

# Supply Chain Management for Palm Oil Industry

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# Part I: Network Synthesis



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# Network Management

- Integrated planning of the activities in a supply chain
- Planning and control of flow of goods, services, money, and information
- Allows customers and suppliers to partner together
  - Maximize responsiveness and flexibility
  - Reducing costs and paperwork
  - Gain sustainable competitive advantage



# Objectives of Network Management

- Examine the network participants
- Acknowledge the interrelationships among business processes that support the network
- Recognize how business intelligence tools are used in decision analysis



- Can be maintained by manufacturer
  - Continuous replenishment
  - Can link into POS systems
- Cross-docking
- Creates linkages between supplier and retailer
  - Lower costs
  - Better customer service
  - Increased profitability
- Information sharing along supply chain
  - Translates sales transactions into production processes and material requirements

## Network Relationships



# continued

- Benefits
  - Cost reduction
  - Inventory reduction
  - Cycle time improvement
  - Improved customer service
- Integration requires commitment to strategy, process, organization, and technology
  - What linkages should be established
  - Communications
  - Data integration



# Process Network Synthesis

- Process Network Synthesis (PNS) is the combination of all feasible process pathways and solutions creates a huge super structure.
- Objective: optimum solution and flexible alternative solution is always challenging.



# Start from a simple example: Coffee making





# Raw materials, intermediates, products





A guide to the finer points of coffee-making, using six common brew methods



30 seconds  
Brew time

**Single-cup system**  
**Pros:** Convenient, coffee always fresh  
**Cons:** No aroma from handling grounds  
**Tip:** Be sure pods contain high-quality beans



4-6 minutes

**Pour-over brewer**  
**Pros:** Inexpensive, brew one cup or a whole carafe  
**Cons:** Labor intensive  
**Tip:** A favorite of coffee professionals



4-6 minutes

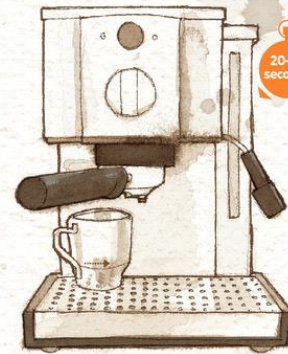
**Drip coffee maker**  
**Pros:** Convenient, some people like an automatic timer  
**Cons:** If water isn't hot enough, taste is diminished  
**Tip:** Be sure to keep it clean



4-6 minutes

**French press**  
**Pros:** Deep, rich flavor  
**Cons:** Labor intensive, coffee cools down fast  
**Tip:** Achieve best brew temperature (195 to 205 degrees Fahrenheit) by waiting a moment before pouring the boiled water

Source: Peter Giuliano, Specialty Coffee Association of America



20-30 seconds

**Espresso maker**  
**Pros:** Makes strong coffee  
**Cons:** Complicated to use and clean  
**Tip:** Consider splurging on a high-quality grinder instead of a pricey brew machine



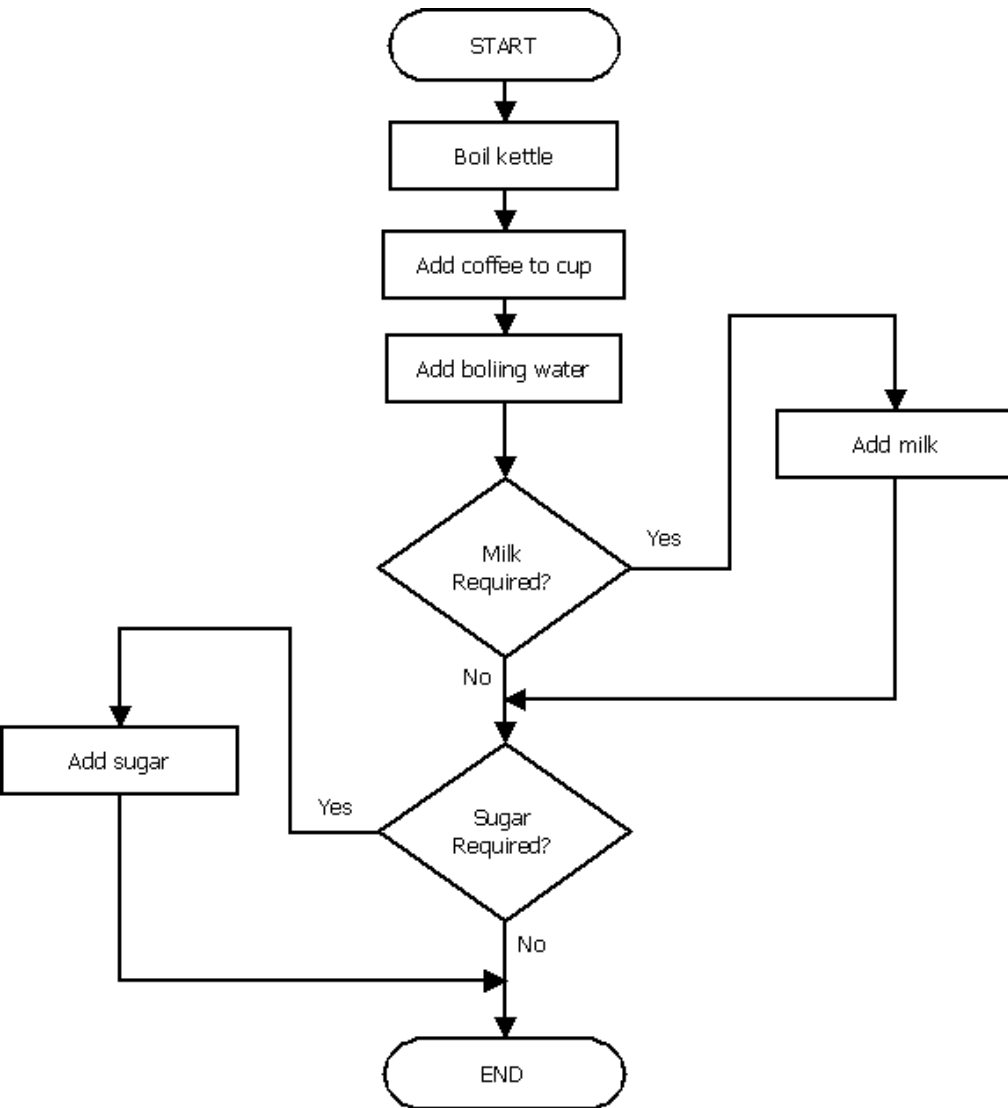
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**Electric percolator**  
**Pros:** Brews very hot coffee  
**Cons:** High temperature can eradicate delicate coffee notes  
**Tip:** Limit how long coffee sits in machine

Mike Suda/The Wall Street Journal



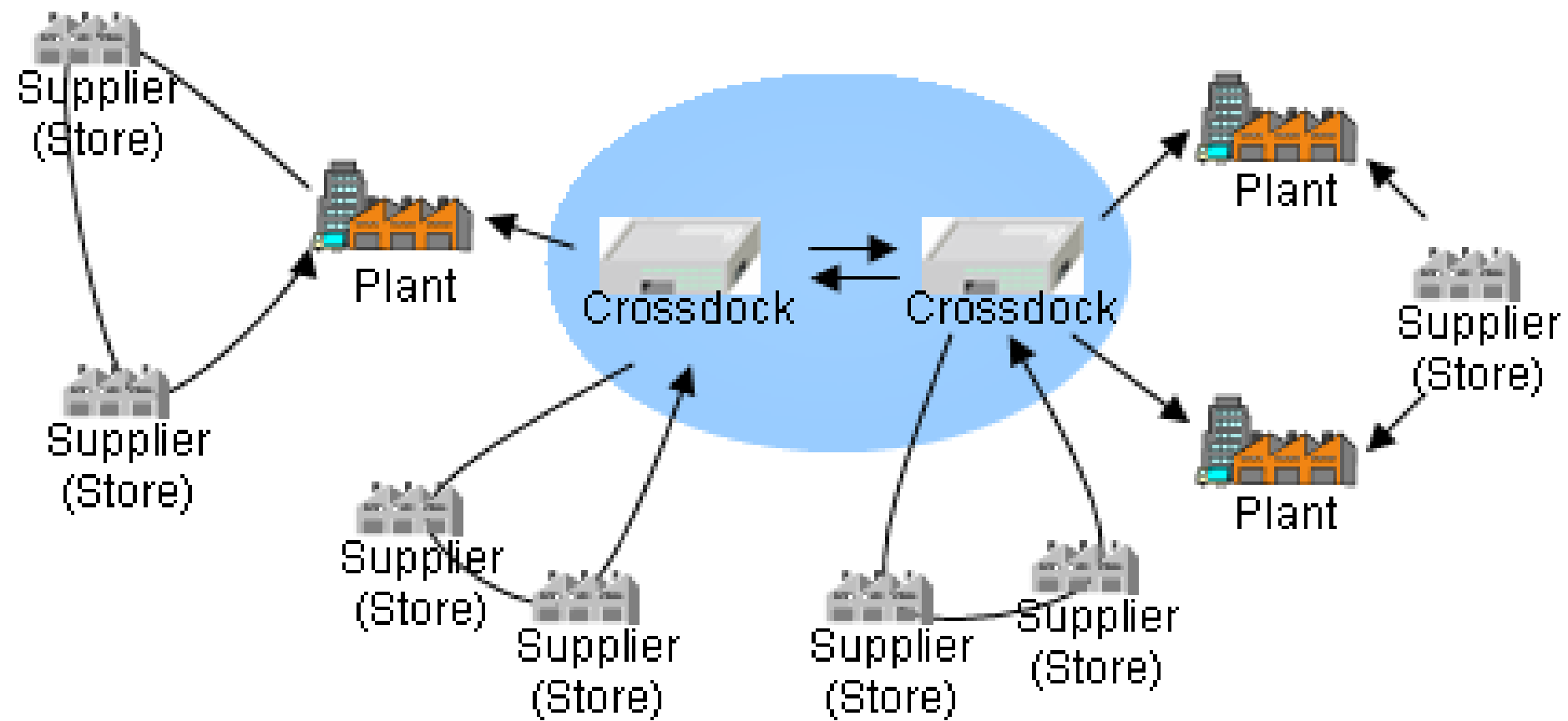
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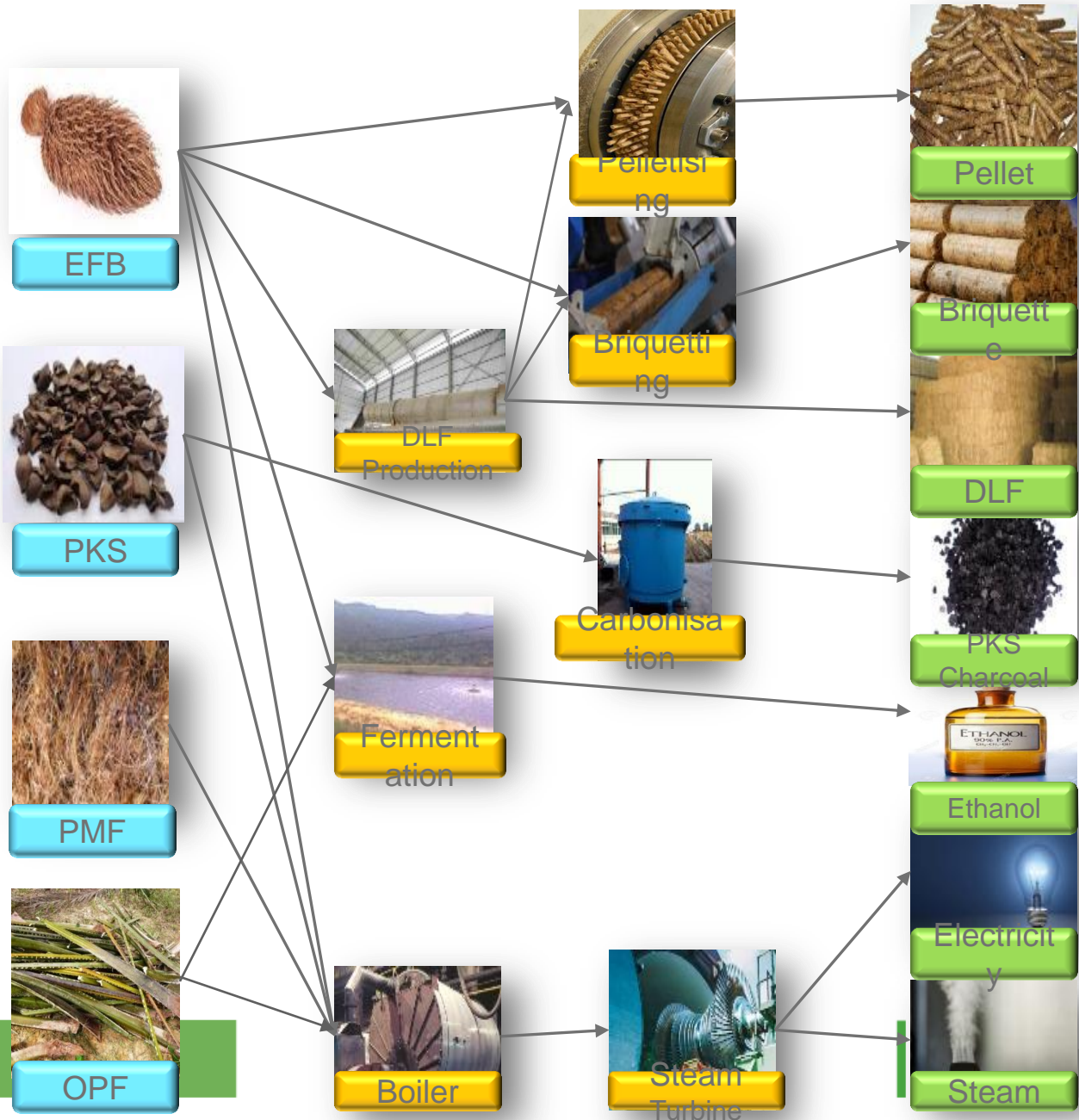


