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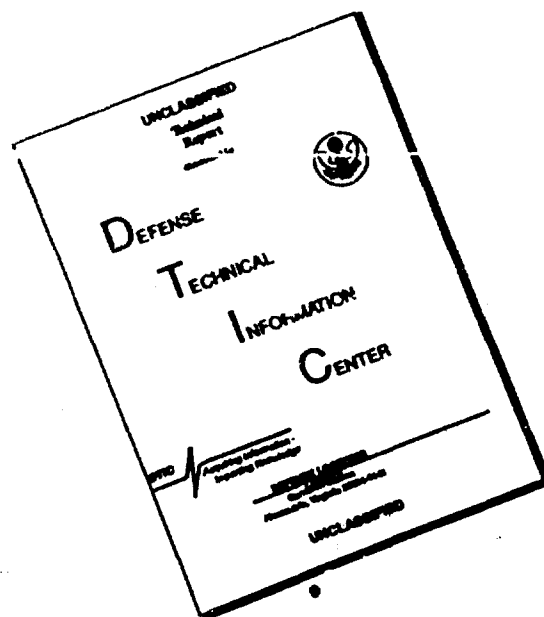


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APPLIED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SEMINAR

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INTRODUCTION

AGENDA

DAY 1

Introduction
History of Artificial Intelligence
Understanding Knowledge Intensive Activities
Understanding Knowledge
Understanding Reasoning
Overview of Methodology

DAY 2

Application Area Selection
Knowledge Elicitation
 - *overviews*
 - *techniques*
Project Management & Roles of the Project Team
System Design
Selecting Tools
Open Discussion

COURSE DYNAMICS

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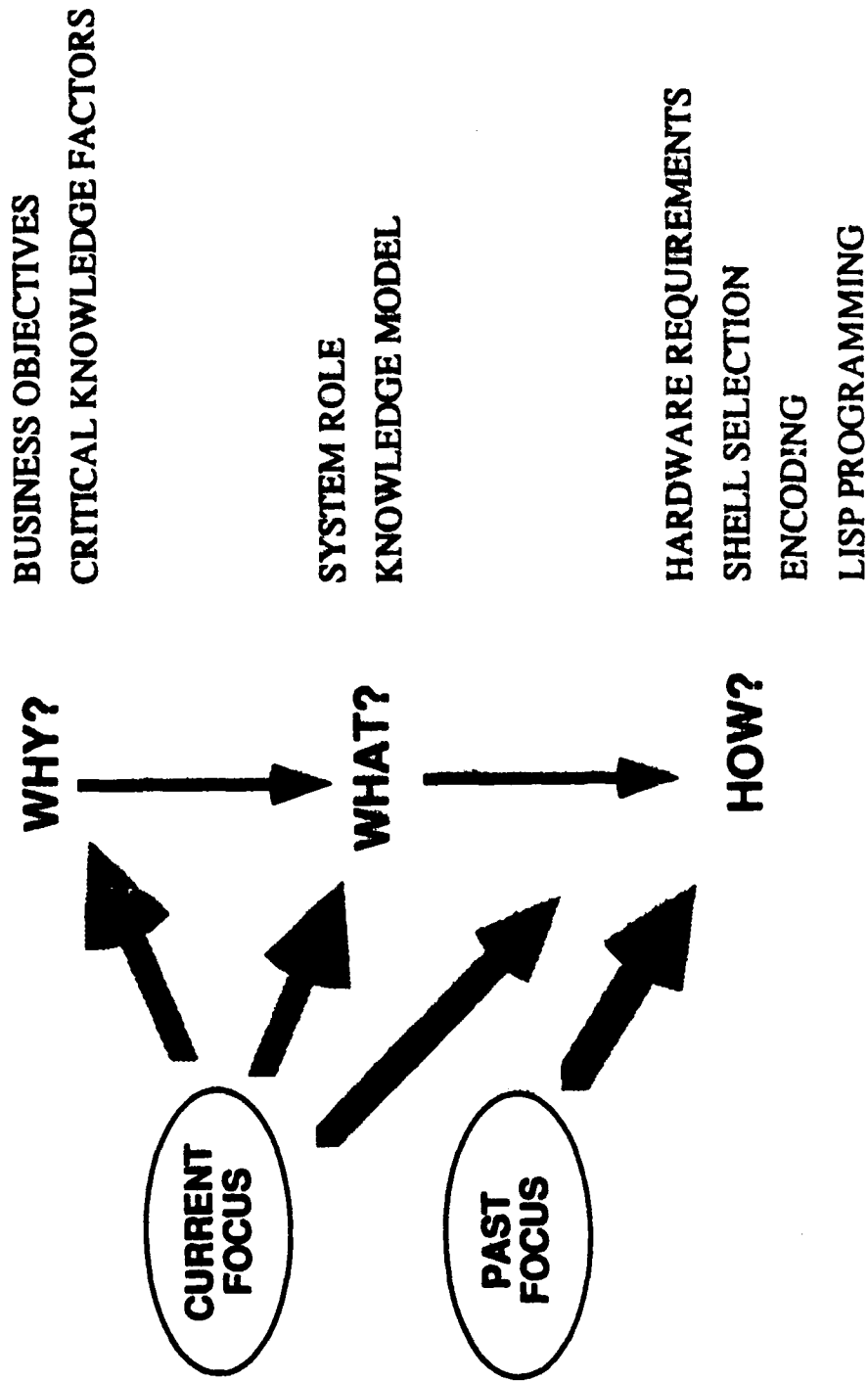
WHAT IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE?

- **A COLLECTION OF SOPHISTICATED COMPUTER TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES**
- **A METHODOLOGY FOR APPLYING THESE TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES**
- **AN APPROACH TO EMULATING HUMAN PROBLEM SOLVING TASKS**
- **A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT CAN BE AUTOMATED**
- **A STRATEGY FOR MANAGING KNOWLEDGE AS A CORPORATE RESOURCE**



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FOCUS OF AI EFFORTS



SKILLS NECESSARY TO DO AI

- **Understanding Operating and Business Environments**
- **Understanding Knowledge Tasks**
- **Cognitive Science**
- **Knowledge Elicitation**
- **Knowledge Analysis**
- **Rational Reconstruction**
- **Knowledge Encoding**
- **AI Architectures**
- **AI Programming**
- **Man-Machine Interfaces**
- **Conventional CS Technologies**
- **MIS Integration**

KBS IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS OVERVIEW

WHY?

BUSINESS ANALYSIS &
INVESTIGATION

APPLICATION SELECTION

WHAT?

KNOWLEDGE
ELICITATION

KNOWLEDGE
CODIFICATION

HOW?

PROTOTYPING

MAN/MACHINE INTERFACE

FINISH!

IMPLEMENTATION
DESIGN - CREATE

INTEGRATE - DEPLOY

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

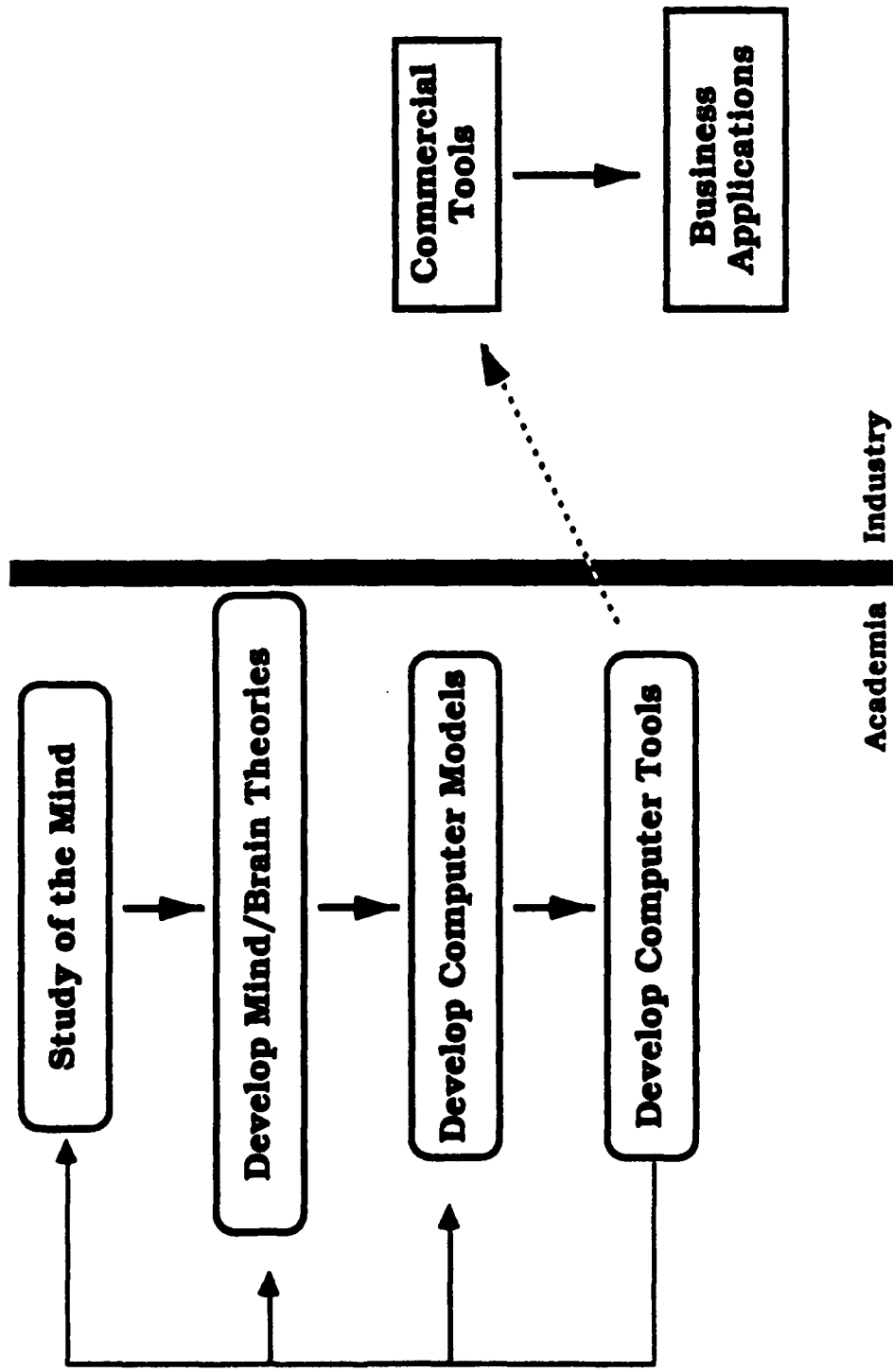
- **Provide a Framework and Flexible Methodology for Developing Expert/Knowledge-Based Systems**
- **Provide a "Grab Bag" of Tools and Techniques**
- **Demonstrate the Concepts through Case Study Examples and Hands On Exercises**
- **Introduce the Cognitive Aspects of Artificial Intelligence**
- **Promote a New Way of Thinking -- *gestalt shift***

HISTORY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

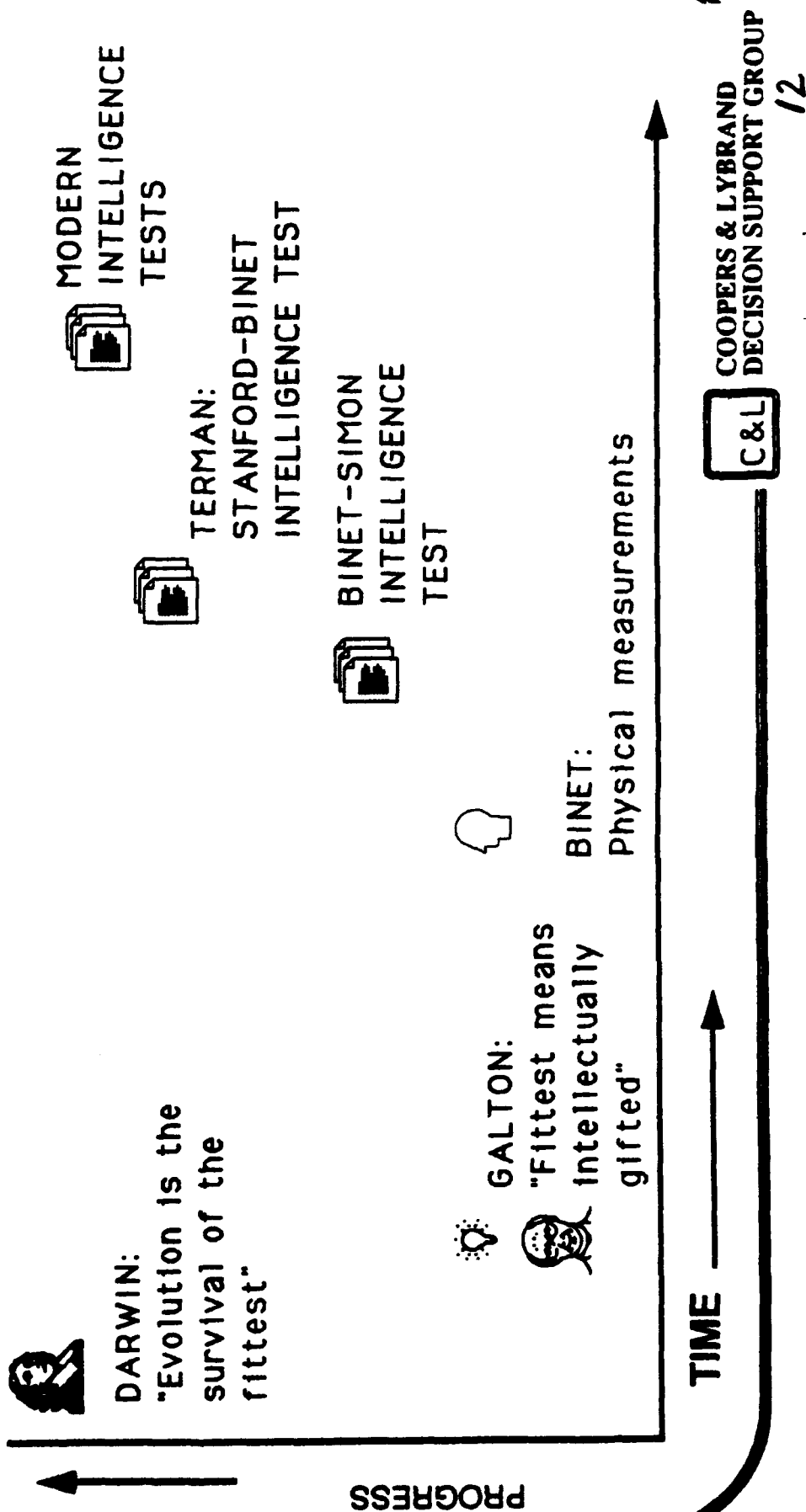
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EVOLUTION OF "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE"



DEFINING AND MEASURING HUMAN INTELLIGENCE

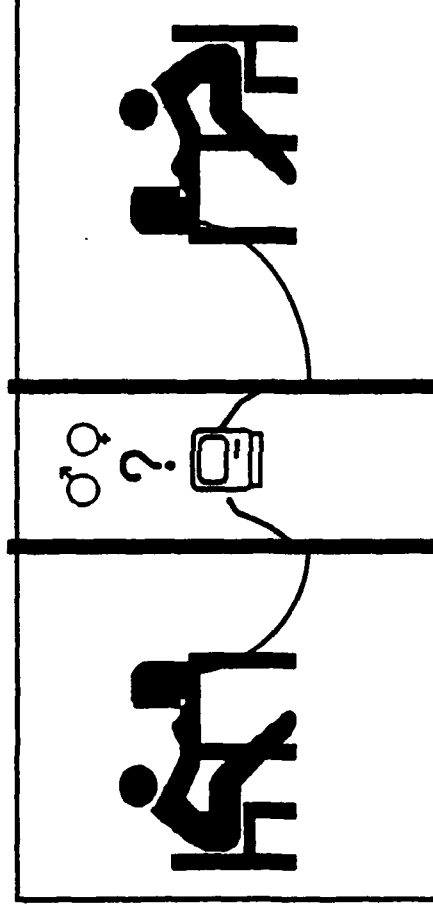


WHAT DO TODAY'S TESTS MEASURE?

- **VOCABULARY**
- **ANALOGIES**
- **PICTURE COMPLETION**
- **ABILITY TO REASON**
- **MEMORY**
- **IDENTIFY SIMILARITIES**
- **ABILITY TO FORM CONCLUSIONS**
- **IDENTIFY PATTERNS**
- **IDENTIFY ANOMALIES**

THE TURING TEST

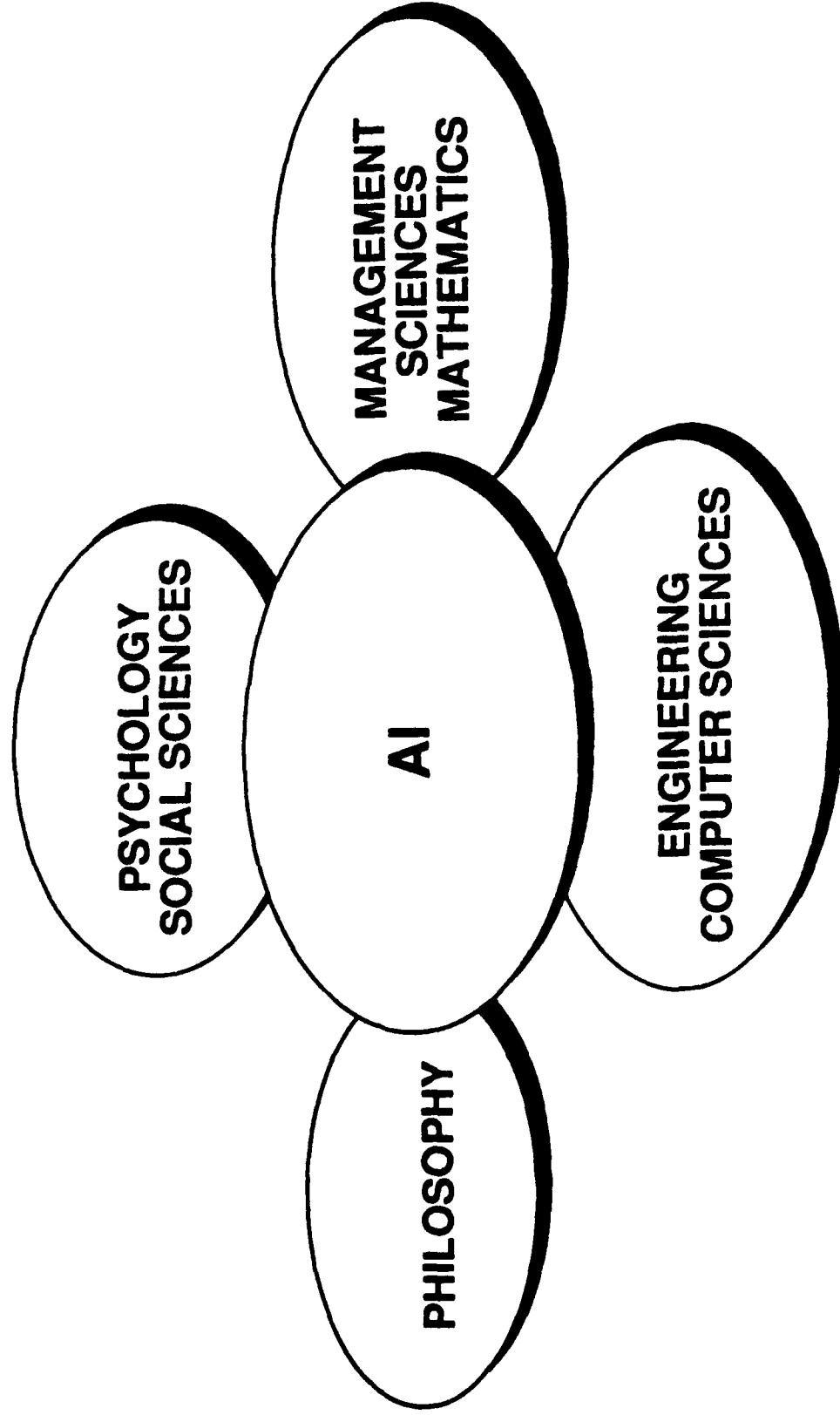
- Alan Turing - British mathematician and logician
- *Computing Machinery and Intelligence*
- "Can a machine think?"



