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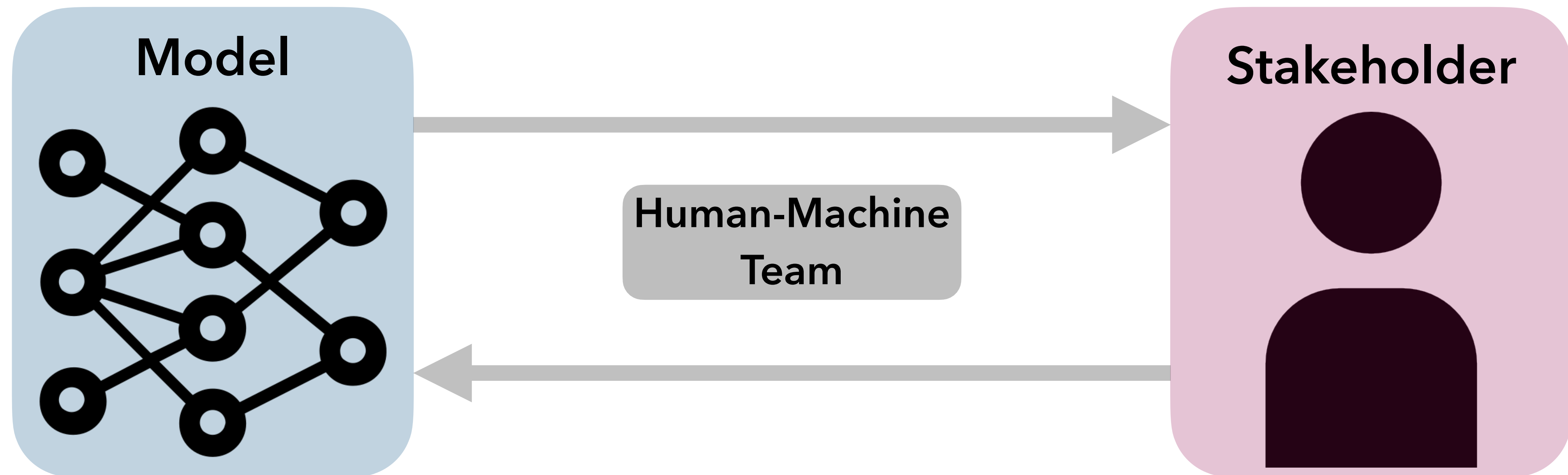
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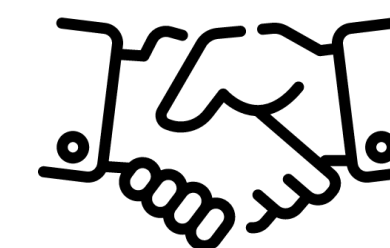
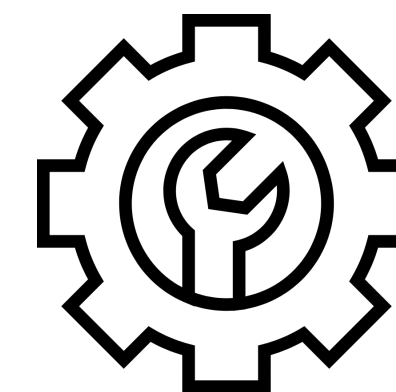
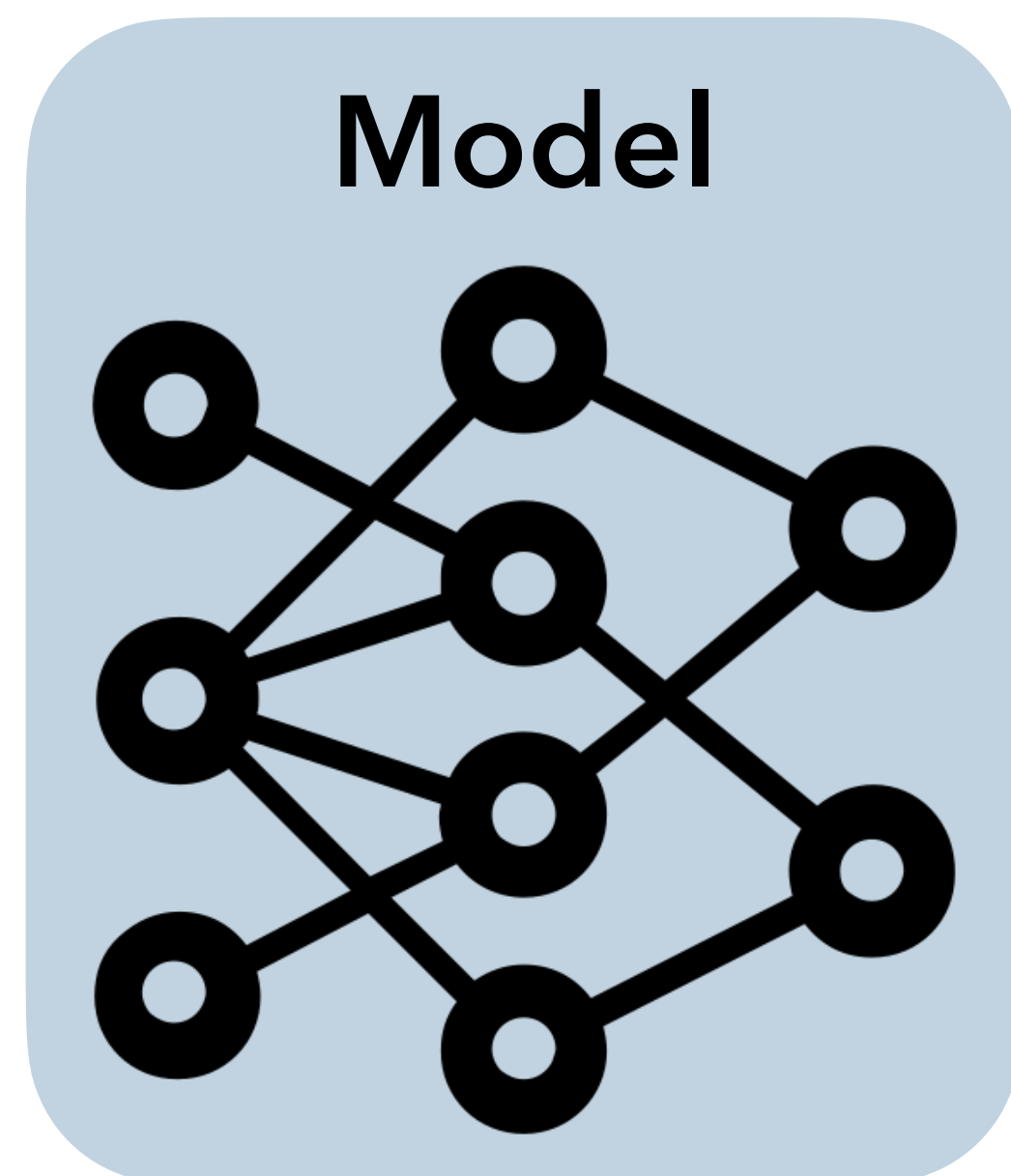
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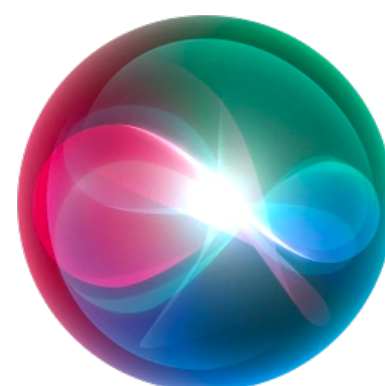
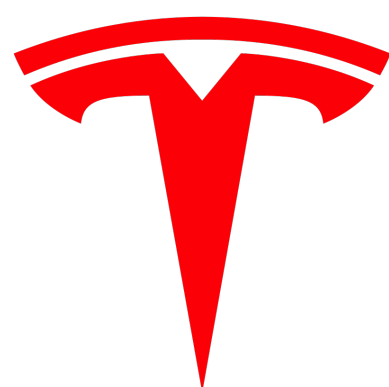


