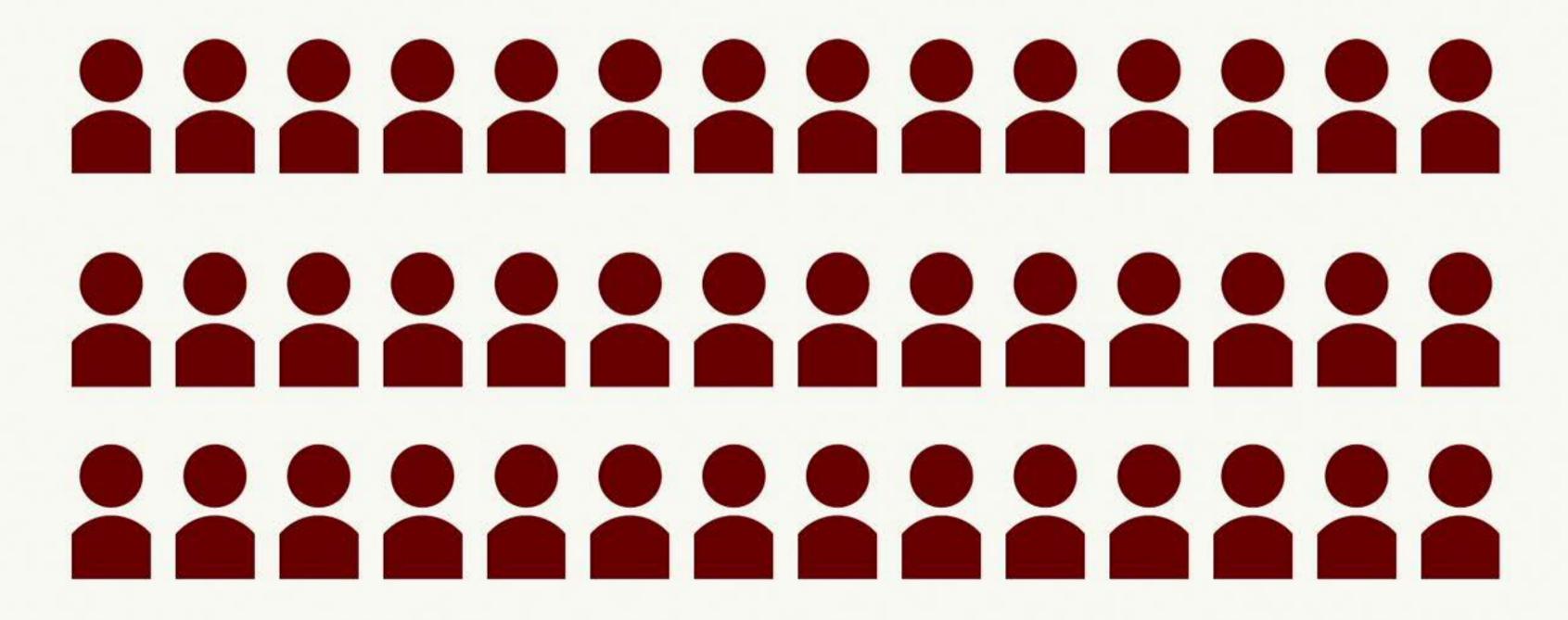
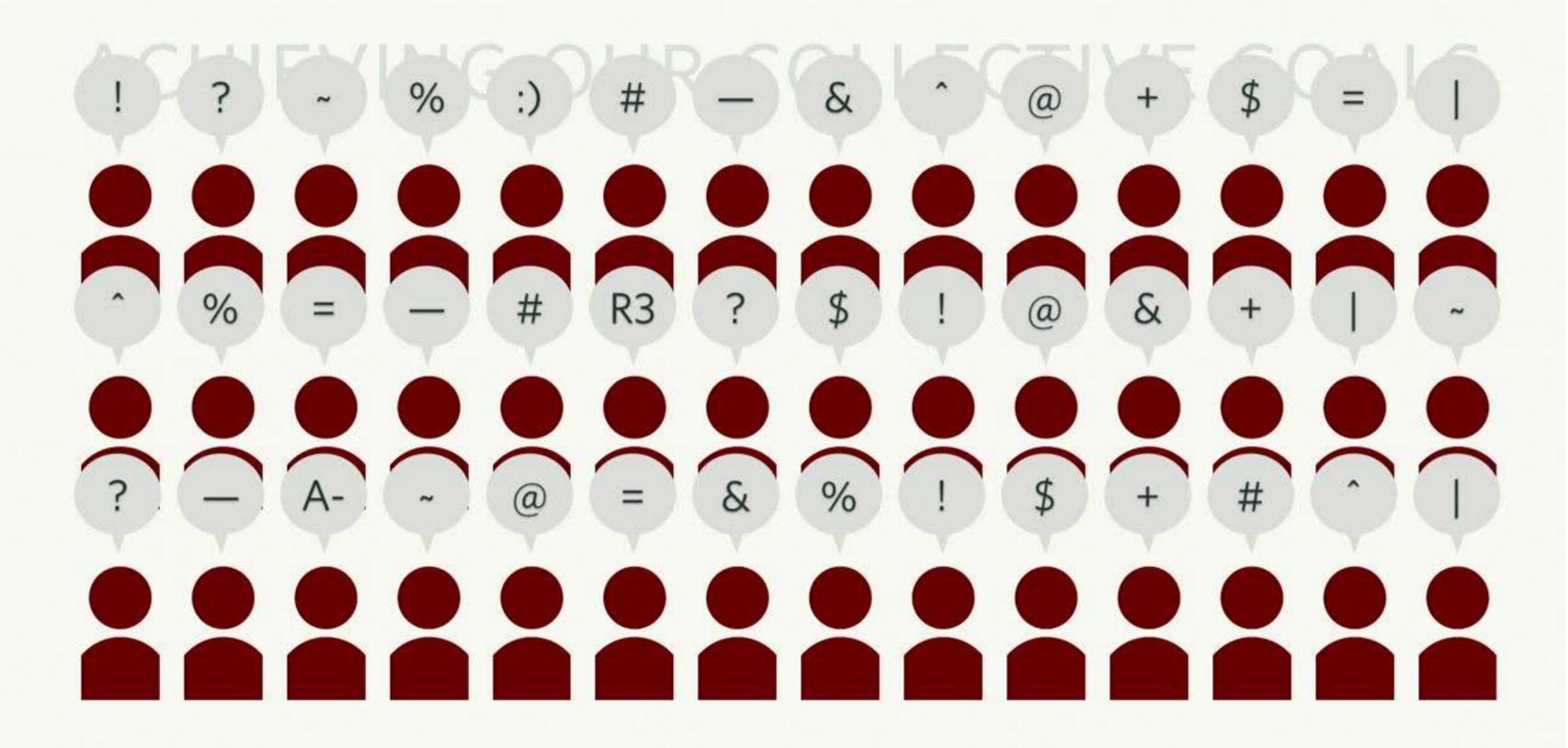
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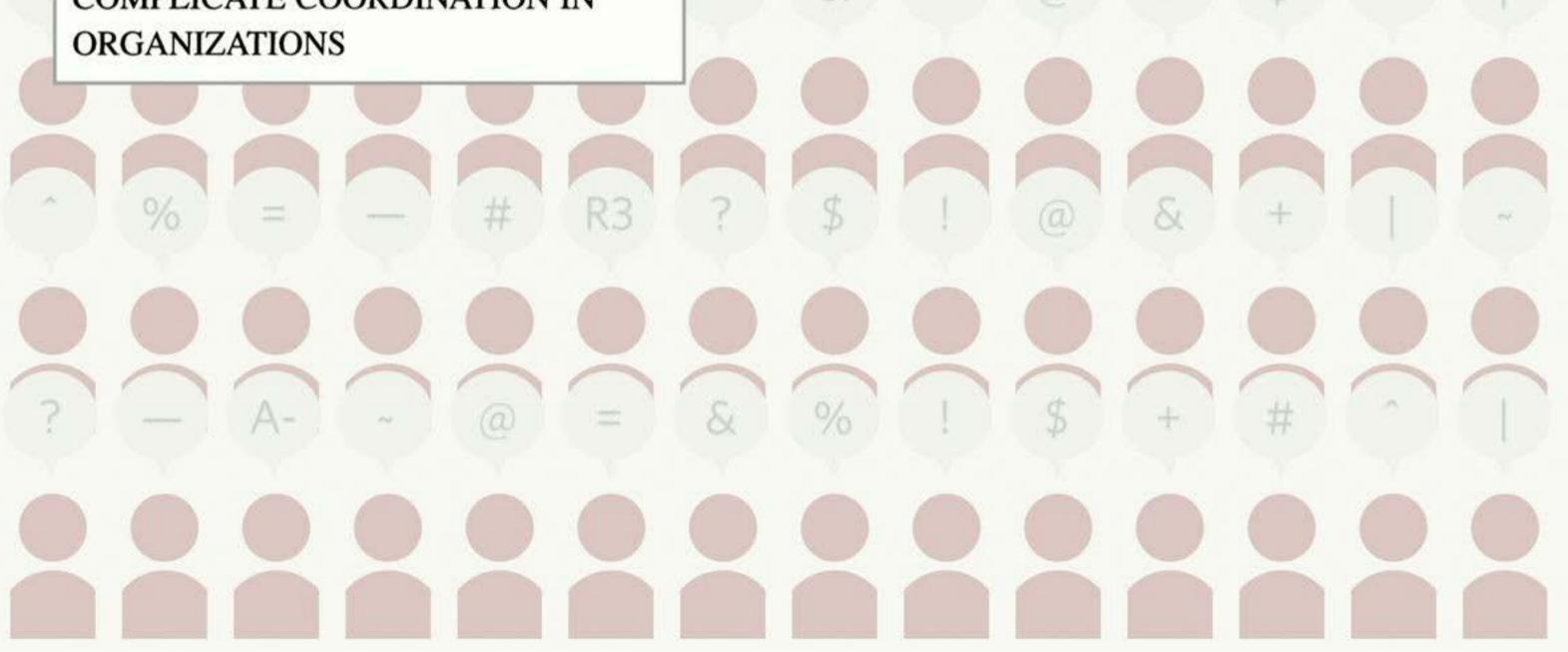
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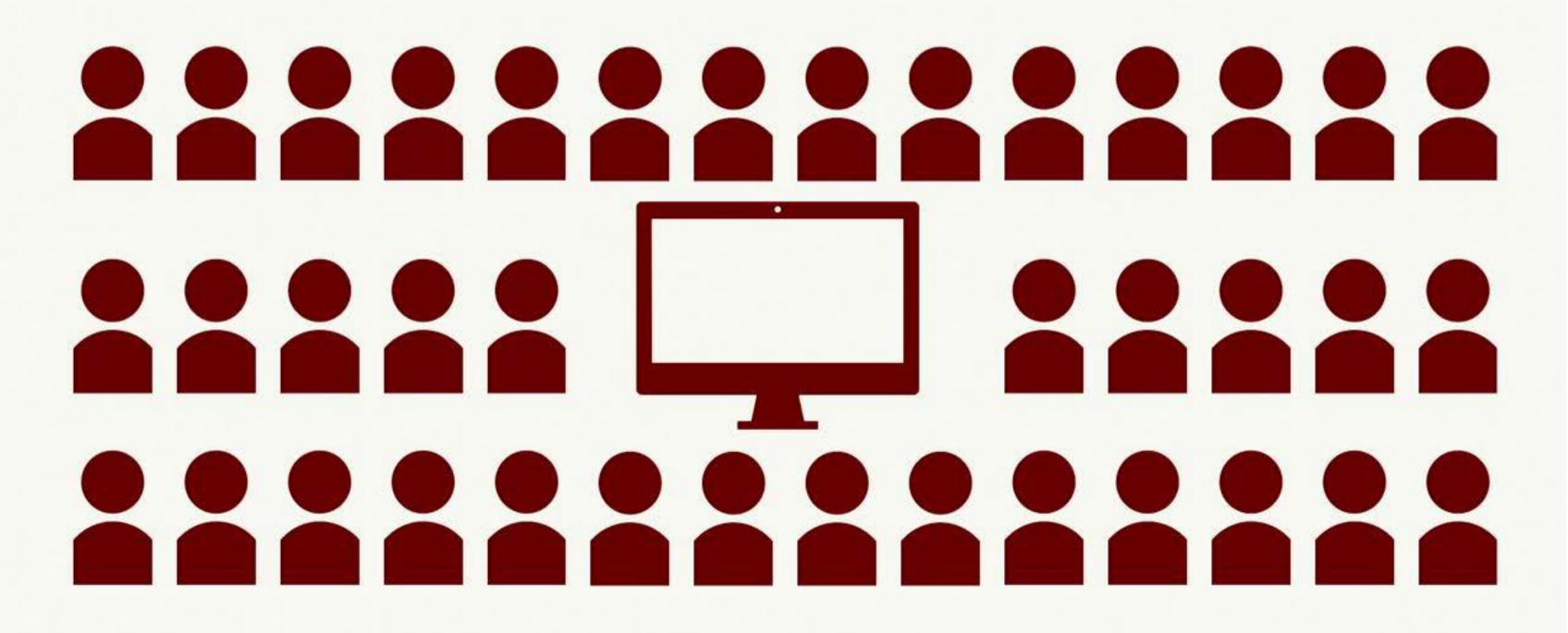
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## HOW MIGHT COMPUTING AUGMENT US IN ACHIEVING OUR COLLECTIVE GOALS?



#### WORKER COLLECTIVE ACTION



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Amazon's Mechanical Turk workers protest: 'I am a human being, not an algorithm'

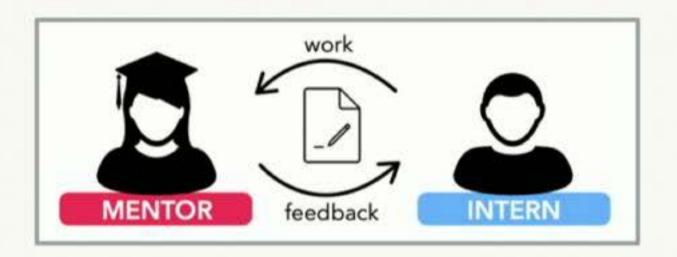
A Christmas email campaign is asking Amazon's CEO Jeff Bezos to improve terms for

workers providing cheap digital labour

Socio-technical infrastructure for collective action amongst crowd workers

[Salehi et al. 2015]

#### FUTURE OF CROWD WORK





[Suzuki et al. 2016]



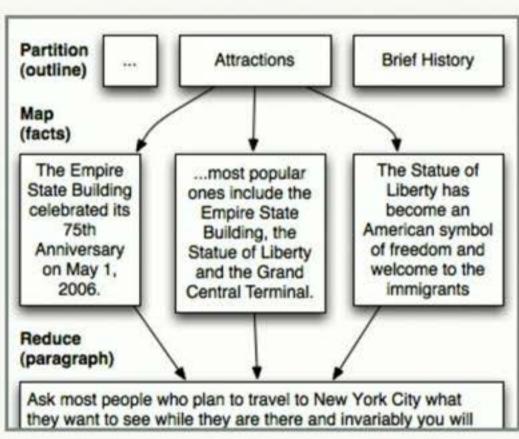
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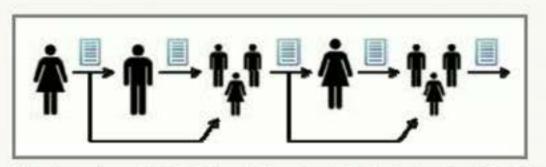
## DOMINANT ARCHITECTURE: ALGORITHMS

Modularize and pre-define all possible behaviors into workflows

Computation decides which behaviors are taken, when, and by whom; optimizes, error-checks, and combines submissions



[Kittur 2011]



[Little 2010; Dai, Weld 2010]

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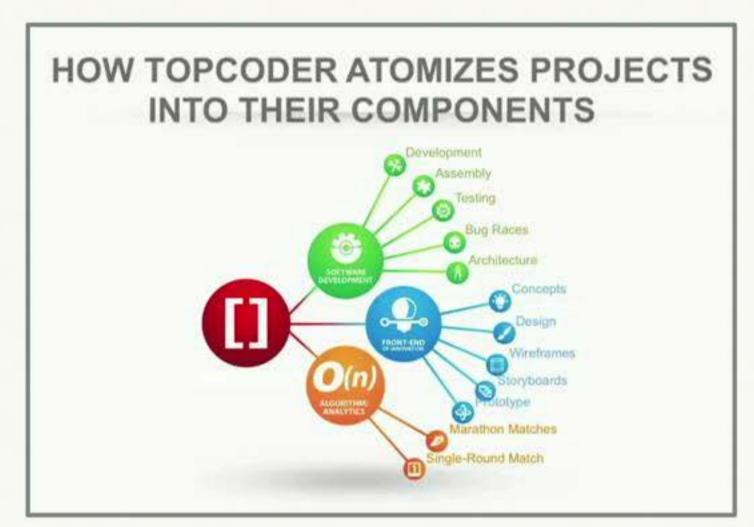
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Reason: open-ended, complex goals are **fundamentally incompatible** with a requirement to modularize and predefine every behavior [Van de Ven, Delbecq, and Koenig 1976; Rittel and Weber 1973; Schön 1984]

## LIMITS OF OPEN SOURCE AND OPEN INNOVATION

"Peer production is limited not by the total cost or complexity of a project, but by its modularity." [Benkler 2002]

"With the Linux kernel [...] we want to have a system which is as modular as possible. The opensource development model really requires this, because otherwise you can't easily have people working in parallel." [Torvalds 1999]



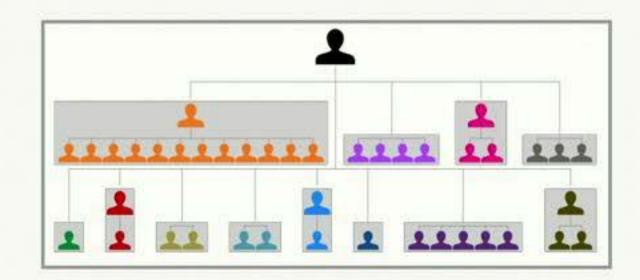
[Boudreau, Lacetera, and Lakhani 2011]

This architecture confines collaborations to goals so predictable that they can be entirely modularized and pre-defined

An alternative architecture: collaborations structured not as algorithms, but as computationally augmented organizations

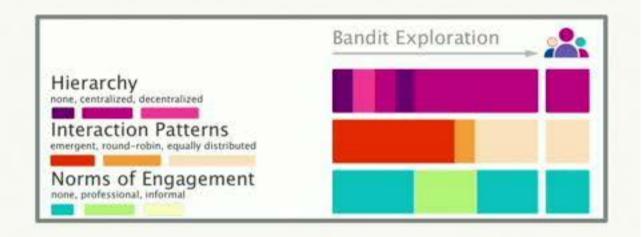
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Create on-demand organizations capable of complex work



