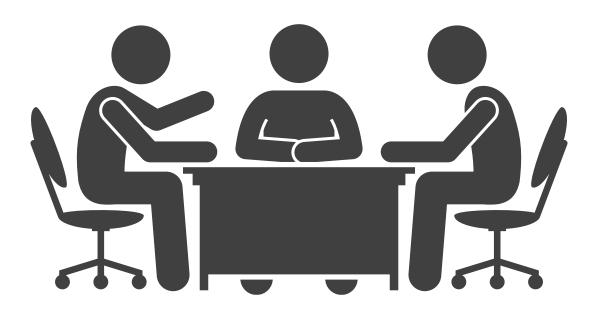
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Welcome Back

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Wednesday morning groups

Group 1
Philipp Streibel
Asbjørn Christensen
Ruel Arsua
Mats Davidson
Lauren Mazurkewich

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James Thomas	
Rowena Casinillo	
Kristof Quintyn	
Ryosuke Kachi	
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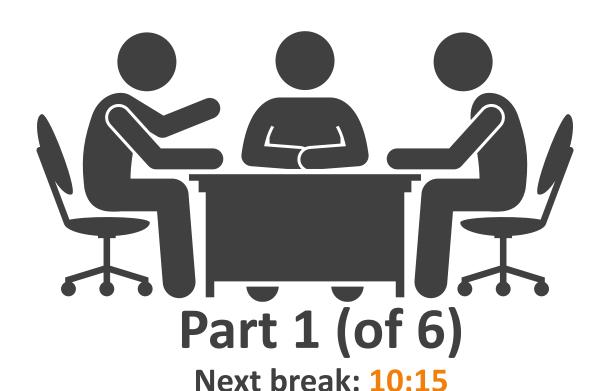


Wednesday Leading Teams in a Complex World

Start	Part	
09:00	1	Universal Challenges when Leading Collaboration in a Complex World
10:15		Break
10:35	2	Foundations for Leading Effective Collaboration: Collective Intelligence
11:15		Break
11:35	3	Foundations for Leading Effective Collaboration: Psychological Safety
12:05		Lunch
12:50	4	Tools for Leading Eternal Renewal: a) the Strategic Framework & b) Healthy Challenges
14:10		Break
14:25	5	Tools for Leading Eternal Renewal: c) the Pre-mortem & d) the Innovation Matrix
15:25		Break
15:40	6	Peer-to-peer consultancy #1: tackling your current challenges and opportunities
17:00		End

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Universal Challenges when Leading Collaboration in a Complex World







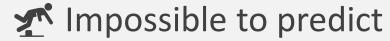
Complex Situations Require Teams Using Models and Tools

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Complex





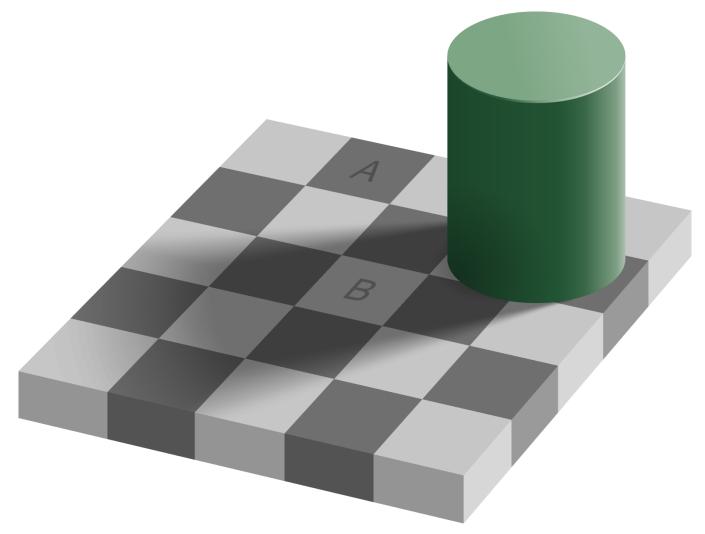


Hard to learn from

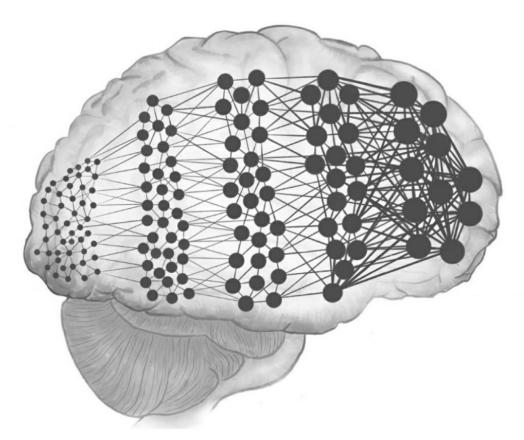
Work as a team

Apply models and tools

Which Square Appears Darker?

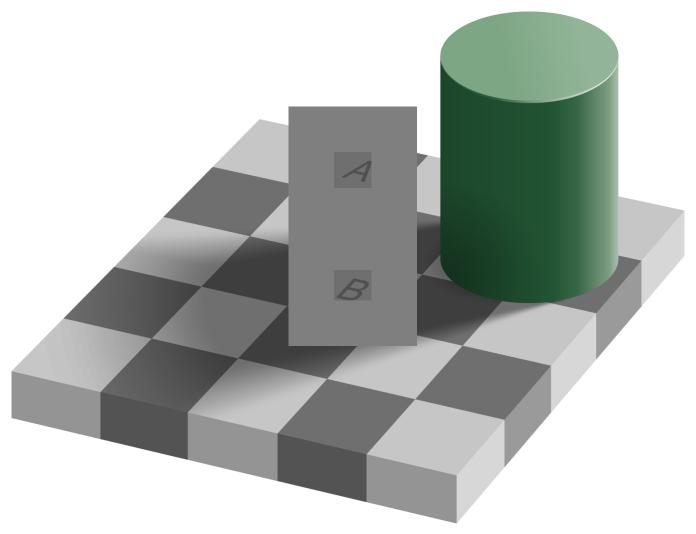


Our Brains Construct Reality As Models of Models From Billions of "Dumb" Sensory Inputs



Source: Seven and A Half Lessons About the Brain (Feldman Barrett)

We Do Not Perceive Reality



Have You Ever

Seen a colour, heard a sound or smelt a smell?

The Universe Is

Odourless, colourless and silent

The brain generates its own reality



Optional Blow Your Mind Reference

Excerpt from The Brain by David Eagleman

Chapter 2 – What is Reality?

How does the biological wetware of the brain give rise to our experience: the sight of emerald green, the taste of cinnamon, the smell of wet soil? What if I told you that the world around you, with its rich colors, textures, sounds, and scents is an illusion, a show put on for you by your brain? If you could perceive reality as it really is, you would be shocked by its colorless, odorless, tasteless silence. Outside your brain, there is just energy and matter. Over millions of years of evolution the human brain has become adept at turning this energy and matter into a rich sensory experience of being in the world. How?

The illusion of reality

From the moment you awaken in the morning, you're surrounded with a rush of light and sounds and smells. Your senses are flooded. All you have to do is show up every day, and without thought or effort, you are immersed in the irrefutable reality of the world.

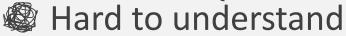
But how much of this reality is a construction of your brain, taking place only inside your head?

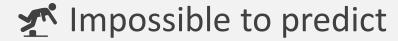
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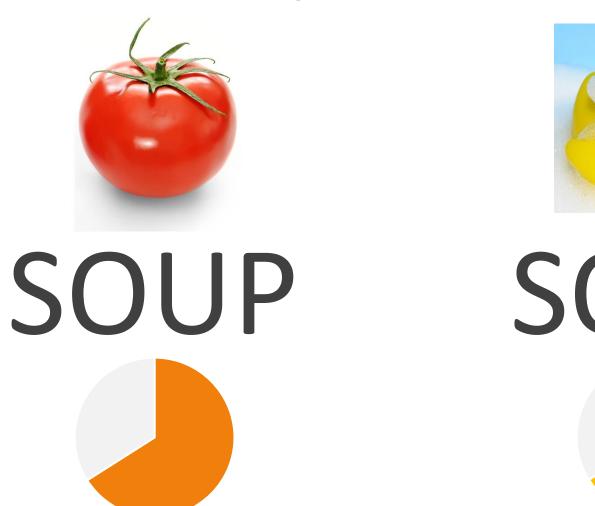
Apply models and tools

Reality is opaque

Different perspectives

True question hard to define

Priming Our Recent Experience Influences Us









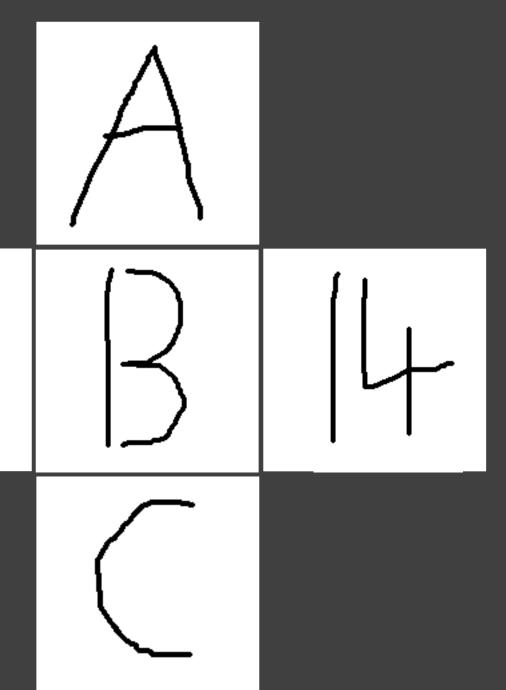
Efficiency Requires a Brain

To predict what will be needed



Peter Sterling
Perelman School of Medicine

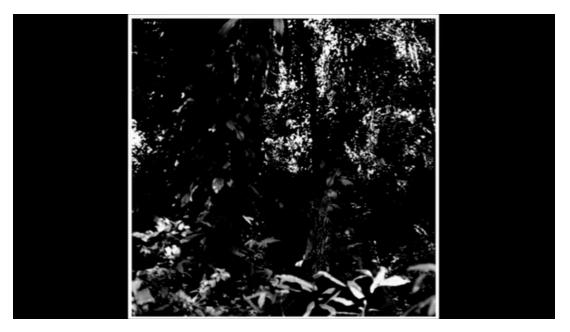
Framing Context Influences Perception



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Quantity of Light Reflected

Quality of Light Reflected



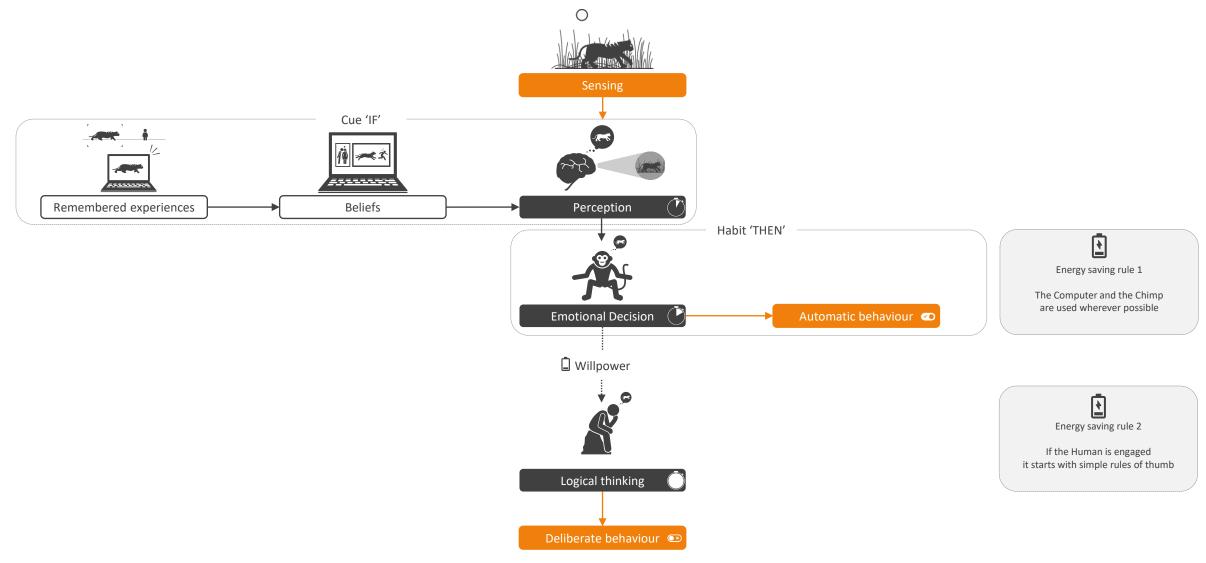


We Don't Sense All There is to Sense

We have no direct access to our physical world, other than through our senses



How We See, Think and Act



The Light that Falls Onto Your Eye Sensory Information

Is meaningless, because it could mean literally anything



What's True for Sensory Information is True for Information Generally

There's no inherent meaning in information



So, How Do We See?

We see by learning to see



The Brain Evolved the Mechanisms for

Finding patterns, finding relationships in information, and associating those relationships with a behavioural meaning, by interacting with the world

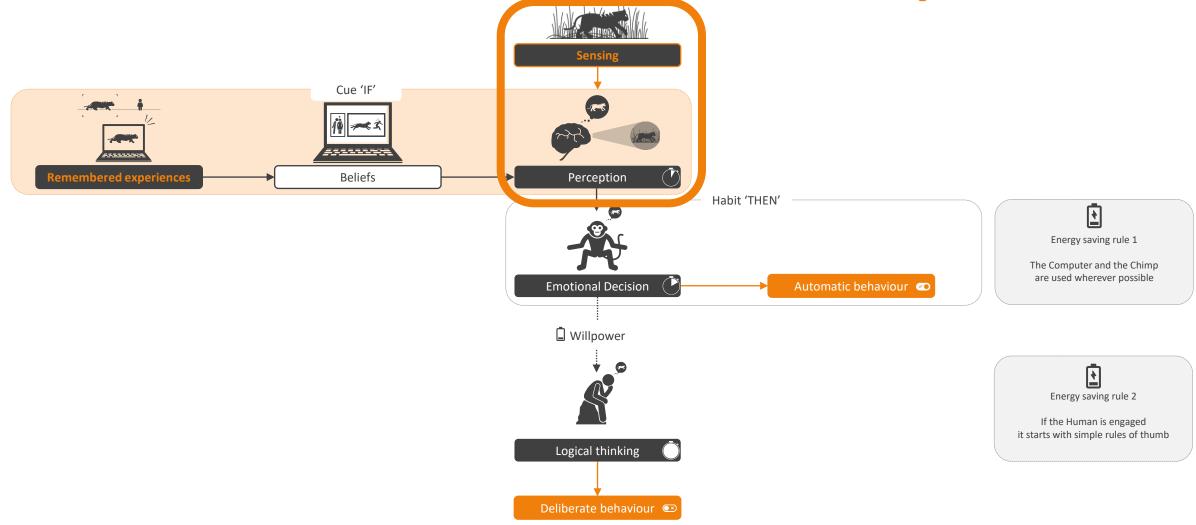


The Brain Evolved to See the World

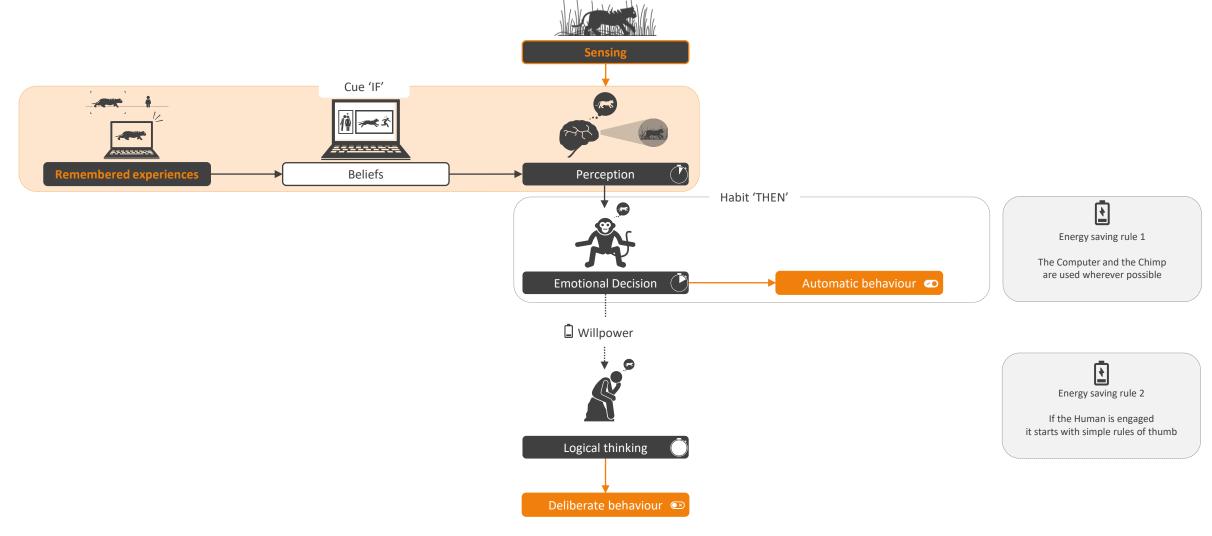
The way it was useful to see in the past



Our Frame Is Based on What We Sense, Context and What's In Our Computer

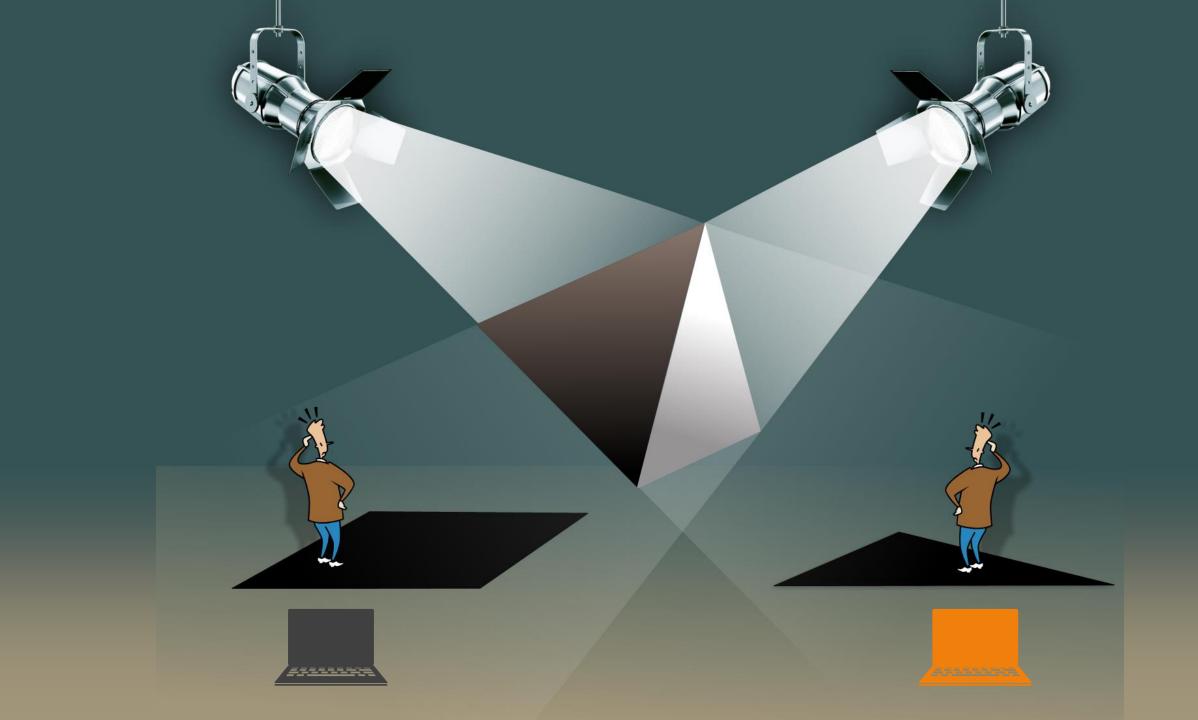


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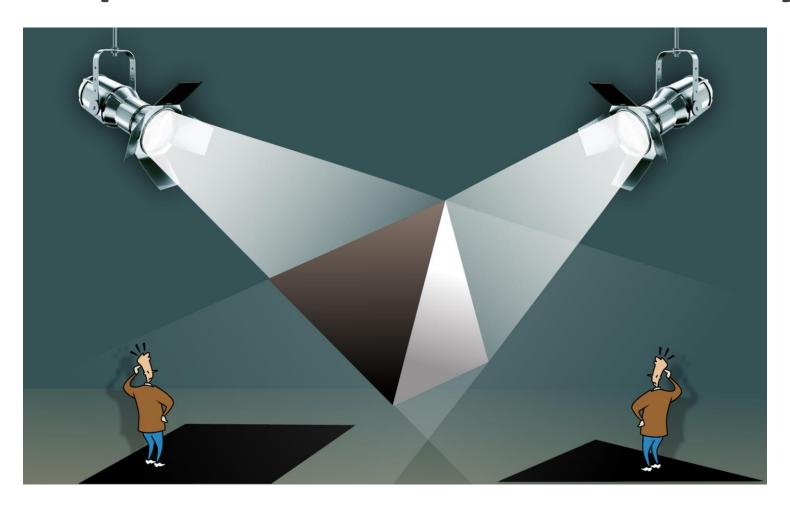


Celebrate Doubt





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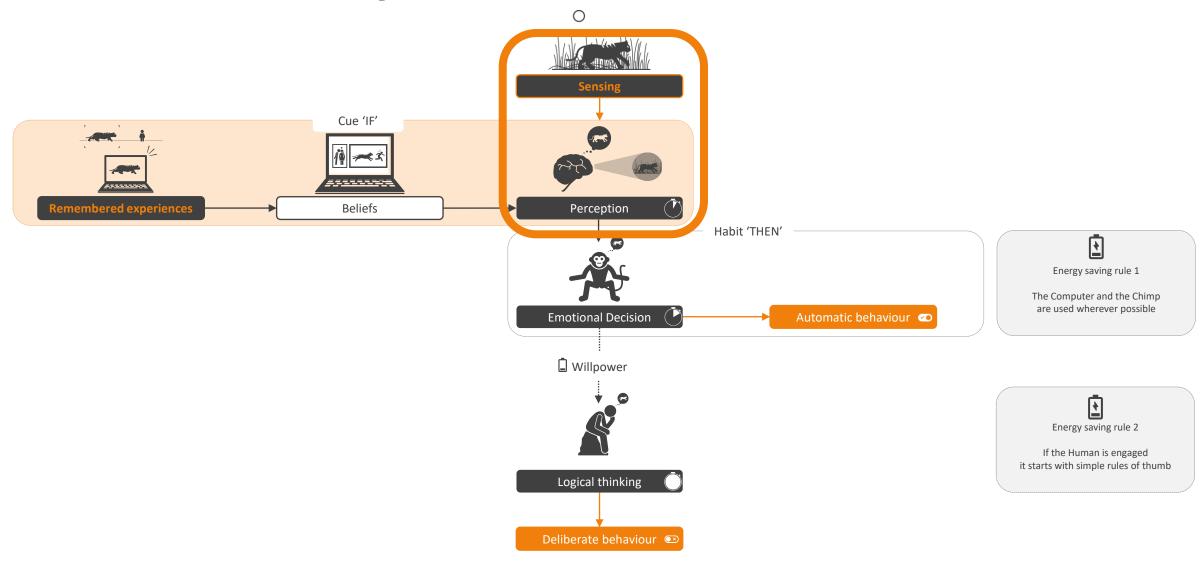


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Reality is constructed differently in different heads



They See Different Frames



Our Mental Models

Affect what we see

Two people with different mental models can observe the same event and describe it differently, because they've looked at different details and made different interpretations

We observe selectively

Peter Senge

Pilots Never Go Anywhere Without a Wingman Because We Do Not Perceive Reality





Key Tool: Harness Collective Intelligence



Because we do not perceive reality



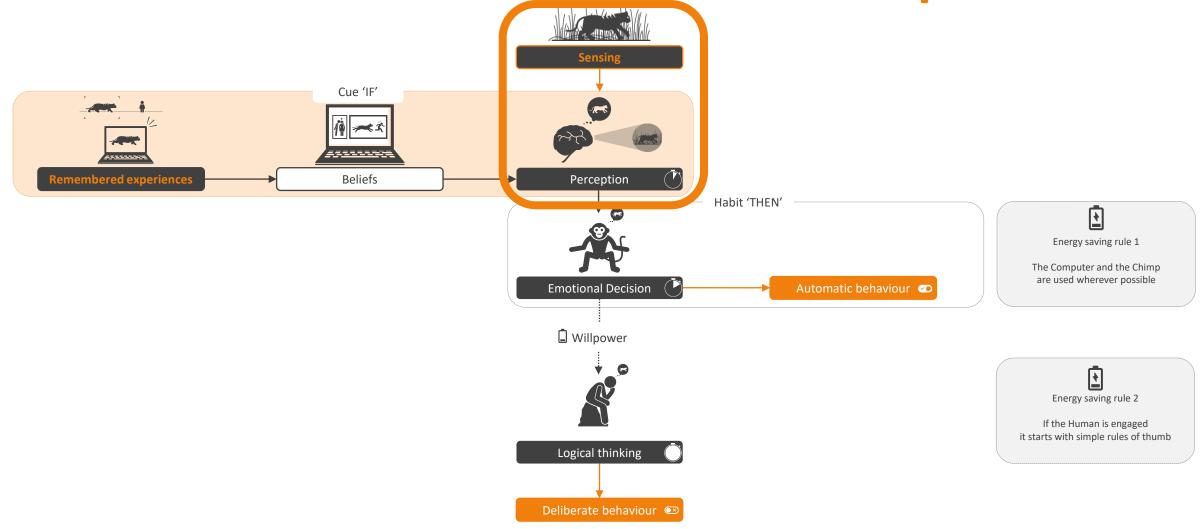
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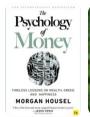
9. How do you currently lead discussions where you work?