# Key answer to Network solution: 5W Why, Where, Who, What, How

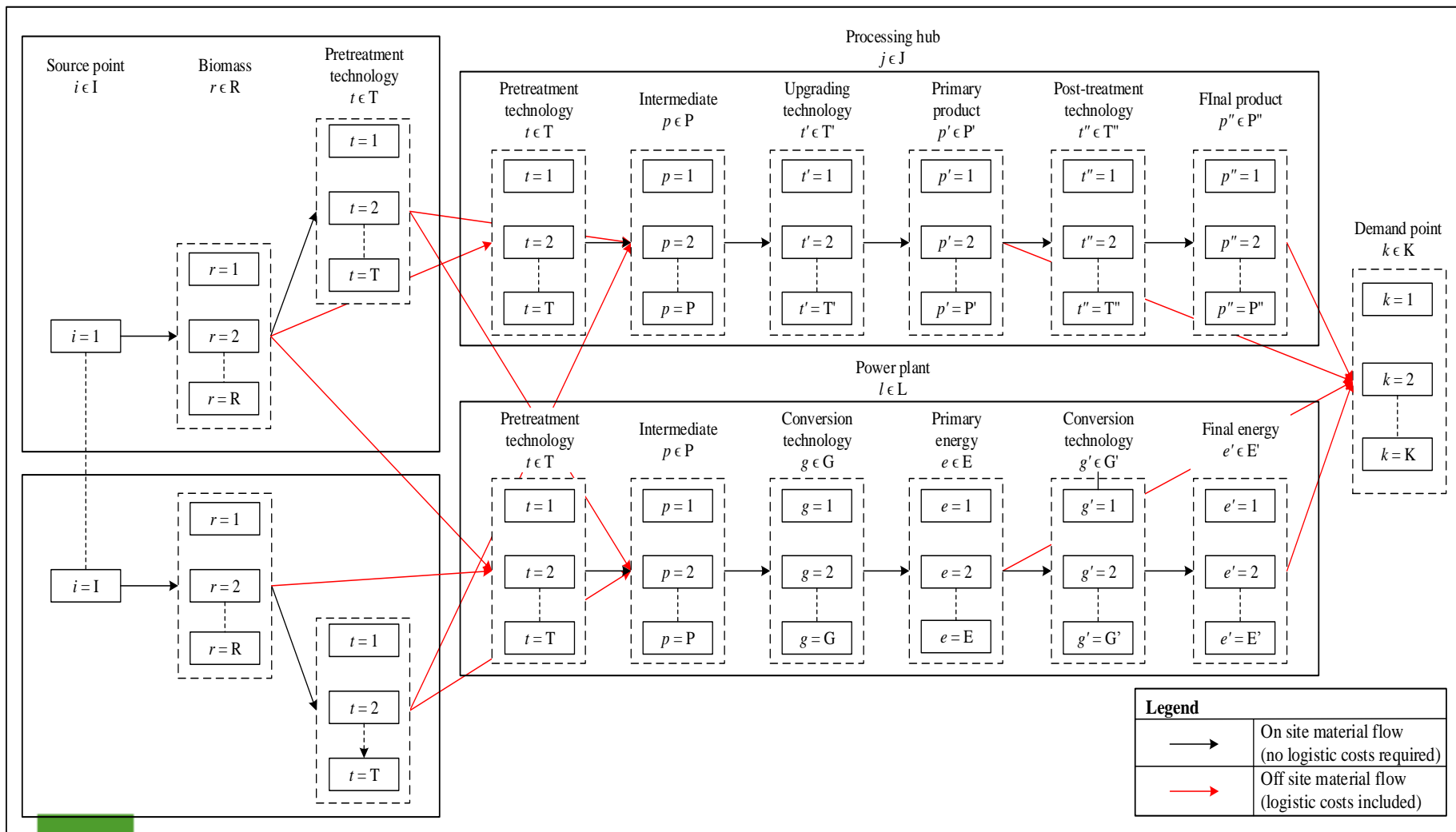








# Generic superstructure





Part 2:

# Basic linear programming for PNS



# Basic Network Model



Observe supply limit:  $\sum_j x_{ij} \leq a_i$

Satisfy demand:  $\sum_i x_{ij} \geq b_j$

Objective function: minimise  $\sum_i \sum_j c_{ij} x_{ij}$

# Algebraic Representation

## *Indices (or sets):*

$i$  = plants

$j$  = markets

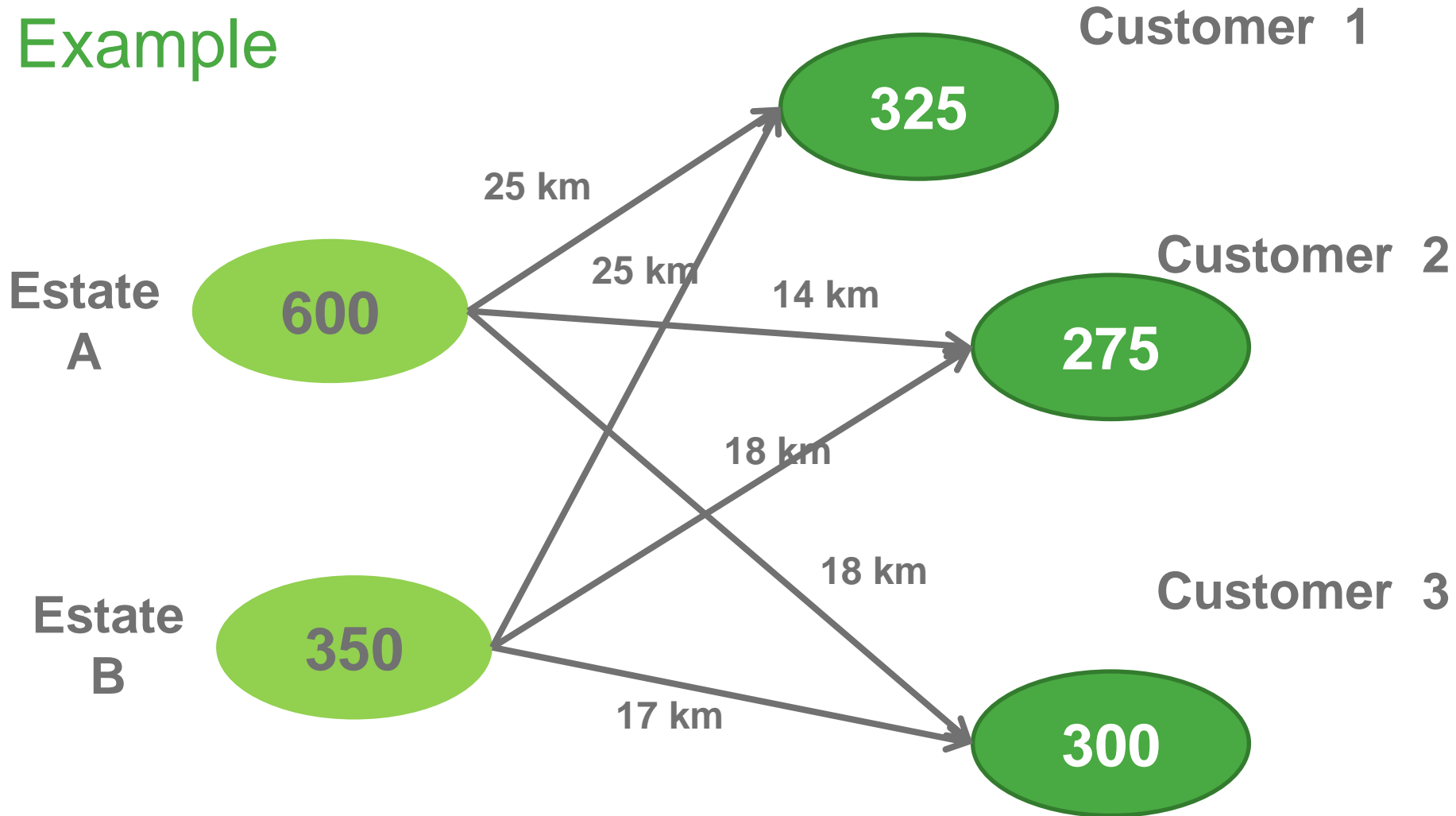
## *Given Data (or parameters):*

$a_i$  = supply of commodity of plant  $i$  (in cases)

$b_j$  = demand for commodity at market  $j$  (cases)

$c_{ij}$  = cost per unit shipment between plant  $i$  and market  $j$  (\$/case)

# Example



Minimise: Transportation cost  
Subject to: Demand satisfaction and supply constraints

# What do we need as input ?

Distance/ Transportation cost

Supply

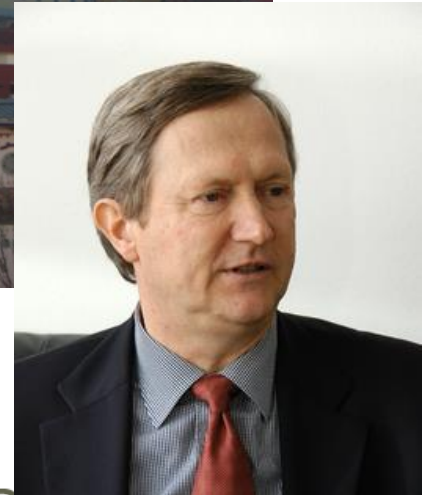
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# Part 3:

## Introduction to P-graph





# Introduction to P-Graph

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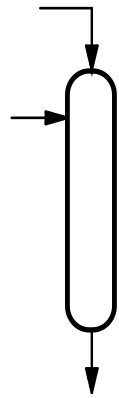
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P-graph Founder,  
Prof. Friedler Ferenc

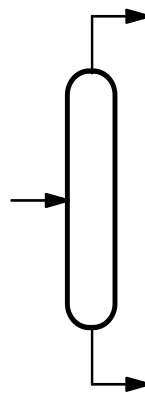
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(block-style)

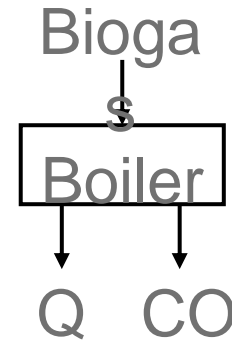
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Distillation  
column