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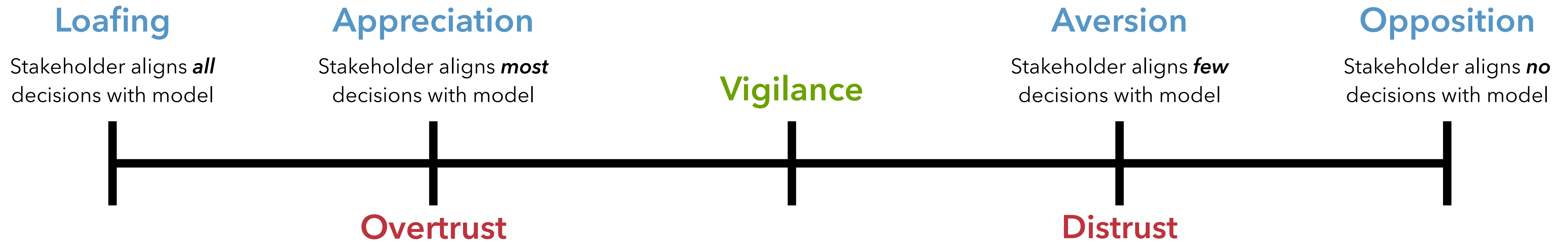


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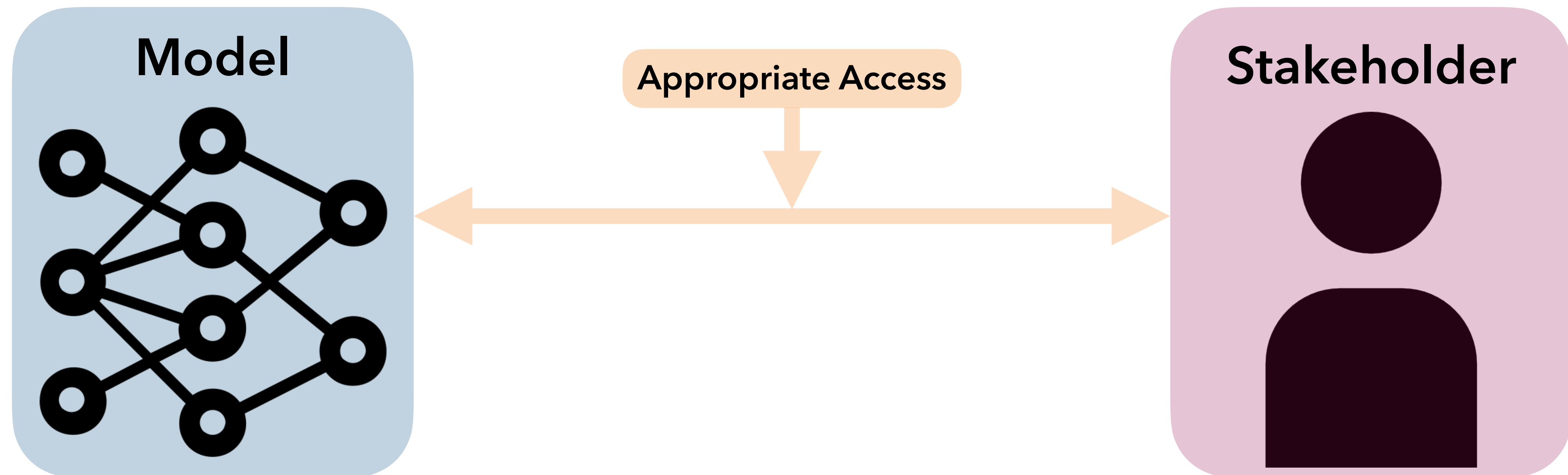
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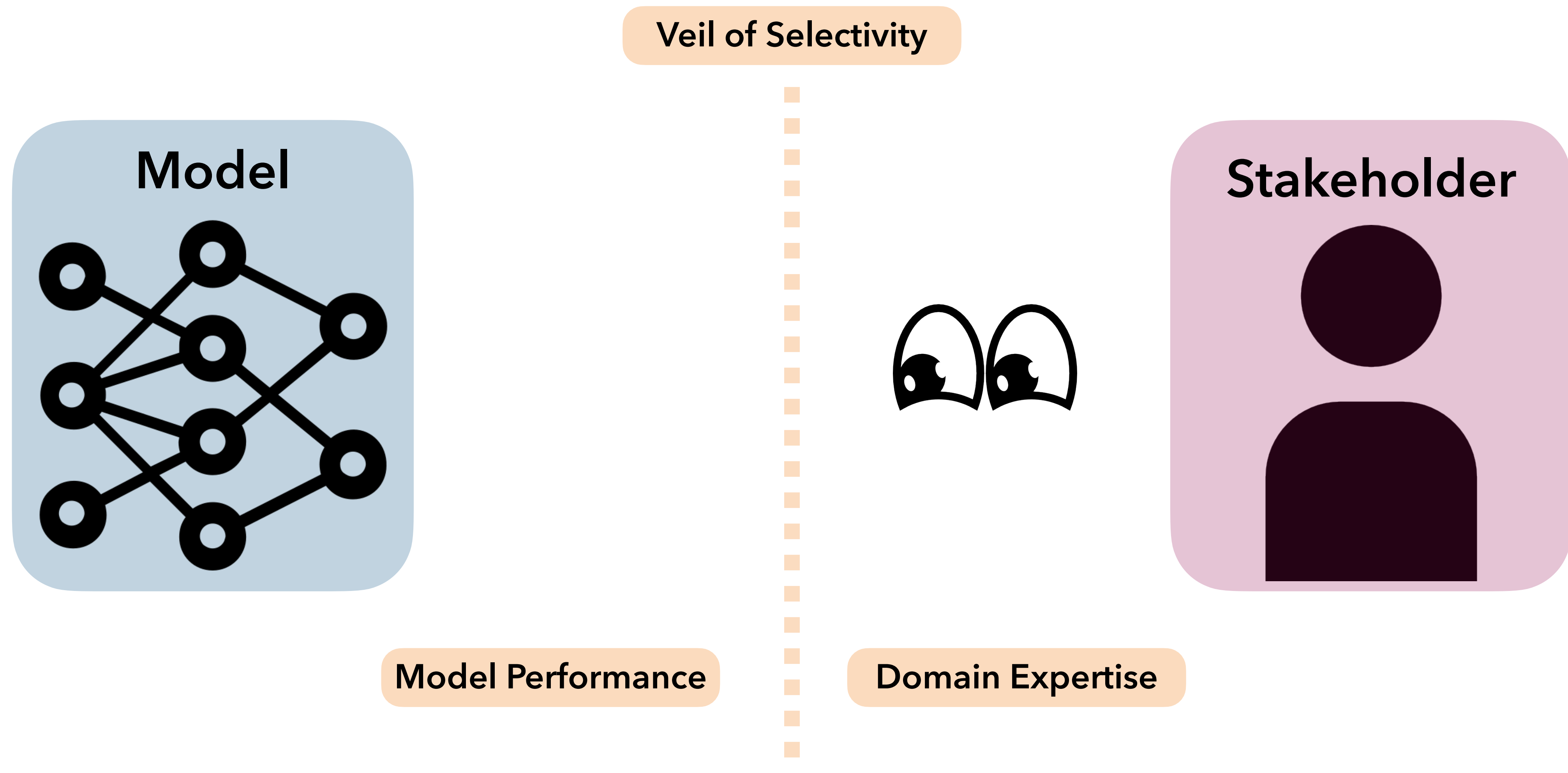
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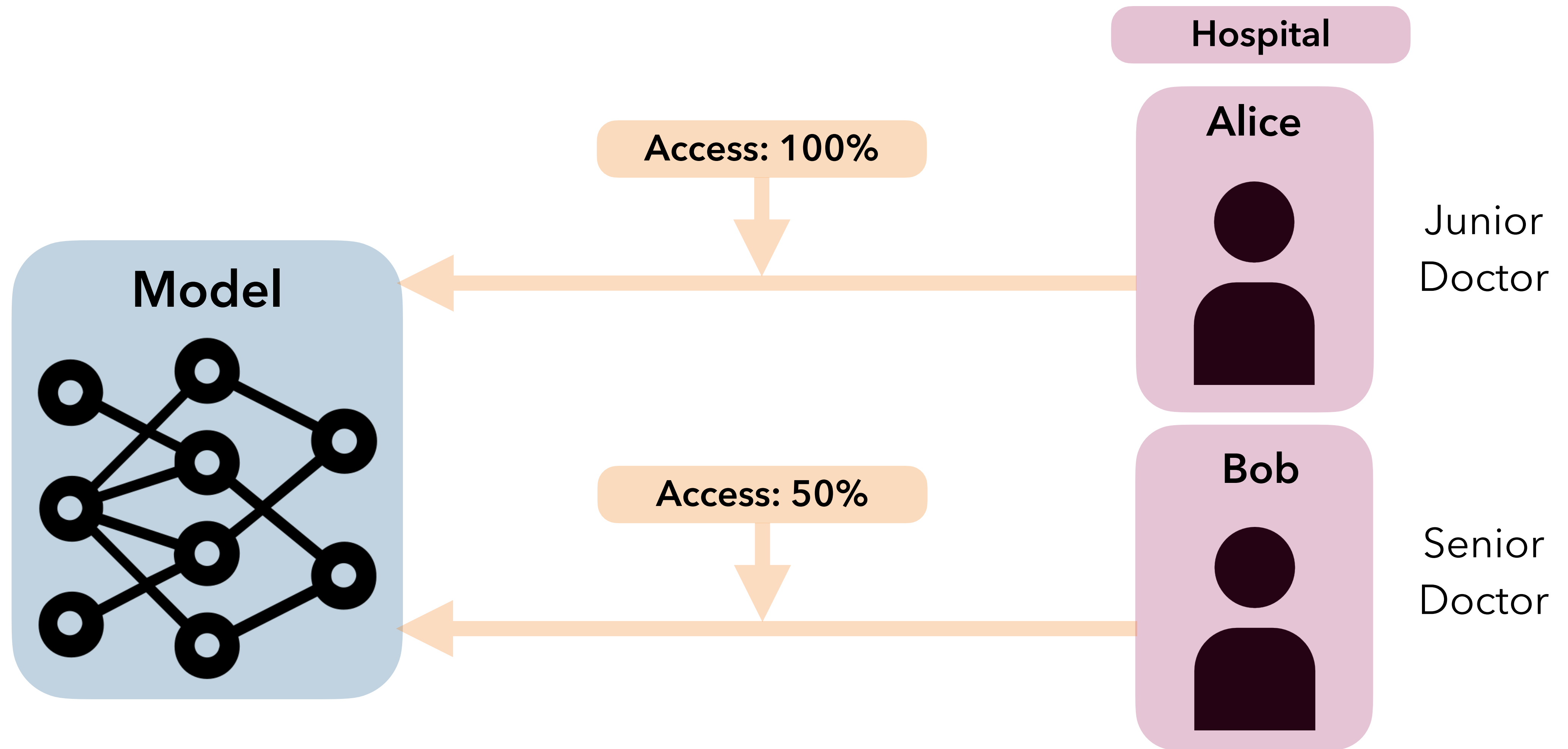
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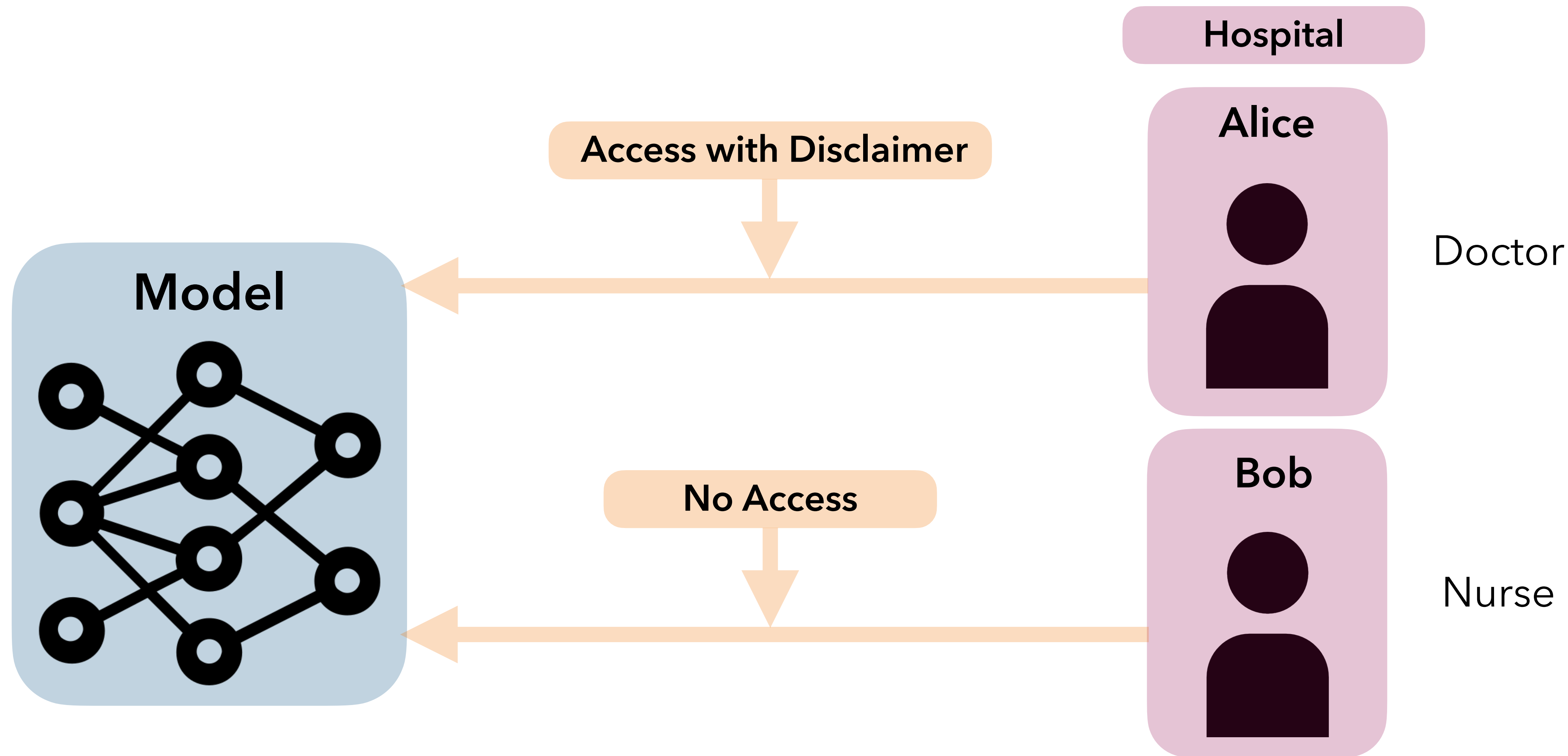
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Algorithmic resignation is the *deliberate* and *informed* disengagement from AI assistance in certain scenarios.



