

# Differentiating 'Human in the Loop' Decision Strategies

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# Research Questions

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2. Can we detect when people diverge in their decision making approach?
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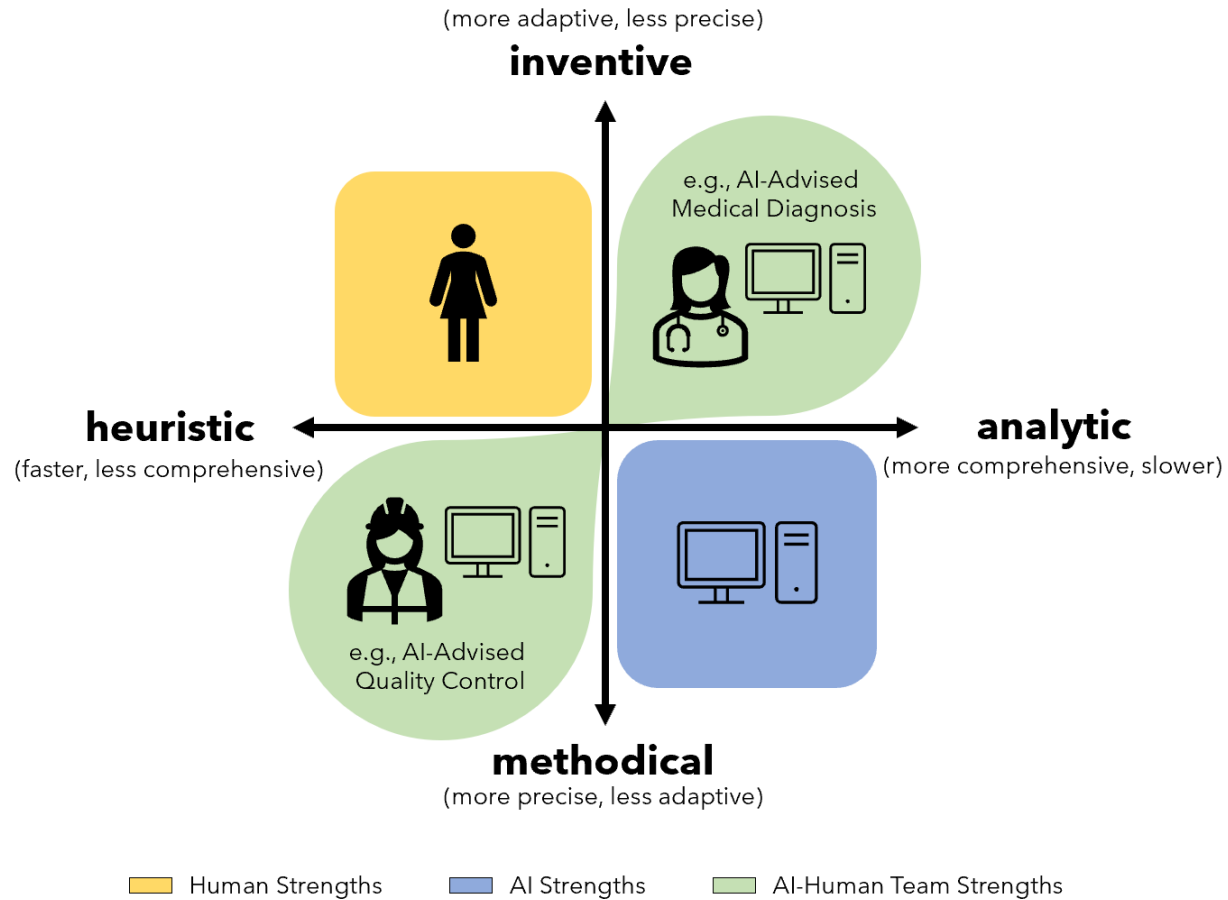