THE DARTMOUTH CONFERENCE

- John McCarthy (Father of AI) and Marvin Minsky proposed a two-month, ten-man study during summer of 1956 at Dartmouth College.
- Origin of the term "artificial intelligence"
- Spin-off of conference: groups at M.I.T., Stanford, and Carnegie Mellon

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES



FIELDS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- **KNOWLEDGE-BASED/EXPERT SYSTEMS**
- **NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING**
- **SPEECH RECOGNITION AND SYNTHESIS**
- **MACHINE VISION**
- **ROBOTICS**
- **MACHINE LEARNING**



KNOWLEDGE-BASED vs. CONVENTIONAL SYSTEMS

CONVENTIONAL SIMILARITIES

APPROACHES

- Multistage Software Development Practices
- Project Planning, Management, and Control
- Verification and Validation Procedures
- User Training
- System Start-up and Cut-over
- System Maintenance

TECHNIQUES

- Mathematical Modeling
- Computer Network Architectures
- Man-Machine Interfaces
- Drivers and Device Interfaces

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KNOWLEDGE-BASED VS. CONVENTIONAL SYSTEMS

ADVANCED CONCEPT SIMILARITIES

APPROACHES

- Task Environment Analysis and Modeling.
- Evolutionary & Rapid Prototyping and Systems Design
- Uaw of Advanced Development Environments (Including CASE)

TECHNIQUES

- Computer Graphics and WYSIWYG Interfaces
- Object Oriented Programming
- Recursion and Iteration
- Search Strategies
- Computer-based Reasoning Methods
- Heuristic Programming
- Blackboard Architectures
- Parsing and Semantic Structure Interpretation
- Automatic Generation of Context Executable Code
- Hypermedia

KNOWLEDGE-BASED vs. CONVENTIONAL SYSTEMS

FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES

APPROACHES

- Knowledge Codification Process: Elicitation, Analysis, Modeling, and Codification
- Expert Reasoning Verification
- Knowledge Base Maintenance
- Analysis of Cognitive Styles of Experts and Users
- System Role (cognitive) within the Task Environment
- Knowledge Management

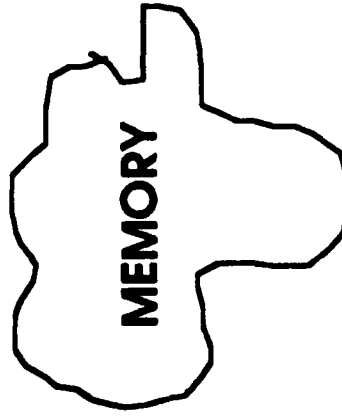
TECHNIQUES

- Symbolic and Qualitative Reasoning
- Interactive Prototyping
- Knowledge Technology Approaches
- Intellectual Reasoning Strategies

UNDERSTANDING KNOWLEDGE INTENSIVE ACTIVITIES

KNOWLEDGE

Symbolics Expressions of Things Held In:



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RESEARCH FINDINGS ON HUMAN COGNITION - COGNITIVE STYLES -

TYPES

- **Linguistic**
- **Logical-Mathematical**
- **Spatial**
- **Musical**
- **Bodily-Kinesthetic**
- **Interpersonal**
- **Intrapersonal**

RESEARCH FINDINGS ON HUMAN COGNITION

- KNOWLEDGE -

DOMAINS

- **High Interdependence among Domains**
- **High Interconnectivity among Facts**
within a Domain
- **Both can be Integrated into larger units**
 - **chunks**
 - **scripts**
 - **themes**
 - **images**

RESEARCH FINDINGS ON HUMAN COGNITION

- EVOLUTION OF KNOWLEDGE -

PROCEDURAL —————→ **EMBEDDED**

- **First Represented Declaratively as Facts**
- **Becomes Proceduralized through repeated uses/practice**
- **Becomes Compiled**
- **Once compiled, not easily verbalized, deleted or modified**

HUMAN MEMORY

PERCEPTUAL MEMORY:

lasts for milliseconds

WORKING MEMORY

lasts for seconds

directly influences bodily movement

LONG TERM MEMORY

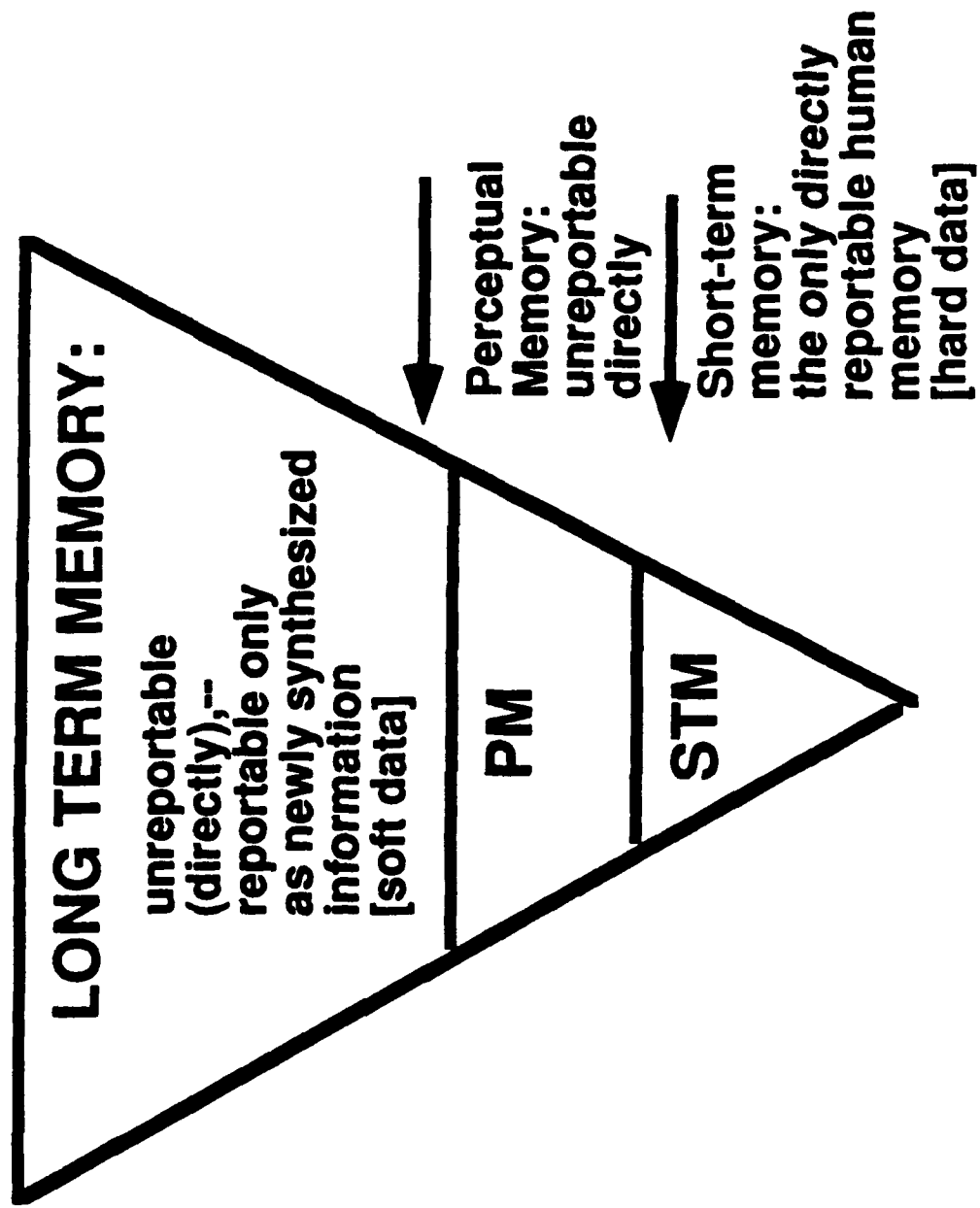
lasts for years

abstracted form of working memory

may influence bodily movement



THE MEMORY TRIANGLE



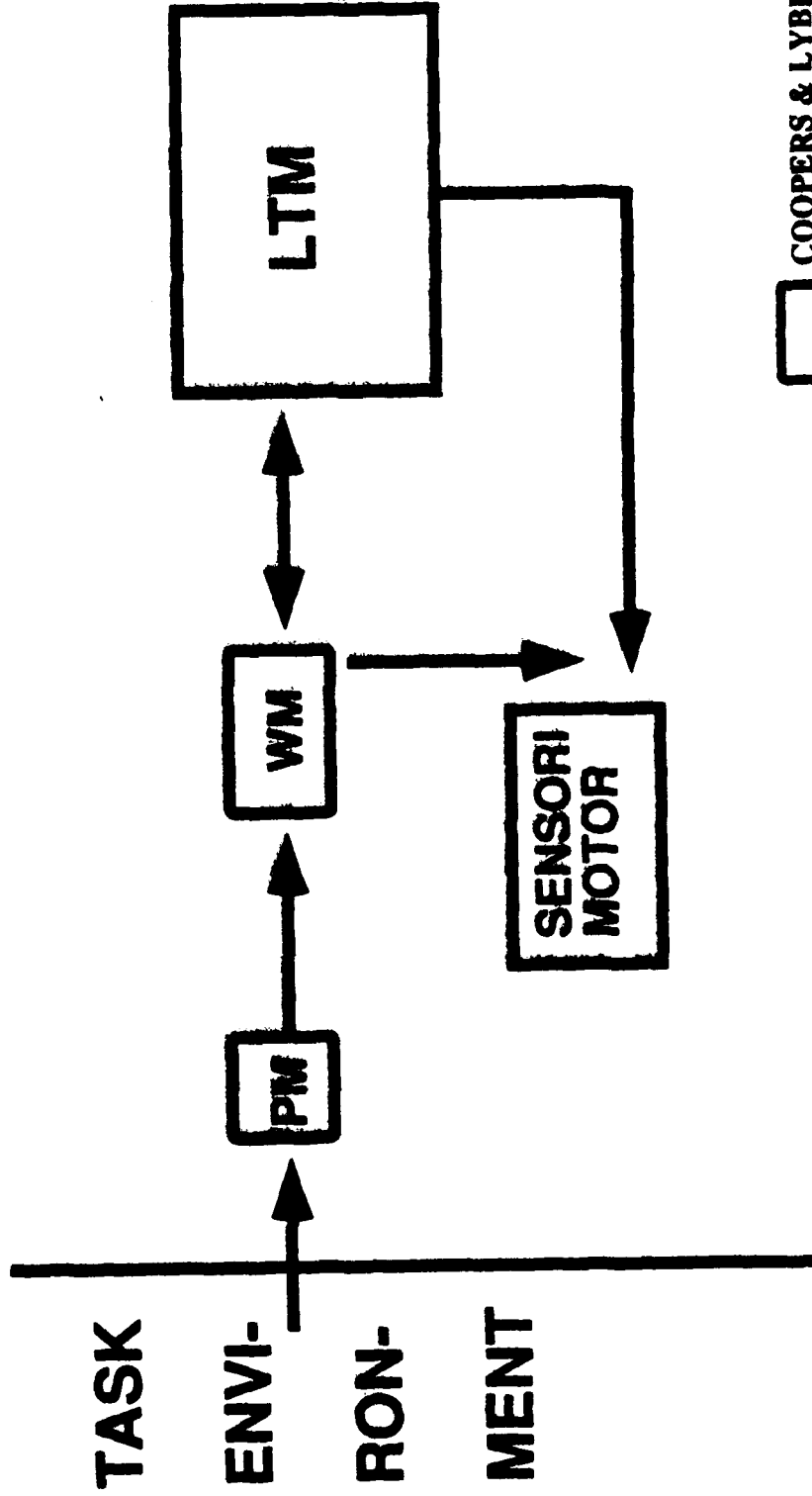
MEMORY MODEL OF HUMAN EXPERT

LEGEND:

PM = Perceptual Memory

WM = Working Memory (Short-term memory)

LTM = Long-term memory



RESEARCH FINDINGS

- **Experts have larger working memories for domain knowledge than novices**
- **Experts are still severely limited in number and complexity of items that can be held in working memory**
- **Constraints on human information processing capacity**

Two Perspectives on Knowledge

COMPETENCE

Knowledge which is:

- compiled
- divorced from its use in time (diachronic)
- idealized or abstracted
- viewed retrospectively
- newly synthesized while elicited
- stored in long-term memory

EXAMPLES OF COMPETENCE KNOWLEDGE

- **Textbooks**
- **Manuals**
- **Descriptions of standard operating procedures**
- **Descriptions of past experiences**



Two Perspectives on Knowledge

PERFORMANCE

Knowledge which is

- observable in knowledge-intensive activities
- executed in real time (synchronic)
- specific to an individual
- viewed concurrently with task performance
- directly reported as it is heeded
- stored in short-term memory



EXAMPLES OF PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE

- "Think-alouds"
- Spontaneous expressions of thought
 - verbal
 - physical
- Doing a job, performing a task

UNDERSTANDING KNOWLEDGE

KNOWLEDGE

Assertions about **"objects,"** their properties,
states, and relations to other "objects"

Relate person to environment
May proclaim existence
May describe
May define
May classify

Bellefs
Methods
Natural phenomena
Abstract logical objects
Psychological processes
Self and others
Social entities

KNOWLEDGE DEFINITIONS

KNOWLEDGE IS EXPRESSED IN:

Statements
Actions

Physical, spatial, temporal arrangements of objects
Symbolic Representations of Objects
Practical Activity

Social Processes and Organization
Culturally valued tasks
Behavior

Mental Constructs

Theorems
"Commentary"
Propositions
Speeches
Articles
Books

Designs
Structures
Landscapes

Images
Memories
Scripts
Propositions

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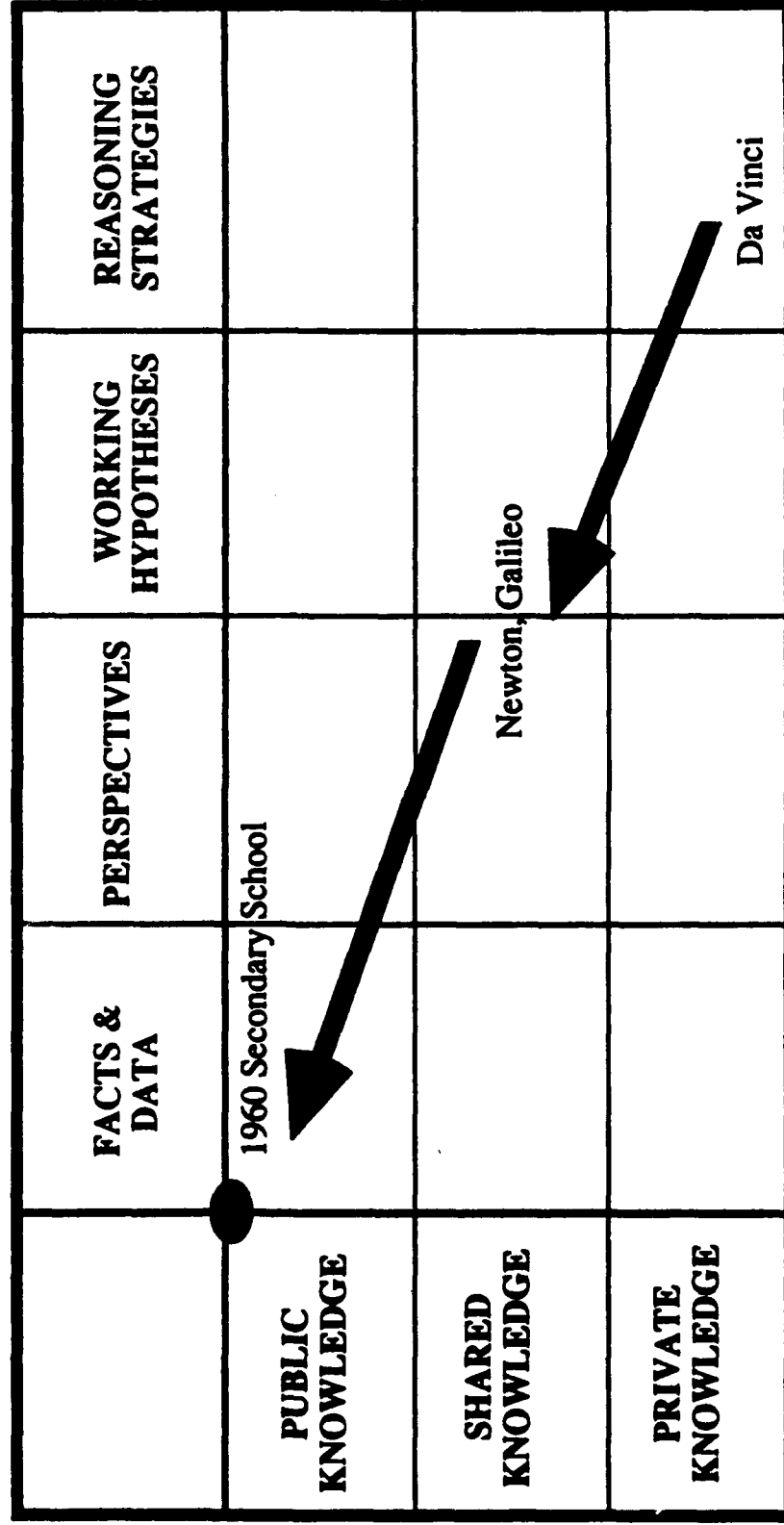
TYPES OF KNOWLEDGE

	FACTS & DATA	PERSPECTIVES	WORKING HYPOTHESES	REASONING STRATEGIES
PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE				
SHARED KNOWLEDGE				
PRIVATE KNOWLEDGE				

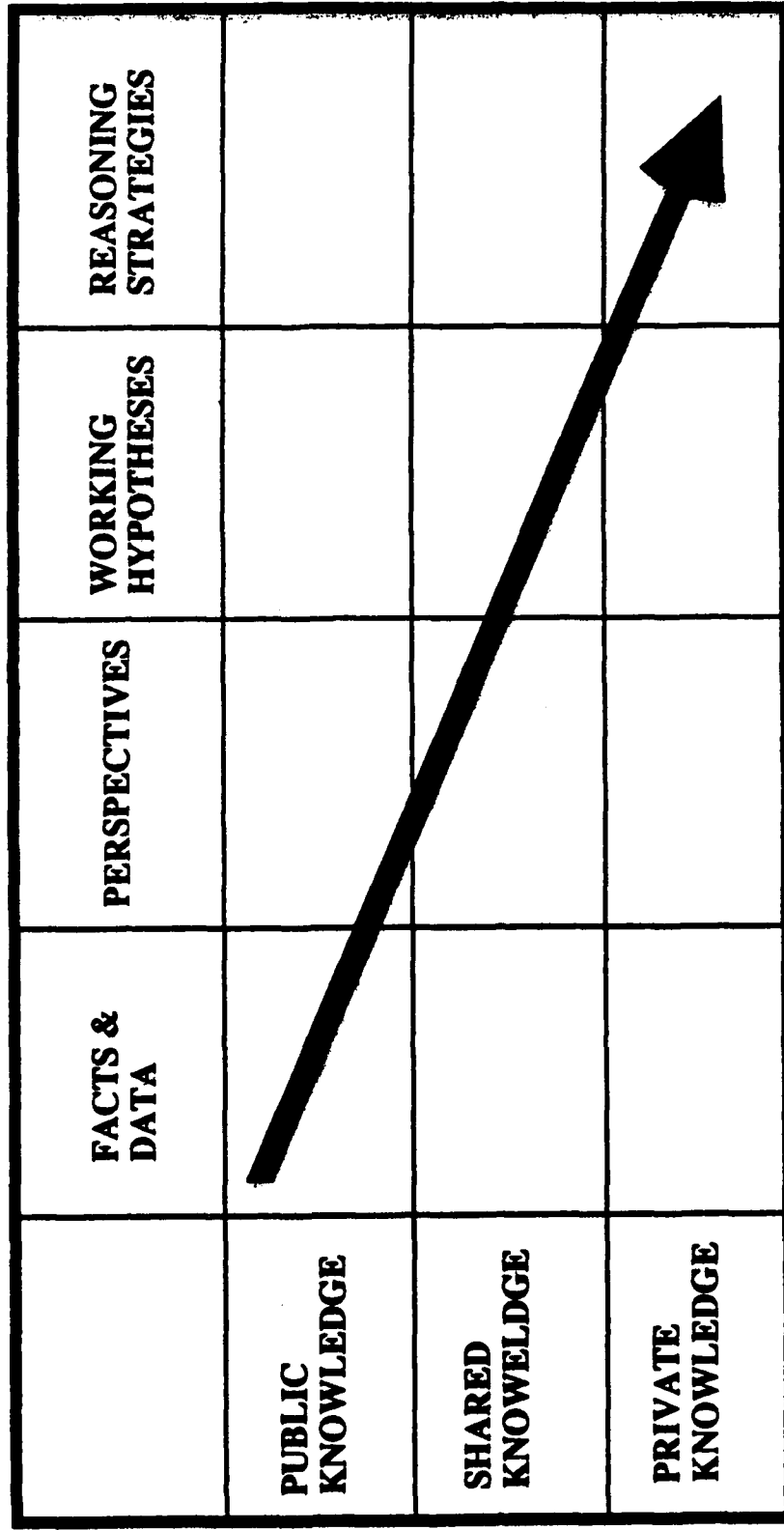
TYPES OF KNOWLEDGE

	FACTS & DATA	PERSPECTIVES	WORKING HYPOTHESES	REASONING STRATEGIES
PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE	Text Book Knowledge	Generally Accepted Points of View	Typical Hypotheses for Implications of Known Contexts	Strategies Taught in Classrooms
SHARED KNOWLEDGE	Specialized Information for a Particular Field	Perspectives Understood in Particular Situations	Insights into Narrowly Understood Situations	Expert Strategies to: Diagnose Manage Synthesize
PRIVATE KNOWLEDGE	Privately Held Data, Observations and Information	Private Concepts and Gestalts	Expectations, Beliefs and Misconceptions	Intuition