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Your Personal Experiences Makes Up Maybe 0.00000001% of What's Happened in the World

But maybe 80% of how you think the world works





Morgan Housel
The Psychology of Investing

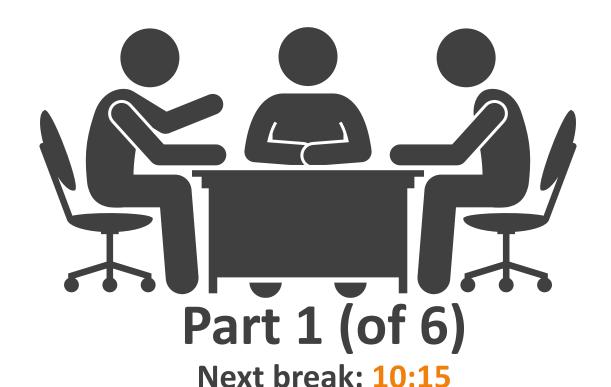
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Groups <u>Can</u> Outperform Individuals When Making Decisions





Explaining Why Groups Excel



Wisdom of Crowds Effect

Phone An Expert Friend

Ask the Audience





Wisdom of Crowds Effect

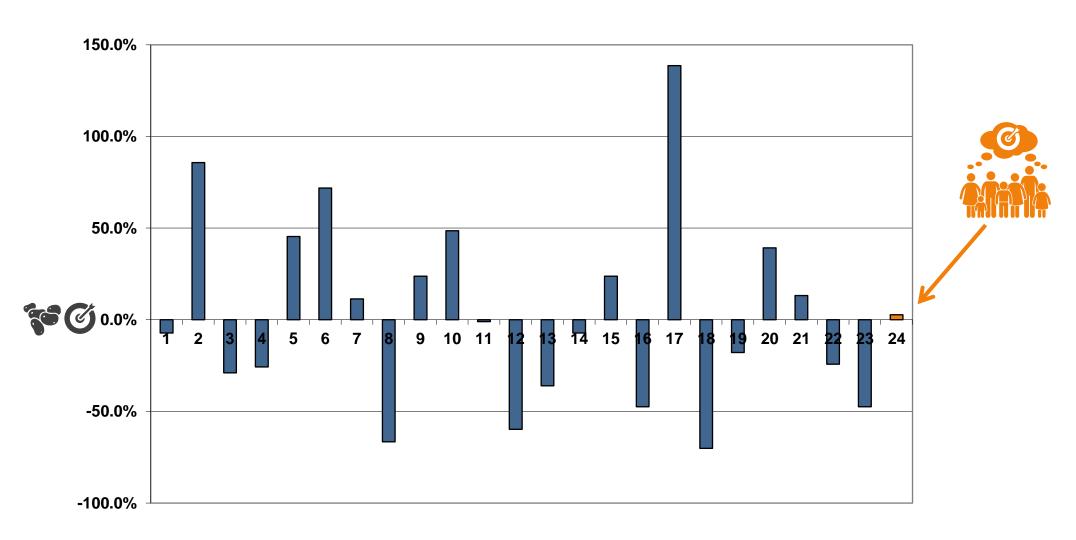
The smartest person in the room

Wisdom of Crowds Effect

The smartest person in the room IS the room



Collective Intelligence in Action



3 Steps to Collective Intelligence



1. Capture your private perspective

Independently judging what you perceive to be true



2. Take turns to share perspectives without interruption

Sharing perspectives to surface \emph{all} information



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Collectively deciding what is probably true

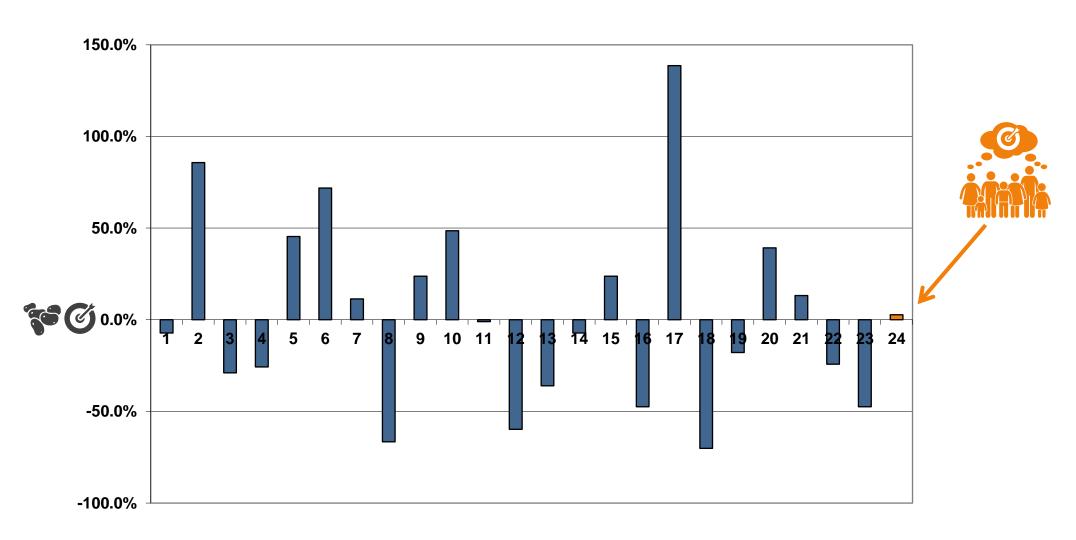
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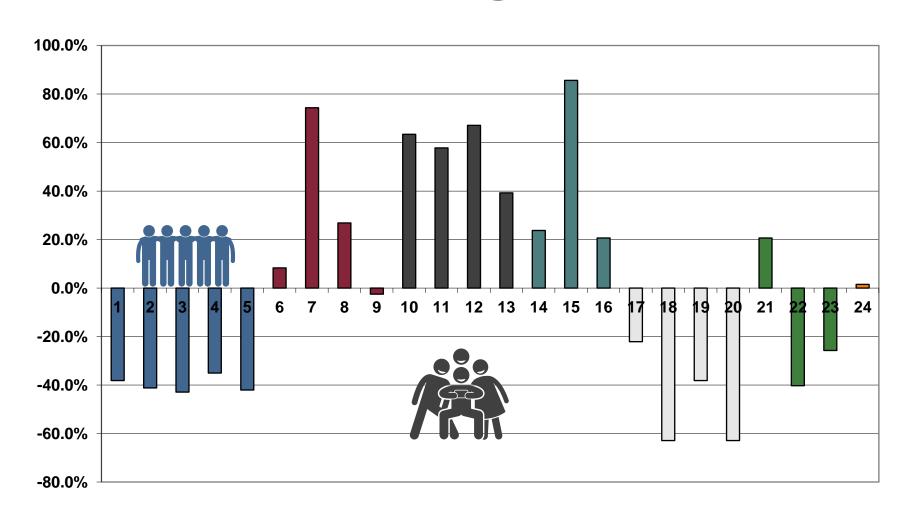
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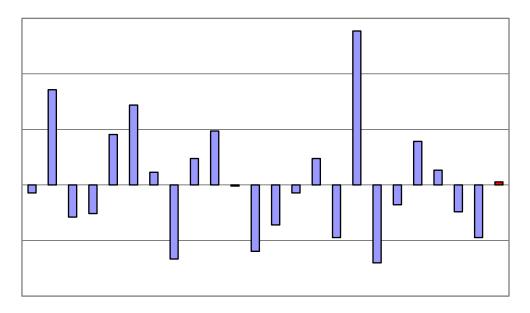


Collective Intelligence - Biased



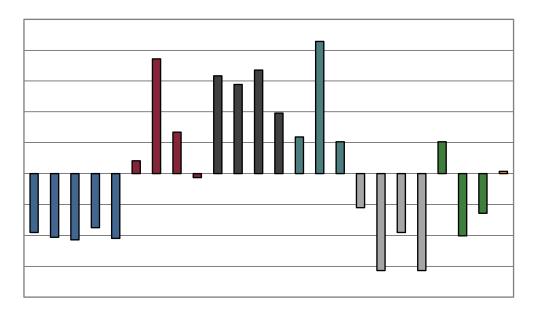
Discussing Too Early Destroys Independence

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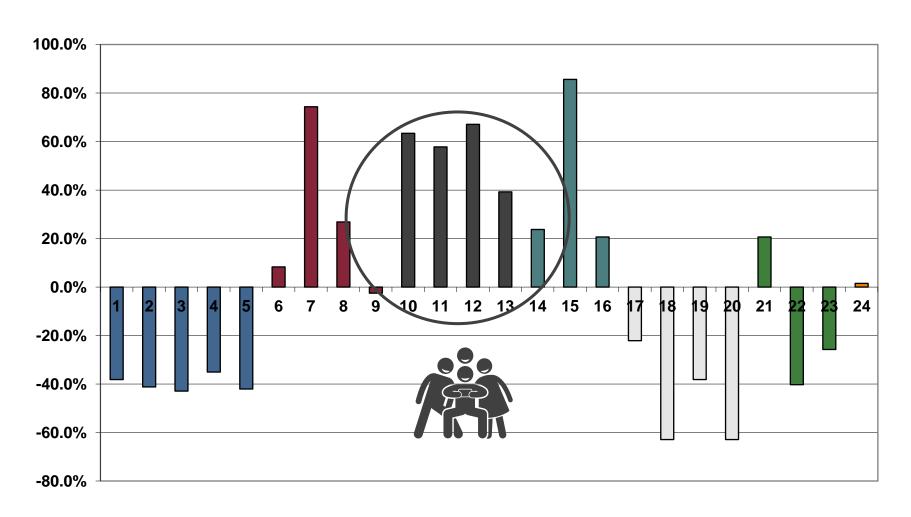
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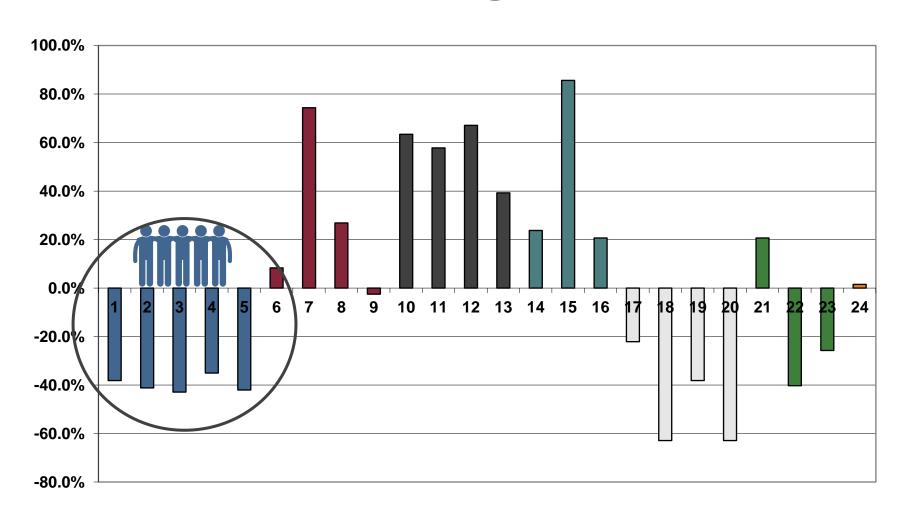


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- Discuss in groups
- Biased judgements

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The Most Fundamental Principle in Clinical Decision-Making

Is that the interpretation of new information depends on what you believed beforehand



Sox, Higgins, Owens 2013

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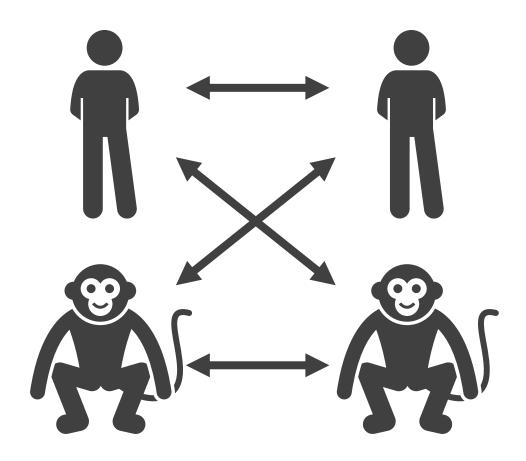
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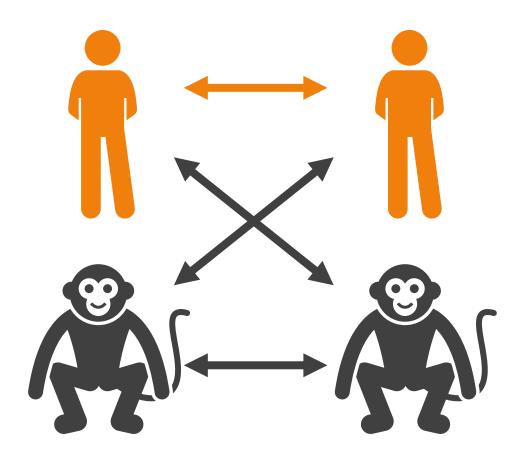
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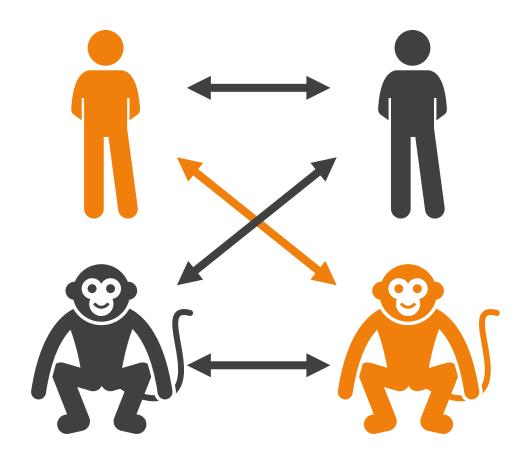


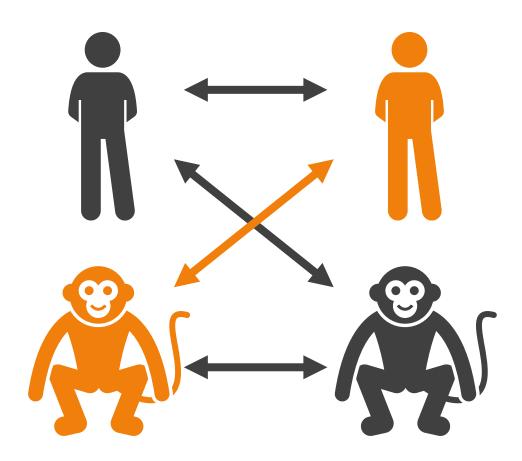
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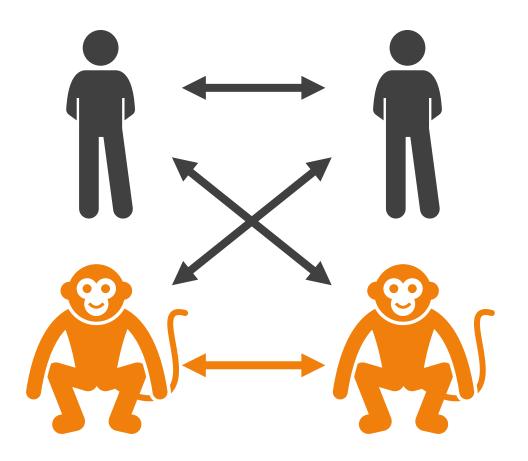
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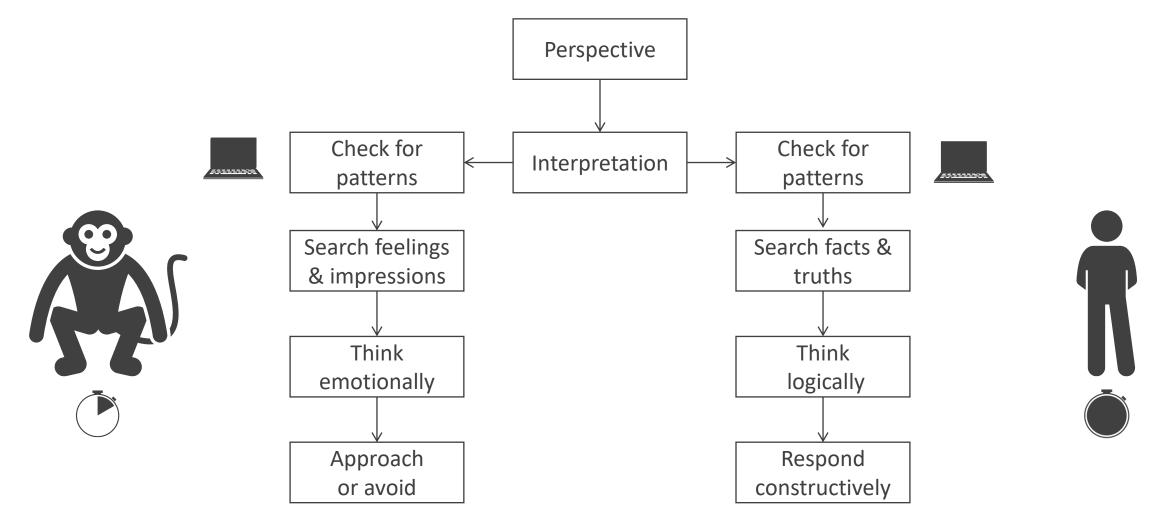






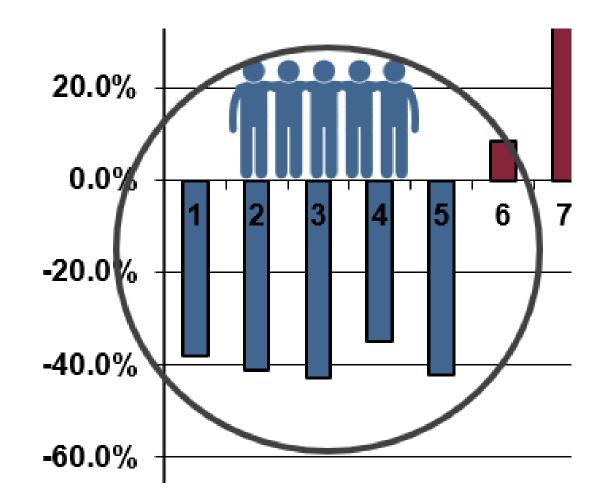


It's Always Chimp Before Human



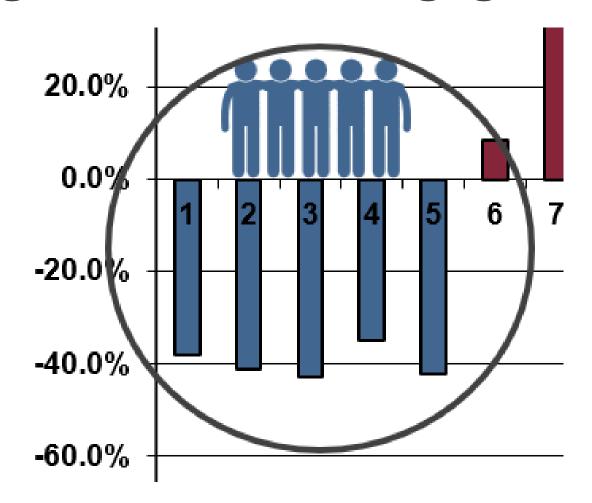
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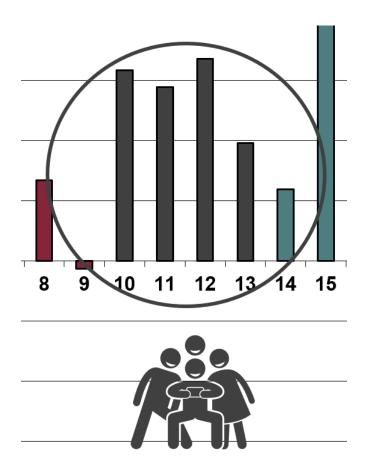
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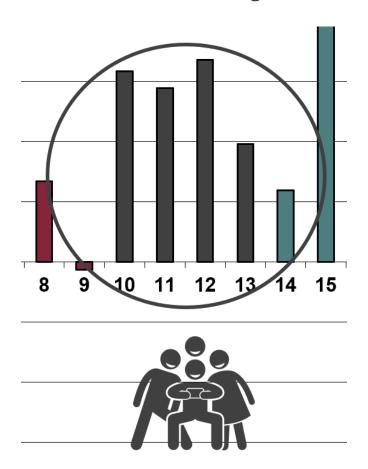
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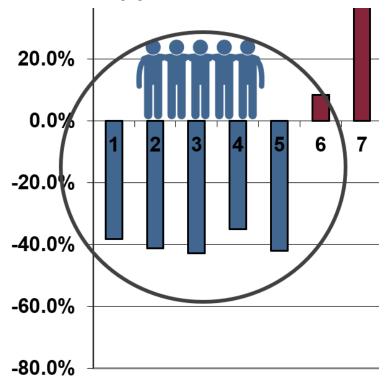




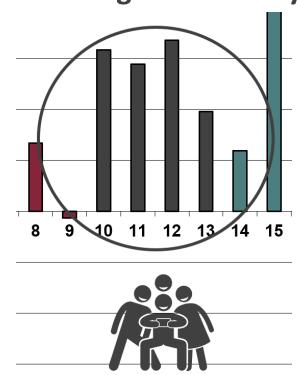
Conformity Effects Causing Us to Fail to Surface All Information

(B) 2

Because Our Chimps Seek to Avoid So We Suppress Information



Because Our Chimps Eagerly Approach So We Agree Too Early





Your Return On Investment





10a. As a leader, to what extent do you enable colleagues to capture their private perspectives first, before engaging in a dialogue?



10b. As a leader, to what extent do you enable all perspectives to be shared before starting a dialogue?