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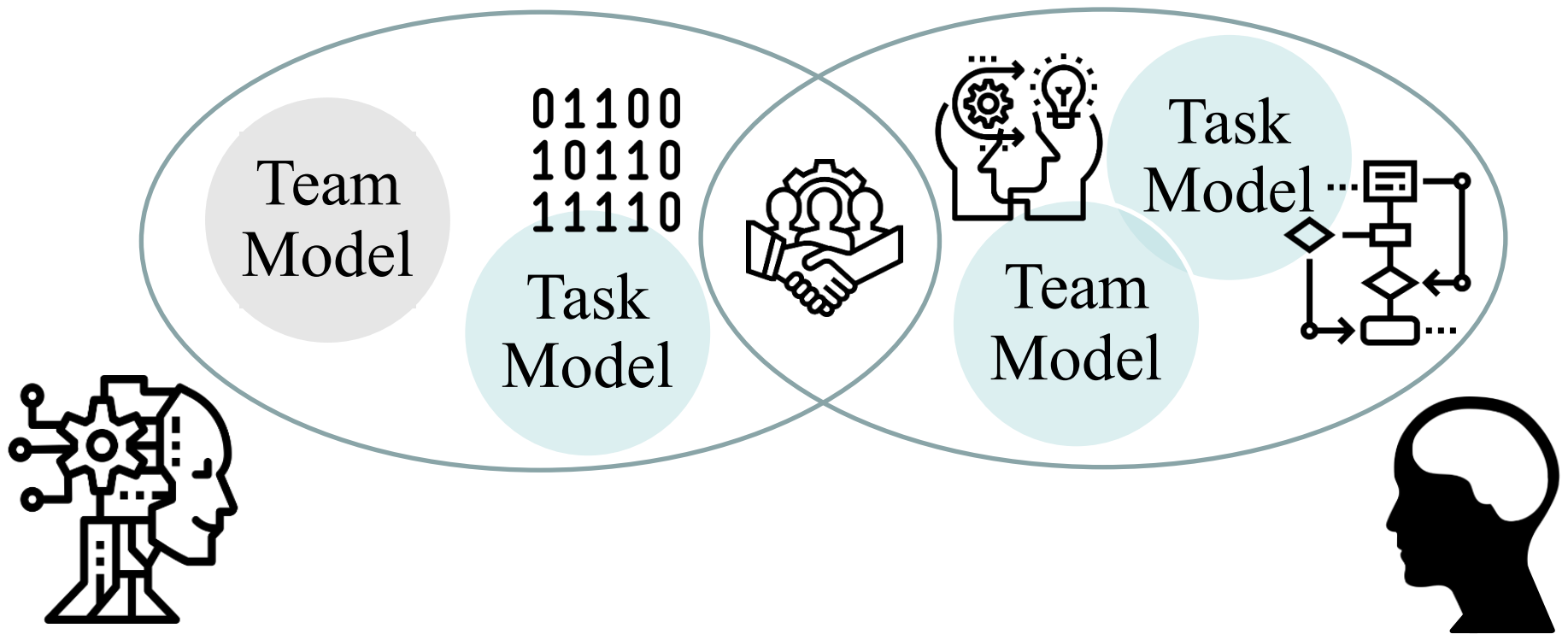
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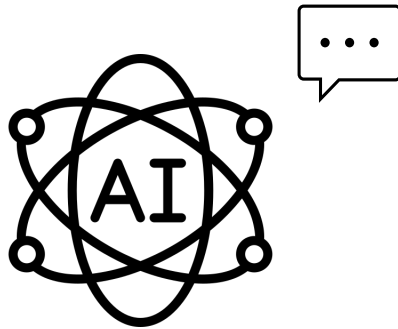
# Human-AI Decision Making



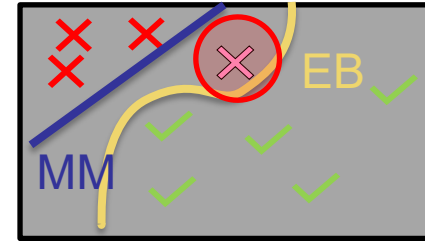
# Limitations in Human-AI Shared Mental Models



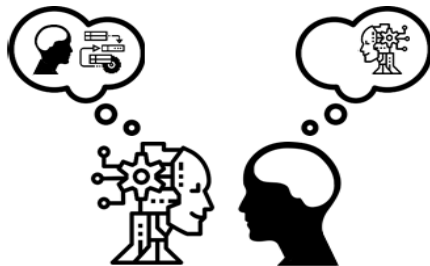
# Improving Human-AI Teaming:



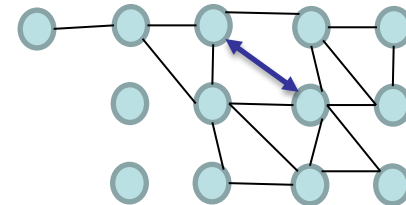
Explainable AI  
(Shin 2020, Preece 2021, Arya 2019)



Improving human mental models of AI error boundaries  
(Bansal, 2020)

