

Implications

Actor and network analysis

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Step 6: Implications

1. Problem formulation as point of departure
2. Inventory of the actors involved
3. Mapping formal relations
4. Inventory of interests, objectives and perceptions
5. Interdependencies: **resources and salience**
6. **Implications for problem formulation and client**



Step 6. Implications (e)

Three types

- Consequences for:
 1. Problem formulation (content)
 2. Interaction with actors (see previous slides)
 3. Research questions and activities



Consequences for the problem formulation

- We can look at this issue in at least two different ways; by taking into account important concerns and issues and the means of our critical actors and secondly by taking these along in reconsidering the systems diagram.



Concerns and issues and their consequences

- Important Allies
 - Want wind at sea, but don't agree on the 'how'.
- Banks and investors need to become engaged.
- Most opponents are non-critical, but can cause delays.
 - Except for shipping industry and harbors (R'dam)

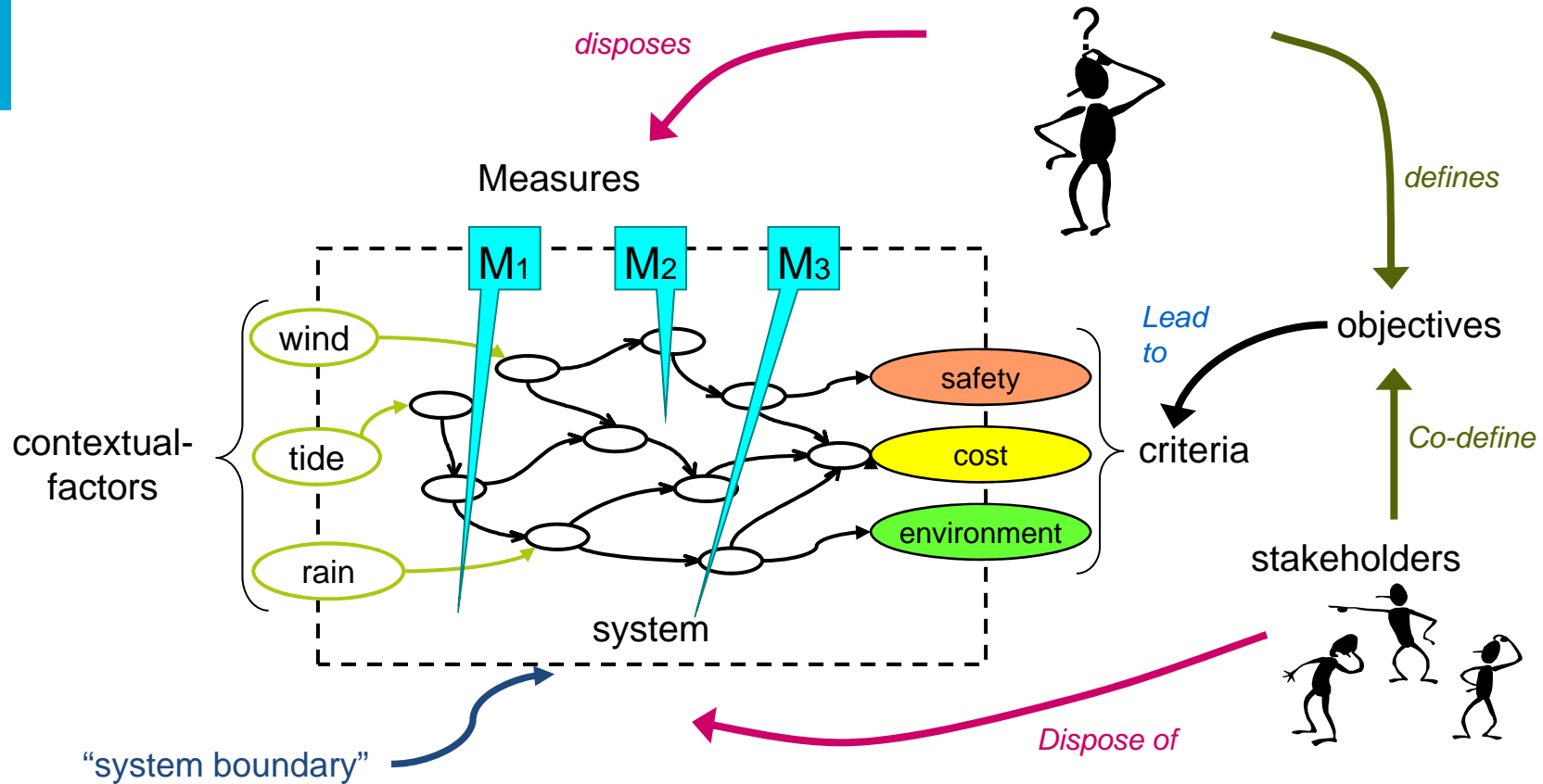


Concerns and issues and their consequences

So for the Ministry of Economic Affairs:

- Look for locations near shore and not close to shipping lanes
- Share costs and safeguard subsidies

Step 6. Implications Problem analysis

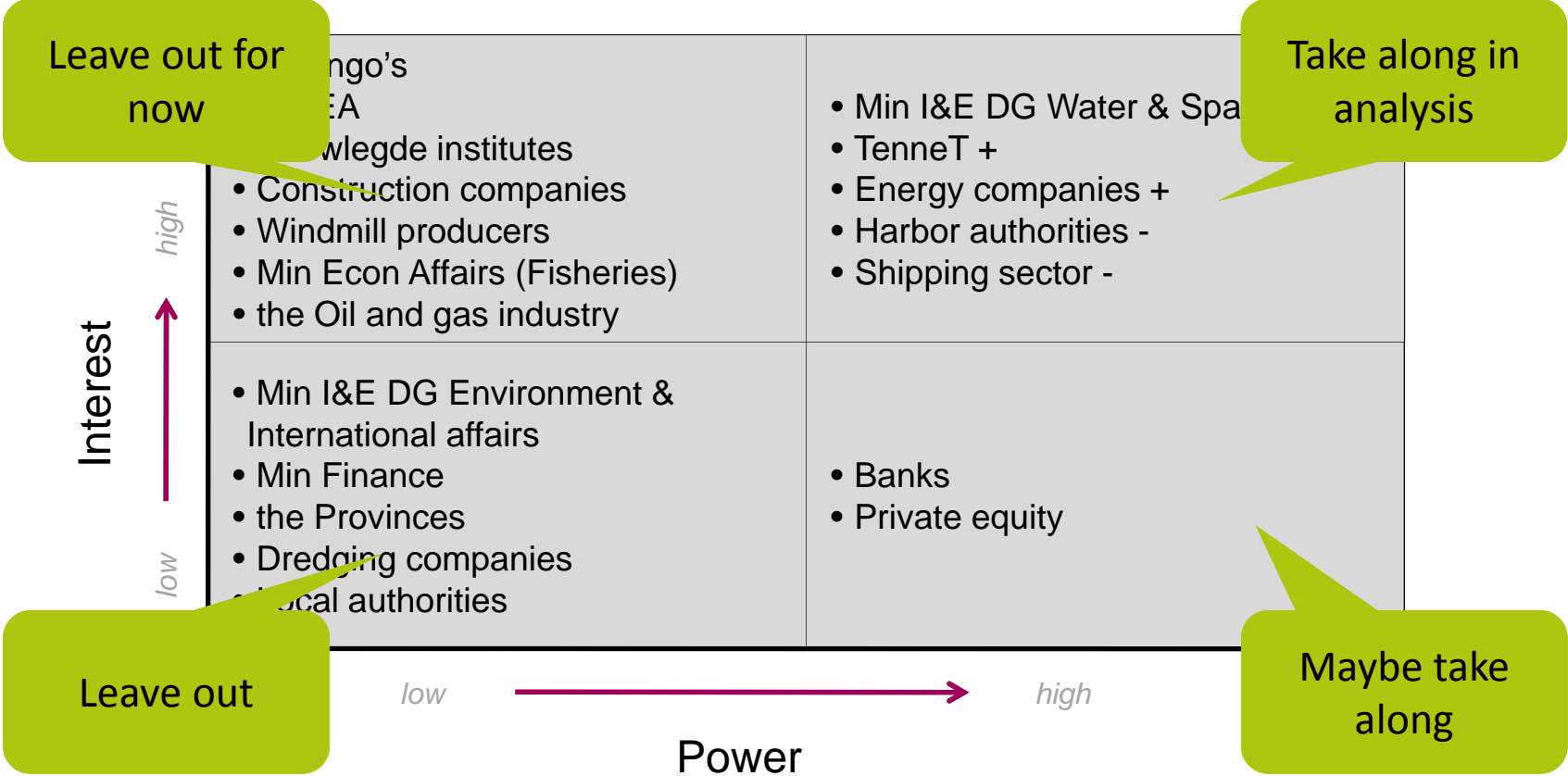




Consequences for interactions with other actors

- What coalitions?
- What competition/cooperation?
- What conflicts?

Power/interest grid





Consequences for research activities

- New parties, whose objectives and means might need to be explored
- New factors in the system, influencing the outcome
- New relations between factors that impact the outcome
- Adaptation of the system and its delineation requires new modeling
- New issues and coalitions that need additional research
- More....



limitations



Limitations of actor analysis

Snap-shot in time

Polarization; raising conflicts, rather than bridging them

‘Self-fulfilling prophecy’, especially with classification of opponents

Ethical considerations may be lost with strategic focus on ‘critical’ actors with important resources



Summarizing

How to analyse their (inter-)dependencies

Distinguish critical actors

Think how to deal with different kind of actors

How this knowledge impacts your understanding of the problem situation

Understand the dangers and limitations