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Towards Responsible AI

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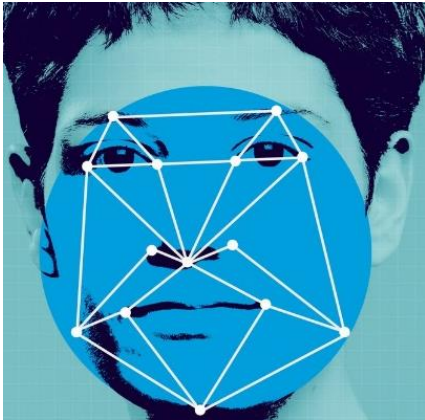
Emerging Human-AI Collectives

- **Flexible Autonomy**
 - Agents may take actions autonomously without reference to their owners
 - *Human-in-the-loop (a.k.a. man-on-the-loop)*: humans approval required for every AI recommendation
 - *Human-over-the-loop*: humans give overall directives for AI to act autonomously
 - *Human-out-of-the-loop*: humans who are affected by AI but unable to influence AI
- **Agile Teaming**
 - Multiple agents and humans join together and disband dynamically
- **Incentive Engineering**
 - Signal the multitude of agents/humans with rewards to encourage socially desirable outcomes

Emerging Human-AI Collectives



AI is Ready. Are we?



Computer Vision

Darker skinned individuals most misclassified

Minority likely under-represented in dataset

Online Records and Ads

Male job seekers were more likely to be shown high paying jobs

Black-sounding names was 25% more likely to get hits suggestive of criminal record

Policing and Criminal Justice

Recidivism algorithm deems black defendants are more likely to reoffend



AI Ethics drawing Public Attention

NOT SO FAST



STEPHEN HAWKING

Not afraid of black holes. A.I. is another story.



BILL GATES

First you'll lose your job. Then it gets scary.



STUART RUSSELL

Earth for the earthlings!



NICK BOSTROM

Prepare for "Disneyland without children."



MAX TEGMARK

Uh, can we talk about this?



DEMIS HASSABIS

Full speed ahead!



PETER THIEL

Will be a winner either way.



STEVE WOZNIAK

Resigned to being a robot's pet.



SAM ALTMAN

Sees intergalactic domination—or extinction.



ELON MUSK

Eyeing the next flight to Mars.



LARRY PAGE

Green-lighted Google Brain. 'Nuff said.



YANN LeCUN

Chill, people! We got this.



ANDREW NG

Trust the robot.



MARK ZUCKERBERG

Worried? Tell my A.I. butler.



RAY KURZWEIL

Eager to be a cyborg.

HIT THE GAS

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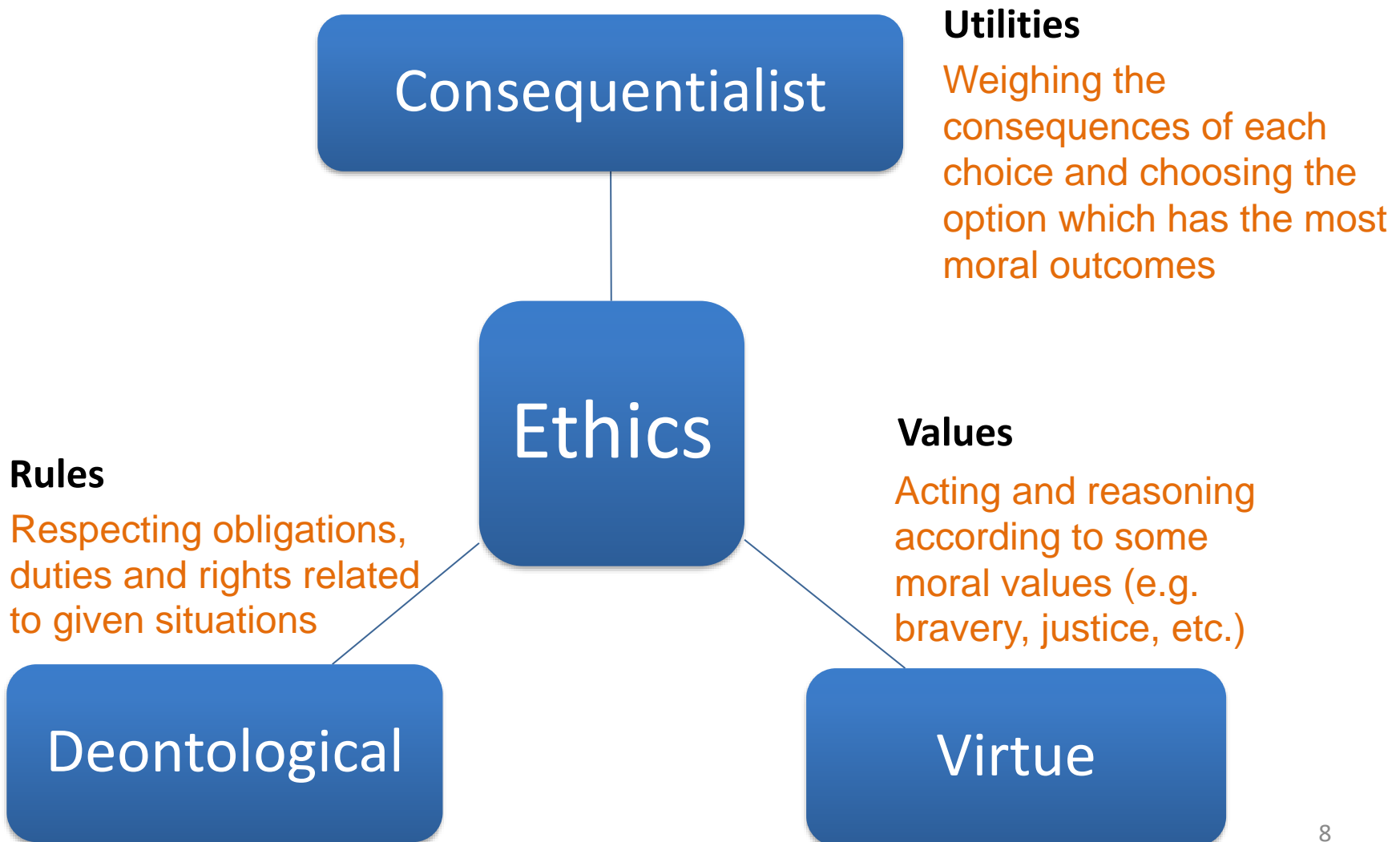
- In the real world, humans often **constrain their actions** according to a number of priorities:
 - Business values
 - Social norms
 - Morality
 - Religious values
- Overriding concern:
 - AI systems **may not obey** such values when they try to **maximize their objective functions**