It Ain't What You Don't Know That Gets You Into Trouble

It's what you know for sure that just ain't so



Break #1 (of 4 today)



Next session starting at

10:35





Summary of Universal Challenges & Tools #3: Wednesday

Leading Teams in a Complex World





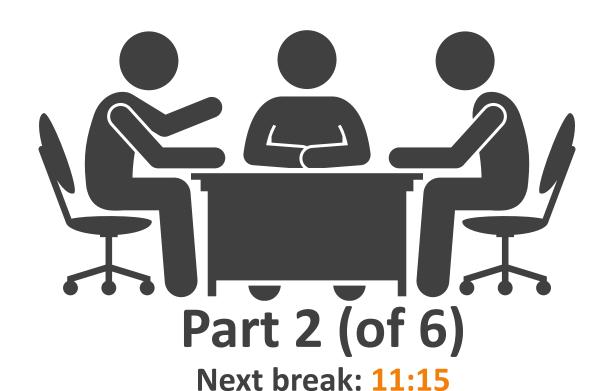
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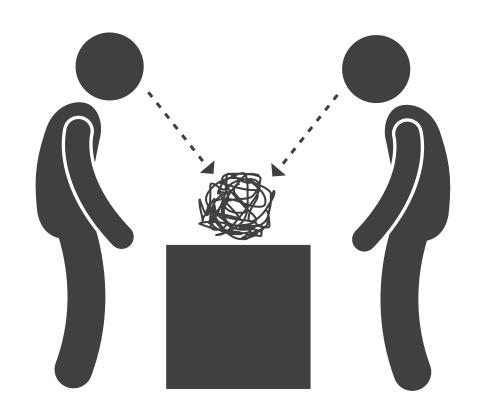
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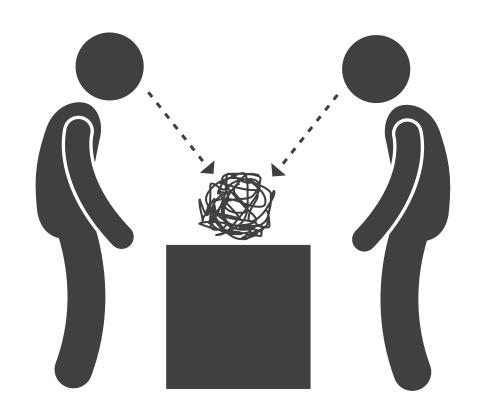
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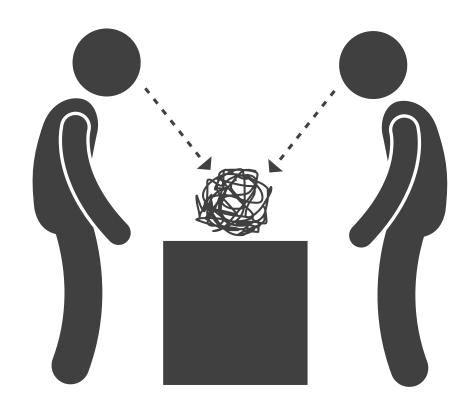
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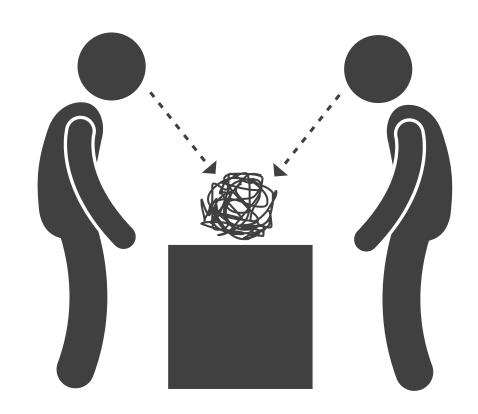
Complex Situations Require Multiple Independent Perspectives to be Shared



Complex Situations Require Multiple Independent Perspectives



Complex Situations Require Multiple Independent Perspectives to be Heard



Listening Exercise





Listener



Speakers: Talk For 1 Minute About A Passion



Listeners: Be Engrossed for 30 Seconds

"Go"

Engrossed for 30 secs



"Change"

Completely disinterested









Speakers

How did you feel during the first 30 seconds?

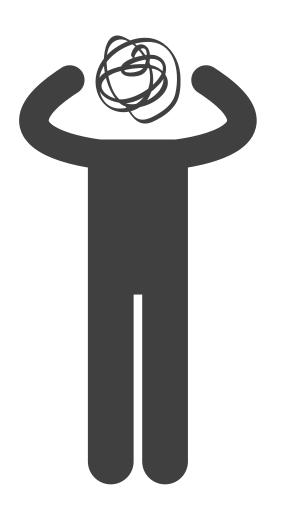
Articulate and Able to Collect Your Thoughts



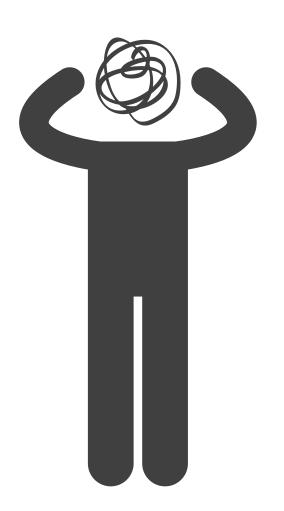
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What happened when I said "change"?

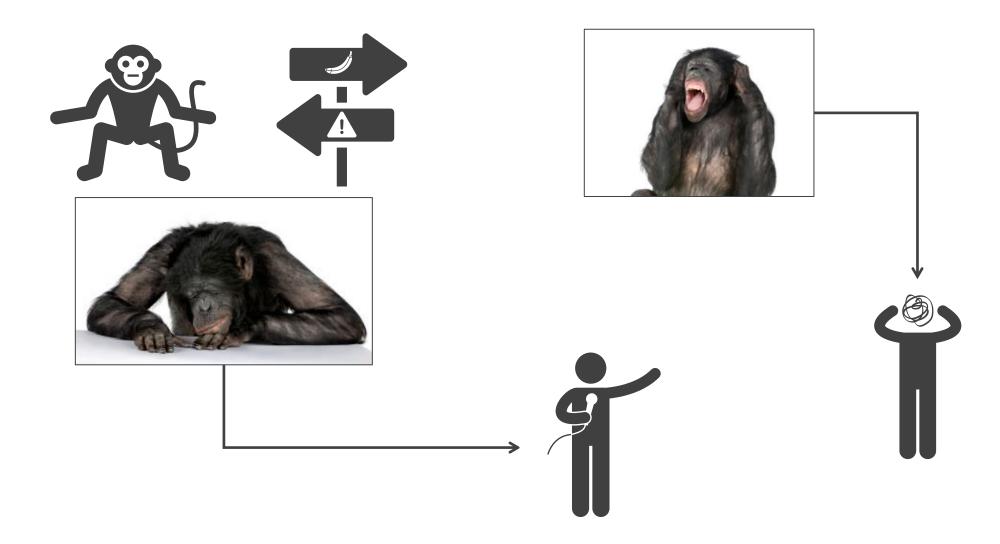
Inarticulate and Unable to Think



You May Have Lost the Capacity to Speak



What Just Happened?



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It's predicting energy needs before they arise

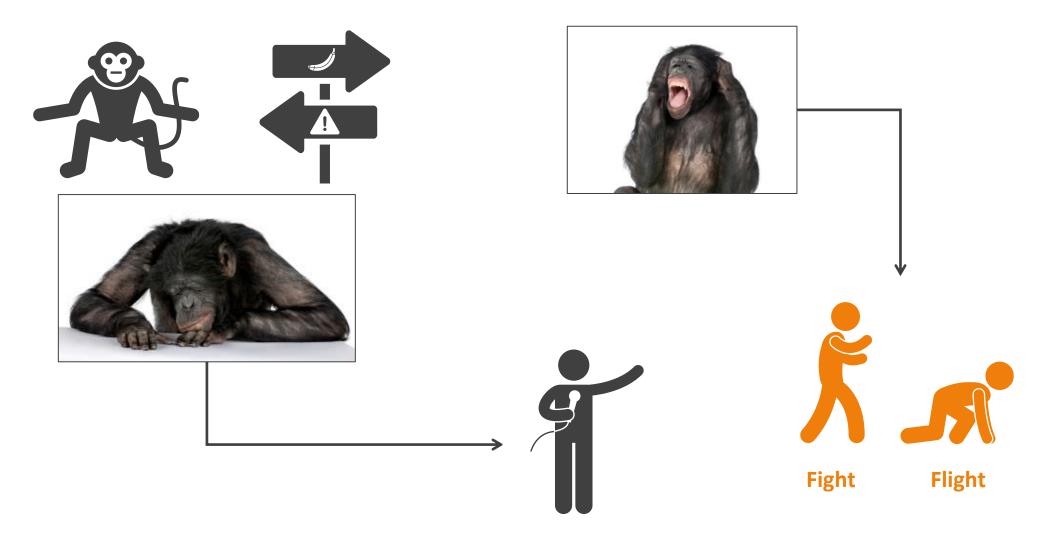


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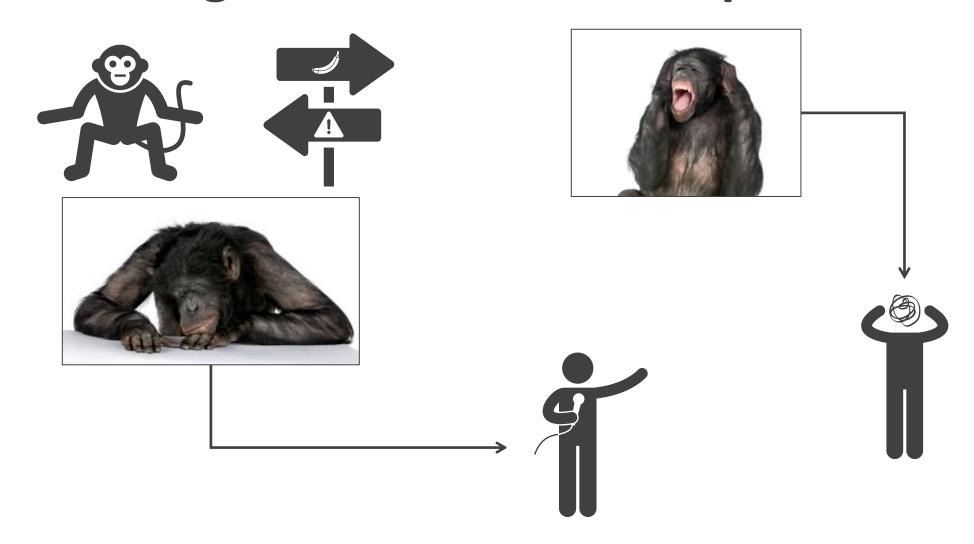
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"Neural Alarm" Preparing For Fight or Flight

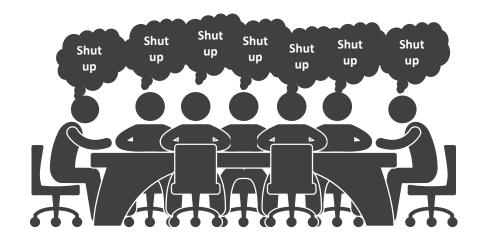


How We Listen Impacts How Effectively Colleagues Share Their Perspectives



There Are Two Broad Types of Listening

Listening to Respond



The listener's attention is mostly on:

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Reduces collective intelligence

Listening to Understand



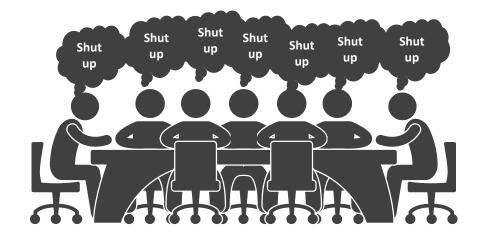
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Two Three Types of Listening

A lot of the time we're listening for a purpose and mostly that purpose is hidden from us



Which Is Your Default Listening Style?

Listening to Fix

Attention is on: yourself

Seeking to: **problem solve**

How can I immediately:

use my expertise

to make your problem go away?

"Have you tried [my approach]"?

Listening to Win

Attention is on: **yourself**

Seeking to: influence behaviour

How can I immediately: change your Chimp's perception to make your problem go away?

"Don't [be so sad]"

Listening to Understand

Attention is on: the speaker

Seeking to: see through their eyes

not currently know enough to make the problem go away

"Please help me to understand what led you to [draw that conclusion]"

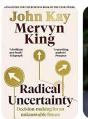
In the Past, When Things Were Changing More Slowly and We Were Less Interconnected

We could rely on our experience to tell us what would probably happen next



Most Important Challenges in a Complex World are Unique Events

So intelligent responses are inevitably judgements which reflect an interpretation of a particular situation



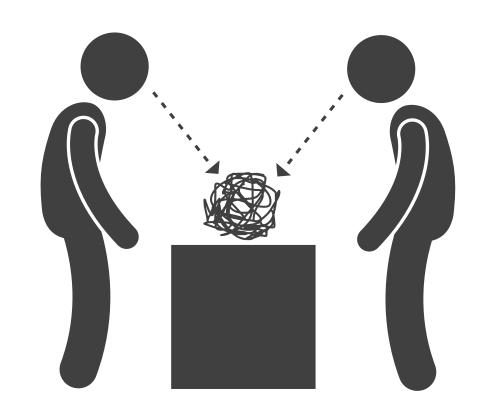




Sir John Kay and Lord Mervyn King

Former Dean of Oxford Said Business School and former Governor of the Bank of England

Have You Ever Seen a Complex Situation Differently to Others?



We Each Look at the World

And believe we see the world as it is

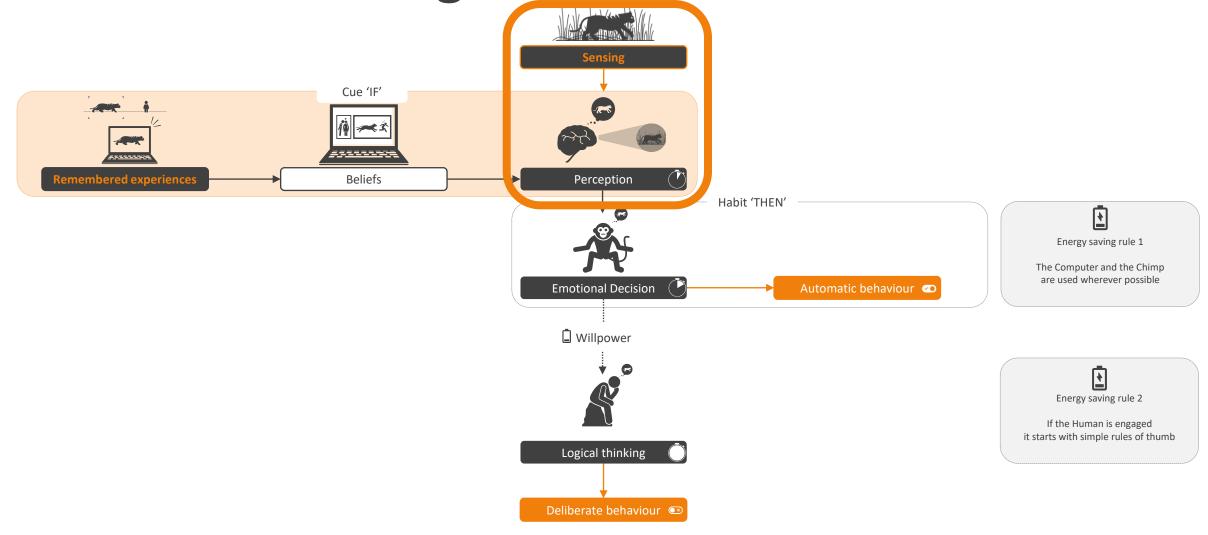


We Each Look at the World

In truth, we see the world as we are



We Each Look at the World Through Different Frames



Why Do So Many People Especially in Leadership Positions

Seem to believe that their role is to express a unique, distinct, even original point of view and, at the same time, find it troubling when others don't agree with them?

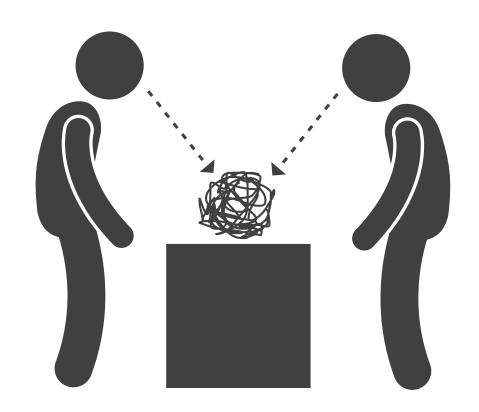
Olivier Sibony
HEC Paris, McKinsey

Because We Believe in What We See

We have a sense of our being right about most things most of the time



Is It Reasonable For Others to See A Complex Situation Differently to You?



When You Hear Yourself Saying I've Seen this Before and I know How it Goes

Remind yourself that if it's complex you haven't seen something like it before and you have no idea where it goes



Listening to Understand

Be curious not judgemental



Listening to Understand

Situation:

Understanding My Response	
1. How does my Chimp feel?	2. What does my Human know?
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Advanced Listening to Understand

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Advanced Listening to Understand

Situation:

Understanding My Response 1. How does my Chimp feel? 2. What does my Human know? What Do They See? 3. What's in the other person's Computer? 4. What can they see that I can't?

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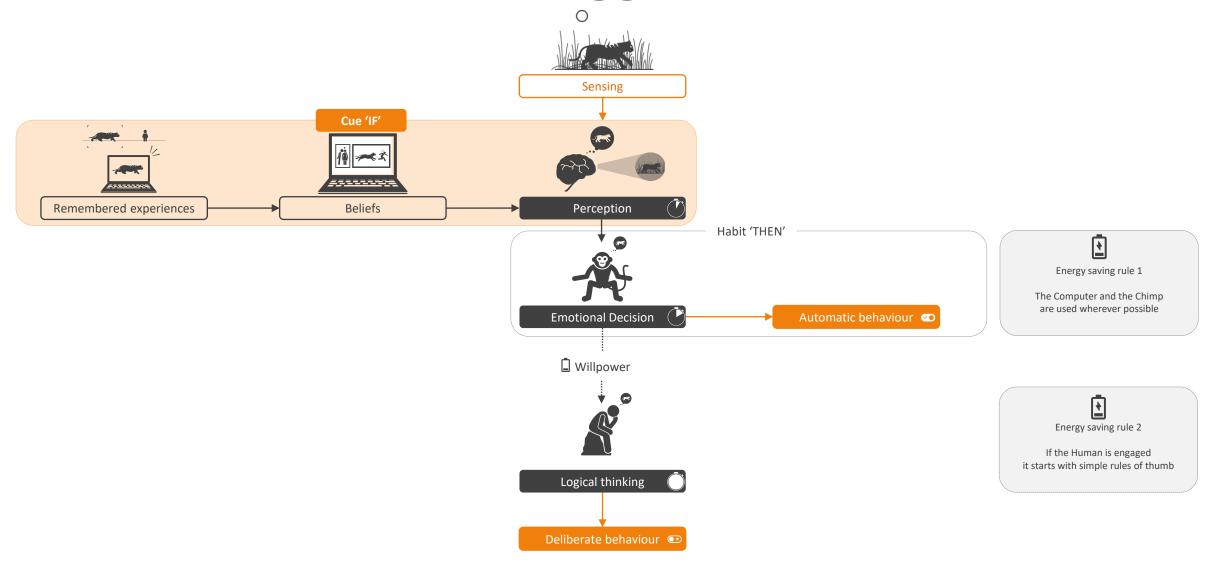
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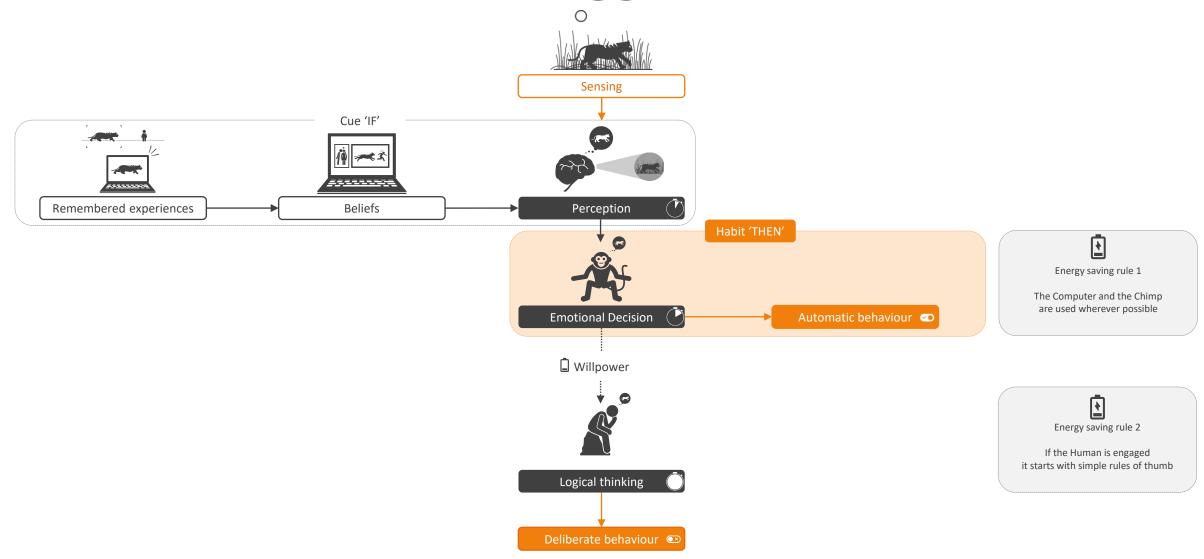
B. Meter in the basement



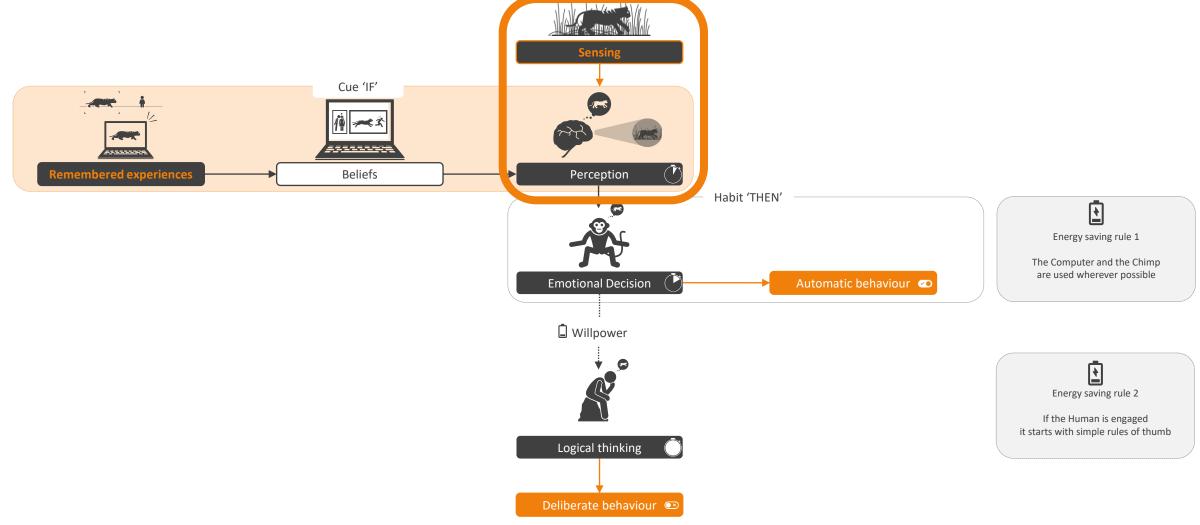
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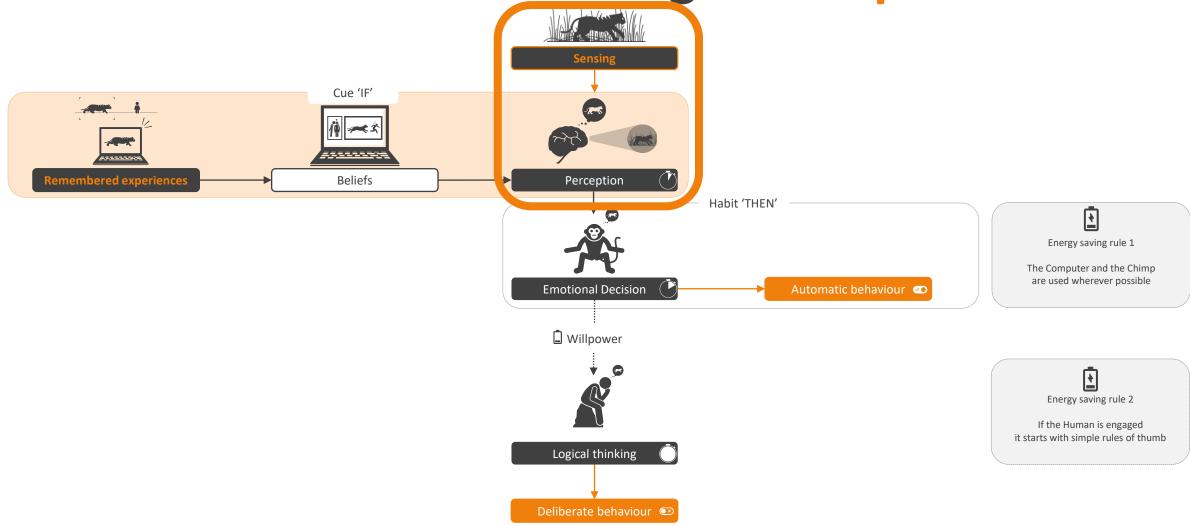
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As a Leader, Create a Context That Makes Achieving Collective Intelligence Easy



