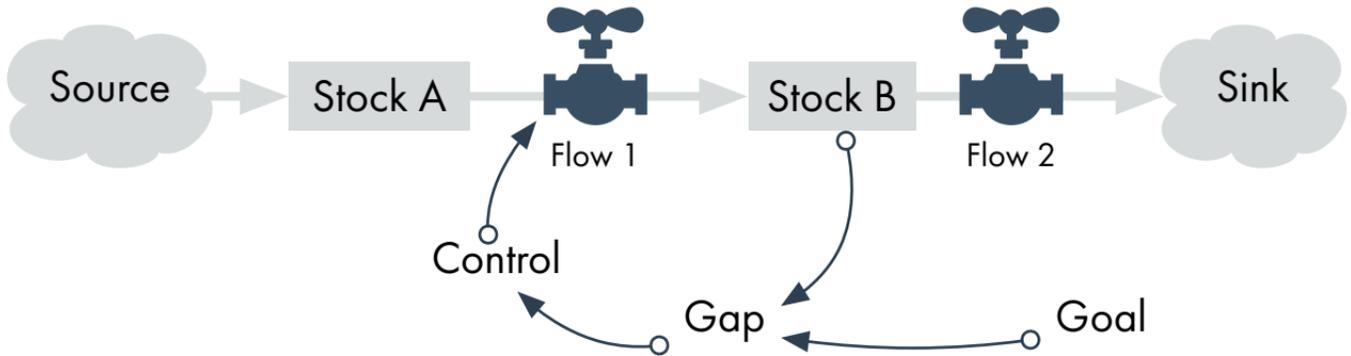


# Stock and Flow Diagrams

Frequently used in systems dynamics, stock and flow diagrams depict the flows of a system—from what, to what, and why or how. A stock contains the history of changing flows into and out of it; a flow depicts the rate of change in a stock and what that change affects.



Like Causal Loop Diagrams (CLDs), stock and flow diagrams show system feedback. Arrows and labels are used to indicate what forces influence flows, and what measures influence those forces.

Stock and flow diagrams lend themselves to graphing the behaviour of the phenomena they model.

