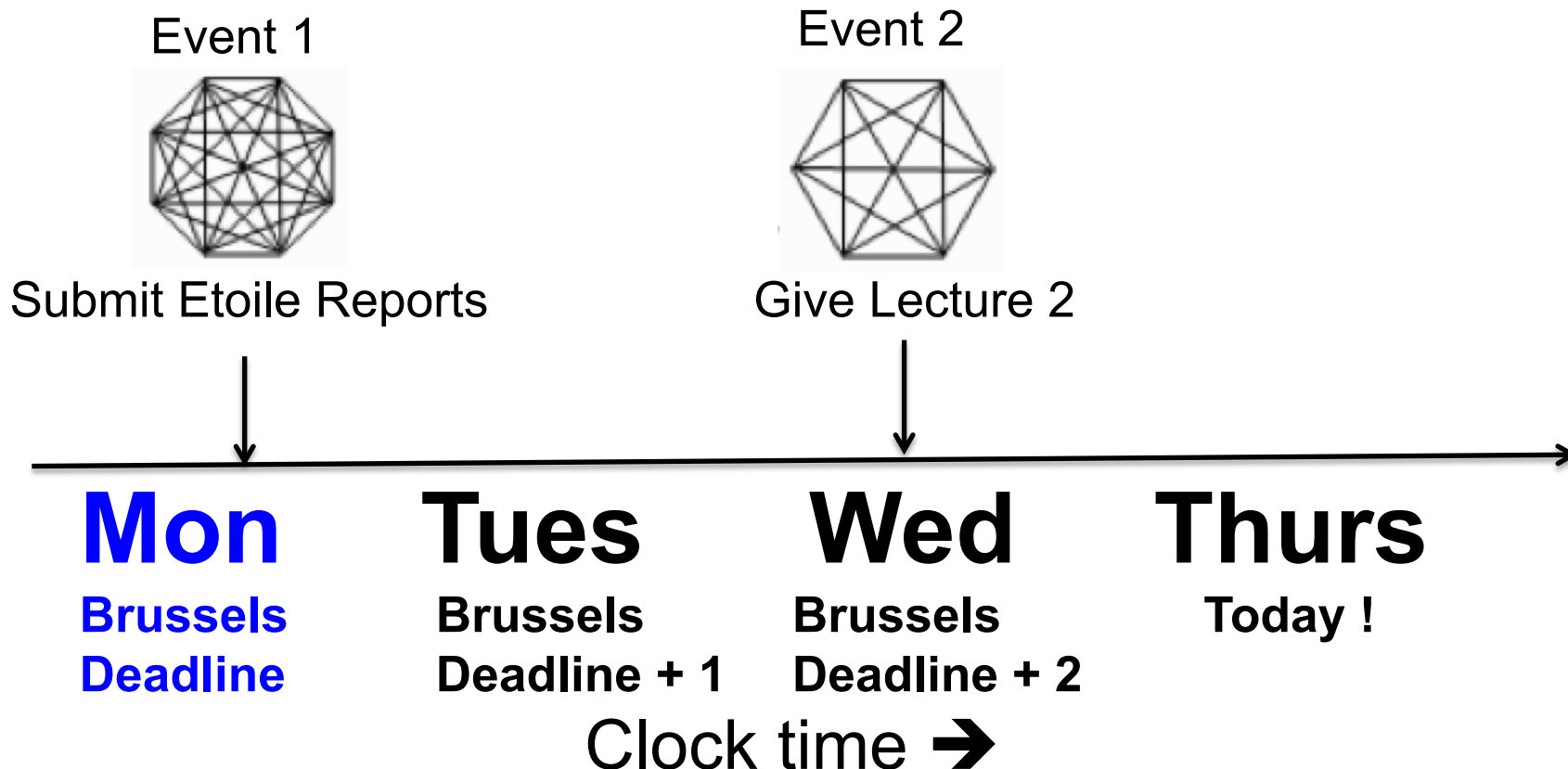
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**Jeff Johnson**

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**The plan – maps social time into clock time**

**Jeff Johnson social time →**



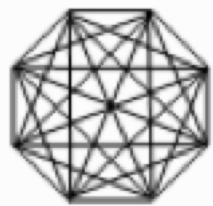
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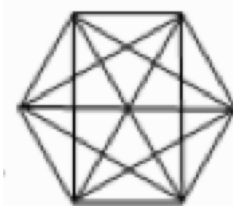
Reports not  
ready – event  
can't happen-  
move it  
!!!!!!

Event 1



Submit Etoile Reports

Event 2



Give Lecture 2

**Mon**

Brussels  
Deadline

**Tues**

Brussels  
Deadline + 1

**Wed**

Brussels  
Deadline + 2

**Thurs**

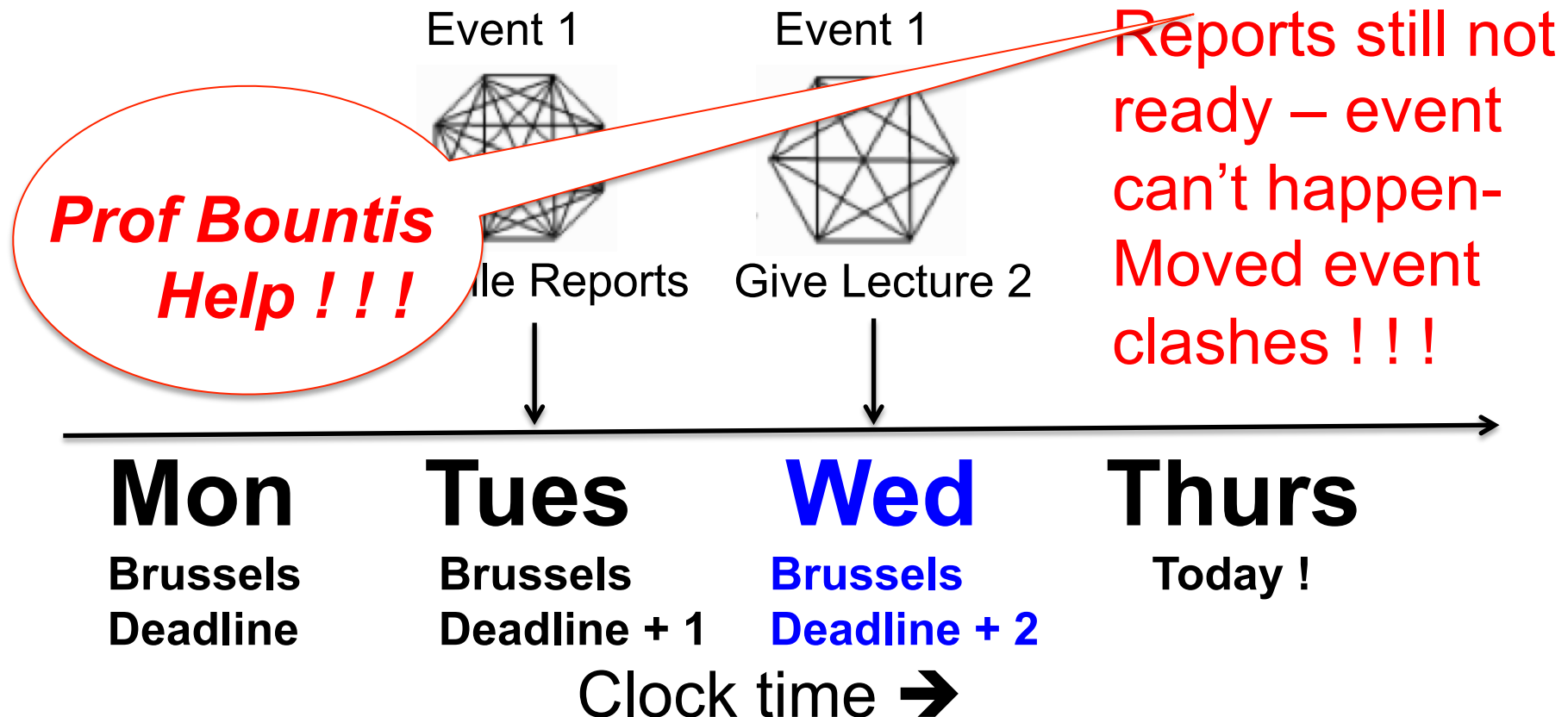
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Clock time →