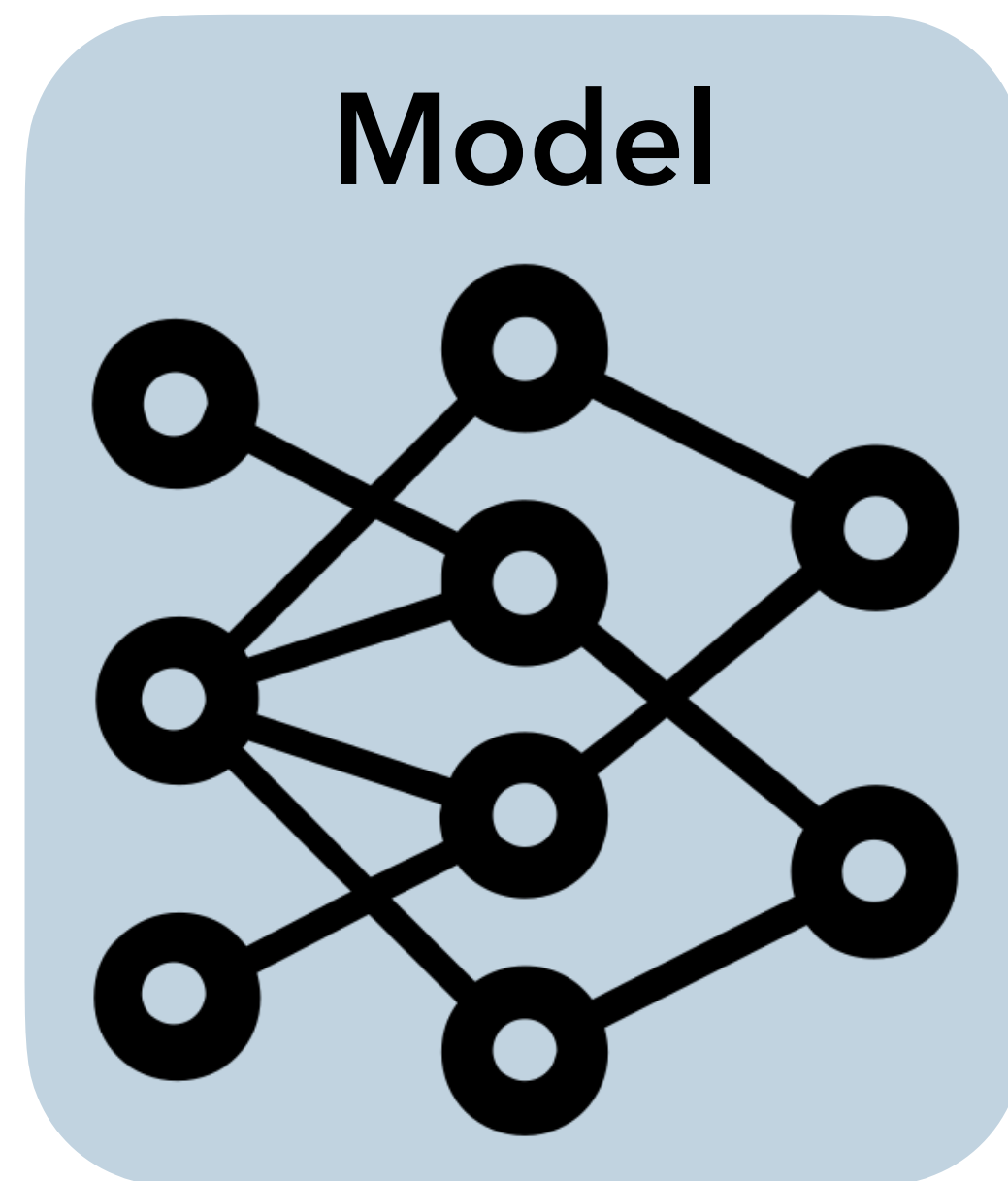
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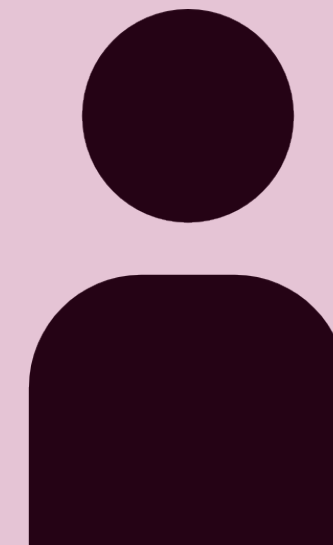
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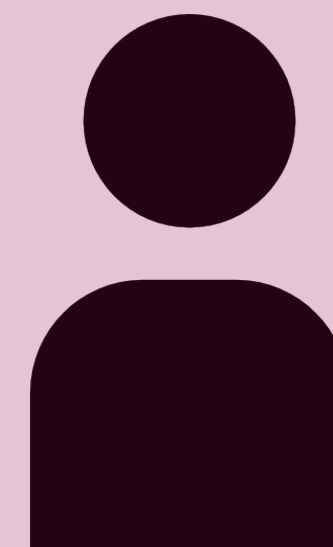
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Algorithmic resignation goes beyond the disuse of AI systems.