#### 2) Dream Team

Find effective team structures



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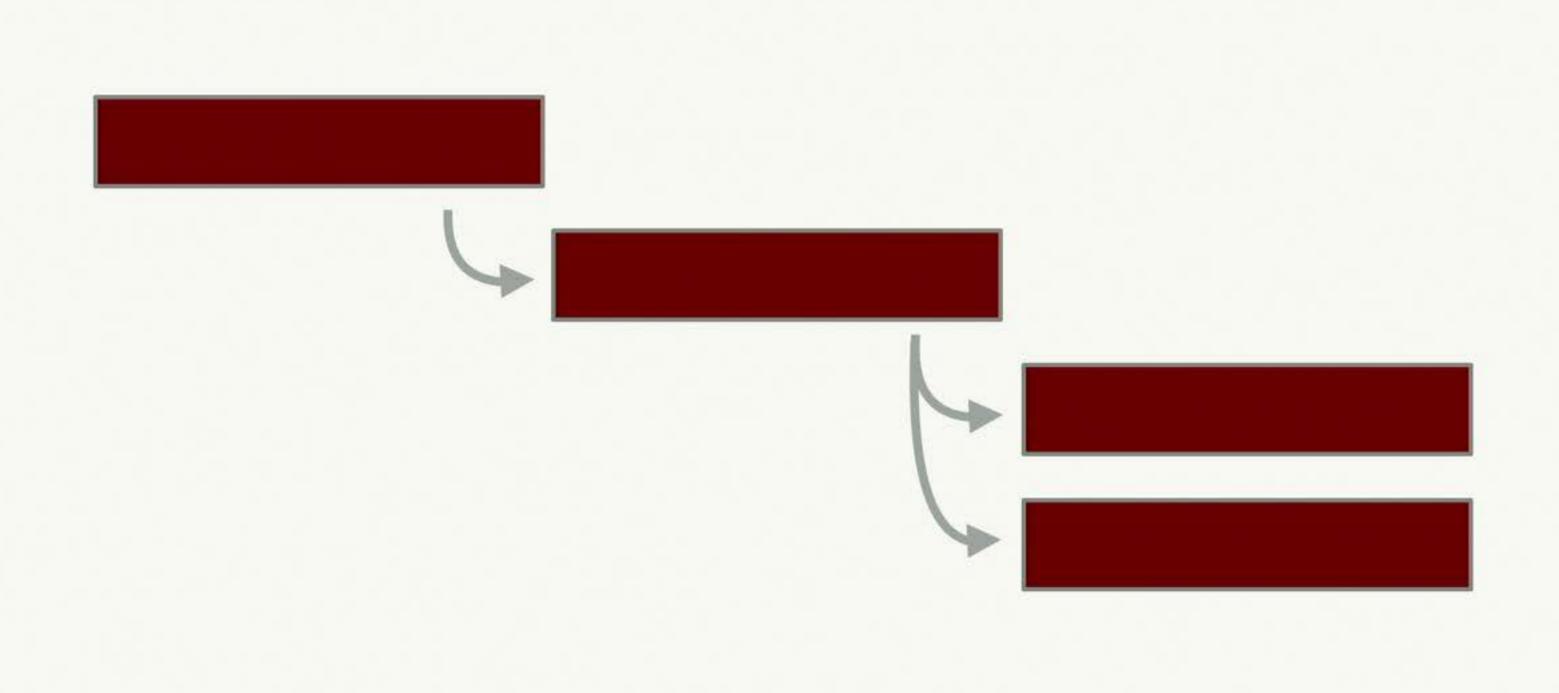
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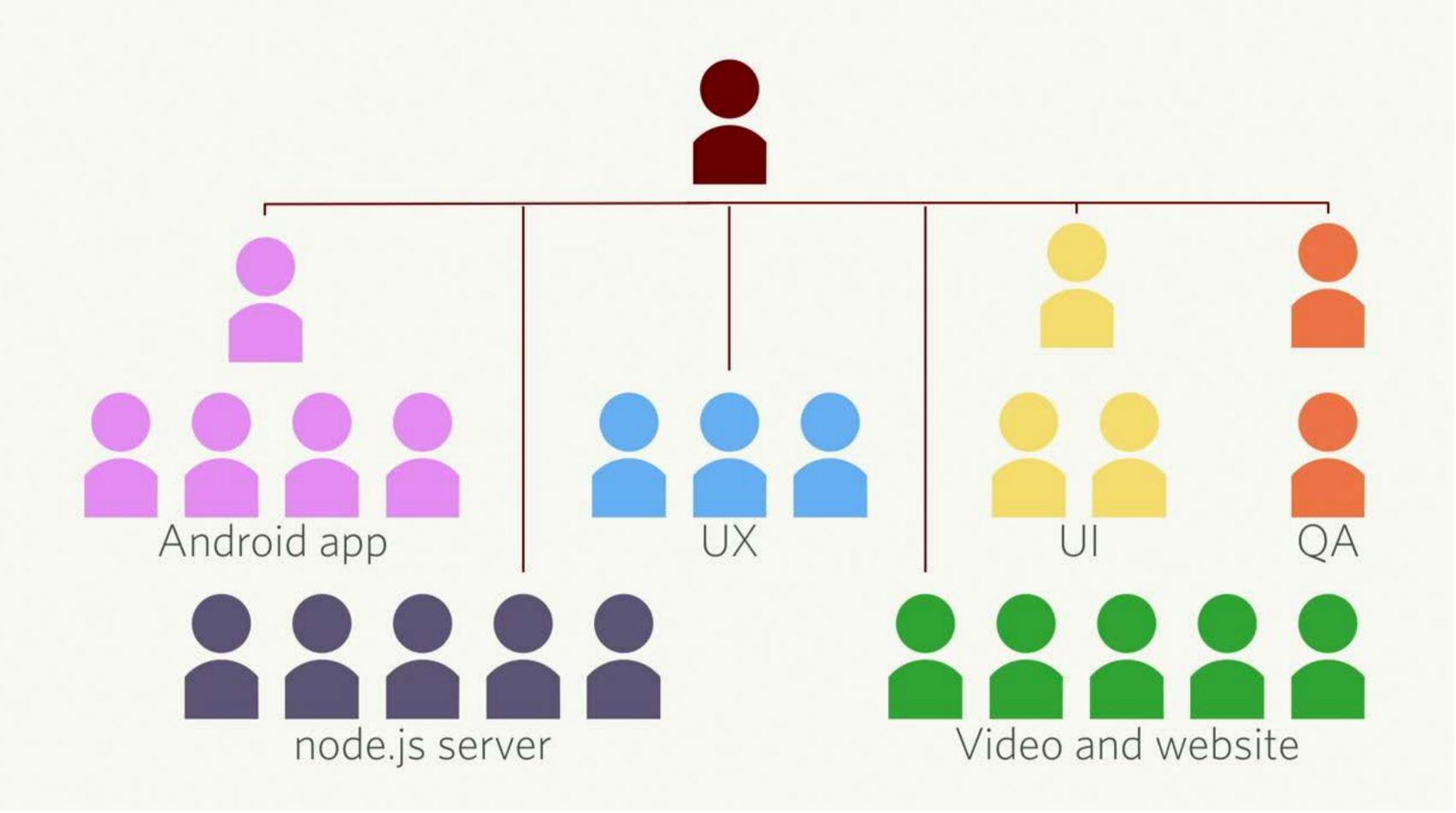


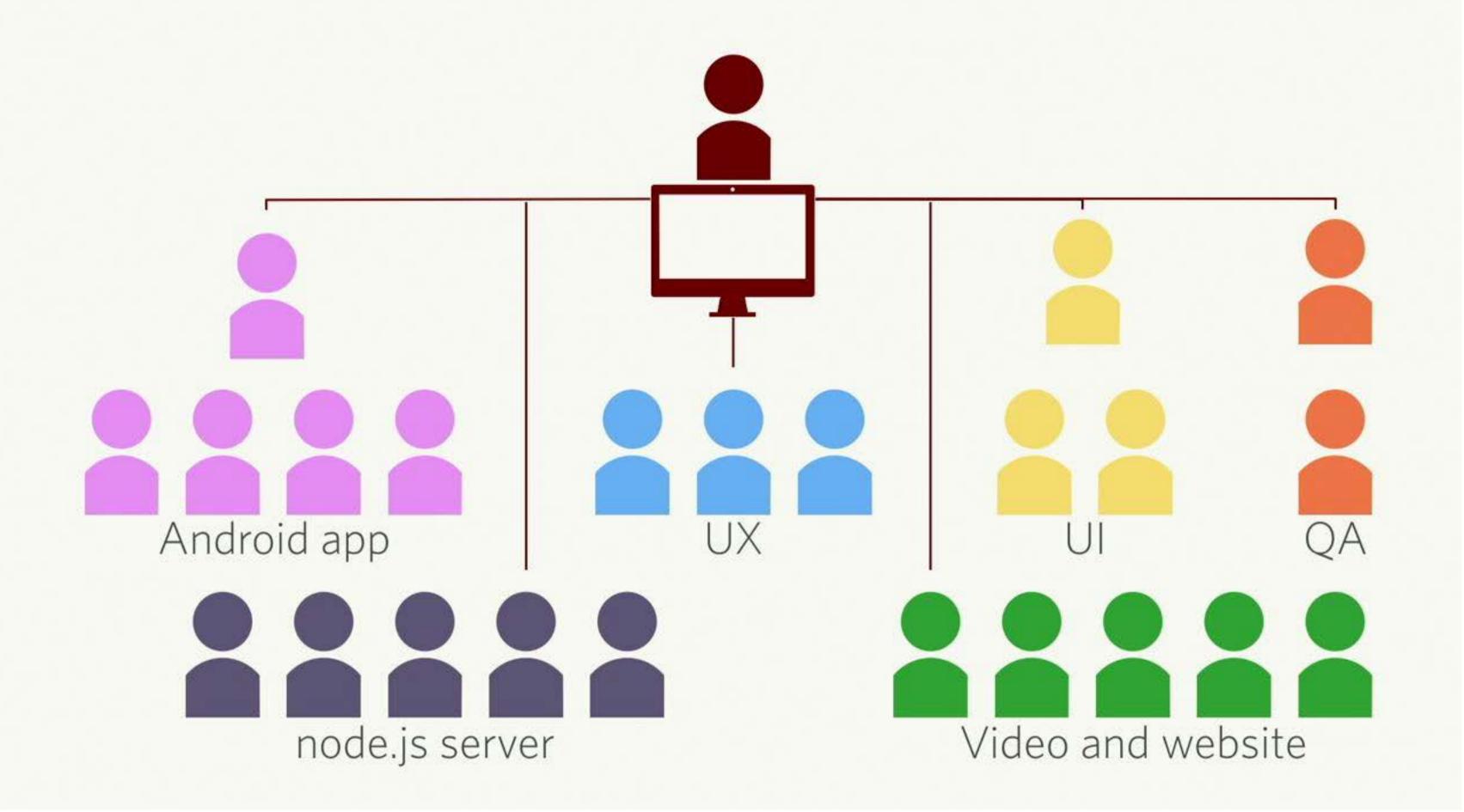
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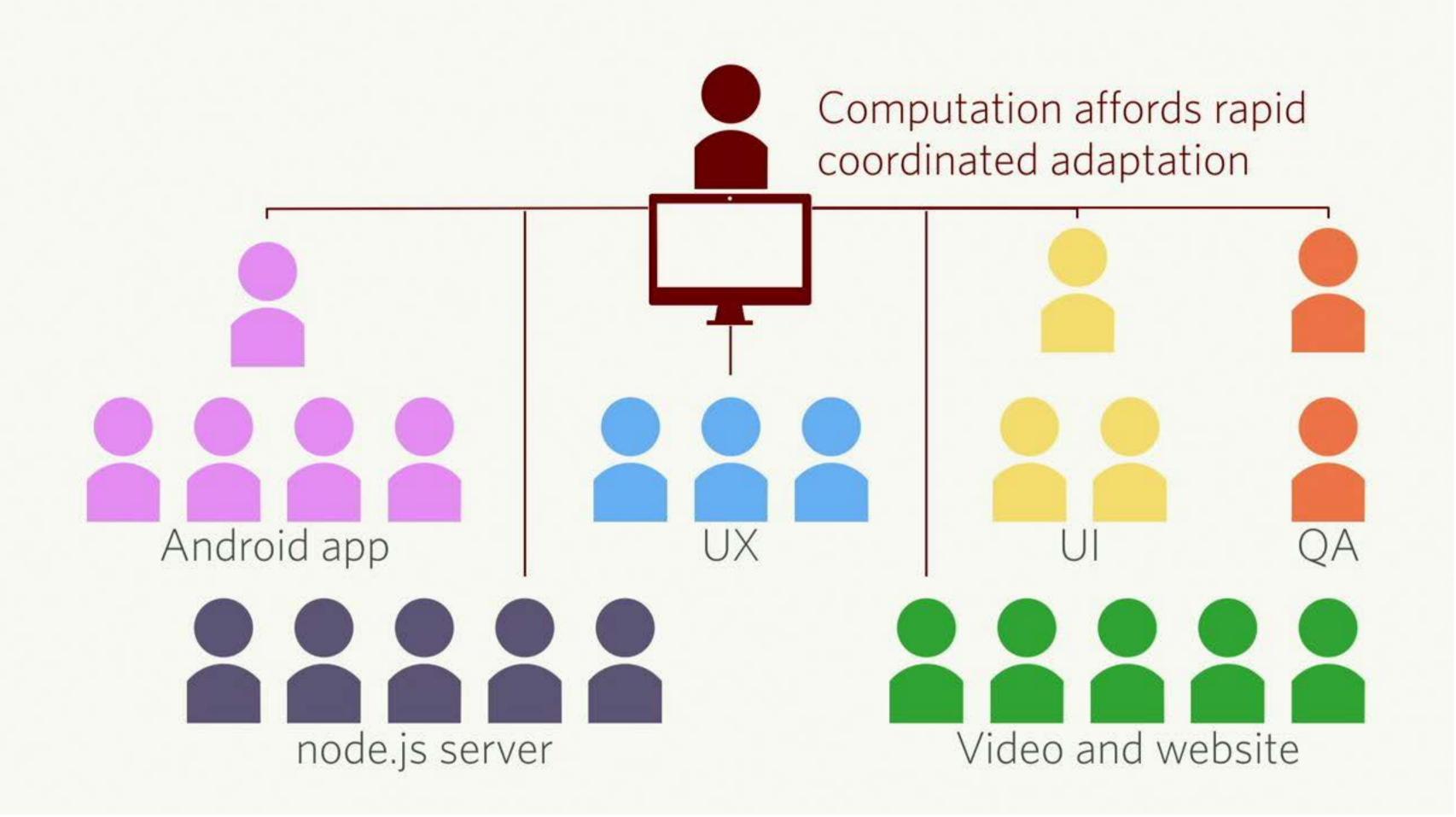
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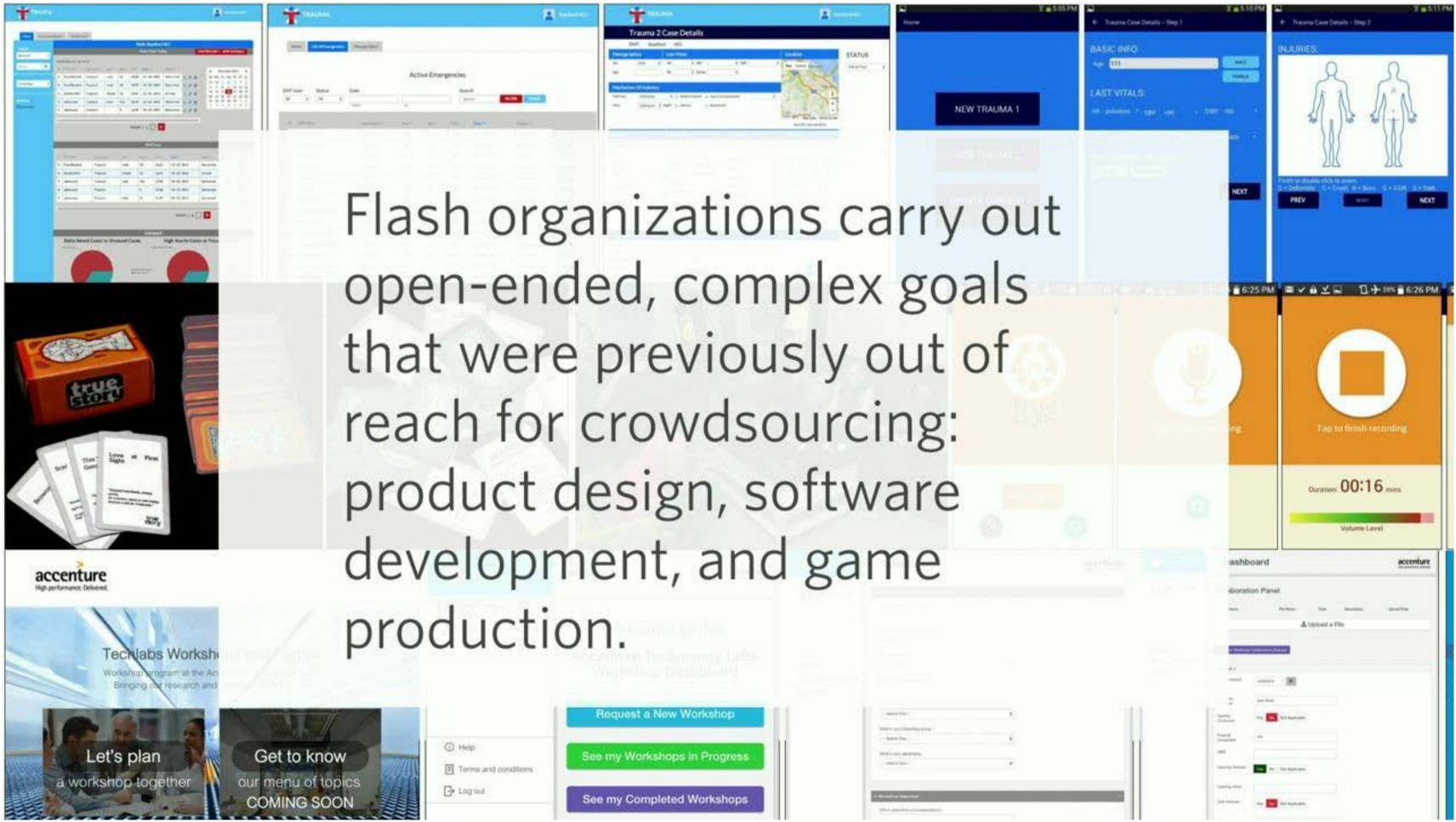
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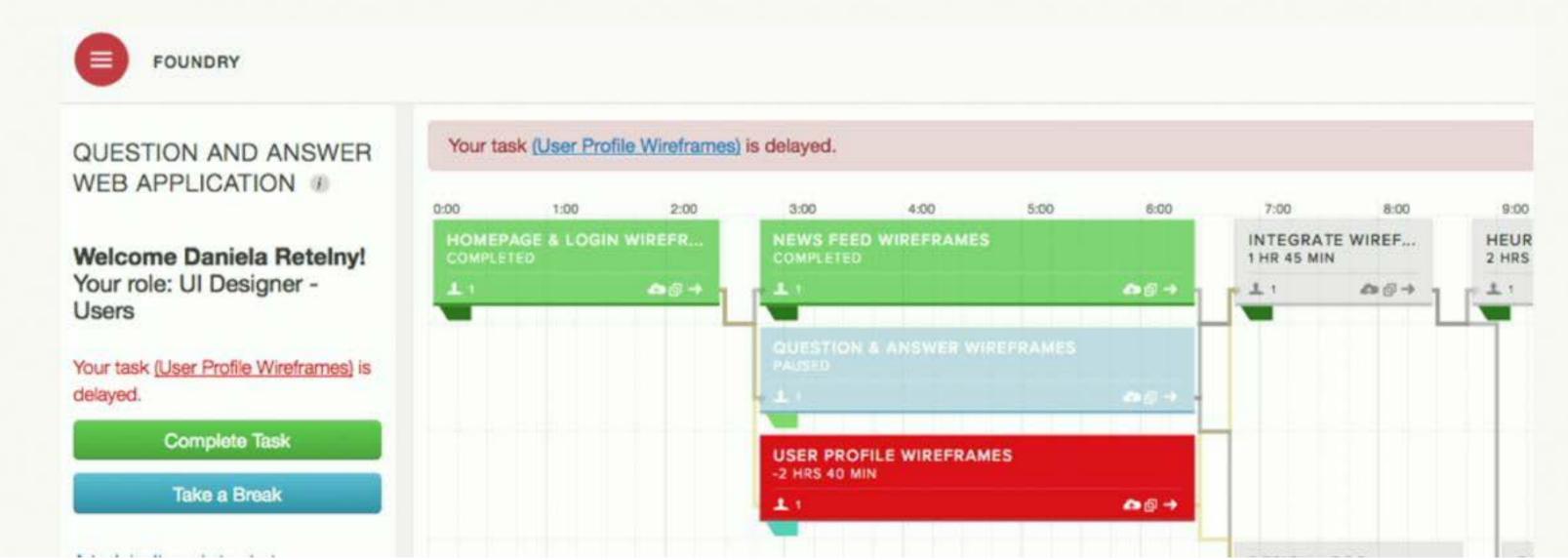






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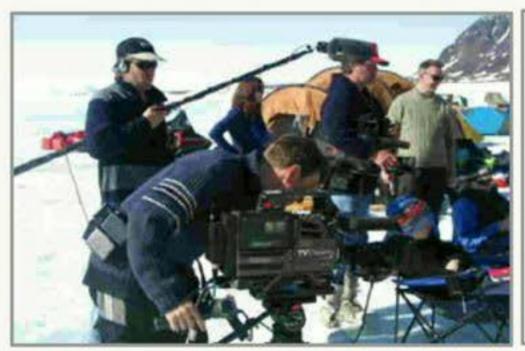
Web platform that supports authoring, reconfiguring, and running flash organizations

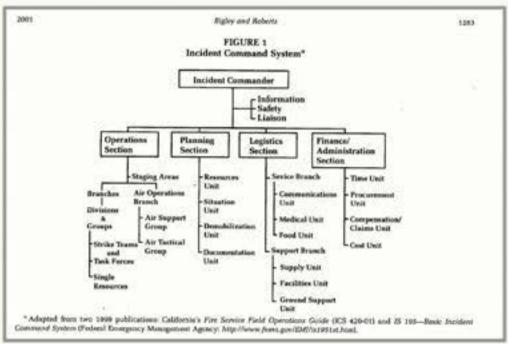


#### COORDINATION SANS ALGORITHMS

Inspiration: film crews and disaster response teams [Bigley 2001; Bechky 2006; Klein et. al 2006; Valentine & Edmondson 2015]

