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Industrial Operations / Information Processing Convergence

Control Chain Management Body Of Knowledge

MI - Enterprise System Meta model and taxonomy

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- Introduction
- **Enterprise system macro meta model**
- **Enterprise system taxonomy**

System view

- **Traditional views of an enterprise**
 - Describe the actual shape of the enterprise
 - Identify main processes
 - Marketing, Sales, R&D
 - Planning and Logistics, sourcing and delivery
 - Production, Quality, maintenance, Engineering...
 - Example: SCOR, VRM, PERA
- **System view**
 - Does not care about the actual shape and inner functioning
 - Only considers a high level meta model to map the main external interactions
 - Focuses on the what influences this shape

System approach: « understand » the whole

- **An enterprise is an extraordinary complex system**
 - No way to understand and figure out every aspect
 - Many aspects can be handled and seen differently
 - Beyond the specific product related knowledge, apparently trivial activities might be organized and taken differently
 - Marketing, sales, production scheduling, facility maintenance, research... are critical activities that might have unic approach in a given enterprise
 - *Public methods and theories offer basis for their handling. Example: TOC, Lean and 6 Sigma in Production. However, implementation is always specific given the particular organization and context.*
- **However, its I/O can be more easily captured and classified**
 - The Cybernetics introduced the concept of « Black Bok »
 - Giving up understanding the inner complexity of a system
 - Analyszing its external behaviour

System approach: acting locally for global results

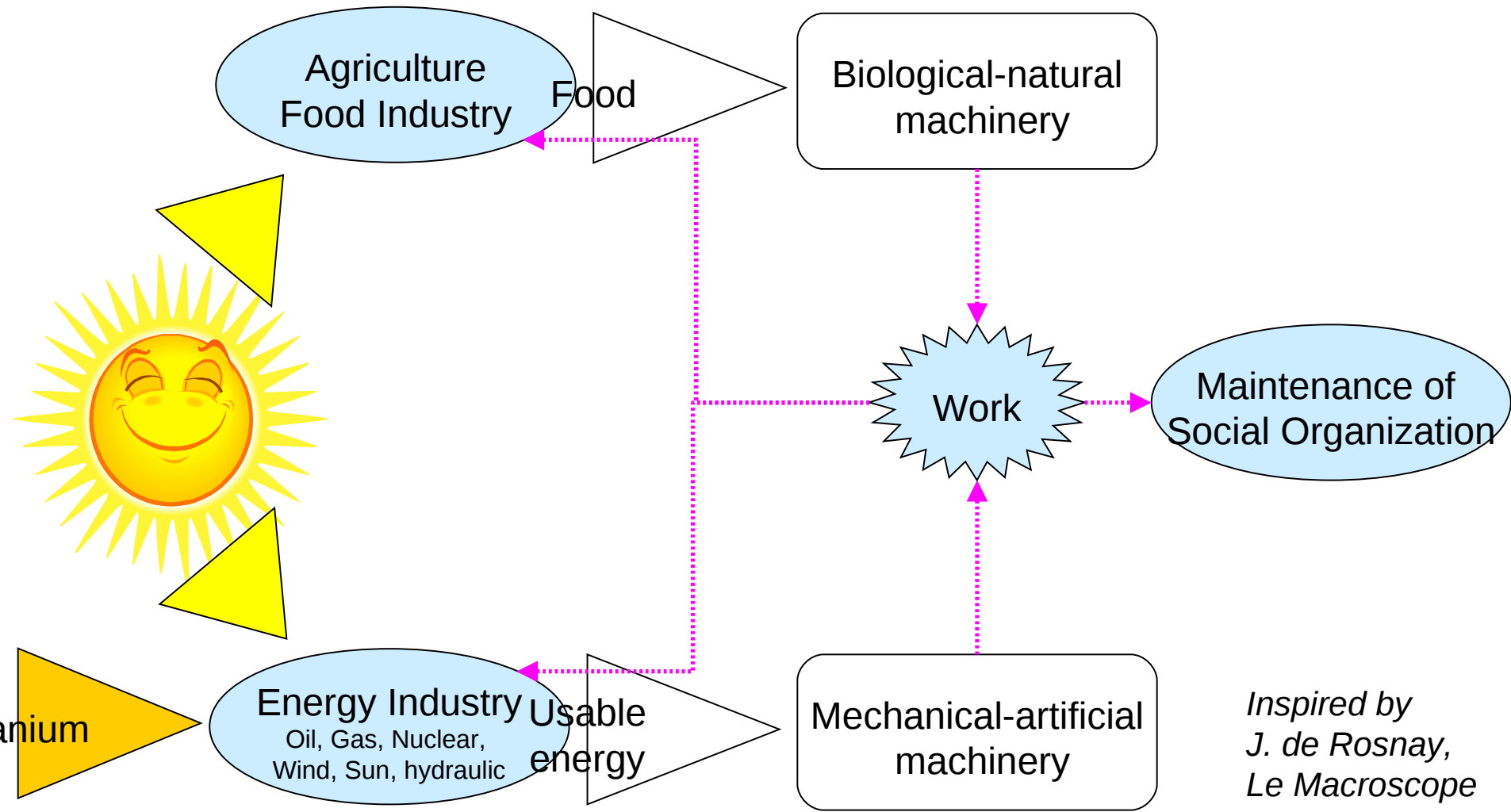
- **The system approach consist in**
 - Defining and measuring the right enterprise metrics based on its external interactions
 - Finding internal weaknesses and fixing them to improve is external – gloobal – behaviour
- **The intial steps are**
 - Identifying the enterprise system I/Os
 - To help develloping appropriate metrics
 - A high level meta model of the enterprise
 - Defining a classification framework for systemic improvement
 - To identify the key system components acting on its behaviour