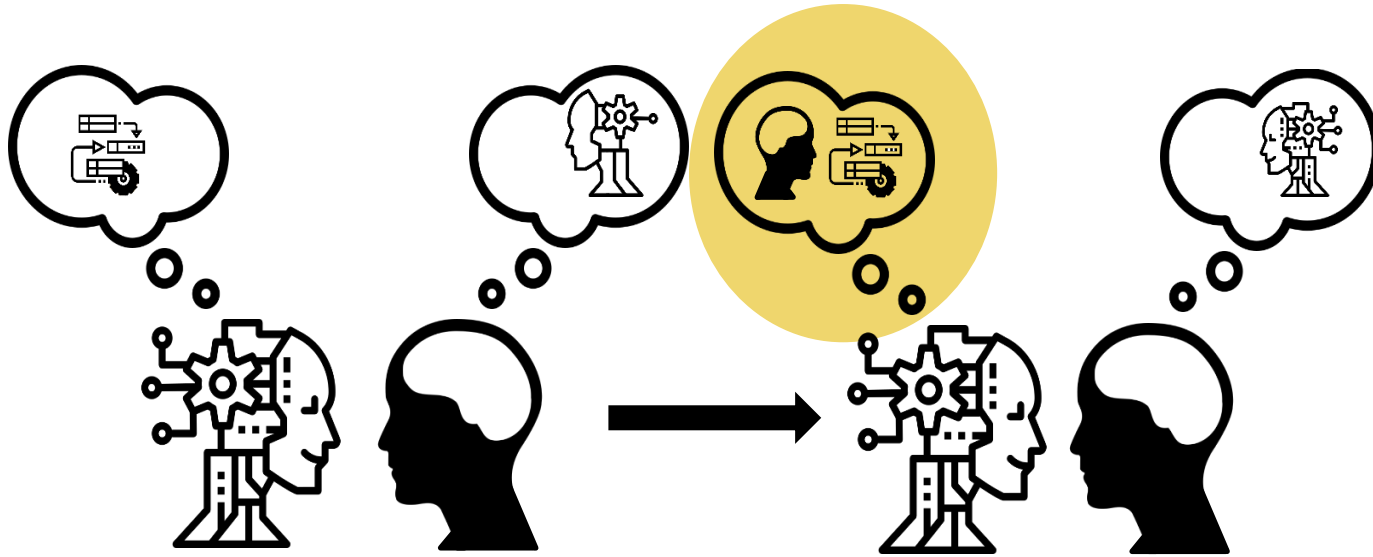


AI systems create Shared Mental Model with human teammates  
(Scheutz 2017)



Bridging gaps between the AI and human's relative policies  
(Bastani, 2021)

# Create Shared Mental Model



- ❖ AI in human-AI teams often operate with little or no model of the human's cognitive state
- ❖ We need 'learning human mental models' that are easy of an AI system to train and can support planning/decision-making (Chakraborti et al., 2017)

# Approach to Learning Human Mental Models of Decision Making

1. Design an experiment to capture real-world decision making
2. Capture and classify decision strategies



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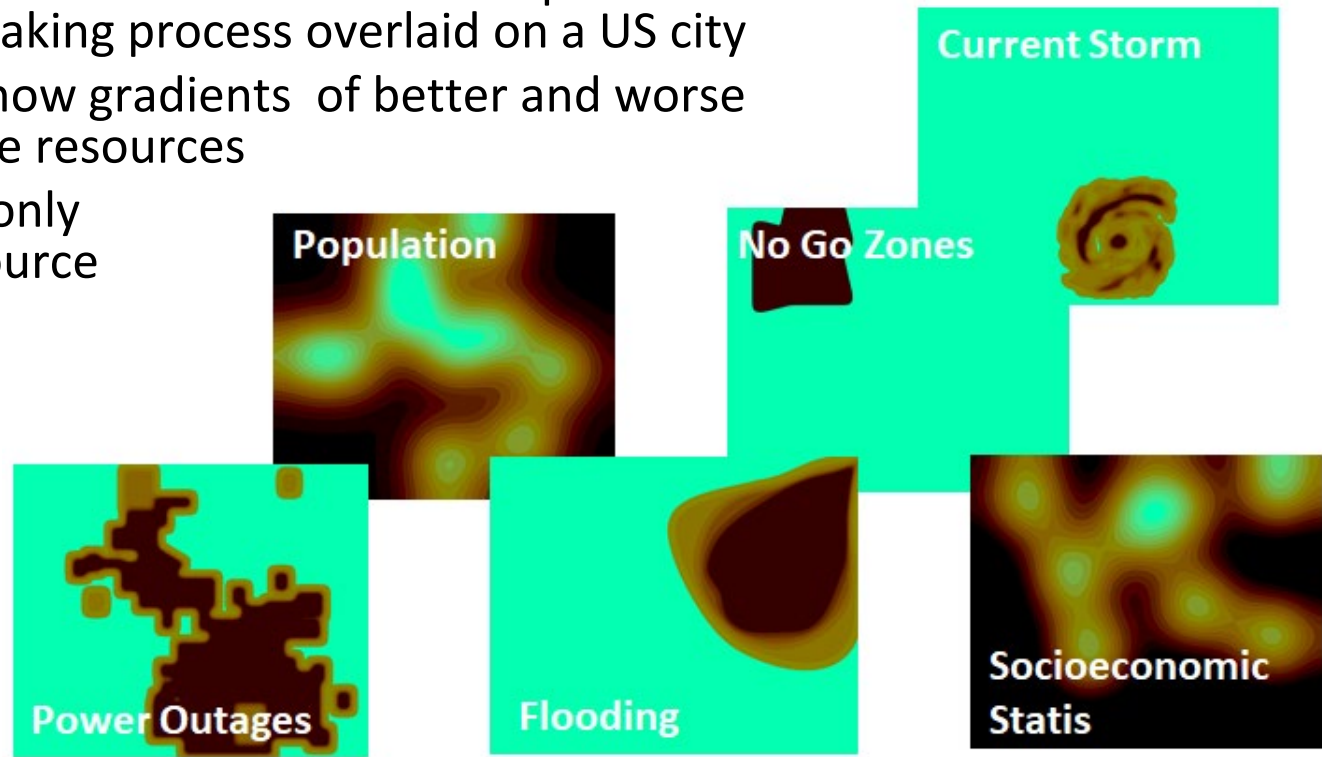
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# Experiment with Geospatial, Sequential Task