**Role structures** enable interaction based on knowledge of roles rather than asset-specific knowledge of each other





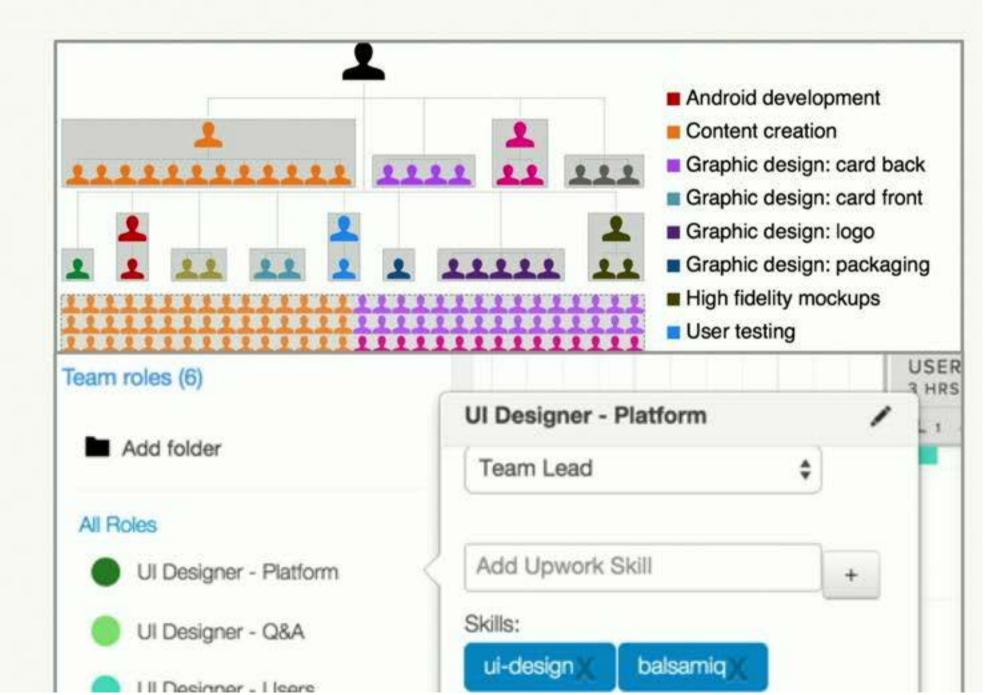


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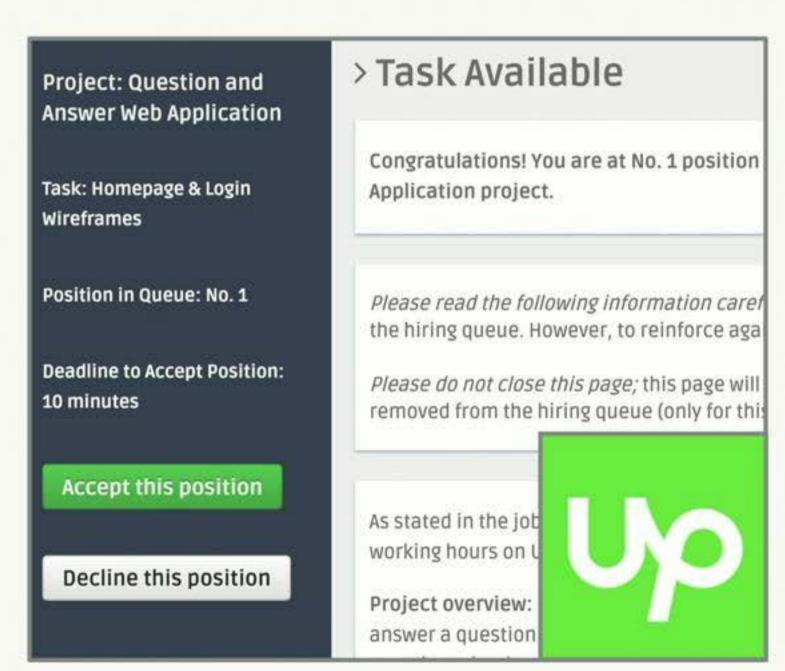
Roles: parametrize required expertise

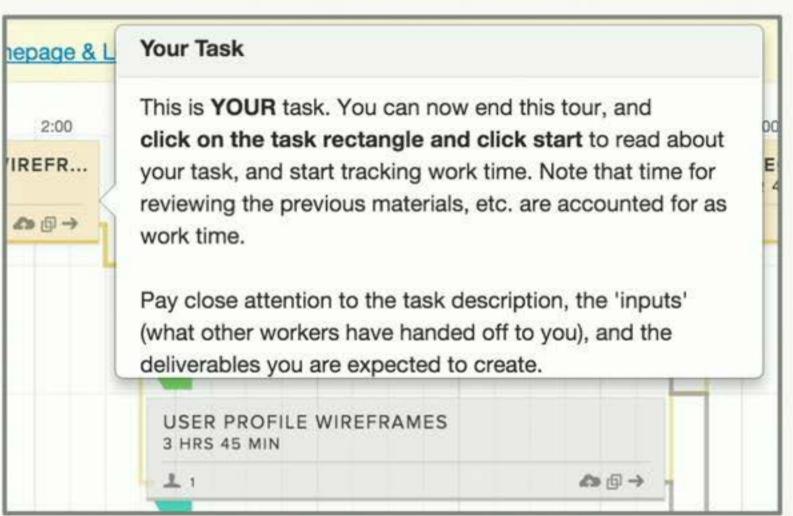
**Teams:** groups of workers with shared goal

Hierarchy: nested roles that determine decision rights



#### ON-DEMAND HIRING FROM UPWORK





Automated, role-specific onboarding

Foundry hiring queue

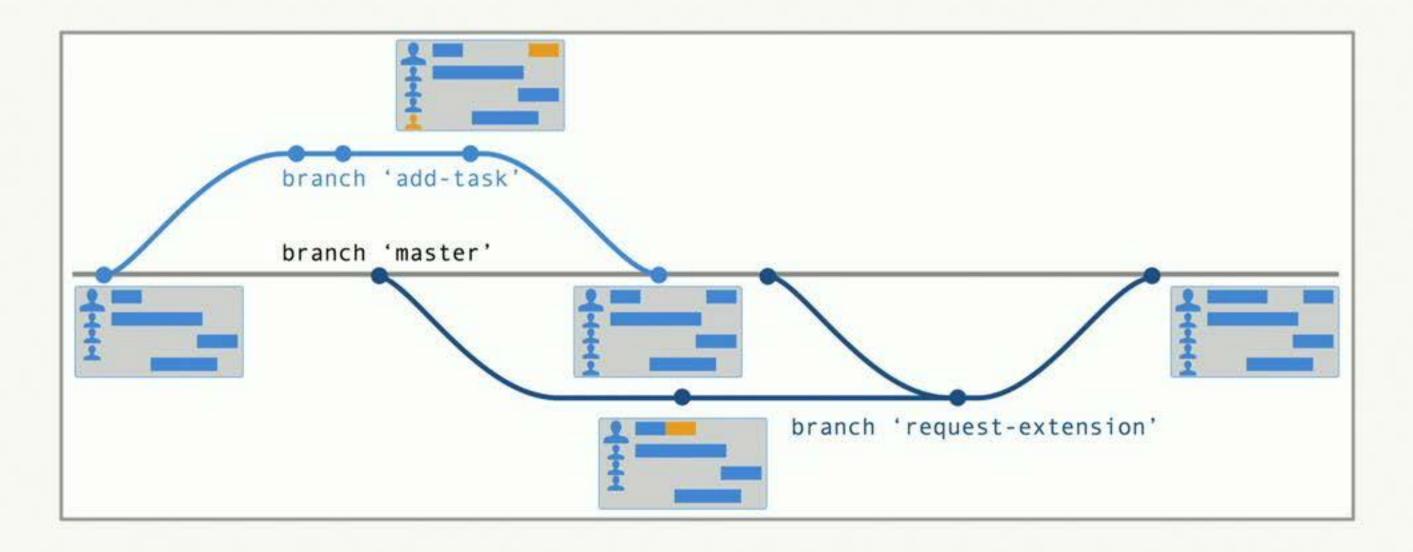
#### CHALLENGE: RECONFIGURATION

Organizational structures require constant reconfiguration so that the organization can adapt as it proceeds

How can a computational system keep a distributed crowd in sync as the plan evolves?

#### VERSION CONTROL

To enable reconfiguration of the organizational structures: **branching and merging** inspired by version control



#### VERSION CONTROL IN FOUNDRY

Any member can branch, edit, and make pull requests against any organizational structure: roles, teams, hierarchy, tasks



Diff view for reviewing

Pull requests are reviewed up the hierarchy and merged through a three-way diff

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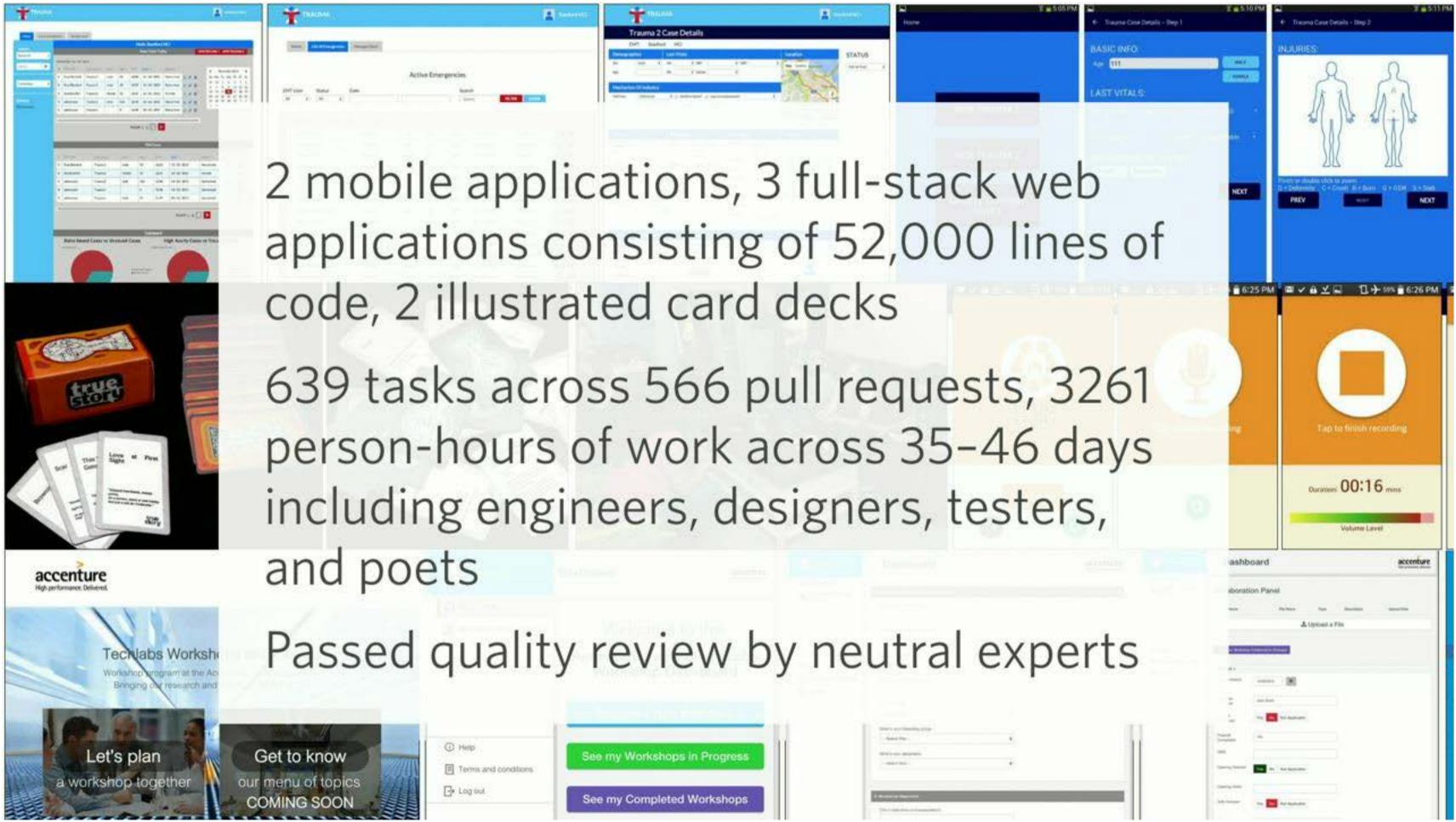
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### TRUE STORY GAME







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#### **CRUSHING**

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# TRUE STORY GAME



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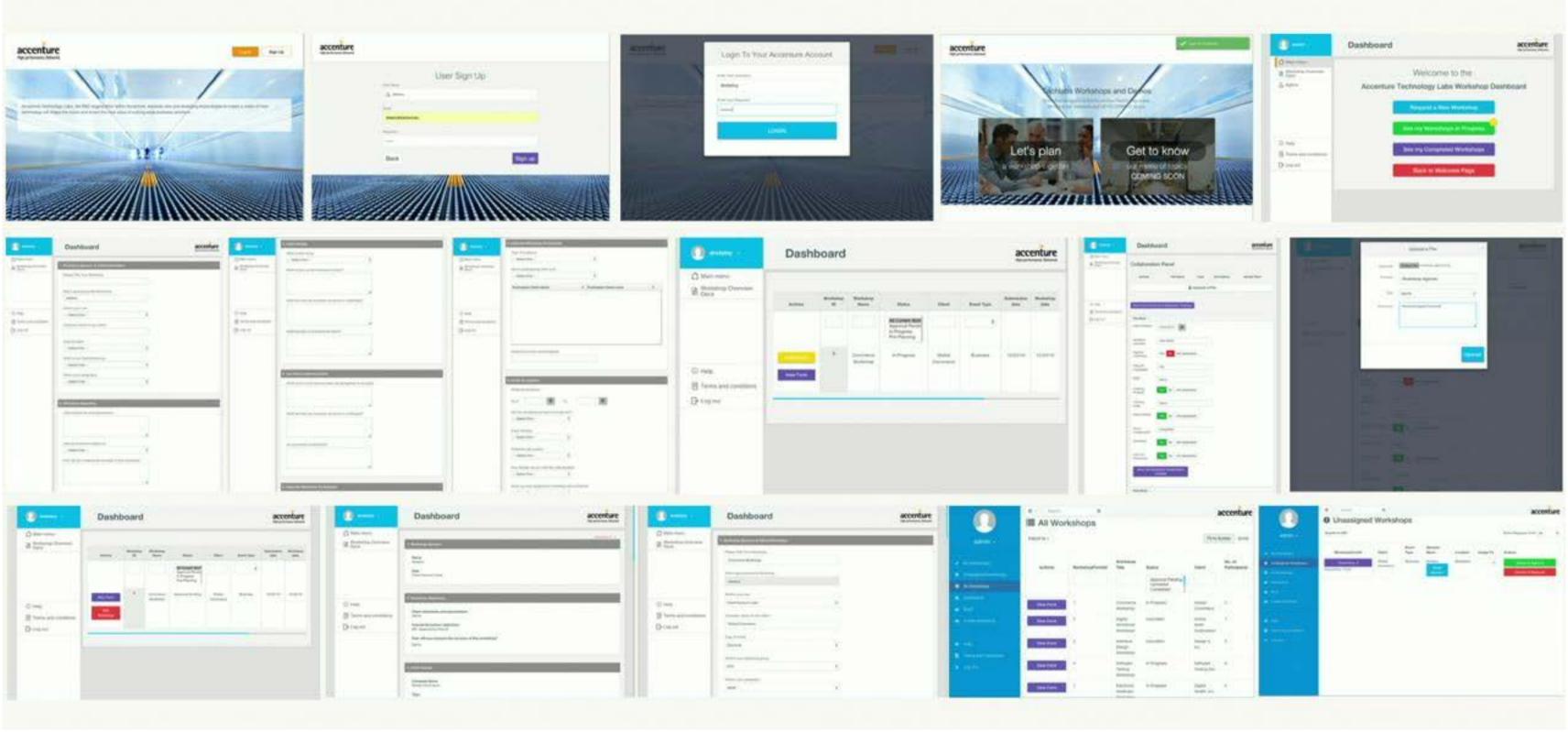
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# ENTERPRISE WORKSHOP PORTAL



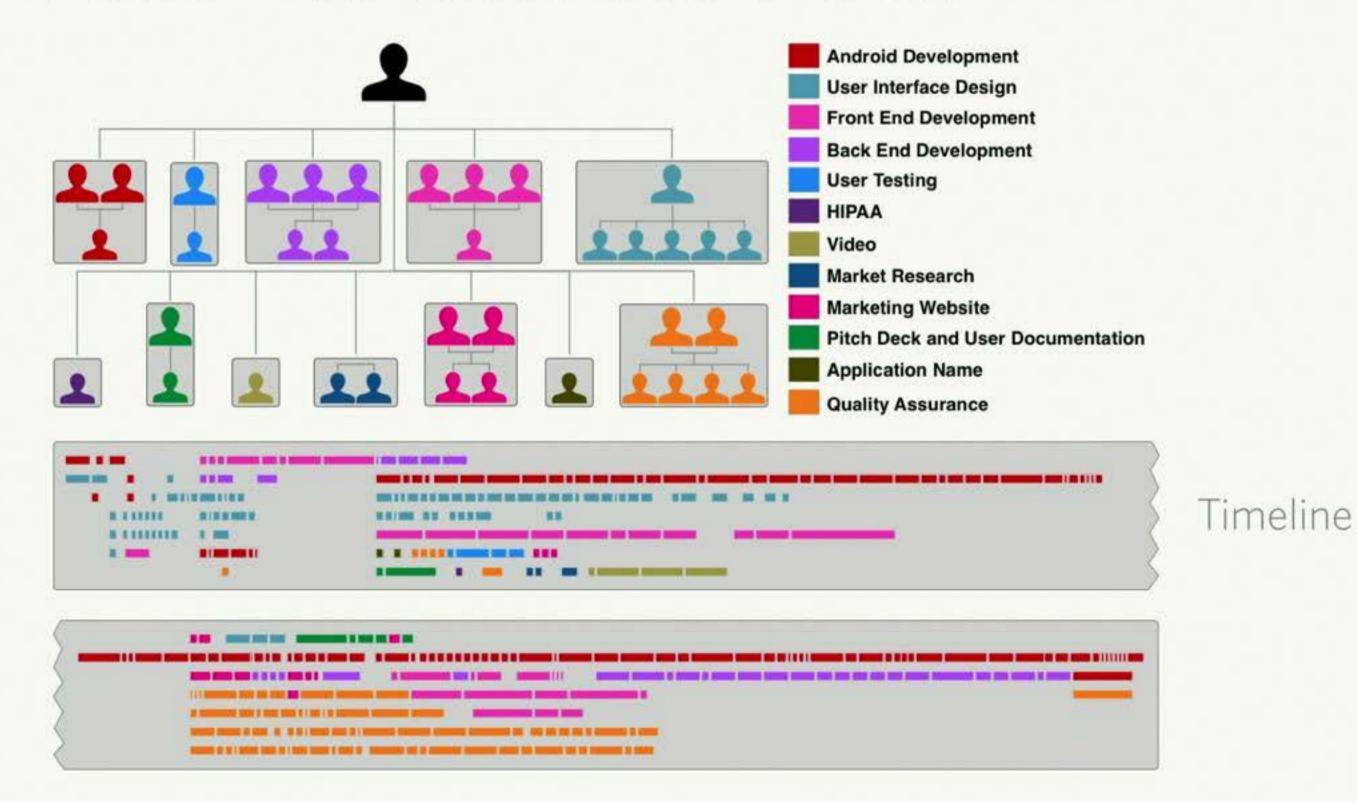
# FLASH ORGANIZATIONS: REFLECTION

Flash organizations suggest a future where organizations are **fluidly assembled and adapted** within globally networked collectives.

### Open questions:

- Might data help suggest effective organizational structures?
- How can researchers support industry norms, labor organization, and legislation to encourage a prosocial future of work?
- Do flash organizations change the transaction costs core to the Theory of the Firm?

# EMS TRAUMA REPORT



# Dream Team

Zhou, Valentine, Bernstein. CHI 2018.