How to design AI systems that act in line with our ethical values while achieving their design objectives?

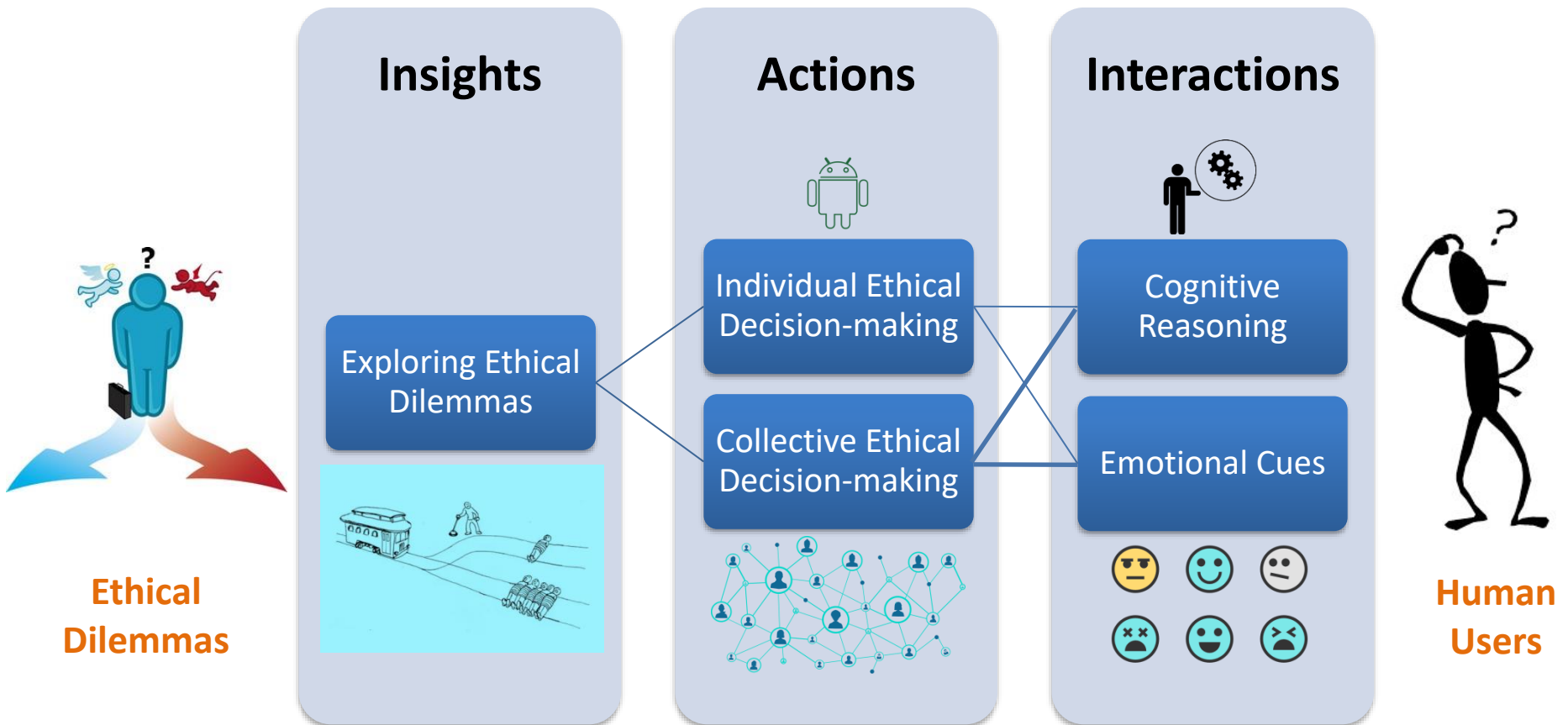
Effort for Building Ethics in AI

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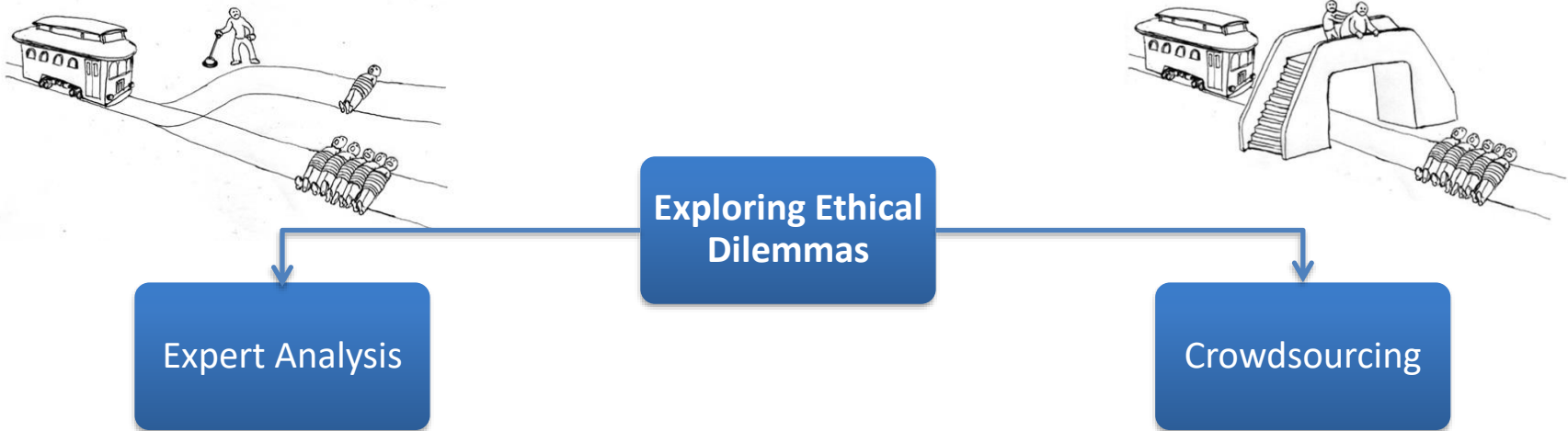
The 3 Dimensions of Ethics



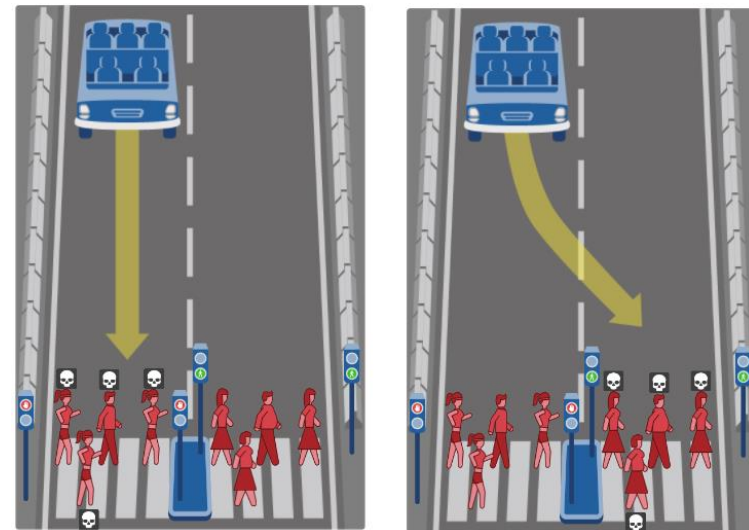
Incorporating Ethics into AI



Exploring Ethical Dilemmas



- Designing knowledge representation schemas for discussion of ethical issues (e.g., features, duties, actions, cases, and principles)
- Accounting for cultural differences, application domain specificity, and the framing effect
- Making decisions rather than declaring preferences



Individual Ethical Decision-making



Observe the collateral impact of its own actions on the environment to other agents



