What's Happening in the Community?

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Who am I?

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1993: BSc (Hons) Surveying and Mapping at Uni. of East London

2001: MSc EIA & Environmental Management, Uni. of. East Anglia

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Trustee and vice-chair of Art Gene, a regional community arts company, Treasurer of the Barrow and Furness Coastal Community Team, and Director of the Carbon Co-op, based here in Manchester.

Big Data & Communities

Data everywhere:

- Census
- Voting, polling
- Purchasing patterns
- Commuting and daily travel
- Mobile phones, internet
- Rents, mortgages
- Holidays, tourism, leisure, sports
- &c., &c., &c.

BUT WHAT ARE PEOPLE ACTUALLY SAYING?

PhD Project Introduction

- Foundations in the work of Dr Joanne Tippett, creator of Ketso®

- What's going on in the community?

- What engagement is taking place?

- How's it happening?

- Who's doing it?

- Can we make it better – for all parties in the process?

- Co-benefits, co-operation, and maybe even co-production!

Research Questions

The big question…

- *Can existing, community engagement from a variety of sectors inform future engagement ~~for power network planning?~~*

Breaking it down…

- *What engagement is taking place?*

- *What are the objectives, outputs and outcomes of existing engagement?*

- *Can existing engagement reveal community perceptions of the landscape and/or the impact of power networks on the landscape?*

- *How can existing/future engagement be improved to allow use across multiple sectors and over time?*