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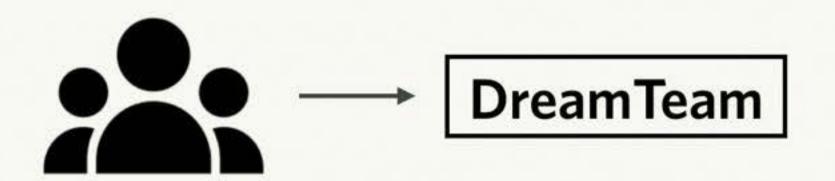
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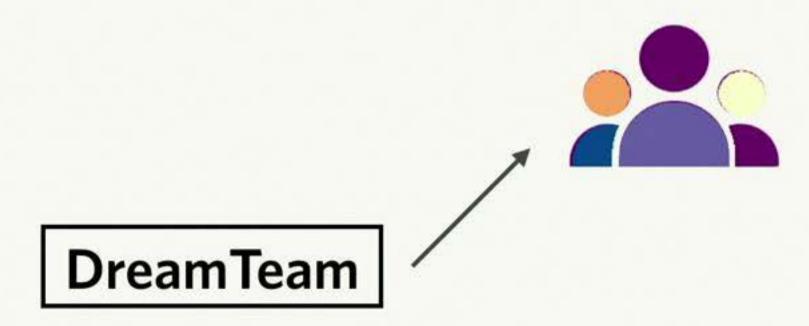
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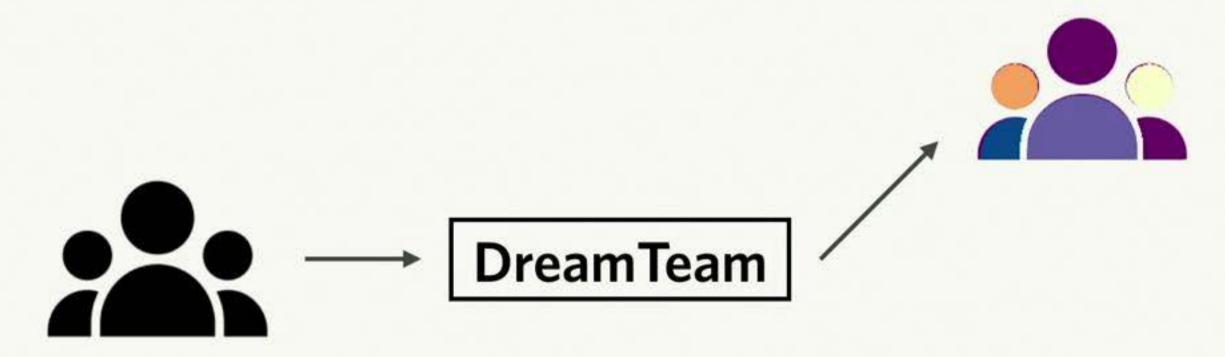
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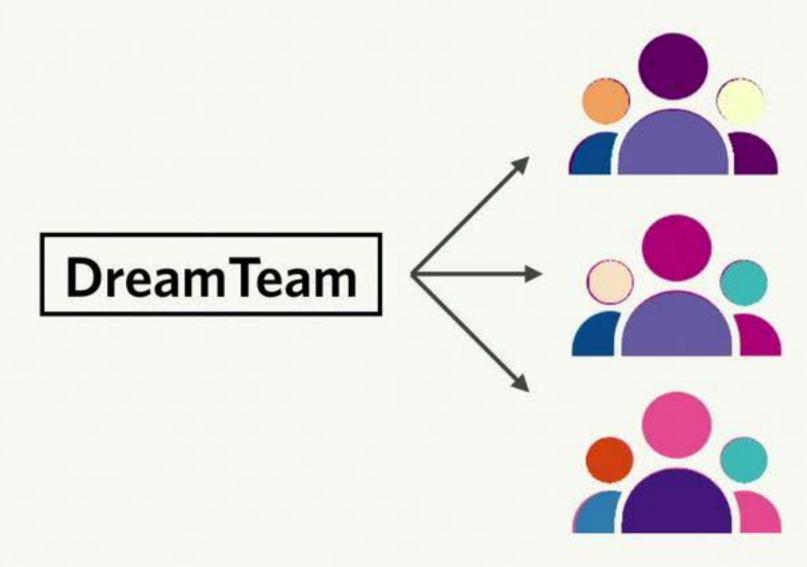


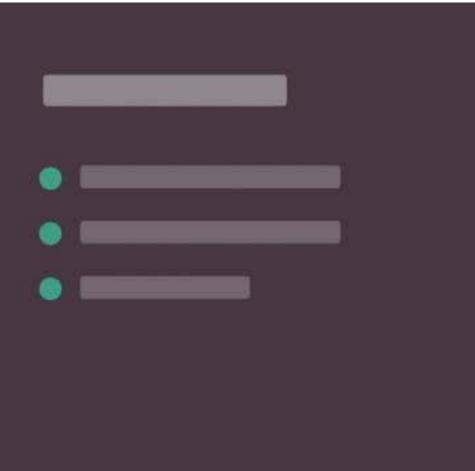


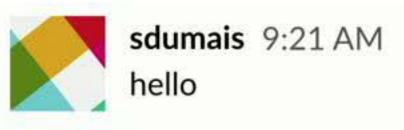














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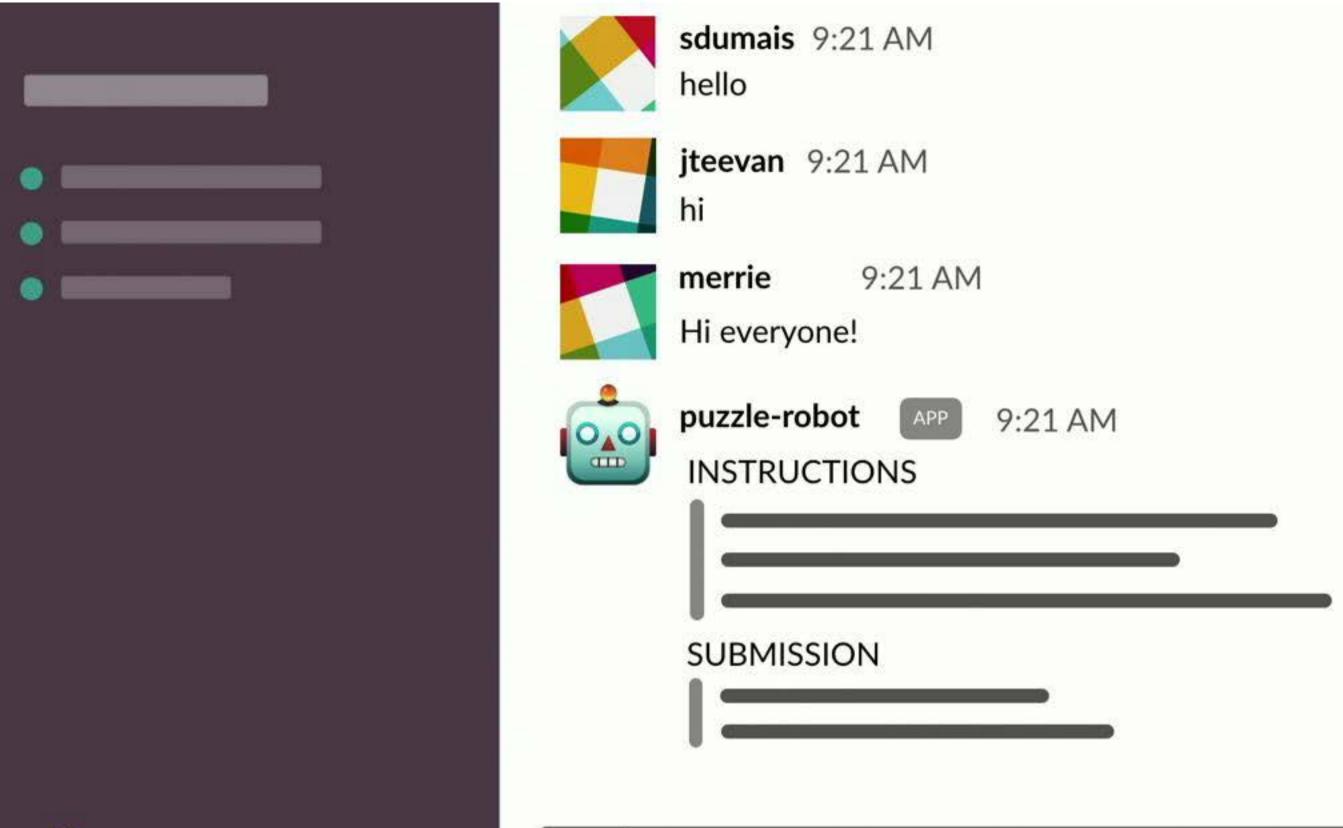


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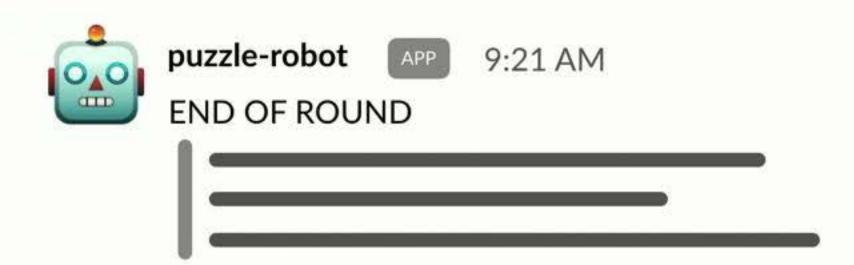
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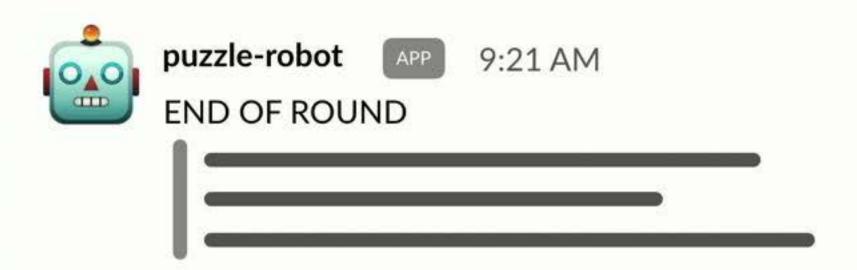






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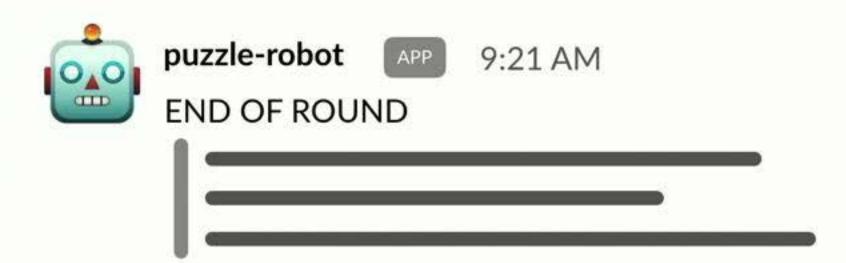


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This round change the following...

Be super cheery! Make sure to write encouraging comments to all your teammates, despite any losses!



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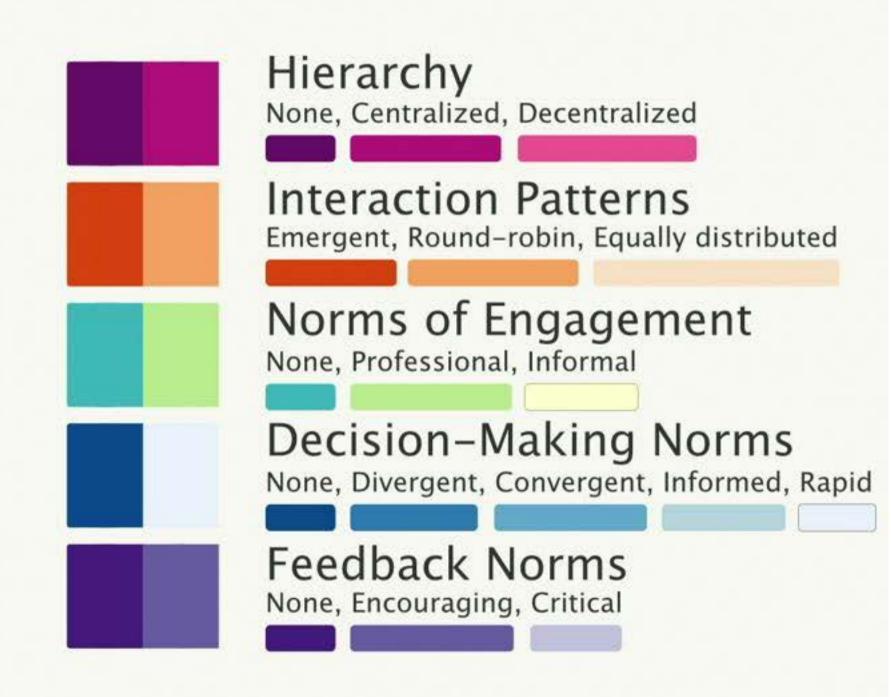
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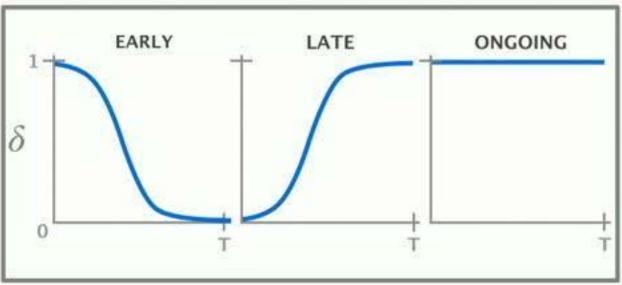
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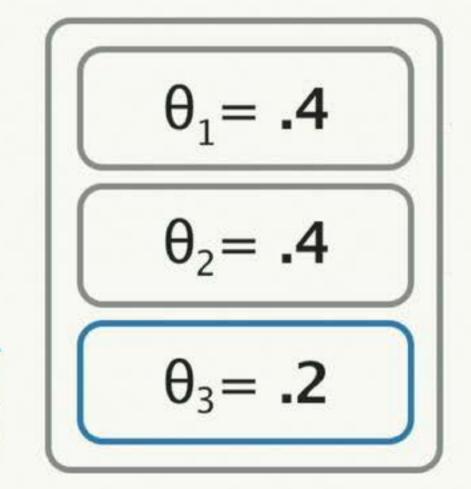
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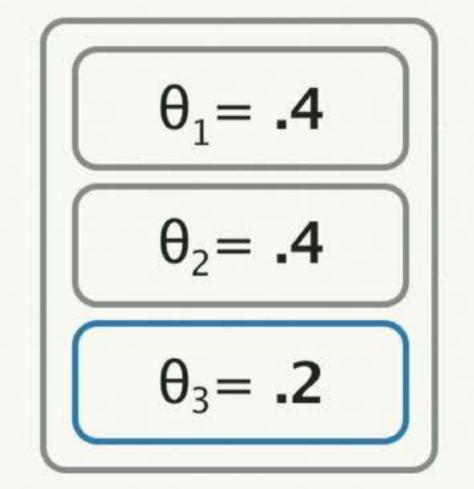
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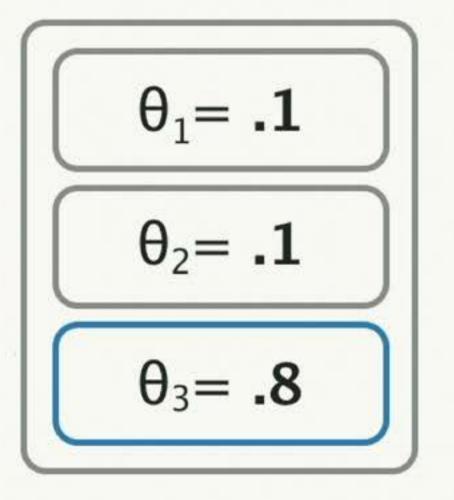
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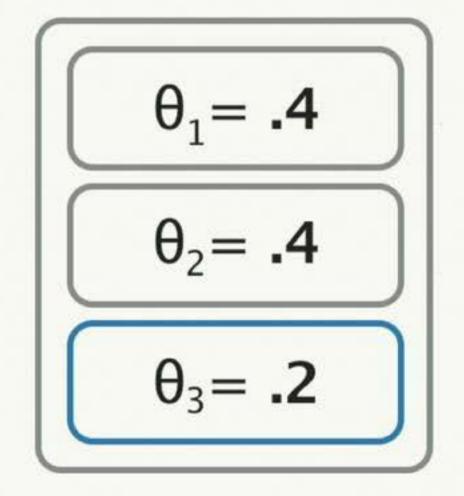


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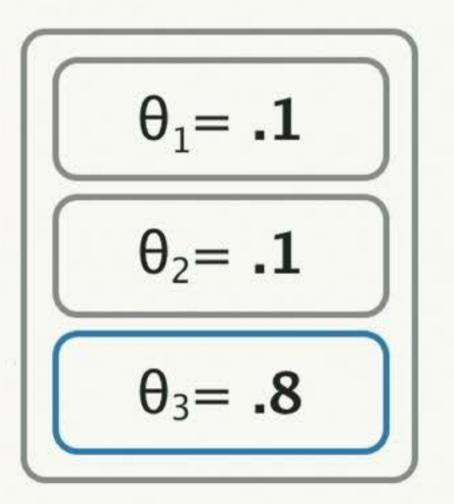


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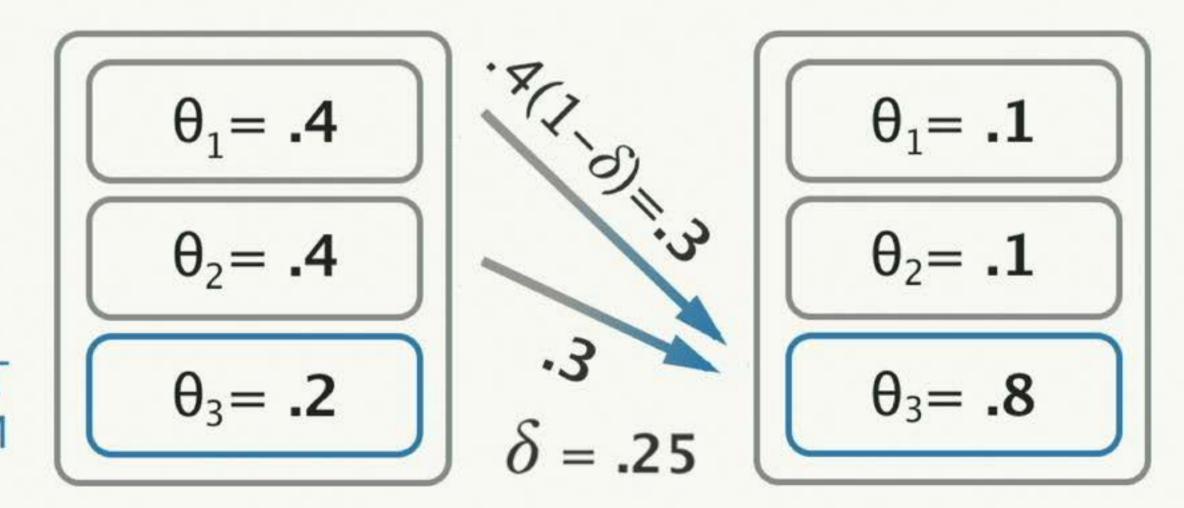
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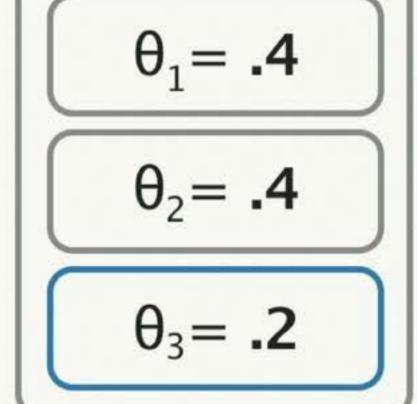
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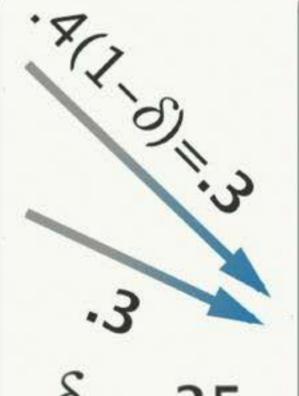
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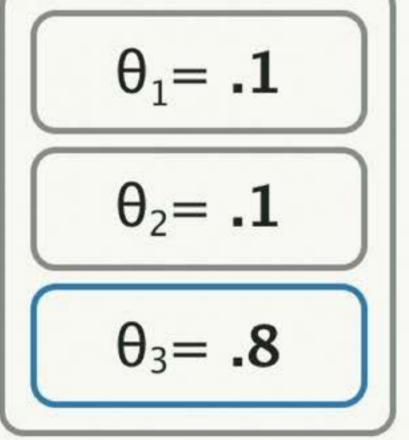
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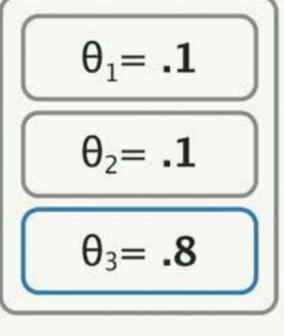


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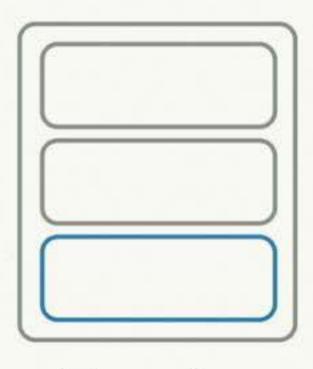
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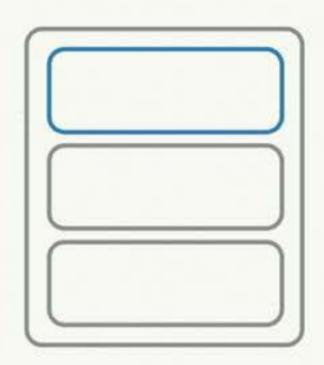