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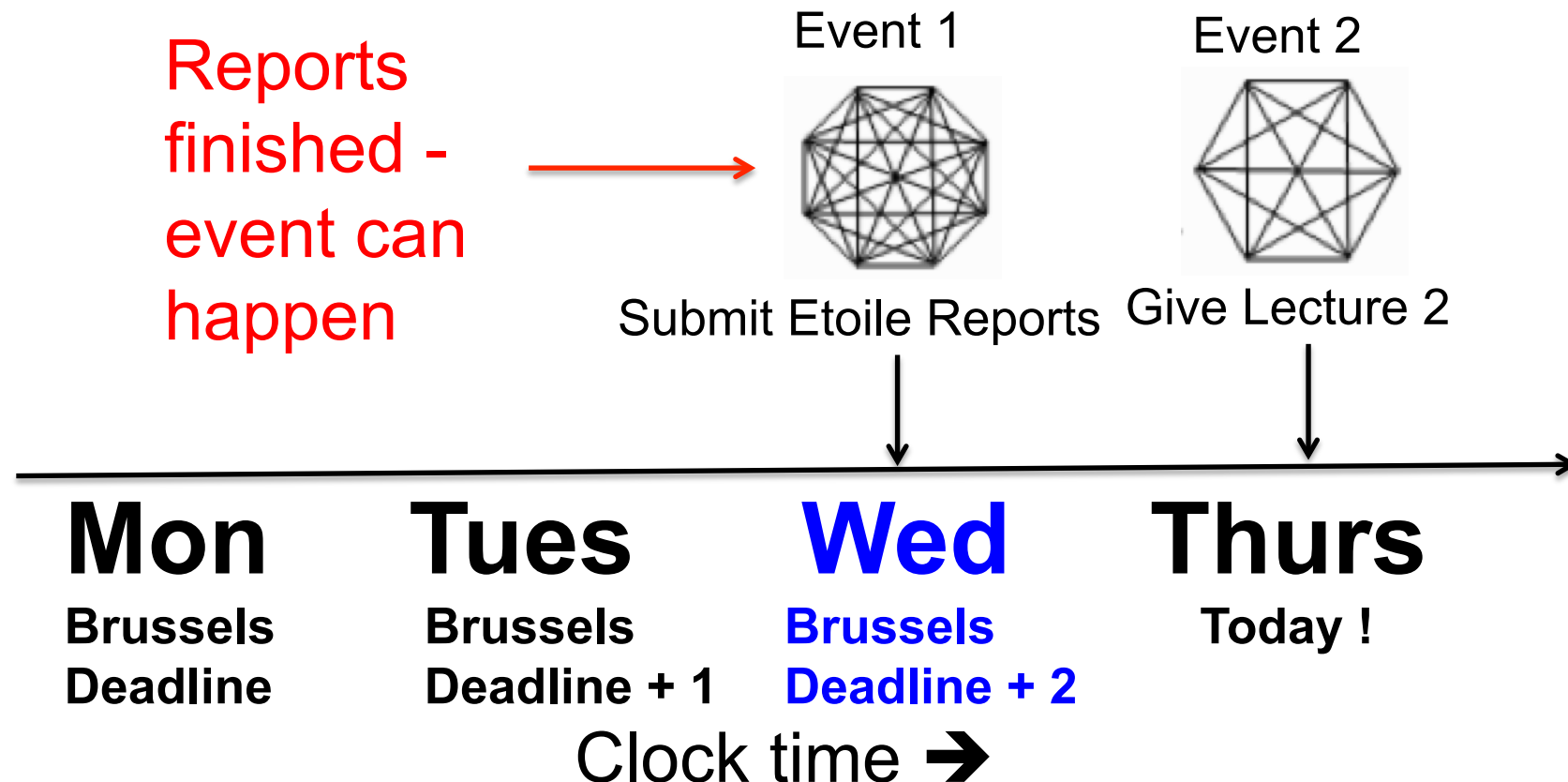
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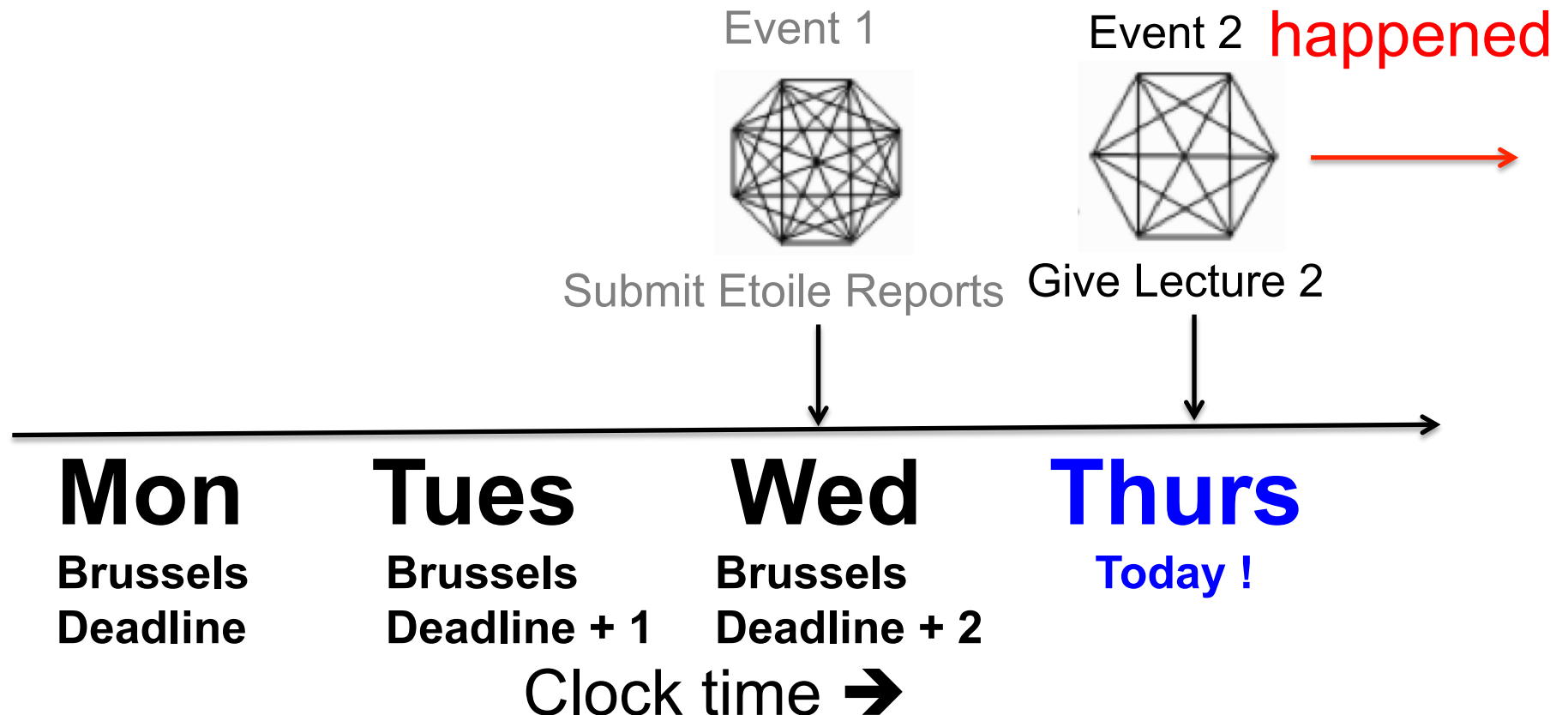
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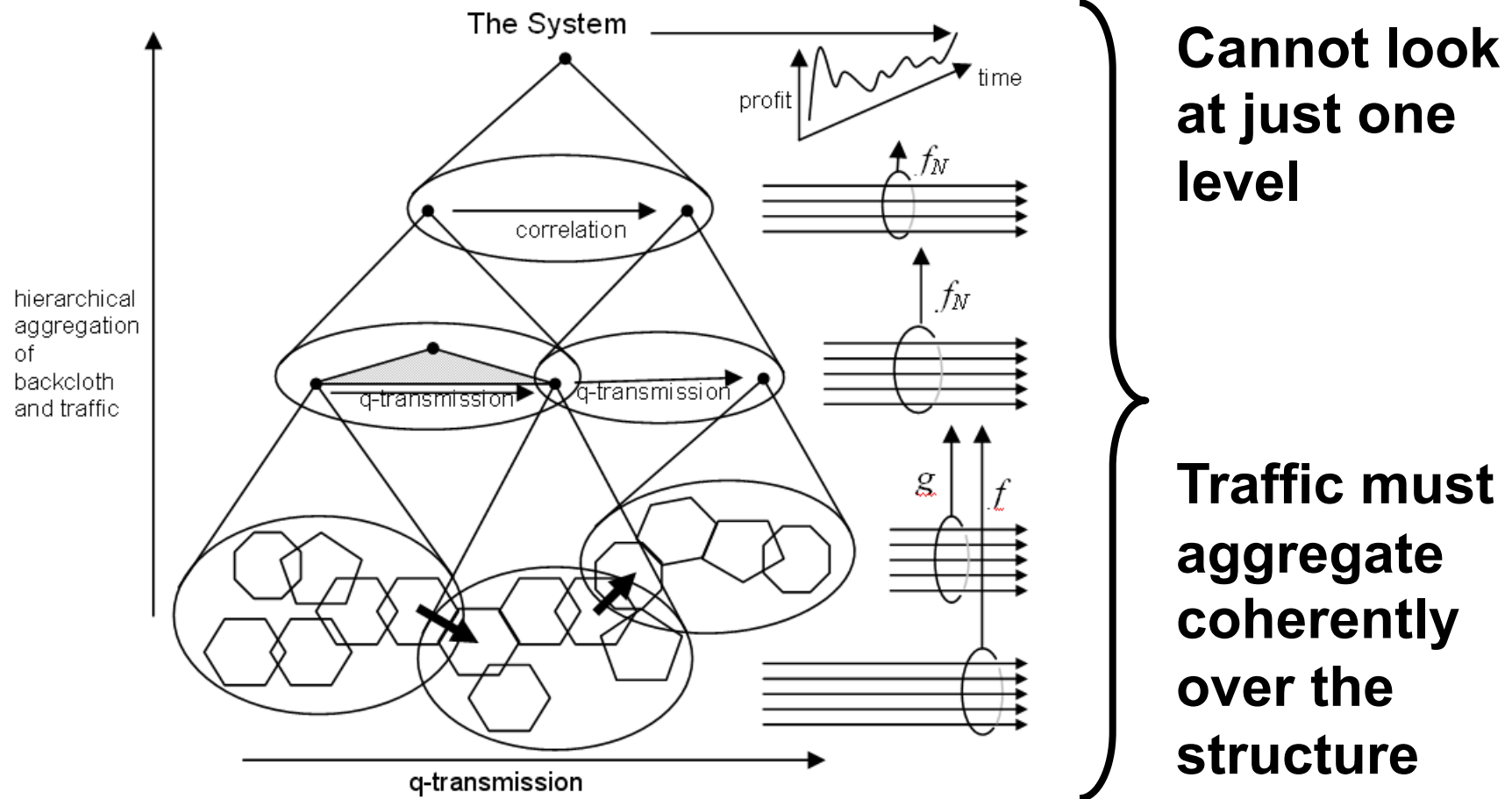
**Jeff Johnson social time** → **event has happened**