EVOLUTION OF KNOWLEDGE UNDERSTANDING OF DYNAMICS



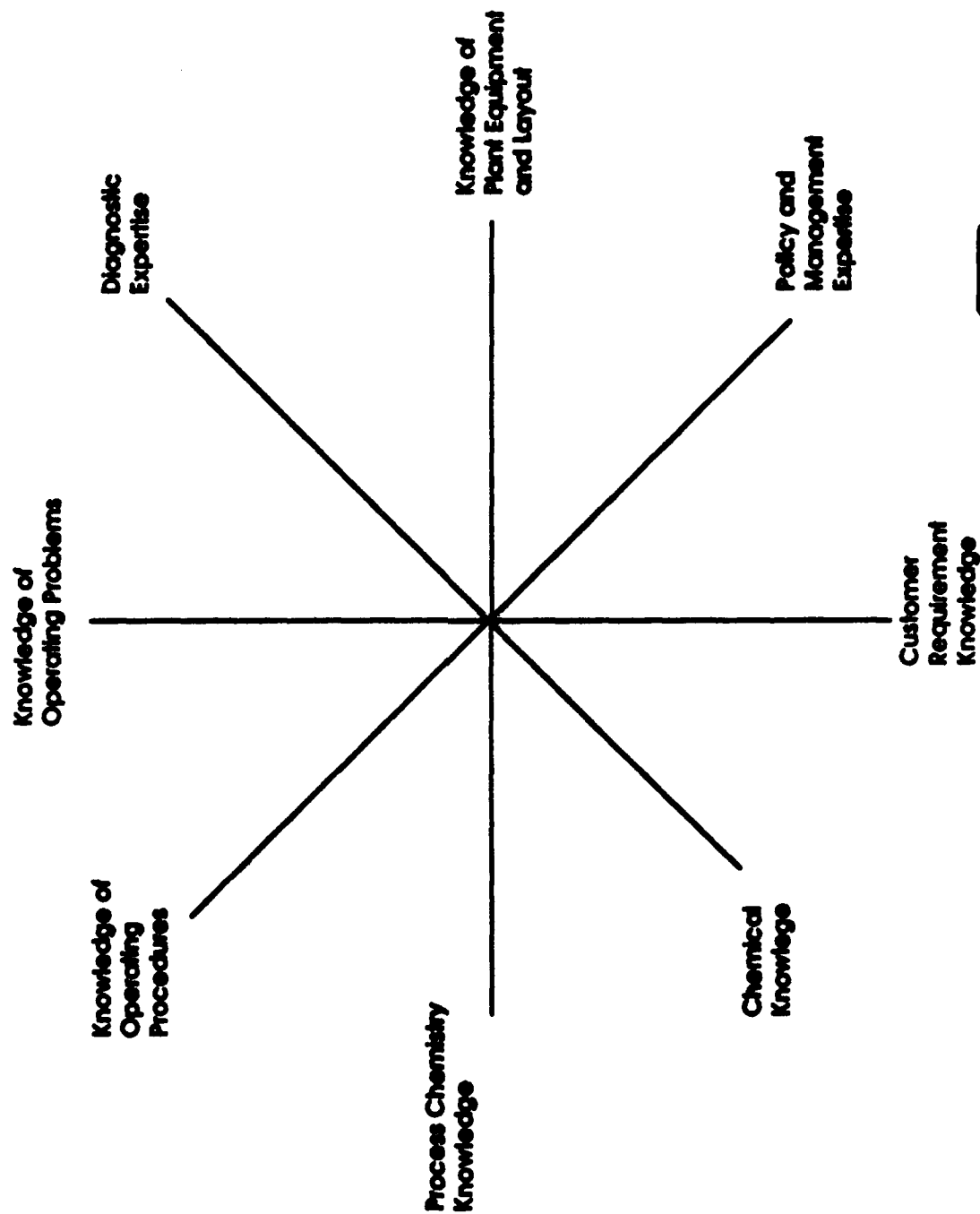
EVOLUTION OF AI SYSTEMS



EXPERTISE

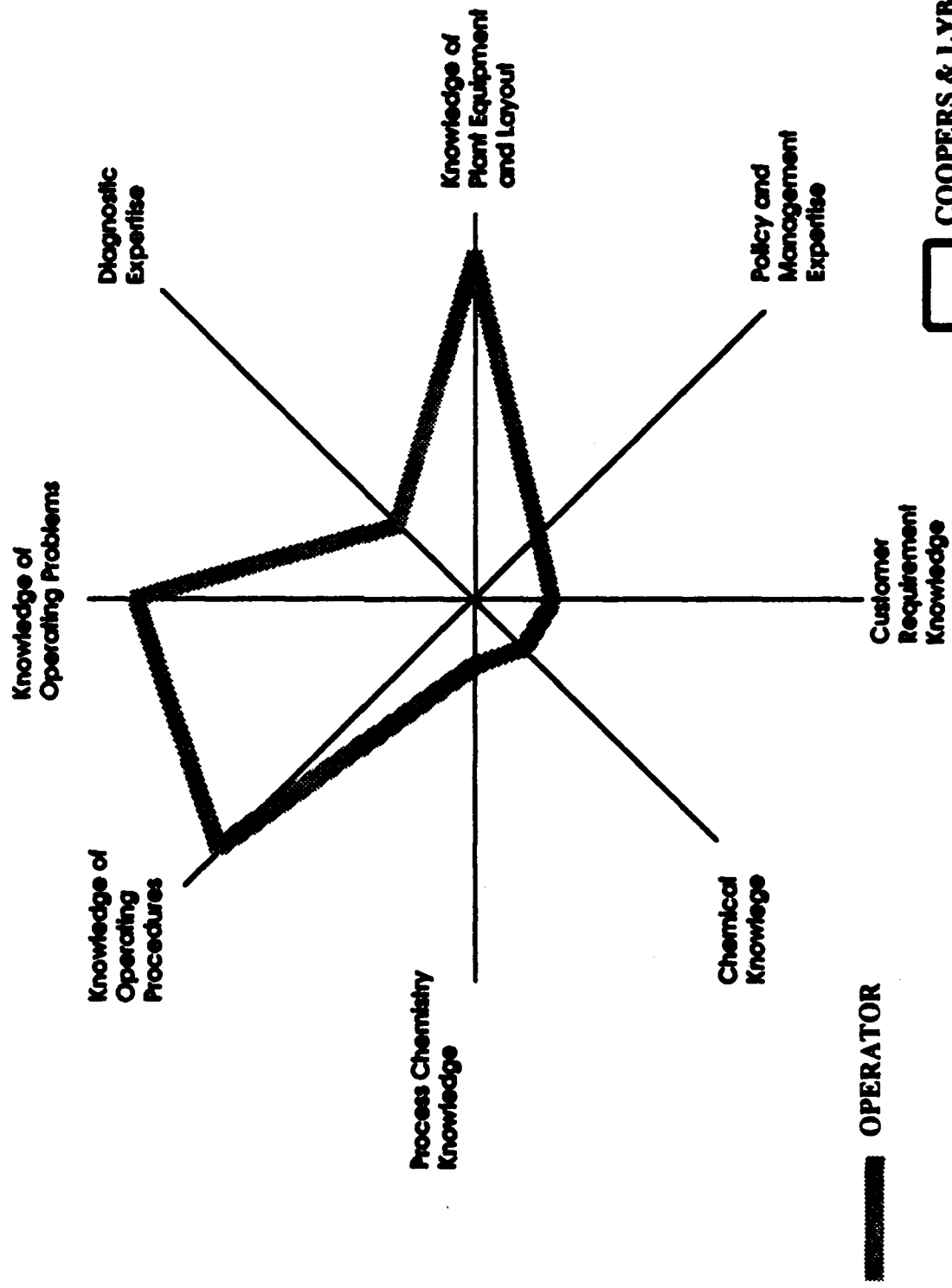
- **High Performance**
- **Ability to Find Acceptable Solutions Efficiently**
- **Ability to Reduce Complexity**
- **Use of Failure Strategies**
- **Ability to Explain**
 - **how a conclusion was reached**
 - **why a particular piece of information is needed**
 - **why a particular conclusion was not reached**
- **Meta-Knowledge**

DIMENSIONS OF EXPERTISE



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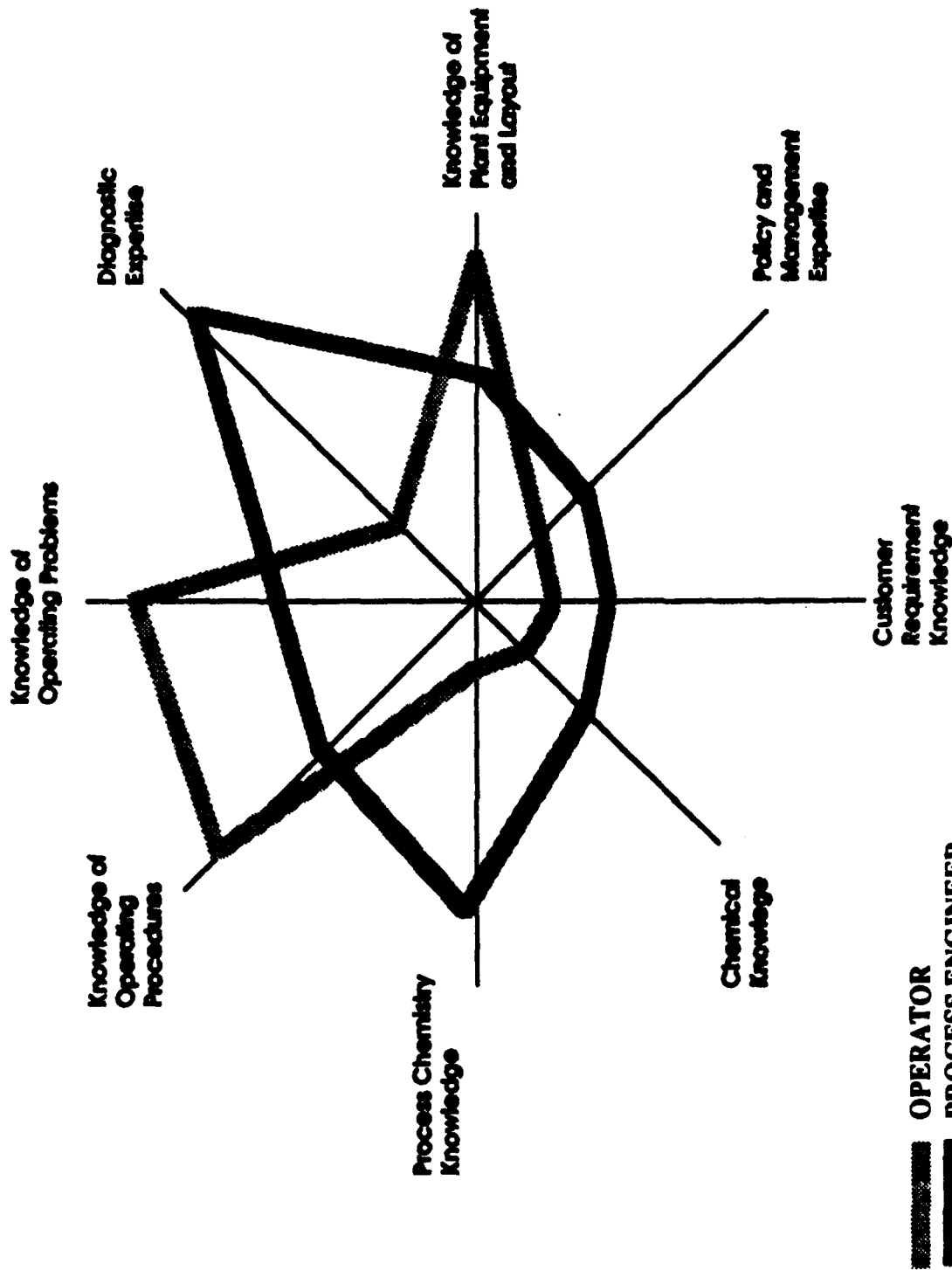
DIMENSIONS OF EXPERTISE



OPERATOR



DIMENSIONS OF EXPERTISE

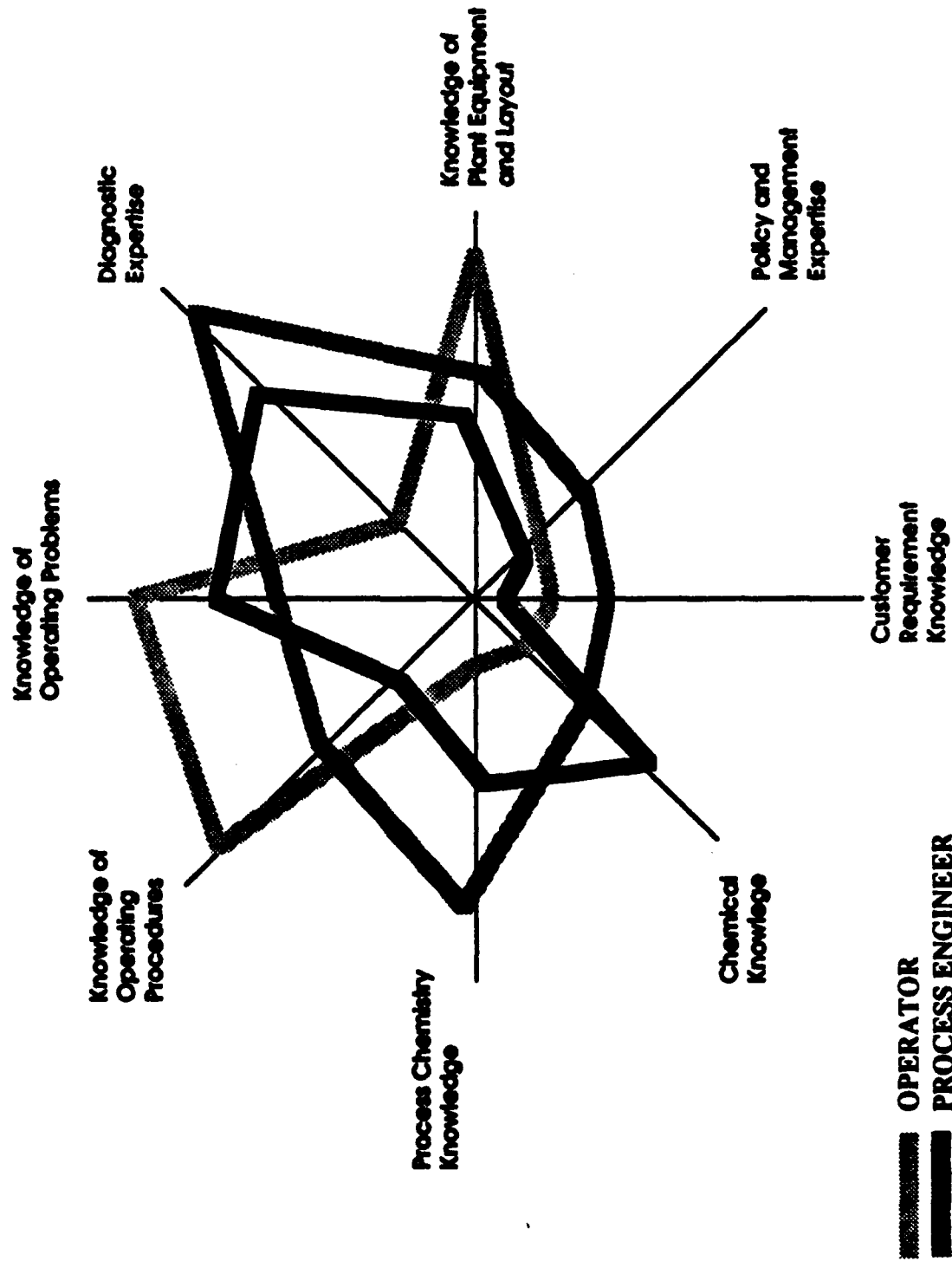


 OPERATOR
 PROCESS ENGINEER

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COMPLEMENTING EXPERTISE WITH A SYSTEM



CORPORATE KNOWLEDGE

- **The unique history of a firm in a particular industry**
- **Individual work histories of the current employees**
- **Mixture of public, shared, and private knowledge**
- **Developed over a long time in a variety of situations**
- **Tested by practice**
- **Dispersed, miscellaneous unstructured, unrecorded**
- **"Thrown together"**

The company's most valuable asset is also the hardest to manage and exploit!



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KNOWLEDGE AS A COMMODITY

The knowledge of the workforce and its managers is just as valuable to a corporation as capital equipment;

However, less attention is paid to inventorying and preserving this valuable but intangible commodity.

The judicious use of AI technology offers the opportunity to:

- CAPTURE
- STRUCTURE
- PRESERVE
- ENHANCE

CORPORATE knowledge!

UNDERSTANDING REASONING

Reasoning is:

- the movement of the mind from premises to conclusions
- not performed in a vacuum
- a mental process worked through via materials of some sort
- a mental process for which materials provide the context

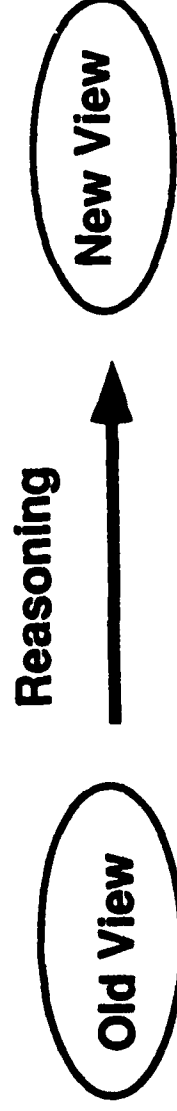
REASONING IN CONTEXT

- Materials are essential because
 - they act as triggers
 - they serve as external memories of
 - what I know
 - what I should know
 - what I have figured out so far
 - they support navigation through a task

LOGIC AND REASONING

**Logic = primarily deductive argument
monotonic**

**Reasoning = induction, abduction, imagistic operations ...
nonmonotonic**



DEDUCTION

- a form of argument in which the conclusion follows with certainty from the premises

Example :

All experienced plant operators have knowledge learned on the job

Joe is an experienced plant operator

Therefore Joe has knowledge learned on the job

DEDUCTION

**Most AI tools support deduction
e.g. forward and backward chaining**

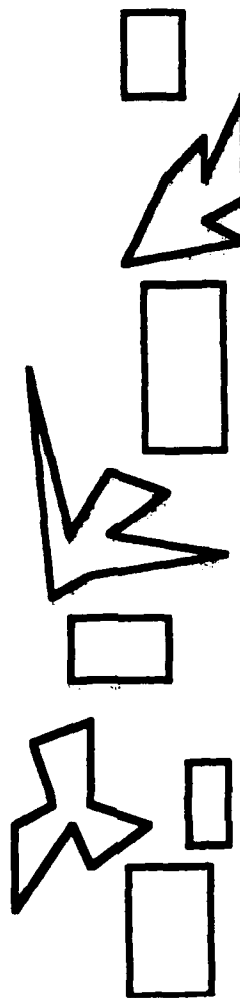
Example:

**If someone is an experienced plant operator,
then that person has knowledge learned on the job**

Assert: Joe is an experienced plant operator

General Assumptions or
Conclusions
all x's are y's

Deduction



Representations of particular things and events

INDUCTION

- a form of argument in which the conclusion follows probabilistically from the premises

Example:

Last week, when a drop in the price of oil was announced, the price of General Motors stock increased.

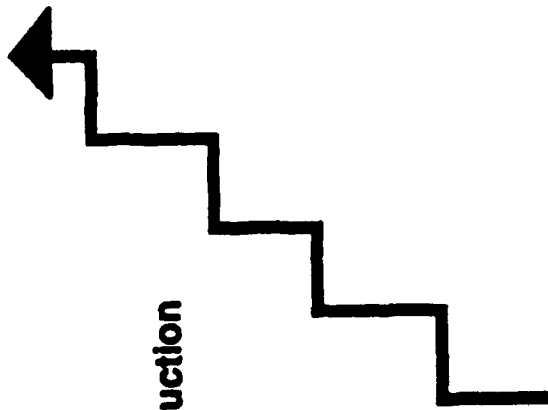
Yesterday, when a drop in the price of oil was announced, the price of General Motors stock increased.

A drop in the price of oil has just been announced.

I conclude that the price of General Motors stock will increase.

