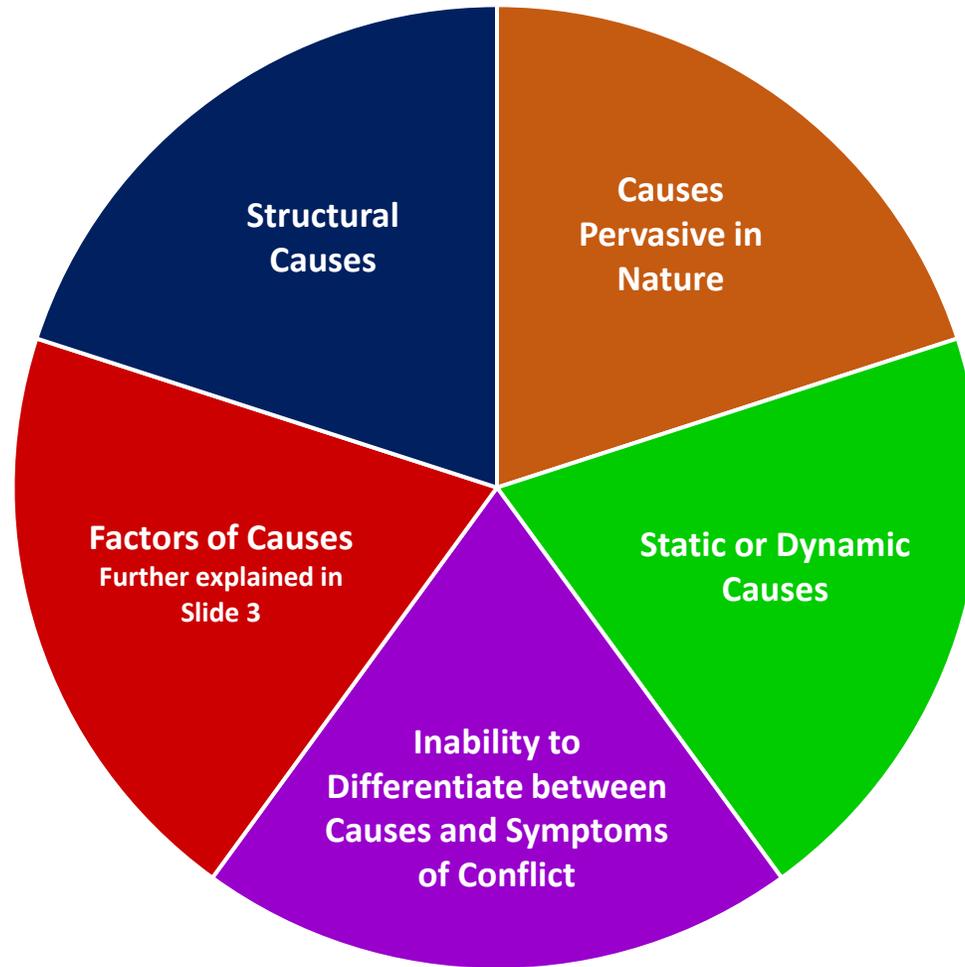


# Structural vs Proximate Causes of Conflict in SAARC



# A Great Example – France & Germany

France & Germany choose Enmity for centuries but today no one can imagine European Union without them.



The War of the Spanish Succession  
(1701-1714)



The Seven Year's War  
(1756-1763)



Wars of the French  
Revolution/Napoleonic Wars



War of the First Coalition  
(1792-1795)



War of the Fourth Coalition  
(1806-1807)



World War I  
(1914-1918)