An incomplete impression of some of the data collecting organisations in South Cumbria and North Lancashire
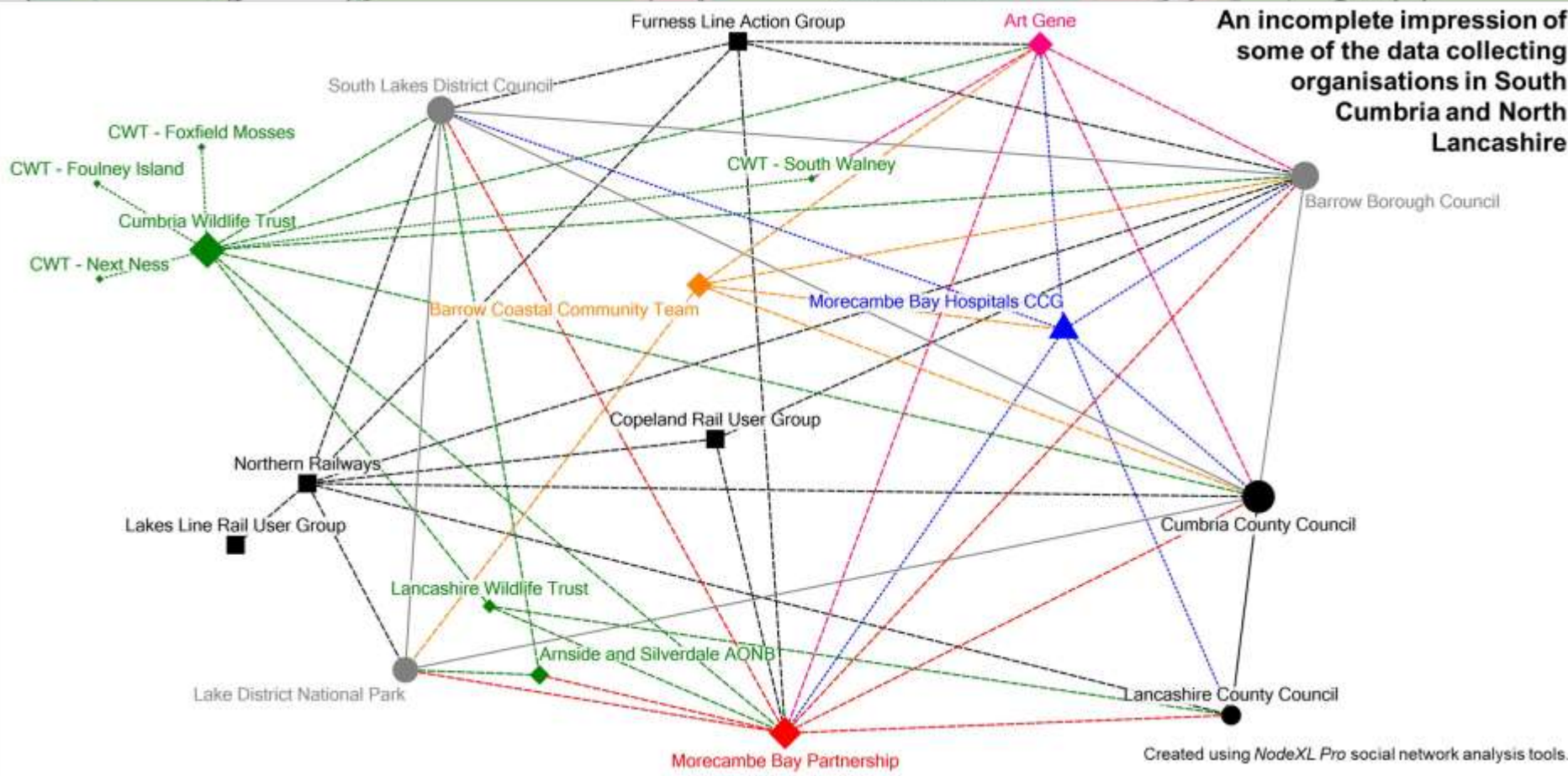
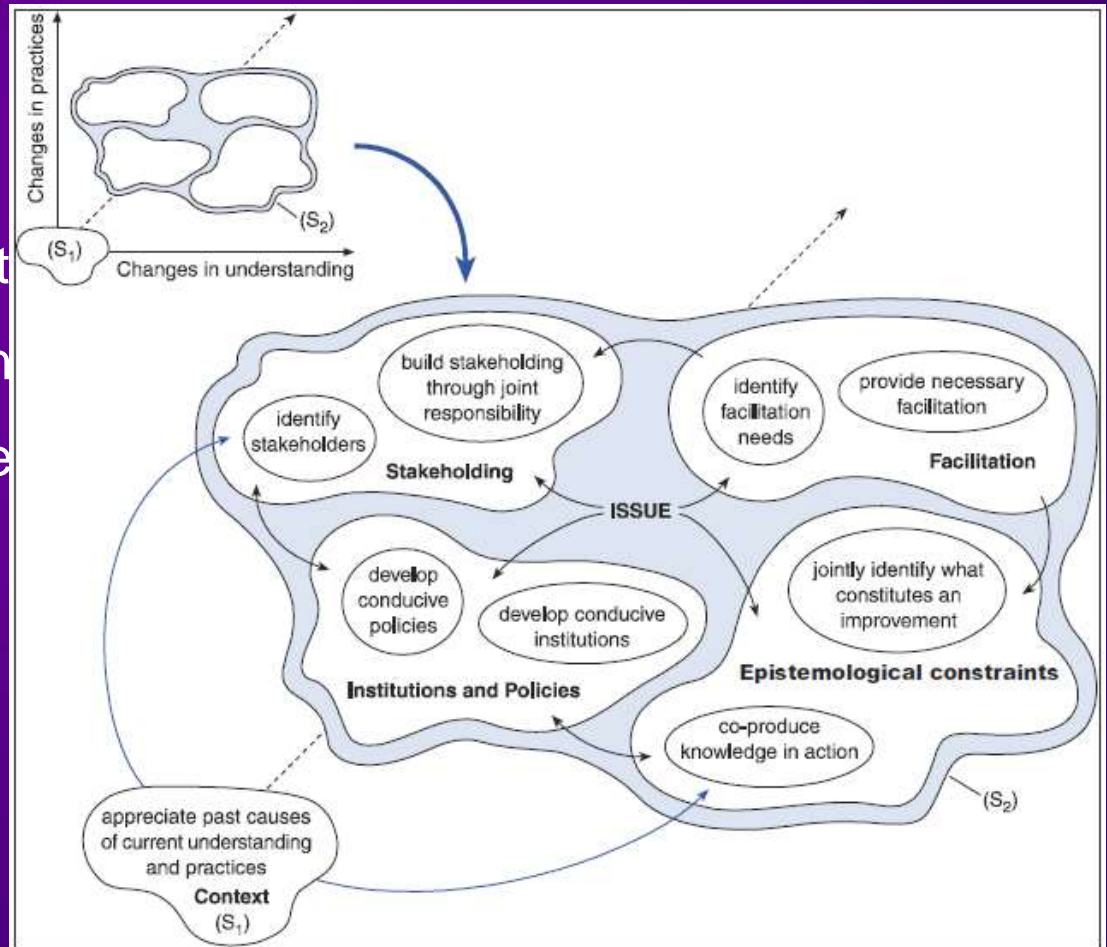Created using *NodeXL Pro* social network analysis tools.