- ❖ Participants will be assuming the role of a disaster relief planner making decisions about how to allocate resources prior to and during a storm
- ❖ The participants will have several heat maps that will aid in the decision making process overlaid on a US city
- ❖ The heat maps show gradients of better and worse locations to place resources
- ❖ Participants can only observe one resource at a time





# Experiment in a Sequential Environment

## Experiment Interface

### CEC CDM Experiment

#### Data sources

Population

SES

No-go zones

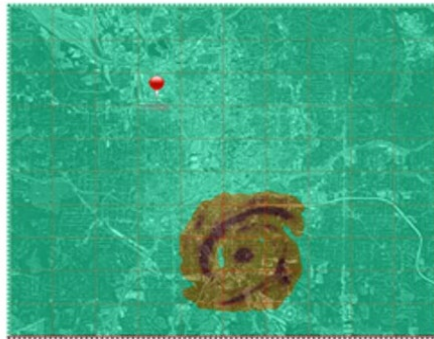
Power Outages

Flooding

Current Storm

Clear

#### Decision Surface



#### Tools

Staging site marker

Click on the map to place the marker. Drag the marker to move it.

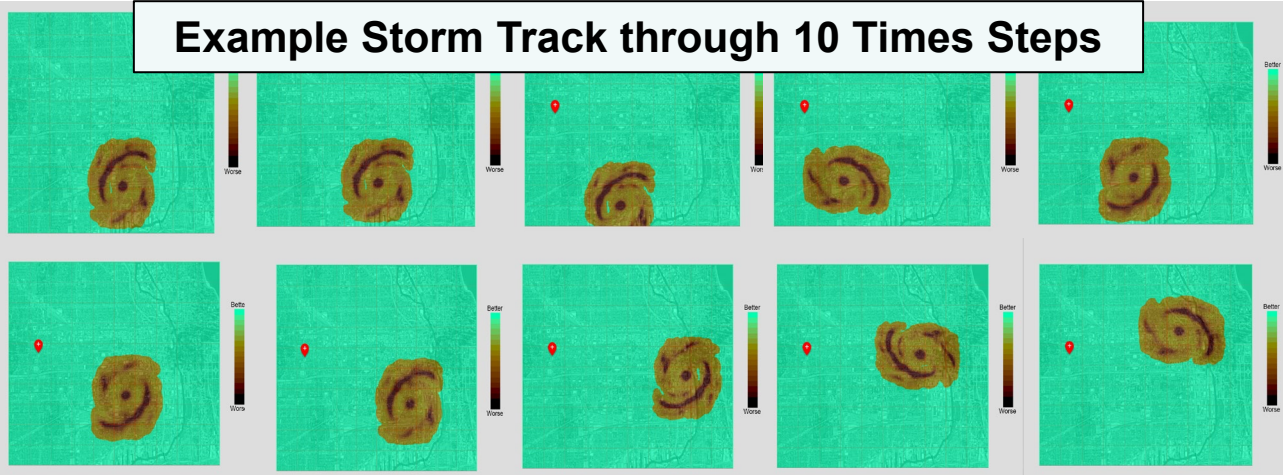
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Storm tracks change through time. Each time a storm track changes the participant is asked to update their decision (resource location)

### Experiment Features

- 10 timesteps / decision events
- 6 data sources (3-dynamic and 3-static)
- 1 resource placements

## Example Storm Track through 10 Times Steps



# User-Interface

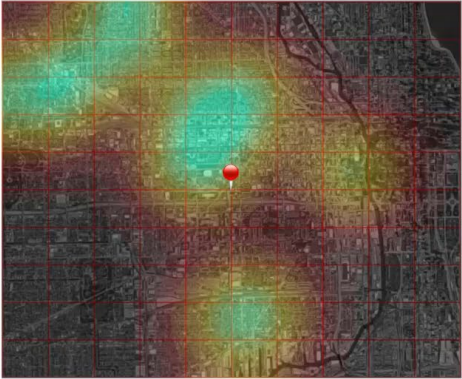
Experiment Demo

**CEC CDM Experiment**

Data sources

- Population
- SocioEco Status
- No-go zones
- Power Outages
- Flooding
- Current Storm
- Clear