# Representing Global Systems & Dynamics

## Backcloth, Traffic & Type-1 Dynamics



**Traffic on the multi-level backcloth - coherence**

# **Global Systems Science & Policy**

Global System Science


Policy – Designing the Future

Complex Systems, Design and Policy

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Are they necessary to ‘predict’ dynamics of the whole?

# Global Systems Science

## Policy informatics

The use of computer ICT systems to support policy

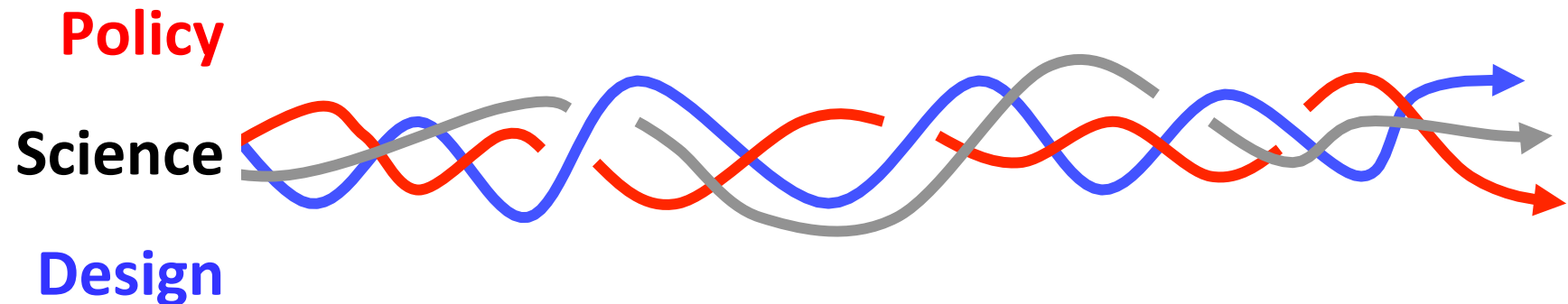
knowledge and theory is *inside* computers

knowledge and theory are *explicit*

# Policy

Policy is *designing* the future

Policy as designing the future is *entangled* with complexity science and design



# Policy is designing the future

*Level  $N_{max}$*

The System

*Level  $N_{min}$*

← What  
← are  
← the  
← intermediate  
← words?

nurses, patients, doctors, surgeons, administrators, visitors, ...  
bandages, scissors, pills, beds, chairs, charts, scalpels, ...  
needles, trolleys, lights, windows, doors, floors, ceilings, ...  
wards, offices, operating theatres, corridors, ...

Hierarchical  
Soup

**Design is an Intermediate Word Problem**

**What are the intermediate structures ?**

**What shall we call them ?**



# Policy is designing the future

Innovation involves creating artificial systems

Creating artificial systems involves **Design**

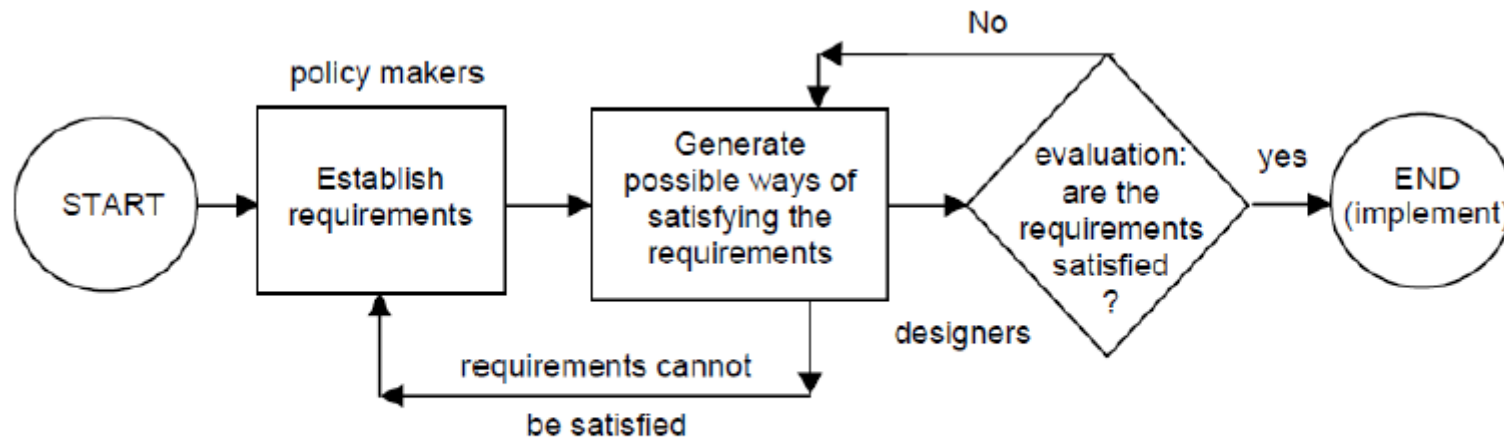


Fig. 1 The simplified requirements-generate-evaluate model of the design process

**Design** a co-evolution between what you think you want & what you think you can have

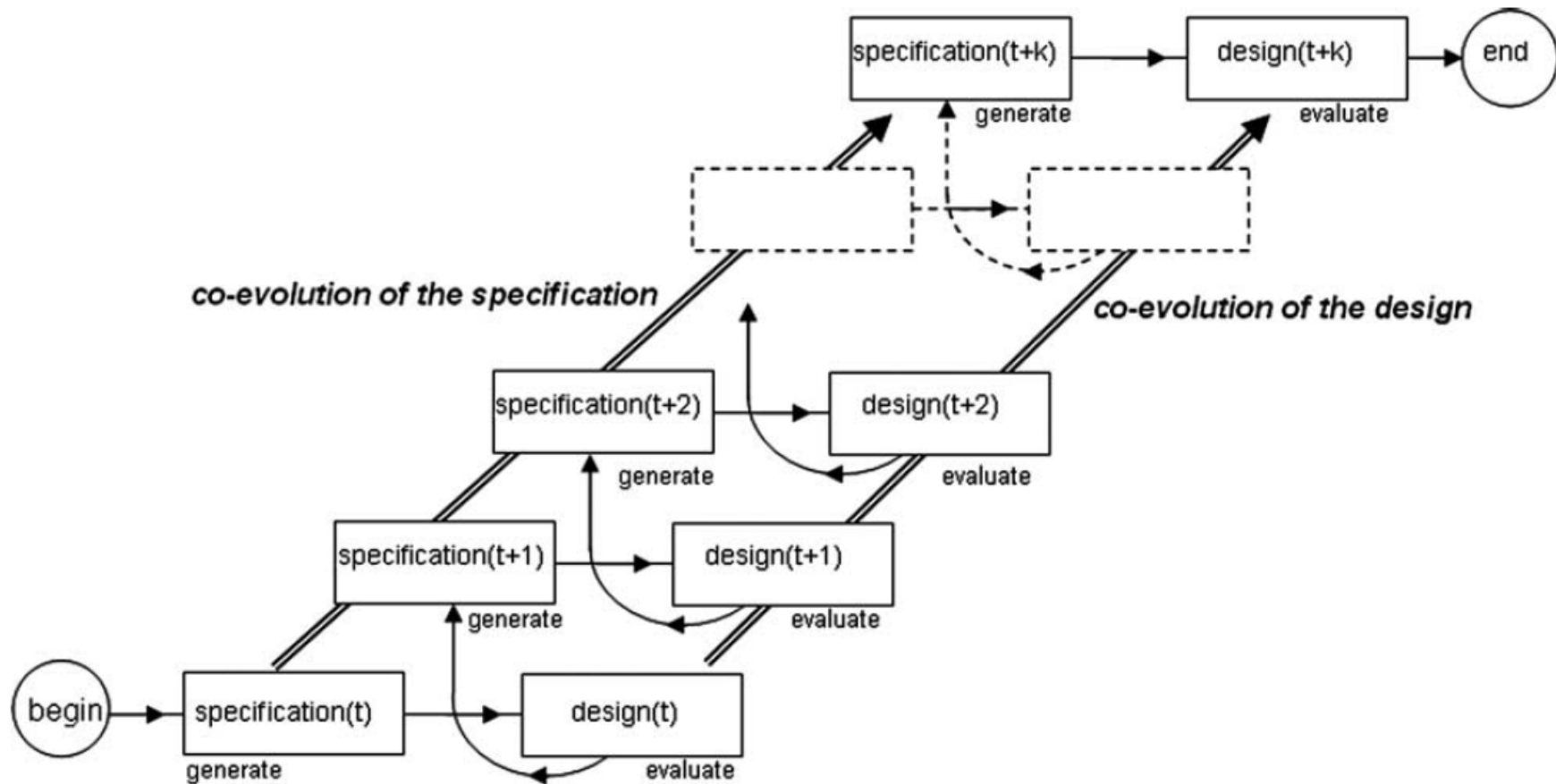


Fig 2. The co-evolution between specification and design through a generate–evaluate spiral.