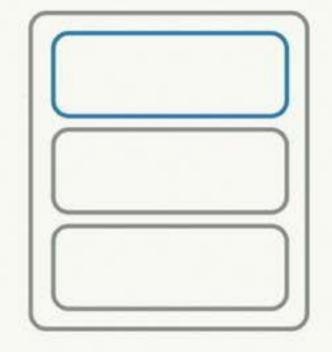
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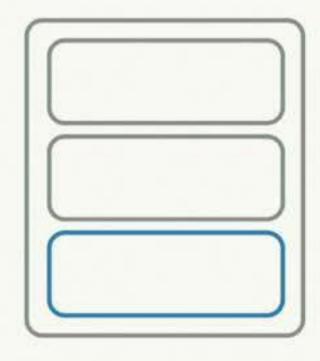
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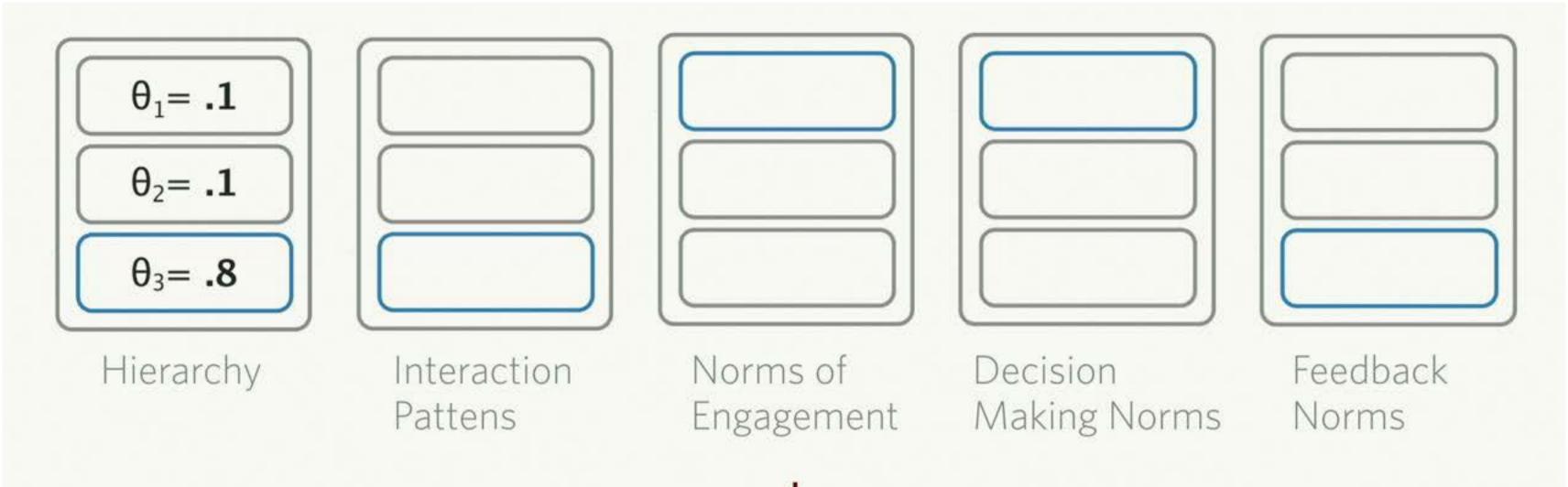
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#### CROWD RESEARCH

A crowdsourcing technique enabling a global crowd to work together on an open-ended research project

Participants collaborate as one large team to brainstorm, execute and publish the project under the leadership of a PI

### GOALS

**Enable access** to training and research experiences in support of upward career and educational mobility

Convene hundreds or thousands of people on a single ambitious project

## WE ARE NOT EQUIPPED FOR LARGE SCALE, OPEN ENDED RESEARCH

Research is not a linear path from idea to result: it is an iterative process of exploration
[Gowers 2000]

In contrast, citizen science efforts today focus on **pre-defined goals** in order to structure the crowd's contributions

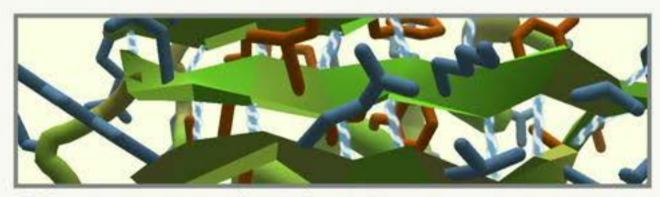
#### Gowers's Weblog

Mathematics related discussions

#### Is massively collaborative mathematics possible?

Of course, one might say, there are certain kinds of problems that lend themselves to huge collaborations. One has only to think of the proof of

[Gowers and Tao; Cranshaw and Kittur 2011]



[Cooper et al. 2010]

#### PROBLEMS

#### **Coordination:**

How do we prevent the project from moving in 1,000 directions at once, across easily 6,000 messages per week?

#### **Credit:**

How can we provide proof that participants made substantial contributions to the project, when no one central authority can assert this?

#### CROWD RESEARCH

#### Iterative crowdsourcing technique:

Weekly cycle of open contribution, synchronous collaboration, and peer assessment

#### Decentralized credit:

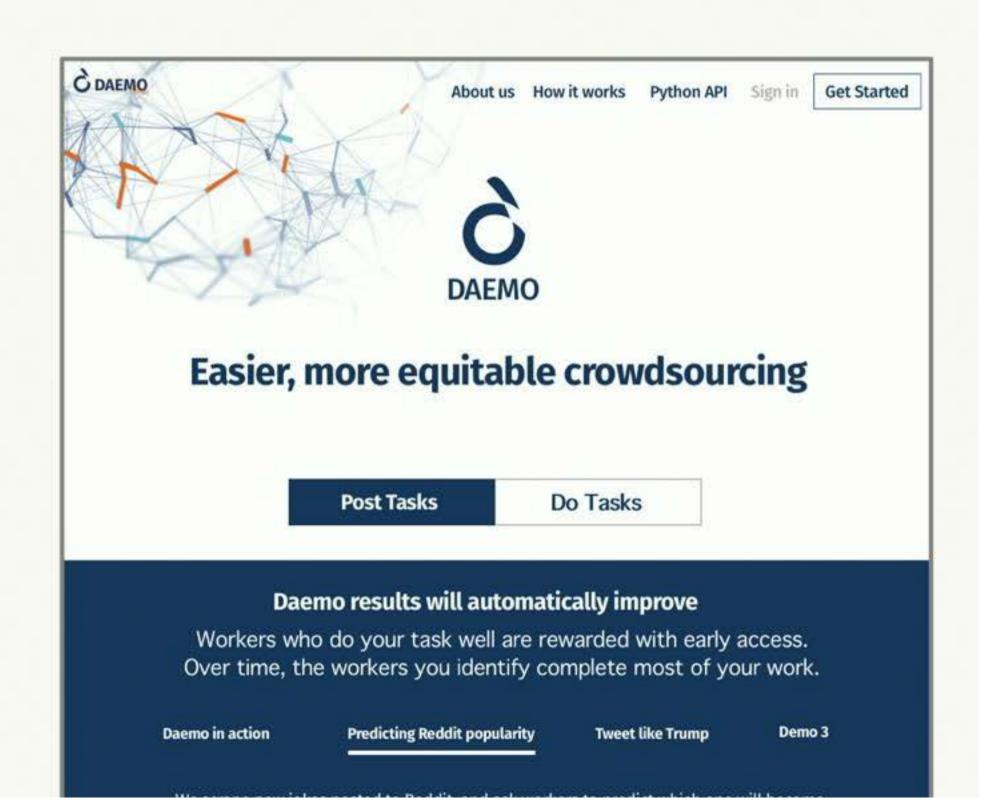
Participants allocate finite credits to each other, enabling a graph centrality algorithm to determine credit and author order

## THREE PARALLEL PROJECTS

HCI

Michael Bernstein, Stanford

Building a new crowd marketplace

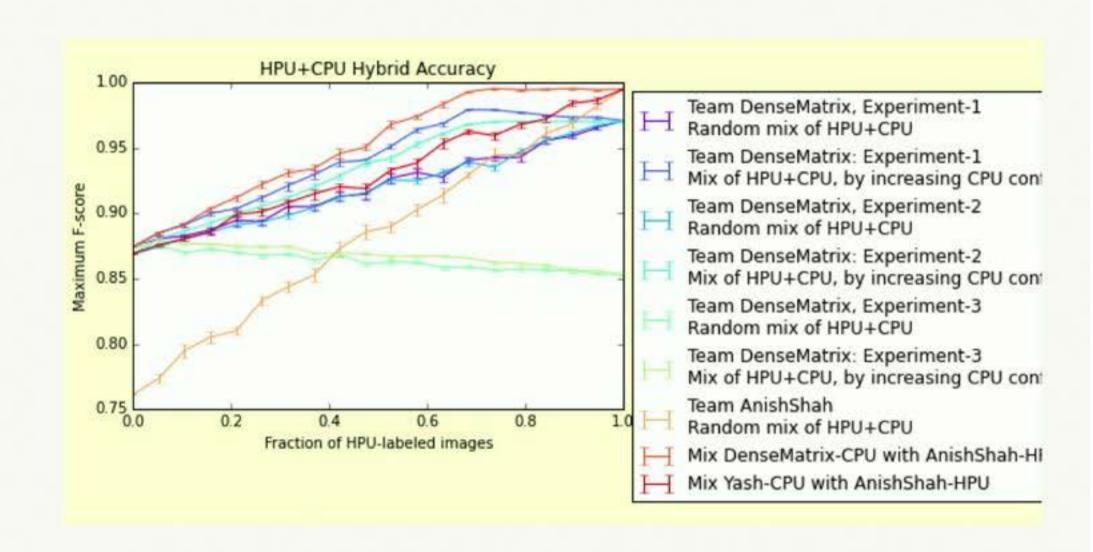


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Computer vision

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Hybrid crowdcomputer vision algorithms



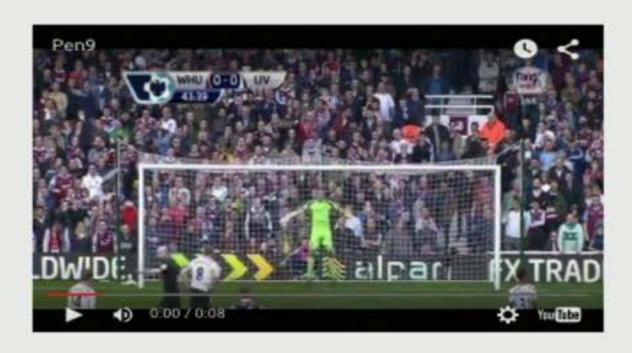
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Sharad Goel, Stanford

Hundreds of experiments testing the wisdom of the crowd

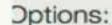
Predict the direction of penalty shot



Time Remaining

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Tasks Remaining in the domain: 15 / 20

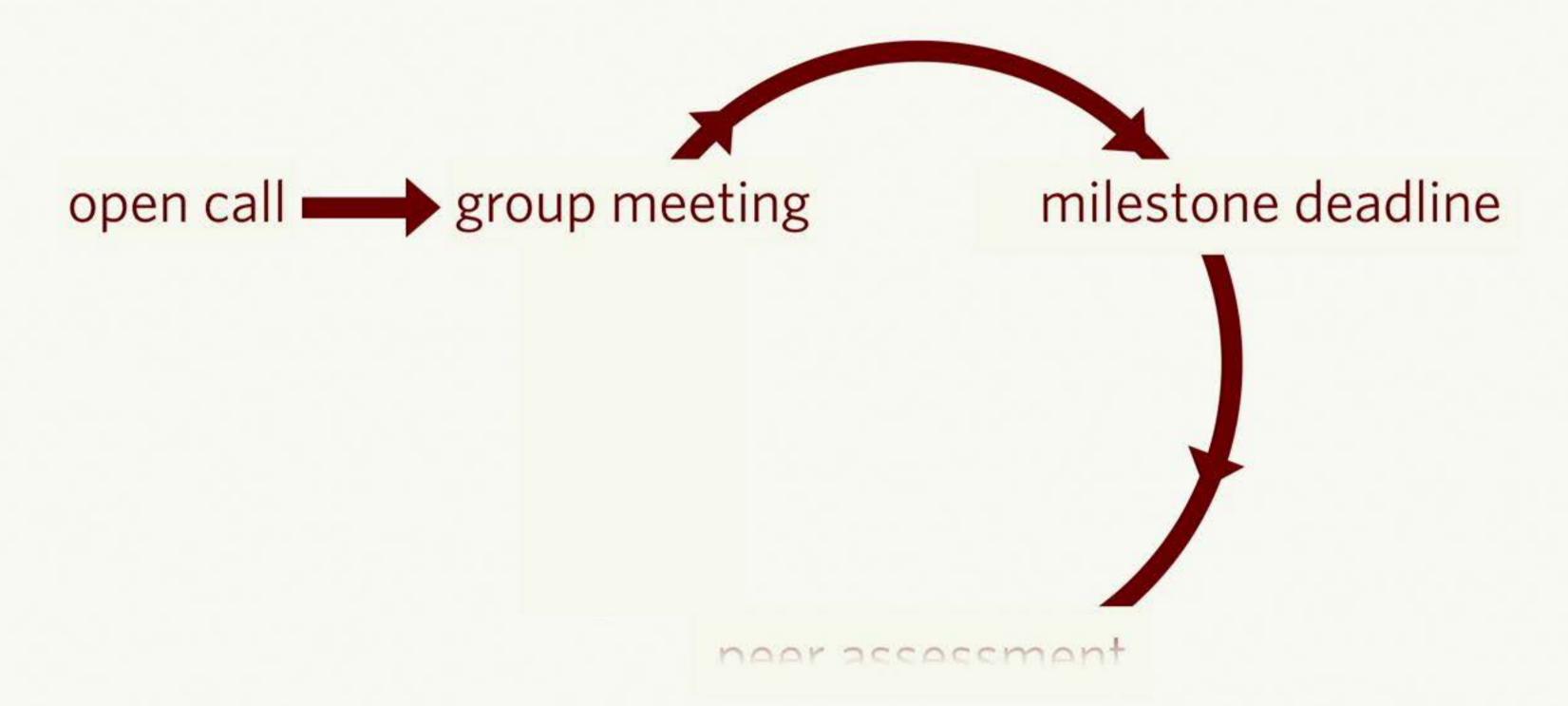


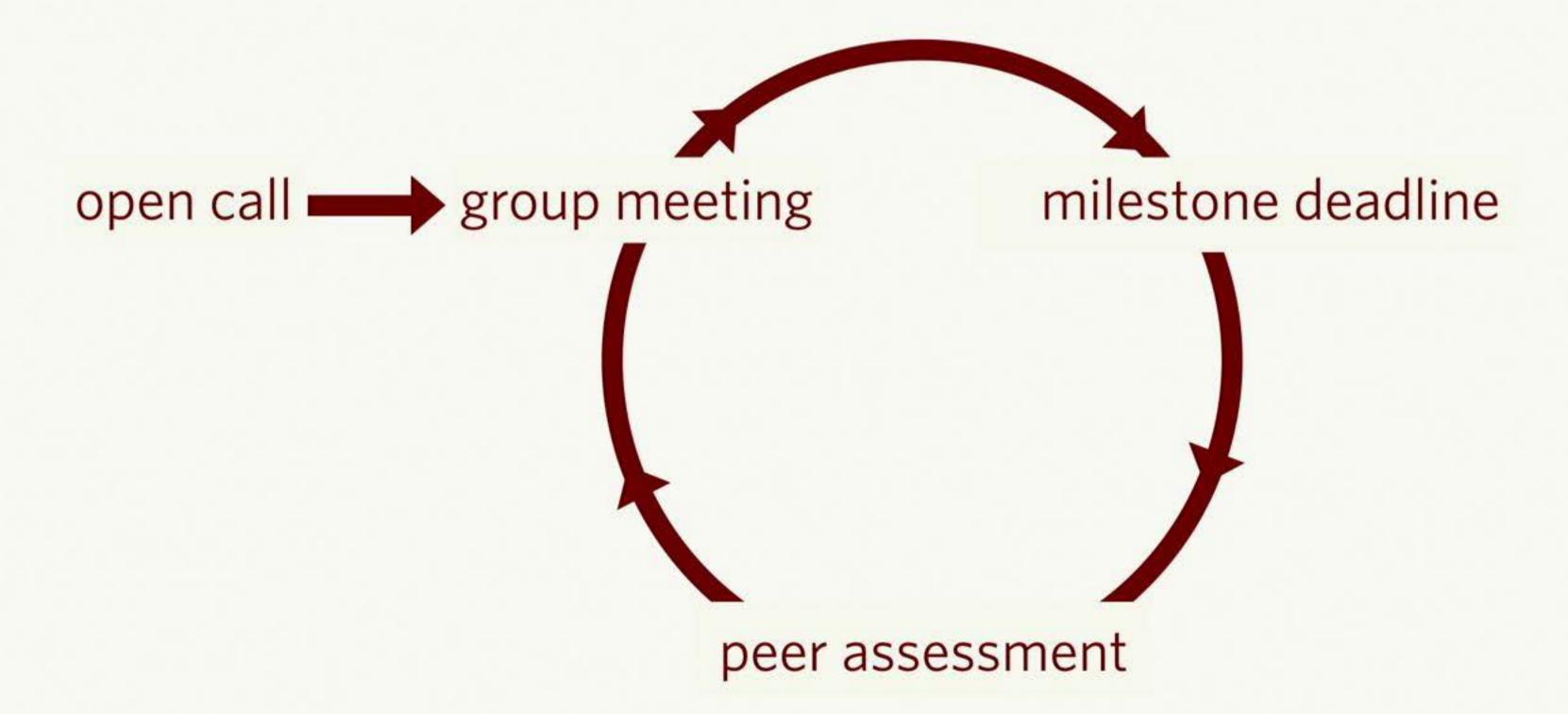
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open call group meeting













rajanvaish 9:01 AM hello everyone!



seasondyb 9:02 AM Hi!

Greetings from Seattle!



csarasua 9:02 AM Hi!



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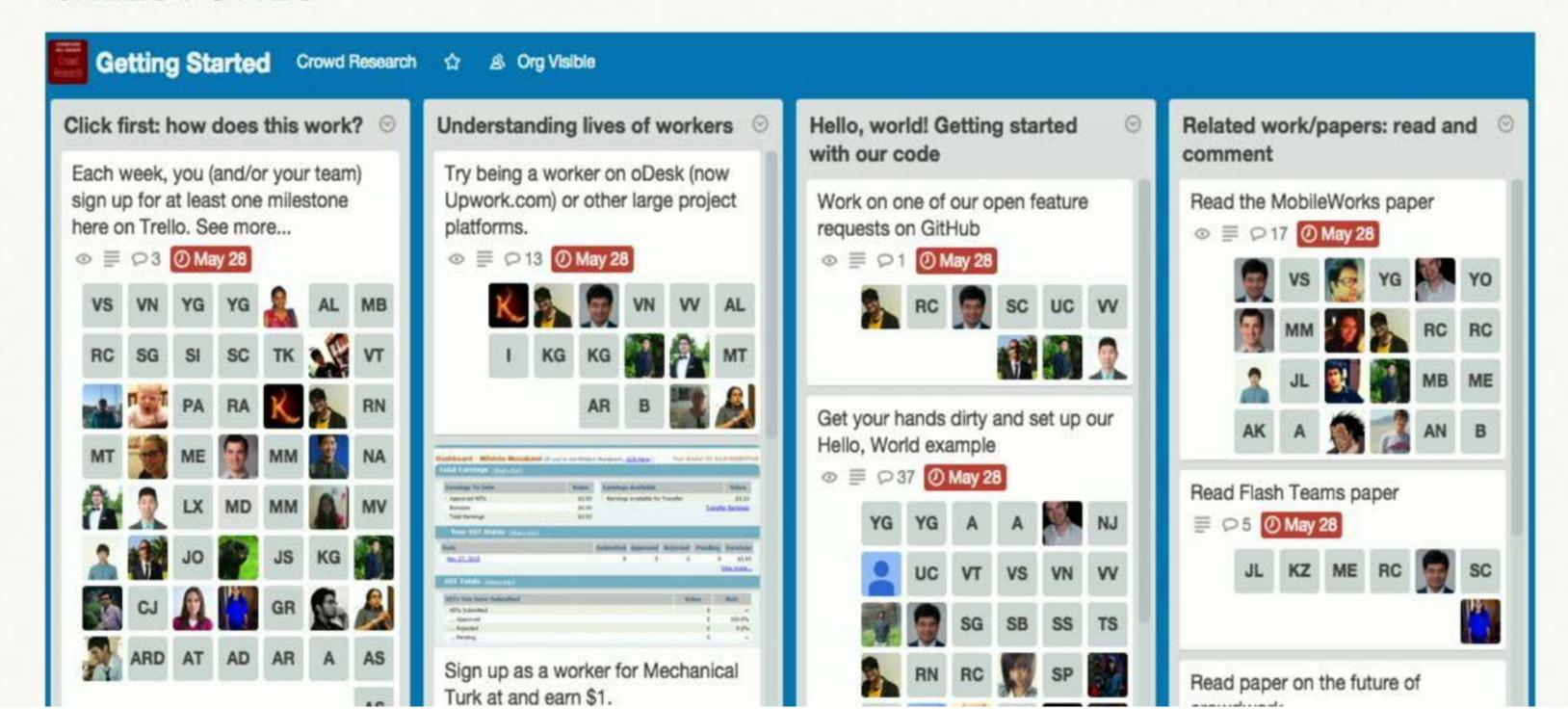
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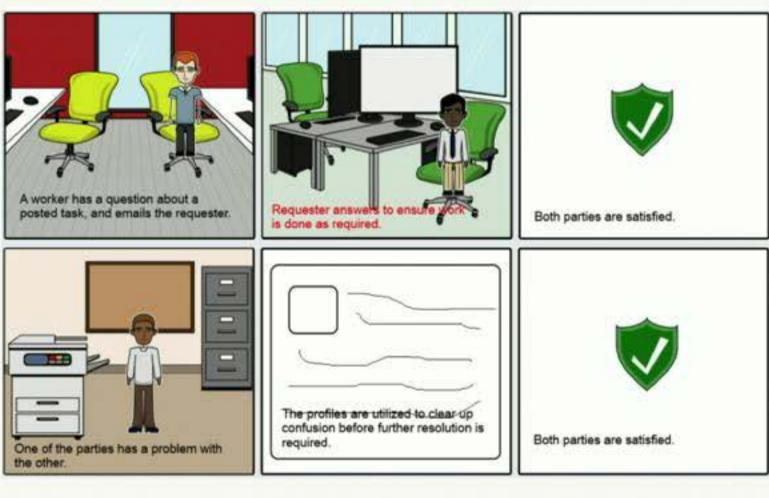
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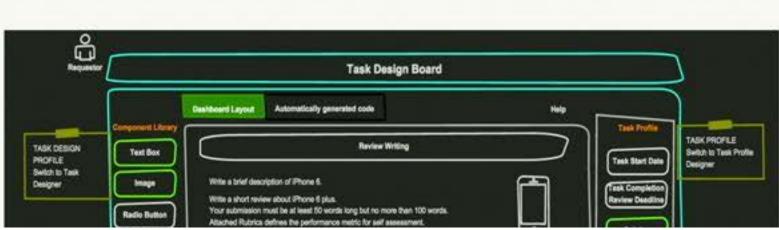