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Enterprise is an Open, Complex System

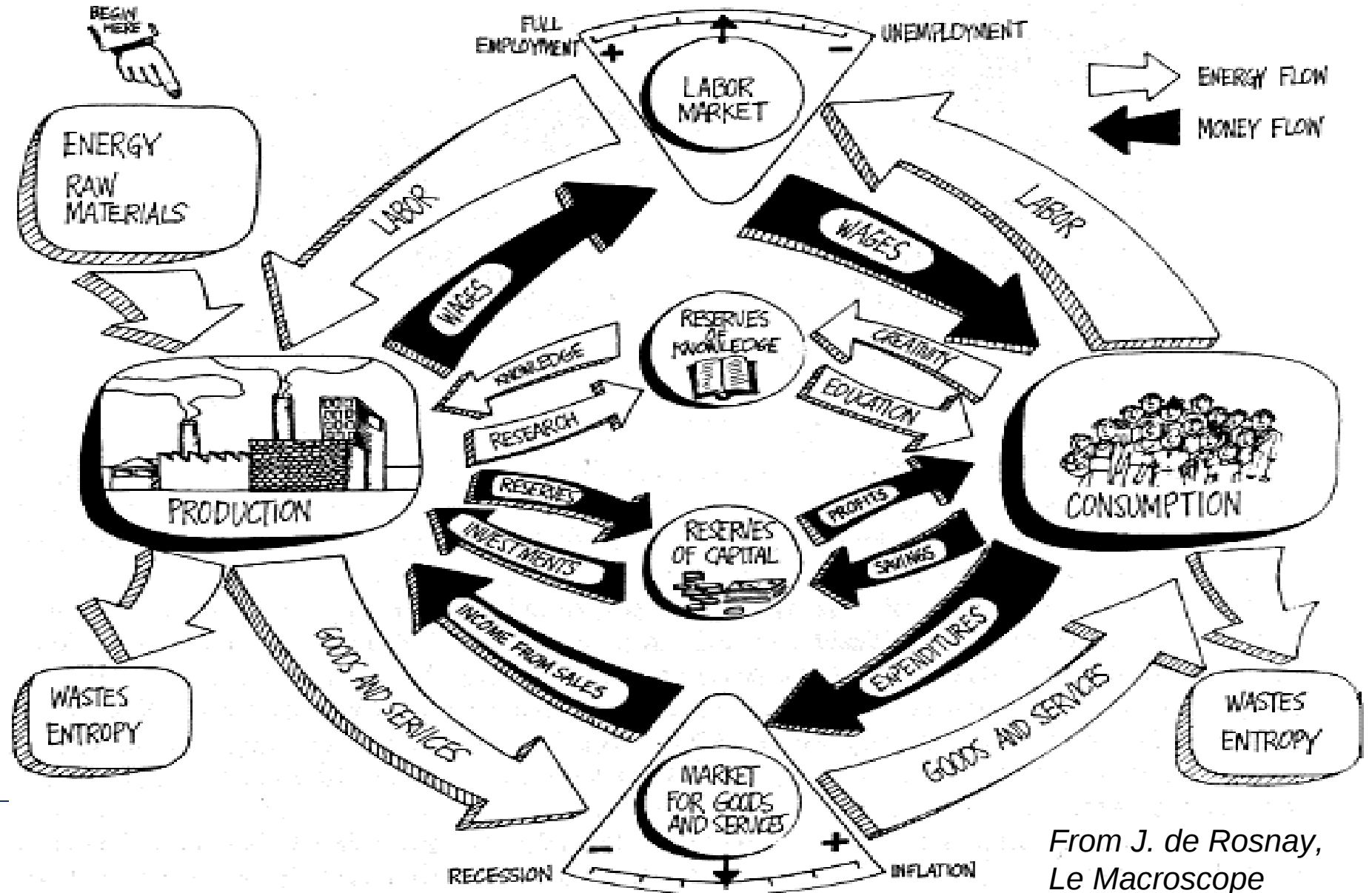
- **Physical interactions:**
 - Earth, other Enterprises, internal Resources
- **Noospherical interactions:**
 - Goals of the World, Humanity, Humans, Owners, other enterprises
- **Social interactions:**
 - Nations, NGOs, Trade unions, Family
- **Complies with cybernetics' laws...**
 - Statistical behaviour on input change
- **...Not always**
 - Unpredictable reactions to unexpected events
- **A thermodynamic entity**
 - Consumes energy, applies it on matter
 - “Heat” (waste energy) when badly controlled (thermal entropy)