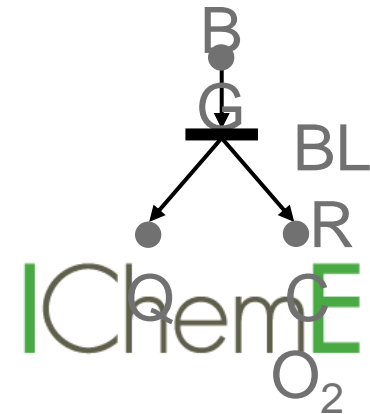
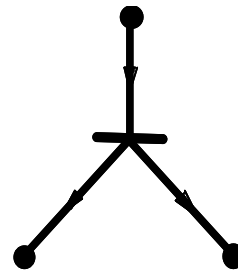
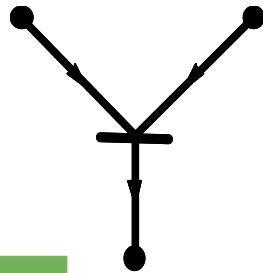


Boiler



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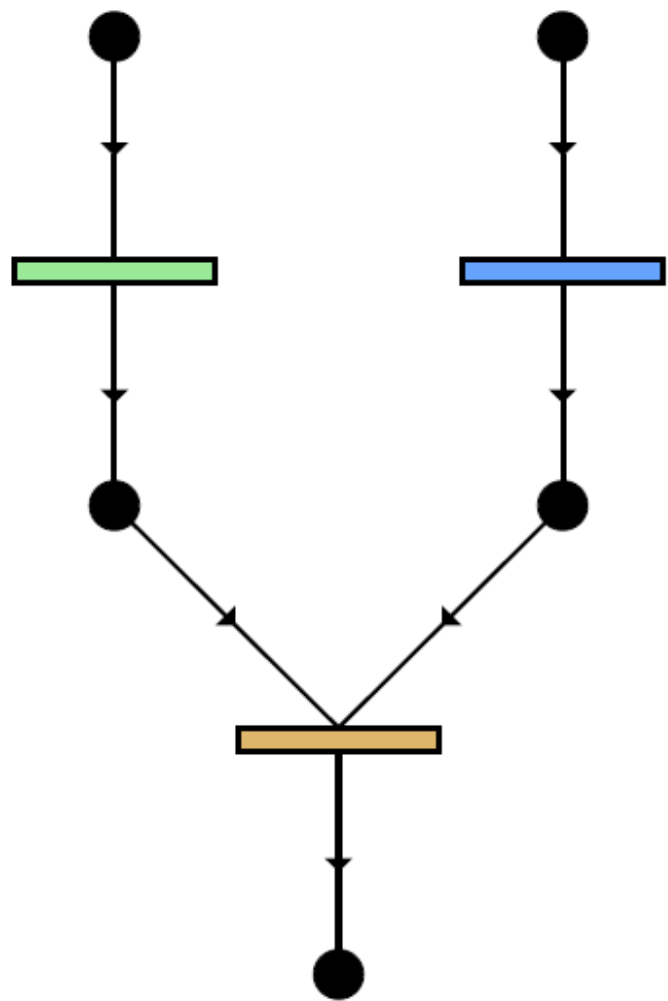
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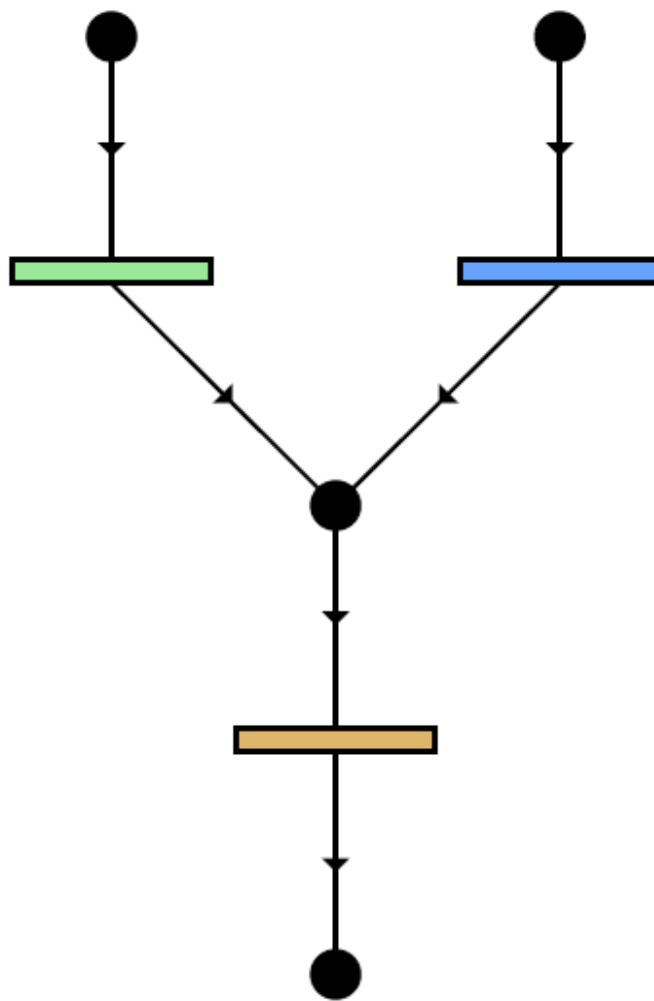
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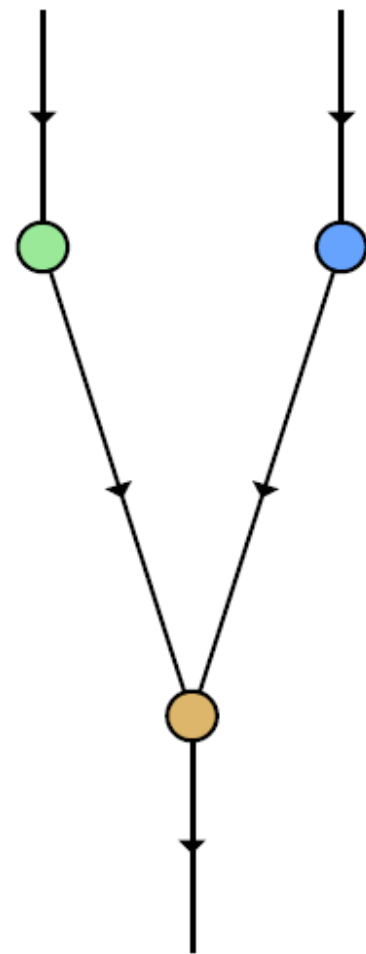




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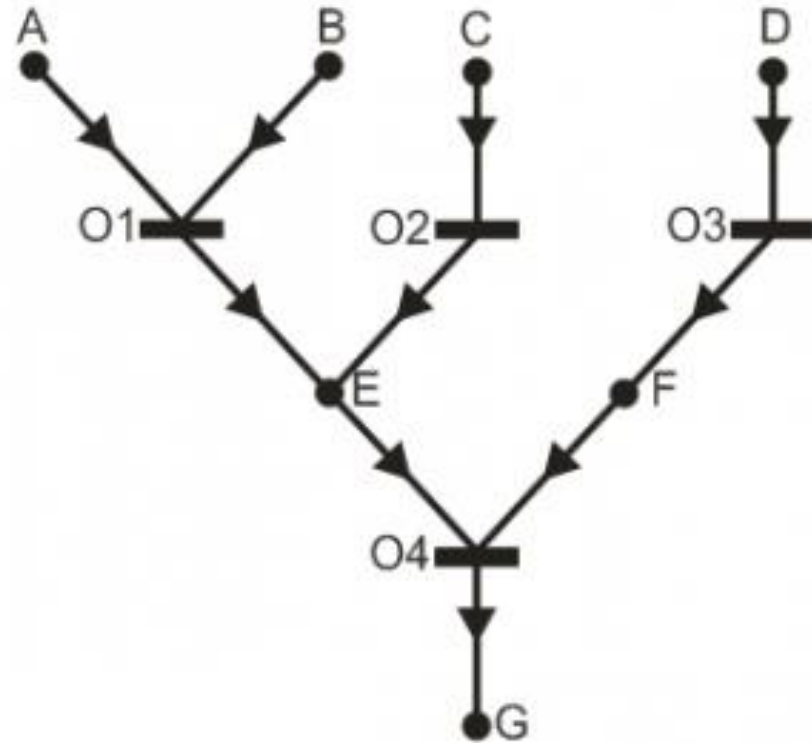
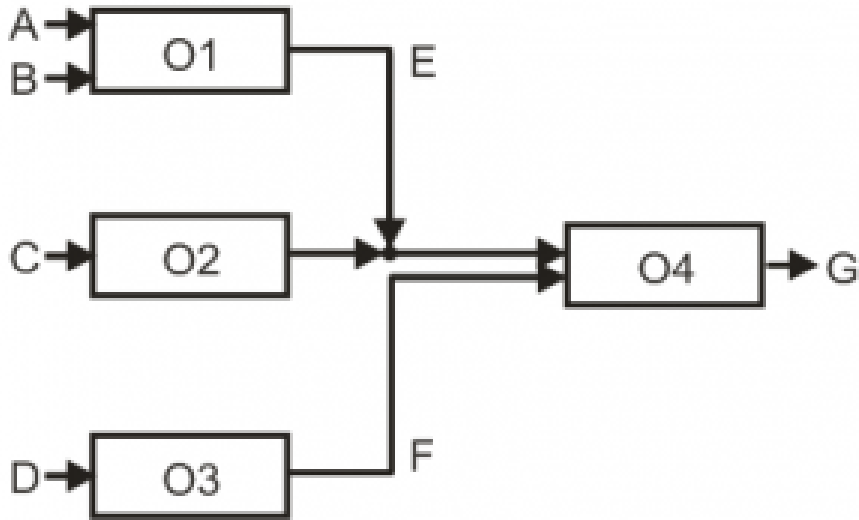


P-graph



Directed graph

# What you draw is what you get!

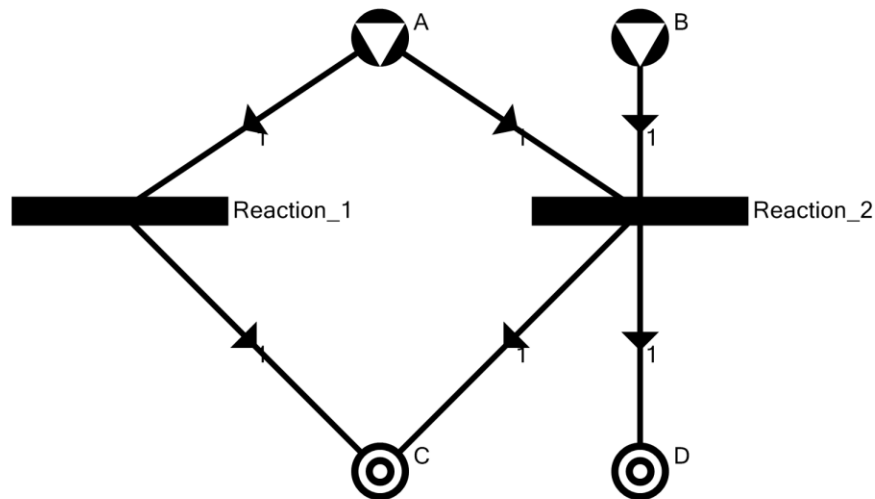


# Introduction

## *Difference between MSG/ SSG?*

- ❖ There are two reactions pathway to produce Desired Product “C”
  - Reaction 1:  $A \rightarrow C$
  - Reaction 2:  $A + B \rightarrow C + D$

❖ MSG:



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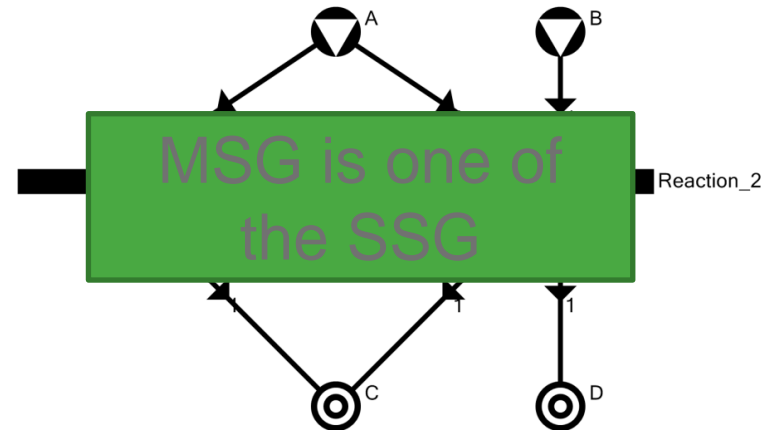
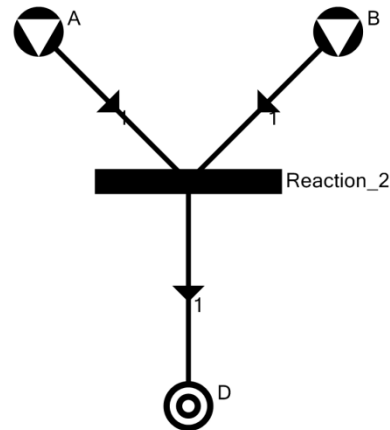
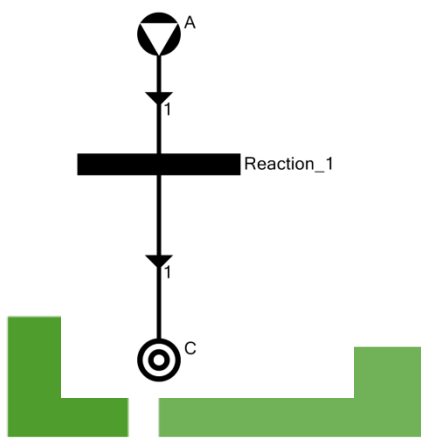
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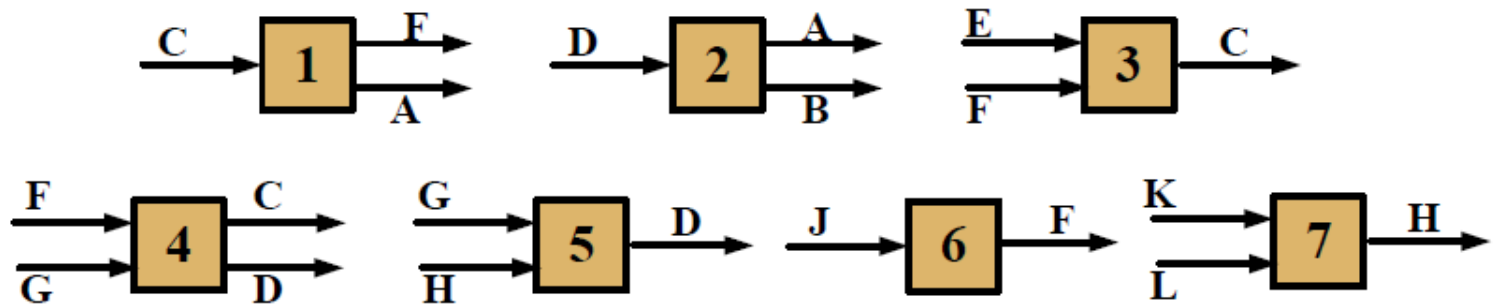
➤ Reaction 2:  $A + B \rightarrow C + D$

❖ SSG:



# Play a game: Construct a complete process network

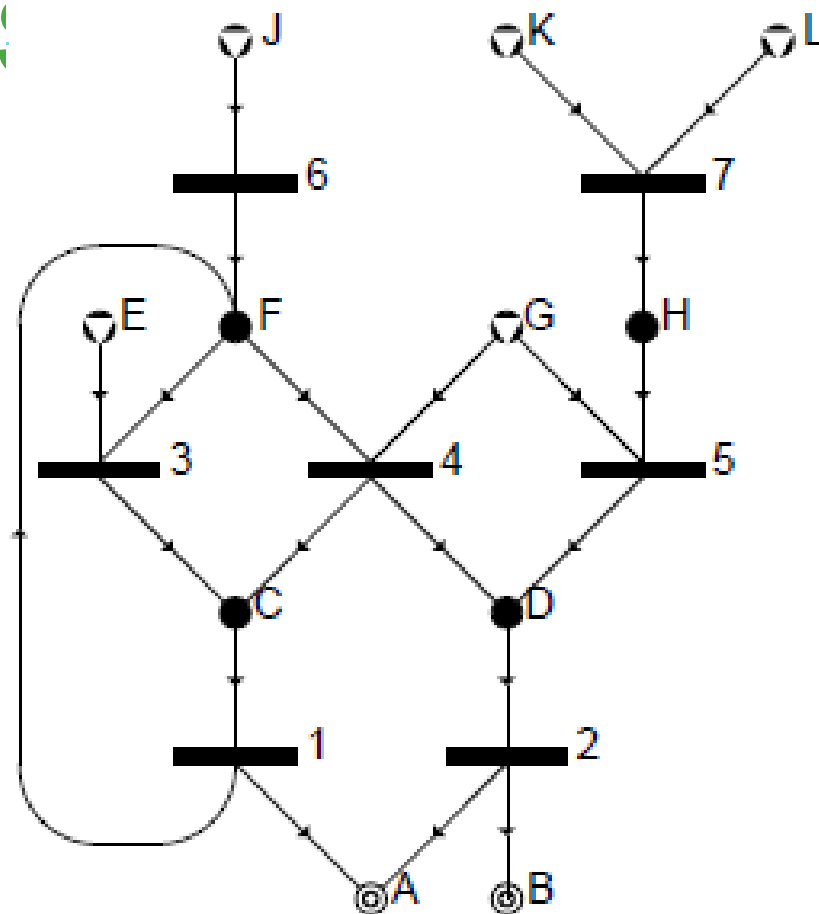
- Operating units (unit operations):



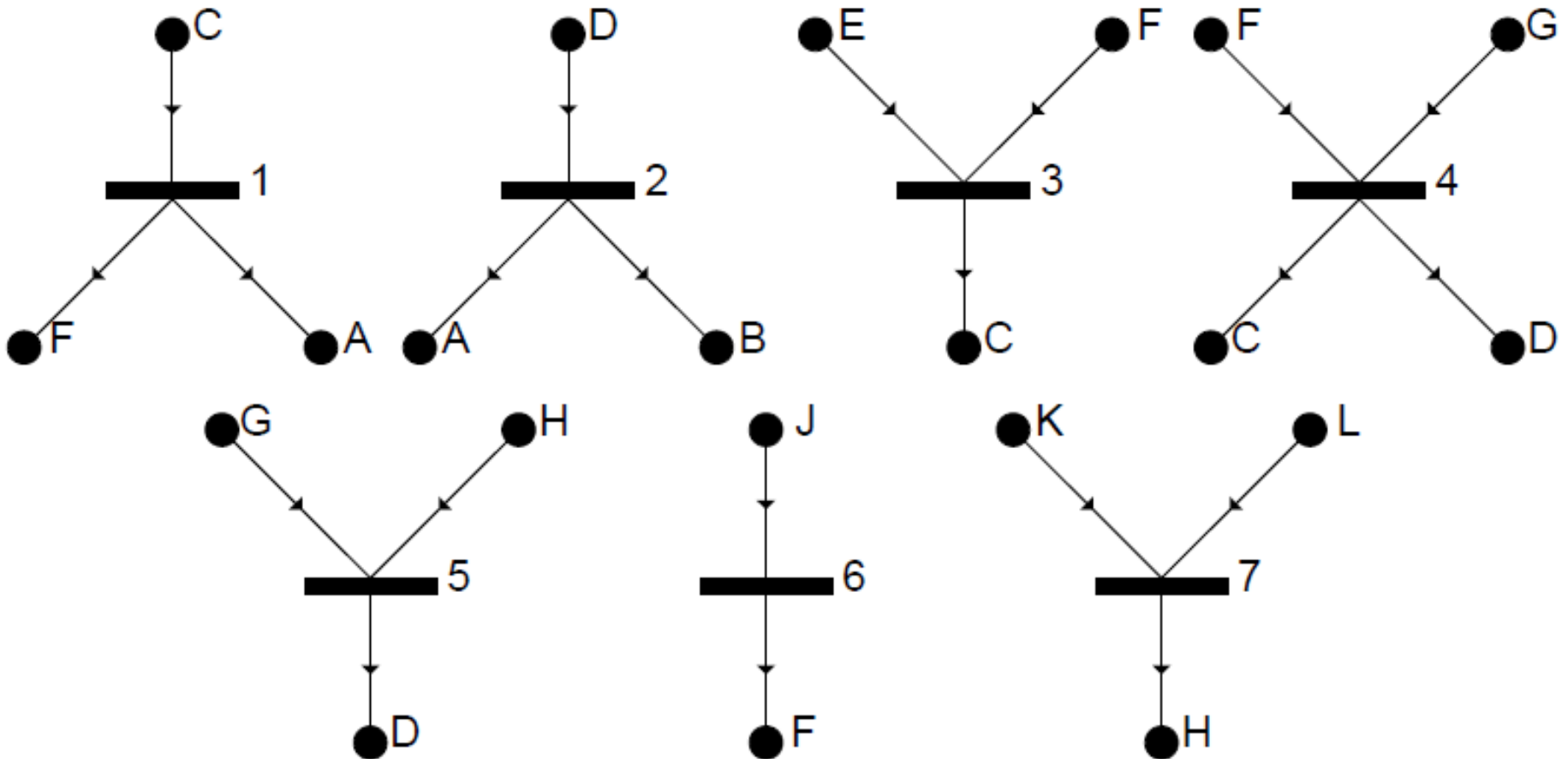
- Product: A
- Raw materials: E, G, J, K, L



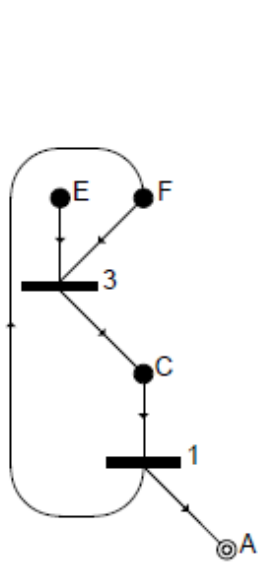
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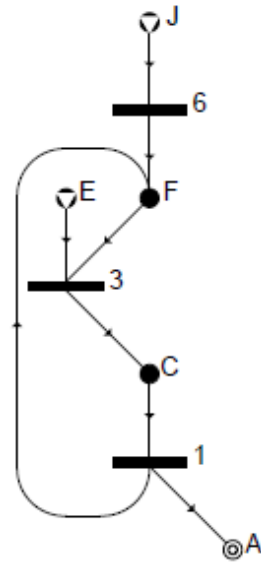
# How many feasible solutions?



