



# DO NOT USE CAUSAL MAPPING IF YOU HAVE LIMITED DATA OR WANT PRECISE MODELS OR SPECIFIC CAUSAL LINKS

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✗ Do not use causal mapping if you ...

- don't place high value on the views of the sources
- only have a relatively small map which you can manage with traditional tools for drawing network diagrams (e.g. PowerPoint, [kumu.io](#) etc.)
- need to analyse quantitative data and/or need to do precise mathematical modelling, e.g. of future states of a system under certain conditions
- would like to just sketch out a plan (e.g. Theory of Change or similar) without much reference to the different sources underpinning each link

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