Adjust its Action Selection Strategy



Human Ethical Preferences

Reinforcement Learning

Environment Rewards

Reward Shaping

Reward Maximization Policy

Action Shaping

Policy Coordinator



Action

Environment

Reward

New State

Inverse Reinforcement Learning

Reward Signals for Constraints

Active Learning

Constraint Satisfaction

Observed $\langle \text{state}, \text{action}, \text{state} \rangle$ tuples

Collective Ethical Decision-making

Judging the Ethics of Others' Actions



Multi-agent Reinforcement Learning

Distributed Evaluation of the 3 Dimensions of Ethics + Decision Fusion

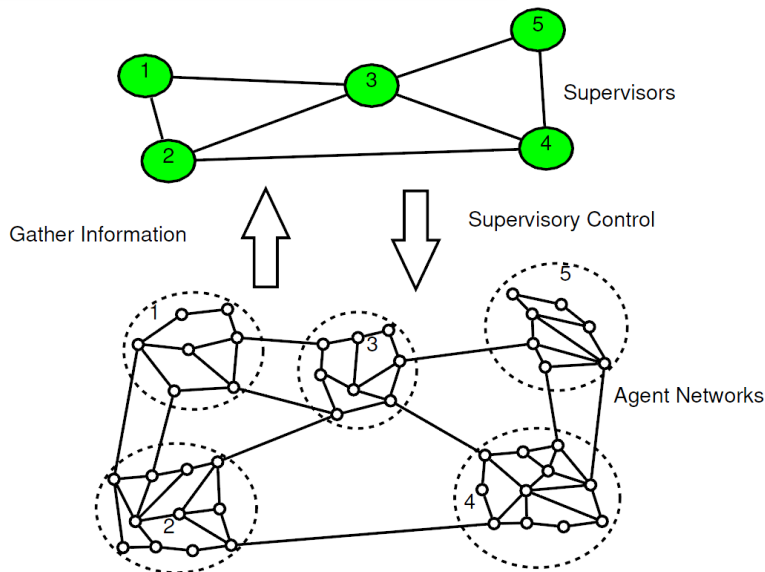
Evolve and Enforce Social Norms



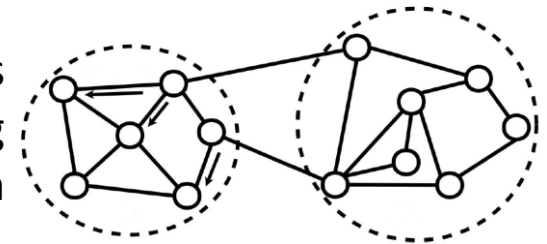
Reputation and Trust Modelling

Multi-Agent Voting

Ethics
Shaping in
Multi-agent
RL



Ethics
Shaping
Propagation



Ethical Human-AI Interaction

Explanations



Argumentation-based Explainable AI

Emotional Cues



Emotion Empathy &
Adjusting Social Distances

Emotions	Coping activation conditions	Coping effects
Distress	An agent's goal has failed	Lower the desire importance of failure
Fear	The current plan has a low probability of success	Drop the plan
Shame	Self-caused: the active plan puts at stake a value v_i	Lower the value priority, continue performing the current plan. Ignore the threat to the moral dimension
Reproach	Other-caused: a value is put at stake by an action performed by another agent i	Create goal $\text{increaseSocialDistance}(\text{agent}_i)$
Anger	A value v_i is at stake and one of adopted goal g_j is unachievable	Create goal $(\text{increaseSocialDistance}(\text{agent}_i) \wedge \text{reEstablish}(g_j))$
Remorse	A value v_i is at stake and a goal g_j is unachievable	Create goal $(\text{reEstablish}(v_i) \wedge \text{reEstablish}(g_j))$

AI Governance Framework

Google's Responsible AI Practices:

<https://ai.google/responsibilities/responsible-ai-practices/>

Responsible AI Practices



“The development of AI is creating new opportunities to improve the lives of people around the world, from business to healthcare to education. It is also raising new questions about the best way to build fairness, interpretability, privacy, and security into these systems.”

Responsible AI Practices

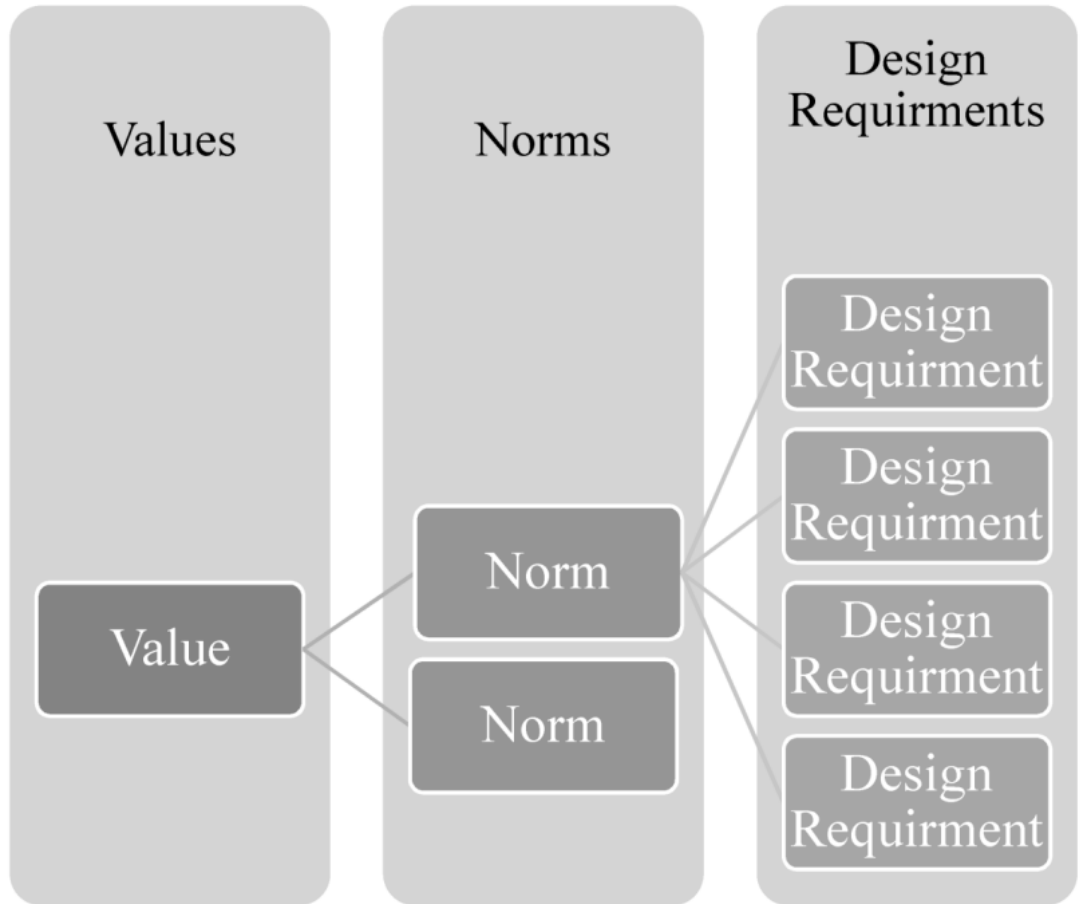
- Human-Centered Design (Week 10)
- Fairness (Week 11)
- Interpretability (Week 11)
- Privacy Preservation (Week 12)
- *Coursework Mini-Project Presentation* (Week 13)