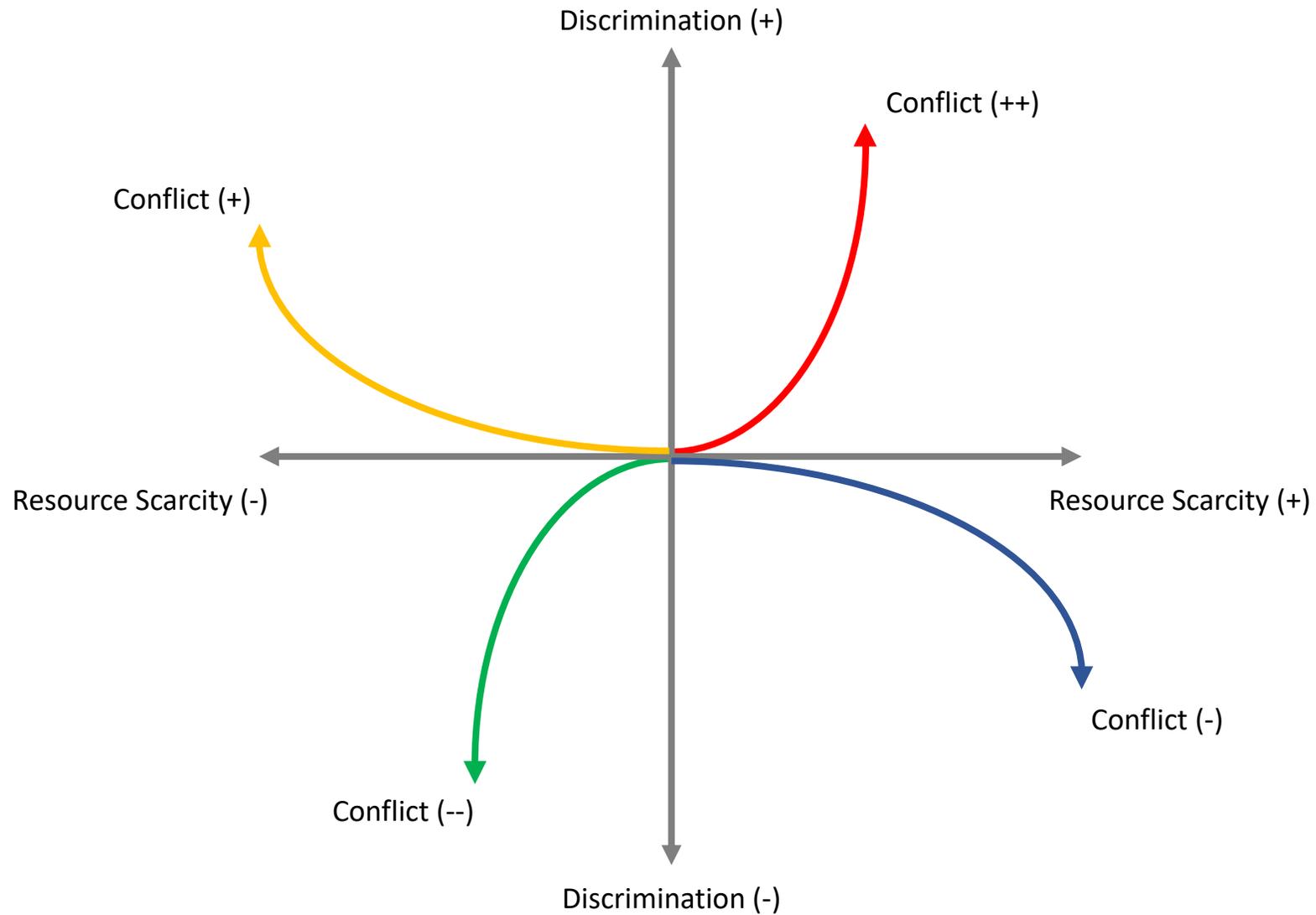


World War II  
(1939-1945)



European Union  
(Since 1993)

# Solve the Cause and there will be No Symptoms



# Military Expenditure as % of GDP – EU vs SAARC

A large chunk of GDP of SAARC is being spent on border security and defense, which could have easily been invested in eradicating the causes and factors of conflicts. Hence it is time we realize that peace is a more profitable proposition, and we can adopt the tactics and dialogue process like the European Union.