Design is an iterative *process* – it takes time

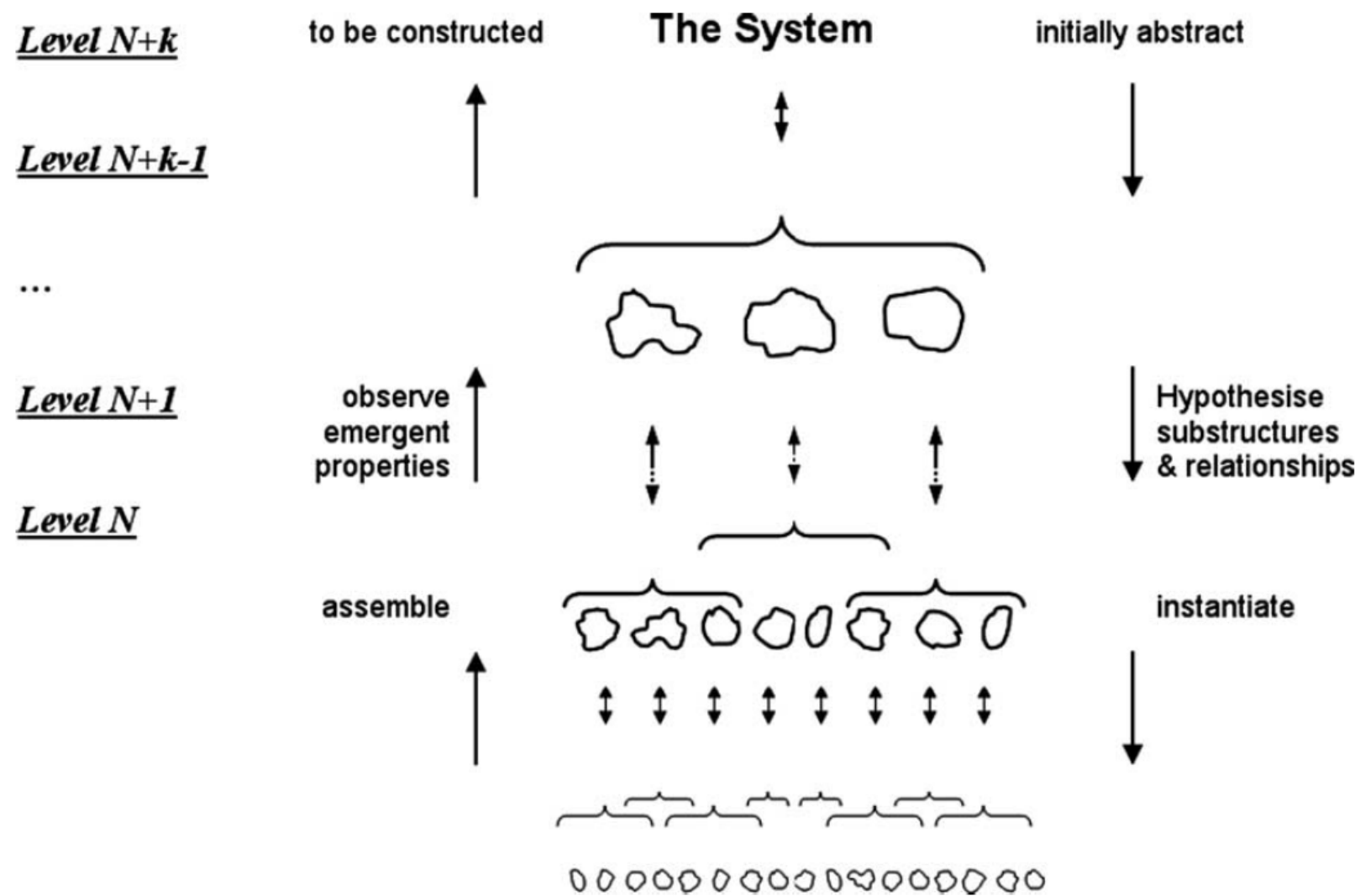


Fig 3. Design as bottom-up construction and top-down hypothesis, generation and reasoning.

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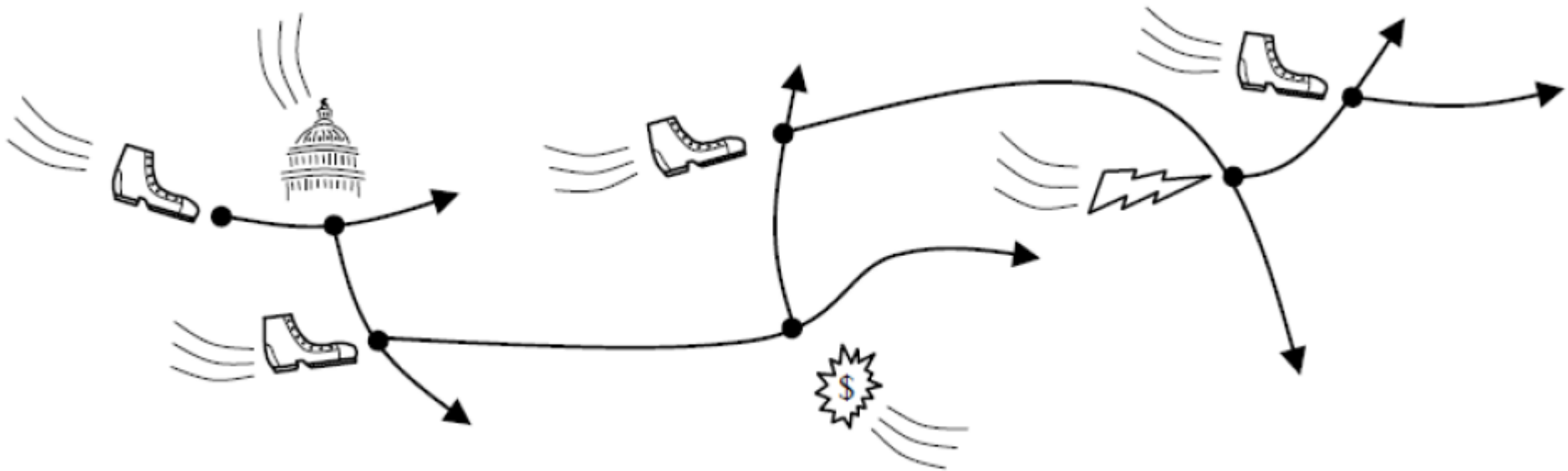


**Experiment as predicting that an intervention kicks will result in a future target state**

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## What does ‘prediction’ mean when the system is continually knocked off trajectory

## 4. Example

# Policy for street gangs following the 2011 London riots

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### London riots aftermath - Monday 8 August 2011



Police confront youths in Hackney, London. Photograph: BBC

**7.37am:** Good morning, and welcome to the Guardian's live reaction to London disturbances. A [second night of rioting](#) broke out across London last night, with violence erupting in several of the capital's boroughs, from Brixton in the south to Enfield and Islington in the north and

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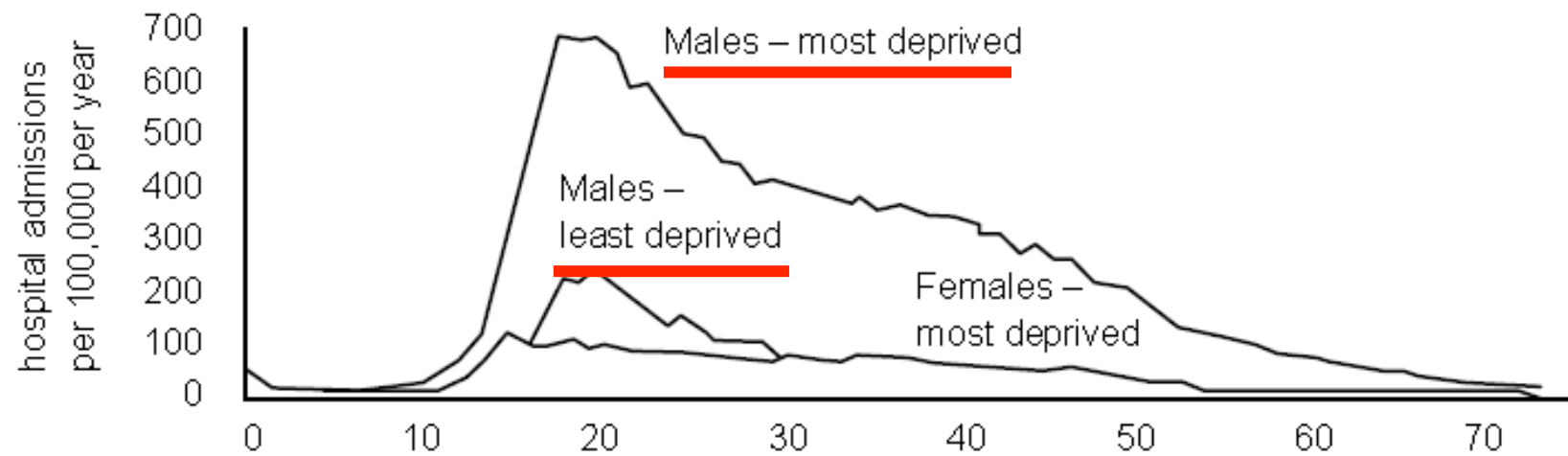
More from [News blog](#) on

## **Street gangs played a big part in the riots**



‘Ending Gang & Youth Violence’, published in Nov 2011 Secretary of State for the Home Department was the basis for a policy response to the riots.