Human-Centered Design

The way actual users experience your system is essential to assessing the true impact of its predictions, recommendations, and decisions.

- Design features with **appropriate disclosures** built-in: clarity and control is crucial to a good user experience.
- Consider **augmentation and assistance**: producing a single answer can be appropriate where there is a high probability that the answer satisfies a diversity of users and use cases. In other cases, it may be optimal for your system to suggest a few options to the user.
- **Model potential adverse feedback** early in the design process, followed by specific live testing and iteration for a small fraction of traffic before full deployment.
- **Engage with a diverse set of users and use-case scenarios**, and incorporate feedback before and throughout project development.

Human-Centered Design



Fairness

- AI systems can be used for many critical tasks, such as predicting the presence and severity of a medical condition, matching people to jobs and partners, or identifying if a person is crossing the street.
- Such computerized assistive or decision-making systems have the potential to be fairer and more inclusive at a broader scale than decision-making processes based on ad hoc rules or human judgments.
- The risk is that any unfairness in such systems can also have a wide-scale impact.
- Thus, as the impact of AI increases across sectors and societies, it is critical to work towards systems that are fair and inclusive for all.

Fairness

Design Concrete Goals of Fairness into AI Systems:

- **Engage** with social scientists, humanists, and other relevant experts for your product to understand and account for various perspectives.
- Consider how the technology and its development over time will **impact** different use cases: Whose views are represented? What types of data are represented? What's being left out? What outcomes does this technology enable and how do these compare for different users and communities? What biases, negative experiences, or discriminatory outcomes might occur?
- Set **goals** for your system to work fairly across anticipated use cases: for example, in X different languages, or to Y different age groups. Monitor these goals over time and expand as appropriate.
- Design your algorithms and objective function to **reflect** fairness goals.
- **Update** your training and testing data frequently based on who uses your technology and how they use it.

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Fairness

- Fairness in AI decision support through joint objective optimization

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Interpretability

- **Explicable AI:**
 - Making AI decisions obvious to a human being (i.e. a human being can understand the reason behind an AI decision without explanation)
 - Might not be the optimal solution!
- **Explainable AI:**
 - AI attempts to make the optimal decisions, the reason of which is not obvious to a human being, and requires explanation

Interpretability

Design your model to be interpretable:

- Use the **smallest** set of inputs necessary for your performance goals to make it clearer what factors are affecting the model.
- Use the **simplest** model that meets your performance goals.
- Learn **causal relationships not correlations** when possible (e.g., use height not age to predict if a kid is safe to ride a roller coaster).
- Constrain your model to produce input-output relationships that reflect **domain expert knowledge** (e.g., a coffee shop should be more likely to be recommended if it's closer to the user, if everything else about it is the same).

Interpretability

- Explainable AI through Argumentation
- Model Interpretability with LIME

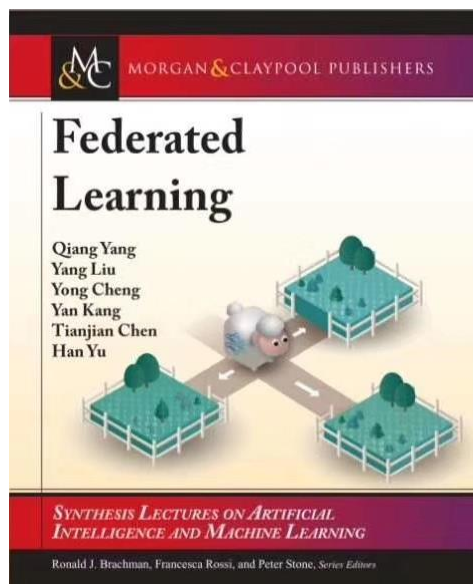
Privacy Preservation

- AI models learn from training data and make predictions on input data. Sometimes the training data, input data, or both can be quite sensitive.
- It is essential to not only respect the legal and regulatory requirements, but also consider social norms and typical individual expectations.
- Fortunately, the possibility that AI models reveal underlying data can be minimized by appropriately applying various techniques in a precise, principled fashion.
- This is an ongoing area of research in the AI community with the Federated Learning paradigm showing promise