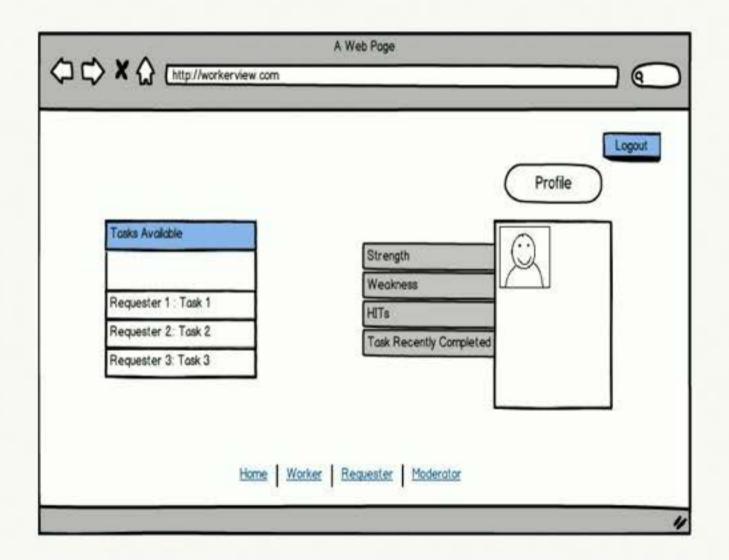
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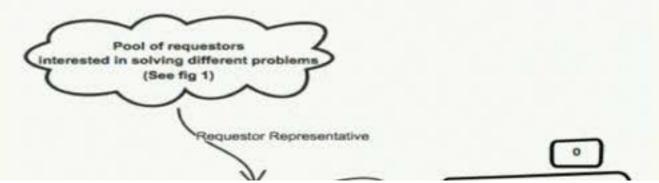


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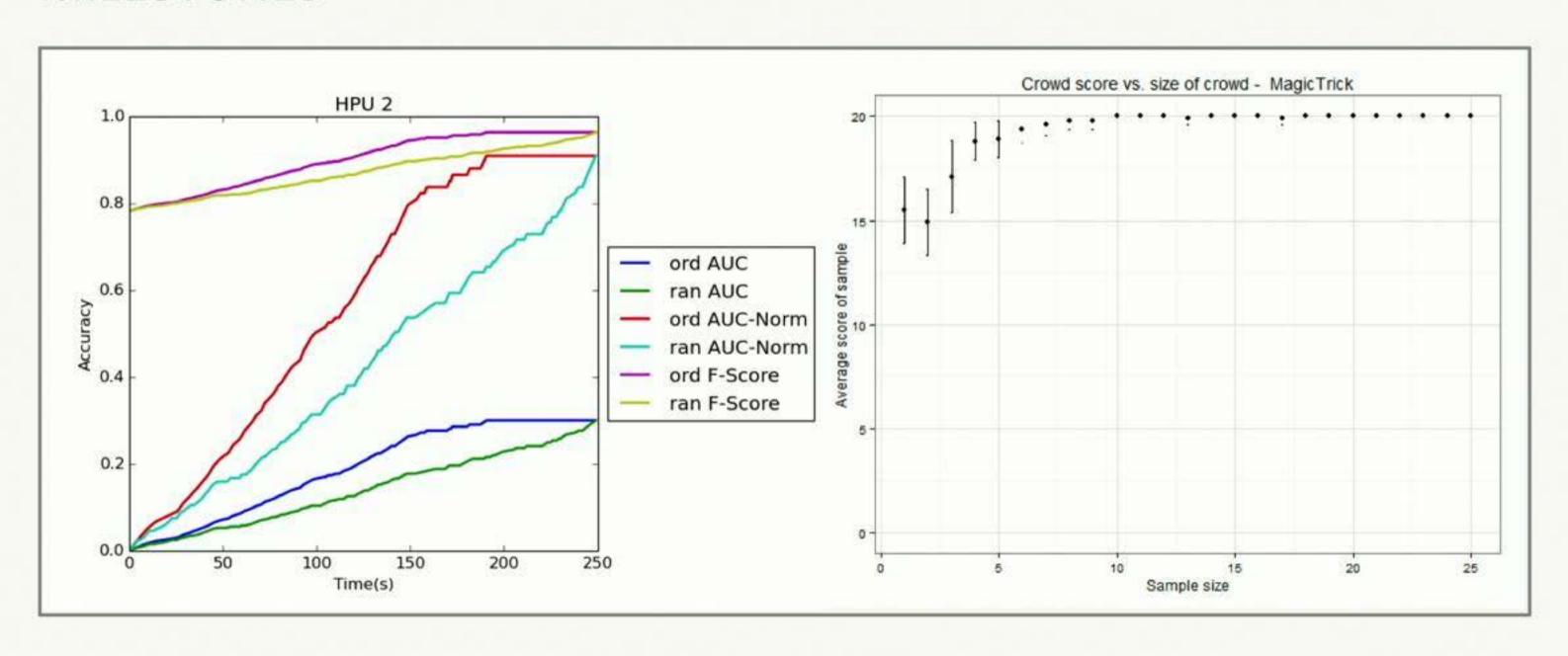








## DATA ANALYSIS



#### WRITING

#### MILESTONES

- Anyone can pitch an idea. If it gets enough support, it goes to the next election and needs majority support from both workers+requesters.
  - (original) Direct democracy: anyone can pitch a policy idea, and once it gets
    past a threshold of support (e.g., 1000 votes), it goes up on a ballot. Twice a
    year, ideas go out to a direct vote for everyone on the platform. If it gets
    majority support from both workers and requesters, it passes.
- Members get elected as worker or requester representatives (3 each) to a panel.
   Tiebreaking from a 7th member (jointly elected president).
  - (original) Representative democracy: once a year, members of the platform can be elected as either worker or requester representatives for a small panel (e.g, six people). Anybody can pitch a policy idea, and once it gets past a threshold of support (e.g., 1000 votes), the elected representatives must discuss it and vote on it.
- Wikimocracy: the site's rules and policies are a wiki. Anyone can discuss, and if they
  edit, policies change directly.
- Any idea that gets enough support enters a public one-month voting period. It's completely voluntary to vote. (Like a Kickstarter campaign.)
  - Original: Fast-paced referendums: similar concept as direct democracy, but instead of per year, you do it as vote thresholds within a month (within time of posting), and it's completely voluntary to vote. Kinda like a campaign on kickstarter. Fast pace and flexible deadlines will help the ideas continually flowing in.
- For low-level changes, highlight the interface and suggest changes directly. Upvote/downvote directly on the interface.

and not only one side. this could help balancing the platform.



Adam Marcus 5:05 AM May 9

Resolve

equal representation of workers and requesters? pro: seems fair, con: might run into the same sorts of paralysis issues the FEC is in now (http://mobile.nytimes.com/2015/05/03/us/politics/fec-cant-curb-2016-election-abuse-commission-chief-says.html)



Saloni Kogta 11:52 AM May 13

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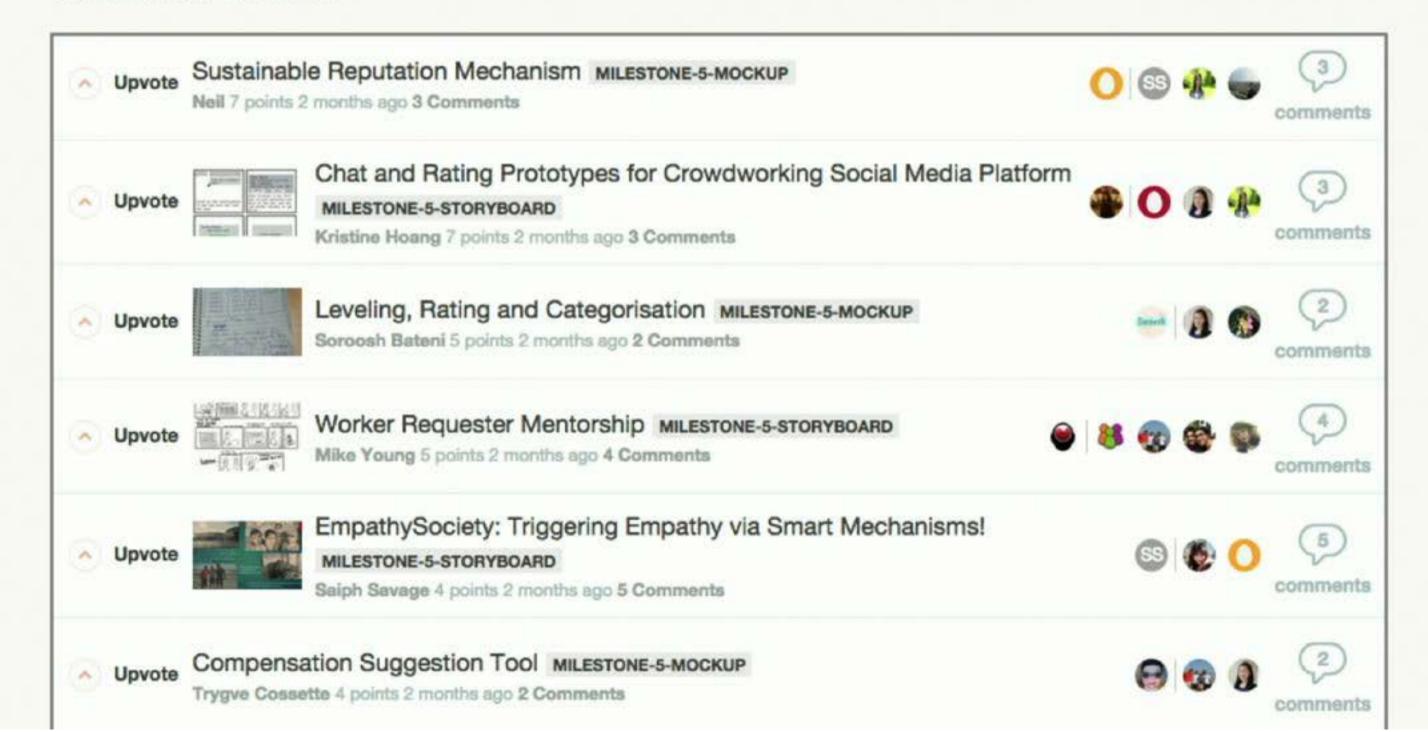
I am not sure how "fair" these elections would be. Money and power could play a major role here. I may be referring to a case that has extremely small possibility of occurring, but, what if the intentions of the elected members are changed or are influenced by some other party?

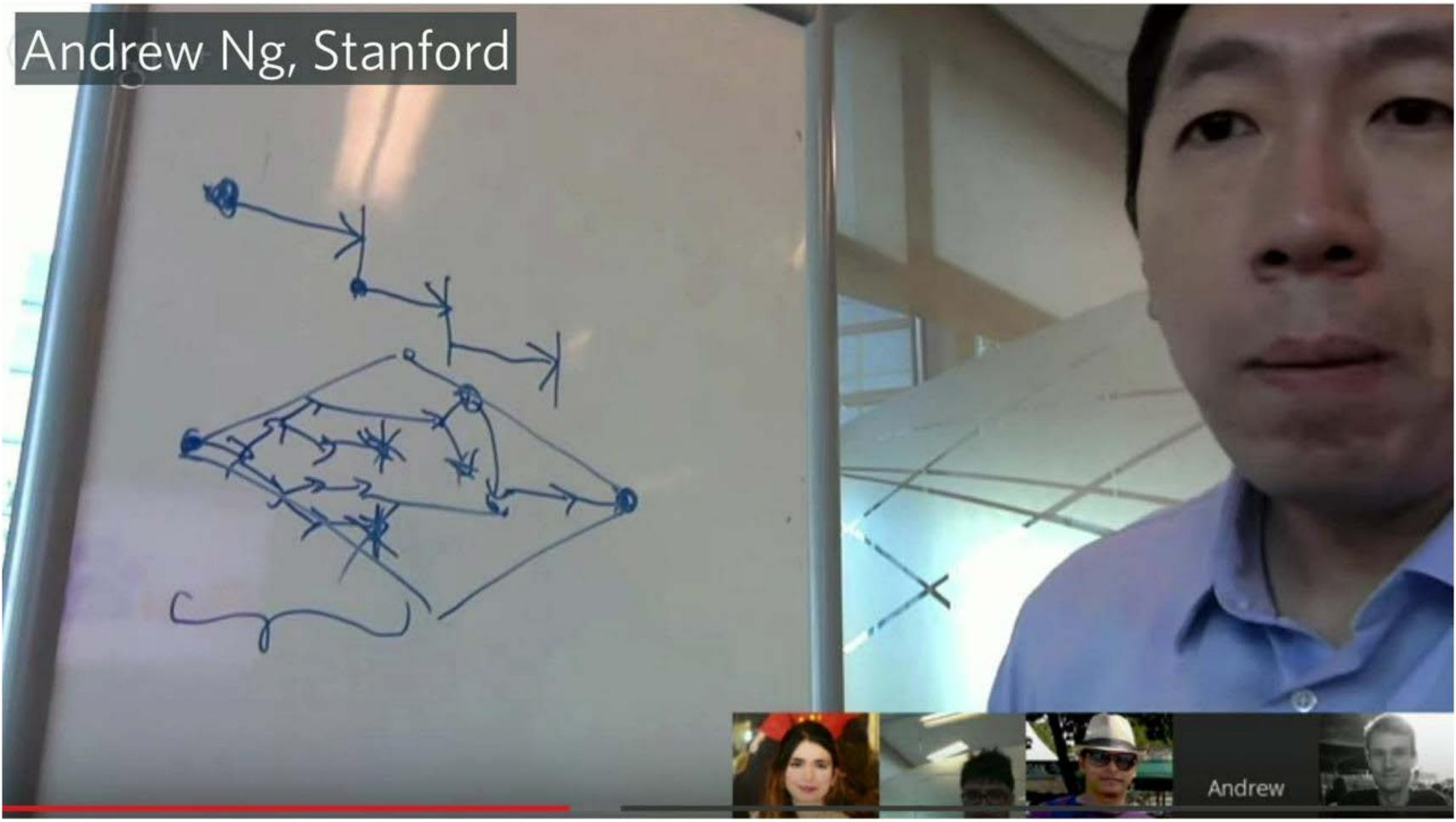
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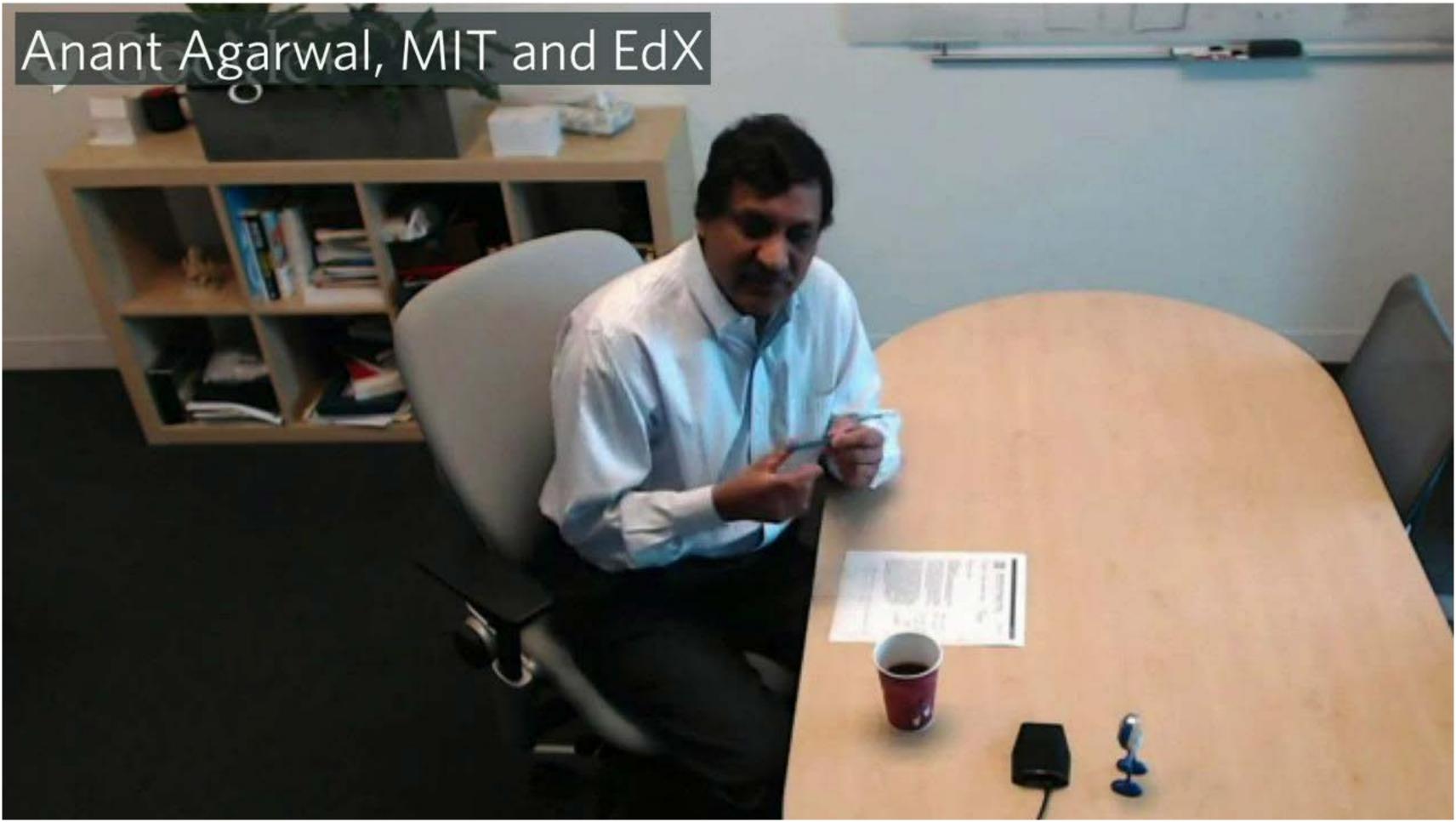


#### PEER ASSESSMENT











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# RECRUITMENT: PROVIDING ACCESS

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Considering country of origin: 66% come from countries ranked over 50 in GDP per capita



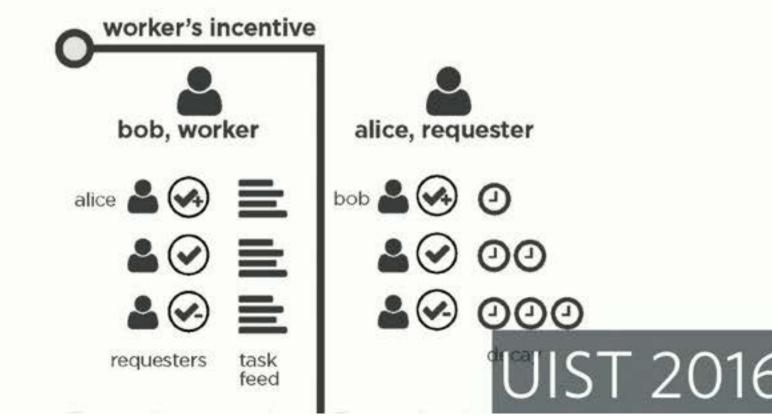
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Paid crowdsourcing platforms suffer from low-quality work and unfair rejections, but paradoxically, most workers and requesters have high reputation scores. These inflated scores, which make high-quality work and workers difficult to find, stem from social pressure to avoid giving negative feedback. We introduce Boomerang, a reputation system for crowdsourcing platforms that elicits more accurate feedback by rebounding the consequences of feedback directly back onto the person who gave it. With Boomerang, requesters find that their highly-rated workers gain earliest access to their future tasks, and workers find tasks from their highly-rated requesters at the top of their task feed. Field experiments verify that Boomerang



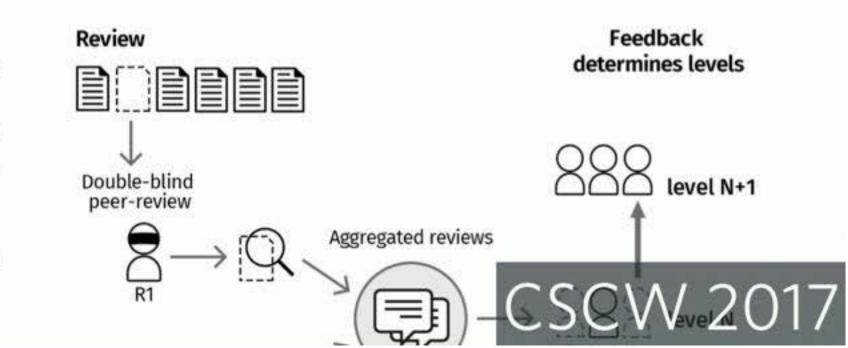
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### WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

### Daemo: a Self-Governed Crowdsourcing Marketplace

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### ARSTRACT

Crowdsourcing marketplaces provide opportunities for autonomous and collaborative professional work as well as social engagement. However, in these marketplaces, workers firel disrespected due to unevasonable erjections and low payments, whereas requesters do not trust the results they receise. The lack of trust and uneven distribution of power among workers and requesters have raised serious concerns about sustainability of these marketplaces. To address the challenges of trust and power, this paper introduces Daemo, a self-governed crow-disourcing marketplace. We propose a proroyge task to improve the work quality and open-governance model to achieve equitable representation. We envisage Duemo will enable workers to build sustainable careers and provide requesters with timely, quality labor for their busi-

### **Author Keywords**

crowdsourcing, crowd research, crowd work.