Decision Surface



Better  
Worse

Tools

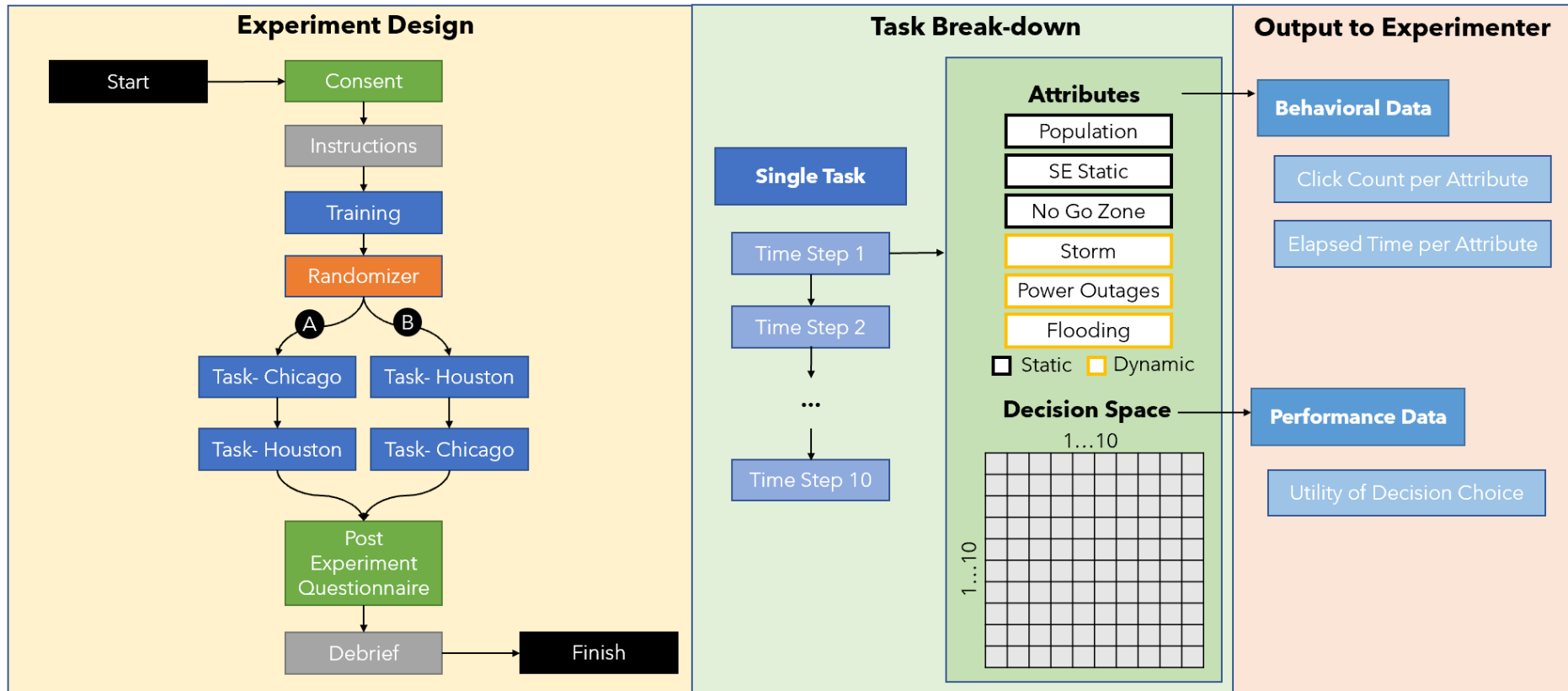
Staging site marker

Drag the marker your desired location.

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# Administration of Experiment



# Approach to Identifying DM Strategies

## Part 1: Label data using Partial Least Square Regression

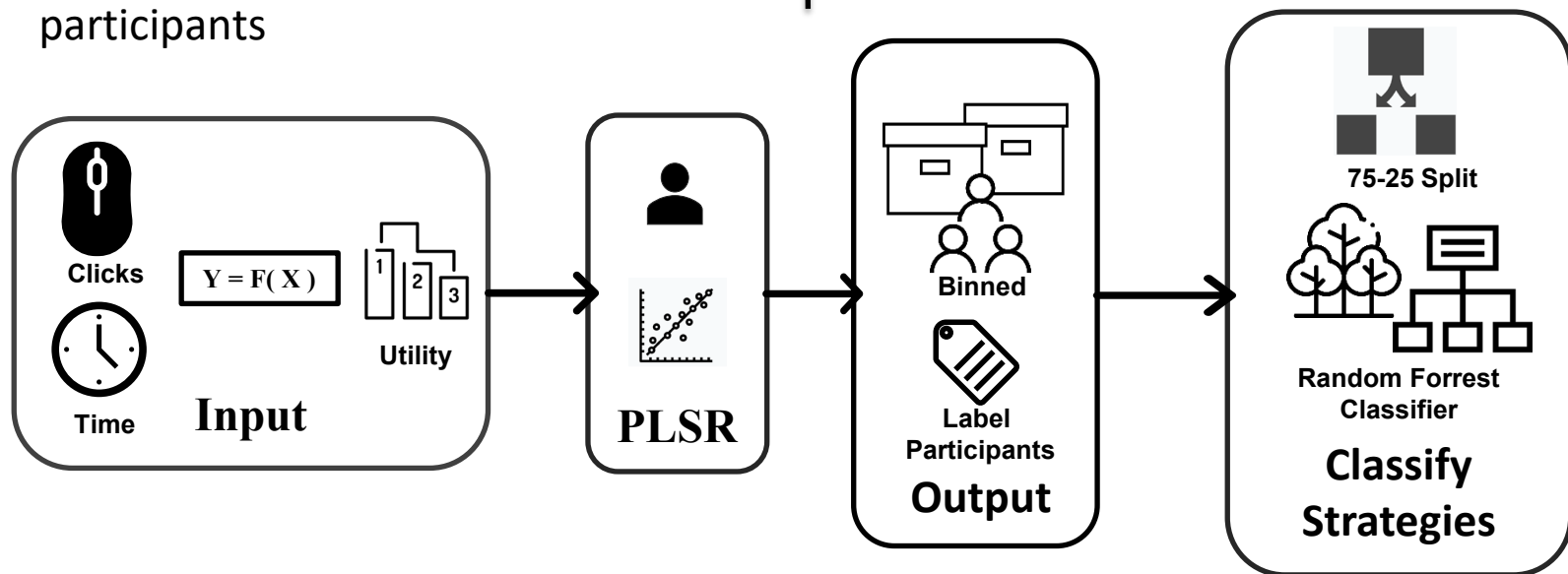
Goal:

- Use behavior to classify decision strategies and predict decision strategies/mental models of participants

## Part 2: Reverse analysis to classify using Random Forrest

Goal:

- Classify DM strategy
- The output of the random forest is the class selected by most trees



# Results

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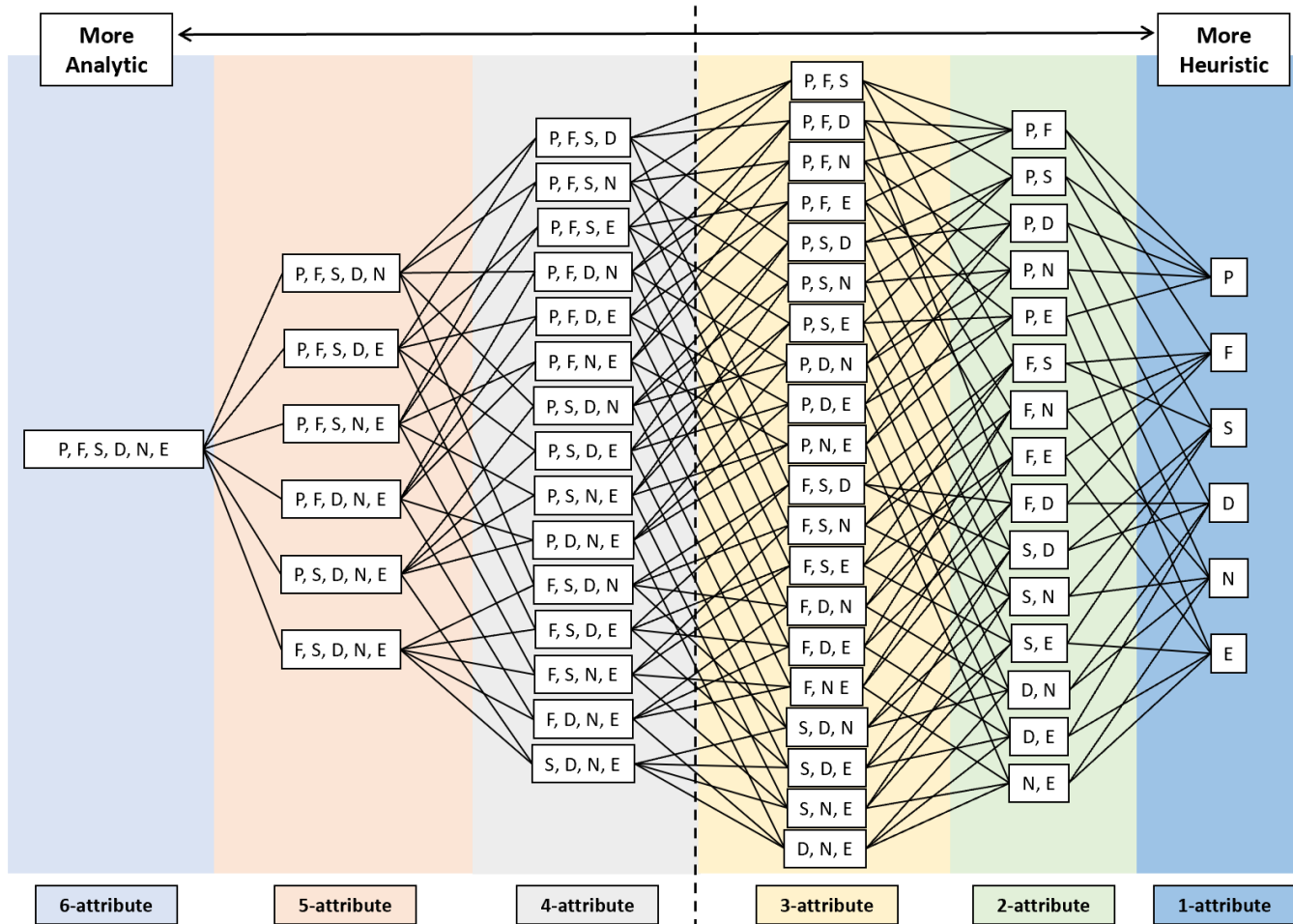