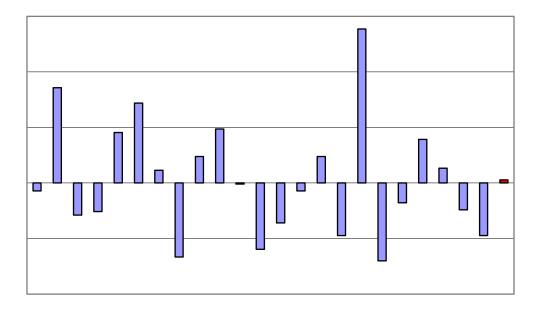
Create a Context To Judge What Is True and Decide What to Do Through Multiple Frames





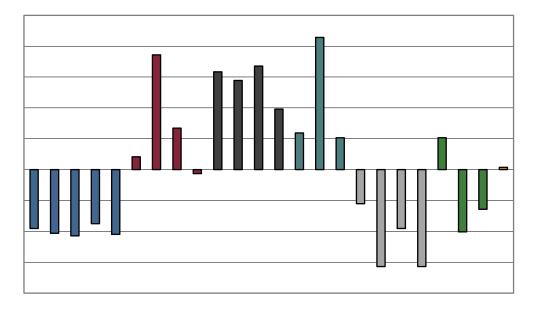
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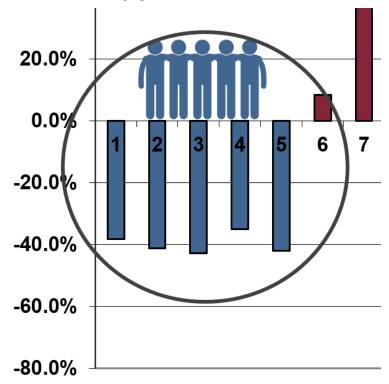
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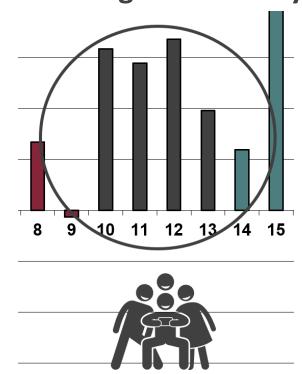
2. Create a Context Where All Perspectives Are Heard

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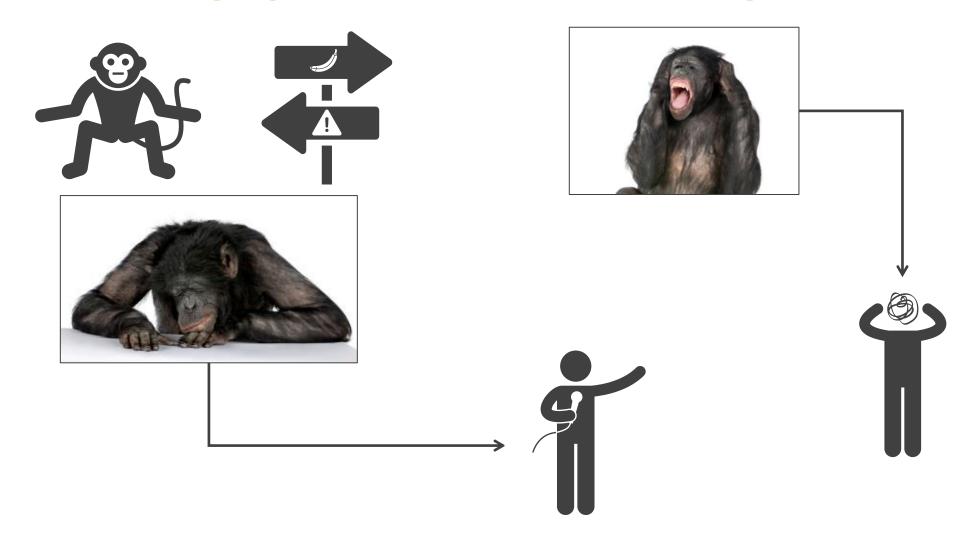
Because Our Chimps Seek to Avoid So We Suppress Information



Because Our Chimps Eagerly Approach So We Agree Too Early



3. Create a Context Where People Can Engage in Effective Dialogue



3 Steps to Collective Intelligence



1. Capture your private perspective

Independently judging what you perceive to be true



2. Take turns to share perspectives without interruption

Sharing perspectives to surface all information



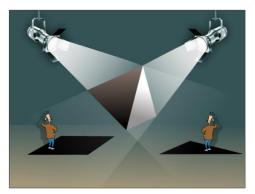
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Collectively deciding what is probably true

Key Tool: Healthy Conversations

Because we do not perceive reality

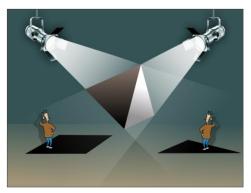
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A Healthy Conversation Framework That is Chimp-Friendly

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Your Return On Investment





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11. Where in your work would the healthy conversation framework help you to harness the 3 steps to collective intelligence?

Thoughtful Disagreement

In thoughtful disagreement, your goal is **not to convince the other party** that you are
right—it is to find out which view is true and
decide what to do about it

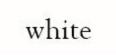
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When Collective Intelligence is Working...

Truncated Thinking







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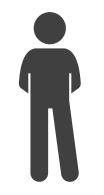


Open Exploration



black	grey	shadow	graphite	iron	white
midnight	pewter	cloud	silver	smoke	ivory
grease	slate	anchor	ash	porpoise	chiffon
sable	dove	fog	flint	charcoal	linen
obsidian	pebble	lead	coin	fossil	frost

Open Exploration



Optional Remote Collaboration Reference

Collaboration

Helping others is a priority, even when it is not immediately related to the goals that you are trying to achieve. Similarly, you can rely on others for help and advice—in fact, you're expected to do so. Anyone can chime in on any subject, including people who don't work at GitLab. The person who's responsible for the work decides how to do it, but they should always take each suggestion seriously and try to respond and explain why it may or may not have been implemented.

We value caring for others. Demonstrating we care for people provides an effective framework for challenging directly and delivering feedback. We disagree with companies that say Evaluate People Accurately, Not "Kindly". We're all for accurate assessment, but we think it must be done in a kind way. Give as much positive feedback as you can, and do it in a public

Share

There are aspects of GitLab culture, such as intentional transparency, that are unintuitive to outsiders and new team members. Be willing to invest in people and engage in open dialogue. For example, consider making private issues public wherever possible so that we can all learn from the experience. Don't be afraid of judgement or scrutiny when sharing publicly, we all understand it's impossible to know everything.

Everyone can remind anyone in the company about our values. If there is a disagreement about the interpretations, the discussion can be escalated to more people within the company without repercussions.

Share problems you run into, ask for help, be forthcoming with information and speak up.

Negative feedback is 1-1

Give negative feedback in the smallest setting possible. One-on-one video calls are preferred. If you are unhappy with anything (your duties, your colleague, your boss, your salary, your location, your computer), please let your boss, or the CEO, know as soon as you realize it. We want to solve problems while they are small.

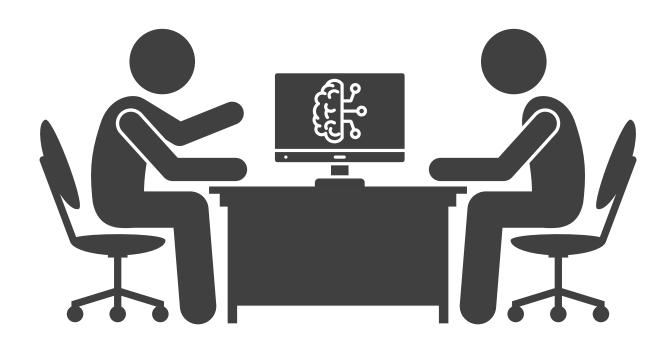
Negative feedback is distinct from negativity and disagreement. If there is no direct feedback involved, strive to discuss disagreement in a public channel, respectfully and transparently.

In a GitLab Unfiltered interview on values, GitLab co-founder and CEO Sid Sijbrandij offers the following context.

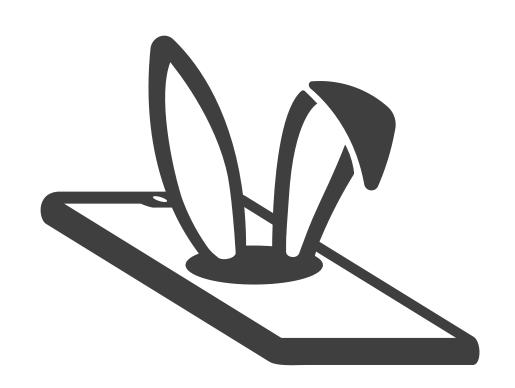
We deal with negative all the time at GitLab. If it's not a problem, then why are we discussing it? We deal with negativity a lot, and that's also part of our ambition.

If you want to get better, you talk about what you can improve. We're allowed to publicly discuss negative things; we're not allowed to give negative feedback in a large setting if it could be feasibly administered in a smaller

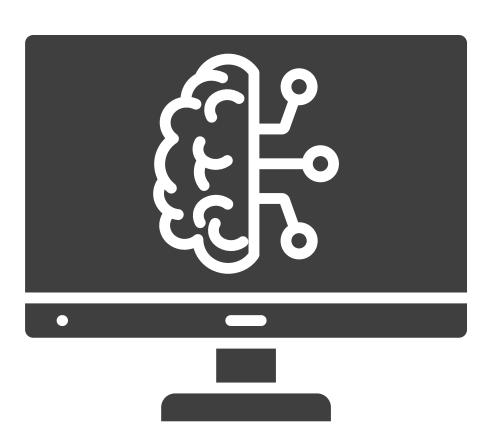
Preliminary Observations: Maintaining Collective Intelligence When Using Al



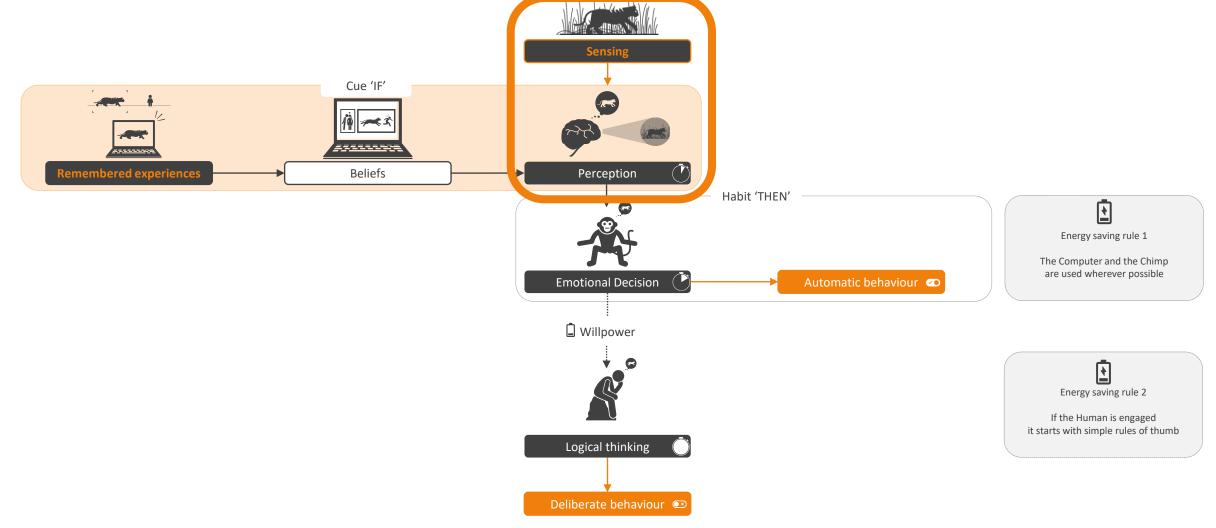
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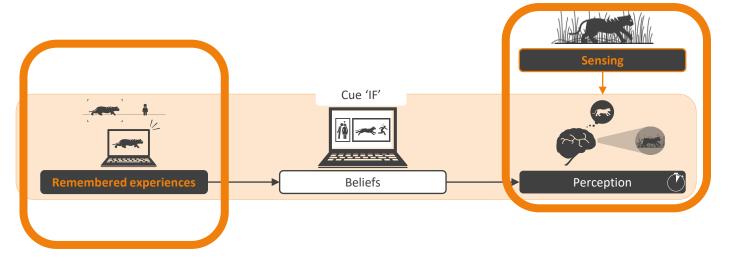
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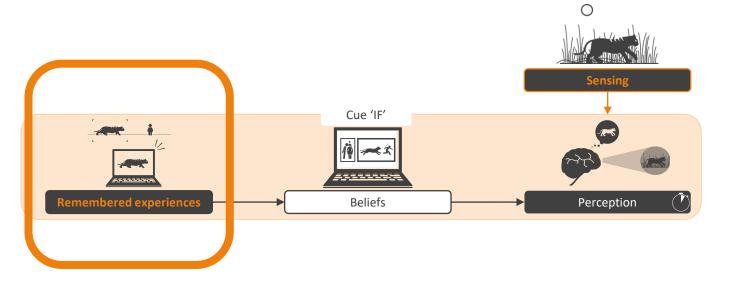
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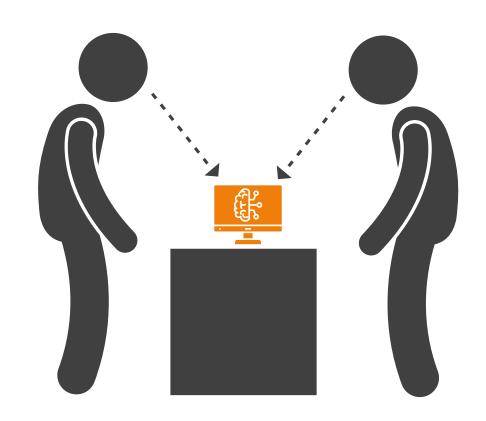
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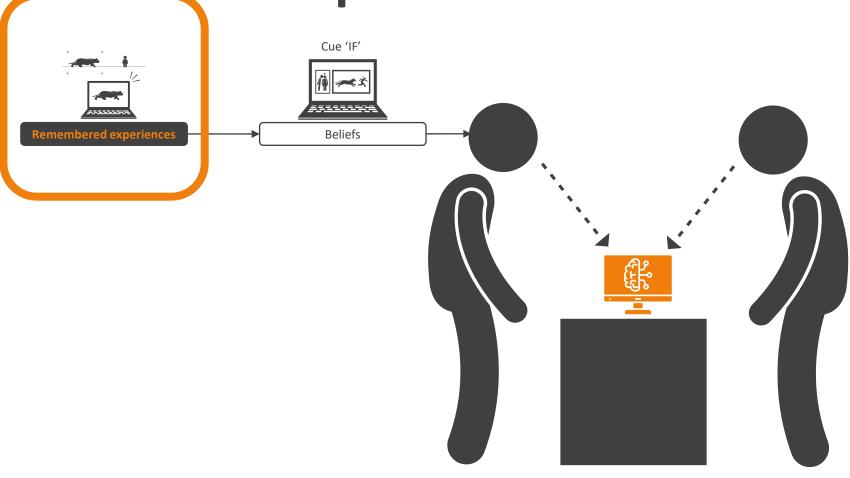
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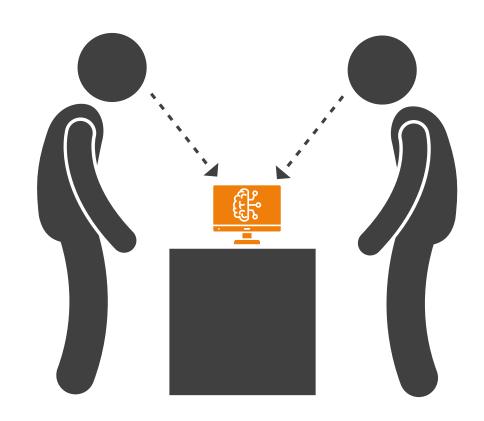
No Two People Construct the Same Complex AI Conversation the Same Way



A Complex AI Conversation Is A Frame



So Invite Multiple People to Independently Have AI Conversations ... Then Combine Them



3 Steps to Collective Intelligence While Harnessing Al



1. Capture your private perspective

Independently judging what you perceive to be true



Consult AI after collecting your own perspective, but before hearing others'



2. Take turns to share perspectives without interruption

Sharing perspectives to surface all information



Consult AI after all perspectives have been shared to **surface more information to refine your diagnosis**Consult AI after all perspectives have been shared to **obtain base rate data (reference class forecasting)**



3. Engage in dialogue to synthesise what your combined perspectives mean

Collectively deciding what is probably true



Consult AI after all perspectives have been shared to **generate options**Consult AI after all perspectives have been shared to **obtain base rate data (reference class forecasting)**

Break #2 (of 4 today)



Next session starting at

11:35





Summary of Universal Challenges & Tools #3: Wednesday

Leading Teams in a Complex World

9. We Do Not Perceive Reality



"The universe is odourless, colourless and silent. The brain generates its own reality"





What Drives the Performance of Teams?



Which Team's Patients Were Safer?

Team A
More Reported Errors

Team B Fewer Reported Errors





Better Teams Talked Openly About Errors

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Foundations for Leading Effective Collaboration: Psychological Safety

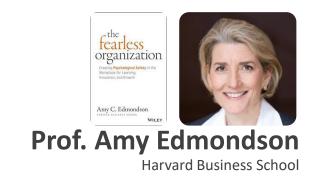






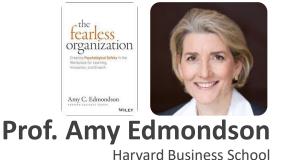
For Knowledge Work to Flourish

The workplace must be one where people feel able to share their knowledge

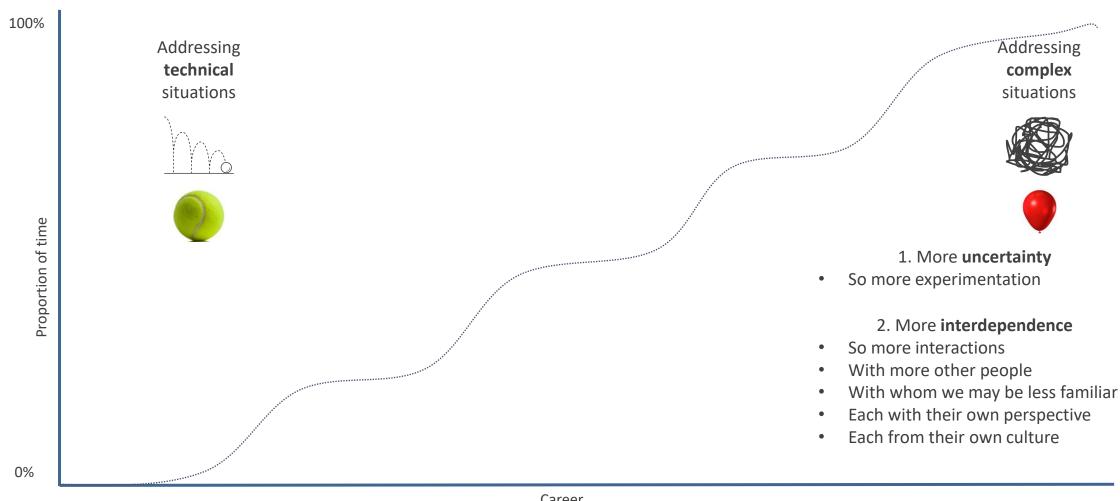


No One Wakes Up in the Morning Excited to go to Work and ...

... look ignorant, incompetent, or disruptive... These are called interpersonal risks, and they are what nearly everyone seeks to avoid

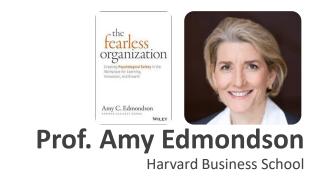


Interdependent Work Requires Communication Increasing the Need For Interpersonal Risk



Psychological Safety

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Psychological Safety Leads Chimps to Want to Achieve Collective Intelligence

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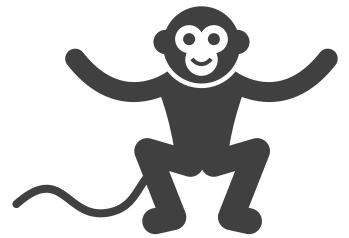
The New York Times Magazine

Charles Duhigg, 28th February 2016

THE WORK ISSUE

What Google Learned From Its Quest to Build the Perfect Team

New research reveals surprising truths about why some work groups thrive and others falter.



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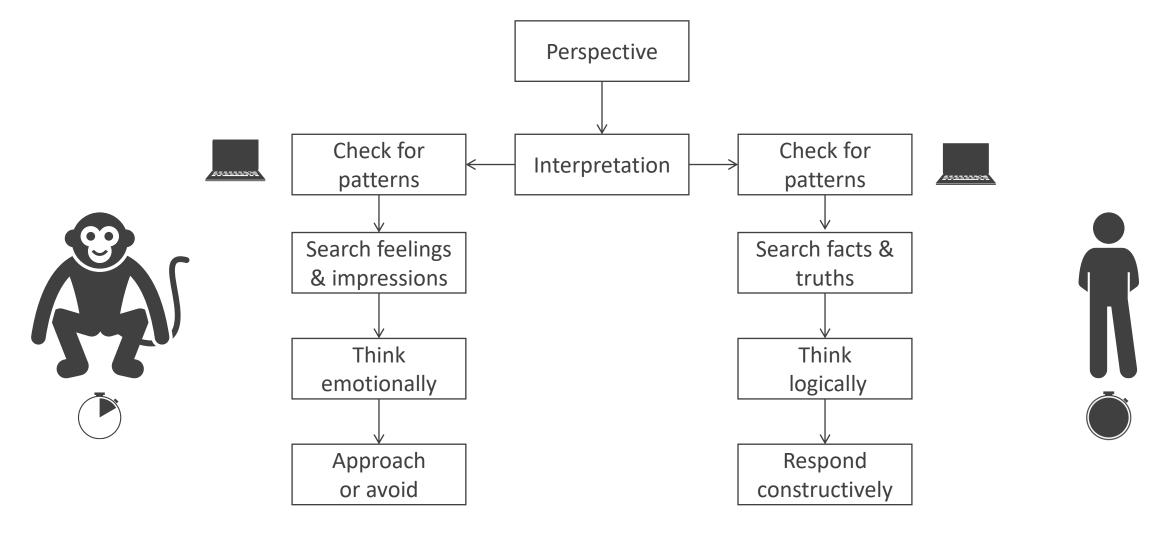
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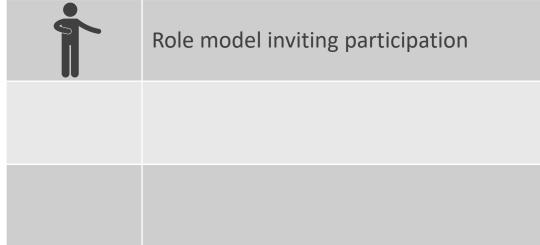
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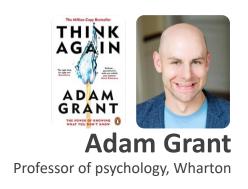
"I'm human"

"And I'm going to make mistakes"



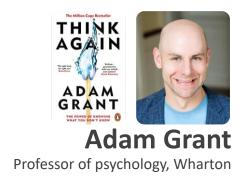
#2 Define Your Identity in Terms of Values

Not opinions



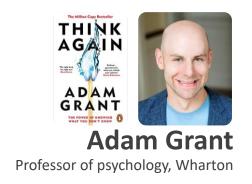
It's Easier to Avoid Getting Stuck to Your Past Beliefs

If you don't become attached to them as part of your self-identity



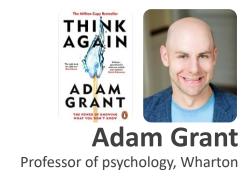
See Yourself as Someone Who Values

Curiosity, learning, mental flexibility, and searching for knowledge



As You Form Opinions

Keep a list of factors that would change your mind

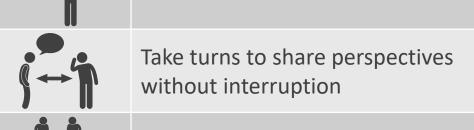


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Listening to Understand

Be curious not judgemental



Protocols for Balancing Inquiry & Advocacy

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1 Protocols for Improved Advocacy

1.1 Make your thinking process visible

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Make your reasoning explicit.	"I came to this conclusion because"
Explain the context of your point of view: who will be affected by what you propose, how they will be affected, and why.	
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Refrain from defensiveness when your ideas are questioned. If you're advocating something worthwhile, then it will only get stronger by being tested.	
Reveal where you are least clear in your thinking. Rather than making you vulnerable, it defuses the force of advocates who are opposed to you, and invites improvement.	"Here's one aspect which you might help me think through"
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2 Protocols for Improved Inquiry

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Demonstrate humility



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So people feel psychologically **safe** to **take interpersonal risks** and **confident** to share concerns & ideas

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Your Return On Investment



"Psychological safety is the belief that the work environment is safe for interpersonal risk taking."