It is about embedding **governance** mechanisms directly within AI systems, guiding when and how these systems should be used or abstained from.

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Benefits of Algorithmic Resignation



Economic Efficiency



Reputational Gain



Legal Compliance

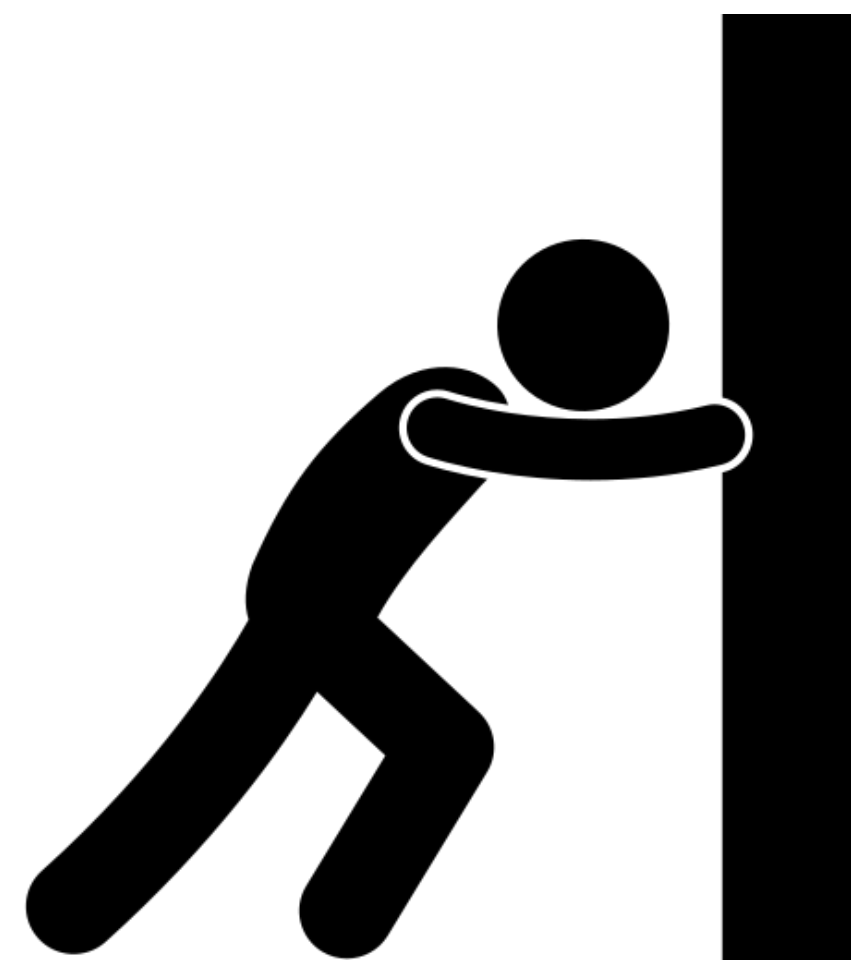
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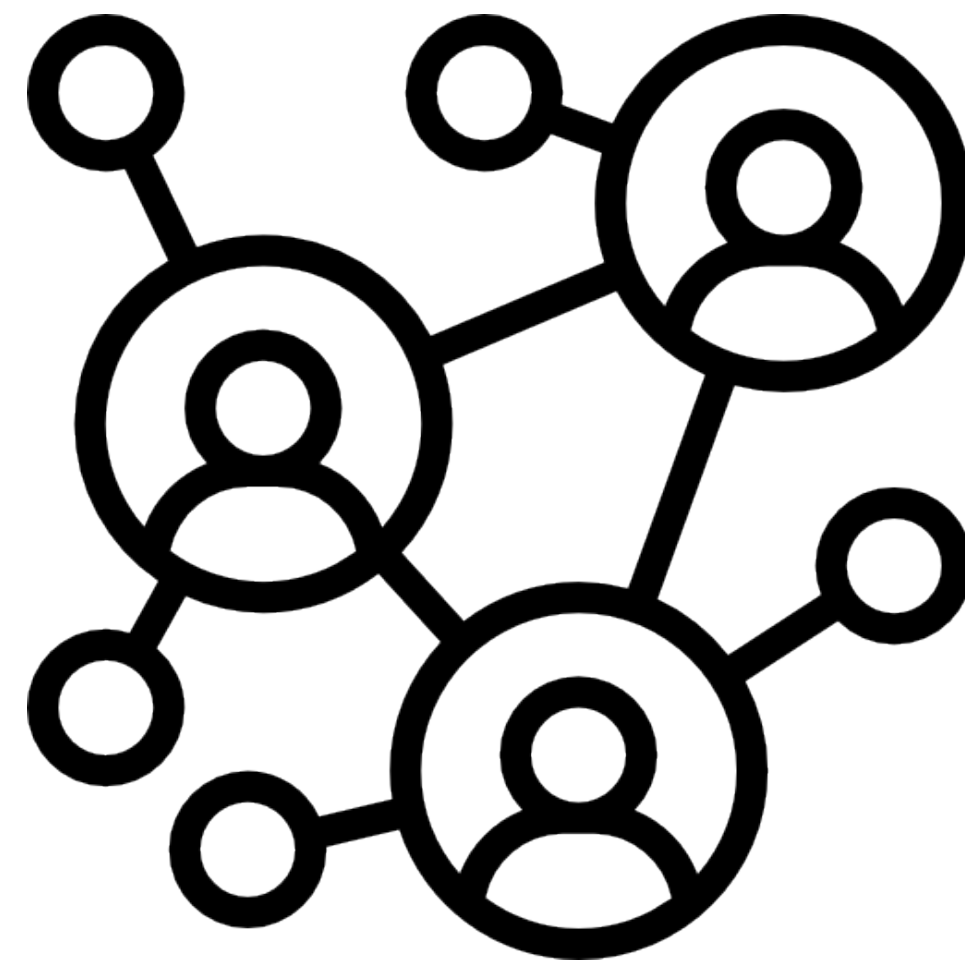
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Considerations for Algorithmic Resignation