Planning Relevance

- Duty to engage.

- Increasing community int

- Scarce resource and con
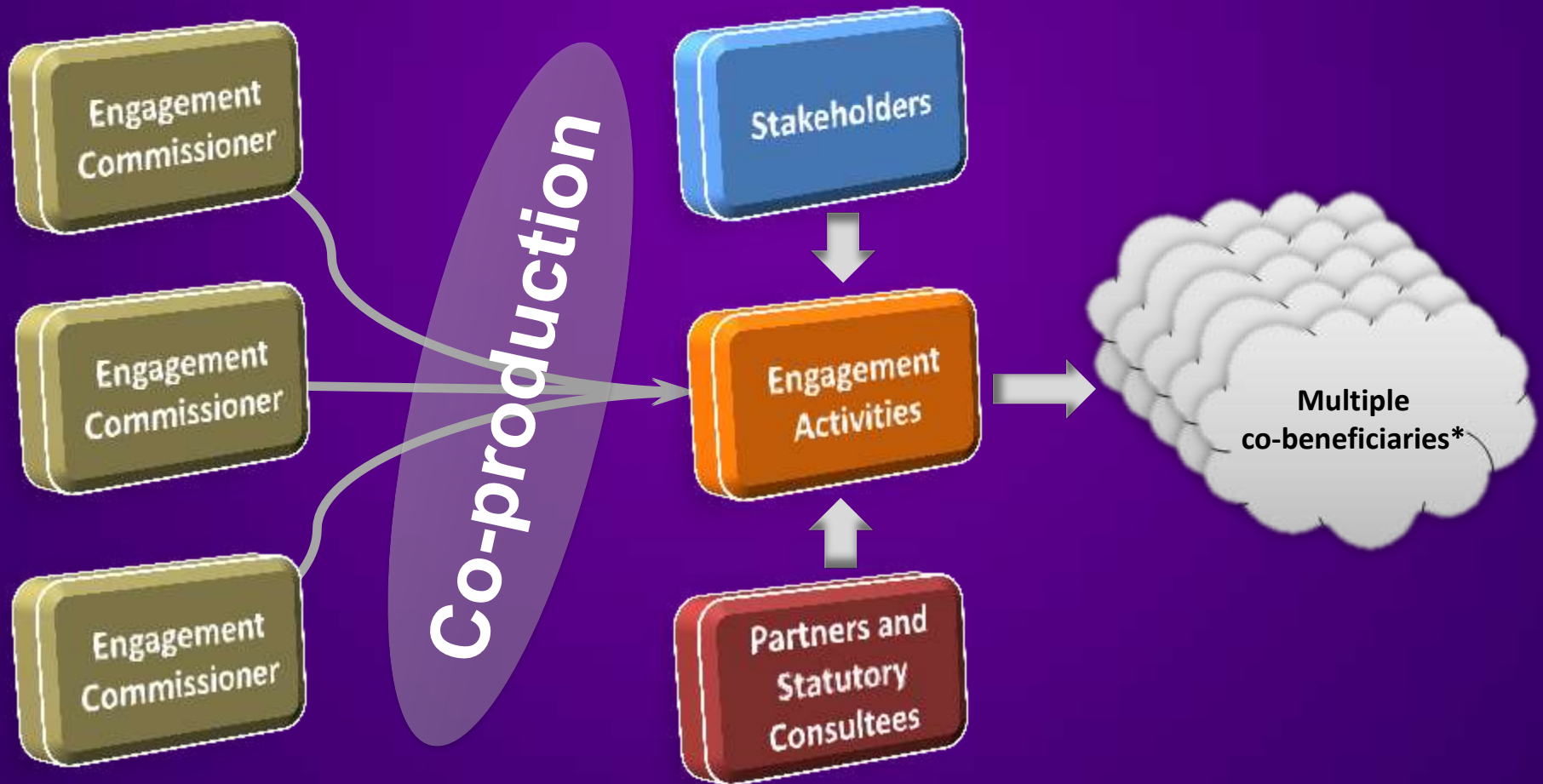
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Research Methodology

- Interviews with engagement commissioners and practitioners.

- Mapping and discourse analysis of the outcomes (& outputs if available) of engagement processes within scope of power network.

- Comparing assessment of engagement processes with engagement undertaken for Moorside project.