### **ACM Classification Keywords**

H.5.3 Group and Organization Interfaces: Computersupported cooperative week.

Paid crowdsourcing marketplaces such as Mechanical Turk. and Upwork have created opportunities for workers to supplement their income and enhance their skills, while allowing requesters to get their work completed efficiently. These marketplaces have attracted many participants globally; however, they have repeatedly failed to ensure high-quality results, fair wages, respect for workers, and convenience in authoring ef-

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Figure 1. Task creation workflow for a requester; produting task creation, initial submissions review, and hiring high quality workers for future milestones. (https://damm.stanford.edud.to.com/ba

From our interviews with requesters, it has become clear that they struggle to trust their workers. They will rerun tasks. discard gathered data, and add increasingly complex worker filters. On the other hand, workers do not trust requesters to follow through with pay and fair treatment. In response, workers often withhold their full effort unless they have an experience with the requester.

Moreover, existing marketplaces suffer from uneven distributions of power [4]. For example, requesters have the power to deny eavments for finished tasks and workers have madequate means to contest this. Operational governance and rules have been secondary considerations on markets thus far, fitted to support the focus on the commoditizing of work. This resulted in an asymmetrical relationship between workers, requesters, and the marketplace on fronts such as parity of information access, wage negotiation, and reputation. A common complaint [1]: "We can be rejected yet the requesters still have our articles and sentences. Not Flair."

We present Danno, a crossd-built, self-governed crowdsourcing marketplace. To increase trust, we introduce the idea of promotor and a where each new task must first faunch in an intermediate feedback mode where workers can comment on the task, requesters can review the sebmissions and qualify a subset of workers to continue. During this phase, workers and requesters work together to refine the task description and reduce errors. Duemo also adopts a representative democratic governance model to elect a leadership board. Engaging all vested parties in the governance of the marketplace gives an opportunity to create genuine worker-requester relationships: and redefine the future of work.

Feedback, wages, task decomposition, and quality control are some of the fundamental elements of a successful crowdsourcing marketplace [1]. Requesters often rely on "gold standard" tasks, i.e., questions with known answers, to evaluate the performance and quality of submissions [2]. However,

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### Abstract

When crowdrosteing systems are used in combination with machine selerence systems in the real world, they benefit the most when the machine system is deeply integrated with the crowd workers. However, if researchers wish to integrate the crowd with "off-the-shelf" machine classifiers, this deep exegnation is not always possible. This work explores two attutories to increase accuracy and decrease cost under this setting. First, we show that reordering tasks exescuted to the human con create a significant accuracy improvement. Further, we show that grouply choosing parameters to maximion me chine accuracy in sub-optimal, and joint optimization of the conditional system amproves performance

### Introduction

When crowdsourcing systems are deployed in the real world. the goal is often to maximize accuracy at a fixed price point or to minimize cost at a certain accuracy requirement. The best way to do this is by tightly integrating the machine and crowd worker within the overall end-to-end pipeline. For instance, the machine computation might use worker annotations as a prior to influence its results, or tasks for workers might be chosen and ordered adaptively using a Markov Decision. Process (Russakovsky, Li, and Fei-Fei 2015).

However, this tight integration is not always possible. Many real systems only provide outputs and cannot be beauily modified. In these cases, the use of crowd workers is often restricted to a post-process that attempts to correct errors in the machine computation. In this scenerio, what kinds of strategies can maximize accuracy while minimizing costs?

To explore this question, we choose a representative task within the domain of computer vision: localizing objects in a large dataset. The goal is to detect all instances of certain objects of interest in the dataset. Machine systems can take images as input and automatically generate bounding boxes around objects of interest. Internal to the machine algorithm, to classify a potential detection as an object of interest or not, the algorithm employs a detection threshold such that only detections with confidence scores above the threshold

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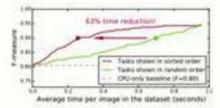


Figure 1: Consider a sample localisation task where crowd workers refine the output of a muchine classifier. At a threshold of 0.5, have line accoracy starts at 0.80 certify dotted firsts. If we show tandom tanks to framus workers, accuracy improves (green), but if we order tasks by increasing machine confidence (purple), we can reduce the time requirement dramatically at a given target accuracy.

are returned. Finding many correct objects implies also detecting many false positives. Because the detection threshold determines this tradeoff, it is often treated as the primary tunable parameter of machine vision algorithms. The returned detections are then given to human workers, who we employ to remove false detections. For our experiments, we adopt the classic UIUC-Cars dataset (Agarwal, Awan, and Roth 2004). As detector, we use Support Vector Machines trained on Histograms of Ordered Gradients as a representative "outof-the-bus," machine vision system.

Our objective is to maximize the overall accuracy of the machine-crowd pipeline on the dataset given a certain time budget. We vary the time budget by preventing the humans. with only a fraction of all detections. If humans look at a large fraction of detections the accuracy improvement will be large, however the average time cost per image in the dataset will also be large. If humans look at only a few mages, the average accuracy of the entire dataset will show little improvement, but the time cost will be low. We plot the tradeoff between cost and accuracy as a curve.

The primary contribution of this work is a description and analysis of two strategies for improving the cost-accuracy curve. In Task Ordering we consider the impact of using the machine vision algorithm's confidence score as a way to order human tasks. In Joint Optimization we consider how changing the machine threshold parameter impacts results.

### Investigating the "Wisdom of Crowds" at Scale

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In a variety of problem domains, it has been observed that the aggregate opinions of groups are often more accurate than those of the constituent individuals, a phenomenou that has been termed the "wisdom of the crowd." Yet, perhaps surprisingly, there is still little consensus on how generally the phenomenon holds, how best to aggregate crowd judgements. and how social influence affects estimates. We investigate these questions by taking a meta wisdom of crowds approach. With a distributed team of over 100 student researchers across 17 institutions in the United States and India, we develop a large-scale online experiment to vesternatically study the wisdons of crowds effect for 1,000 different tasks in 50 subsect

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domain. These tasks involve various types of knowledge (e.g., explicit knowledge, tacit knowledge, and prediction). question formats (e.g., multiple choice and point estimation). and inputs (e.g., test, audio, and video). To examine the effect of social influence, participants are randomly assigned to one of three different experiment conditions in which they see varying degrees of information on the responses of others. In this ongoing project, we are now preparing to recruit puricipants via Amazon's Mechanical Turk.

### Author Keywords

Crowdsourcing: online experiment; crowd consensus.

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H.5 m. Economics: Experimentation Design

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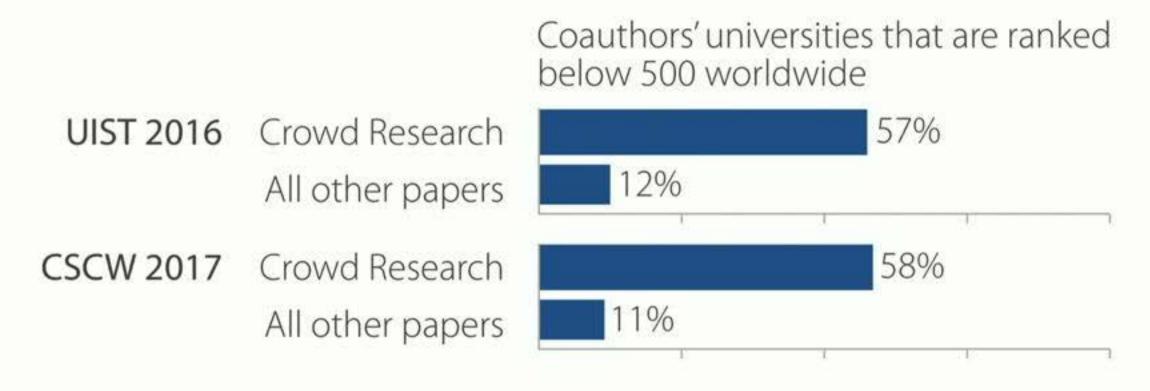
Simple aggregation—as in the case of Gulton's ox competition, or voting in democratic elections—has been shown to be a surprisingly powerful technique for prediction, inference, and decision-making. Over the last century, therehave been degrees of studies that examine this wisdom of crowds effect. For example, crowd judgements have been used to identify phishing websites [6], answer general knowledge questions [5], and forecast weather-related events [3]. In these applications, a wide variety of aggregation methods have been considered, ranging from standard measures, such as the mean and median, to more specialized, domain-specific techniques, such as those based on cognitive models of decision making [4]. However, given the doversity of experimental designs, subject pools, and analytic methods employed. it has proven difficult to compare studies and extract general principles. It is thus unclear whether these documented examples are a representative collection of a much larger space of tasks that exhibit a wisdom of crowds phenomenon, or conversely, whether they are highly specific instances of an interesting, though ultimately limited occurrence.

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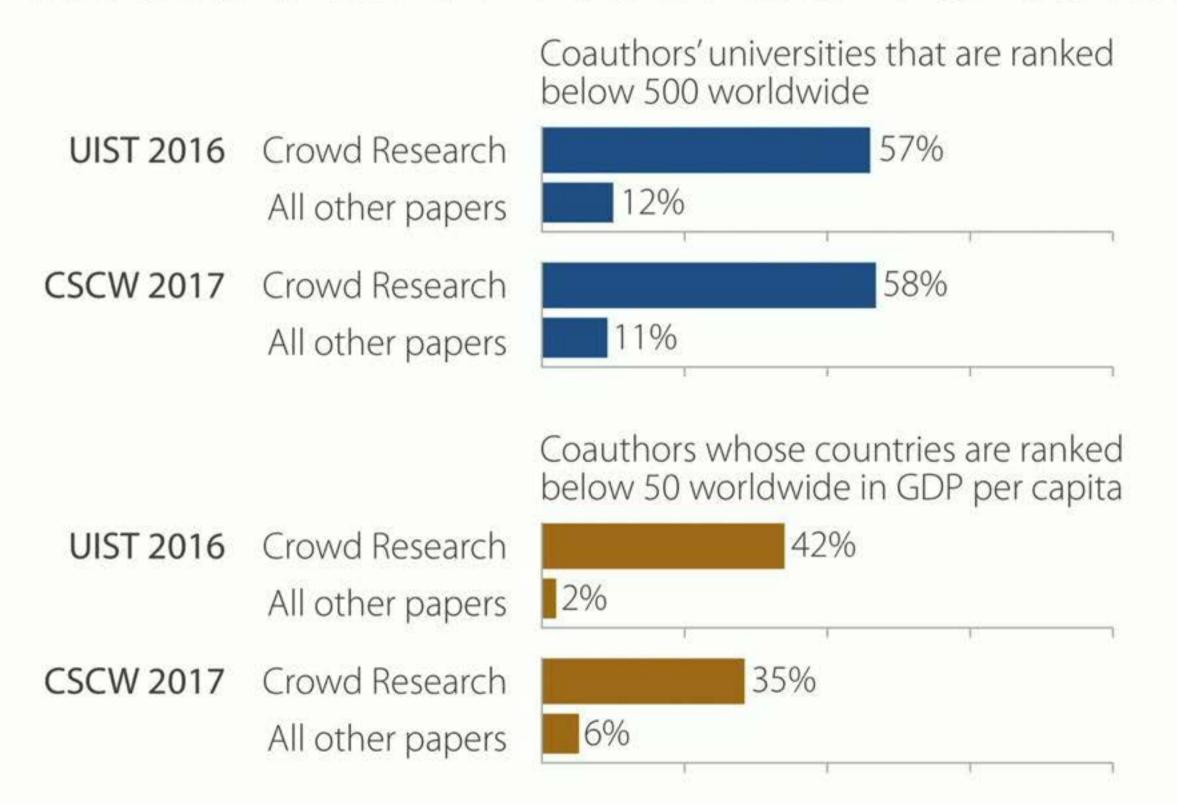
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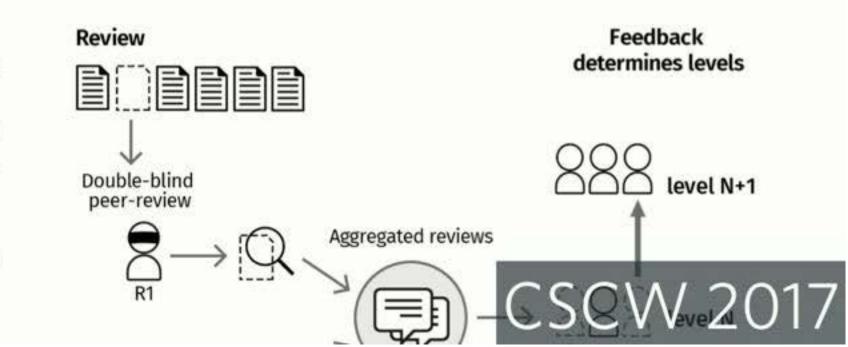
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Crowd workers are distributed and decentralized. While decentralization is designed to utilize independent judgment to promote high-quality results, it paradoxically undercuts behaviors and institutions that are critical to high-quality work. Reputation is one central example: crowdsourcing systems depend on reputation scores from decentralized workers and requesters, but these scores are notoriously inflated and uninformative. In this paper, we draw inspiration from historical worker guilds (e.g., in the silk trade) to design and implement



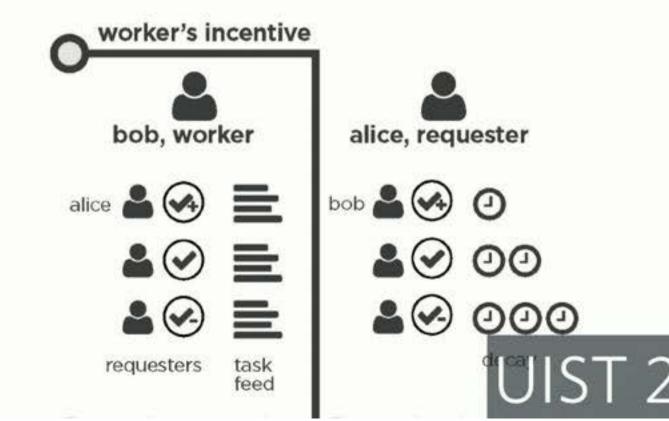
# Boomerang: Rebounding the Consequences of Reputation Feedback on Crowdsourcing Platforms

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### **ABSTRACT**

Paid crowdsourcing platforms suffer from low-quality work and unfair rejections, but paradoxically, most workers and requesters have high reputation scores. These inflated scores, which make high-quality work and workers difficult to find, stem from social pressure to avoid giving negative feedback. We introduce Boomerang, a reputation system for crowdsourcing platforms that elicits more accurate feedback by rebounding the consequences of feedback directly back onto the person who gave it. With Boomerang, requesters find that their highly-rated workers gain earliest access to their future tasks, and workers find tasks from their highly-rated requesters at the top of their task feed. Field experiments verify that Boomerang



### WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

### Daemo: a Self-Governed Crowdsourcing Marketplace

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### ARSTRACT

Crowdsourcing marketplaces provide opportunities for autonomous and collaborative professional work as well as social engagement. However, in these marketplaces, workers feel disrespected due to unevasonable rejections and low payments, whereas requesters do not trust the results they receive. The lack of trust and uneven distribution of power among workers and requesters have raised serious concerns about sustainability of these marketplaces. To address the challenges of trust and power, this paper introduces Daemo, a self-governed cross-disourcing marketplace. We propose a prorotype task to improve the work quality and open-governance model to achieve equitable representation. We envisage Duemo will enable workers to build sustainable careers and provide requesters with timely, quality labor for their busi-

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Paid crowdsourcing marketplaces such as Mechanical Turk. and Upwork have created opportunities for workers to supplement their income and enhance their skills, while allowing requesters to get their work completed efficiently. These marketplaces have attracted many participants globally; however, they have repeatedly failed to ensure high-quality results, fair wages, respect for workers, and convenience in authoring ef-

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Figure 1. Task creation workflow for a requester; produting task creation, initial submissions review, and hiring high quality workers for future milestones. (https://daemo.atanford.edud.hu.manu.bu

From our interviews with requesters, it has become clear that they struggle to trust their workers. They will rerun tasks. discard gathered data, and add increasingly complex worker filters. On the other hand, workers do not trust requesters to follow through with pay and fair treatment. In response, workers often withhold their full effort unless they have an experience with the requester.

Moreover, existing marketplaces suffer from uneven distributions of power [4]. For example, requesters have the power to deny exements for finished tasks and workers have madequate means to contest this. Operational governance and rules have been secondary considerations on markets thus far, fitted to support the focus on the commoditizing of work. This resulted in an asymmetrical relationship between workers, requesters, and the marketplace on fronts such as parity of information access, wage negotiation, and reputation. A common complaint [3]: "We can be rejected yet the requesters still have our articles and sentences. Not Flair."

We present Darmo, a crowd-built, self-governed crowdsourcing marketplace. To increase trust, we introduce the idea of proposed tooks, where each new task must first faunch in an intermediate feedback mode where workers can comment on the task, requesters can review the sebmissions and qualify a subset of workers to continue. During this phase, workers and requesters work together to refine the task description and reduce errors. Duemo also adopts a representative democratic governance model to elect a leadership board. Engaging all vested parties in the governance of the marketplace gives an opportunity to create genuine worker-requester relationships: and redefine the future of work.

Feedback, wages, task decomposition, and quality control are some of the fundamental elements of a successful crowdsourcing marketplace [1]. Requesters often rely on "gold standard" tasks, i.e., questions with known answers, to evaluate the performance and quality of submissions [2]. However,

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### Abstract

When crowdsourcing systems are used in combination with machine inference systems in the real world, they benefit the most when the machine system is deeply integrated with the crowd workers. However, if researchers wish to integrate the crowd with "off-the-shelf" muchine classiflers, this deep integration is not always possible. This work explores two strategies to increase accuracy and decrease cost under this setting. First, we show that reordering tasks exescuted to the human con create a significant accuracy improvement. Further, we show that groudly choosing parameters to maximise me chine accuracy is sub-optimal, and joint optimization of the combined system unproves performance

### Introduction

When crowdsourcing systems are deployed in the real world. the goal is often to maximize accuracy at a fixed price point or to minimize cost at a certain accuracy requirement. The best way to do this is by tightly integrating the machine and crowd worker within the overall end-to-end pipeline. For instance, the machine computation might use worker annotations as: a prior to influence its results, or tasks for workers might be chosen and ordered adaptively using a Markov Decision. Process (Russakovsky, Li, and Fei-Fei 2015).

However, this tight integration is not always possible. Many real systems only provide outputs and cannot be beauily modified. In these cases, the use of crowd workers is often restricted to a post-process that attempts to correct errors in the machine computation. In this scenerio, what kinds of strategies can maximize accuracy while minimizing costs?

To explore this question, we choose a representative task within the domain of computer vision: localizing objects in a large dataset. The goal is to detect all instances of certain objects of interest in the dataset. Machine systems can take images as input and automatically generate bounding boxes around objects of interest. Internal to the nuclune algorithm, to classify a potential detection as an object of interest or not, the algorithm employs a detection threshold such that only detections with confidence scores above the threshold

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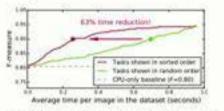


Figure 1: Consider a sample localization task where crowd workers refine the output of a muchine classifier. At a threshold of 0.5, have line accuracy sturns at 0.80 cerus dotted firset. If we show random tanks to human workers, accuracy improves (green), but if we order tasks by increasing machine confidence (purple), we can reduce the time requirement dramatically at a given rarget accuracy.

are returned. Finding many correct objects implies also detecting many false positives. Because the detection threshold determines this tradeoff, it is often treated as the primary tunable parameter of machine vision algorithms. The returned detections are then given to human workers, who we employ to remove false detections. For our experiments, we adopt the classic UIUC-Cars dataset (Agarwal, Awan, and Roth 2004). As detector, we use Support Vector Machines trained on Histograms of Ordered Gradients as a representative "outof-the-box" machine vision system.