Directionality of
Selectivity



Stakeholder
Incentives



Level of Engagement

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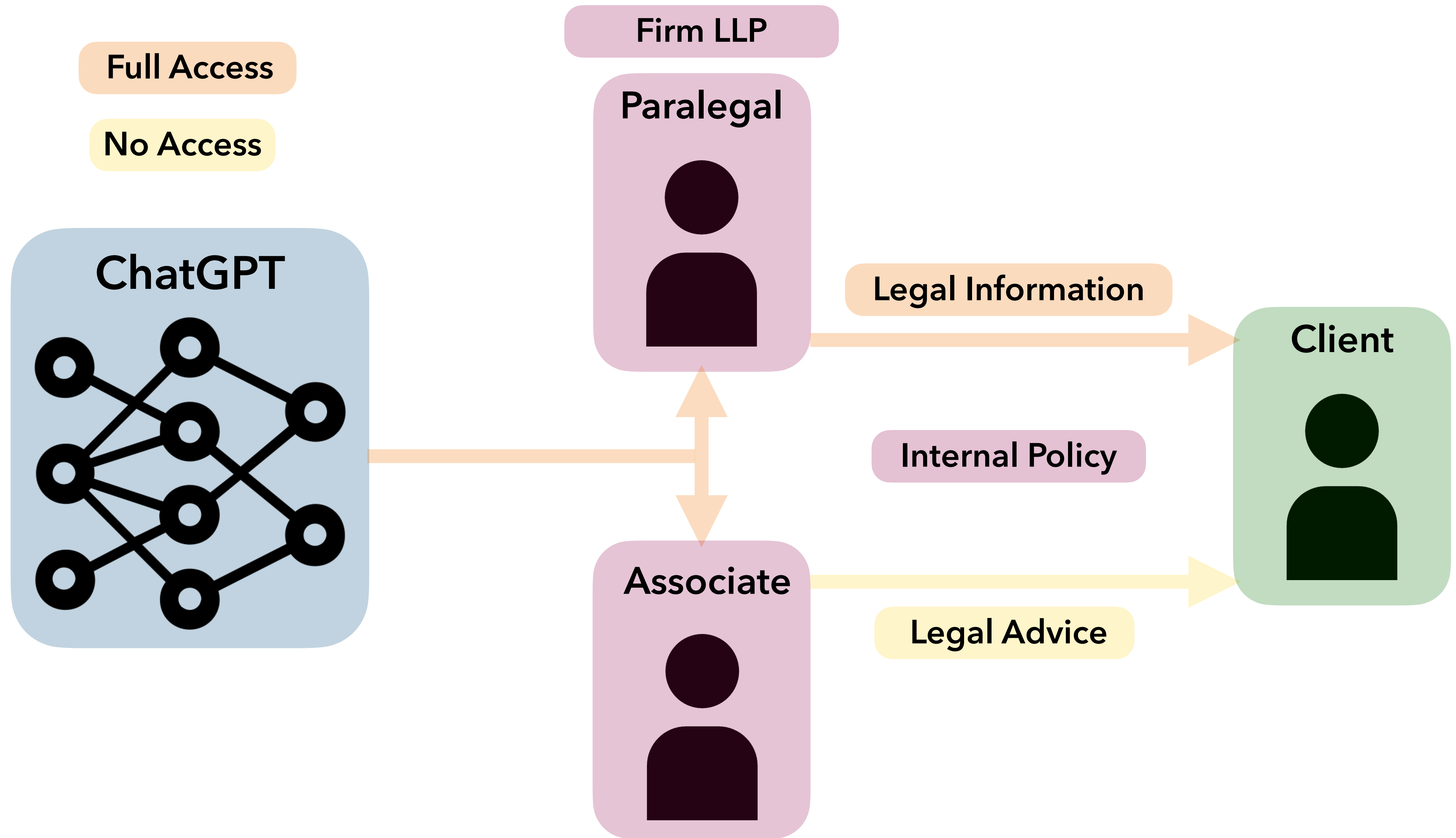
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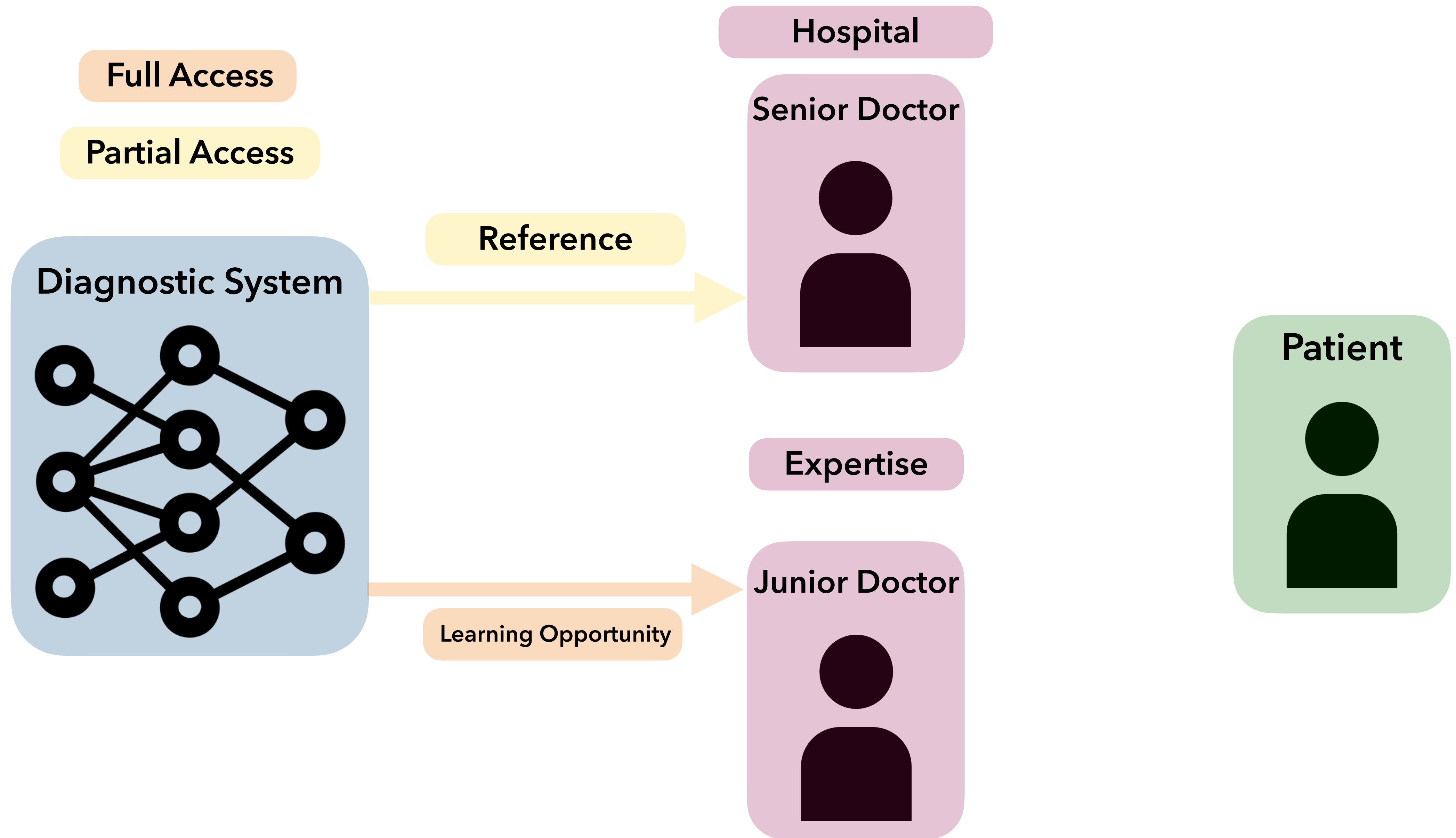
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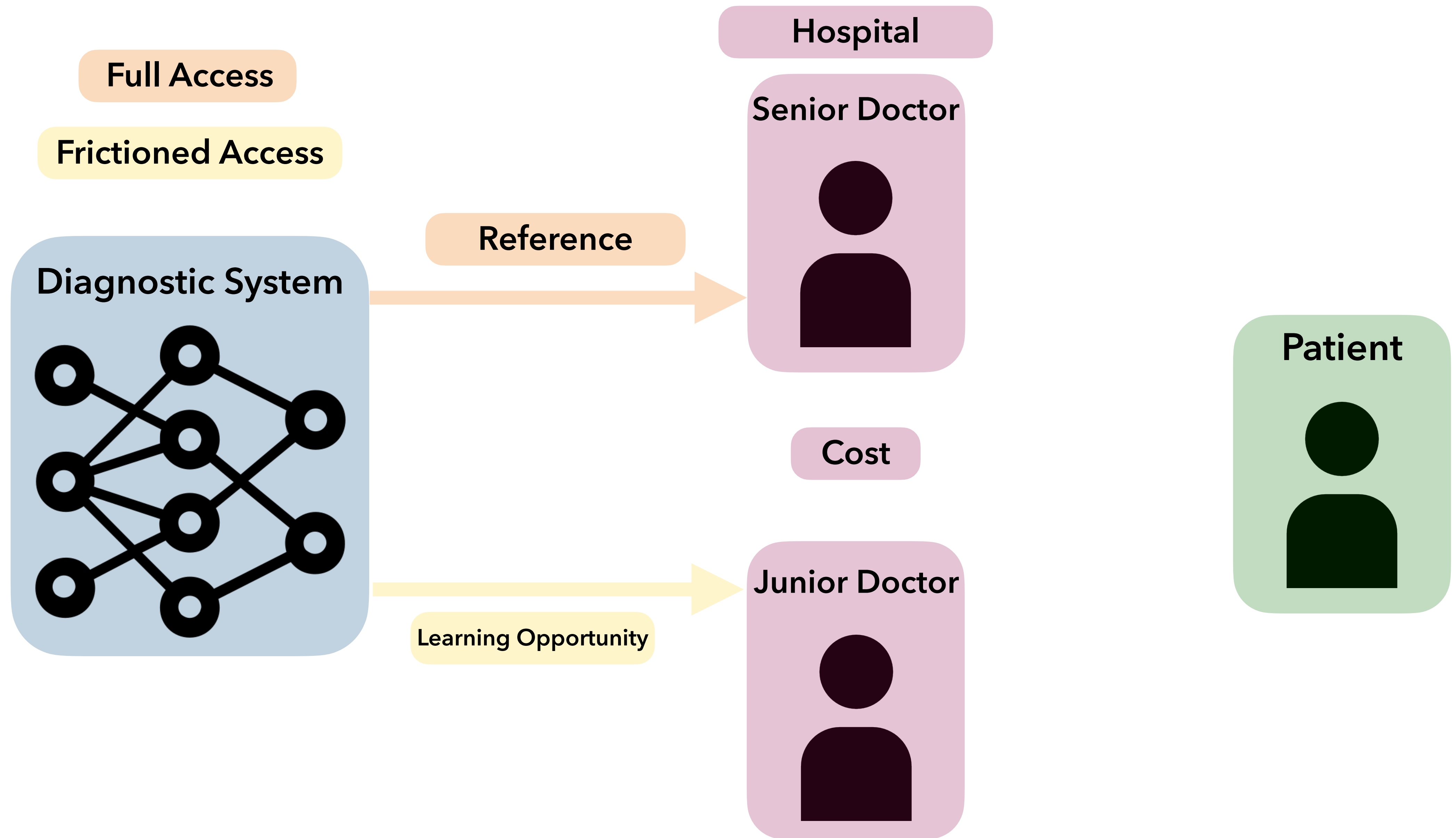
**Why am I discussing this with a
room full of lawyers?**