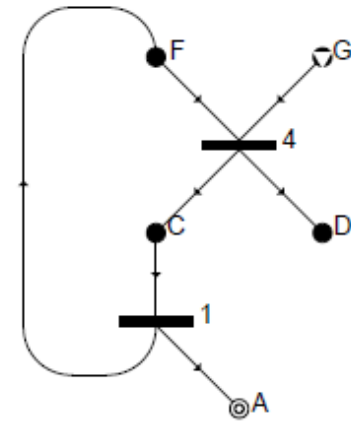
# All feasible networks



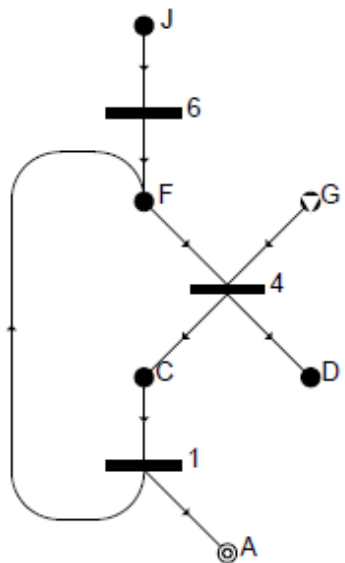
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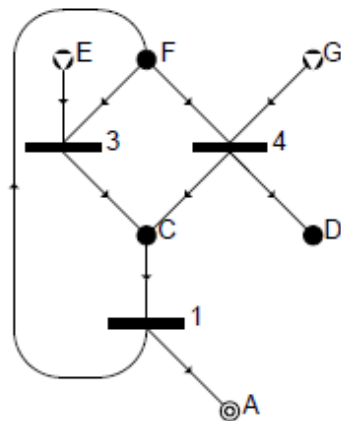
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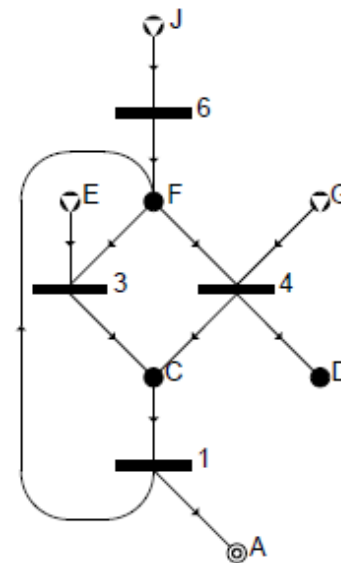
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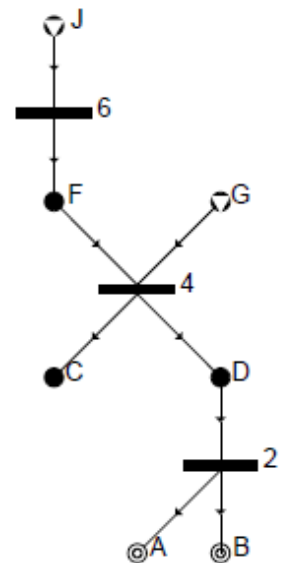
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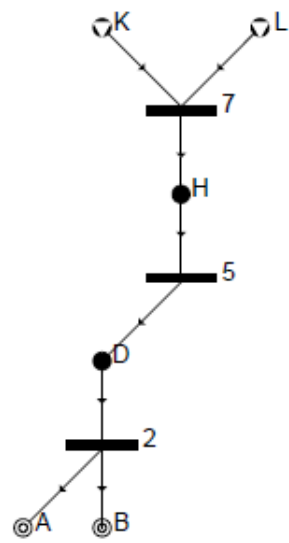


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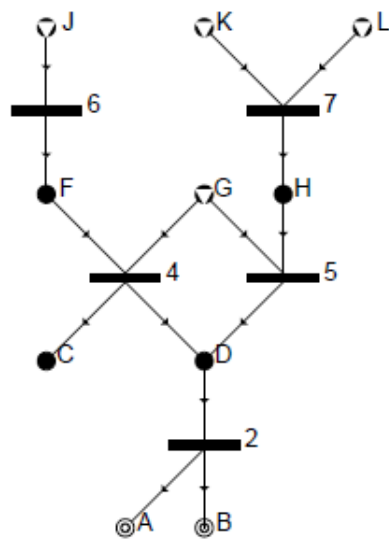


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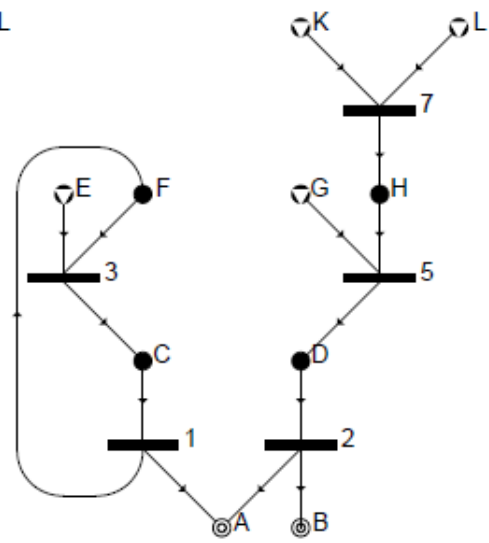




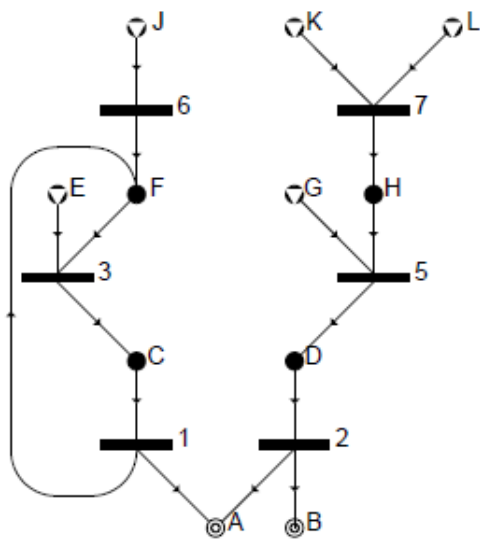
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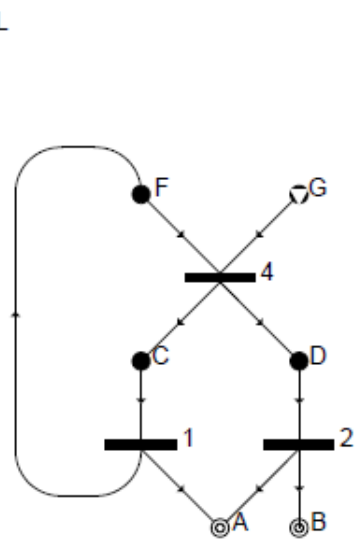
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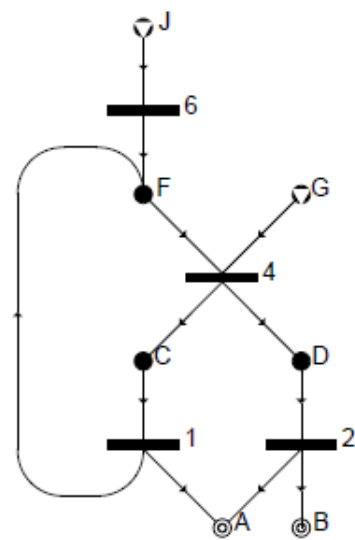
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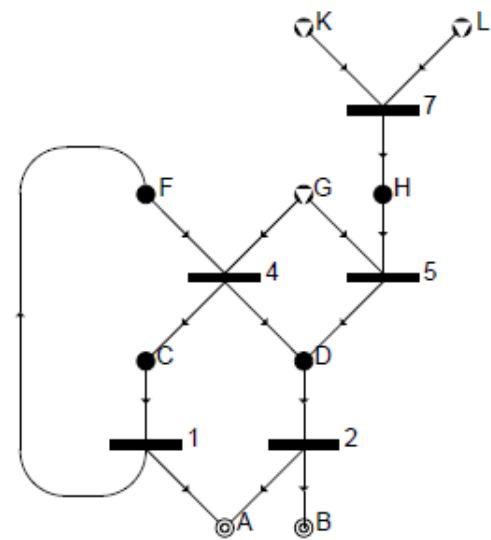
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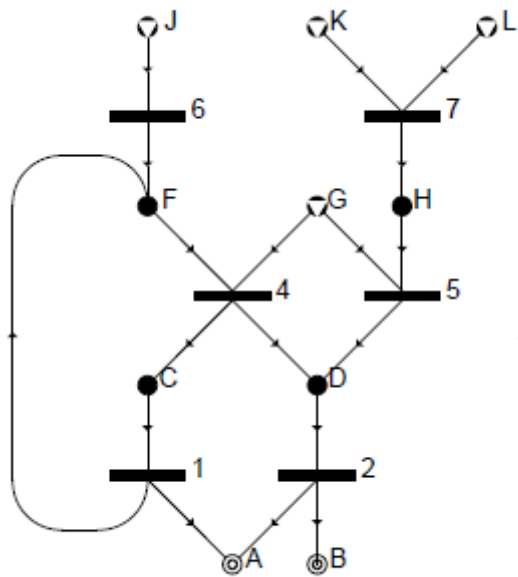
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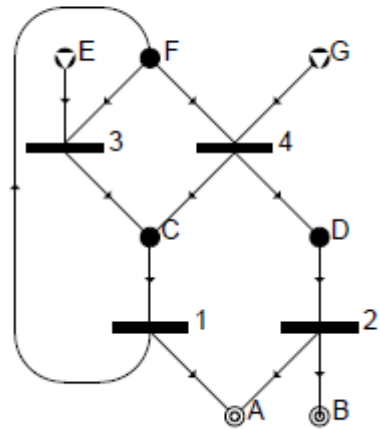
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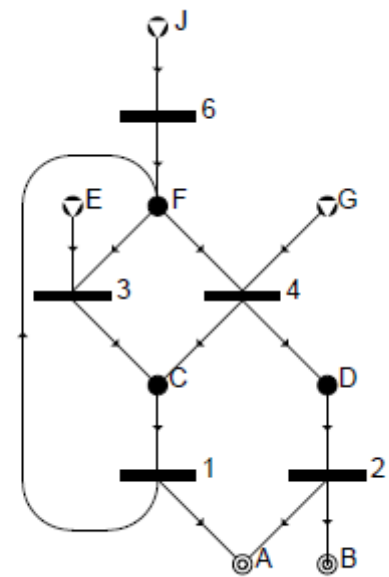
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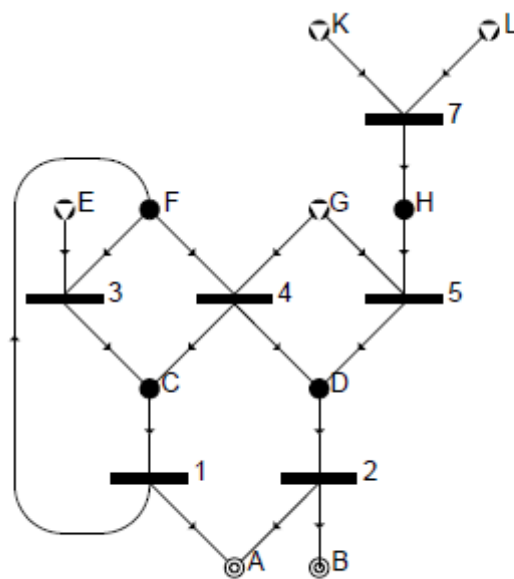
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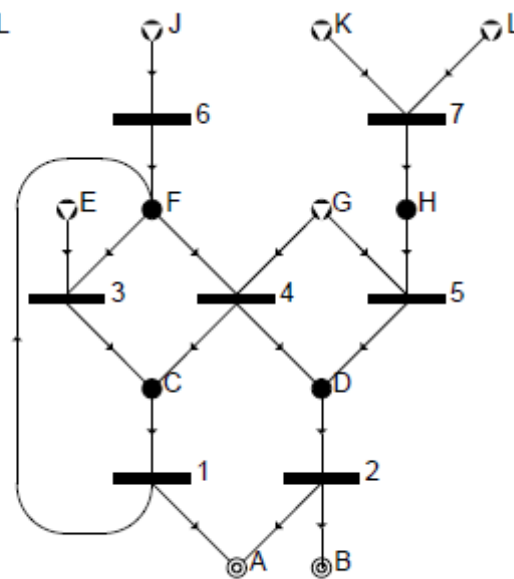
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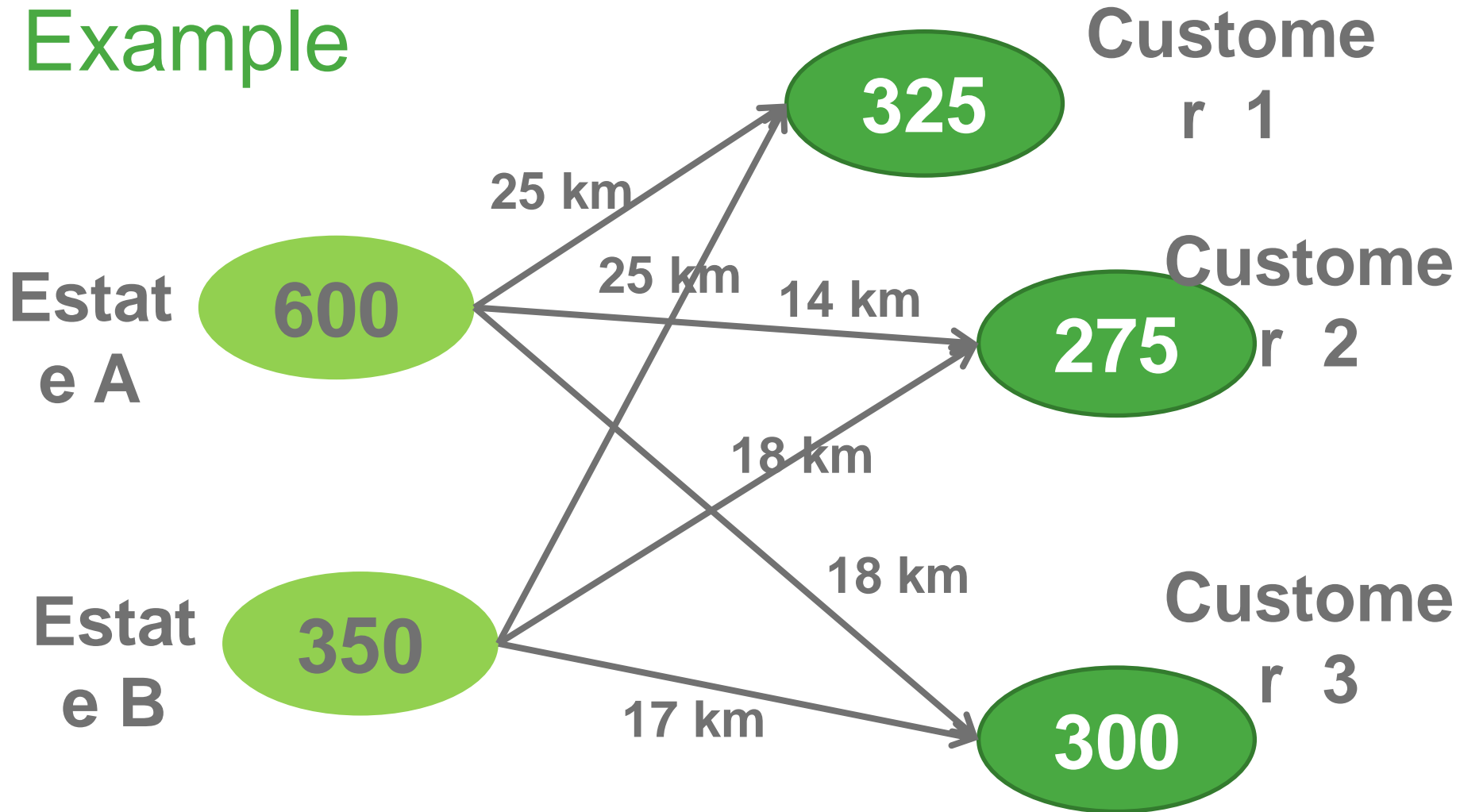
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# Example