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# Diagram of Possible Decision Strategies

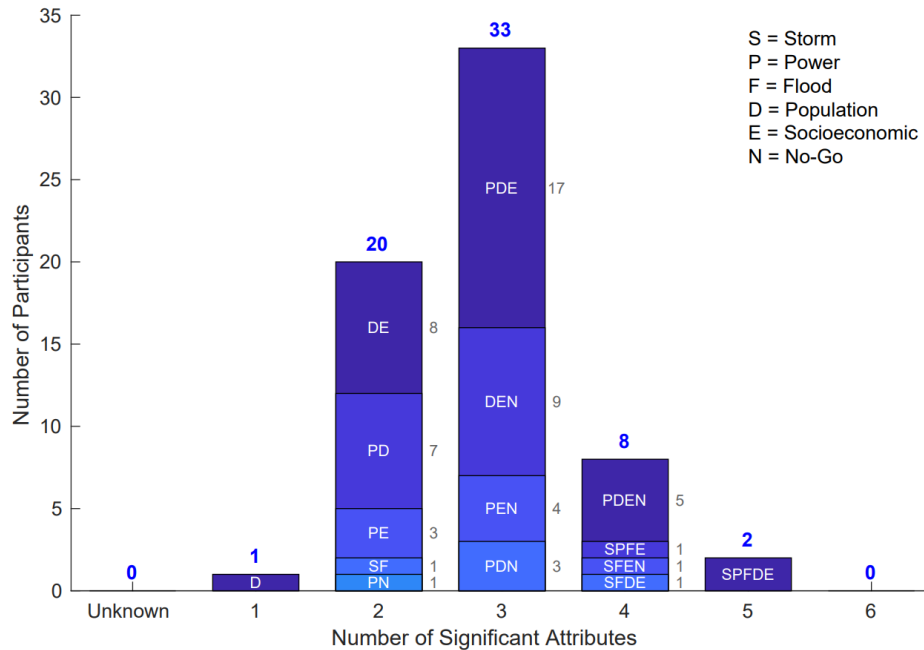


Attribute	Abbrev.
Power Outages	P
Population Density	D
Storm	S
No Go Zones	N
Flooding	F
SocioEconomic Status	E