Privacy Preservation

- Identify whether your model can be trained without the use of sensitive data, e.g., by utilizing non-sensitive data collection or an existing public data source.
- If your goal is to learn statistics of individual interactions, consider collecting only statistics that have been computed locally, on-device, rather than raw interaction data.
- Consider whether techniques like federated learning, where a fleet of devices coordinates to train a shared global model from locally-stored training data, can improve privacy in your system.

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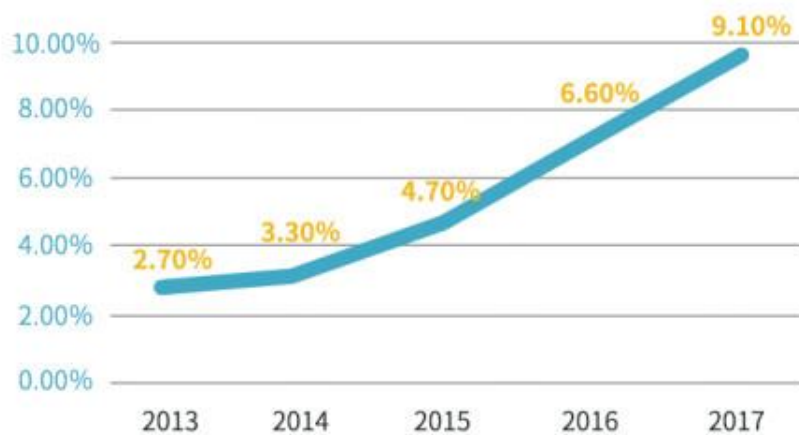