**“One thing that the riots in August did do was to bring home to the entire country just how serious a problem gang and youth violence has now become.”**



**Fig. 7. Admissions to English NHS hospitals for assault involving 13 to 14 year olds. [11]**

**High levels of violence are partly associated with street gangs**



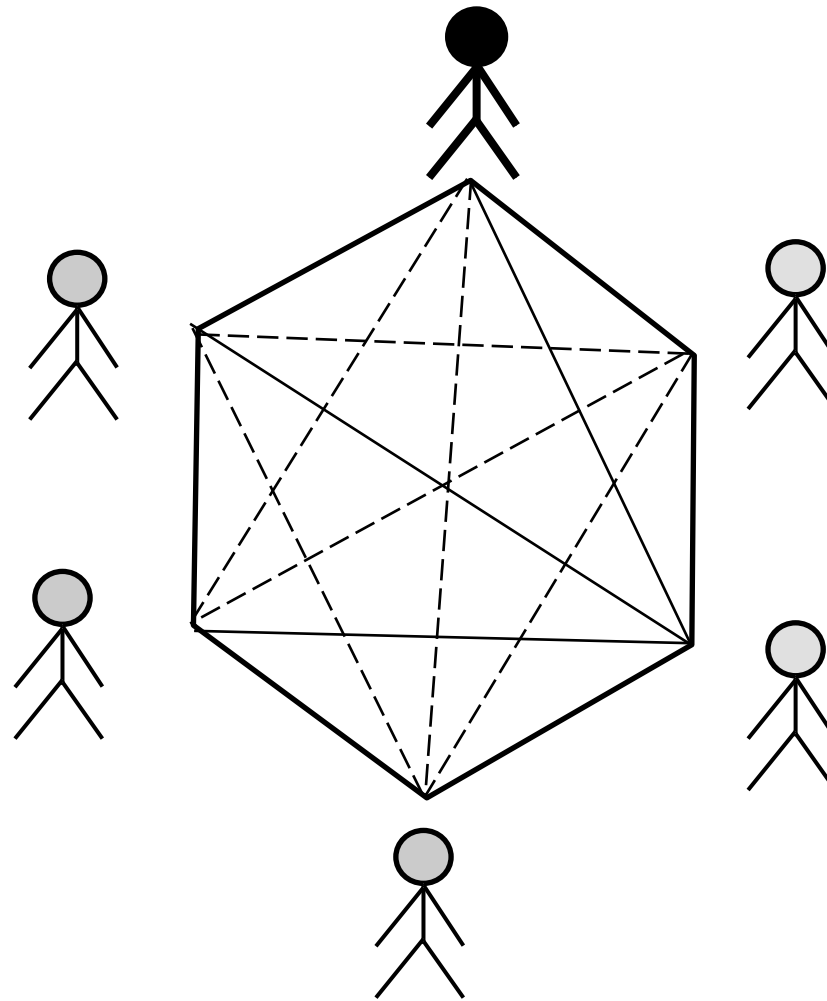
2012 Centre for Social Justice report 'Time to Wake Up' :

Was police practice of identifying and removing gang 'elders' effective?

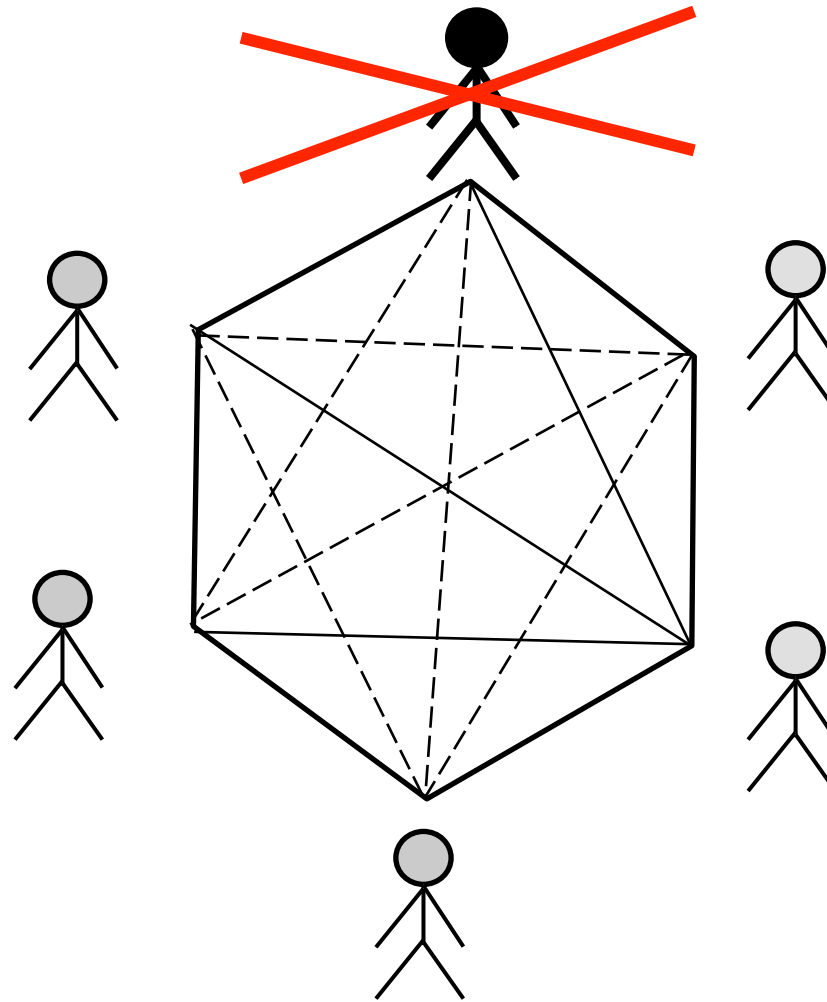
“it seems that an unintended consequence of the arrest of senior gang members has been to heighten tensions and violence. ...

There was a consensus that the current gangs neither have no cohesive leadership, which is resulting in increased chaos, violence and anarchy. [14]

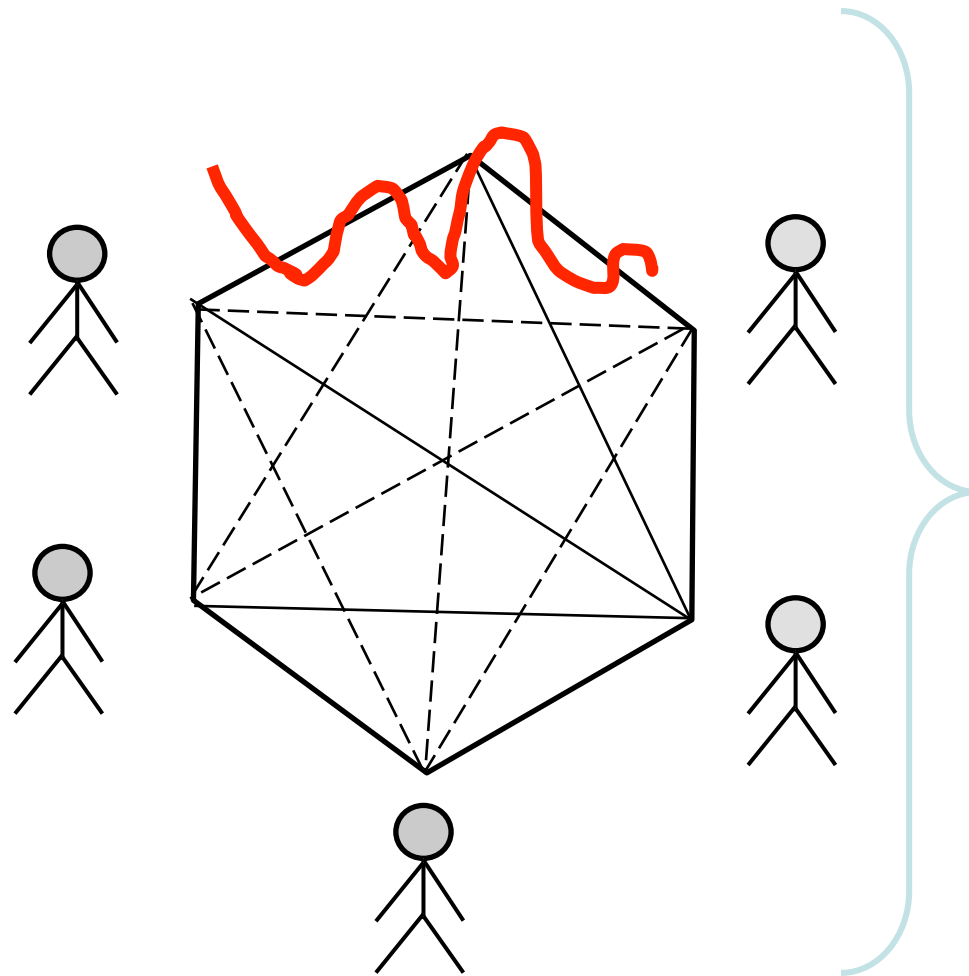
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**Policy –**

**How to predict  
the outcome  
of  
interventions?**

**What are the  
dynamics of  
the  
hypersimplices**

**?**

no cohesive leadership → increased chaos, violence anarchy.