12. What could you do to enable Chimps to feel psychological safety where you work?

Optional Psychological Safety Reference

The researchers found that what really mattered was less about who is on the team, and more about how the team worked together. In order of importance:

- Psychological safety: Psychological safety refers to an individual's perception of the consequences of taking an
 interpersonal risk or a belief that a team is safe for risk taking in the face of being seen as ignorant, incompetent, negative,
 or disruptive. In a team with high psychological safety, teammates feel safe to take risks around their team members. They
 feel confident that no one on the team will embarrass or punish anyone else for admitting a mistake, asking a question, or
 offering a new idea.
- Dependability: On dependable teams, members reliably complete quality work on time (vs the opposite shirking responsibilities).
- Structure and clarity: An individual's understanding of job expectations, the process for fulfilling these expectations, and the consequences of one's performance are important for team effectiveness. Goals can be set at the individual or group level, and must be specific, challenging, and attainable. Google often uses Objectives and Key Results (OKRs) to help set and communicate short and long term goals.
- **Meaning:** Finding a sense of purpose in either the work itself or the output is important for team effectiveness. The meaning of work is personal and can vary: financial security, supporting family, helping the team succeed, or self-expression for each individual, for example.
- Impact: The results of one's work, the subjective judgement that your work is making a difference, is important for teams. Seeing that one's work is contributing to the organization's goals can help reveal impact.

Our Human Instincts Shaped for A Simple World

Fundamentally mislead us in a complex, unpredictable world



In the Past, When Things Were Changing More Slowly and We Were Less Interconnected

We could rely on our experience to tell us what would probably happen next



The Fact that Our Reflexes Lead Us Astray in Complex and Uncertain Times

Doesn't seem to make us less likely to use them



Perhaps the Trickiest Thing About these Mindtraps

Is the way they combine to mislead us about the fact that we're in traps at all



What is the Most Important Shift I Need to Make

If I am going to lead well in complexity?



The Complexity of the World Requires that We Understand the Greys

That we resist black-and-white solutions



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That we ask different questions about unexpected and tangential options



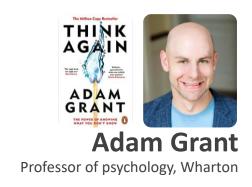
But Alas It Goes Against our Nature

To take another person's perspective or to see a system in action



Rethinking Is a Skillset

But it's also a mindset



Optional Making It Easier to Rethink Reference

Excerpt from Think Again by Adam Grant Actions for Impact

"If you're interested in working on your rethinking skills, here are my top thirty practical takeaways.

1 INDIVIDUAL RETHINKING

A. Develop the Habit of Thinking Again

1. Think like a scientist

When you start forming an opinion, resist the temptation to preach, prosecute, or politick. Treat your emerging view as a hunch or a hypothesis and test it with data. Like the entrepreneurs who learned to approach their business strategies as experiments, you'll maintain the agility to pivot.

2. Define your identity in terms of values, not opinions.

It's easier to avoid getting stuck to your past beliefs if you don't become attached to them as part of your present self-concept. See yourself as someone who values curiosity, learning, mental flexibility, and searching for knowledge. As you form opinions, keep a list of factors that would change your mind.

3. Seek out information that goes against your views.

You can fight confirmation bias, burst filter bubbles, and escape echo chambers by actively engaging with ideas that challenge your assumptions. An easy place to start is to follow people who make you think—even if you usually disagree with what they think.

B. Calibrate Your Confidence

4. Beware of getting stranded at the summit of Mount Stupid.

Don't confuse confidence with competence. The Dunning-Kruger effect is a good reminder that the better you think you are, the greater the risk that you're overestimating yourself—and the greater the odds that you'll stop improving. To prevent overconfidence in your knowledge, reflect on how well you can explain a given subject.

5. Harness the benefits of doubt.

When you find yourself doubting your ability, reframe the situation as an opportunity for growth. You can have confidence in your capacity to learn while questioning your current solution to a problem. Knowing what you don't know is often the first step toward developing expertise.

6. Embrace the joy of being wrong.

When you find out you've made a mistake, take it as a sign that you've just discovered something new. Don't be afraid to laugh at yourself. It helps you focus less on proving yourself.—and more on improving yourself.

Excerpt from Think Again by Adam Grant: Actions for Impact - page 1 of

C. Invite Others to Question Your Thinking

7. Learn something new from each person you meet.

Everyone knows more than you about something. Ask people what they've been rethinking lately, or start a conversation about times you've changed your mind in the past year.

8. Build a challenge network, not just a support network.

It's helpful to have cheerleaders encouraging you, but you also need critics to challenge you. Who are your most thoughtful critics? Once you've identified them, invite them to question your thinking. To make sure they know you're open to dissenting views, tell them why you respect their pushback—and where they usually add the most value.

9. Don't shy away from constructive conflict.

Disagreements don't have to be disagreeable. Although relationship conflict is usually counterproductive, task conflict can help you think again. Try framing disagreement as a debate: people are more likely to approach it intellectually and less likely to take it personally.

2 INTERPERSONAL RETHINKING

A. Ask Better Questions

10. Practice the art of persuasive listening.

When we're trying to open other people's minds, we can frequently accomplish more by listening than by talking. How can you show an interest in helping people crystallize their own views and uncover their own reasons for change? A good way to start is to increase your question-to-statement ratio.

11. Question how rather than why.

When people describe why they hold extreme views, they often intensify their commitment and double down. When they try to explain how they would make their views a reality, they often realize the limits of their understanding and start to temper some of their opinions.

12. Ask "What evidence would change your mind?"

You can't bully someone into agreeing with you. It's often more effective to inquire about what would open their minds, and then see if you can convince them on their own terms.

13. Ask how people originally formed an opinion.

Many of our opinions, like our stereotypes, are arbitrary; we've developed them without rigorous data or deep reflection. To help people <u>reevaluate</u>, prompt them to consider how theyd believe different things if they'd been born at a different time or in a different place.

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Lunch

Wednesday afternoon groups

Group 1	
James Thomas	
Ryosuke Kachi	
Liyoni Muditha	
Jamie Vooght	
Johannes Speicher	

Group 2
Ruel Arsua
Mats Davidson
Palanisamy Muthusamy
Sandra Budé
Christian Simon

Group 3
Lauren Mazurkewich
Kristof Quintyn
Robert de Ruiter
Rikke Smidt Gellert
Benoït Ballivet de Regloix
Next session starting at

Group 4
Asbjørn Christensen
Bill Lagopoulos
Charlotta Carlberg
Thebe Ramanna
Steve Prentice

Group 5	
Philipp Streibel	
Rowena Casinillo	
Steve Firko	
Nathalie Withofs	
Åsa Björklund	
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Next session starting at

13:30



Summary of Universal Challenges & Tools #3: Wednesday

Leading Teams in a Complex World

9. We Do Not Perceive Reality



"The universe is odourless, colourless and silent. The brain generates its own reality"

10. No Two People See Alike



"Reality is constructed differently in different heads"

11. People Avoid Interpersonal Risk



"The workplace must be one where people feel able to share their knowledge"

Harness Collective Intelligence



Independently capture perspectives; take turns to share; only then collectively decide what is true

Psychological Safety



Establish norms so Chimps feel safe to take interpersonal risks and confident to share concerns & ideas

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Tools for Leading Eternal Renewal: the Strategic Framework





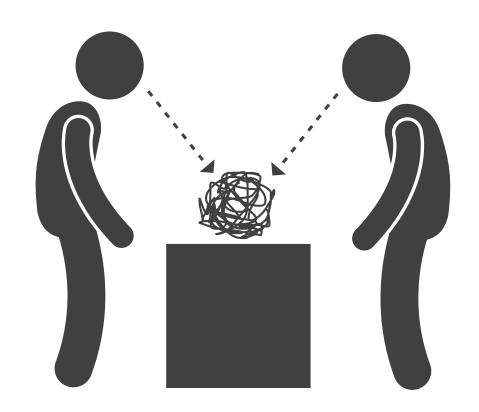


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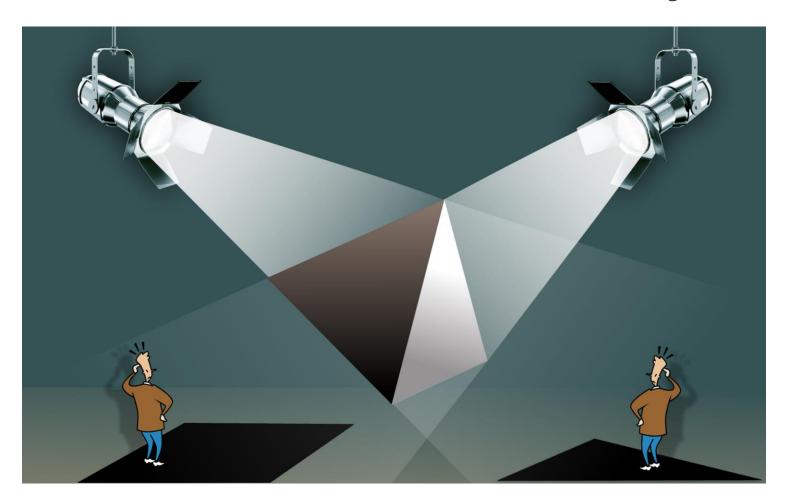




Complex Situations Require Multiple Independent Perspectives



No Two People See The Same Complex Situation The Same Way



Strategy Framework

Sky = **behavioural**

How will we get there?

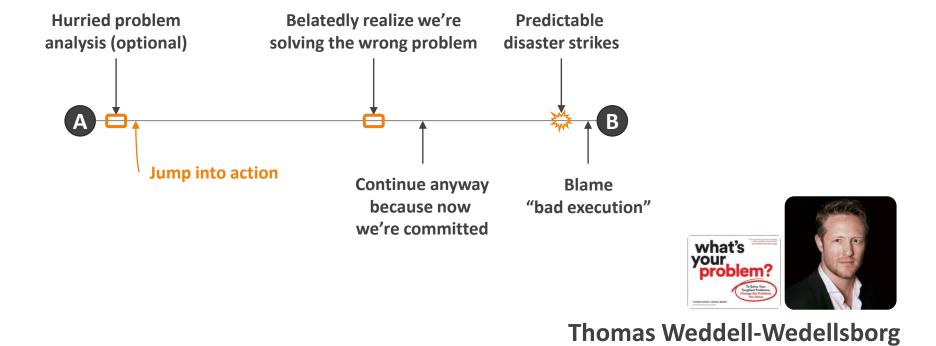


Where are we?

Where do we want to be?

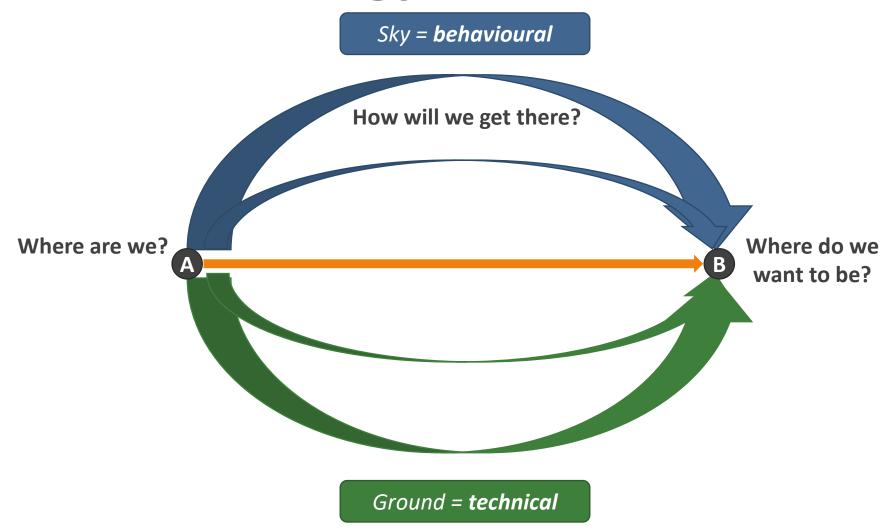
Ground = **technical**

A Common Process:

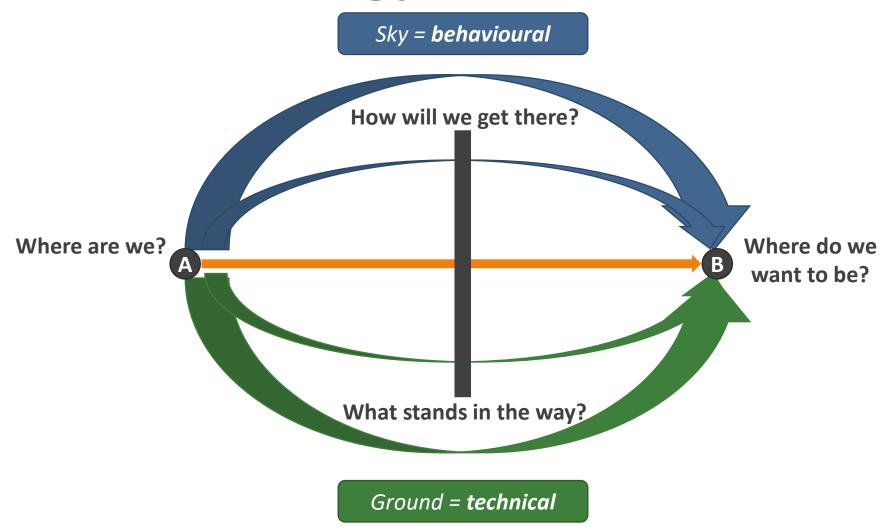


What's Your Problem

Strategy Framework



Strategy Framework



The Essence of Strategy





Judging what is true

<u>Perceive</u> the critical factors in a complex situation



<u>Diagnose</u> the biggest challenges to forward progress

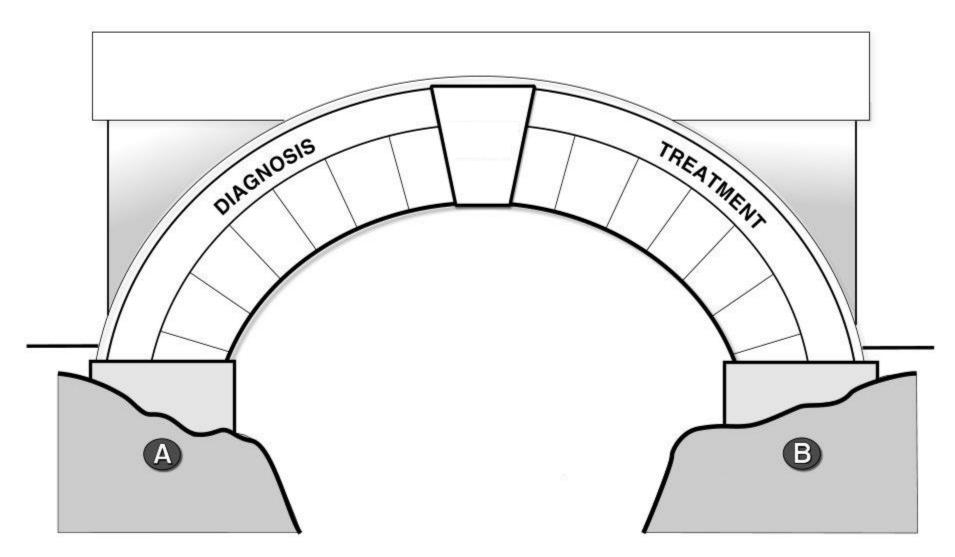


Deciding what to do

Design a coherent treatment

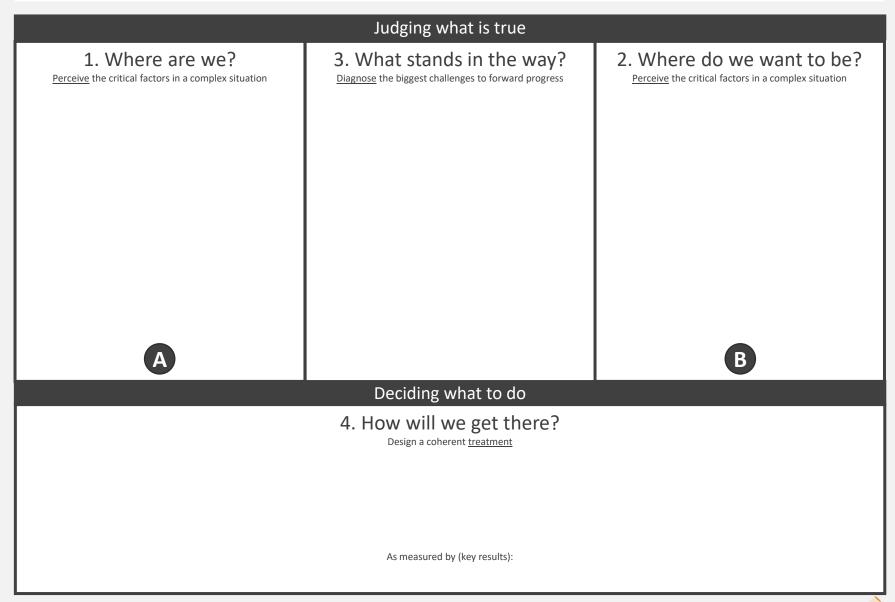


Strategy Framework



Strategy Canvas

Purpose of discussion:





Strategy Canvas

Purpose of discussion:

Judging what is true 1. Where are we? 3. What stands in the way? 2. Where do we want to be? Perceive the critical factors in a complex situation <u>Diagnose</u> the biggest challenges to forward progress <u>Perceive</u> the critical factors in a complex situation **Purpose** Deciding what to do 4. How will we get there? Design a coherent treatment As measured by (key results):



Tools for Leading Eternal Renewal: the Crux







To Sustain Eternal Renewal Leaders Require an Infinite Mindset

In a game with no rules and no finish line



It's Infinite

There's no end There's no goal



President of the Board of Directors, Zenkyoren (Japan)

What's Next for Zenkyoren?

The target is very far away

So rather than talking about the next stage

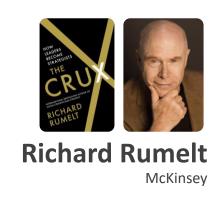
We have the challenges in hand



President of the Board of Directors, Zenkyoren (Japan)

Leaders Can Use Challenge-Based Strategy To Sustain Eternal Renewal

Identify the main obstacle to overcome, and do so again and again



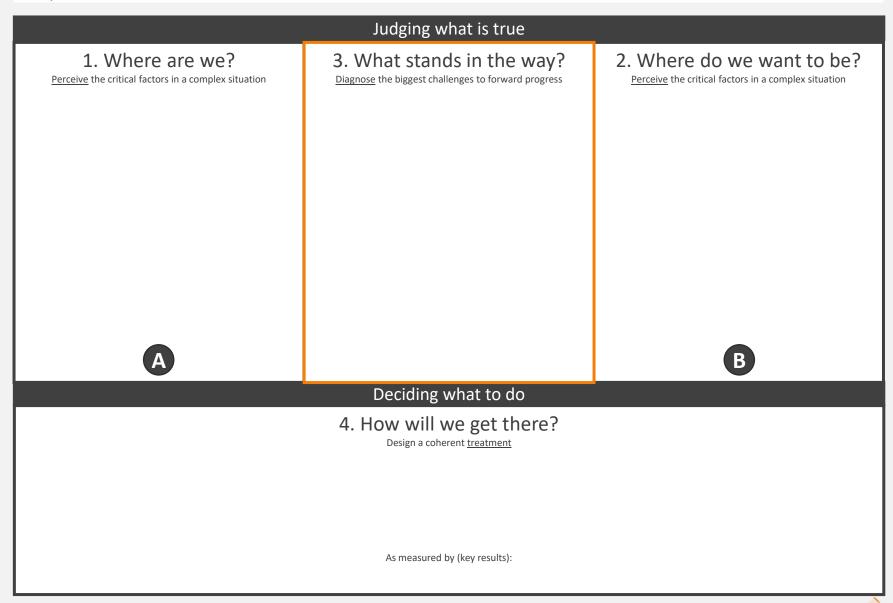
The Crux Is The Outcome Of a Three-Part Strategic Skill

- 1. Judgment about which issues are truly important and which are secondary
- 2. Judgment about the difficulties of dealing with these issues

Richard Rumelt

Strategy Canvas

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The Crux Is The Outcome Of a Three-Part Strategic Skill

- 1. Judgment about which issues are truly important and which are secondary
- 2. Judgment about the difficulties of dealing with these issues
- 3. The ability to focus

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The Combination of These Three Parts Lead to a Focus on the Crux

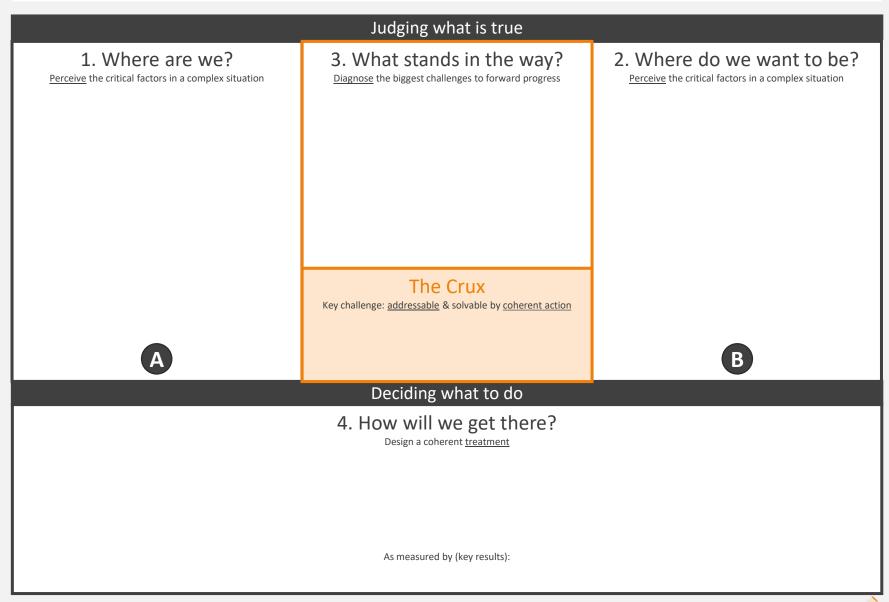
The most important part of a set of challenges that is addressable and has a good chance of being solved by coherent action

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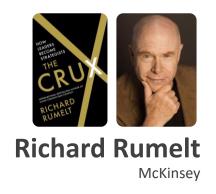
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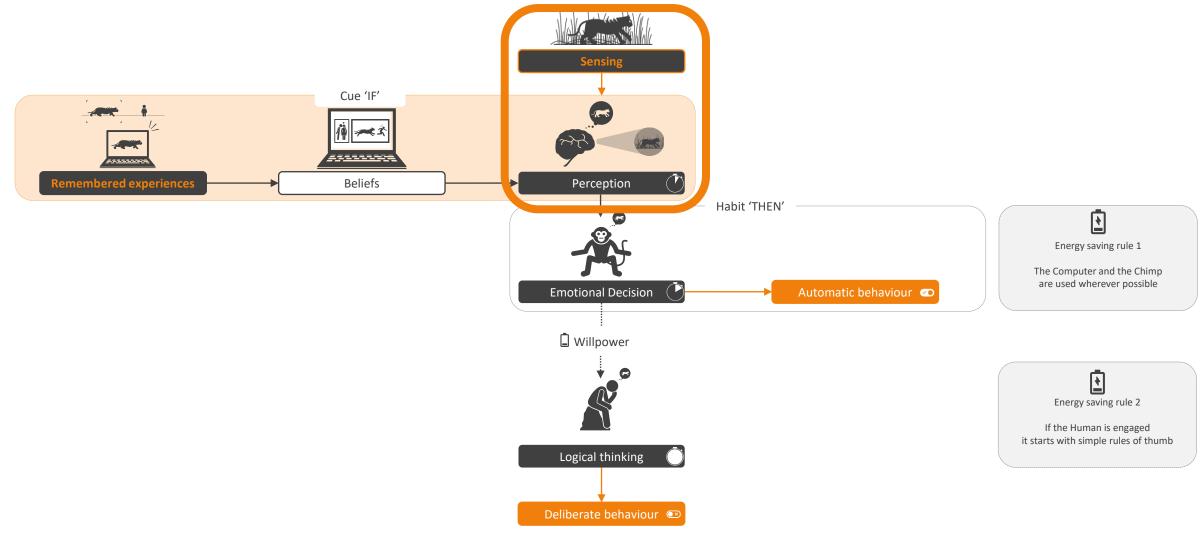


By Starting with the Challenge

The group becomes responsible for designing a response rather than choosing among existing plans or just filling in the blanks

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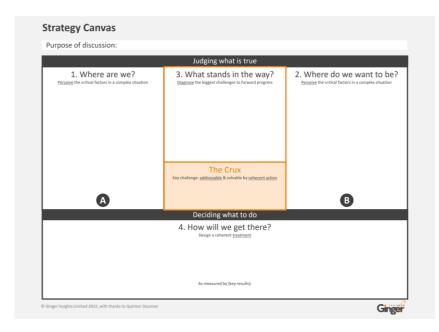
By Starting with the Challenge We Break the Frame





Your Return On Investment





To Use Challenge-Based Strategy To Sustain Eternal Renewal

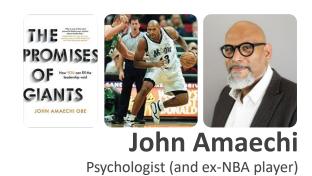
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13. Where in your work would the strategy framework and challenge-based strategy be helpful?