Industry eco-system (anthropo-centric!)



Industry Economics

Note : JDR represents only 2 flows: money and "energy" - Energy represents actually the 3 entities Energy / Matter / Information

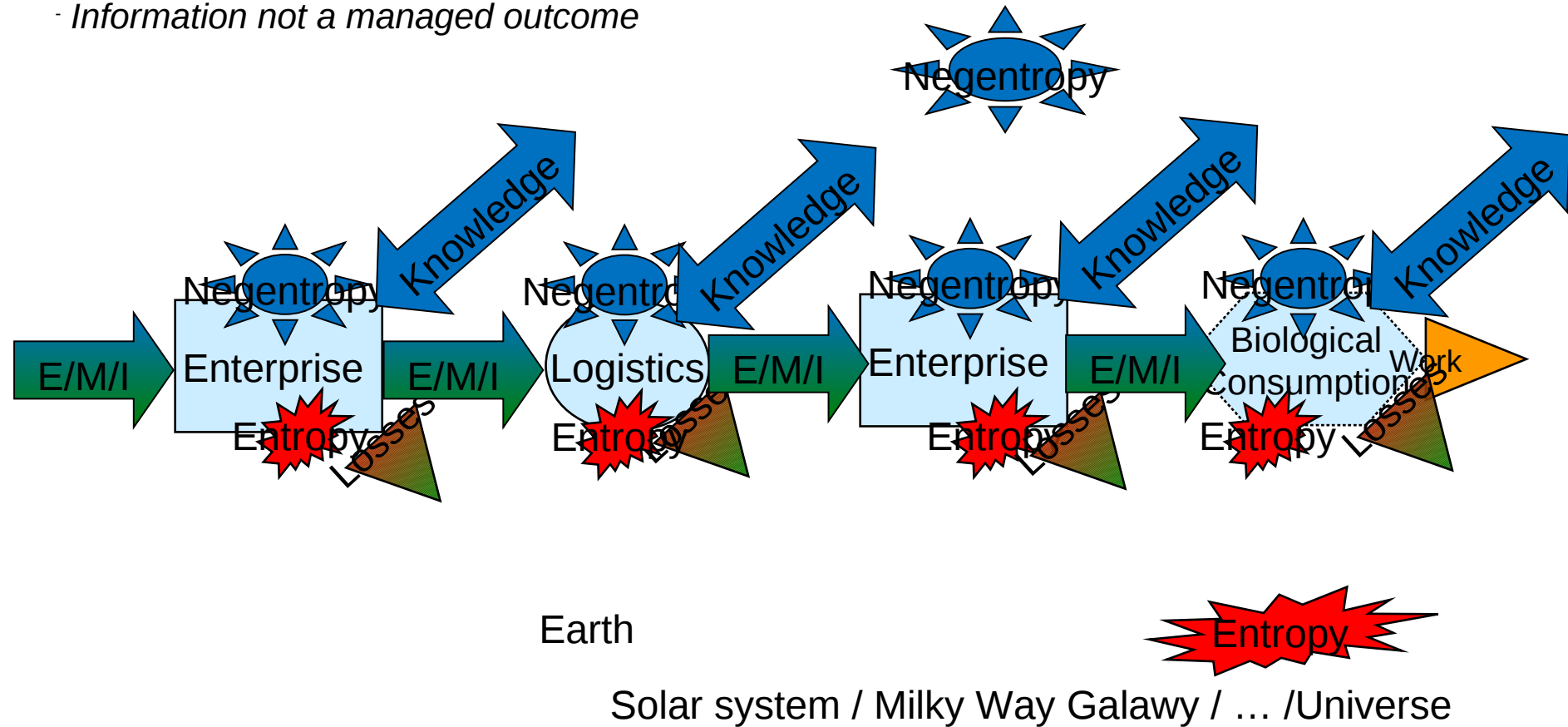