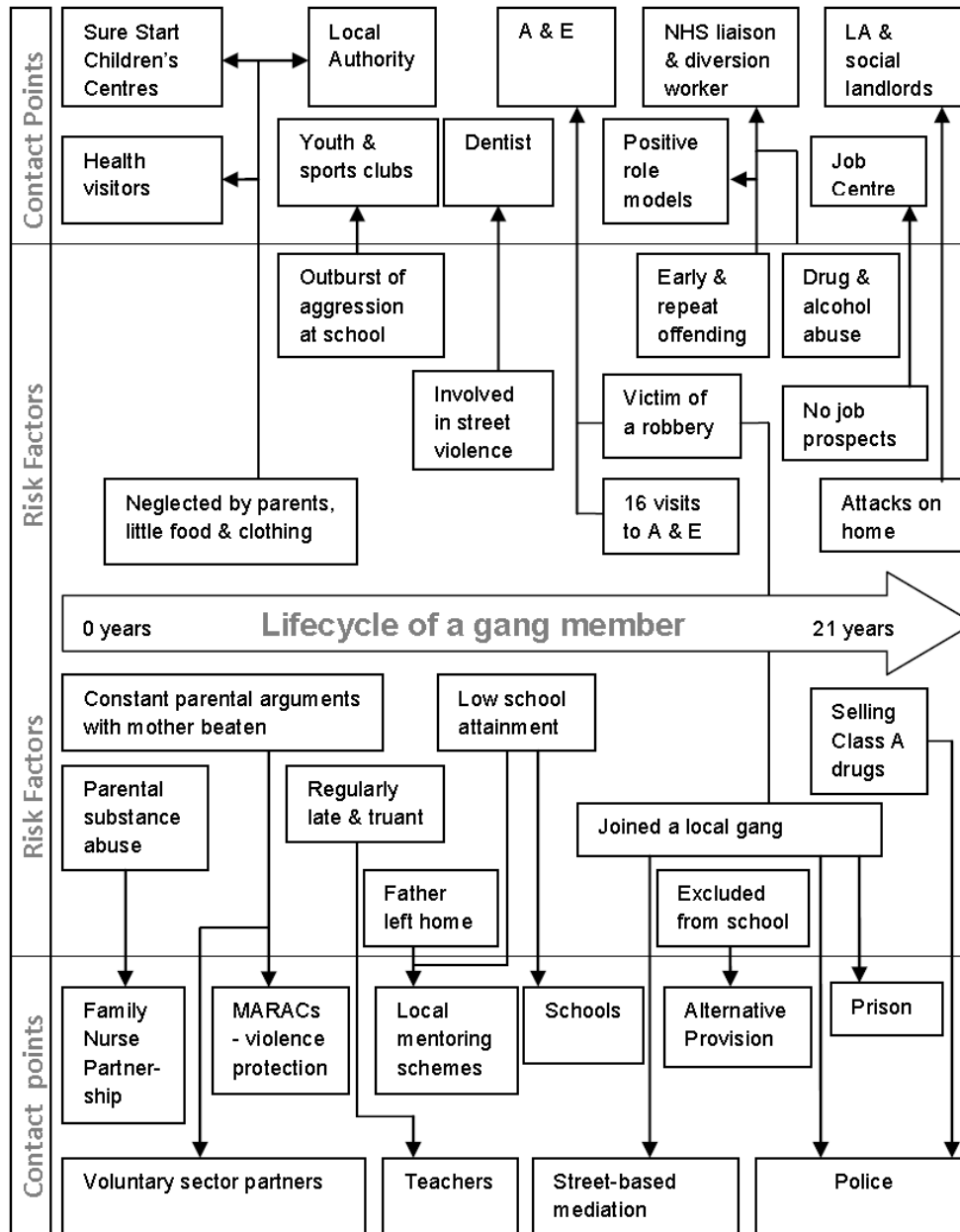


Fig. 8. The lifecycle of a gang member (Source: HMG: Ending Gang Youth Violence [13]).

# The lifecycle of a gang member

## Hypersimplices:

<neglected by parents,  
parental substance abuse,  
parental violence;  
 $R_{\text{experienced\_0-5}}$ >

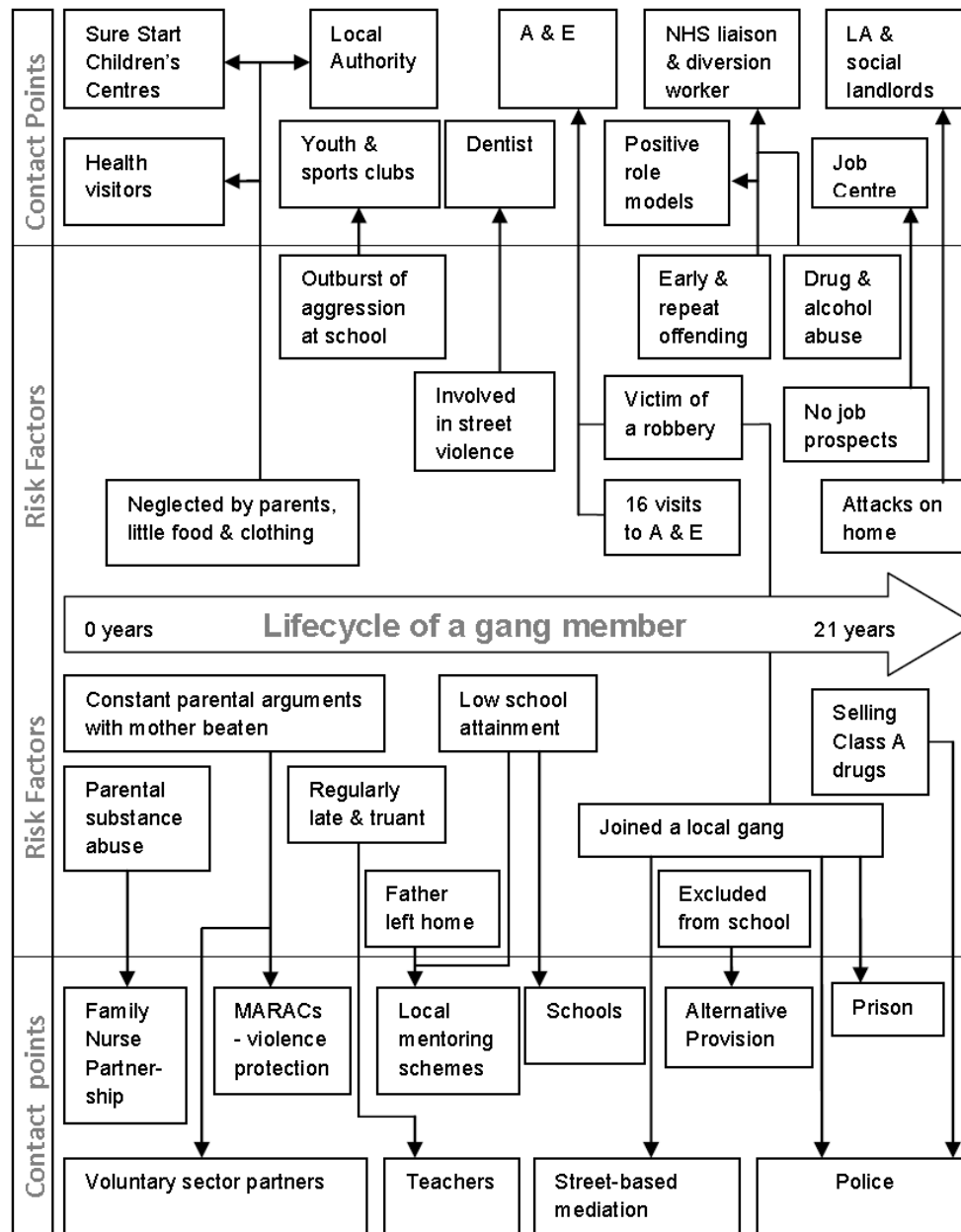


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<outbursts of aggression  
as school,  
involved in street  
violence,  
many visits to A&E;

$R_{10-15}$  >

Child getting violent !