General Assumptions or Conclusions
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Induction



Representations of Particular things and events

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MENTAL IMAGERY

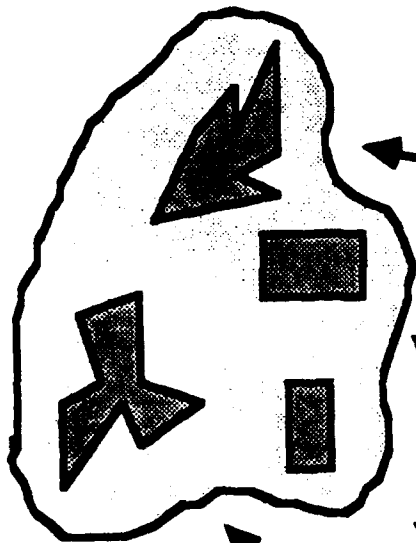
- Internal pictorial representations are manipulated

Example:

- the foreman in a manufacturing cell who has the "big picture"

General Assumptions or Conclusions
all x's are y's

Mental Imagery



Representations of Particular things and events

ANALOGY

- Things or events known to be alike in some respects are inferred to be alike in other respects

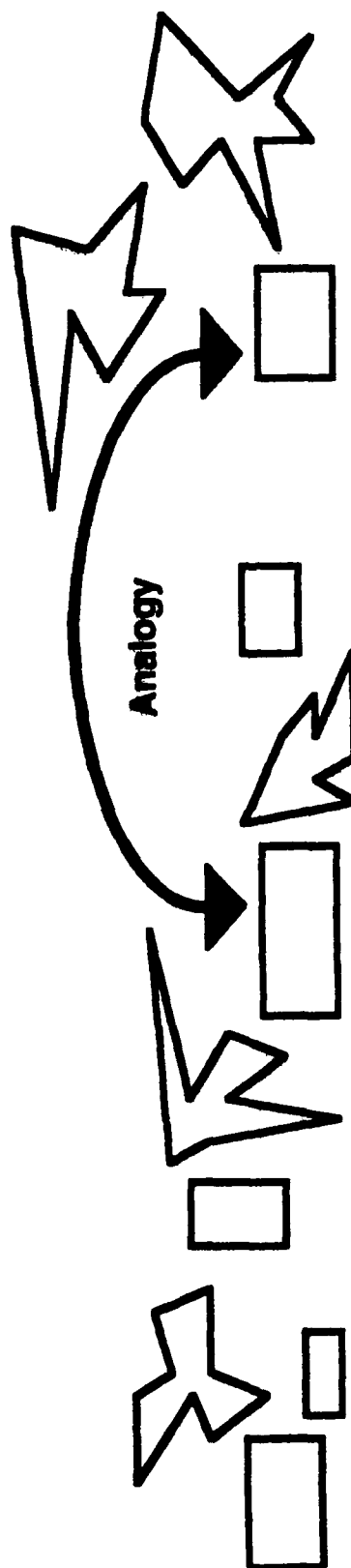
Example:

- Cost estimators for major defense programs look for a similar program, and tailor their current estimate to that program

... " this program is like that one in some respects, so I'll assume it like that one in all respects"

General Assumptions or Conclusions

all x's are y's"



Representations of Particular things and events



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STORY WEAVING

- Selective remembrances of events are used to understand current events

Example:

- NASA weather forecasters, who explain today's weather by telling a story about a significant weather event that happened in the past

METAPHOR

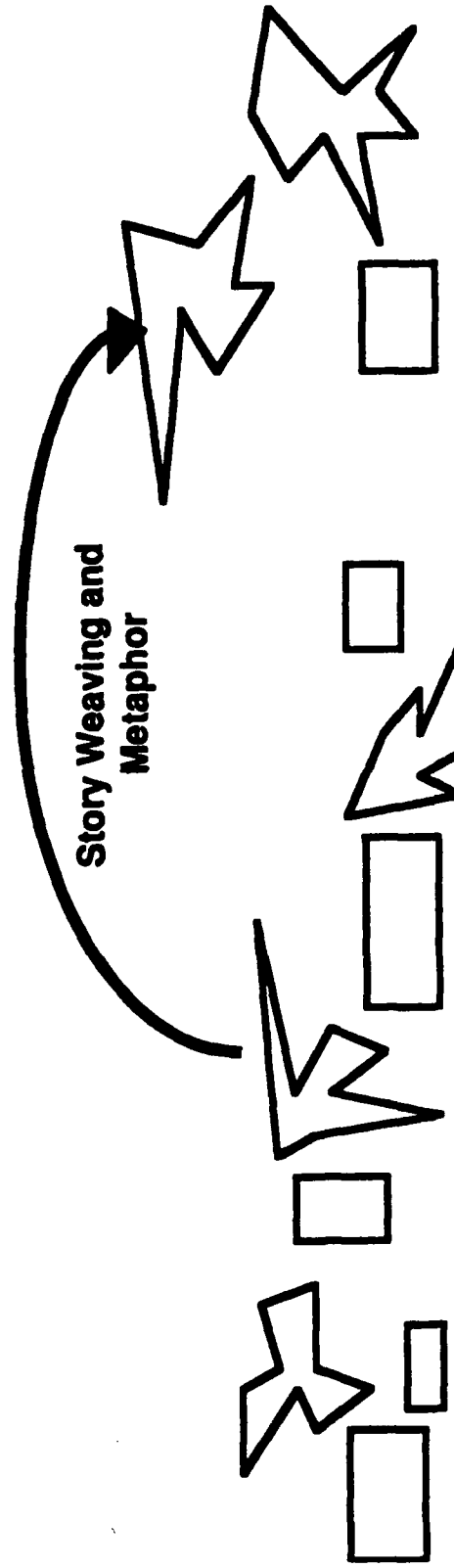
- Terms referring to one domain are used to understand another domain

Example:

- alkylolation plant operators who view the plant as an organism

"She's getting jittery now"

General Assumptions or Conclusions
all x's are y's"



Representations of Particular things and events

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TRIAL AND ERROR APPROACHES

- **Organizing and conducting "experiments" that put questions to the world**

Examples:

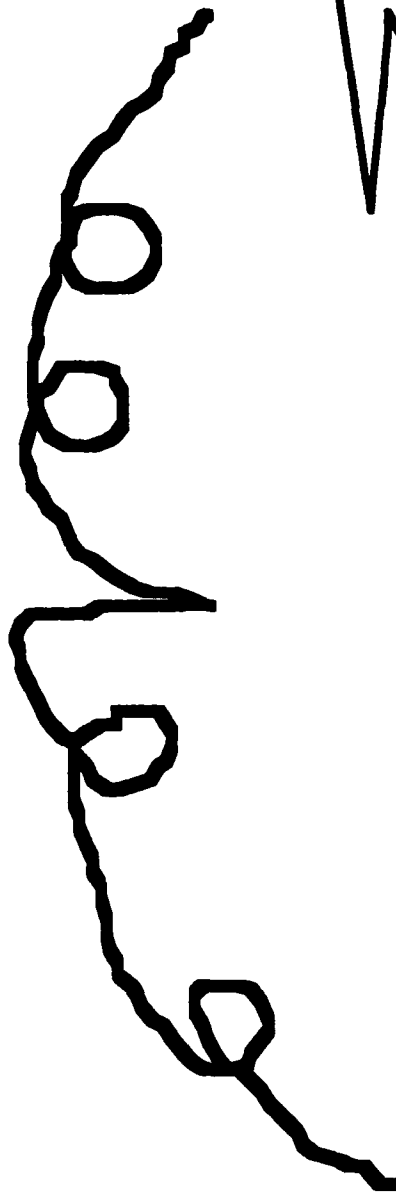
Thought experiments
Systematic and unsystematic grouping
What-if games



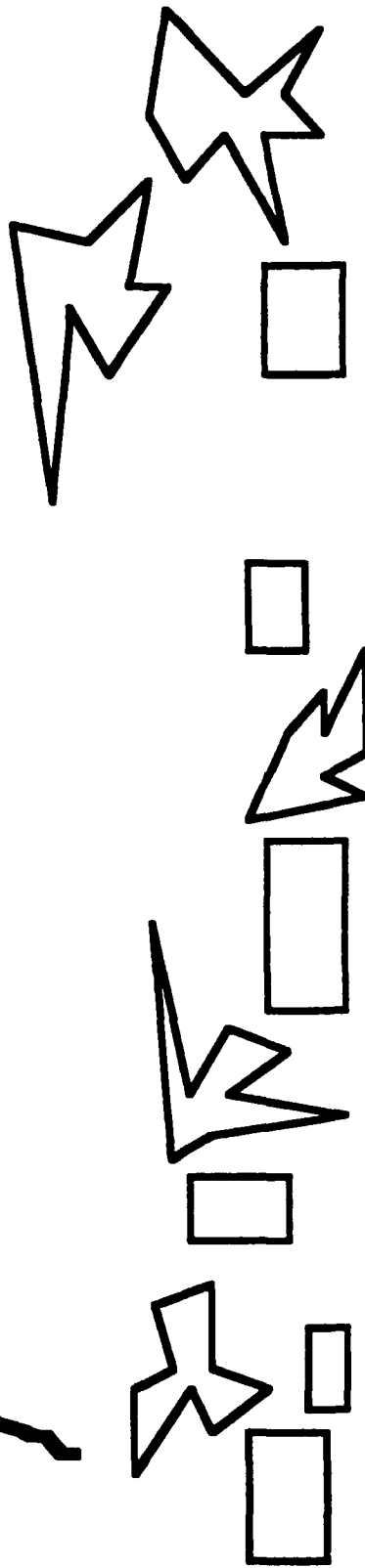
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General Assumptions or Conclusions
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Trial and Error Approaches



Representations of Particular things and events



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ABDUCTION

- a form of inference which results in the generation of a hypothesis
- working from what we want to explain to that which would explain it

The process:

Study the "facts"

Devise a hypothesis, H, to explain the facts

This involves an original suggestion or idea

If H were true, the facts would be explained

Therefore, there is reason to think that H is true



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ABDUCTIVE INFERENCE

Constraints on abductive inference

Logic

Our knowledge of cognitive psychology

Our understanding of social and physical reality

The justification of abductive inference

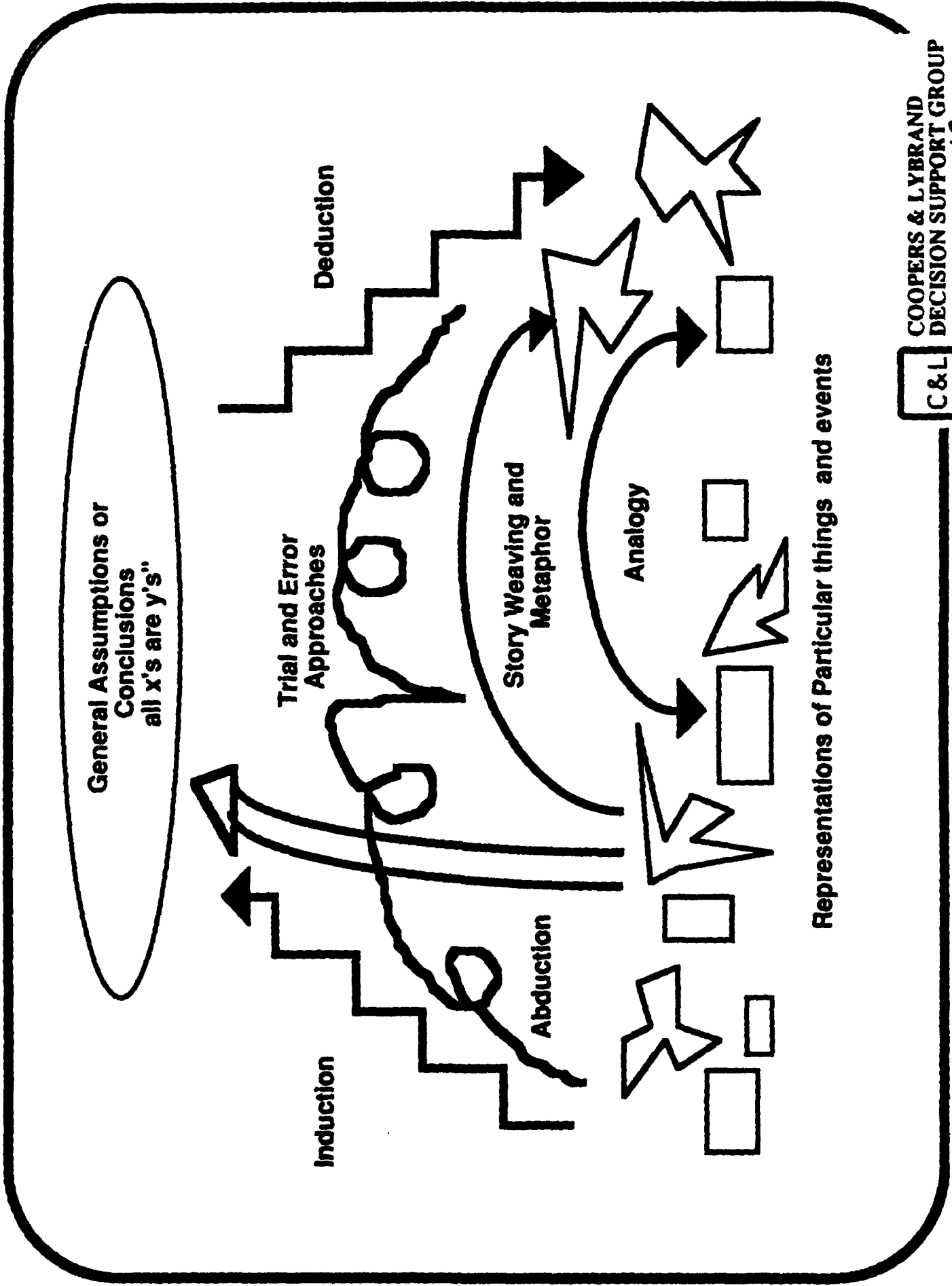
**"The only justification is the justification of
desperation"**

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Abduction

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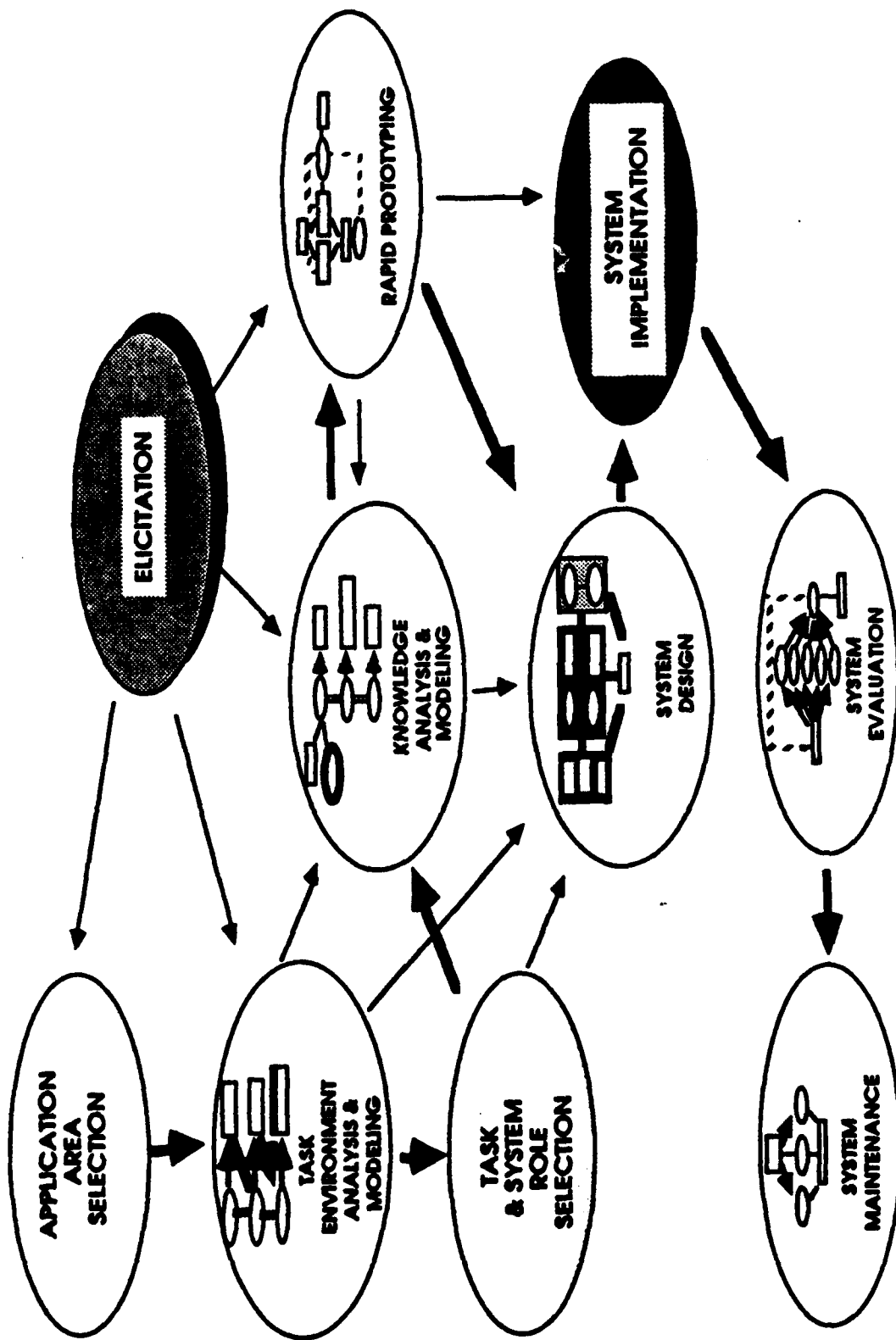


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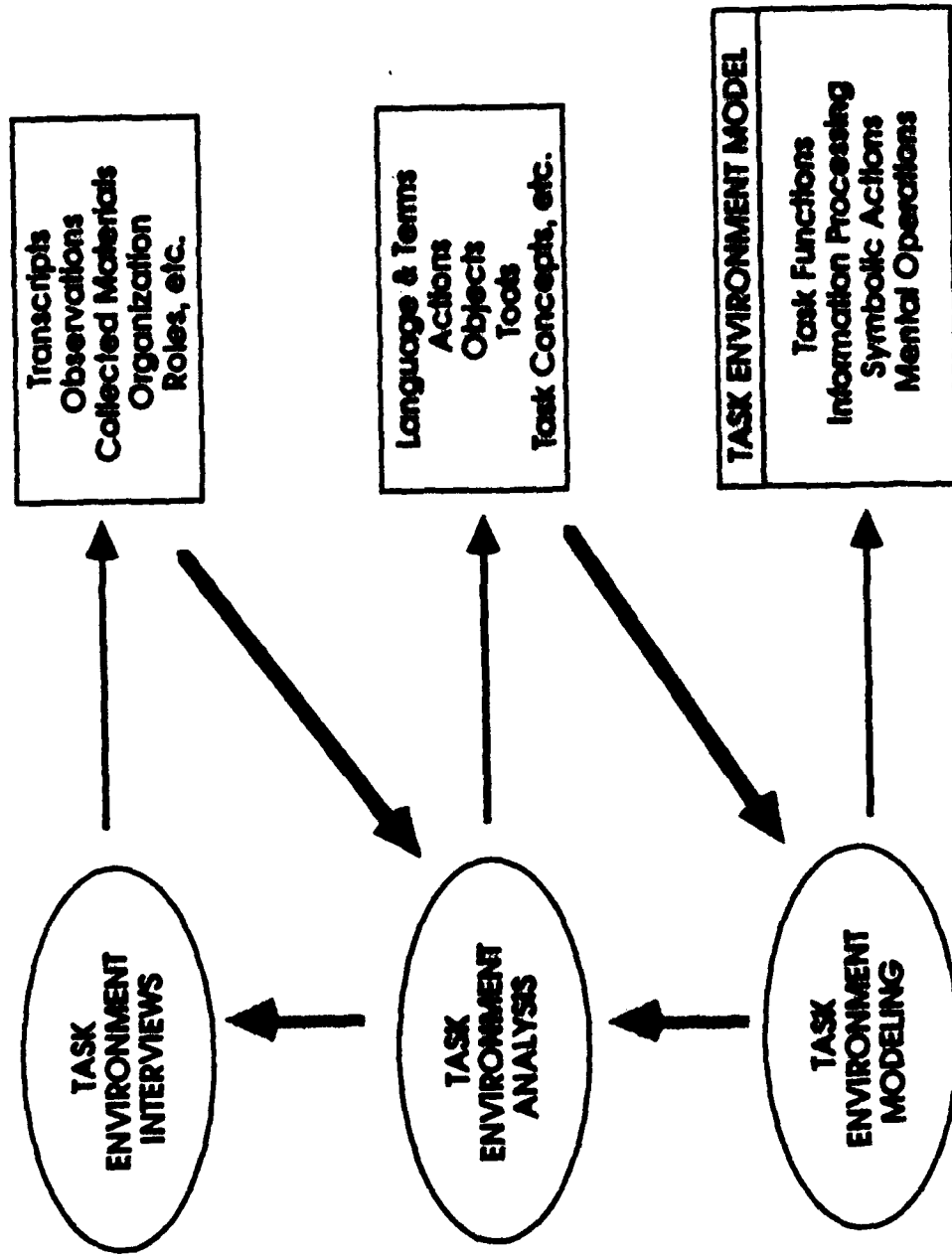