Algorithmic Resignation...

1. Enables a new mechanism for **self-regulating** within organizations (e.g., corporate compliance can establish policies to restrict use of AI)
2. Orchestrates human-machine collaboration to improve **outcomes** and processes (e.g., AI-powered content moderation tools may only escalate content to human moderators as and when needed)
3. Warrants clever interpretation of regulation like GDPR's "automated processing" since AI may now be invoked **selectively** (e.g., counsel can argue that AI was not used since it resigned in favor of human judgement)







When Should Algorithms Resign?

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Decision Maker

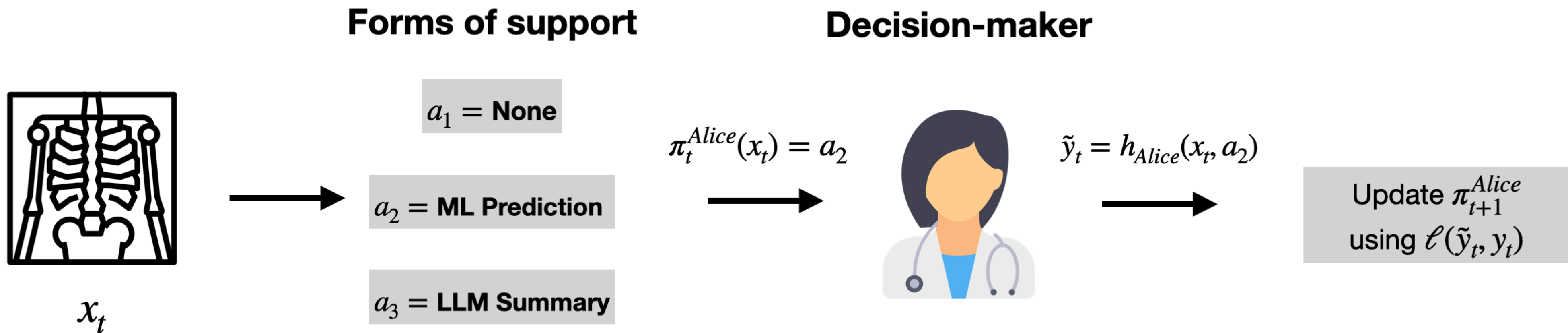


Personalize Access

Methods

Learning Personalized Decision Support Policies

Question: “When is it appropriate to provide decision support (e.g. ML model predictions) to a specific decision-maker?”



Formulation: For an unseen decision-maker, which available form of decision support would improve their decision outcome performance the most?