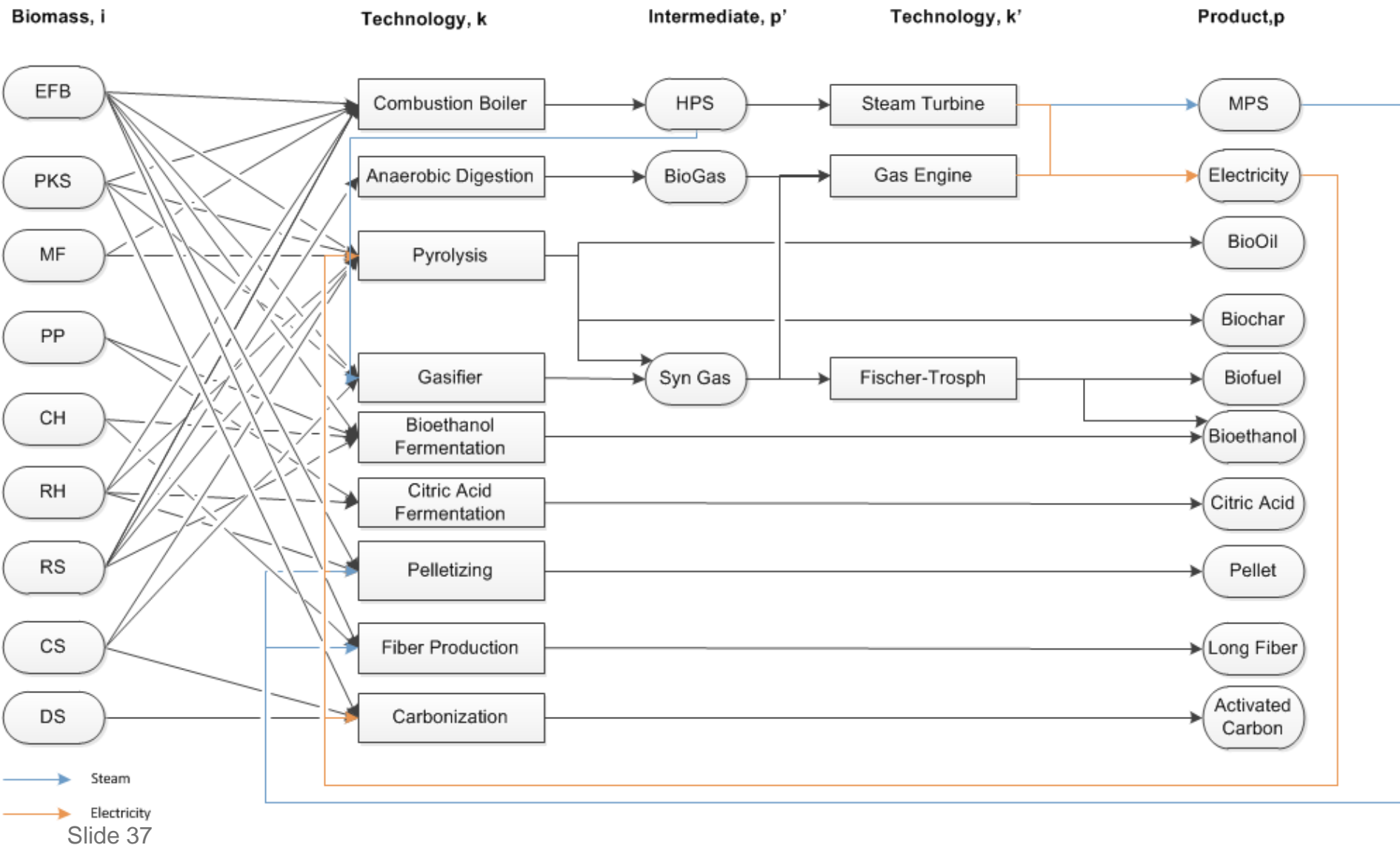


Can we draw a P-graph representation for this network?

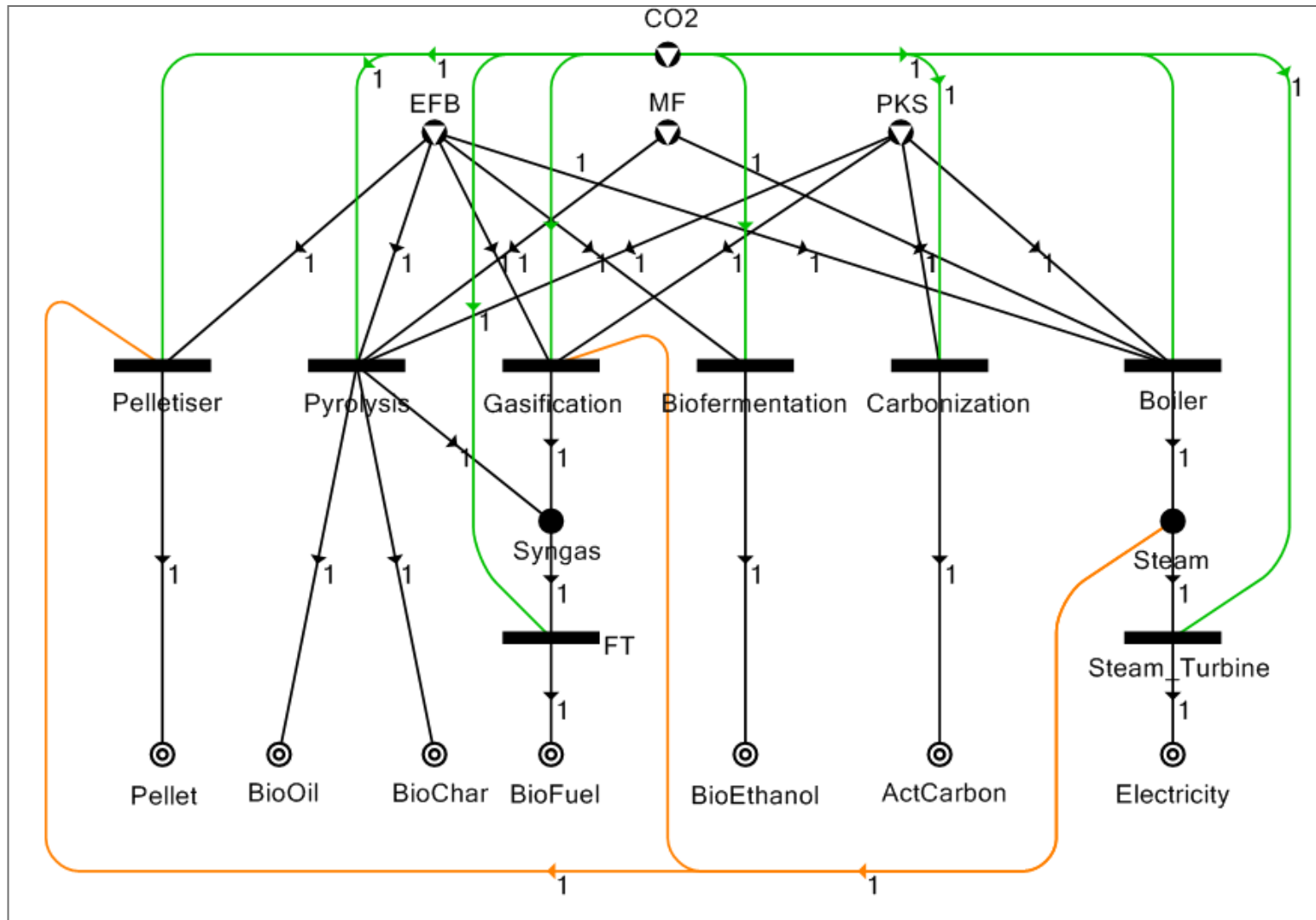
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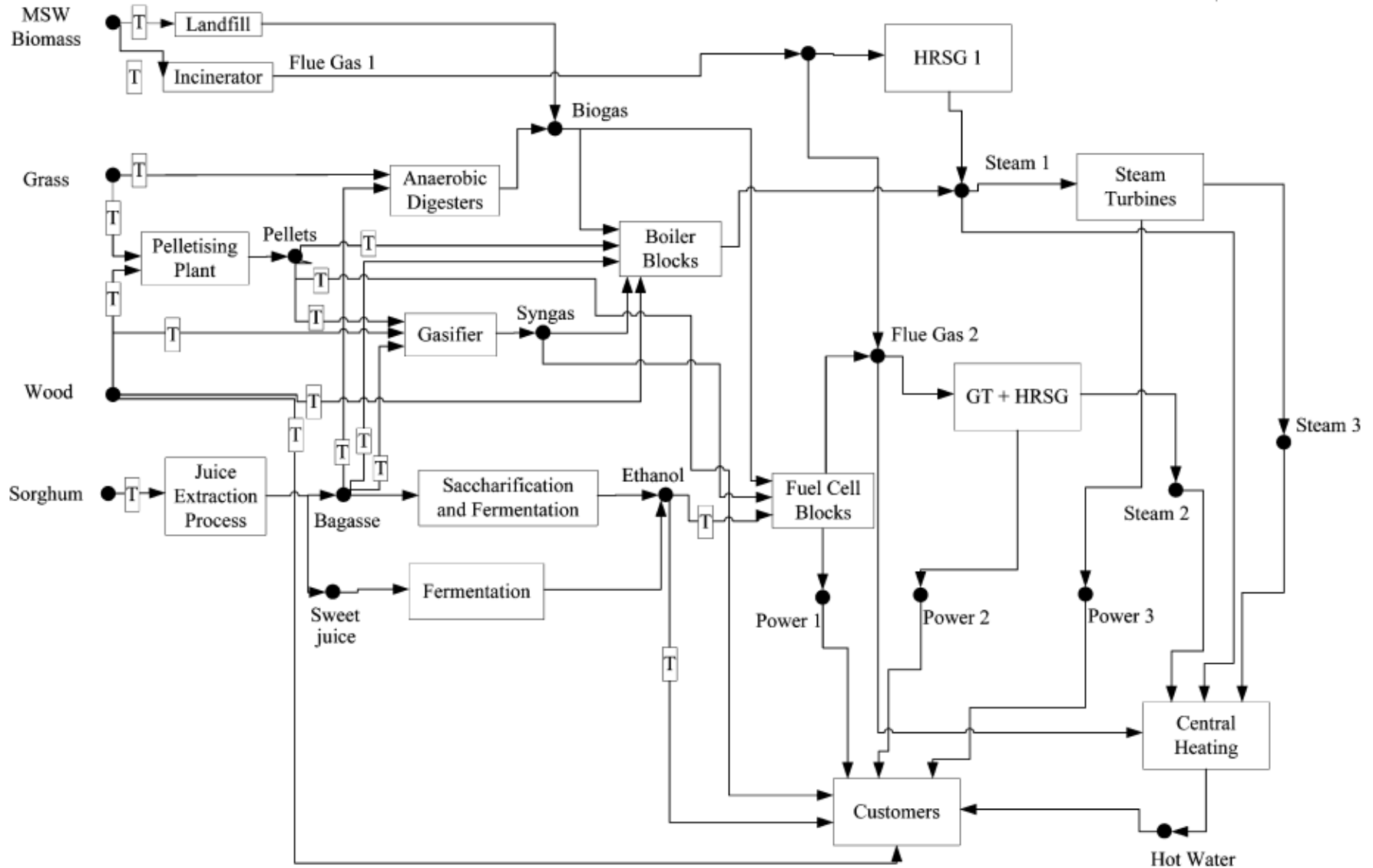
# Examples of PNS problem: Biomass Network