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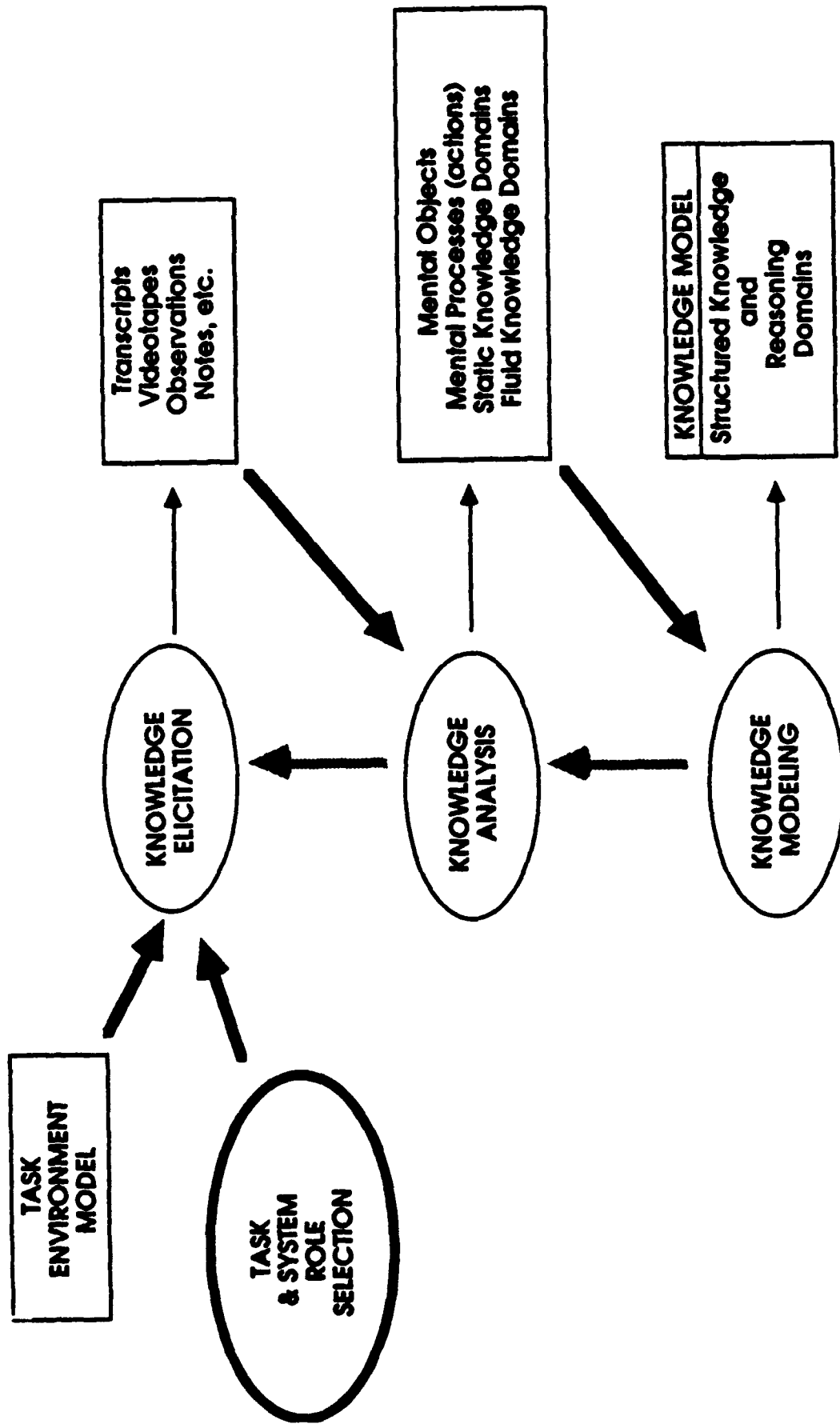
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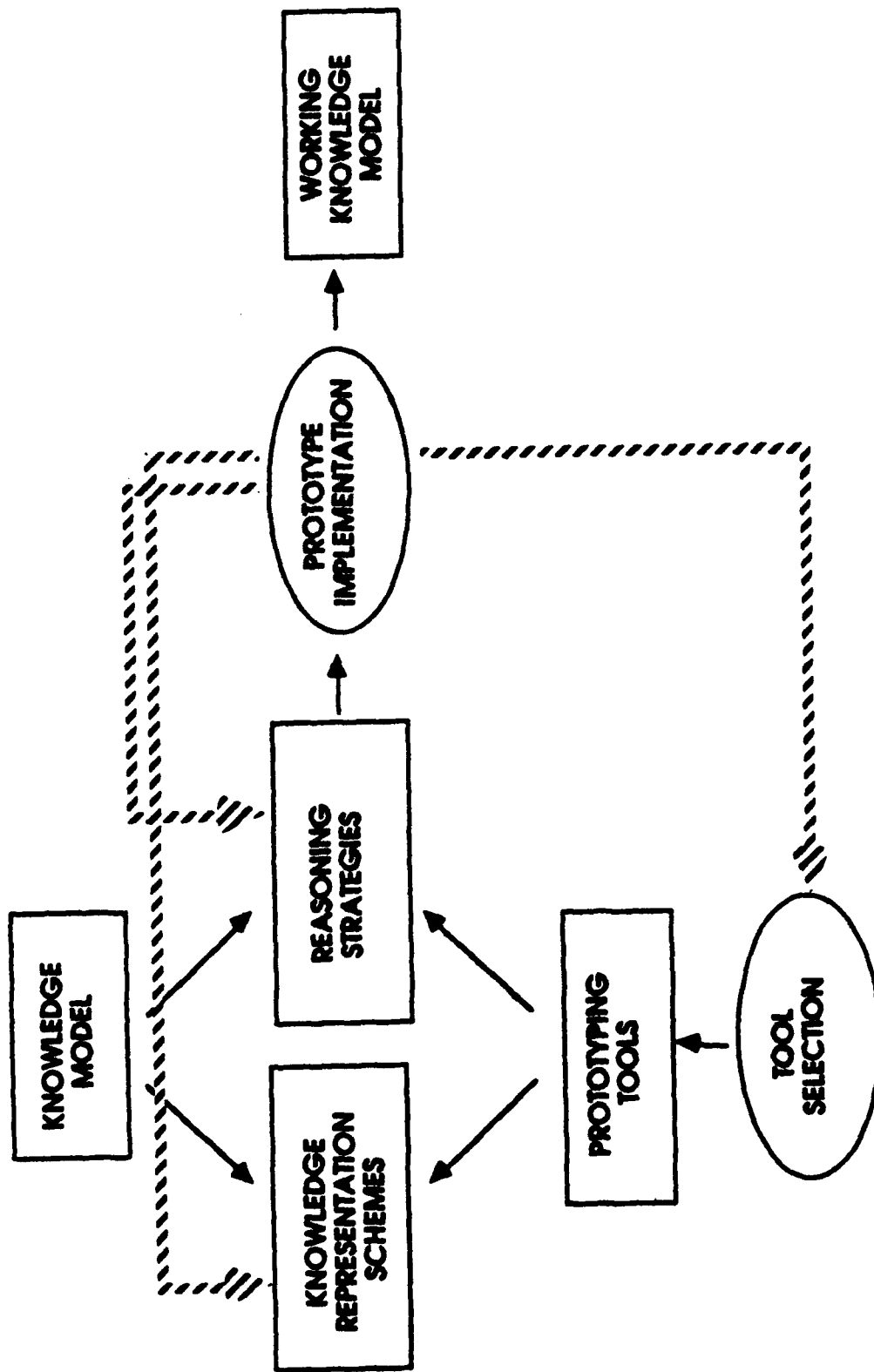
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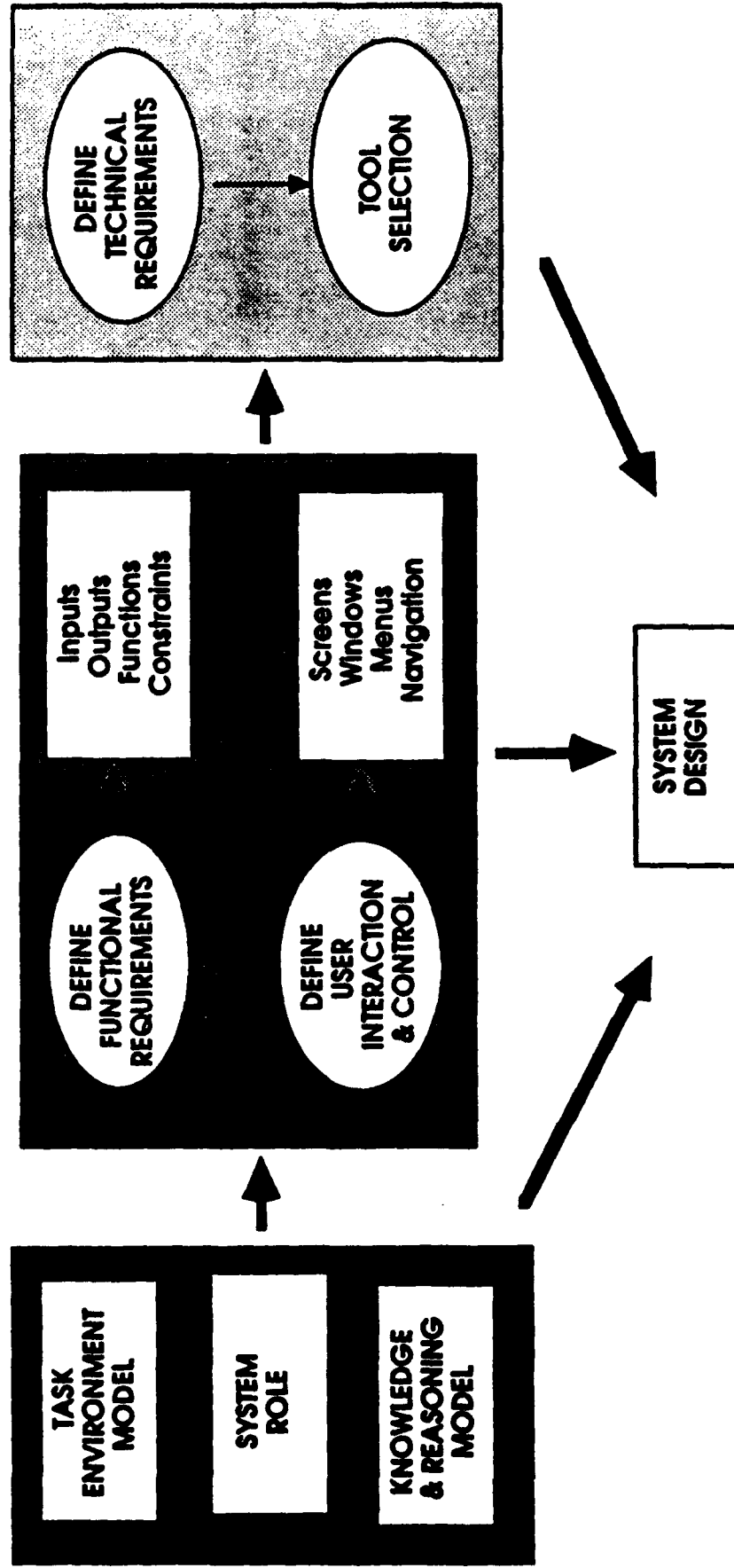
KNOWLEDGE ANALYSIS AND MODELING



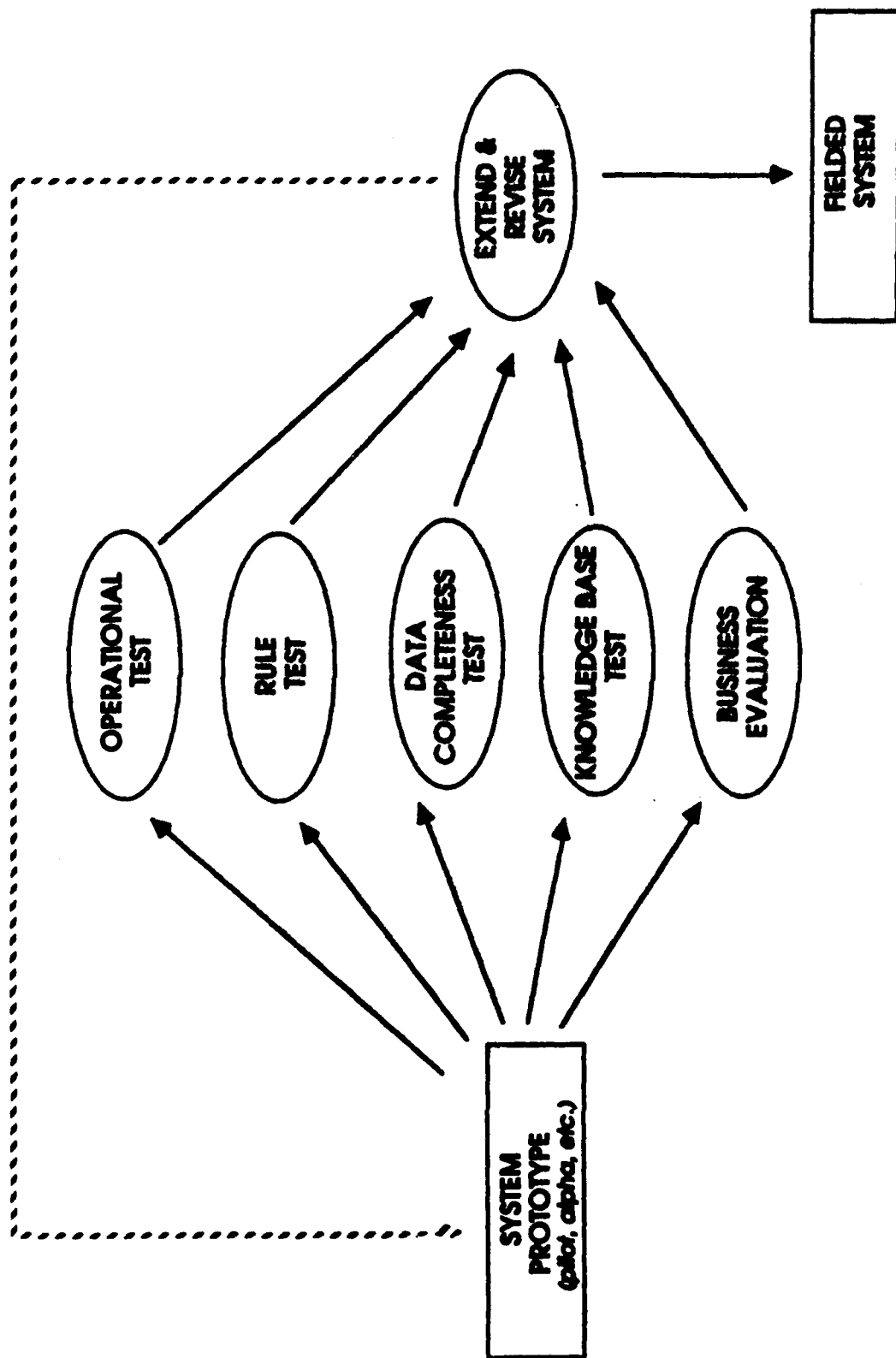
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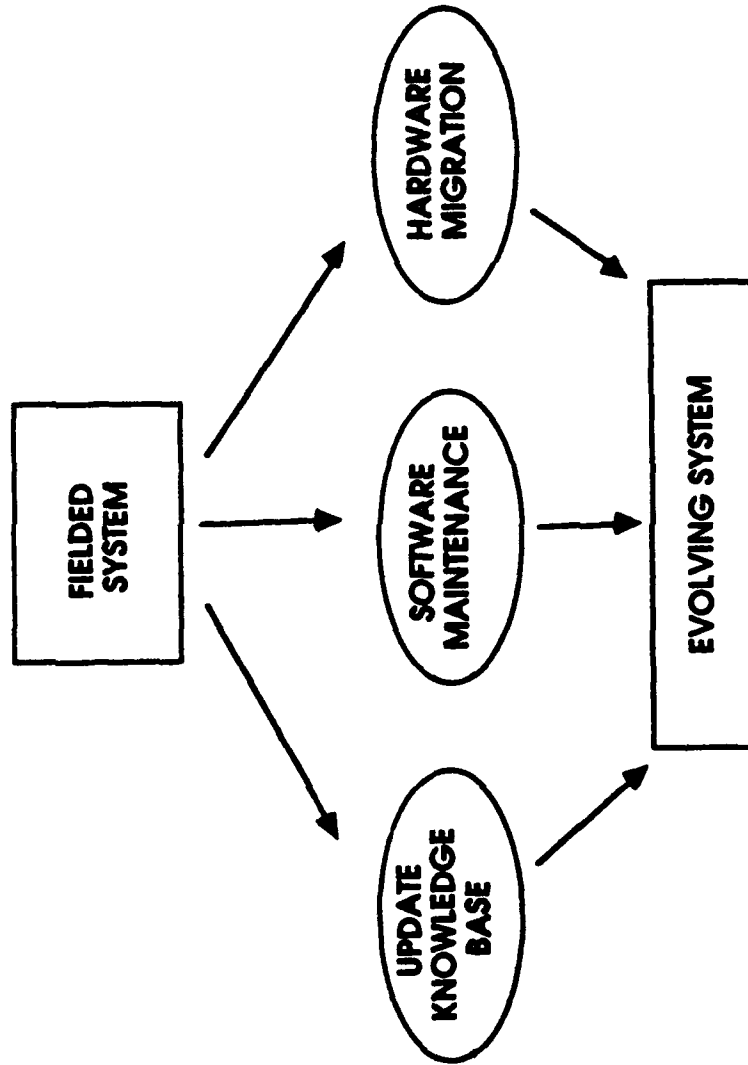
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SYSTEM EVALUATION



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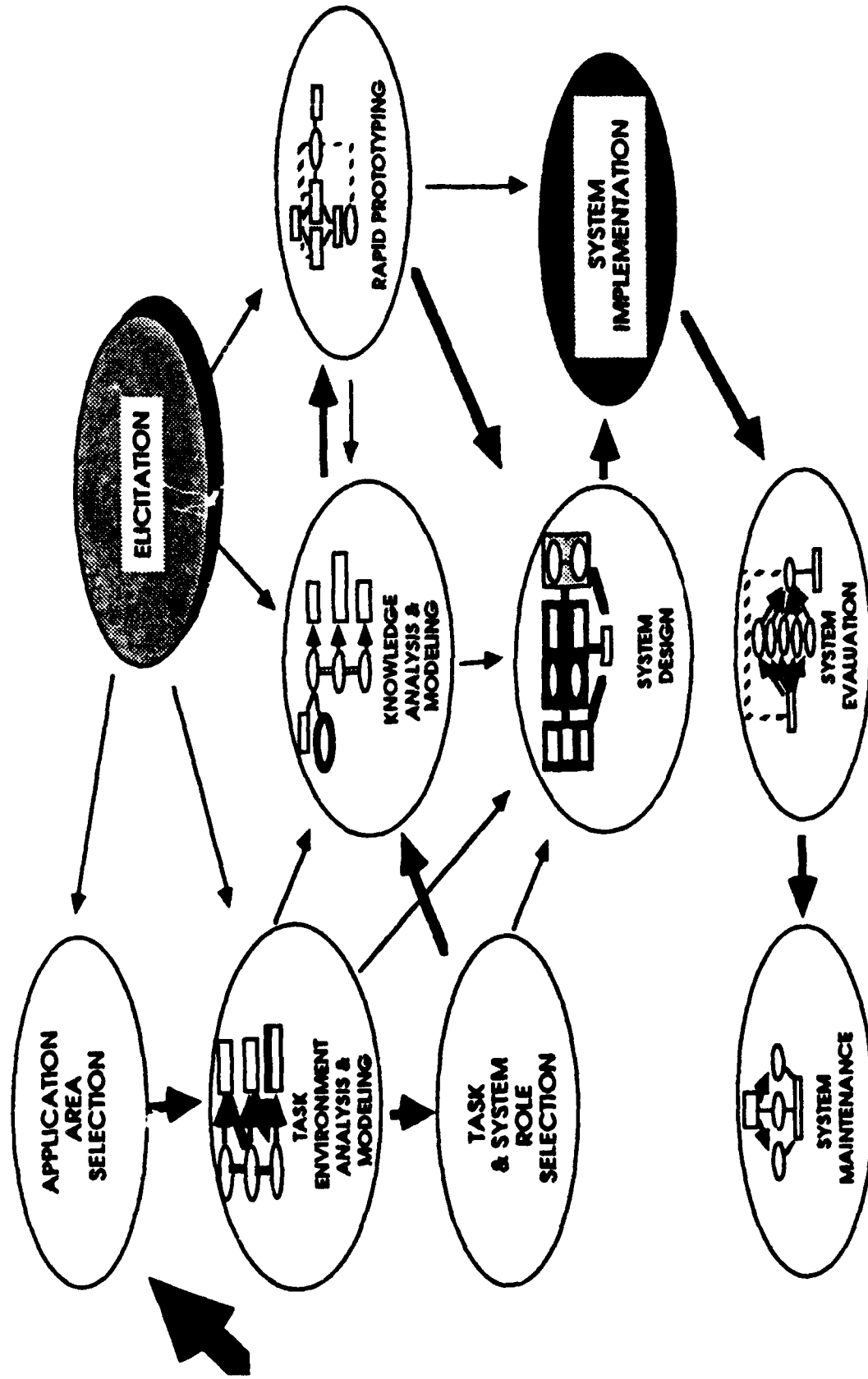


Modify the Methodology when:

- **Knowledge is widely distributed throughout the organization**
- **A detailed task environment model is not feasible**
- **Time and budget are constrained**
- **An embedded system is required**
- **Use the methodology as a grab-bag of tools and techniques**

APPLICATION SELECTION

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MOTIVATION TO BUILD EXPERT SYSTEMS