From J. de Rosnay, *Le Macroscopie*

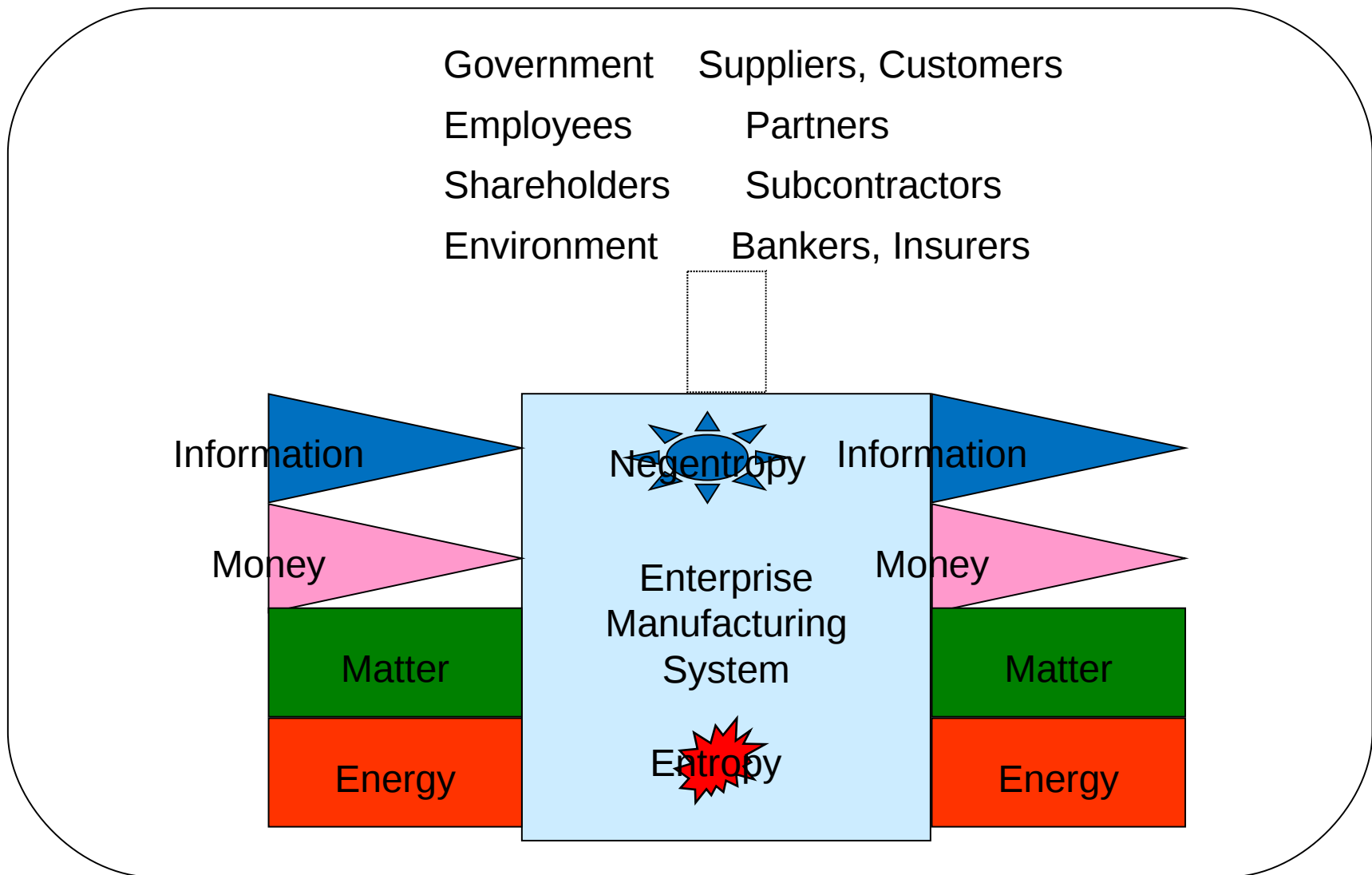
The enterprise black box: Energy Chain

Simplification for Industrial enterprises :

- Energy / material grouped into Energy chain
- Information not a managed outcome