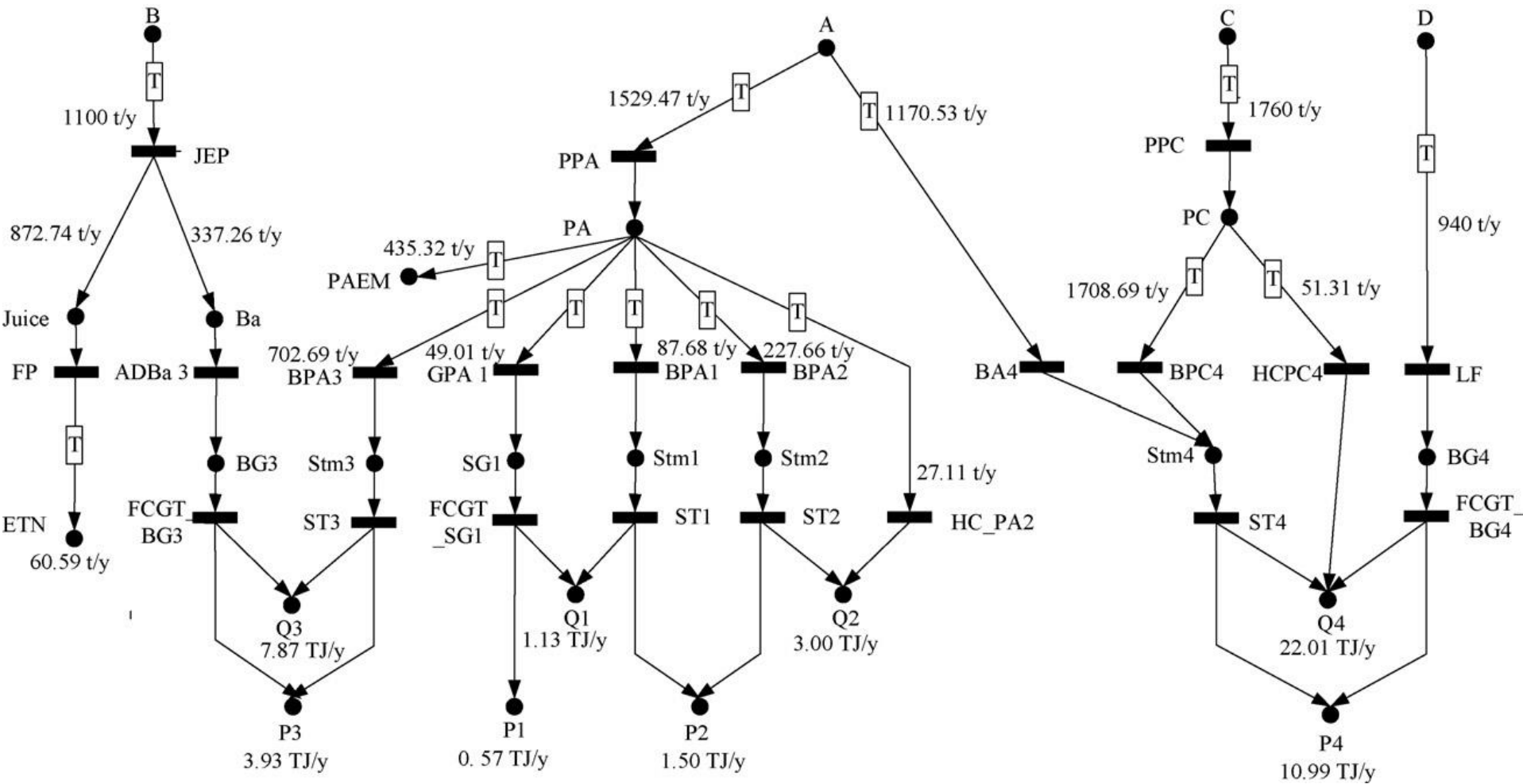


# P-graph Presentation

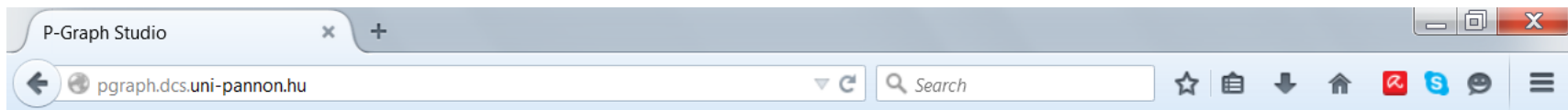


# Biomass Process Network









## Department of Computer Science and Systems Technology, University of Pannonia P-Graph Studio

**Name:** P-Graph Studio

**Version:** 4.0.2.1

**Publisher:** Department of Computer Science and Systems Technology, University of Pannonia

The following prerequisites are required:

- Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5.1 (x86 and x64)
- Windows Installer 4.5

Click the button below to install the prerequisites and run the application.

Install

# P-graph Studio 4.0 Installation: Download from [pgraph.dcs.uni-pannon.hu](http://pgraph.dcs.uni-pannon.hu)



# Separation

Create a P-graph for:

- 1) 10 kg of Mixture A will be separated into B(5.5kg) and C(3.8kg) and 2kg of CO<sub>2</sub> by a separator
- 2) What are the output of 500t of Mixture A being separated in the same unit



# Mixing

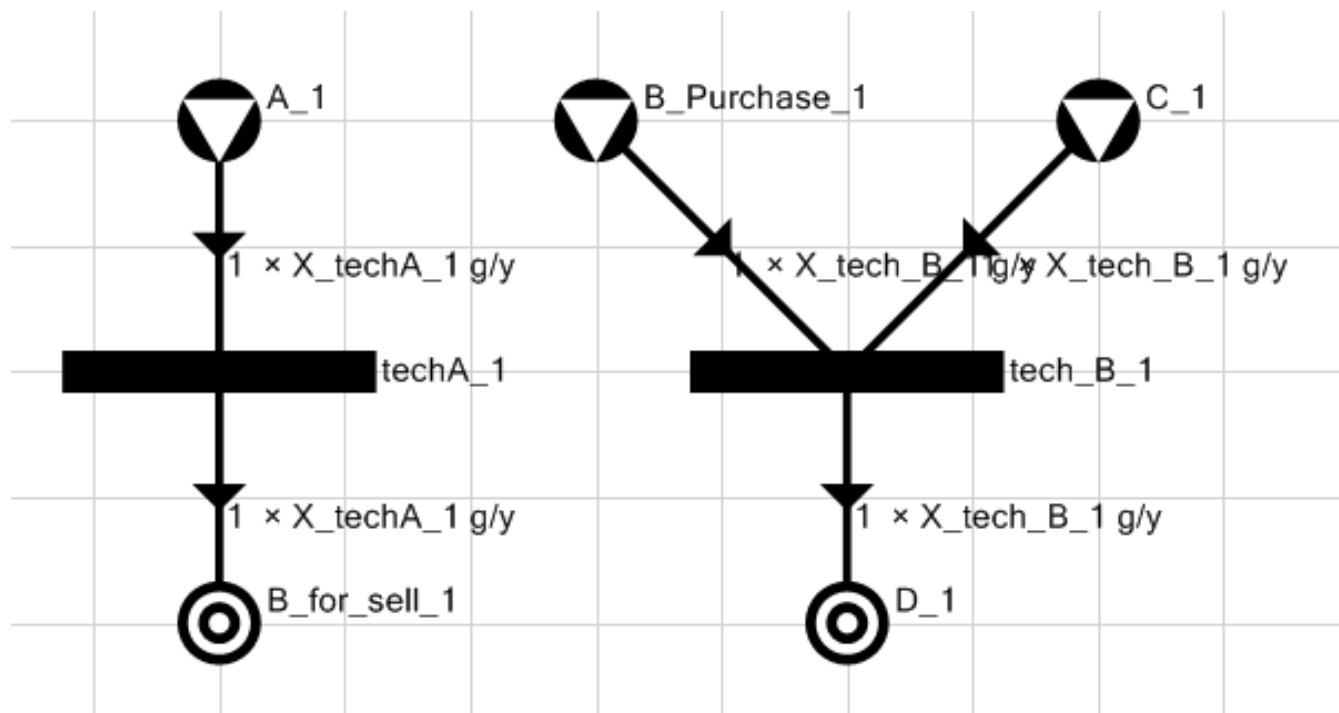
Create a P-graph for:

- 1) 10 kg of A (RM1.50 per kg) will be compressed as pellets (9kg)
- 2) 10 kg of B (RM 1.80 per kg) will be cut and dried up as chips (9.5kg)
- 3) A burner is used to burn 15kg of biomass to heat up water.
- 4) What are the solution?