KNOWLEDGE

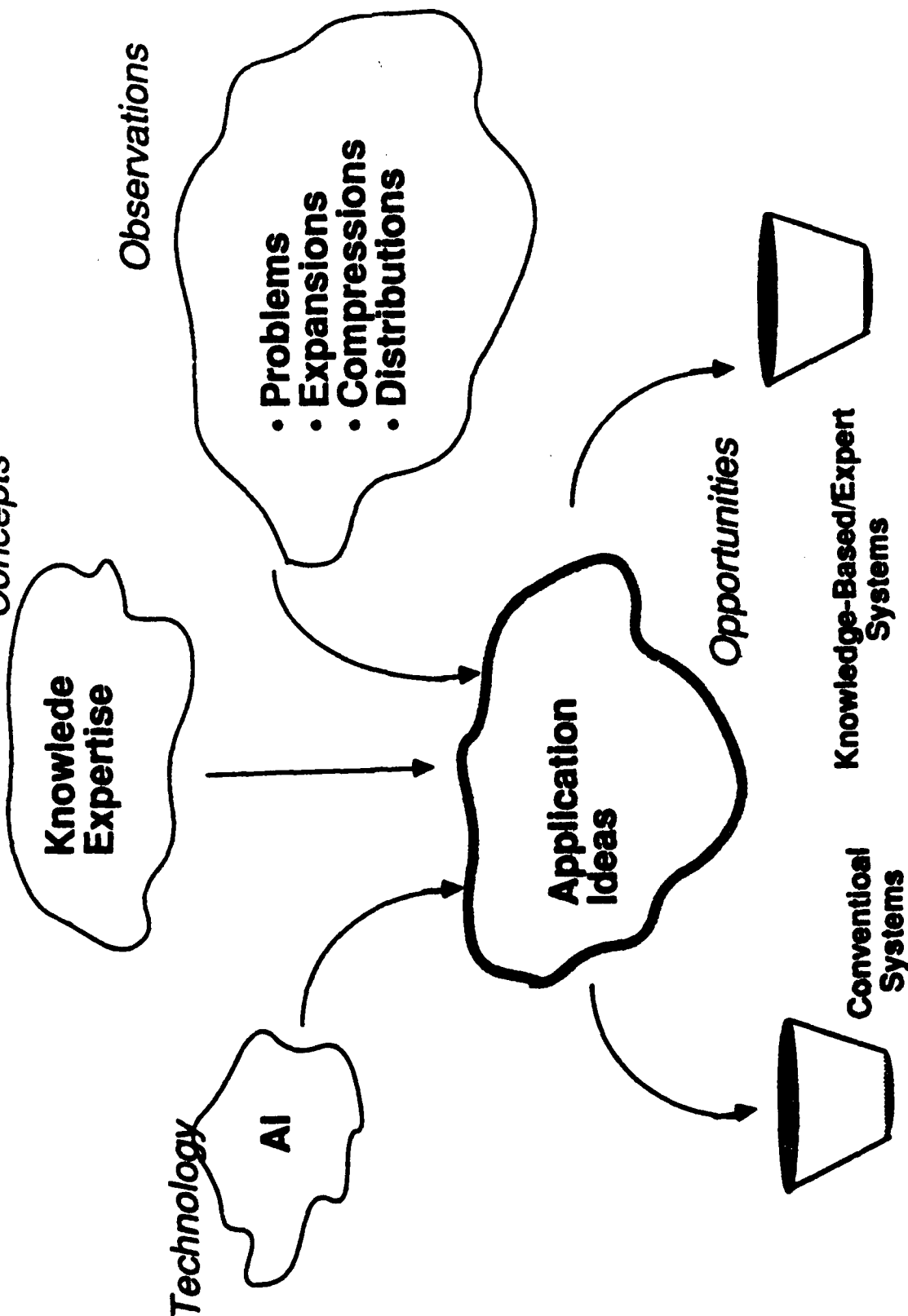
- **Leverage Expertise**
 - **Capturing**
 - **Structuring**
 - **Preserving**
 - **Enhancing**
 - **Distributing**

BUSINESS

- **Extend Benefit Streams**
- **Create Competitive Advantages**
- **Leverage Opportunities**
- **Reduce Risks**

APPLICATION SELECTION

Concepts



PROBLEMS IN PERFORMING KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE TASKS

Human Memory:

- overwhelmed
- forgetting
- distortions
- blind spots
- dead ends

Intelligence:

- weak in ancillary areas
- need for various types of intelligences

Social Division of Labor

- labor/knowledge mismatch
- temporal discontinuities
- "seeing through other worlds"

EXPANSIONS OF KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE TASKS

TASK WORLD

- Expert performers must know more
- More expert performers needed

TASK KNOWLEDGE

- New principles must be incorporated
- Integrate changing principles with existing ones

COMPRESSIONS OF KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE TASKS

- **Do more tasks performances/time unit**
- **Cover more of a task performance/time unit**
- **Consider more possibilities, options, outcomes/time unit**
- **Cover more highly selective subtleties/time unit**

DISTRIBUTIONS OF KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE TASKS

- **Move Expertise to Novices**
- **Move Expertise to**
 - **Automated Processes**
 - **Physical Preparations**
 - **Field Operations**
 - **Customers**
- **Add Expertise to Information**



CANDIDATE FOR A FIRST EXPERT SYSTEM APPLICATION

- **It matters**
- **A valuable asset exists**
- **It can be exploited**
- **It can be done**
- **It can't be done in other ways**

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

- **Identify the Critical Knowledge Factors of the Organization**
- **Identify Opportunities for Leveraging Knowledge within the Organization**
- **Develop a Perspective of the Value of Knowledge for the Organization**
- **Identify the Necessary R&D activities**



APPLICATION SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Business Opportunities**
- **Nature of the Expertise**
- **Characteristics of the User Organization**
- **Technical/Development Issues**
- **Cost/Benefit Analyses**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

- **What are the Current and Future Missions of the Organization?**
- **What is the Value of this Task to Present Operations?**
- **What is the Value of this Task to Future Operations?**
- **What are the Current Bottlenecks and Pressure Points?**
- **What are the Potential Benefit Streams?**
- **What Operational Changes will be Required to make this system effective?**



NATURE OF THE EXPERTISE

- **Do Human Experts Exist?**
 - one, several?
- **Is Expert Performance Clearly Better?**
- **Is the Task Based on Judgement?**
- **Does the task require only narrowly specialized knowledge?**
- **What "types of intelligence" are required to be successful (e.g. linguistic, logical, spatial, etc.)?**
- **Is there Adequate Access to Experts?**
- **What Documentation and Training Exist?**

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE USER ORGANIZATION

- **Is the Application Area a Concern to the User Community?**
- **Are the Users Interested in Supporting a KBS?**
- **Is there Support (approval vs. budget) from User Management?**
- **To what Degree will this System Change the User Operation?**

TECHNICAL/DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

- **Does the System Require the Use of AI Technology?**
- **Is the System Implementable with Available Tools?**
 - **development**
 - **delivery**
- **What are the Systems Integration Requirements?**
- **What Technical Resources are Available?**
 - **personnel**
 - **tools**



COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS

- **Is there a high pay-off?**
- **What is the ratio of expected value vs. costs?**
 - "standard" benefits
 - other "benefit streams"
- **What is the Internal Return on Investment?**
- **How Long is the Expected Pay-Back Period?**
- **How Variable are the Projected Costs, Timing, and Budgets?**

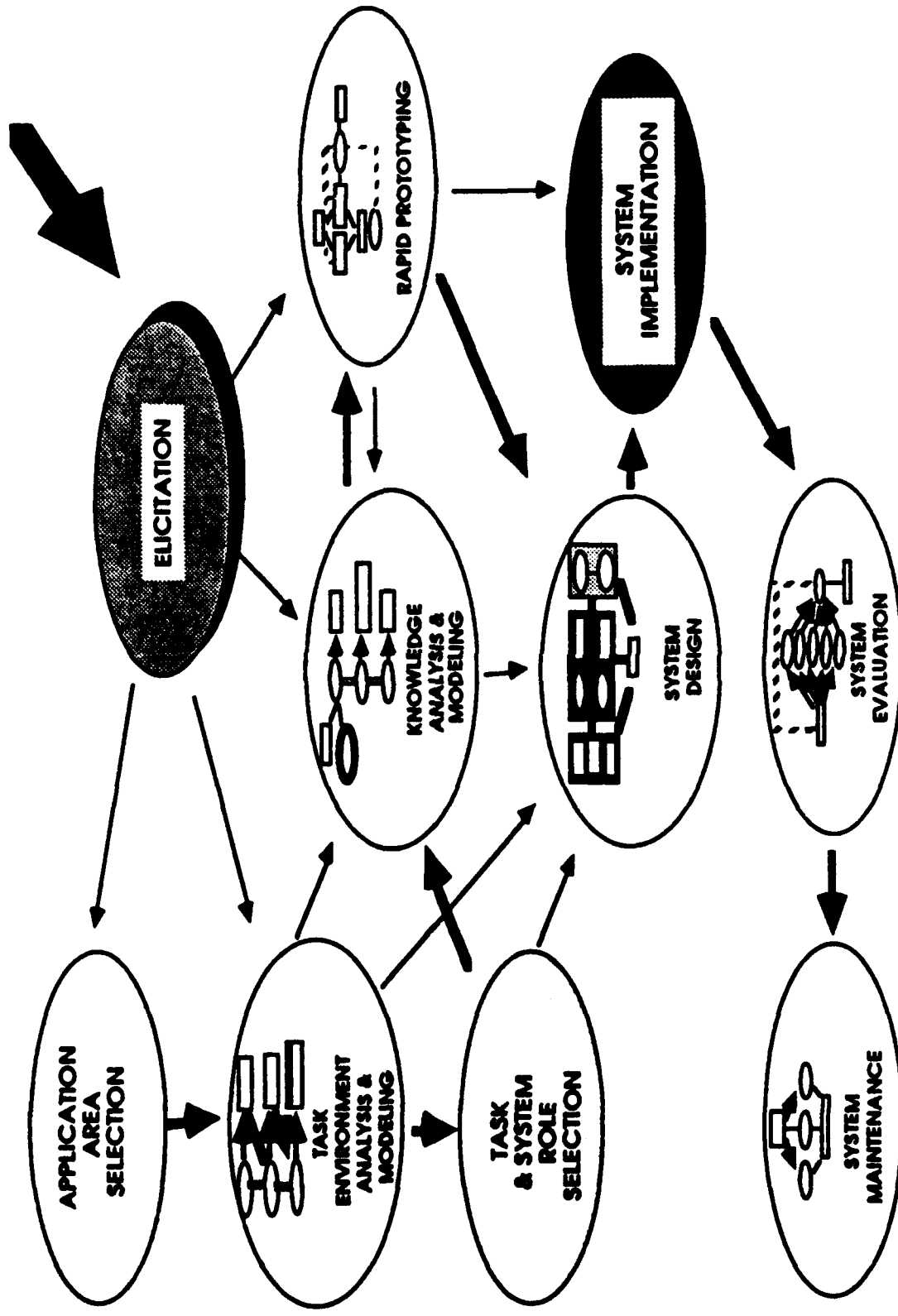


APPROACHES TO APPLICATION SELECTION

- **Senior Management Designates Application**
- **Senior Management Brainstorming Workshops**
- **Identification by Technical Group; Selection by Management**
- **Identification and Selection by Technical Group through Systematic Management Interviews**
- **End User Computing**

KNOWLEDGE ELICITATION

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WHY "ELICITATION?"

- "Acquisition" suggests a conquering role (emphasis on the acquirer)
- "Extraction" suggests dentistry (pain) or mining (forcible removal of a non-renewable resource)
- "Elicitation" suggests a collaborative role (emphasis on the process, and the delicacy required to preserve the integrity of the knowledge sought).

TWO APPROACHES TO KNOWLEDGE PROFILING

(Classic) Systems Development

(New) Knowledge Engineering

SCOPE

Exclusiveness: Consider only what the computer can do

Richness: Grasp all that's going on prior to selection of parts to be worked on

MENTAL SET

Preconception: If-then logic will prevail

Preconception: Some kind of valid rationale will eventually become clear

ROLE

System spec: Developer imagines how he would solve the problem

System spec: Really has to be worked into by the expert, user and developer

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESS OF KNOWLEDGE ELICITATION

Between the Knowledge Elicitation Team and the Experts

- **Four parallel interactive, evolutionary processes**
 - **Mutual trust building**
 - **Cognitive calibration**
 - **Getting to presuppositions**
 - **Verified informational transfer**



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MUTUAL TRUST BUILDING

- **Identify Common References / Experiences**
- **Test Reliability and Integrity**
- **Share Private Values and Opinions**
- **Sharing Vulnerabilities**



COGNITIVE CALIBRATION

- **Identify Type of Knowledge Holders**
- **Discover & Overcome Obvious Systematic Differences**
- **Eliciter Adapts to the Expert**
- **Expert Becomes More Aware of What to Express to Eliciter**



GETTING TO PRESUPPOSITIONS

- **Why does the Expert Think He's Here?**
- **Notice Assumptions / Implications**



VERIFIED INFORMATION TRANSFER

- **Information Independently Known to be True**
- **Probing and Feedback**
- **Consistency Tests**



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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESS OF KNOWLEDGE ELICITATION

Internal to the Knowledge Elicitation Team

- **Recursive process**
 - **Landmarking**
 - **Comparing to what**
 - **Establishing patterns**
 - **Mapping and detailing**

LANDMARKING

- "Surviving the Unknown"
- Identifying:
 - The "Obvious"
 - "Mirages"
 - "Swamps & Quicksand"
- Creating a Vocabulary for the Team



COMPARING TO WHAT

- **"Objectifying Subjective Experience"**
- **Compare to:**
 - **Other Expertise**
 - **Other Experts**
 - **Me and You**
 - **Models**
 - **Theories**

ESTABLISHING PATTERNS

- "Attributing Order"
- Look for Patterns
 - Logic
 - Analogy
 - Taxonomy
 - Organizing Principles
 - Rules



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MAPPING AND DETAILING

- **"Describing Reality"**
- **Identify**
 - **Fundamentals**
 - **Consequences**
 - **Links**
 - **Descriptors**
 - **Closure/Completeness Criteria**

WHAT TO DO AFTER CHOOSING THE EXPERTISE TYPE THAT FITS A KNOWLEDGE HOLDER

- **Test whether attribution is accurate**
- **Achieve matching communication mode**
- **Revise hypotheses about the functionality of the anticipated system accordingly**
- **Use corresponding structure to determine elicitation techniques**



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TEST WHETHER ATTRIBUTION IS ACCURATE

(Continued)

What kind of training does the expert have?

- PP:** Formal training that features logical conceptual structure: Academic emphasis (Degrees and certifications may be important)
- PKW:** Apprenticeship, or other "guided" experience (experience at progressively more sophisticated levels of activity may be important)
- PERF:** Discipleship to a master
- CN:** Tend to be "naturals" (Experimental/ideological training)



ACHIEVE MATCHING COMMUNICATIONS MODE

- Seeking *truth* and conforming with scientific standards is the fundamental issue for the *professional practitioner*
- The *practical knowledge worker* takes particular pride in *efficiency* and/or coping with volume-induced pressure
- The *practical knowledge worker* tends to believe that the *information (s)he needs is random, casual or free floating*
- Performers value the esthetic, but primarily as it relates to their own performances (*ego-centered*)
- To the *communicator-negotiator*, being professionally competent involves keeping his "*client*," "*under control*"

REVISE HYPOTHESES ABOUT THE FUNCTIONALITY OF THE ANTICIPATED SYSTEM ACCORDINGLY

- A prototype system for a *professional practitioner* may often take the form of a *typical example*., with further development following similar examples or other logically related steps
- A prototype system for a *practical knowledge worker* will be a few "*strategic*" sequences within their task - may be inherent to core expertise or only supportive of it
- *Performer's* prototypes are for support purposes only
- Most prototypes for *communicating negotiators* will be support only, an extended system will probably come from knowledge worker or professional practitioner aspects of communicating negotiator work

USE CORRESPONDING STRUCTURE TO GUIDE ELICITATION

- E.G.: Expect *practical knowledge workers* to be interested and convinced there's "structure" behind their work only after the elicitors have demonstrated that structure
- E.G.: Expect *communicating negotiators* to be bewildered about the results expected from the process for an unbearably long time
- E.G.: Expect *scientifically trained experts who are acting as practical knowledge workers* to pick up every cue that suggests they "should" be functioning like professional practitioners
- E.G.: Expect *experienced system developers* to be strongly under the influence of the *professional practitioner* model
- E.G.: Expect *performers* to turn their interaction with you into a performance

KNOWLEDGE ELICITATION TECHNIQUES

- **Direct Methods**
- **Indirect Methods**



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KNOWLEDGE ELICITATION TECHNIQUES

DIRECT METHODS

- **Interviews**
 - **structured vs. unstructured**
 - **individual vs. group**
- **Observation**
- **Simulation**
- **Interactive Prototyping**
- **Protocol Analysis**
- **Questionnaires**
- **Closed Curves**
- **Inferential Flows**

KNOWLEDGE ELICITATION TECHNIQUES

INDIRECT METHODS

- **Machine Induction**
- **Extraction From Codified Sources**
- **Multi-Dimensional Scaling**
- **Conceptual Sorting**
- **General Weighted Networks**
- **Ordered Trees**
- **Repertory Grid Analysis**
- **Hierarchies**

INTERVIEWS

DESCRIPTION:

Experts give informal or prepared tutorial on the task domain and functions; various formats but generally directed by knowledge elicitor

ADVANTAGES:

Access to Public/Shared Knowledge
Easy to Use
Lots of Information Gained Quickly

DISADVANTAGES:

Relies on Recall from Long Term Memory
Time Consuming
Expensive

BEST USE:

Task Environment Elicitation
Initial Knowledge Elicitation
all types of Knowledge Holders

INTERVIEWS

- **Structured vs. Unstructured**
- **Group vs. Individual**
- **Competence vs. Performance**



COMPETENCE INTERVIEWS

Retrospective Reports which Document:

- the structure of the task environment
- the structure of the task
- the structure of the task knowledge

Consisting of:

- descriptions of the task environment
- descriptions of the mental artifacts of the task knowledge
- recalls of habitual procedures
- recalls of most-used strategies
- self reflection (meta-comments)

Require

No Special Set Up



PERFORMANCE INTERVIEWS

Concurrent Reports which Document:

Real-Time sequences of knowledge and reasoning states

Consisting of:

- **descriptions of the task environment**
- **descriptions of task operators**
- **descriptions of task goals**
- **a dump of short term memory**
- **very few meta-comments**

Require

The Natural Task Environment



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PROTOCOL ANALYSIS

DESCRIPTION:

Expert gives verbal account of what he/she is doing/thinking about during a task performance

ADVANTAGES:

Permits Inference of "Private Knowledge"
Good way to get Details of Specific Mental Actions

DISADVANTAGES:

Can interfere with Task Performance
Difficult for Some Experts to Verbalize
Analysis is Laborious

BEST USE:

Second Round Knowledge Elicitation

HOW TO CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW

- Preparation
 - Identify the goals of the interview
 - Determine the type of interview
 - Do background work and prepare accordingly
- Roles
 - lead interviewer
 - support interviewer
 - recorder (notes, audio and video tapes)
- Timing
 - between elicitation team
 - with experts

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Allow Expert to Talk
- Try to Avoid Interruptions
- Try to Avoid Imposing Your Own Interpretation
- Use the Experts' Language if Possible

SIMULATION

DESCRIPTION:

Creation of an environment to induce a performance; various formats

ADVANTAGES:

Ability to get Performance Knowledge without Impacting Operations

DISADVANTAGES:

**Can be Contrived
Can be Impractical and Expensive**

BEST USE:

Knowledge Elicitation in Sensitive Environments

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SIMULATION

- **Task Environment**
- **Envisioned Expert System**
- **Expert/Novice**
 - **Experts' hands, eyes, etc.**

SIMULATION OF THE TASK ENVIRONMENT

Artificially Elicited Comments which Document:

Sequences of knowledge and reasoning states

Consisting of

- **descriptions of the task materials**
- **descriptions of task operators**
- **descriptions of task goals**
- **meta-comments**

Require

A Collection of Task Materials

A Set-Up of the Task Environment



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SIMULATION OF THE ENVISIONED SYSTEM

Artificially Elicited Comments which Document:

Required interactions between system and user

Consisting of

- requests for information
- form of anticipated advice
- intuitive navigation through system

Require

A Collection of Task Materials

Staging to simulate expert system/user

SIMULATION OF EXPERT'S EYES, HANDS, ETC.