Set Up

We select a form of support $a_t \in A$ using a decision support policy $\pi_t : X \rightarrow \Delta(A)$

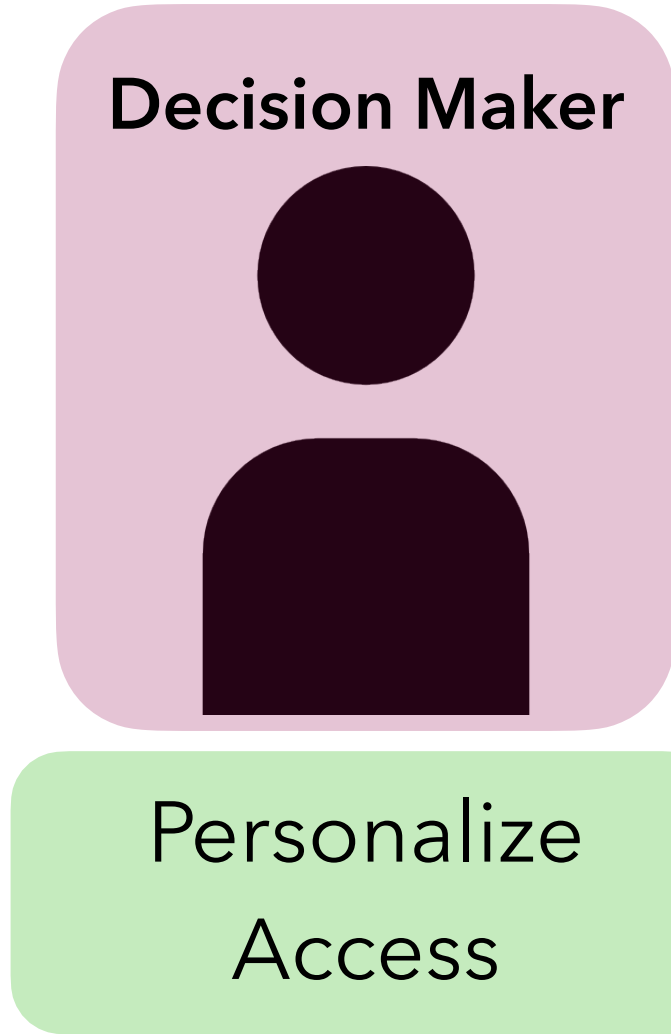
The decision-maker makes the final prediction: $\tilde{y}_t = h(x_t, a_t)$

Performance differs under each form of support: $r_{A_i}(x; h) = \mathbb{E}_{y|x}[\ell(y, h(x, A_i))]$

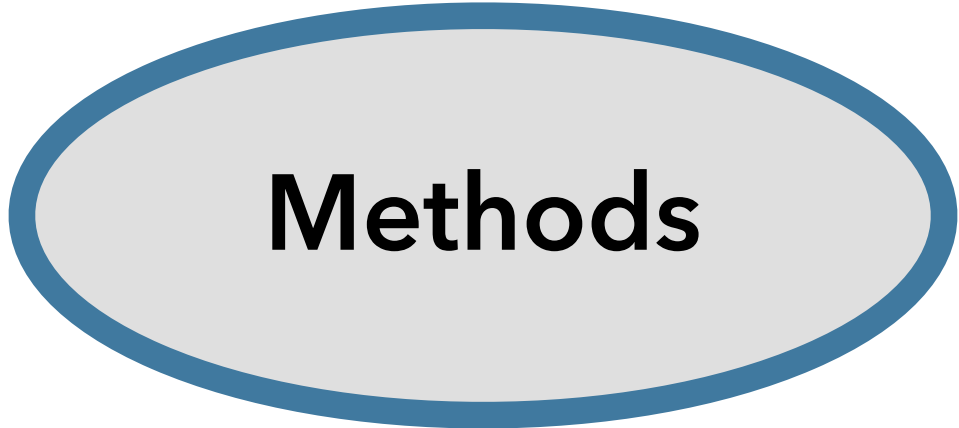
Core Idea of THREAD

Learn policy π_t using a existing contextual bandits techniques

Include cost of a_t in the objective



Learning Personalized Decision Support Policies



Expertise Profiles

Invariant: $r_{A_1}(X_j; h) \approx r_{A_2}(X_j; h), \forall j \in [N]$
Varying: $r_{A_1}(X_j; h) \leq r_{A_2}(X_j; h)$ and $r_{A_2}(X_k; h) \leq r_{A_1}(X_k; h)$
Strictly Better: $r_{A_1}(X_j; h) \leq r_{A_2}(X_j; h), \forall j \in [N]$

CIFAR10 Task: 3 forms of support (None, Model, or Expert Consensus) and 5 classes

MMLU Task: 2 forms of support (None or LLM) and 4 categories

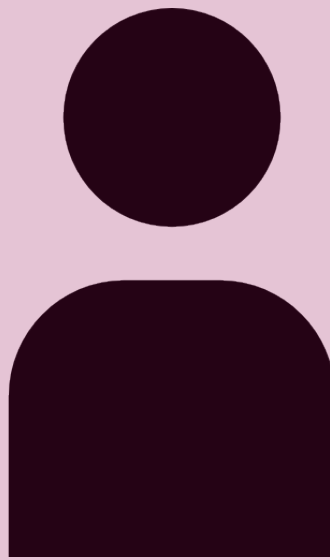
CIFAR			
Algorithm	Invariant	Strictly Better	Varying
H-ONLY	0.00 ± 0.01	0.09 ± 0.08	0.50 ± 0.06
H-MODEL	0.00 ± 0.01	0.22 ± 0.19	0.35 ± 0.05
H-CONSENSUS	0.00 ± 0.01	0.23 ± 0.13	0.27 ± 0.08
Population	0.00 ± 0.02	0.18 ± 0.08	0.15 ± 0.03
THREAD-LinUCB	0.00 ± 0.01	0.17 ± 0.05	0.19 ± 0.05
THREAD-KNN	0.00 ± 0.01	0.06 ± 0.01	0.08 ± 0.02

Excess loss over optimal loss

MMLU			
Algorithm	Invariant	Strictly Better	Varying
H-ONLY	0.01 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.17	0.22 ± 0.12
H-LLM	0.01 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.21	0.12 ± 0.17
Population	0.00 ± 0.02	0.19 ± 0.07	0.12 ± 0.09
THREAD-LinUCB	0.00 ± 0.01	0.12 ± 0.03	0.07 ± 0.04
THREAD-KNN	0.01 ± 0.01	0.05 ± 0.03	0.05 ± 0.03

If a decision-maker benefits from having support some of the time, we can learn their policy [online](#)