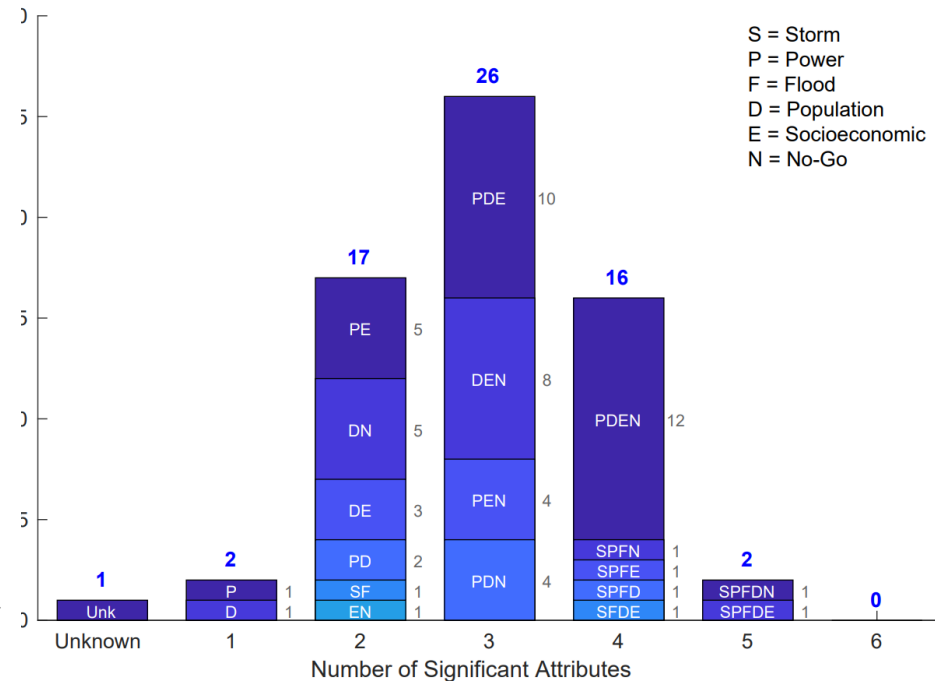


# Results: Can we infer decision strategies from dynamic behavioral data?

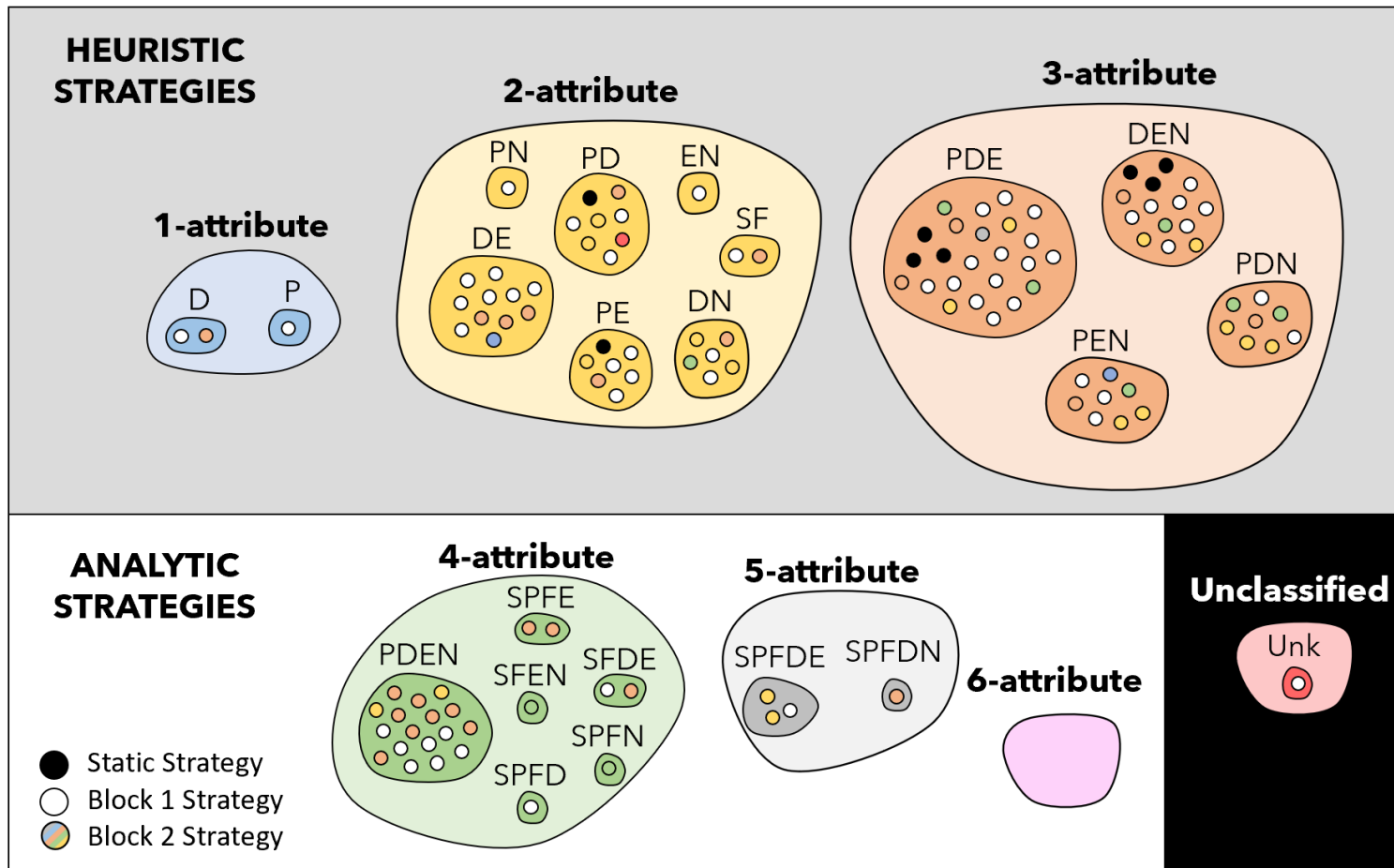
PLSR Decision Groups - Chicago



PLSR Decision Groups - Houston



# Results: How stable are people's decision strategies?





# Results: Can we classify individuals into these inferred decision strategies based solely on observable behavioral data?

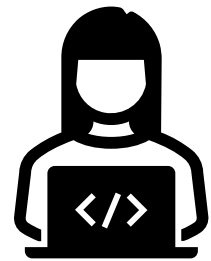
Chicago			
Number of Trees:			700
No. of splitting vars.:			10
OOB estimate of error rate:			7.8%
Confusion Matrix:			
	Analytic	Heuristic	Class Error
Analytic	373	27	6.7%
Heuristic	38	394	8.8%

Houston			
Number of Trees:			700
No. of splitting vars.:			10
OOB estimate of error rate:			19.1%
Confusion Matrix:			
	Analytic	Heuristic	Class Error
Analytic	319	56	14.9%
Heuristic	85	273	24.3%



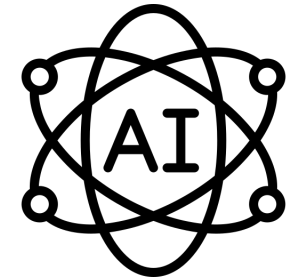
# Implications and Next Steps



Human

Infer Human  
Mental Model

Provide Proactive  
Support



AI-Decision Aid



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