Artificially Elicited Comments which Document:

Information heeded during task performance

The interaction between information and knowledge

Consisting of

- requests for information**
- active verbal protocols**

Require

A Collection of Task Materials

Selective limitation of

- avenues of communication**
- accessibility of information**



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OBSERVATION

DESCRIPTION:

Oberserving and recording the expert during an uninterrupted performance of the task; generally directed by the expert

ADVANTAGES:

**Develop Common Understanding of the Task Environment
Identify User/Expert Roles**

DISADVANTAGES:

**Can be Highly Sensitive
Possibility of Interrupting Operations
Heavy Burden on Elicitor**

BEST USE:

**Follow Up Task Environment Elicitation
Necessary in "Real-Time" Operational Settings**

INTERACTIVE PROTOTYPING

DESCRIPTION:

Working with the expert and a prototyping tool to determine the content and structure of the knowledge

ADVANTAGES:

Ability to Get the Experts' Structure Possible to Use as a Start for Rapid and/or System Prototyping

DISADVANTAGES:

Tools Dictate Available Structure
Can Intimidate some Experts

BEST USE:

Second Round Knowledge Elicitation with Computer Literate Experts



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EXTRACTION FROM CODIFIED SOURCES

DESCRIPTION:

Use previously codified sources
(textbooks, manuals, etc.) to derive rules

ADVANTAGES:

Quick and Inexpensive

DISADVANTAGES:

Only Allows Access to "Public Facts"
Often Leads to Systems which Do Not
Address the Cognitive Aspects of the Task

BEST USE:

For an Initial Demo to Gain Corporate
Commitment to a Project

MACHINE INDUCTION

DESCRIPTION:

Use inductive tool to generate rules from examples

ADVANTAGES:

Only Needs Examples, therefore Limits the Knowledge Modeling Effort

DISADVANTAGES:

Does not Address Cognitive Aspects
Rules Have Little Resemblance to those Elicited From Human Experts

BEST USE:

To develop rules in knowledge domains that are poorly understood



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POSSIBLE ELICITATION TECHNIQUES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF KNOWLEDGE

Types of Knowledge	Interviews	Observation	Simulation	Protocol Analysis	Interactive Prototyping	Extraction from Codified Sources	Machine- Induction
FACTS	X		X		X	X	
HEURISTICS			X	X	X		X
CONCEPTS/ RELATIONSHIPS	X				X		
CLASSIFICATIONS					X		X
META-KNOWLEDGE				X			
PROBLEM NEGOTIATION		X	X				
USER CHARACTERISTICS	X	X	X				
PROCEDURAL KNOWLEDGE		X	X				
TACIT KNOWLEDGE				X			X

POSSIBLE ELICITATION TECHNIQUES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS

Types of Knowledge Holders	Interviews	Observation	Simulation	Protocol Analysis	Interactive Prototyping	Extraction from Codified Sources	Machine- Induction
Professional Practitioner	● ● ●	● ● ○	○	○	○	● ●	
Practical Knowledge Worker	● ○	● ● ● ○	● ○	● ○	○	● ●	● ○
Communicating Negotiator	● ○	● ● ● ○	● ○	● ○	○	● ●	
Performer	● ○	● ● ● ○	● ○	● ○		● ●	○

● application selection

● task env. analysis

○ knowledge elicitation 1

○ knowledge elicitation 2

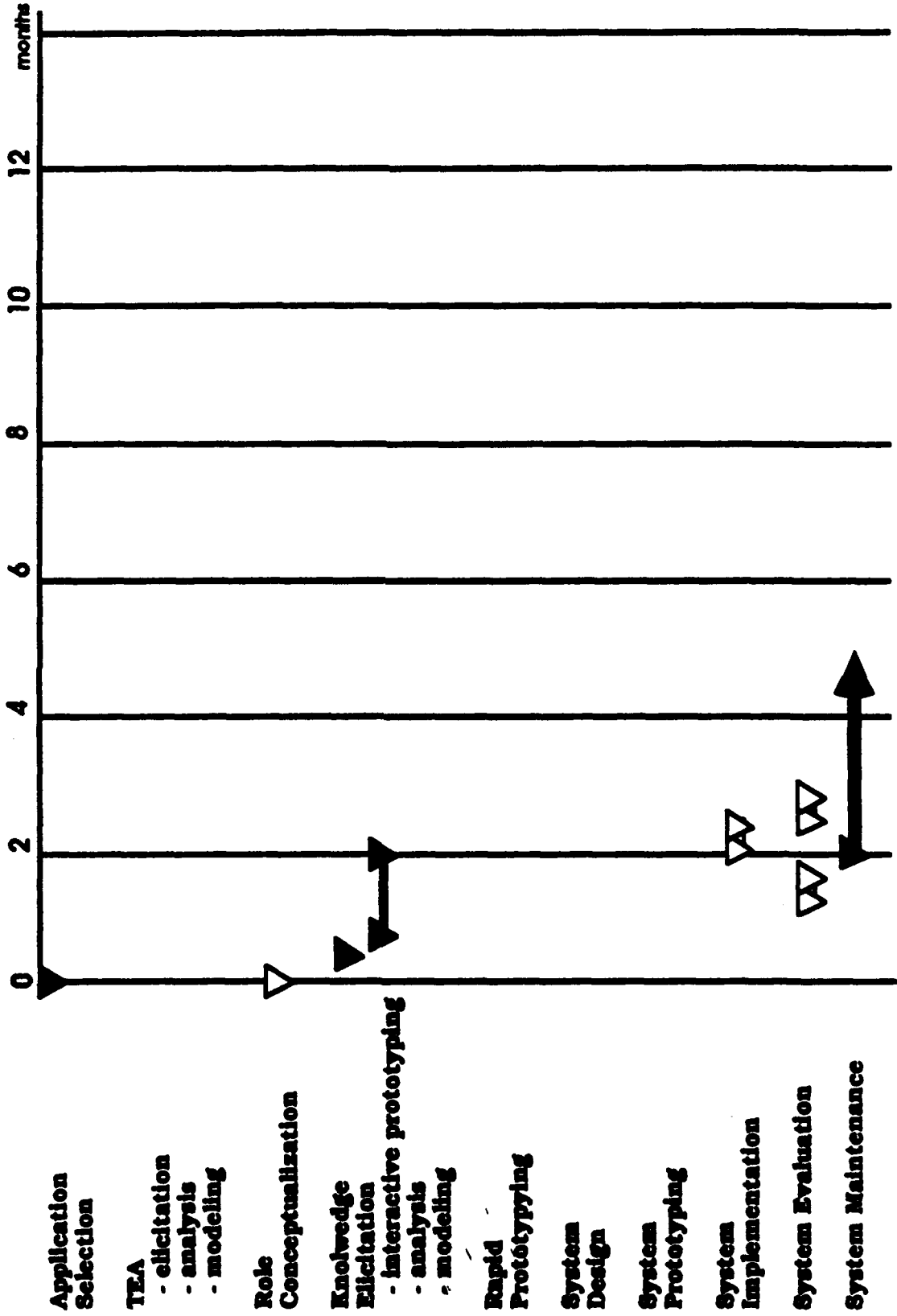
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PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND ROLES OF THE PROJECT TEAM

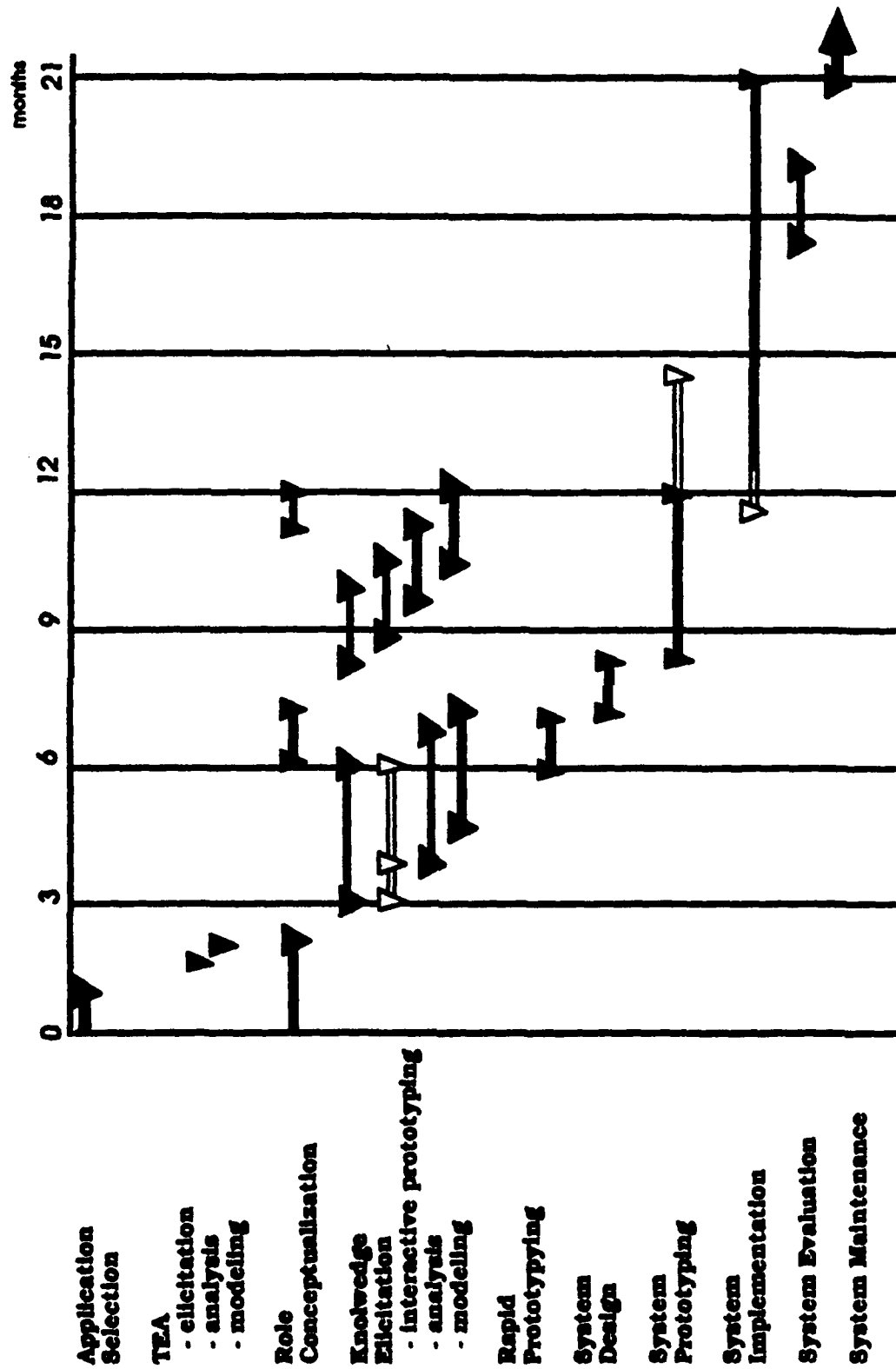
TYPES OF PROJECTS

	Stand-Alone; Single User; Supports Professional Function; Self Developed	Stand-Alone; Sporadic User; Supports Business Function; Team Developed	Integrated; Multiple Users; Supports Important Business Function; Team Developed	Fully Integrated; Multiple Users; Supports Vital Business Function; Team Developed
Small Knowledge Base Up to 500 Clauses	Small System		Medium Sized System	
Medium-Sized Knowledge Base 500-5,000 Clauses				
Large Knowledge Base Above 5,000 Clauses				Large System

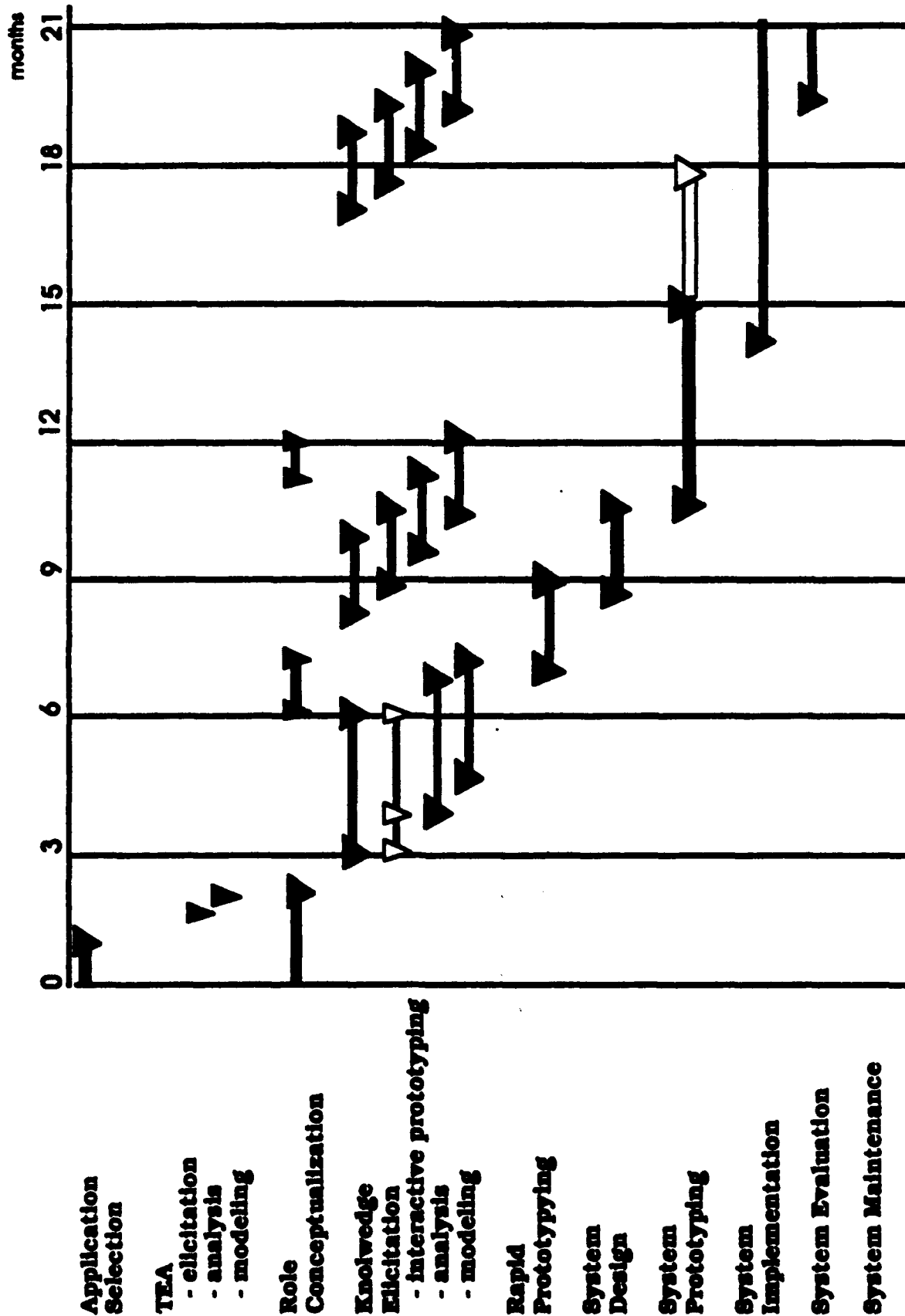
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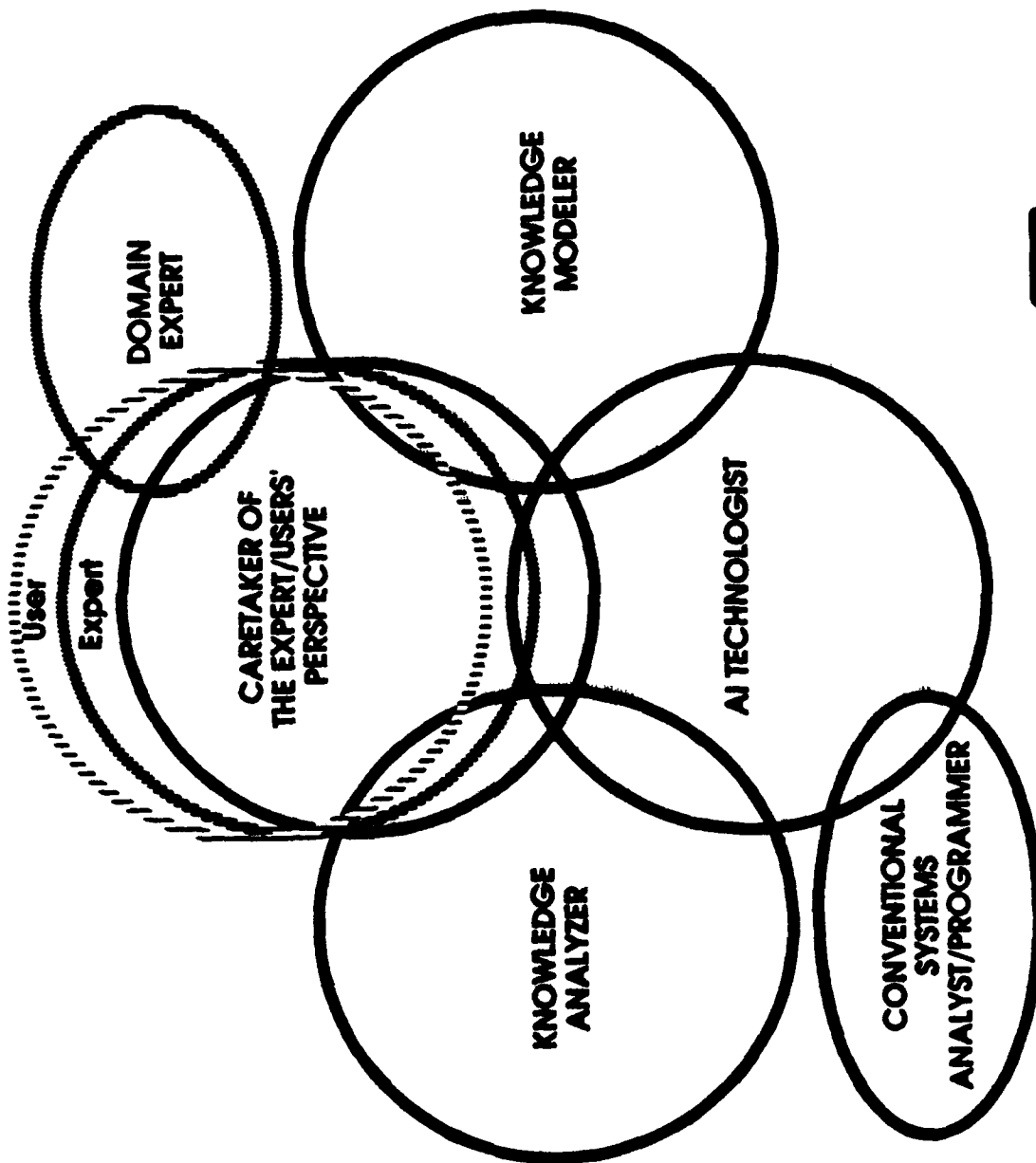
MEDIUM-SIZED SYSTEMS



LARGE SYSTEMS



TEAM ROLES



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CARETAKER OF THE EXPERT/USER PERSPECTIVE

- KNOWS HOW TO FIND OUT**
- **WHAT AN EXPERT KNOWS AND**
 - **WHAT THE USERS WANT**

SKILLS

- **Relationship skills**
- **Interviewing skills**
- **Assertiveness skills**
- **Verbal/conceptual skills**
- **Enthusiasm for subject matter**
- **Applications sense**

KNOWLEDGE ANALYZER

KNOWS HOW TO IDENTIFY THE ELEMENTS,
THE KEY RELATIONSHIPS AND THE PRINCIPLES
WHICH MAKE UP A BODY OF EXPERTISE

SKILLS

- Linguistic Skills
- "Psycho-Analysis"
- Sociological skills
- Communication skills



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KNOWLEDGE MODELER

**KNOWS HOW TO MAKE SENSE OF WHAT AN
EXPERT KNOWS**

SKILLS

- **Technical philosophy (especially logic)**
- **Conceptual synthesizer**
- **Cognitive psychology**



AI TECHNOLOGIST

**KNOWS WHAT PROBLEMS CAN BE HANDLED
BY AI SYSTEMS AND HOW TO REDUCE THEM INTO
A SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND COMPUTER
SOFTWARE**

SKILLS

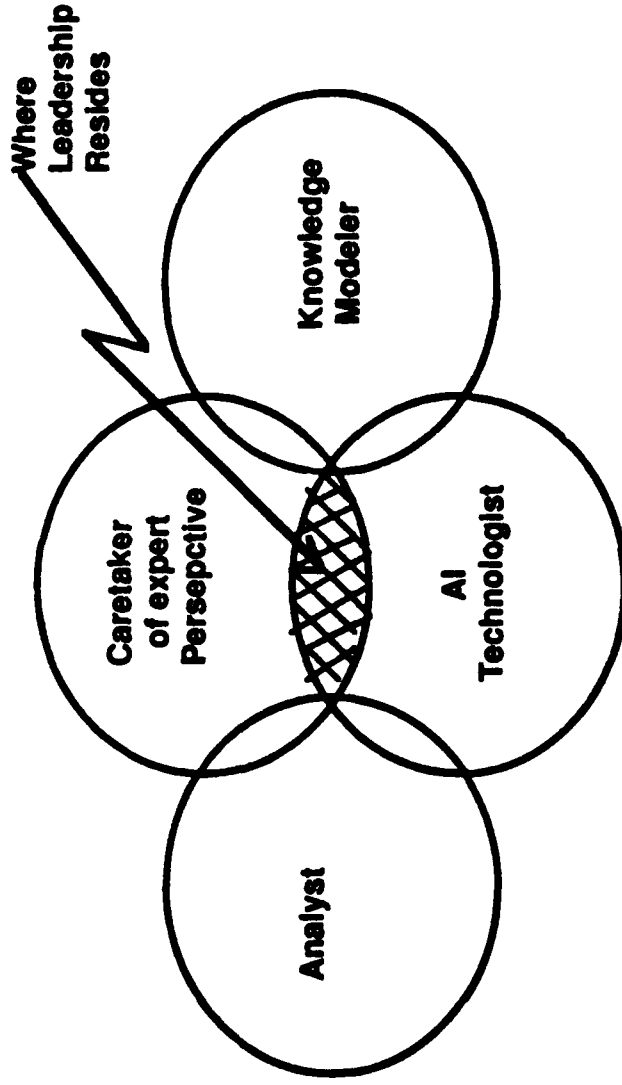
- **AI architecture**
- **Expert system experience**
- **Applications sense**



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Who "Leads" the Interviews?