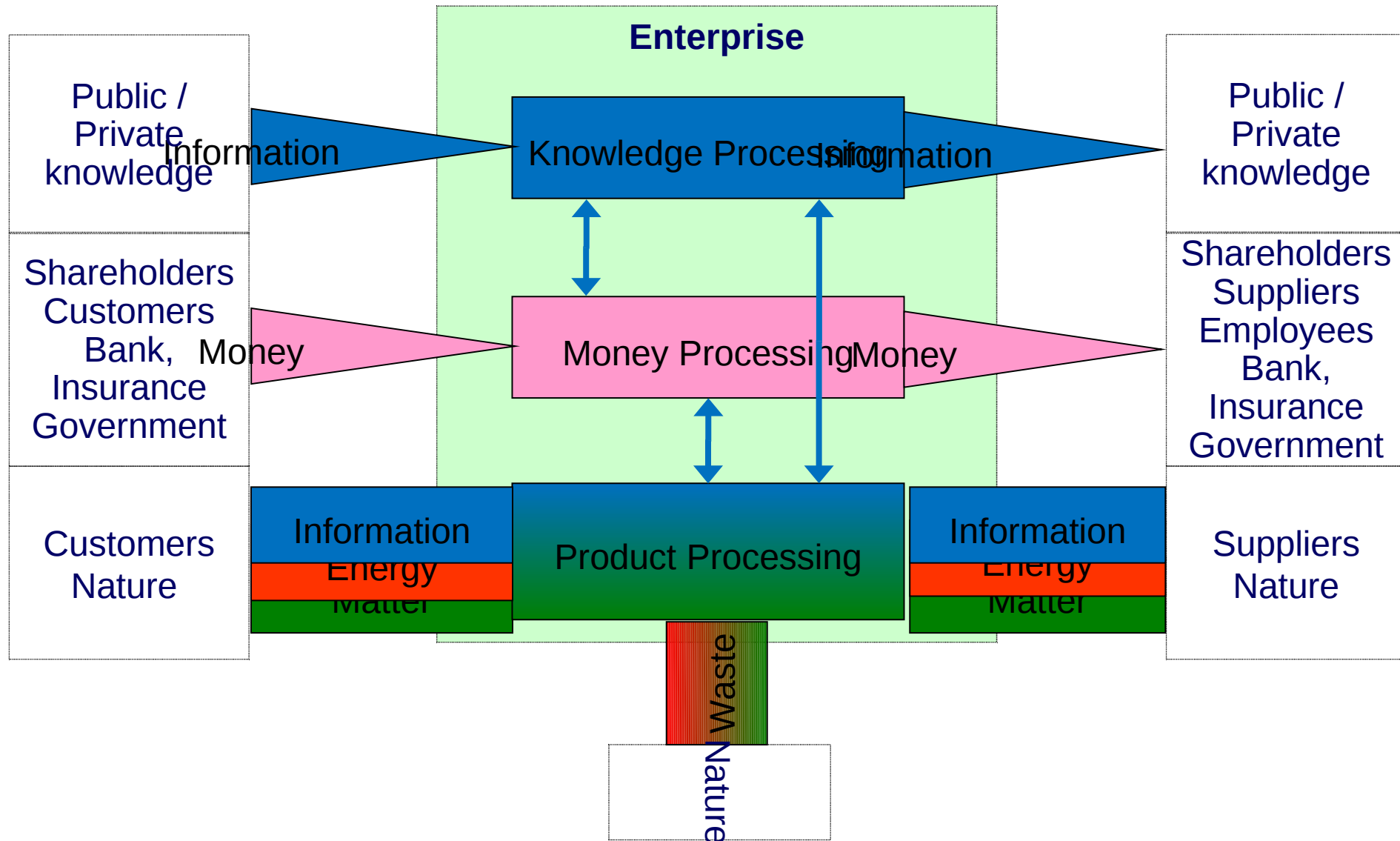
The enterprise black box



Industrial Enterprise System

- **An industrial enterprise's purpose is to make money by selling products**
 - as goods, energy, services (workforce or information)
- **An industrial enterprise interacts with many external “parties”**
 - Employees as “workforce contractors” – not exclusive part of the enterprise
 - Government imposing regulations, collecting taxes
 - Shareholders investing capital and retrieving interests
 - Nature providing free resources and bearing nuisances
 - Other enterprises as suppliers, customers, contractors, banks, insurance
- **An industrial enterprise has 3 main interaction domains**
 - Measurable input/outputs of the system
 - Product (matter, energy, information), Money, Knowledge