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Case Study

Overview



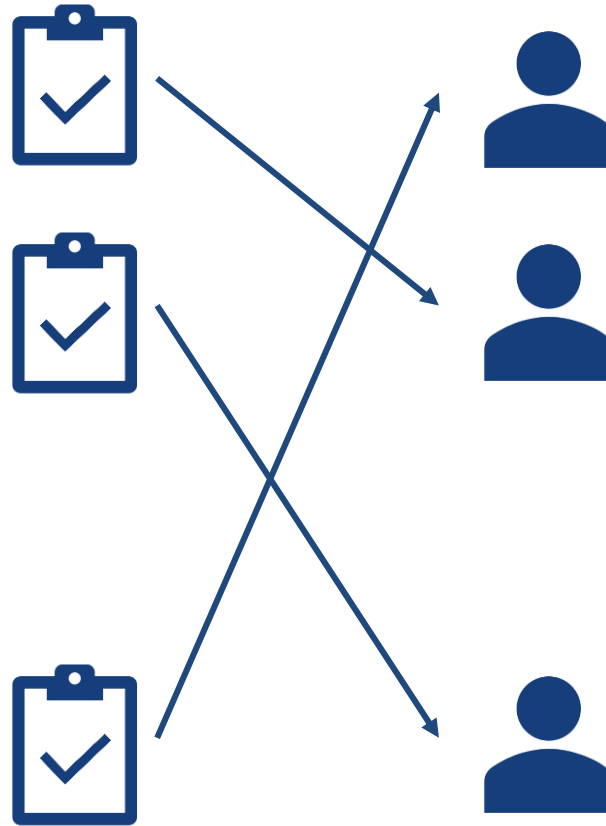
Personal Work Management Apps



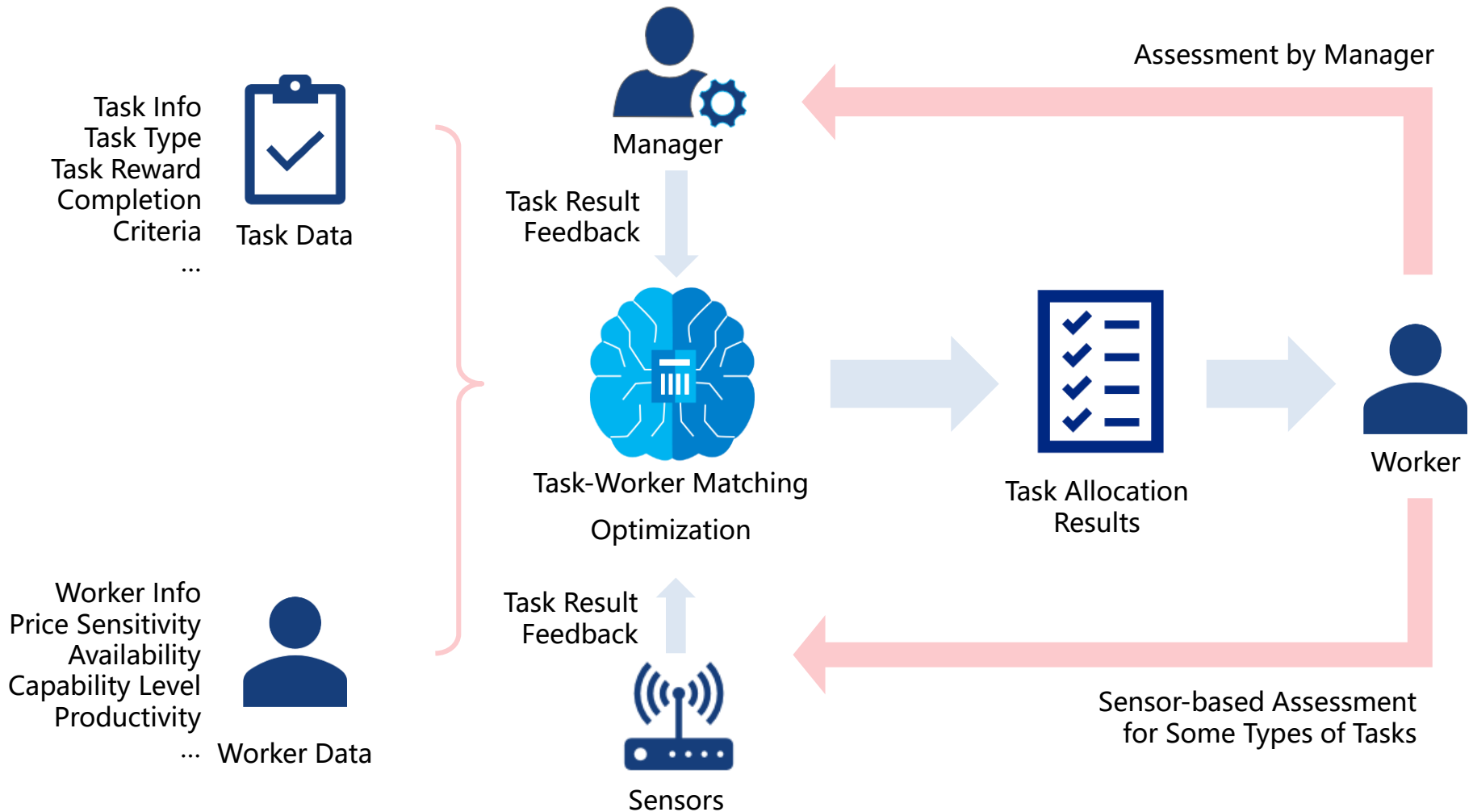
Key Challenge

*How to optimize the **dynamic** matching of tasks to the **most suitable workers in real time**, in order to **satisfy business objectives while protecting workers' wellbeing?***