Our objective is to maximize the overall accuracy of the machine-crowd pipeline on the dataset given a certain time budget. We vary the time budget by preventing the humans. with only a fraction of all detections. If humans look at a large fraction of detections the accuracy improvement will be large, however the average time cost per image in the dataset will also be large. If humans look at only a few images, the average accuracy of the entire dataset will show little improvement, but the time cost will be low. We plot the tradeoff between cost and accuracy as a curve.

The primary contribution of this work is a description and analysis of two strategies for improving the cost-accuracy curve. In Task Ordering we consider the impact of using the machine vision algorithm's confidence score as a way to order human tasks. In Joint Optimization we consider how changing the machine threshold parameter impacts results.

### Investigating the "Wisdom of Crowds" at Scale

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In a variety of problem domains, it has been observed that the aggregate opinions of groups are often more accurate than those of the constituent individuals, a phenomenon that has been termed the "wisdom of the crowd." Yet, perhaps surprisingly, there is still little consensus on how generally the phenomenon holds, how best to aggregate crowd judgements, and how social influence affects estimates. We investigate these questions by taking a meta wisdom of crowds approach. With a distributed team of over 100 student researchers across 17 institutions in the United States and India, we develop a large-scale online experiment to vesternatically study the wisdoes of crowds effect for 1,000 different tasks in 50 subsect

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domain. These tasks involve various types of knowledge (e.g., explicit knowledge, tacit knowledge, and prediction). question formats (e.g., multiple choice and point estimation). and inputs (e.g., test, audio, and video). To examine the effect of social influence, participants are randomly assigned to one of three different experiment conditions in which they see varying degrees of information on the responses of others. In this ongoing project, we are now preparing to recruit puricipants via Amazon's Mechanical Terk.

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H.5 m. Economics: Experimentation Design

At a 1906 county fair, the statistician Francis Galton watched as eight hundred people computed to guess the weight of an ox. He famously observed that the median of the guesses, 1,207 pounds, was, remarkably, within 1% of the

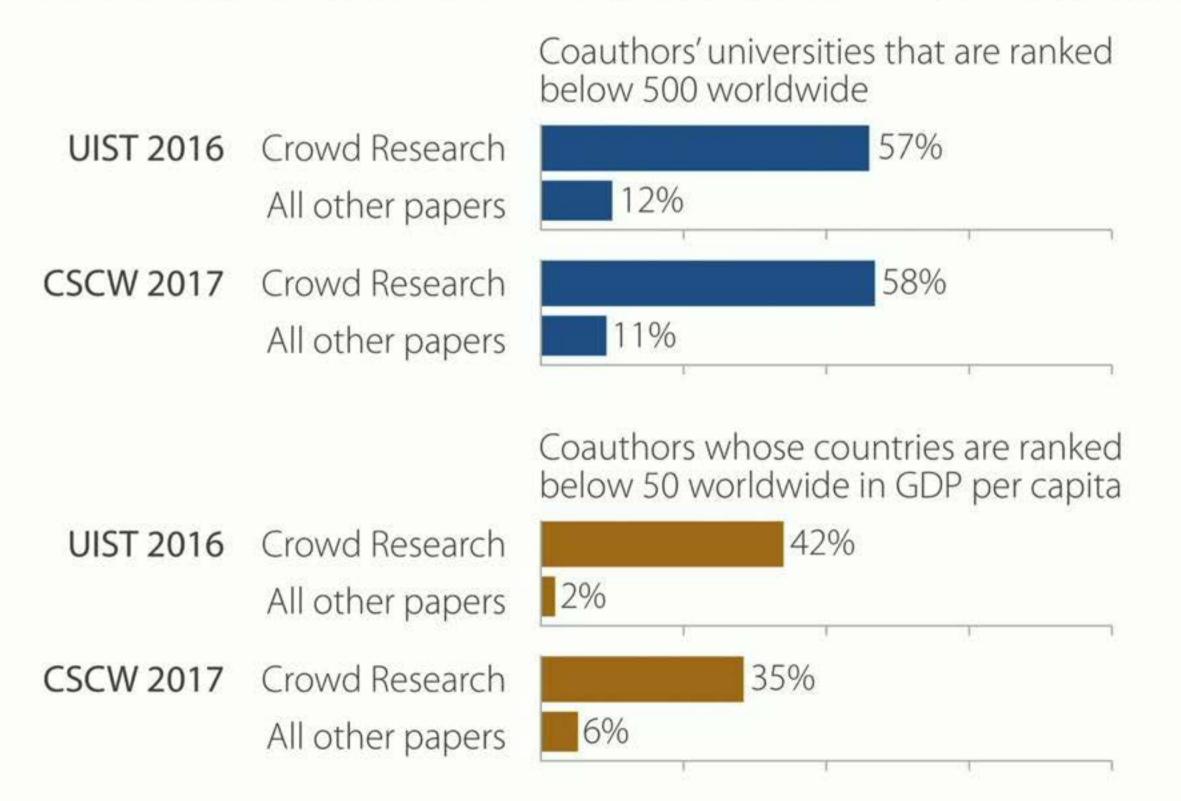
Simple aggregation—as in the case of Gulton's ox competition, or voting in democratic elections—has been shown to be a surprisingly powerful technique for prediction, inference, and decision-making. Over the last century, therehave been decreas of studies that examine this wisdom of crowds effect. For example, crowd judgements have been used to identify phoding websites [6], answer general knowledge questions [5], and forecast weather-related events [3]. In these applications, a wide variety of aggregation methods have been considered, ranging from standard measures, such as the mean and median, to more specialized, domain-specific techniques, such as those based on cognitive models of decision making [4]. However, given the diversity of experimental designs, subject pools, and analytic methods employed. it has proven difficult to compare studies and extract general principles. It is thus unclear whether these documented examples are a representative collection of a much larger space of tasks that exhibit a wisdom of crowds phenomenon, or conversely, whether they are highly specific instances of an interesting, though ultimately limited occurrence.

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### INCREASED ACCESS TO RESEARCH



## ATTAINMENT: PROVIDING ACCESS

Participants have gone on to programs at UC Berkeley, and Carnegie Mellon University, and MIT.

21 of 33 surveyed were admitted to at least one program, despite a **median of O other letter writers** from institutions ranked better than 500 worldwide.

# DECENTRALIZED CREDIT: TRANSLATE INTO GRAPH PROBLEM

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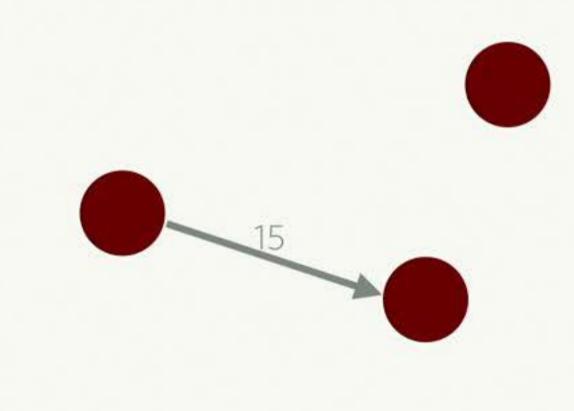
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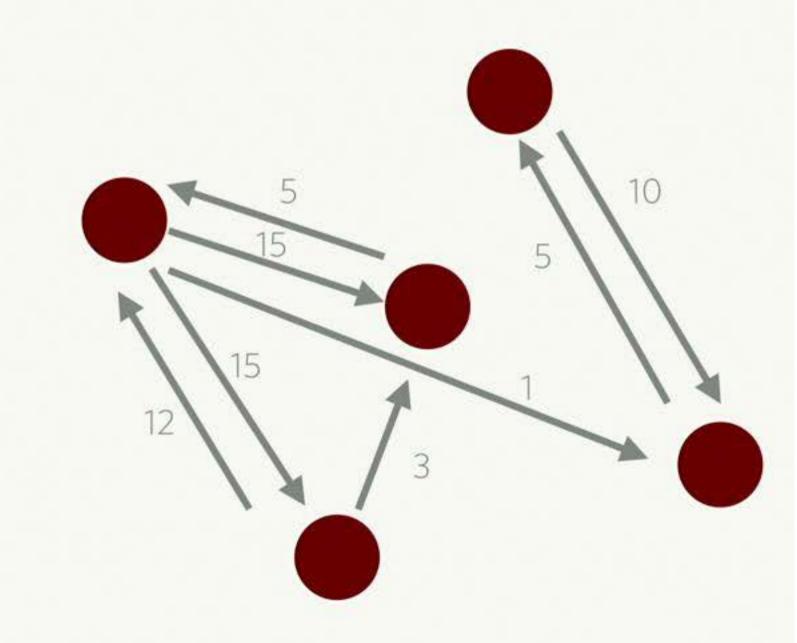
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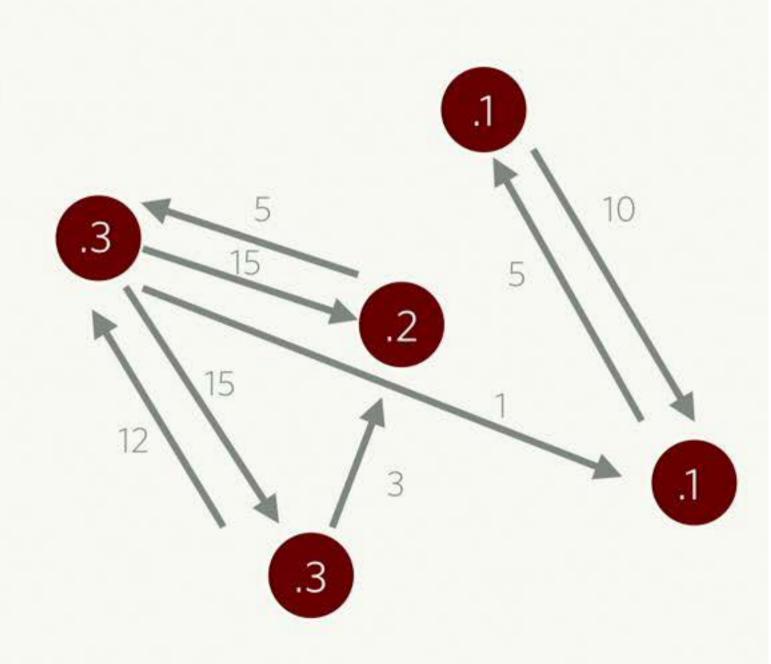
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## GRAPH CENTRALITY: PAGERANK

Intuition: identify nodes that are receiving large amounts of credit, weigh those nodes' allocations heavily, and iterate until convergence

Propagate each node's score in proportion to its outgoing wedge weights



## STRATEGIC BEHAVIOR

Speaking different languages or otherwise interacting with only a small part of the crowd: link ring

Strategically directing credit toward those who will return credit to you: such attacks occur in 360-degree reviews

Formulations of centrality algorithms can correct for most of these attacks



# CREDDIT

Give everyone a say in how much credit each person deserves. For group projects, performance reviews, paper authorship, and more.

START

HOW IT WORKS



01



02



03

Add everyone in your team

Team members privately score each other

Creddit computes scores for each team member

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# ANALYZING CREDDIT'S EFFECT

What impact did Creddit have on credit distribution?

Method: normalize raw summed credit scores, and Creddit-adjusted scores, to sum to 1.0

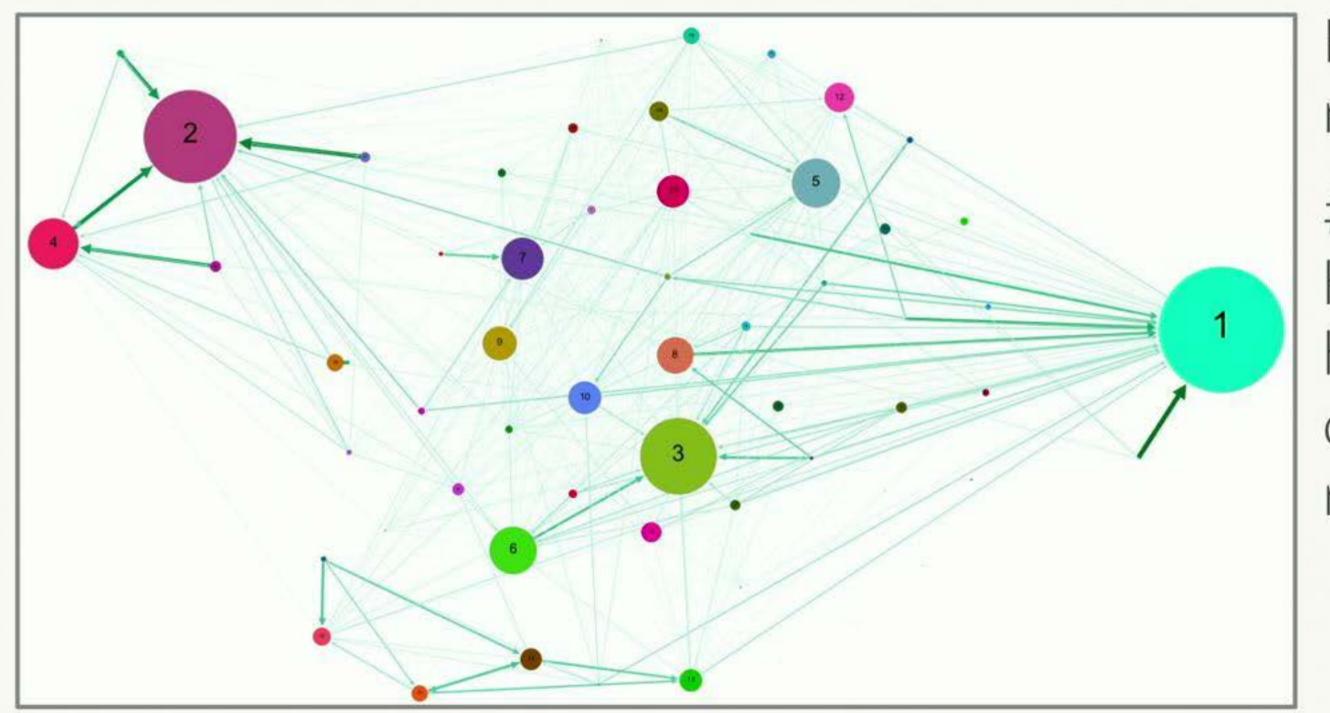
Regress both raw score and Creddit score on observable collaboration behaviors, and compare  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  estimates across the regressions

# LESS TALKING, MORE DOING

Participation Measure	Creddit: $\beta_C$	Raw Votes: β <sub>raw</sub>	$\beta_{\text{C}}$ - $\beta_{\text{raw}}$
# Hangouts	0.0694***	0.0438*	0.0256
# Files Uploaded	0.0352**	0.0293*	0.0059
# GitHub commits	0.0171	-0.024*	0.0411***
# Slack messages	0.0351*	0.1122***	-0.0770***
# self-organized meetings	0.0239*	0.0115	0.0123
Milestone leader (binary)	0.0360***	0.0059	0.0300**
Weeks active	0.0252*	0.0141	0.011

All variables standardized

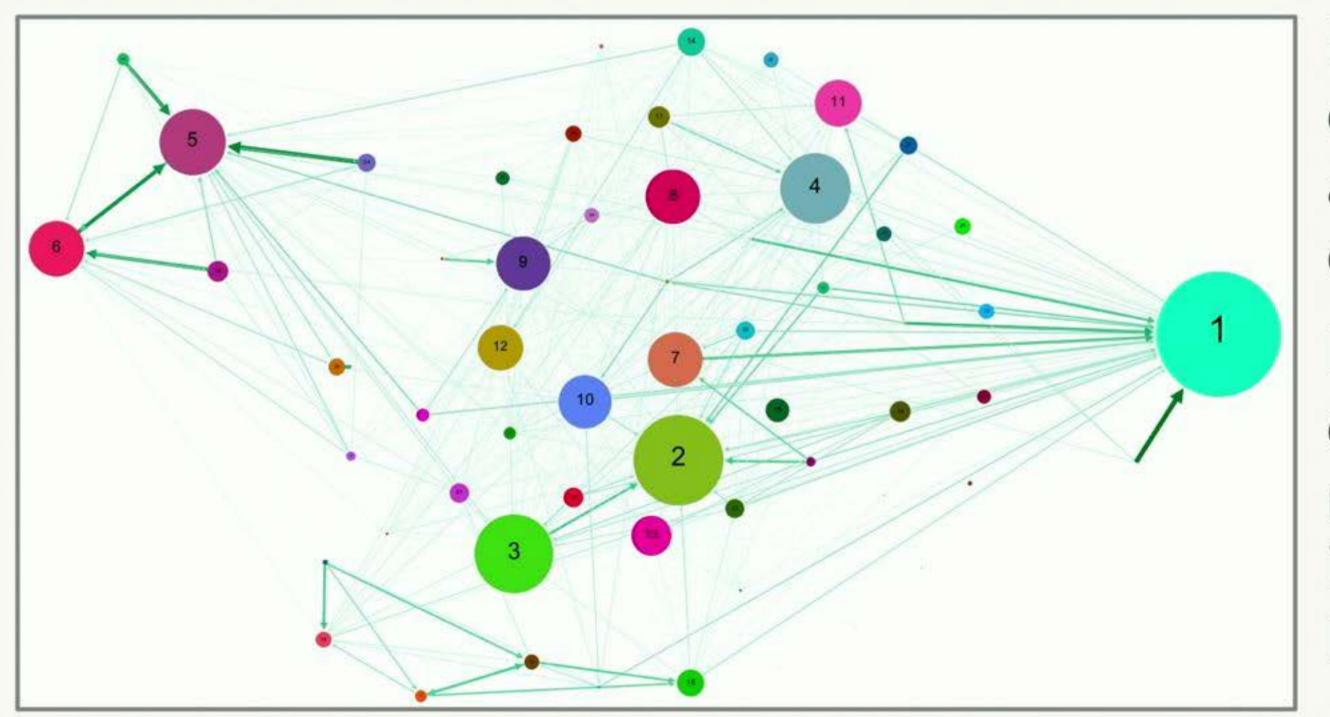
# EFFECTS ON AUTHOR ORDER



Raw vote ranking

#2 and #4 have a high rank due to link ring

# EFFECTS ON AUTHOR ORDER



PageRankcorrected author order

Influential coauthors reduced impact of link ring

## CROWD RESEARCH: REFLECTIONS

What impact would decentralized credit have on traditional teams or organizations?

What kinds of research projects can operate at a larger technical scale than traditional CS research?

Rather than structuring the future of work as an algorithm, how might we design computationally augmented organizational structures?

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Organizations were originally designed with inspiration by mechanical systems. What might a computational infrastructure offer them?

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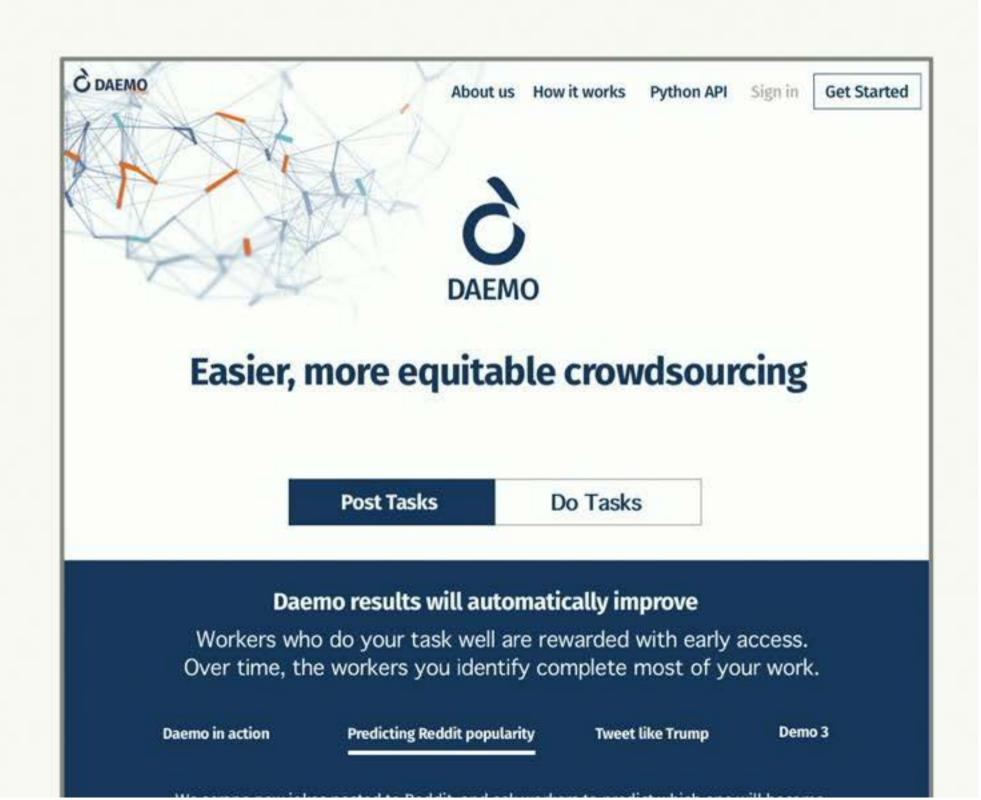
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