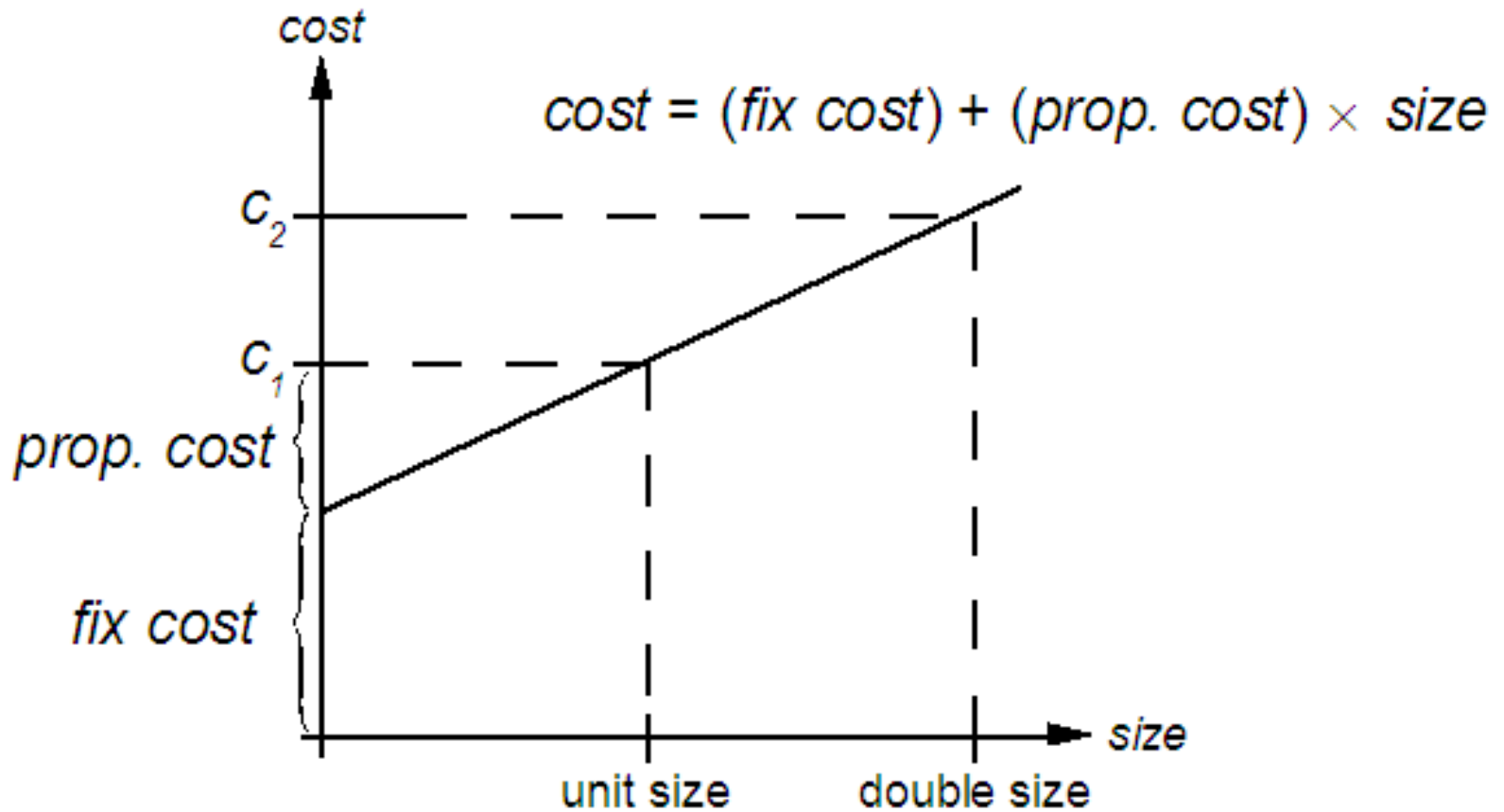


# Recycling

Create a complete recycle network for this example:



C



# Maximum flow vs. Required flow

## Lower vs. Upper Capacity



# Working Session: Biorefinary Solution



## ❖ Utilization of paddy biomass (rice husk)

➤ Availability : 100 t/y

➤ Purchasing Price: \$24.38/t

➤ 3 possible tech:

1. Combustion in boiler to produce steam, and utilized the steam to generate electricity
2. Fast pyrolysis to produce syngas, biochar, and py-oil
3. Slow pyrolysis to produce syngas and biochar





## ❖ Conversion

Tech	Conversion	Elec Requirement
1	Boiler : 4.787t HP Steam/t rice husk Turbine: 0.91t MP Steam/t HP Steam 0.58 kW/ t HP Steam	
2	0.26 t biochar/t rice husk 210 dm <sup>3</sup> syngas/t rice husk 530 dm <sup>3</sup> py-oil/t rice husk	120 kW/t rice husk
3	0.36 t biochar/t rice husk 640 dm <sup>3</sup> syngas/t rice husk	90 kW/t rice husk



❖ Material and operating units...

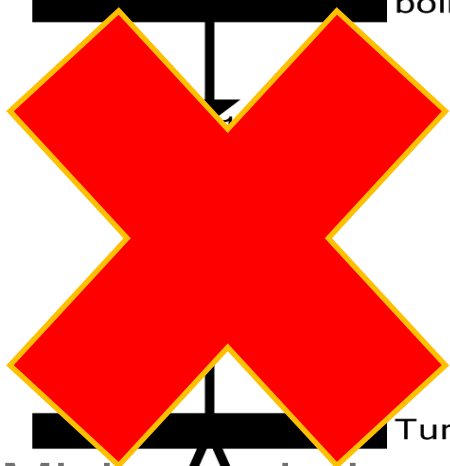
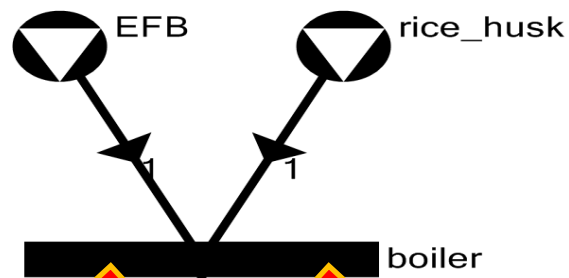
Material	Price
Electricity	Importing price: \$0.14 /kW Exporting price: \$0.11/kW
Bio-char	\$350/t
Syngas	\$0.122/dm <sup>3</sup>
Py-oil	\$0.25/dm <sup>3</sup>

Op. Unit	Operating Cost	Capital Cost
Boiler	--	\$ 12.44/t rice husk
Turbine	--	\$ 0.03/t HP Steam
Fast.p	\$14.38/t rice husk	\$157.5/ t rice husk
Slow.p	\$4.45/t rice husk	\$95.8/t rice husk



- ❖ Generate your MSG in PNS draw now!
- ❖ Convert it to PNS file and key in the info
- ❖ Answer the questions:
  1. How many possible solutions?
  2. List out the best and 2<sup>nd</sup> best solutions
  3. Set a capacity constraint of 20 t for slow pyrolyzer, how does it affect your solutions?
  4. If the demand of py-oil is 20 dm<sup>3</sup>, how does it affect your answer?
  5. Now add another new raw material (bagasse), it can be sent to boiler+turbine , try to reconstruct the MSG in PNS Draw (no need do in PNS studio)

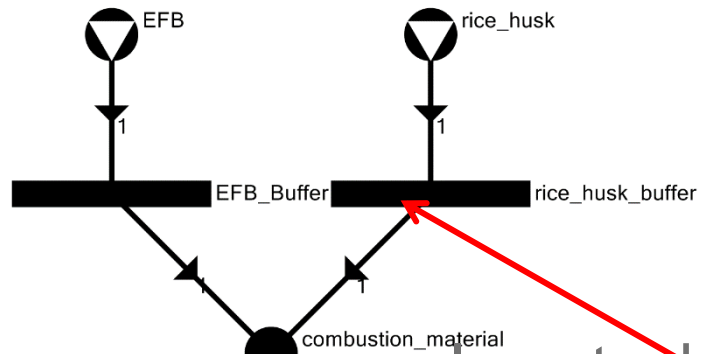
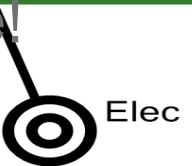




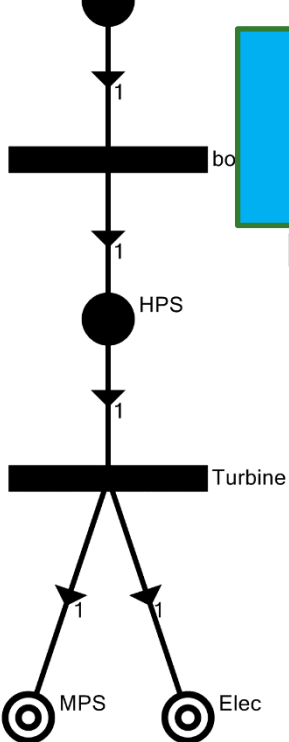
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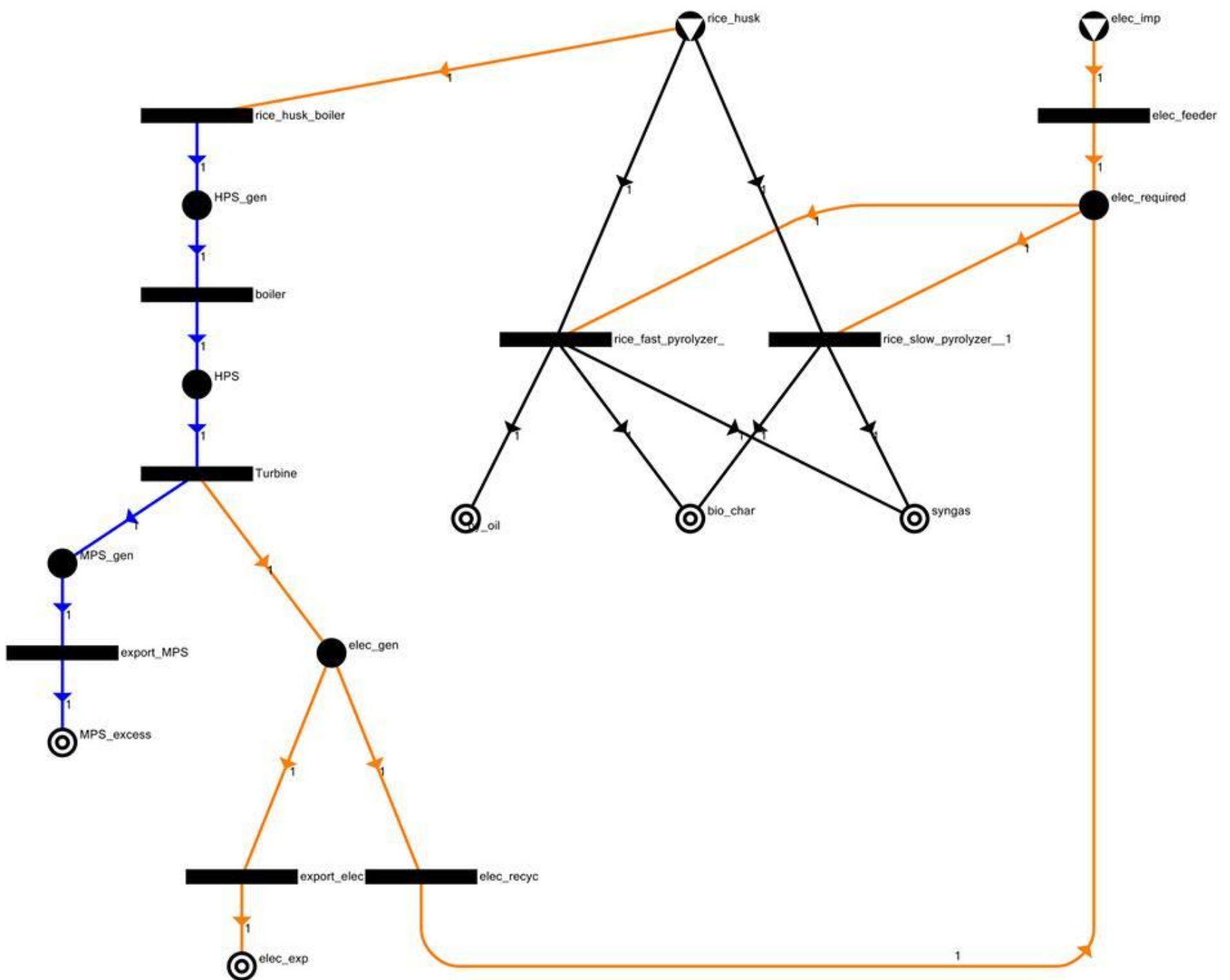


Slic



Insert a buffer so that you can add on both raw material together





# Thank you for your attention



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