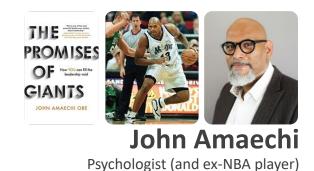
A Vital First Step Toward Realizing Your Potential as a Person and as a Leader

Is knowing yourself intimately and objectively



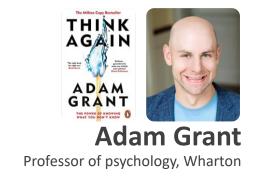
You Cannot Grow

Without an accurate understanding of who you are and where you're starting from



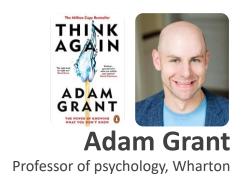
The Process of Rethinking

Starts with intellectual humility Knowing what we don't know



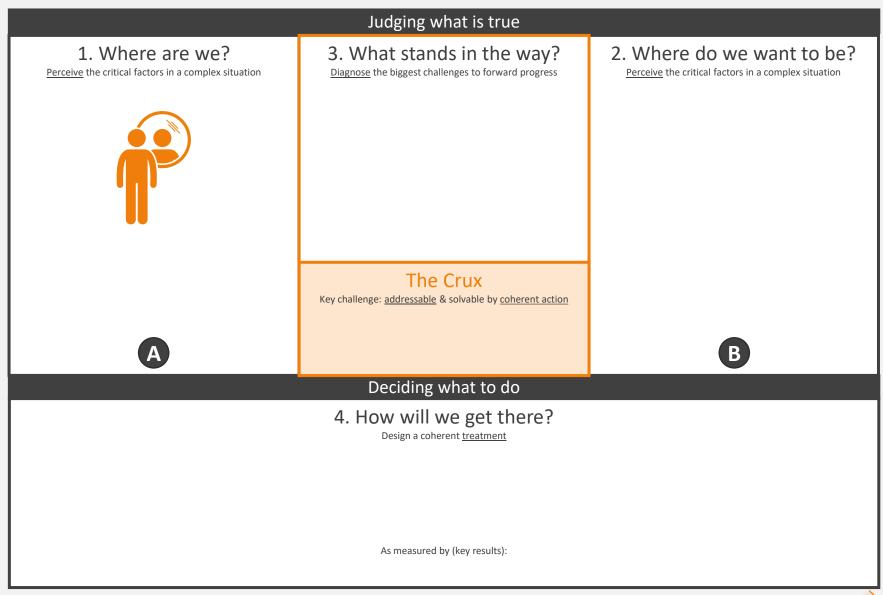
If Knowledge is Power

Knowing what we don't know is wisdom



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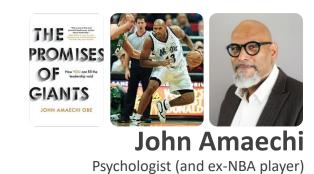
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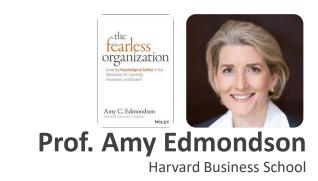
Be Kind To Yourself

I promise to view myself critically, but not cruelly



Challenge-Based Strategy Requires A Culture of Psychological Safety

The belief that the work environment is safe for interpersonal risk taking



Mutuality <u>Can</u> Make It Easier to Build a Culture of Psychological Safety and Intellectual Honesty



Canada's oldest general insurance company, started in 1839 with the purpose of protecting people and their businesses from fire

Paul Jackson
COO, Gore Mutual (Canada)

Listen For ...





Judge what is true

1. Perceive the critical factors in your complex situation



2. <u>Diagnose</u> the crux (the main obstacle to overcome)



Before deciding what to do

3. Design a <u>treatment</u> of coherent actions





The Crux

How can such an old company be such a small company?



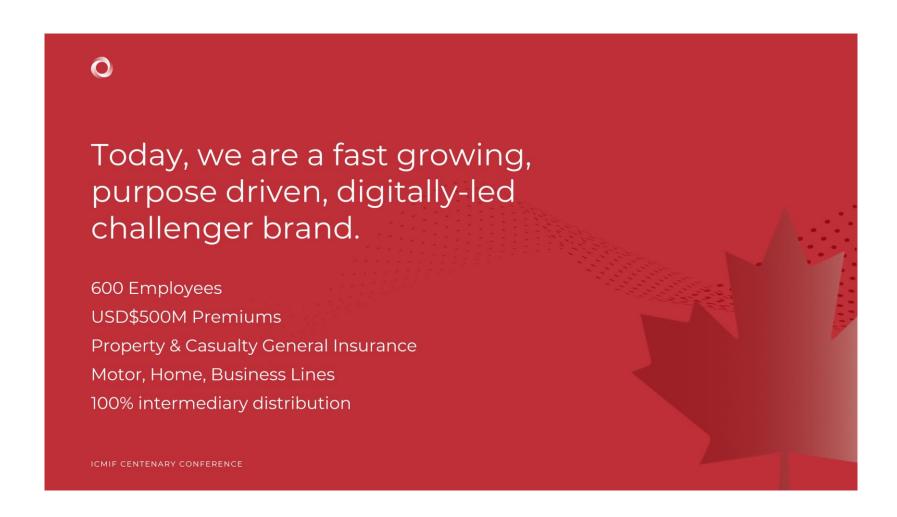
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The Answer Lies in One Dimension of Mutuality That Our Company Embraced

Conservatism,
prudence, and
maintaining local roots



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Embrace the Full Complex and Confusing Challenges and Opportunities You Face

Gore Mutual's challenges combine to threaten the entire business



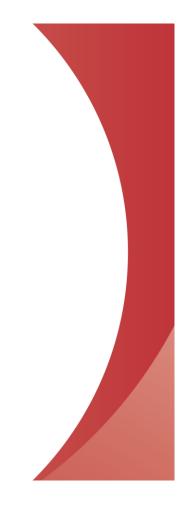
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But we're facing some formidable and, in some cases, uniquely Canadian challenges.

- Capital
- Consolidation
- Customer
- Costs

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Capital

Most Canadian Mutuals cannot access external capital, and the few available options are limited and expensive, leaving earnings as the only viable source of growth capital.

Customer

Expectations are advancing fast, with customers now demanding digital experiences from companies with purpose at their heart.

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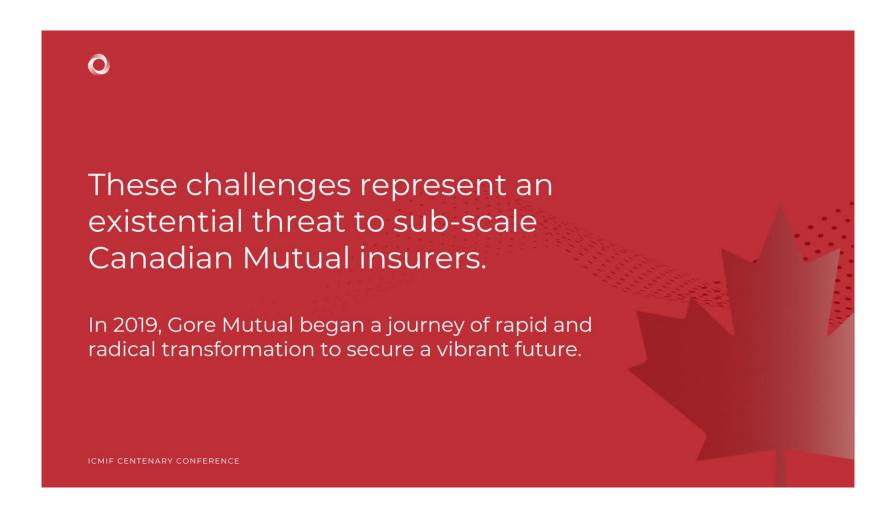
Consolidation

The whole industry is rapidly consolidating, leveraging scale benefits that create competitive advantages in pricing, risk selection, customer service and operating costs.

Costs

Climate-change, tightening reinsurance markets and new technology all place disproportionate pressure on Mutuals' balance sheets.





Gore Mutual Designed a New Strategy

Project Next Horizon



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Project Next Horizon: An audacious transformation harnessing our Mutual super-powers of speed and agility.

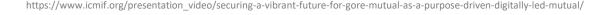


10-year strategy to become a top 10 Canadian insurer, 4X scale, benchmark underwriting results and industry-leading operating costs.



Transformational investments in world-class technology, specialist talent, dynamic leaders, efficient operating model and capabilities.



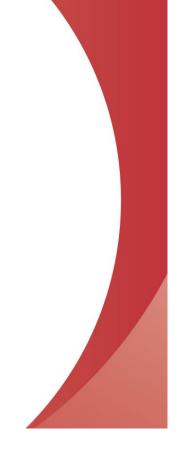


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Transforming our businesses to become truly customer-centric is simply not optional.

It's necessary and urgent for Mutuals and cooperatives to make bold, transformational moves to secure vibrant futures.

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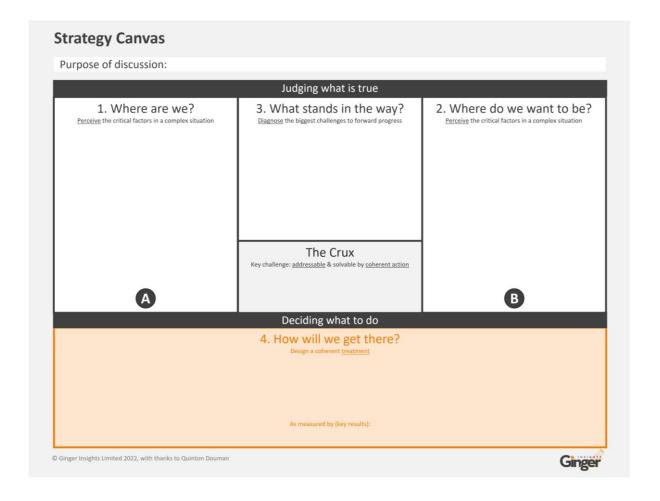


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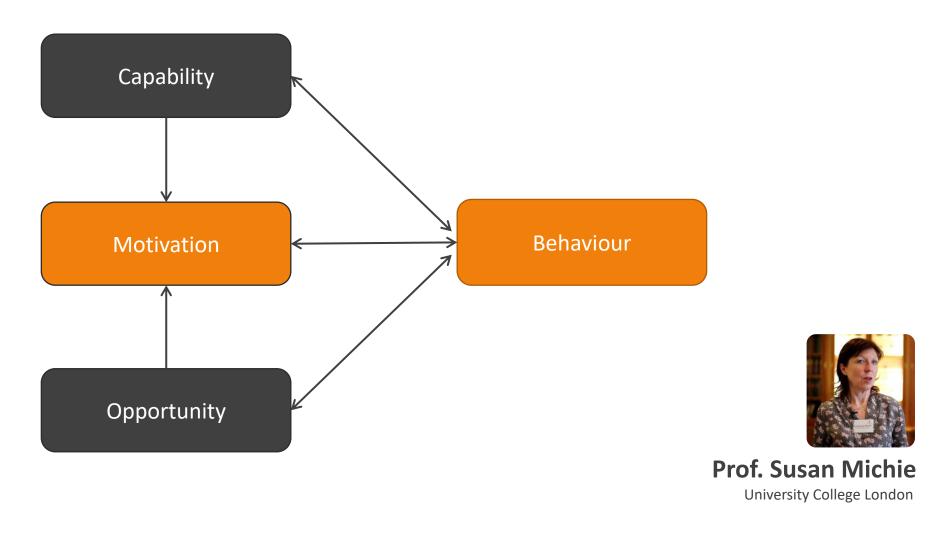
Next Horizon will secure a vibrant future for Gore Mutual as a purpose driven, digitally-led self-sustaining Mutual.

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The Output of the Strategy Framework is an Action Plan



Why Leaders Fail



Gore Mutual's Traditional Purpose Statement

Also required transformation



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COO, Gore Mutual (Canada)



Insurance that does good

Purpose is how we can use our resources, finances and operations for the good of society. It is thinking about what we can do today to prepare for tomorrow. But it is more than just what we dowe are focused on what we can do to inspire others to do as well.

Be Good Do Good Spread Good

We are committed to doing business the right way, holding ourselves and our partners to a higher business standard. We foster a culture that supports our people, with flexible workplaces and welcoming diversity, equity and inclusion.

We strive to provide customers with more value and service – especially when they need it most. We nurture strong relationships with our broker partners, making doing business simple, sharing goals, and investing in a more resilient future, every day.

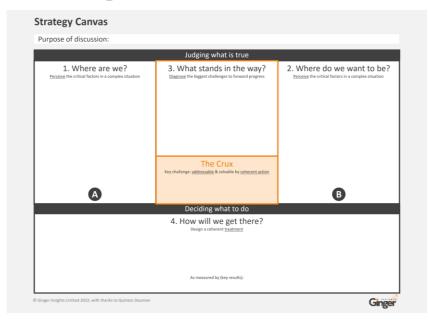
We believe there's more than enough good to go around. We continue to partner with organizations across Canada that create measurable impact and a better tomorrow.

By 2027, we intend to be a truly Purpose-Driven company, with "Purpose as a Compass" mindset embedded into our brand, strategy and operations, driving better decisions for our business growth, our people, our customers and our communities.

We will solidify our position as a leader in Purpose which will be synonymous with our Brand.

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Case Study: Gore Mutual Challenge-Based Strategy for Eternal Renewal

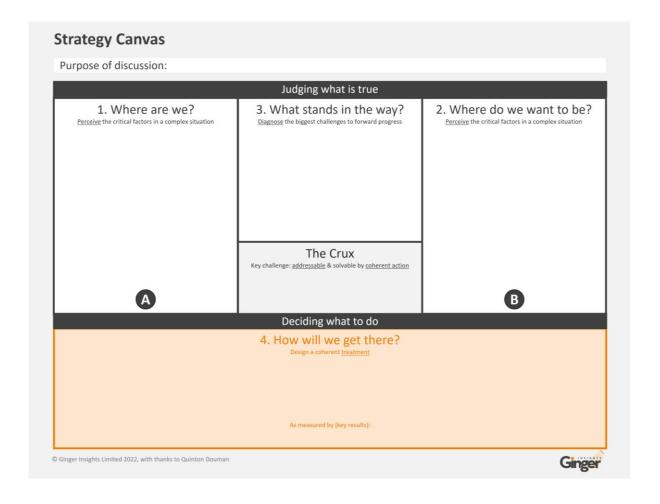


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"Strategy Boils Down to Three Tools"

- 1. It's an assessment of what you think truth is today
- 2. It's a prediction of what you think truth is tomorrow
- 3. It's a decision of how you're going to place your resources amongst any number of different alternatives based on your prediction of truth

Dan Wagner
CEO, Civis Analytics

"Strategy Boils Down to Three Tools"

Judging what is true Deciding what to do

Judgement and Decision Making

Judgement

Assigning odds in the face of uncertainty



Decision Making What to do in receipt of those odds



We Place Bets Differently Depending on the Situation

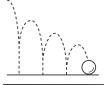




The Difficulty of Forecasting

Low difficulty

High difficulty









Place Smaller Bets As Complexity Increases

Large bets

Technical

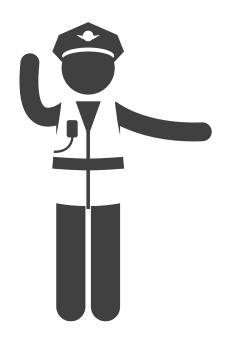
Small bets

Complex

Because We Snap & Stick



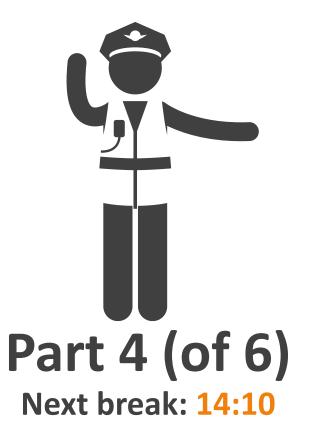
Key Tool: Challenge Before Acting



Because we snap and stick

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Tools for Leading Eternal Renewal: Healthy Challenge







Universal Challenge: We Can't See the Quality of our Thinking While We are Thinking

What Does It Feel Like

To be right

- Comfortable
- Confident
- Nothing

To be wrong

- It's embarrassing
- It's distressing
- You feel stupid & uncomfortable



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To learn that we are wrong

- It's embarrassing
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What Does It Feel Like

To be right

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To be wrong Nothing



Being Wrong, Before We Know We Are Wrong Feels Like What It Feels Like to be Right

To be right

Nothing

To be wrong Nothing



Believing We're Right

Narrows and closes down possibilities Mostly we don't even notice we're doing it



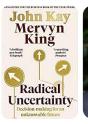
If We Hold the Possibility That We Might be Wrong

Whole new vistas open for us
We become more curious
better listeners
and better problem-solvers



Before They Form a Preliminary View Good Decision-Makers

Listen respectfully, and seek a wide range of advice and facts





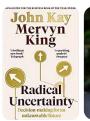


Sir John Kay and Lord Mervyn King

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When Good Decision-Makers Arrive at a View

They invite challenge to it, before drawing the discussion to a conclusion



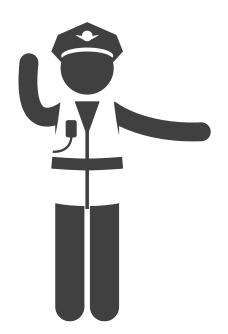




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Key Tool: Challenge Before Acting



How could I be wrong?

Key Tool: Challenge Before Acting

Because we snap & stick

1. What must be true ...?



3. Access an outside view



2. What else could it be?



4. Look away





1. What Must Be True For ...?





What Must Be True?

1. How do we enable Alison and John to have a comfortable night?

The night nurse recommends **diamorphine** so that Alison sleeps through

2. What must be true for Alison to receive diamorphine before bed?

A

Alison needs to

understand the purpose

of diamporphine

at the time when she is

being asked for her

permission

B

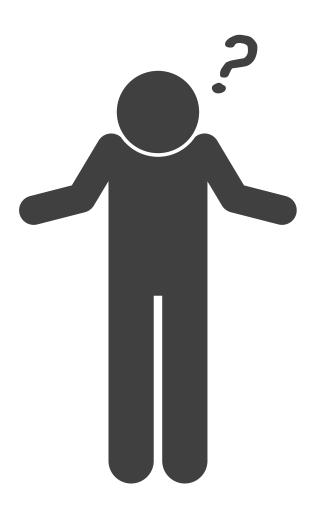
A **nurse** must be present to administer the injection

Alison must be **awake**to receive
the injection



2. What Else Could It Be?





Highly effective when coaching

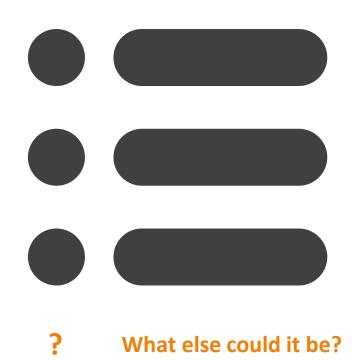
Seek Disconfirming Evidence

The most fundamental principle in clinical decision-making is that the interpretation of new information depends on what you believed beforehand



Sox, Higgins, Owens 2013

Using "What Else Could it Be?" Is a Chimp-Friendly Way to Invite Alternatives



What Else Could It Be?

Amazon's Leadership Principles

- 1. Customer Obsession
 - 2. Ownership
- 3. Invent and Simplify Etc.