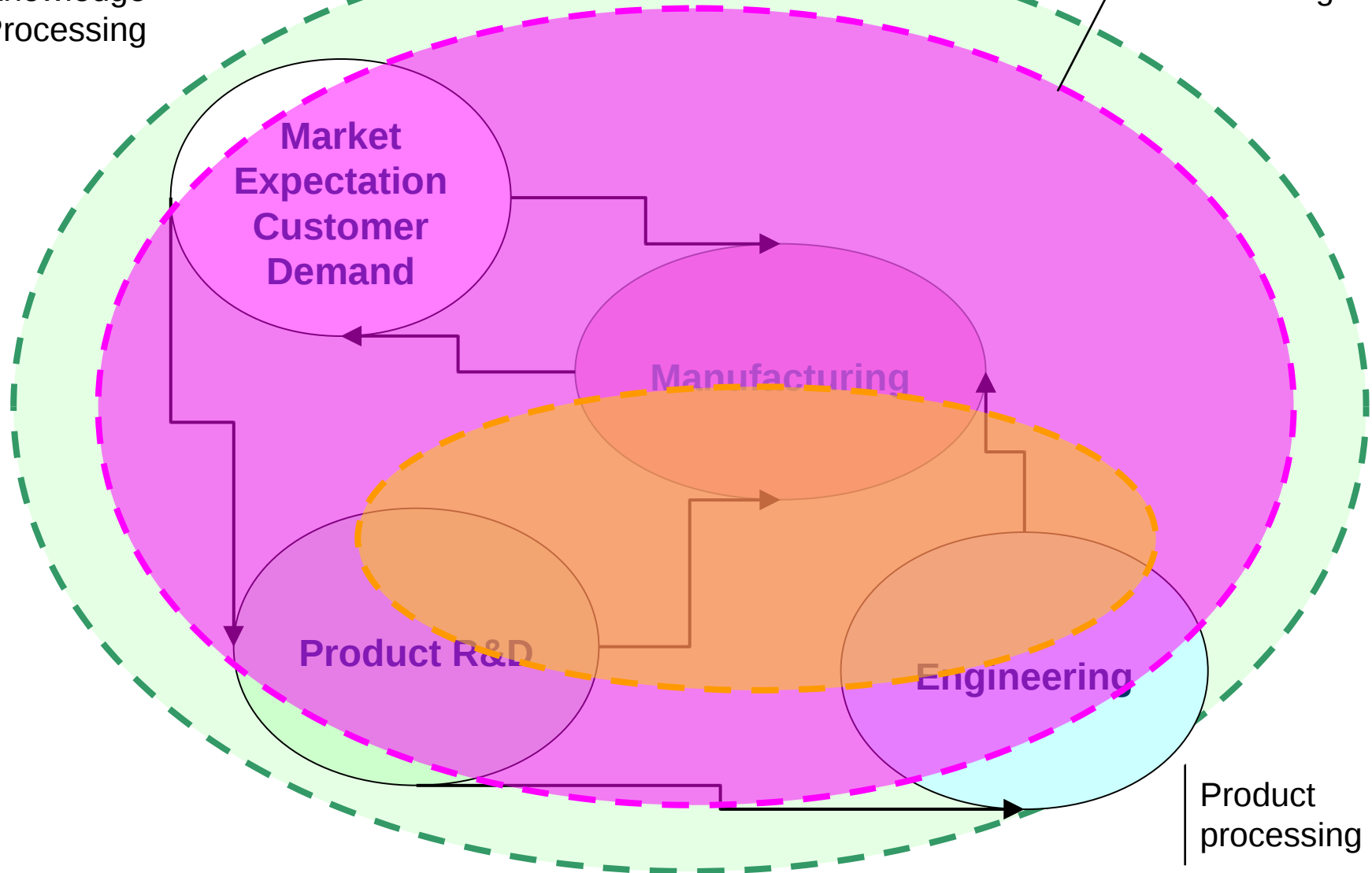
Industrial Enterprise System – Main processing domains



Production system lifecycles

Knowledge Processing

Money Processing



Product processing

- **Creates Objective syntropic Value**
 - by combining simple elements of matter/energy/information into more complex elements of higher potential usage / energy / information
 - Saleable products
- **Handles physical flows and transformation, includes**
 - Facilities engineering providing processing capabilities
 - Sourcing, subcontracting, delivery
 - Operations (production, Utilities, Logistics, maintenance, quality ..)
- **Domain of responsibility**
 - To serve the Money processing diligently
 - To manage its resources efficiently
 - Avoiding waste
 - Minimizing entropy