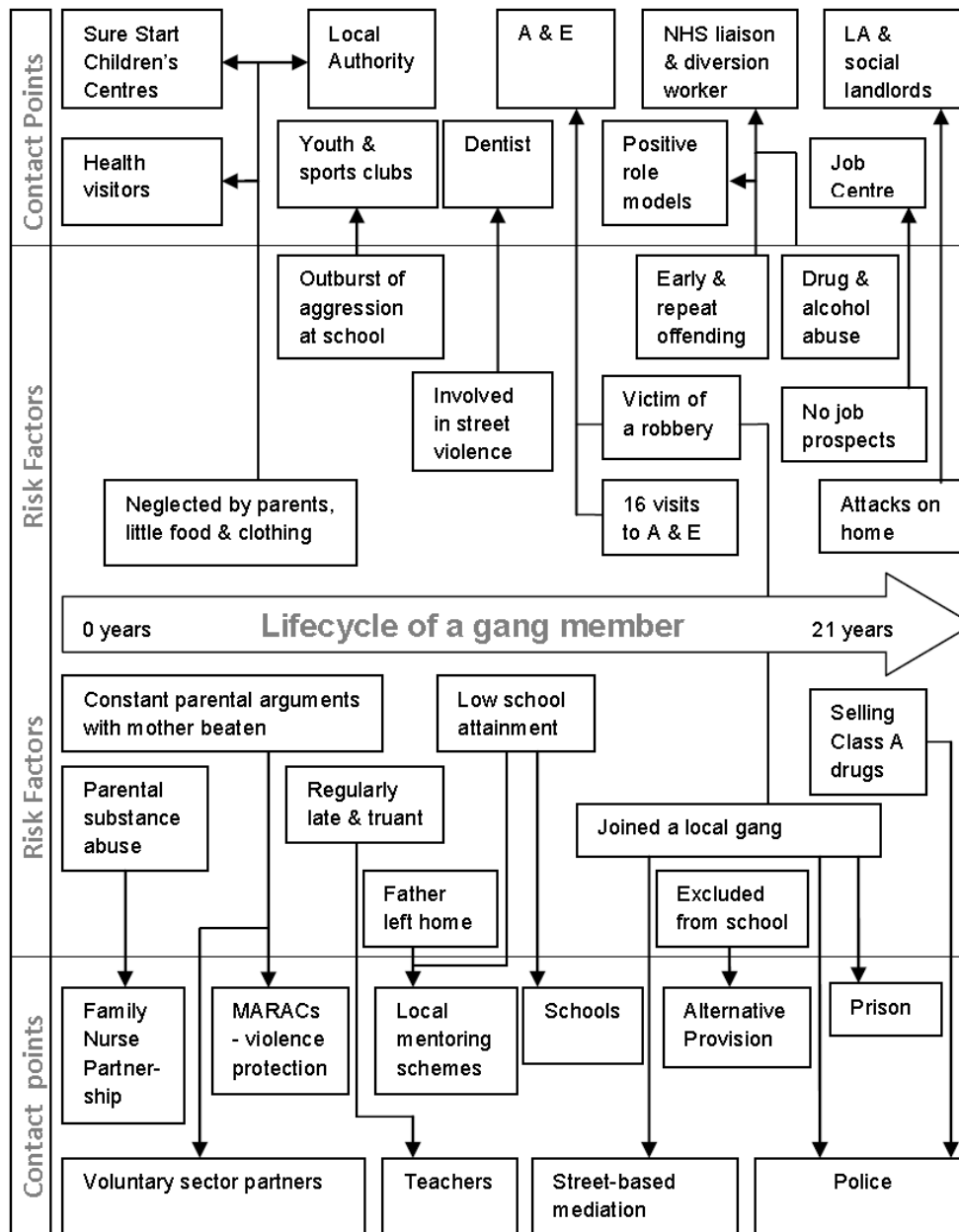


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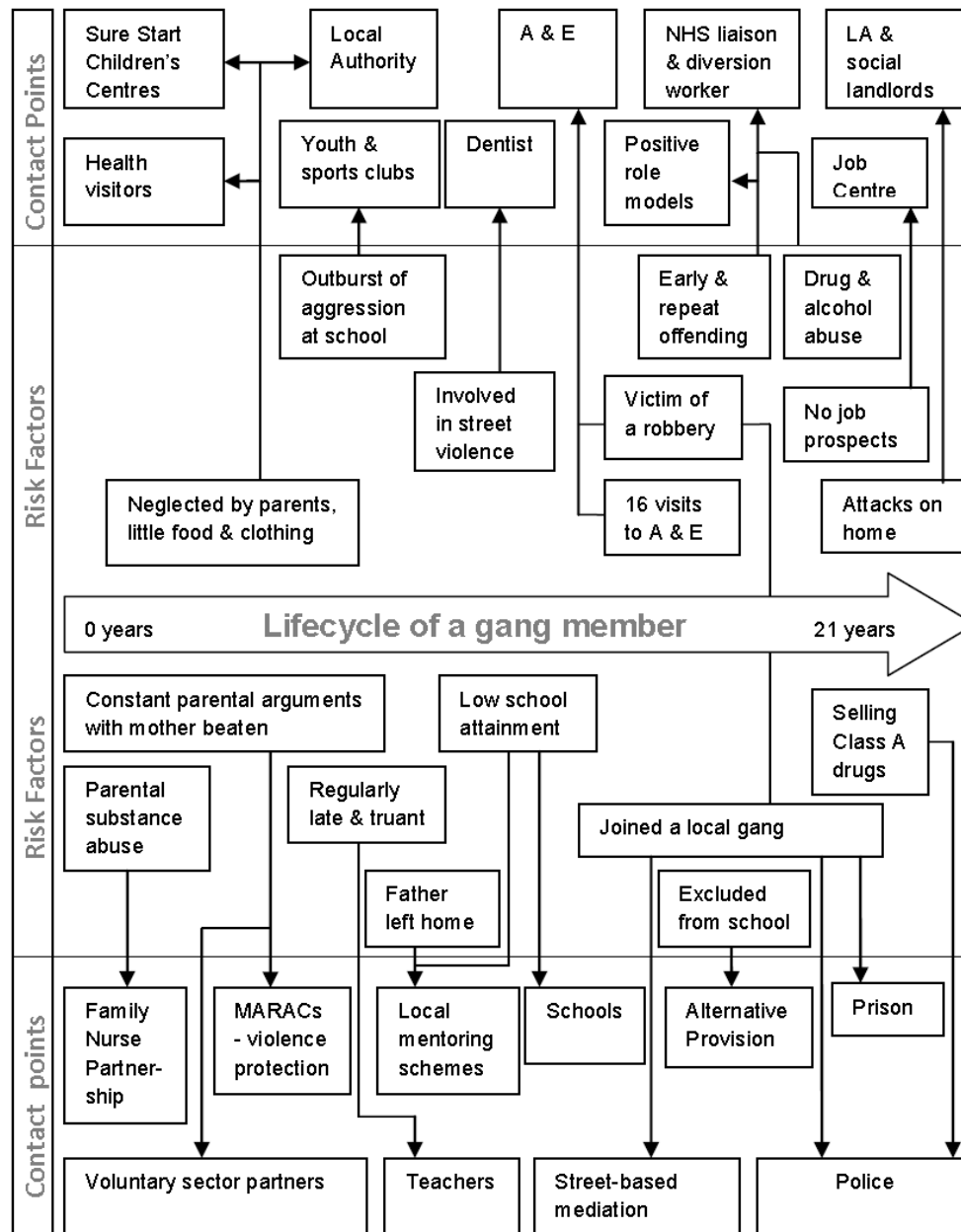
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## Hypersimplices:

regularly late and truant,  
school low attainment,  
excluded from school;