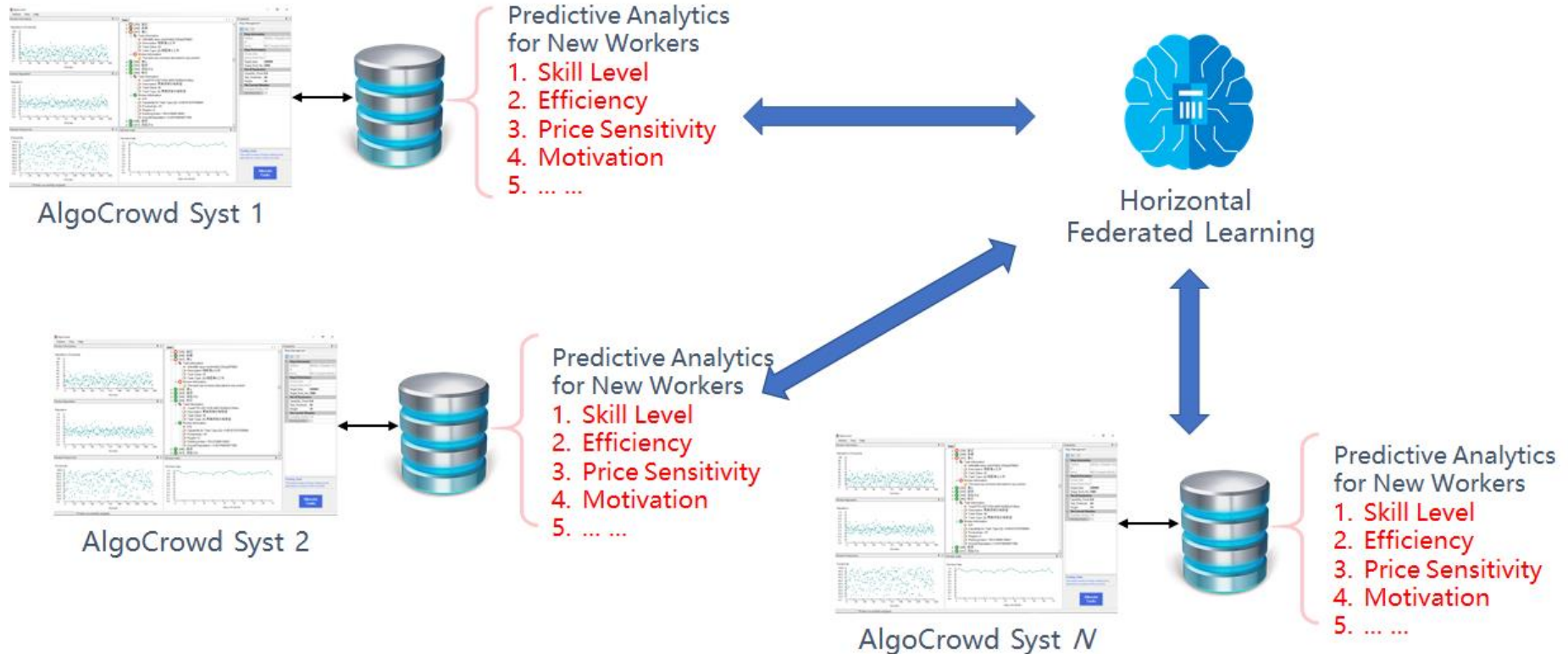
The Role of AI - Task-Worker Matching



System Architecture



Privacy Preservation by Design



Responsible AI Practices Covered



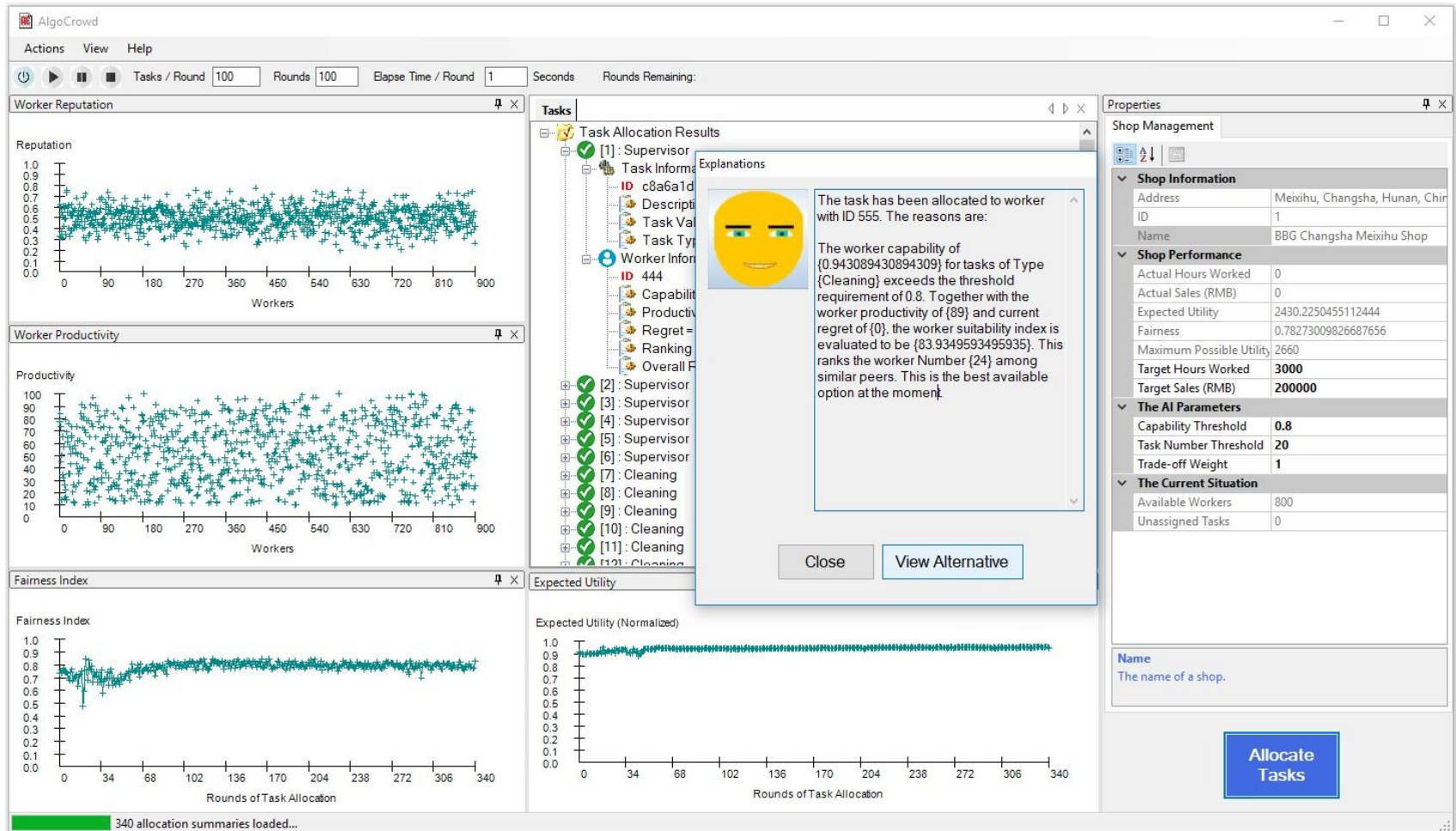
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Interpretability



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View demo video: <https://youtu.be/vV3RsdCCETw>



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