Money Processing

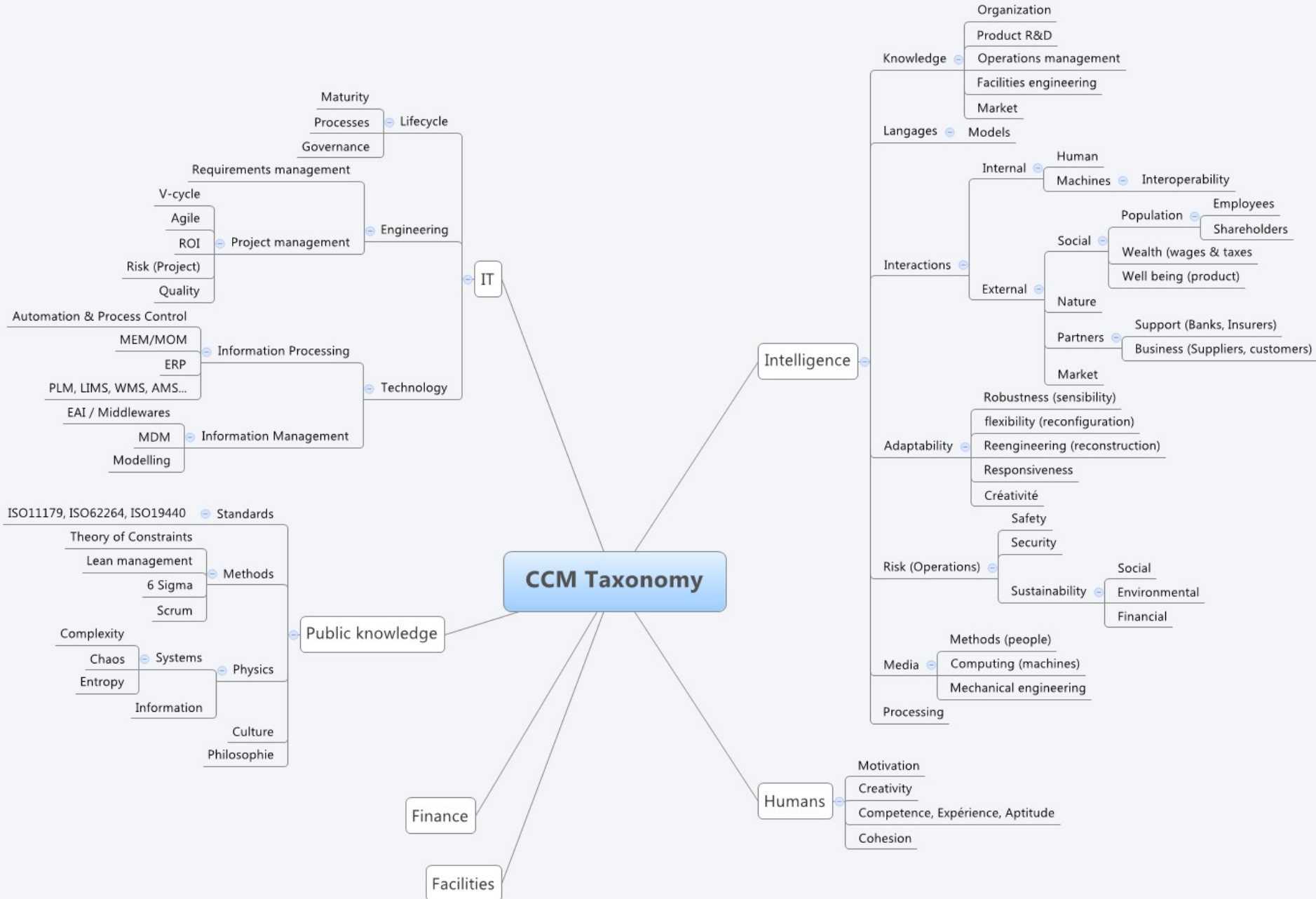
- **Creates Economic Value**
 - for shareholders, employees, government
 - by connecting the product processing capabilities to the Market,
 - By creating Economic “subjective” value perceivable by customers
- **Includes activities not related to product processing**
 - Marketing, Sales, Purchasing
 - Planning
- **Directs the (product) Knowledge processing**
 - Translating the Market expectations into saleable products in terms of features, cost and timing
- **Directs the Product Processing**
 - Defining its mission (what to do, how to do, what to use)
 - Supervising its activities and Monitoring its performance
 - for what it is important for the money perspective

Knowledge processing

- **Exploit available knowledge, develop internal knowledge**
 - to improve Money processing and sustainability
- **Encompass knowledge about**
 - Marketing, Product, Facilities engineering
 - Operations, Organization
- **Knowledge is developed and used by**
 - People (methods, theories)
 - Machines (mechanics engineering, electronic computing algorithms)
- **Supports the Money processing**
 - Process market requirements for feasibility and costing
 - Implements new products development
- **Supports the Product processing**
 - Operating procedures and continuous improvement support

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Development of an enterprise system taxonomy



Thank You !