$R_{\text{experienced}_{10-15}}$

precursor to



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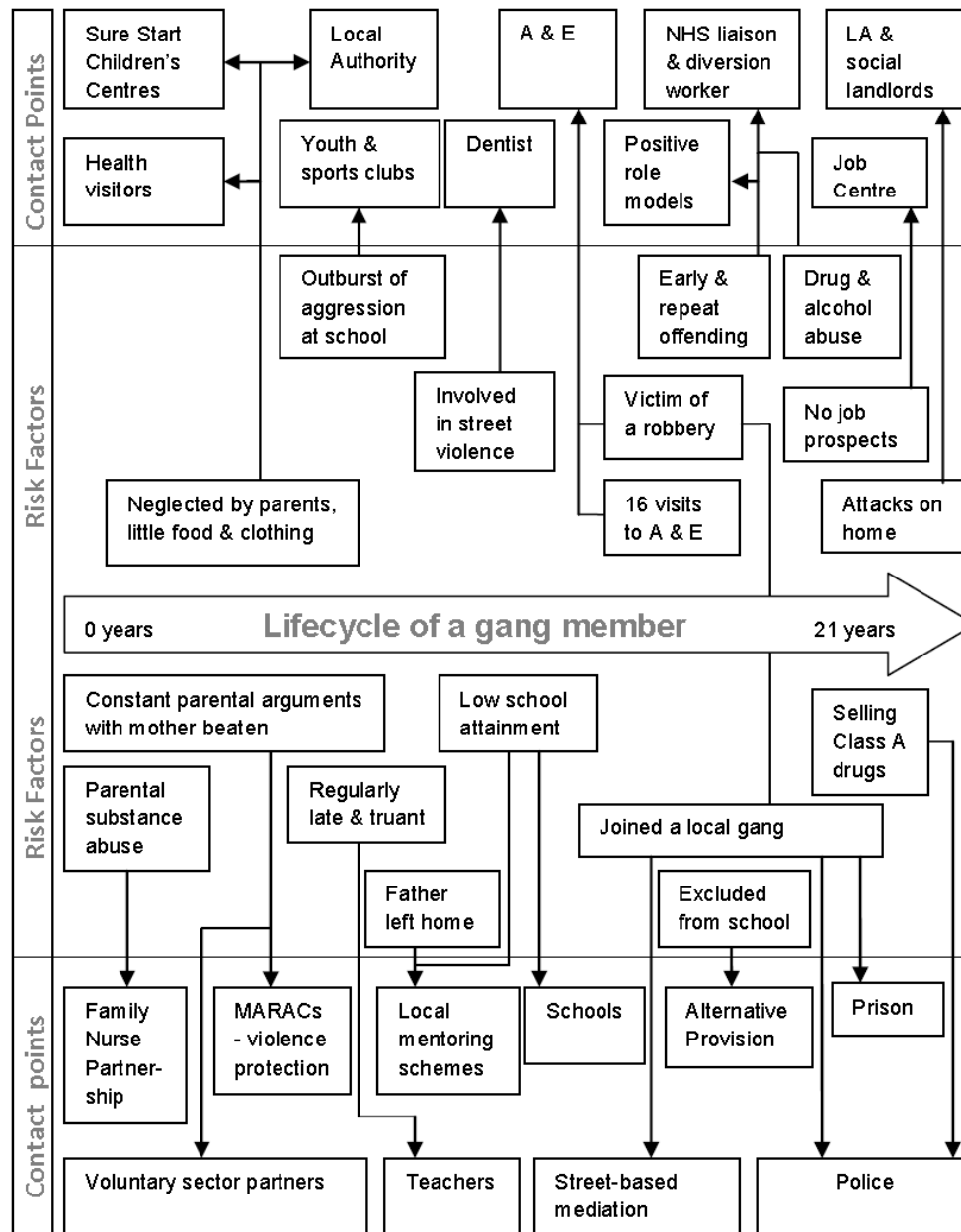


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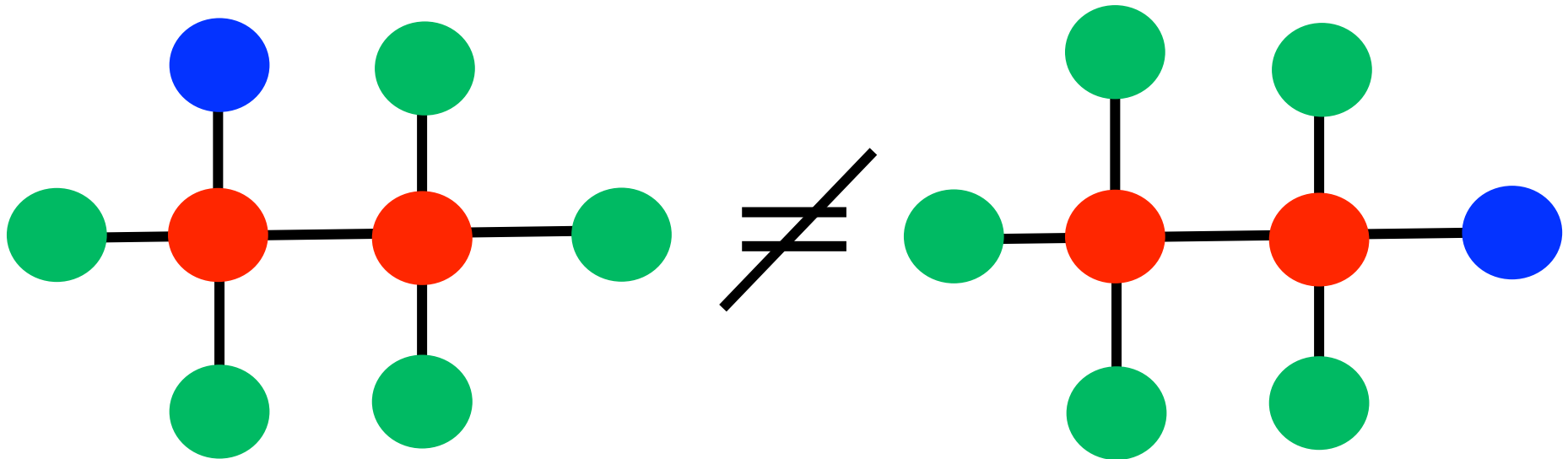
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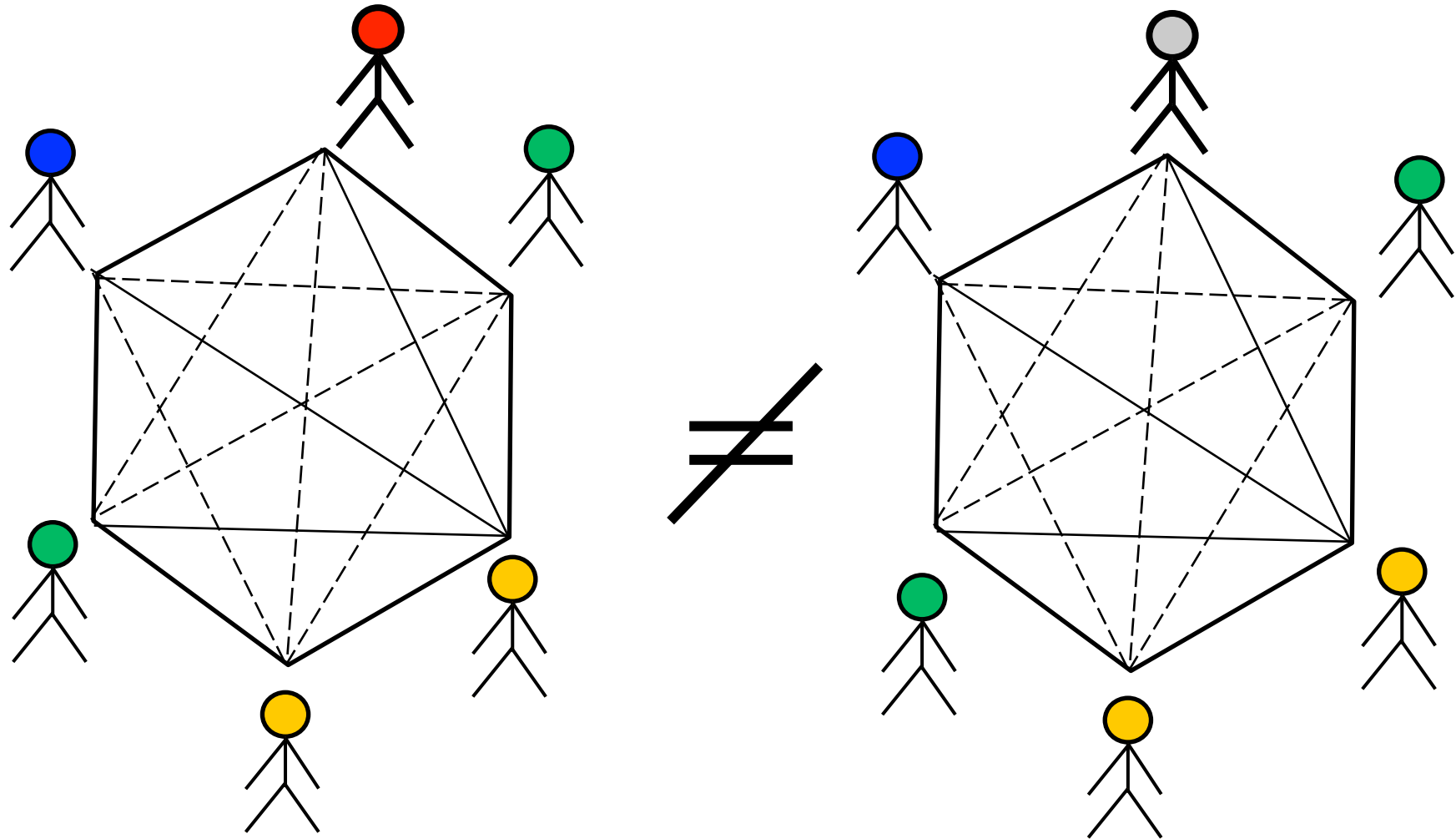
precursor to murder

# Social Chemistry



**In chemistry the relational structure of the atoms matters**

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**social systems**

# Social Chemistry

$\sigma(731) = \langle \text{gaming, sport, painting, literature, science, nature, history} \rangle$

$\sigma(737) = \langle \text{painting, literature, gardening, cooking, nature, science} \rangle$

$\sigma(742) = \langle \text{gaming, cooking, nature, science} \rangle$

$\sigma(746) = \langle \text{pubs, painting, history, literature} \rangle$

} **Disconnected !**

$\sigma(747) = \langle \text{clothing, basketball, war history, graffiti, racing, mathematics} \rangle$

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$\sigma(770) = \langle \text{sport, history, nature, science} \rangle$

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**In chemistry the relational structure of the atoms matters**  
**social systems**

# Conclusions

## **Networks - essential for analysing social systems & policy**

system behaviour emerges from interaction of pairs

network is the backcloth to traffic dynamics

networks are necessary for complex systems science

## **Hypernetworks also essential for social systems & policy**

system behaviour emerges from  $n$ -ary interactions

hypernetworks are backcloth to ML traffic dynamics

hypernetworks - necessary for Global System Science