Unless you know better ones





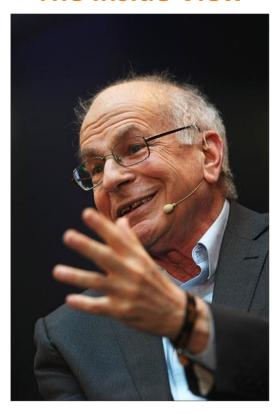
3. Access An Outside View





Base Rate Neglect

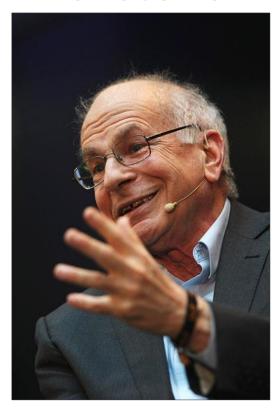
The Inside View



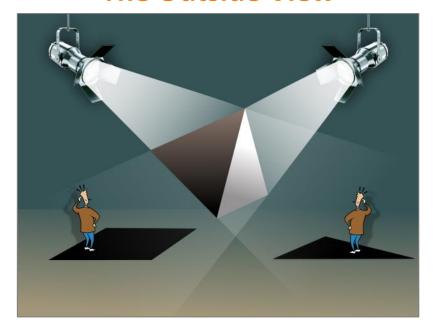
- Project started: 1976
- 1 year
- Estimate: 18 to 30 months
- Seymour
- 40% never finish
- Base rate: 7 to 10 years
- "Let's press on"
- Project finished: 1985

Access an Outside View

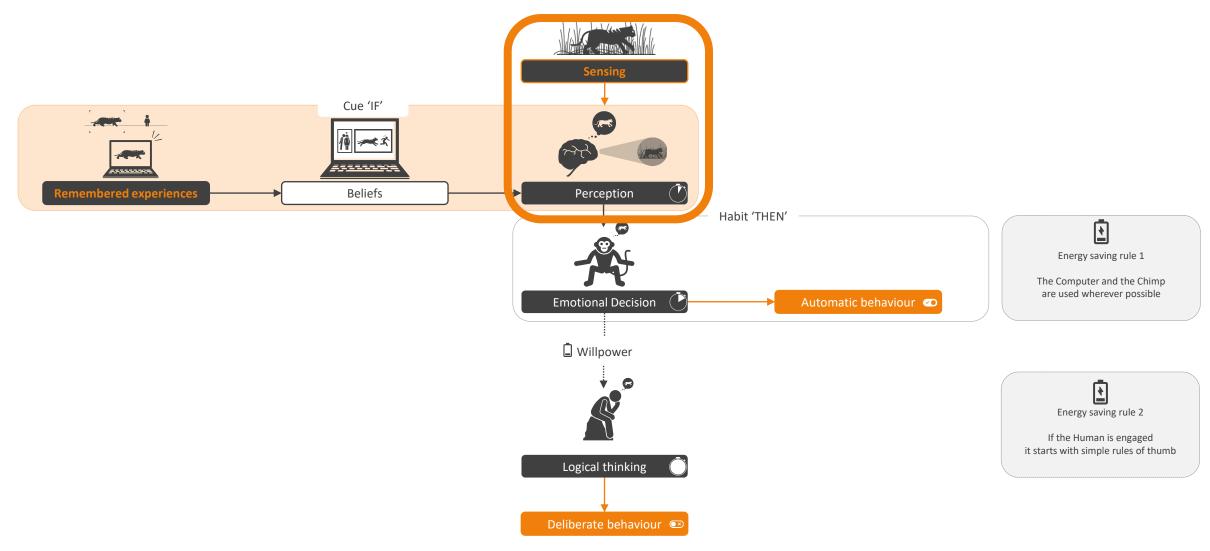
The Inside View



The Outside View



Break the Frame



The Problems of Mutual Insurers are Universal

The solutions are specific and context dependent



Access an Outside View



James Thomas Capricorn Mutual AUSTRALIA



Kristof Quintyn BELGIUM



Nathalie Withofs P&V BELGIUM



Sandra Budé P&V BELGIUM



Bill Lagopoulos Wawanesa Mutual Insurance CANADA



Lauren Mazurkewich Wawanesa Mutual Insurance CANADA



Asbjørn Christensen LB Forsikring DENMARK



Rikke Smidt **Gellert** LB Forsikring DENMARK



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Philipp Streibel R+V GERMANY



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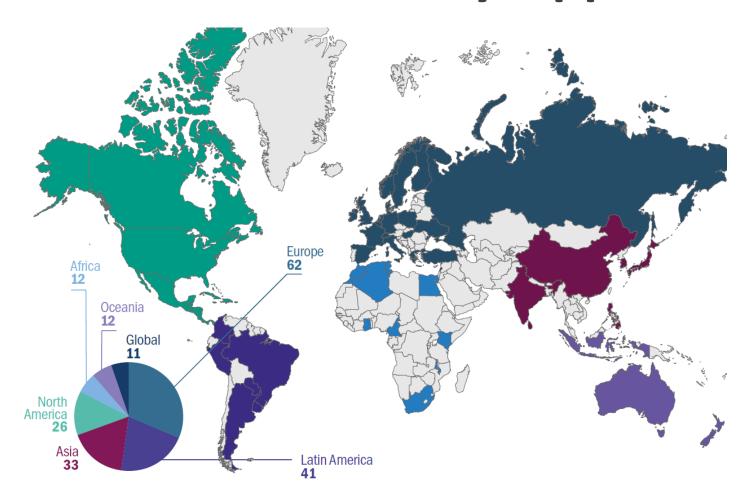
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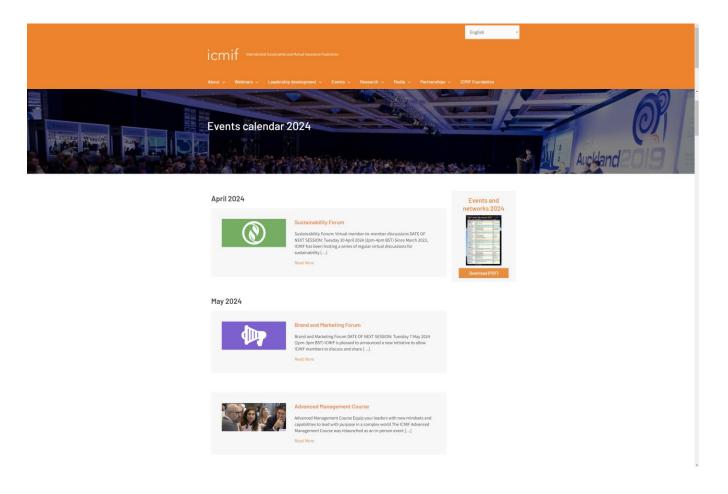


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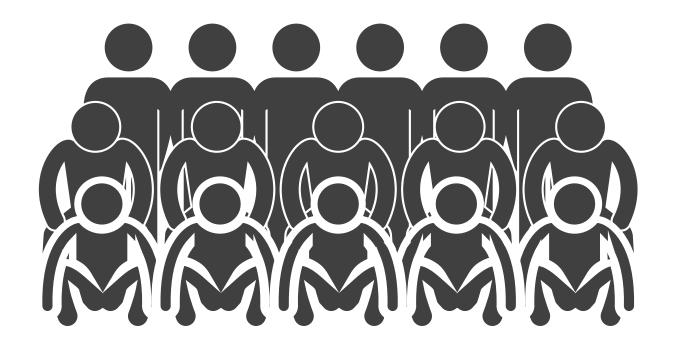
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Which Structure Produces Better Outcomes?

Meeting Structure 1

Diagnosis

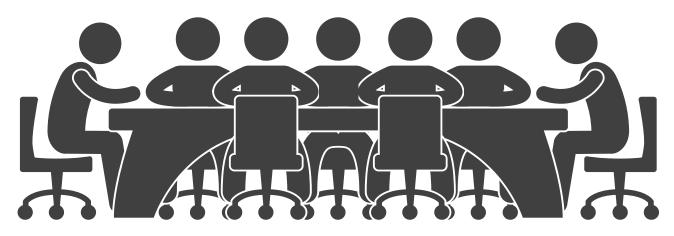
Treatment

Meeting Structure 2

Diagnosis

Coffee break

Treatment



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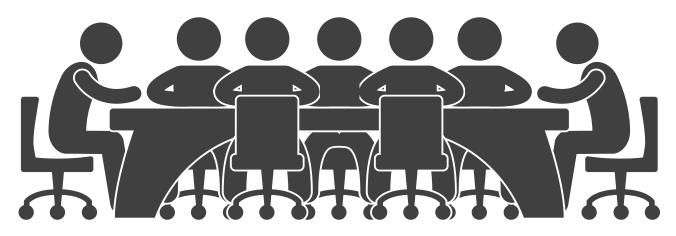
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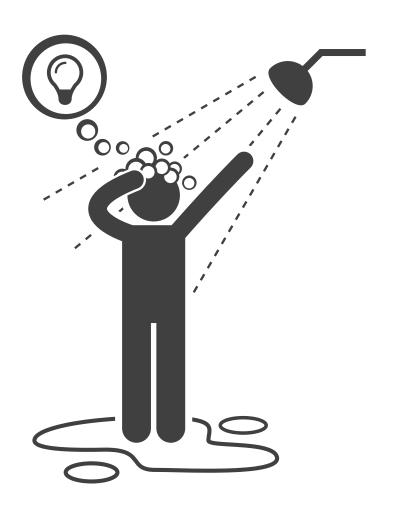
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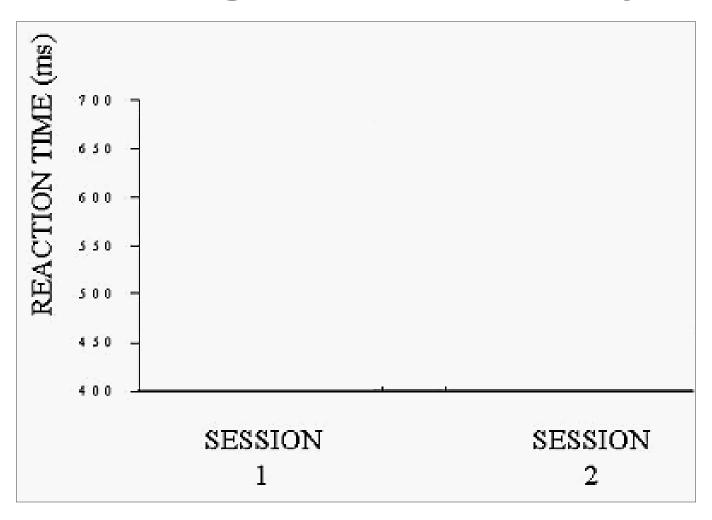


4. Look Away

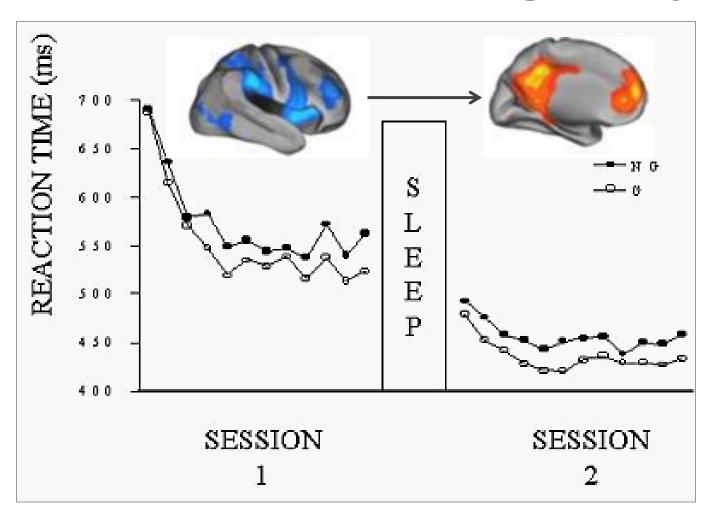




Working While You Sleep!



The Power of Looking Away



I Take It We Are All In Complete Agreement

Then, I propose we postpone further discussion of this matter until the next meeting to give ourselves time to develop disagreement, and perhaps gain some understanding of what the decision is all Alfred P. Sloan about. President and CEO, General Motors c. 1956

Key Tool: Challenge Before Acting

Because we snap & stick

1. What must be true ...?



2. What else could it be?



3. Access an outside view



4. Look away





Your Return On Investment



4 simple healthy challenges

(#1 and #2 highly effective when coaching)

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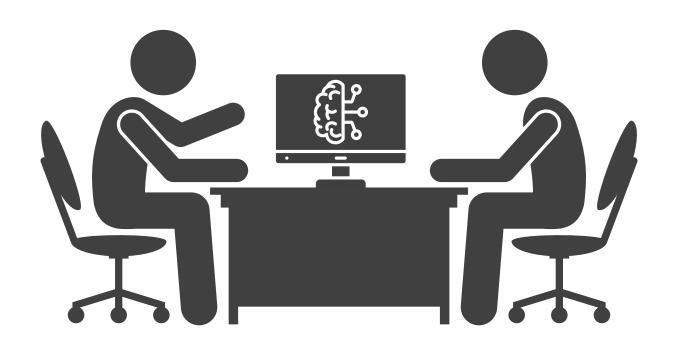


4. Look away



14. Where in your work would one of the simple healthy challenges be helpful?

Preliminary Observations: Using AI With Healthy Challenges



Challenging Before Acting While Harnessing Al

- 1. What must be true ...?
- 2. What else could it be?





- 1. Capture your **independent** perspective using the healthy challenges
- 2. Use the Al as an outside view, applying the healthy challenges
- 3. Use the Al to research base rates to explore, "is this reasonable?"
 - 4. Review
 - 🥤 5. Look away
 - 6. Act

The Essence of Strategy





Judging what is true

<u>Perceive</u> the critical factors in a complex situation



<u>Diagnose</u> the biggest challenges to forward progress



Deciding what to do

Design a coherent treatment



A Vital Stage is Missing





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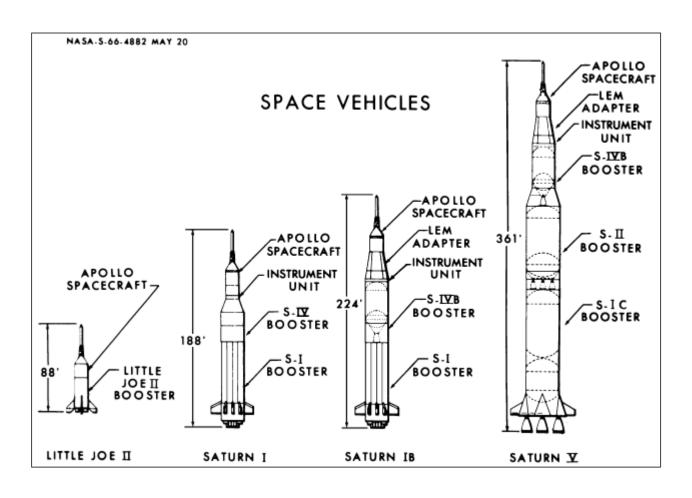


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Why Was It a Saturn 5 Rocket that Enabled a Moon Landing?

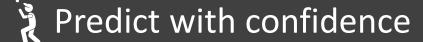


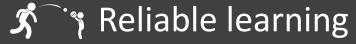
Complex Situations Require Teams Using Models and Tools

Technical



Repeated patterns





Engage an expert

Apply rules

Complex



Hard to understand



Hard to learn from

Work as a team

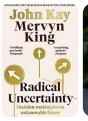
Apply models and tools

Plan, Do, Review To Make Progress In Complex Systems



Good Strategies for a Radically Uncertain World

Acknowledge that we do not know what the future will hold







Sir John Kay and Lord Mervyn King

Former Dean of Oxford Said Business School and former Governor of the Bank of England

Use Challenge-Based Strategy To Sustain Eternal Renewal Again and Again





Judge what is true

1. <u>Perceive</u> the critical factors in your complex situation



2. Diagnose the crux (the main obstacle to overcome)



Before deciding what to do

3. Design a treatment of coherent actions









As Leaders Your Strategic Thinking Has To

Selectively Forget the Past

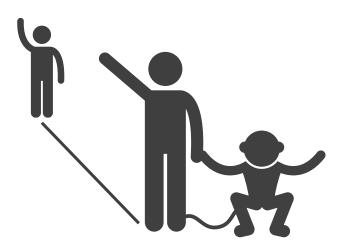
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Manage the Present

Optimize the current business to run at peak efficiency

Create the Right Future

Design the next generation of actions through experimentation and change in a complex world



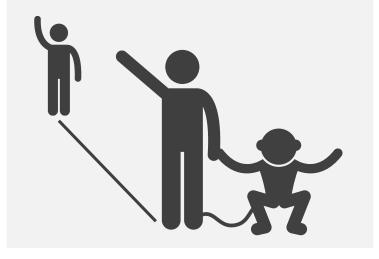




Eternal Renewal Requires Three Box Strategic Thinking

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Break #3 (of 4 today)



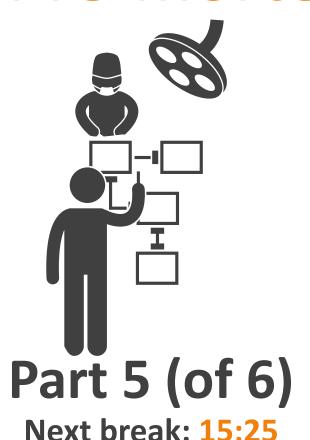
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Tools for Leading Eternal Renewal: the Pre-mortem

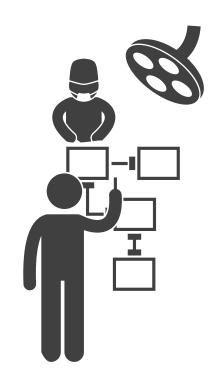






Key Tool: Pre-mortem

Because we snap & stick





We Avoid Triggering Some of the Sources Of Human Error By Thinking Backwards

90% of decision errors are are errors of perception

Become Time Travellers to the Future When The Outcome is Known





Look Backwards From the Future When The Outcome is Known

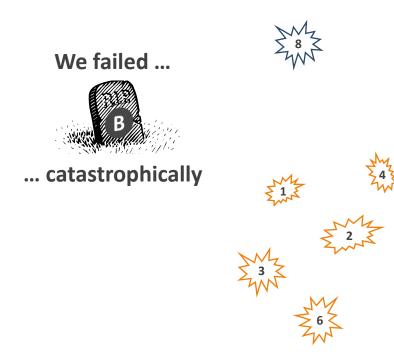
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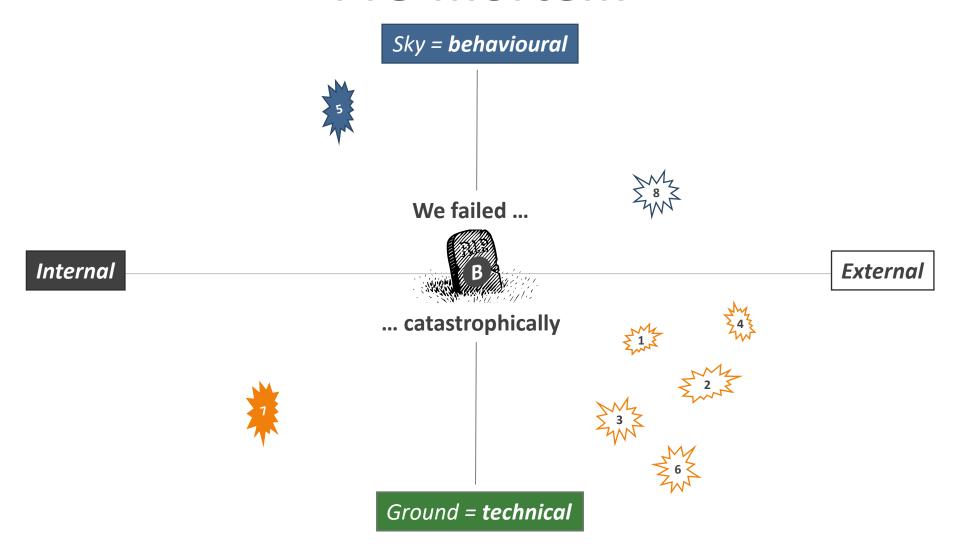


3 Steps to Collective Intelligence



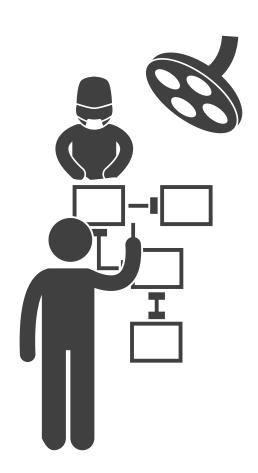
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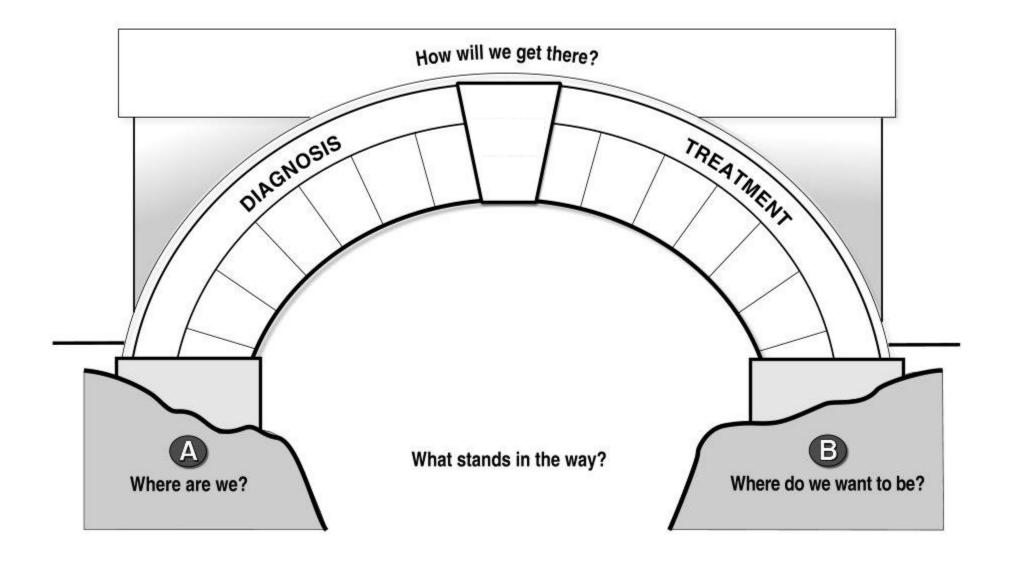
Independently judging what you perceive to be true



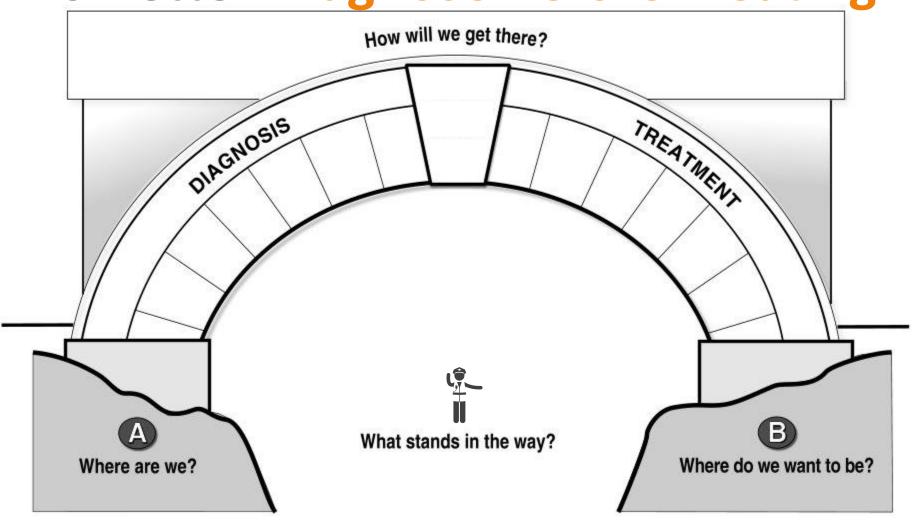
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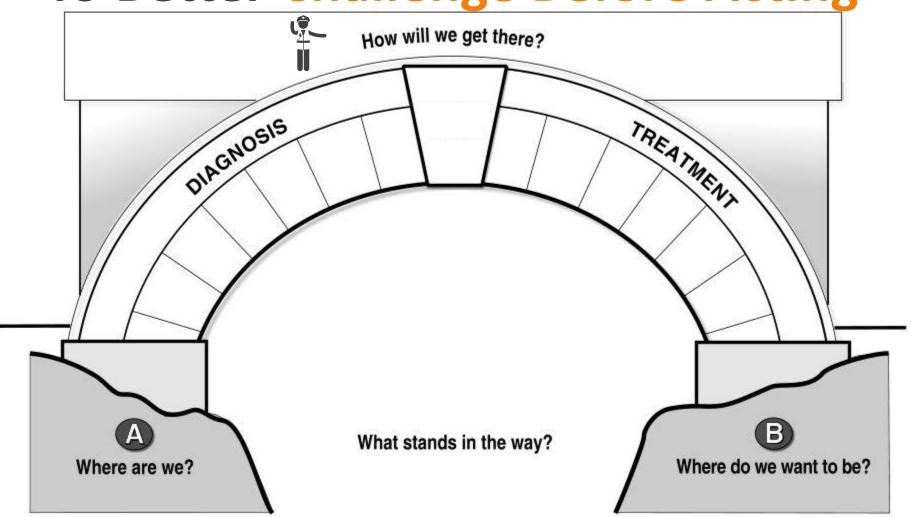


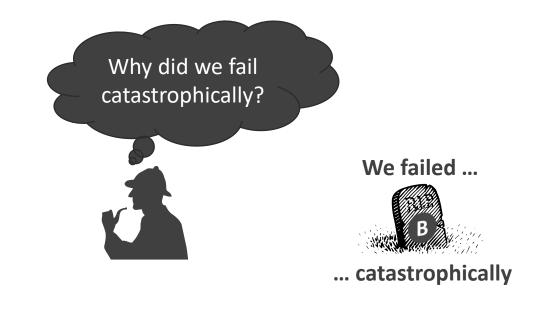


Pre-mortem at What Stands In The Way? To Better Diagnose Before Treating



Pre-mortem at How Will We Get There?
To Better Challenge Before Acting





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Return them safely to Earth



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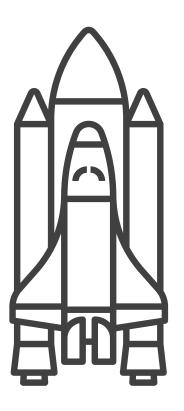
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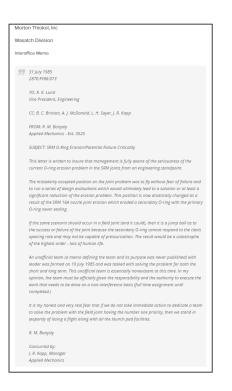
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Apparent cause	Root cause
Failure of 'O' ring in low temperature	A cost-focused culture that did not listen to the concerns of engineers

It is the end of the project. Looking back, why did we fail catastrophically?



1. Capture your perspective



2. Share via healthy conversations



3. Discuss your perspectives



Why did we fail catastrophically?