Decision Maker

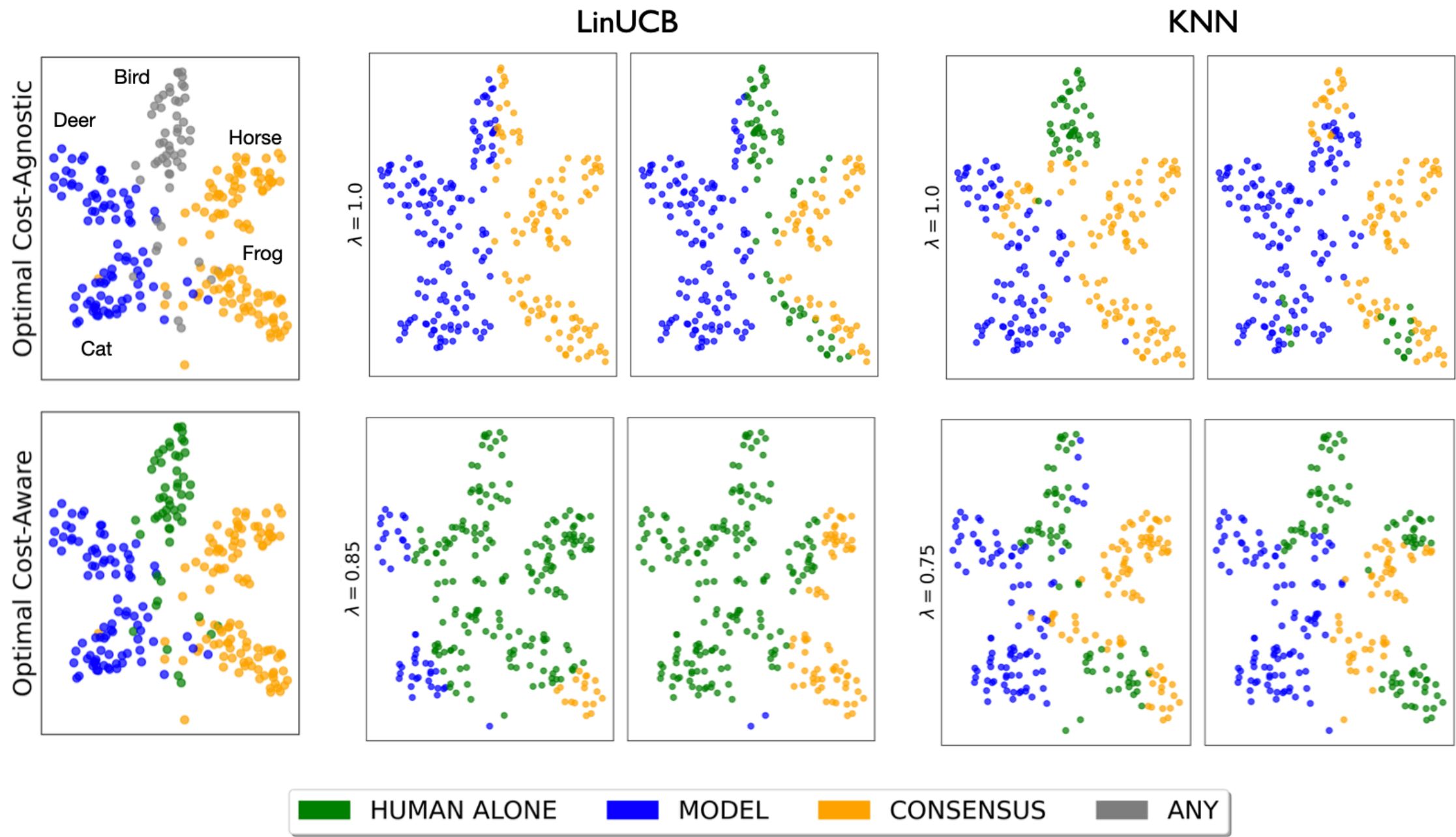
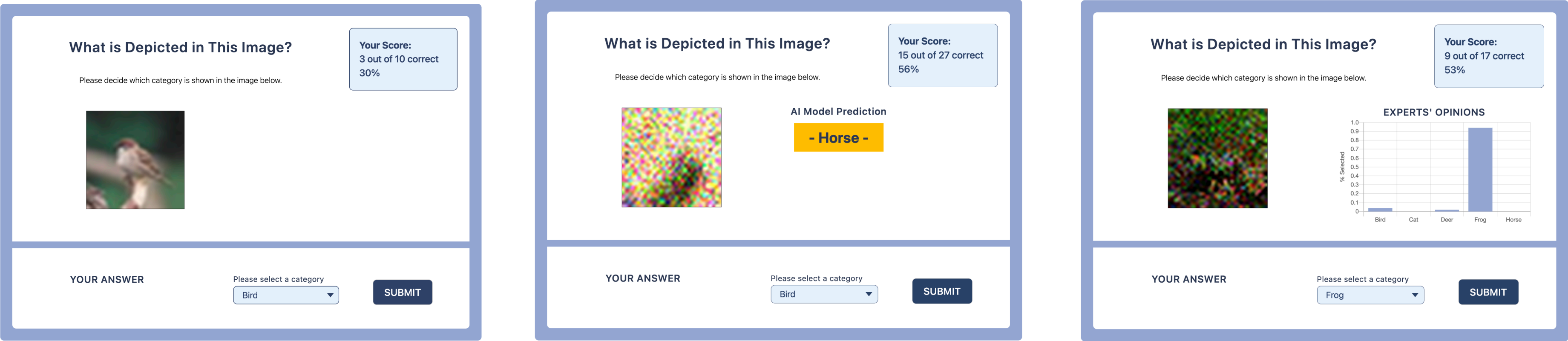


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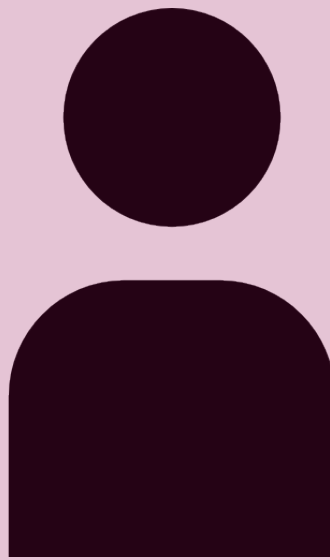
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User Studies

Interactive Evaluation: Users interact with our tool, **Modiste**, which uses THREAD to learn when users require support online.



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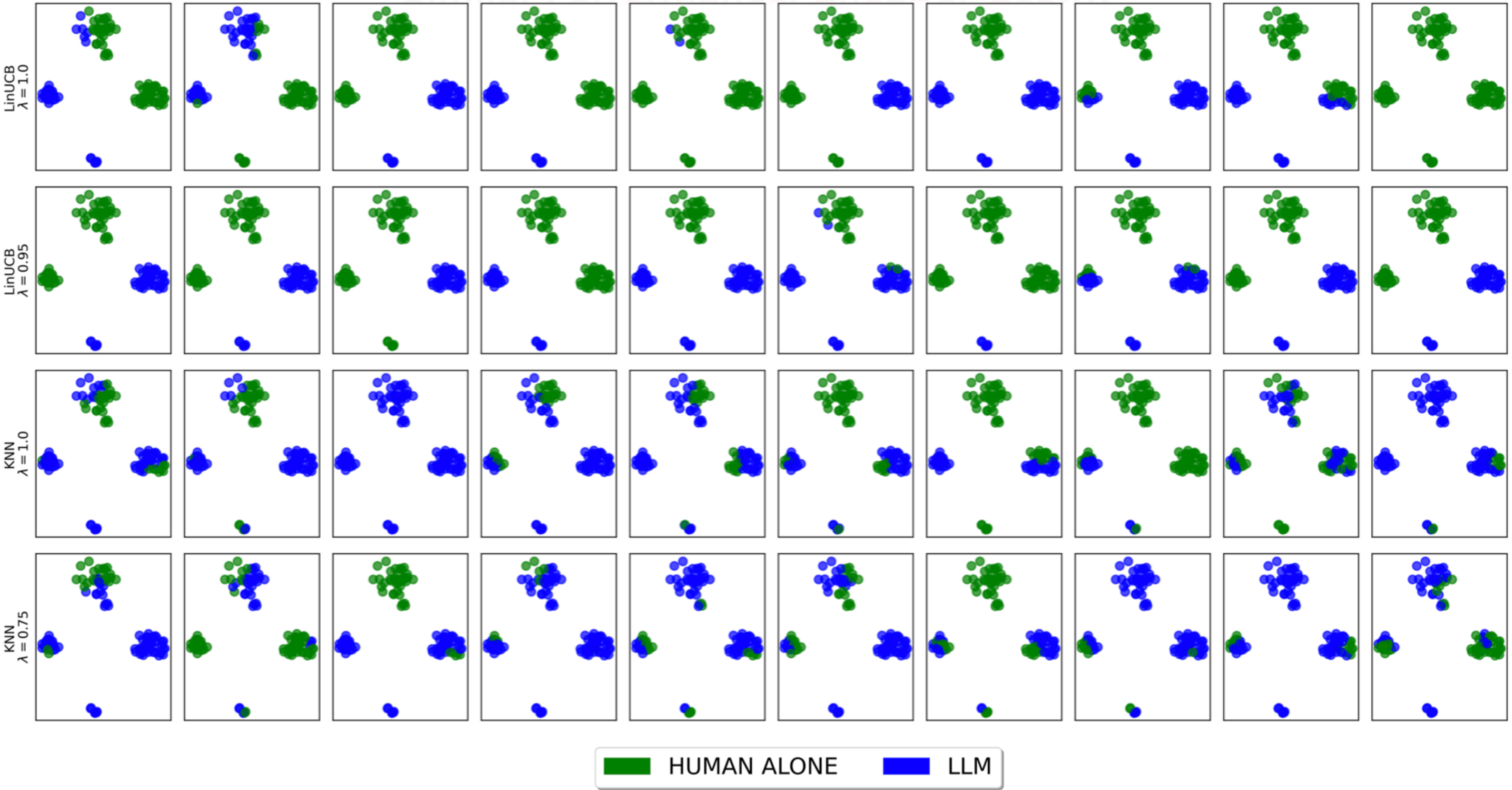
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Similar Performance, Cheaper Cost!!!



Takeaways

Personalized [access to decision support](#) (e.g., ML models) can be learned and improve decision-maker performance

- Forms of decision support may be [offline](#) (e.g., expert consensus)
- [Selectivity](#) is just one way to operationalize stakeholder-model interaction and to preempt [aversive](#) behavior
- Testbeds (a la [Modiste](#)) can validate online learning algorithms in practice