- Validating findings through community focus groups.

Ultimate aim, though probably not possible during PhD is to consider the multiple perceptions that communities present, and spatially analyse those perceptions using a qualitative form of point-cloud processing.
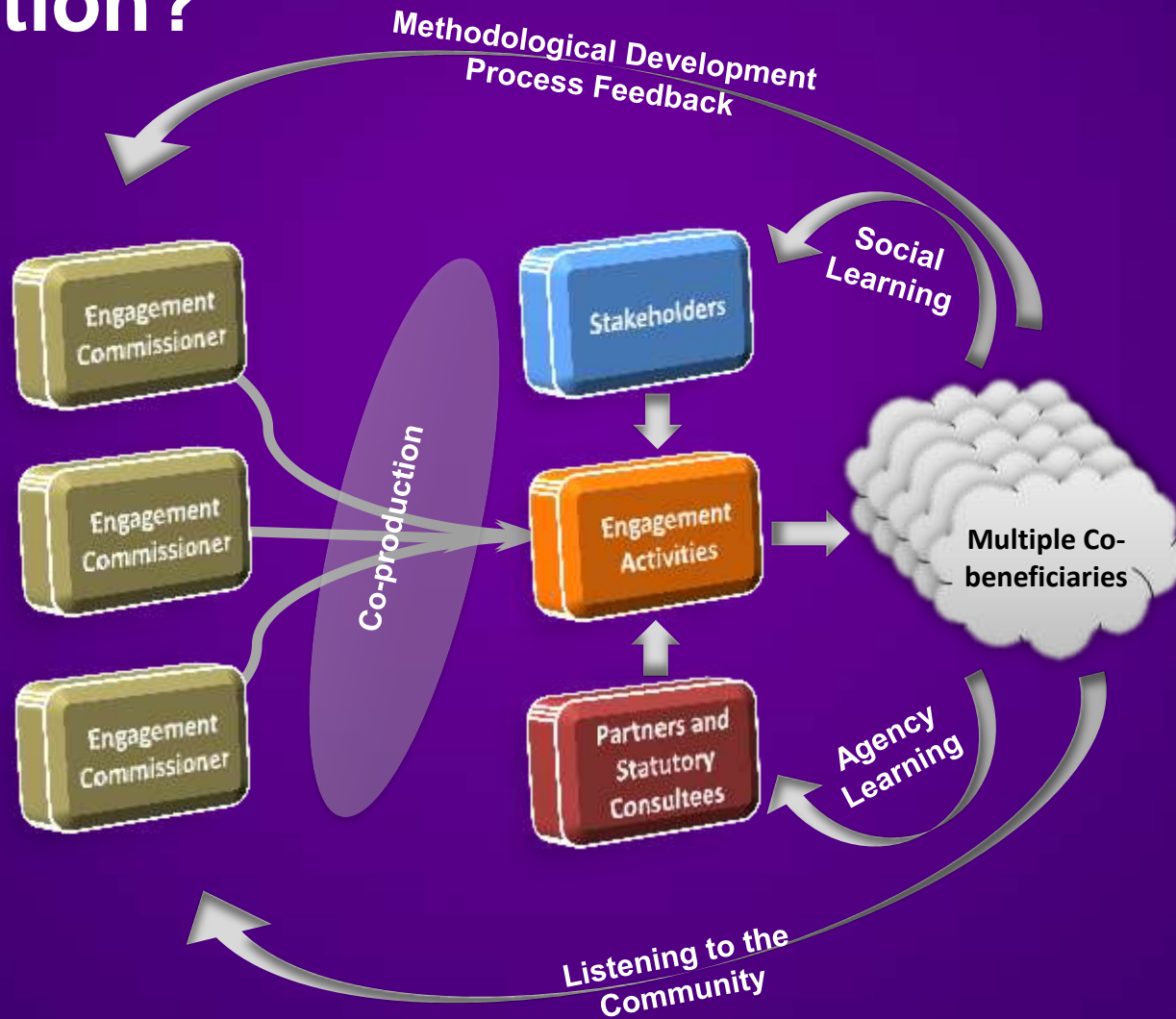
Co-production

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Engagement Commissioner

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Co-production

Stakeholders

Engagement Activities

Partners and Statutory Consultees

Multiple co-beneficiaries*

* including engagement commissioners

Aspiration?

**Thank you for listening
Are there any questions?**

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