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 Speaker shares perspective without interruption



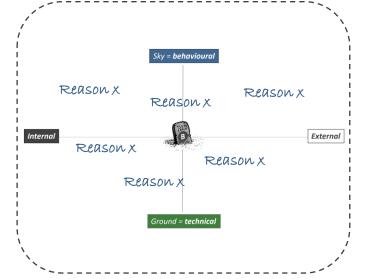
2. **Listener** summarizes back



Reason 3



4. Listener records

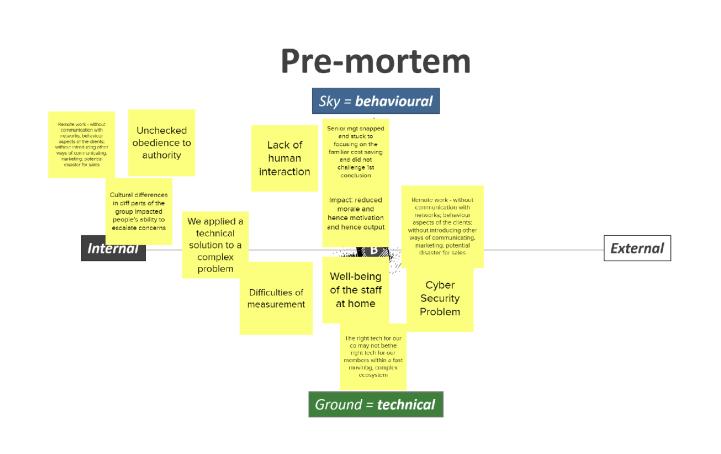


Pre-Mortem Example From Late 2020

In pursuit of your strategic objectives, you have chosen to make permanent some of the temporary changes introduced as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- It is 31st December 2021
- Your approach has failed ... catastrophically.
- Looking back, why did it fail?
- Be specific
- Pursue root causes

Pre-mortem Example: Diagnosis Phase



Pre-mortem: Selection Phase

Where should we focus our attention?

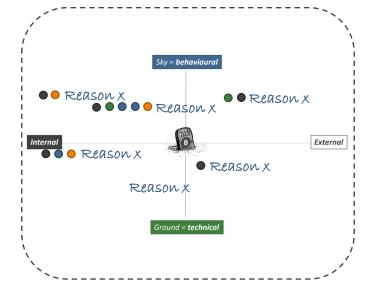


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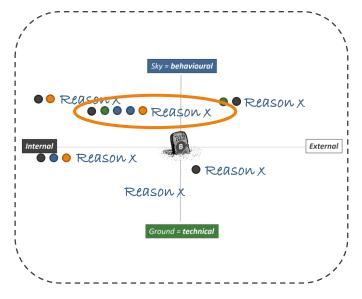
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Independently prepare to spend 3 dots to indicate your perspective

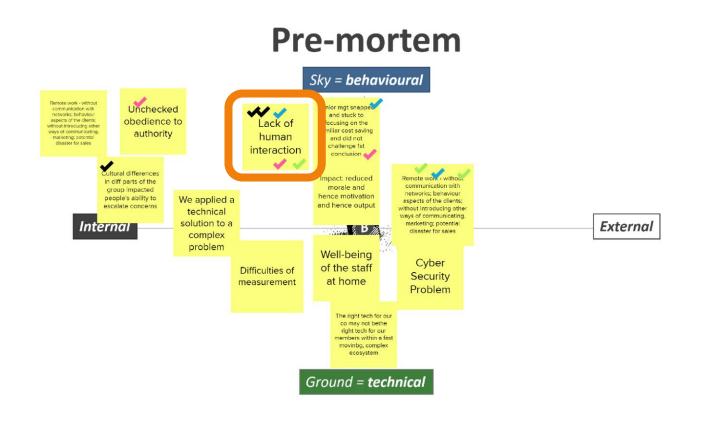




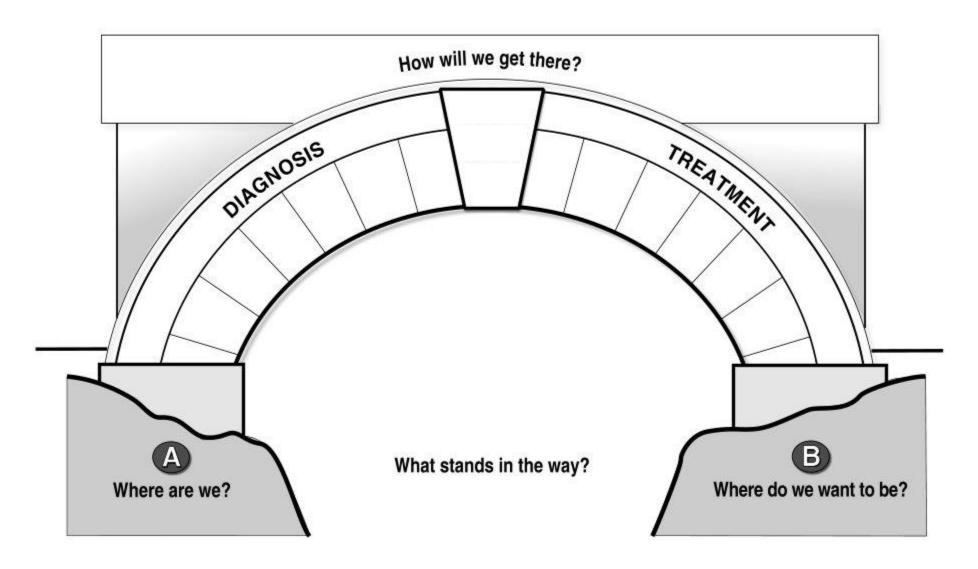




Pre-mortem Example: Selection Phase



How Will We Get There?



Armed With Your Key Reason(s) for Failure Mentally Return to the Present Day





Today

We've Seen The Future & Know Why We Failed What Action Could We Have Taken?

We failed ...

B

... catastrophically

Today

We've Seen The Future & Know Why We Failed What Action Could We Have Taken?



Pre-mortem: Treatment Phase

Generate, share and select actions to prevent failure



7. Capture your perspective

What action could we have taken to avoid failing for the principal reason we identified?

Reason 1

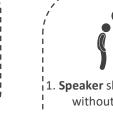
* Reason 2

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8. Share via healthy conversations





1. **Speaker** shares perspective without interruption

3. **Speaker** corrects

and confirms



summarizes back

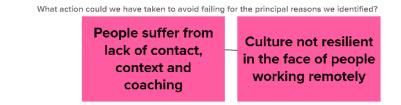


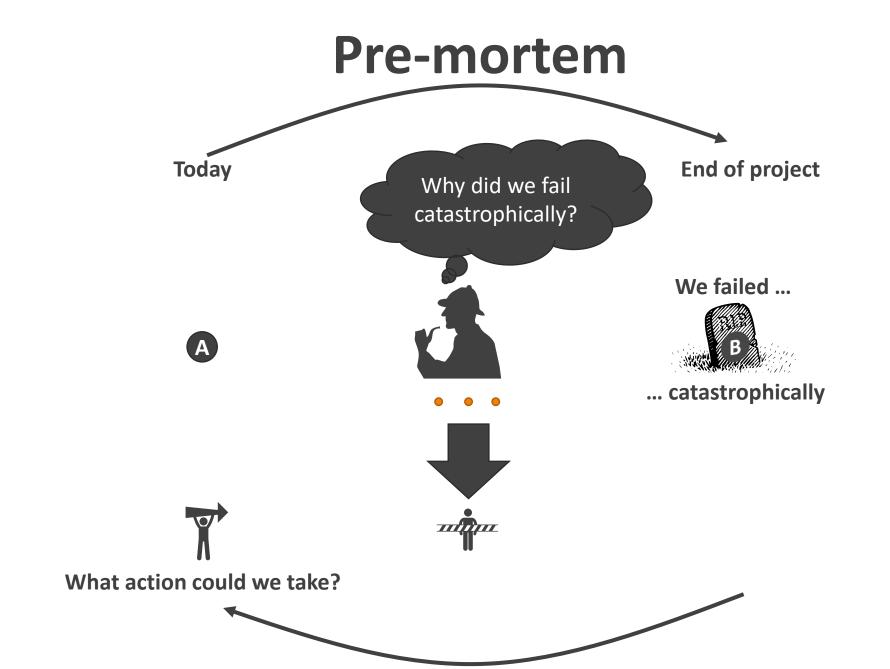
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Pre-mortem Example: Treatment Phase



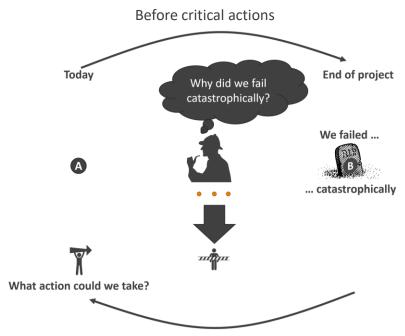




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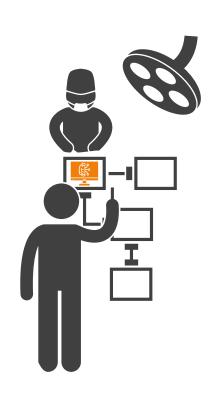


Pre-mortem



15. Where in your work would conducting a pre-mortem be helpful?

Preliminary Observations: Harnessing Al During a Pre-mortem



1. Optionally use AI as an additional perspective after generating your own





Why did we fail catastrophically?
Be specific

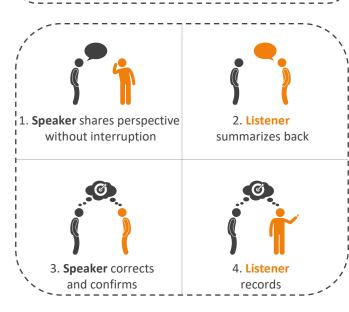
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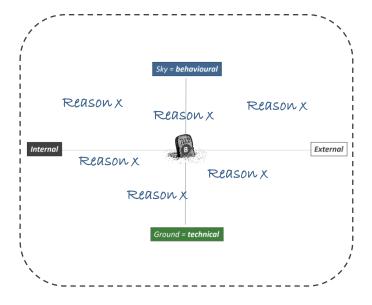
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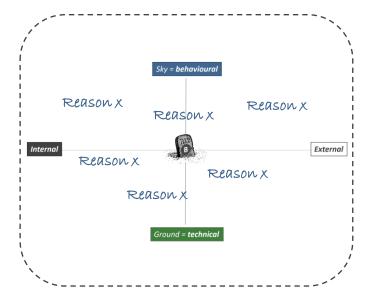
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3.5. Augment/refine diagnosis



Optionally use AI as an additional perspective after generating your own

give me three paragraphs, each of which tells a story of how the product development effort failed. Focus on the potential failure to produce the prototype on deadline, not long-term sales. be very specific and detailed using the proposal I gave you.

Paragraph 1

The design team spent months researching and designing the mountain bike suspension fork, but as the deadline for the prototype approached, they realized that the design was too complex to produce within the given timeline. The team struggled to incorporate all the necessary features while keeping costs and weight down. They attempted to simplify the design but ended up sacrificing key features that were important to the intended market. Despite their best efforts, the team was unable to produce a functional prototype by the deadline, and the project was delayed indefinitely.

Paragraph 2

The manufacturing process for the suspension fork hit a roadblock when the team discovered that the required materials were not readily available. The materials were delayed in transit, and the team was unable to start the production process on time. The team tried to source alternative materials but found that they were not suitable for the design, which required specific properties. The team was forced to wait for the materials to arrive, causing production delays that pushed the project past the deadline. The delay meant that the suspension fork was not ready for the intended market, and the project was deemed a failure.

Paragraph 3

During testing, the suspension fork failed to meet the required safety and regulatory standards. The team had overlooked some critical safety requirements, and the prototype was deemed unsafe for use. The team tried to make modifications to the design to meet the safety standards, but the changes caused further problems with the fork's functionality. The team was forced to go back to the drawing board, redesign the fork, and restart the testing process. The delay in development and additional testing time caused the project to go past the deadline, and the suspension fork was never produced for the intended market. The project was considered a failure due to safety concerns.

i want to go to school and become a radiologist. what are five ways that my plan could go wrong?

- Searching for: radiologist education requirements
- Searching for: radiologist career challenges
- Generating answers for you...

That's a great goal to have. Becoming a radiologist requires about **13 years** of education and training ¹, including a bachelor's degree, medical school, residency and fellowship ² ³. You also need to pass several exams and obtain a license to practice medicine.

Some possible ways that your plan could go wrong are:

- You might not get accepted into medical school or radiology residency due to high competition or low grades ¹.
- You might find the workload and stress of medical school and residency too overwhelming or exhausting 4 5.
- You might face challenges in adapting to new technologies, such as artificial intelligence or cloud computing, that are changing the field of radiology ⁶ ⁷.
- You might have difficulty finding a job or maintaining a work-life balance as a radiologist due to the shortage of radiologists or the increasing demand

Pre-mortem: Selection Phase

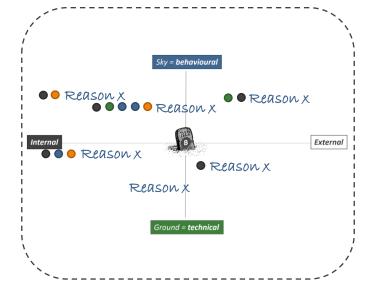
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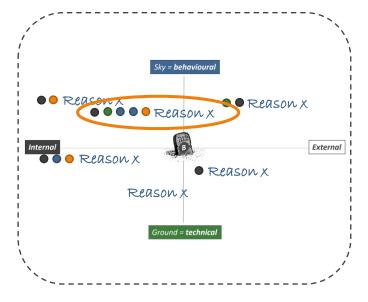
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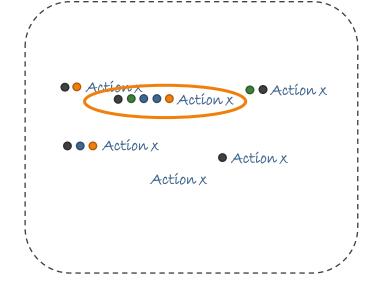












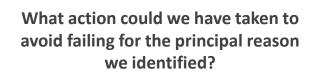
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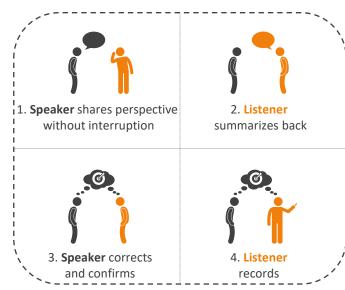
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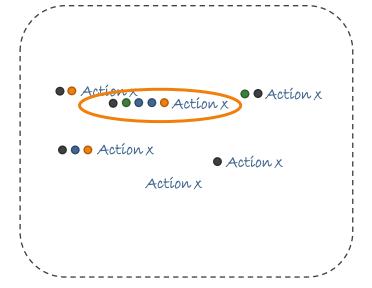












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Tools for Leading Eternal Renewal: the Innovation Matrix







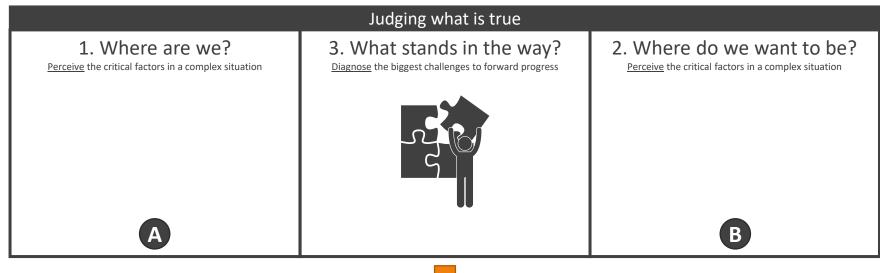
Offered With Humility Every Complex Situation is Unique



After Diagnosing Using the Strategic Framework

	Judging what is true	
1. Where are we? Perceive the critical factors in a complex situation	3. What stands in the way? Diagnose the biggest challenges to forward progress	2. Where do we want to be? Perceive the critical factors in a complex situation
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Optionally, Dive Deeper Using The Innovation Matrix To Tackle the Biggest Challenges







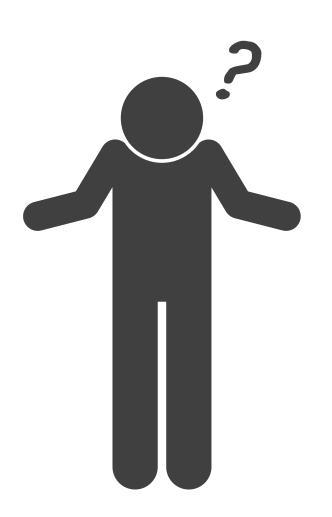
Innovation Matrix

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Elements of the problem	Solutions

Because we snap & stick

Who Else Has Solved A Problem Like This?



Innovation Matrix

Problem:

Elements of the problem	Internal solutions	External solutions

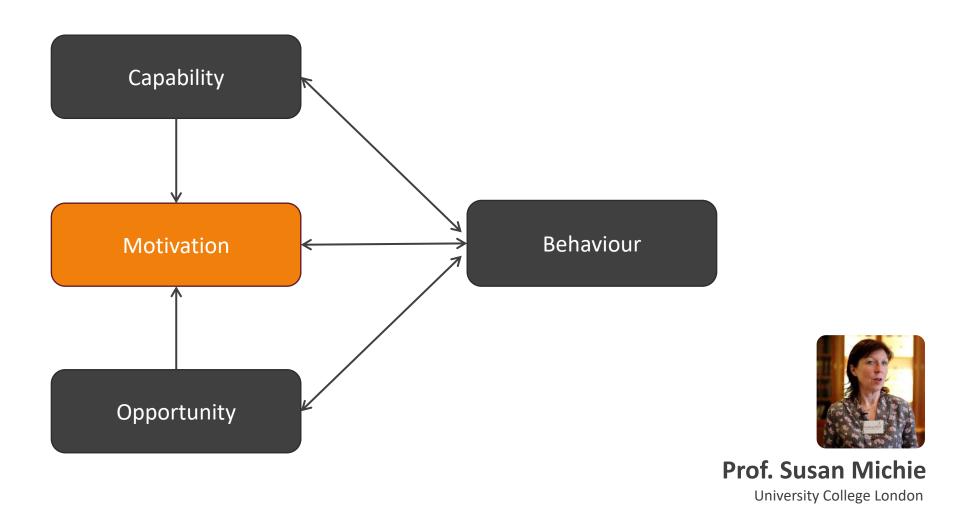
Implementing Strategy Requires Behavioural Change



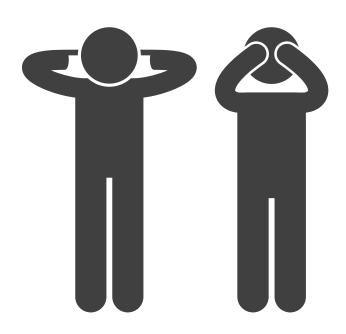
Current behaviour

New behaviour

Three Things Required To Change Behaviour

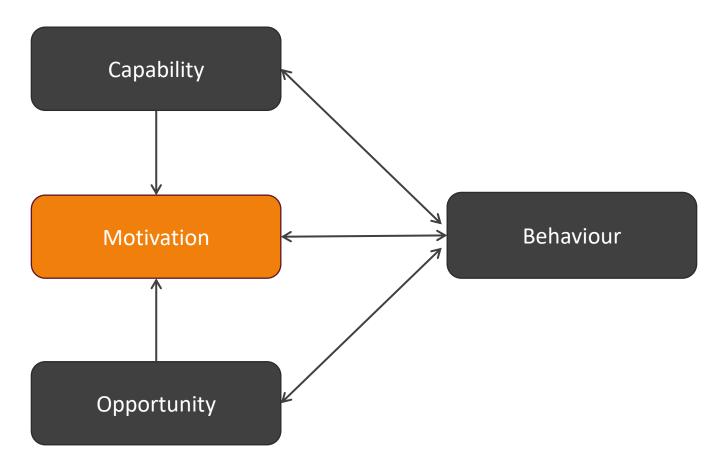


Snap & Stick Includes Thinking Others See The World The Way We See It



Because We Snap and Stick

Don't Overlook Providing Motivation



Innovation Matrix (Behavioural)

Problem: Moving from protection to prevention

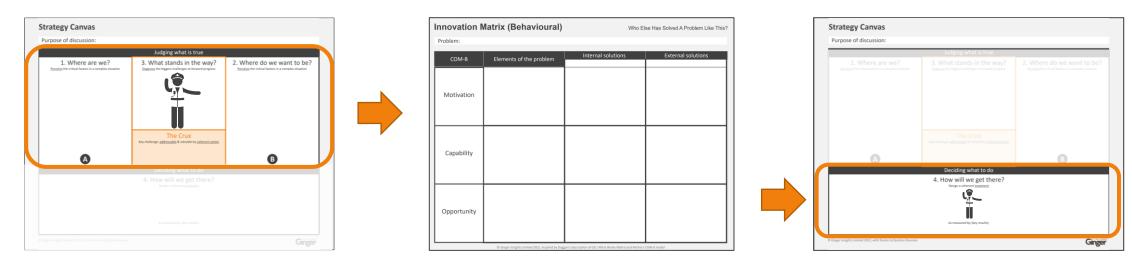
COM-B Elements of the problem		Internal solutions		External solutions	
		Team X	Project Y	company Z	Amazon
	Don't perceive the value			Show what's at	
Motivation	Port c peroceve ene value			stake	
	Díslíke change			(Always 'Day One'
		Re-use			
Capability	Lack key skills	training program			
		X			
Opportunity	Already 100% commítted	(What's no longer		
	OUT VELVELOUS	\	essential?		

Use This Simple Brain and Challenge-Based Process To Work As A Team To Activate Strategy

1. Judge What Is True

2. Generate Options

3. Decide What To Do





Optionally, Pre-mortem at

What stands in the way? To break down the problem into its core elements How will we get there: To check your plan just before you deploy your resources



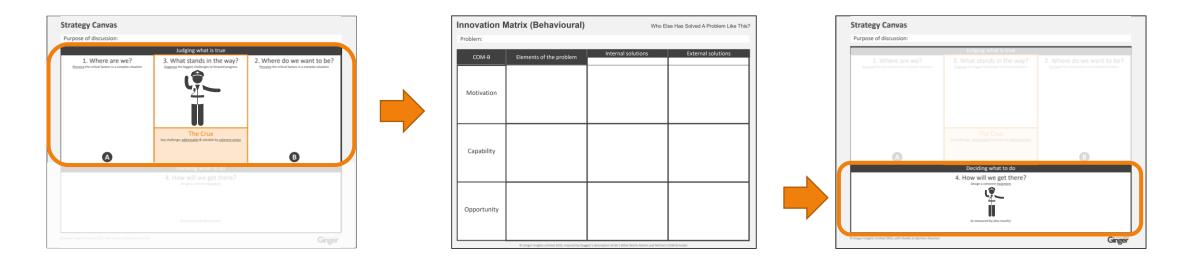
Your Return On Investment



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16. Where in your work would the innovation matrix be helpful?

Problem:

СОМ-В	Elements of the problem	Internal solutions	External solutions
Motivation			
Capability			
Opportunity			

Innovation Matrix for Purpose Driven Organisations

Problem:

	Elements of the problem	Internal solutions	External solutions
Purpose			
Drive			
Organisation			

Break #4 (of 4 today)



Next session starting at 15:40





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Peer-to-peer consultancy #1: your challenges



Part 6 (of 6)

Today's session ends: 17:00





Groups

- 1. The mutual difference
- 2. Challenge-based strategy
- 3. Digitalisation, technology & Al
- 4. Regulation and compliance
- 5. Business transformation

- 6. Recruiting and retaining talent
- 7. Practice with the pre-mortem
- 8. Private reflection
- 9.
- 10. _____

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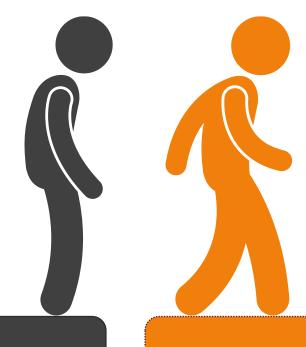








Activating Strategy Requires Behavioural Change



Current behaviour

New behaviour

For Leaders to Activate the Strategy of Purpose-Driven Organisations

1. Clarify the Purpose to overcome self-interest

By providing a vision of a purpose bigger than any one of us

2. Lead to unlock the Drive to act

By helping each person connect their own purposes with the organization's

3. Manage to provide the Organisation to act

By providing the capability and opportunity each person requires to act

Thank You

09:00 Start Tomorrow (please take your seats in good time)

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