- Must have a "clear" idea of what knowledge the group is after
- Must have a good vision of possible functionality of the demo system
- Should have some clarity about the ultimate functionality of the system
- "Take the lead" means be the primary questioner

ROLES IN KNOWLEDGE ELICITATION

- Subject matter experts
 - The expert -- the knowledge holder
 - Domain experts
 - Users
- Knowledge elicitors
 - Caretaker of the experts/user's perspective
 - Knowledge analyzer
 - Rational reconstructor
- AI technologists
 - System architect
 - Programmer



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DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES REQUIRED ON THE TEAM

- **Cognitive Scientist's Perspective**
- **Psychologist's Perspective**
- **Ethnographer's Perspective**
- **System Analyst/Designer's Perspective**
- **Consultant's Perspective**



THE COGNITIVE SCIENTIST'S PERSPECTIVE

- **Bring knowledge of how the human brain processes information and solves problems**
- **Understands the "meaning" of speech**
 - **vocabulary and temporal structuring utterances**
 - **degrees of completeness of utterances**
 - **speech bursts, speech acts, relation of speech acts to memory**



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THE PSYCHOLOGIST'S PERSPECTIVE

- **Bring self awareness**
- **Understands how to foster communication**
 - **must reduce, not add to intimidating aspects of the situation**
 - **must recognize that some of his own values and attitudes will bar his understanding**
 - **must reveal himself sufficiently to gain trust**



THE ETHNOGRAPHER'S PERSPECTIVE

- Bring self-awareness and naivete
- Understands the "culture" of the expert
 - purpose is to learn; not to judge
 - efficient, effective transfer of understanding
 - transfer is wanted, not translation
 - do not neglect artifacts, rituals and day-by-day routines



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THE SYSTEM ANALYST/DESIGNER'S PERSPECTIVE

- **Bring knowledge of computer capabilities and system development techniques**
- **Understands the "capabilities" of a system**
 - **Tests the applicability of system concepts**
 - **Translates from "native" language into systems language**
 - **Emphasizes the "product"**
 - **Takes advantage of computer technologies**

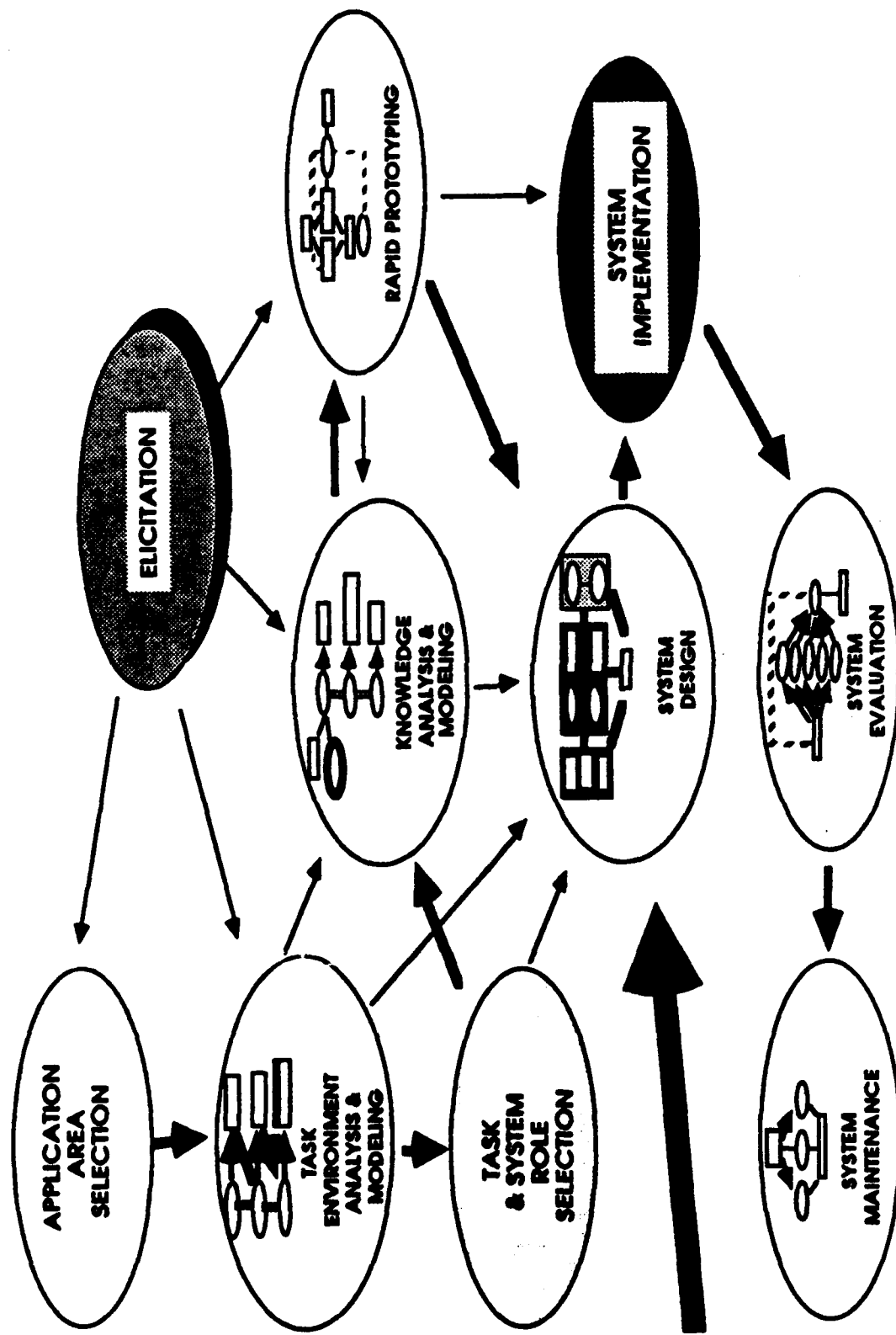
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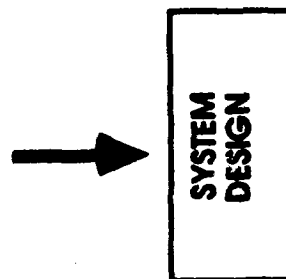
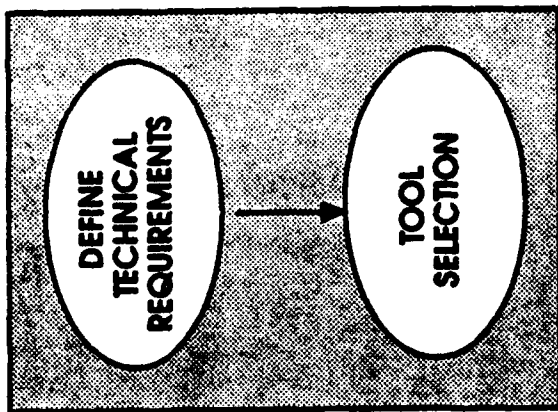
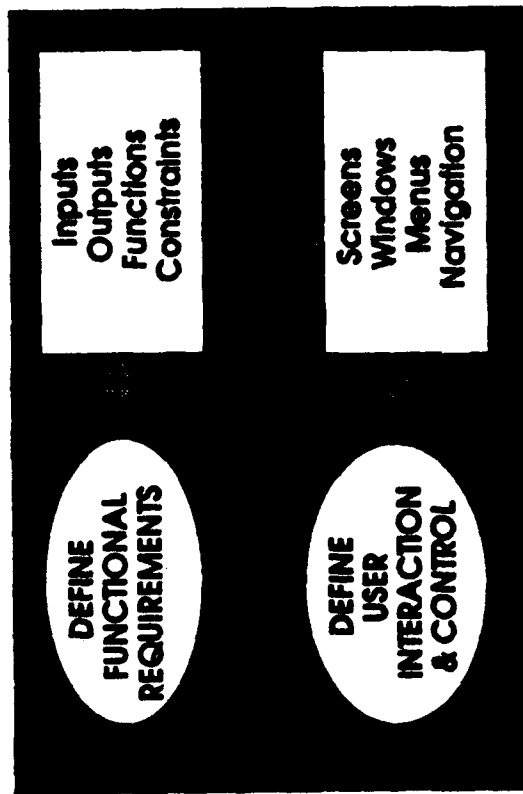
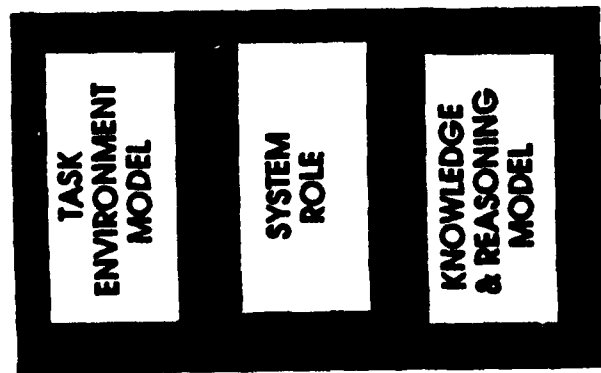
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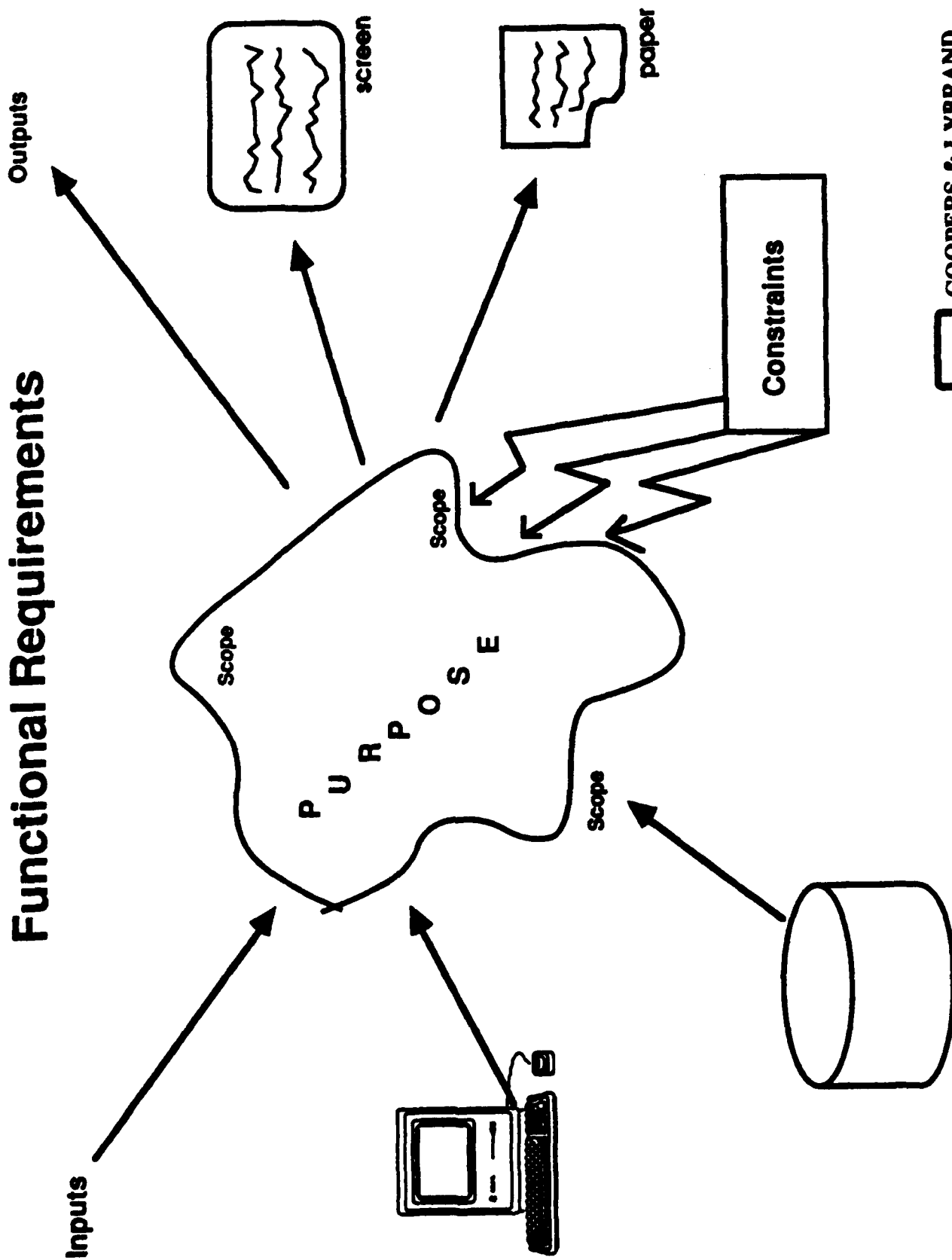
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SYSTEM DESIGN



Functional Requirements



FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Allocate System Roles**
 - **Human vs. System**
- **Describe System Behavior**
- **Establish Human Memory Demands During Task Performance**
 - **What is Remembered**
 - **Who Remembers it**
 - **How is it Remembered**
- **Establish the Location of Representations**
 - **internal vs. external vs. implicit representations**



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USER INTERACTION AND CONTROL

- **Define the Script and Mode of User Interaction**
- **Establish What will be Accessible to the User**
 - **use task environment model to insure appropriate cognitive support**
- **Establish Explanation Requirements**
- **Establish Help Requirements**

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Define Knowledge Modules
 - what are they
 - objects
 - rules
 - navigation among them
 - forward vs. backward vs. mixed chaining
 - system control
- Define "permanent" system structures
- Define how complexity will be handled
 - flexibility of program
 - multiple knowledge bases
 - specialized versions of the system
- Select Tools



SELECTING TOOLS

TYPES OF TOOLS

CUSTOM SYSTEMS

OFF-THE-SHELF SYSTEMS

OFF-THE-SHELF KNOWLEDGE BASES

APPLICATION SHELLS

DOMAIN TOOLS

GENERIC SHELLS/TOOLS

LANGUAGES

ENVIRONMENTS

OPERATING SYSTEMS

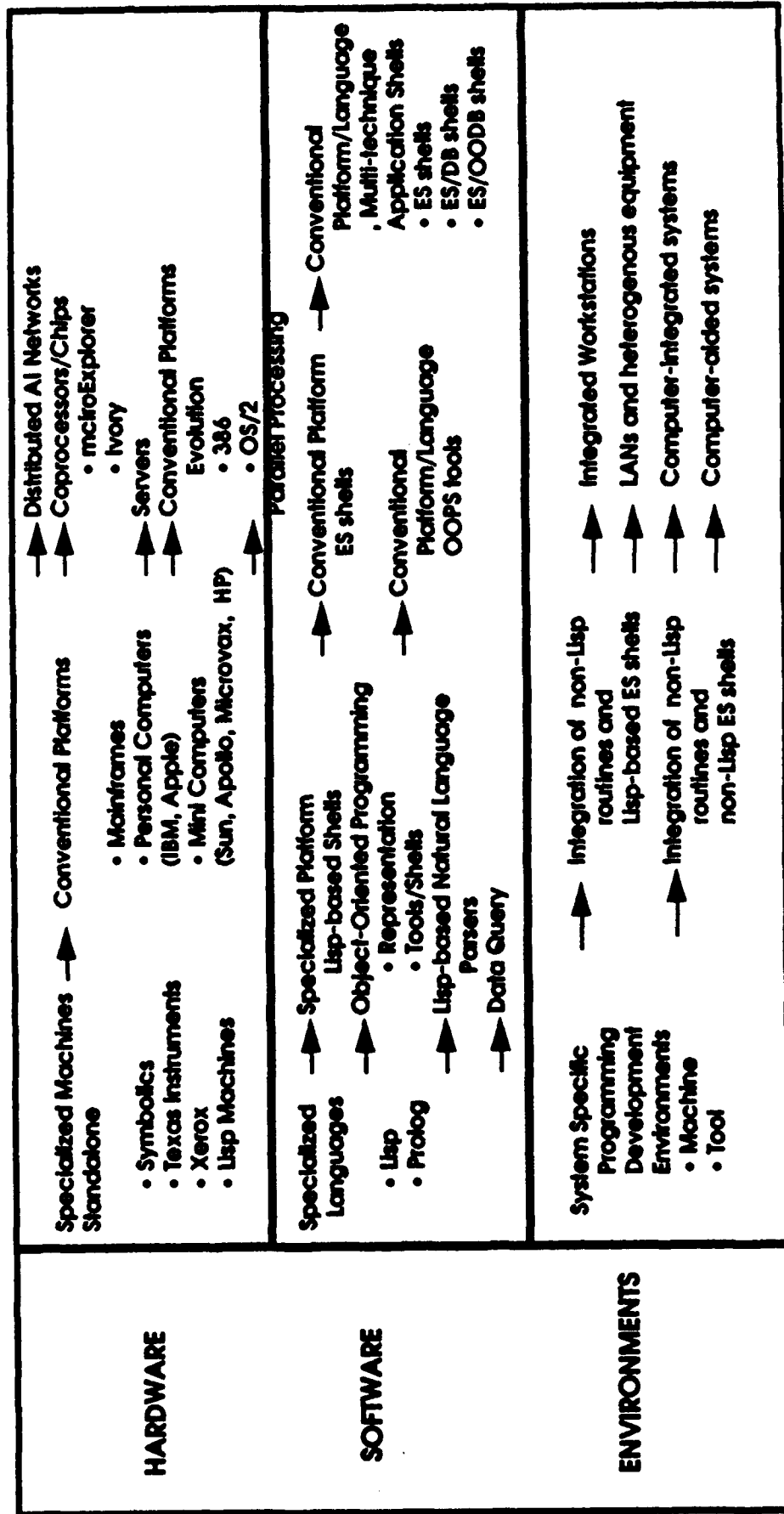
HARDWARE PLATFORMS



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EVOLUTION OF ES/KBS TOOLS



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EXAMPLES OF AVAILABLE TOOLS

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	EHAMPLES
Custom Systems	knowledge-base systems designed to support a particular function within a specific environment/organization	DEC's XCON, GE's CATS/DELTA, AMEX's Financial Advisor, C&L's ExpertTax
Off-the-Shelf Systems	publicly available knowledge-base systems that handle a generic class of problems	SpinPro, MudMan, "Ask Dan" Tax Advisor, DuPont's 313 Advisor, Renault's Transmission Diagnostic Advisor
Off-the-Shelf Knowledge-Bases	publicly available "static" knowledge-bases that can be incorporated into a custom system	none currently available -- technology is still too immature
Application Shells	knowledge-based systems that address a specific problem and already have much of the solution built in - require some customization by the user	Palladian's Financial Advisor, Palladian's Operational Advisor, ETI's Directory Expert
Domain Tools	packages that contain the tools to address a specific type of problem but the approach and solution is left to the user	Intellipor's Simkit, Carnegie Group's Diagnostic Advisor, Gensym's G2, C&L's FFAST
Generic Shells/Tools	packages that contain generic knowledge representation and inferencing tools for developing knowledge-based systems	Inference's ART, Gold Hill's Goldworks, Neuron Data's Nexpert, TI's Personal Consultant Plus, Graphical's GBASE
Languages	computer languages that support a variety of programming features	Lisp, Prolog, C, Pascal, Fortran, Cobol
Environments	integrated programming environments that provide a variety of development tools usually for a specific language	TI Explorer Environment, Gold Hill Common Lisp Environment
Operating Systems	machine environments that support file manipulation, memory management, etc.	DOS, Windows, UNIX, Finder
Hardware Platforms	physical computer architecture including processor and memory configurations	Compaq 386, Compaq 286 w/Hummingboard, Symbolics machine, microExplorer, Sun, VAX, MAC II, IBM 3070

PERSONAL COMPUTER TOOLS

HARDWARE

80286

80386

PC XT/AT

PS2/60

PS2/80

RISC

MAC II

Mac SE

SOFTWARE

Goldworks

Nexpert Object

Guru

Aion - PC

M1

Insight 2+

Personal Consultant +

Exsys

1st Class

LANGUAGES/TOOLS

Lisp

C

DOS

Windows

OS-2

Finder

Networks

DBMS



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WORKSTATION TOOLS

HARDWARE

80386
PS/80
RISC
Mac II
microVax
Sun
Apollo
Symbolics
TI Explorer
LMI Lambda

SOFTWARE

Goldworks
Nexpert Object
ART
KEE
KnowledgeCraft
S1
G-Base
Flavors

LANGUAGES/TOOLS

Lisp
C
OPS 5
UNIX
Windows
OS/2
VMS
Finder
Special
Networks
DBMS



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MAINFRAME TOOLS

HARDWARE

VAX
IBM
other

SOFTWARE

Nexpert Object
Aion ADS
ESE
Knowledge Tool

LANGUAGES/TOOLS

Lisp
C
MVS, CICS, etc
Networks
DBMS

C&L

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TOOL SELECTION CRITERIA

- Complexity required
 - knowledge representation
 - reasoning language
 - debugging tools
- Graphics and Interface Tools
- Ease of Use
- Hardware Requirements
- Portability
- Interfaces to Other Systems
- Availability
- Cost



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