

# Hybrid Intelligence in Negotiation Processes

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# Artificial Intelligence $\rightarrow$ Hybrid Intelligence

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## Meaningful human control & Hybrid Intelligence

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# Negotiation (Support) Systems



# Why negotiation is difficult for humans



- Leaving money on the table (sub-optimal outcomes for both)
- Bounded rationality (outcome space is too big)



- Slowly discover what they want while negotiating (preference elicitation)
- Satisficing (rationalising your intuitions)
- Position bargaining vs understanding underlying concerns
- Self-reinforcement (proud of the outcome)



- And the usual ...
- Laziness (... preparation)
- Emotions (... negative effect on rationality)

# SWOT analysis (2007)

Human	NSS
Understands natural language	Good at calculating (bids)
Recognizes emotions	Keeps overview
Has emotions	Stays calm
General knowledge	Negotiation knowledge

combining the strengths of machine and human

### **The Pocket Negotiator Project:**

development of a next generation negotiation support system



# Phases of Negotiation: Potential for AI (2007)





Private preparation:	Joint exploration:
Domain modelling	Domain modelling
User modelling	User preferences
Opponent modelling	Opponent modelling
Alternatives	Relationships
Closing: Contract Relationships Reflection	<b>Bidding:</b> Strategy determination Bid evaluation Next bid determination Bidding analysis







Pocket Negotiator increases outcome utility (p < 0.01)

Some people manage quite well on their own

Reyhan Aydoğan and Catholijn M. Jonker, "Bidding Support by the Pocket Negotiator Improves Negotiation Outcomes", in: Recent Advances in Agent-based Negotiation: Applications and Competition Challenges, Springer, 2023.

# Pareto Optimality

also per group

Not significant



	All groups	NS-S	S-NS
significant	S-Pareto	5.5	6.2
so per group	NS-Pareto	2.2	2.6

The average number of Pareto Optimal bids over all groups split out according to support- and starting conditions.

Average number of bids made per negotiation: 10

# What support was used?

Groups	Bids	Pareto Optimality	Pareto Clicks	Suggestions
Computer science students	10	7	8.5	1
Design students	9.6	3.6	4.9	1.1
Business students	11.1	6.4	6.7	3.8
All	10.3	5.9	6.7*	2.2

\*: In the Support-condition: Significant correlation between the number of bids on the Pareto Frontier and the type of support used by the participants: Spearman's Rho = 0.61, p < 0.01



**Pocket** Negotiator

Log in Help



Introduction

Strategic info

My interests

Bidding

Closure

# Bidding (round 8/10)

salary

fte

1.0

0

yes

yes

lease car

4000



Accept current bid

End negotiations X

# SWOT (2017) & Research Agenda



Research agenda

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- 2. Long-term perspective
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- 4. Learning strategies

# Phases of Negotiation: Potential for AI (2017)



## SWOT (2024) & Research Agenda



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#### What opportunities offer LLMs?

- Negotiation Support
- Automated Negotiating Agents

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The Negotiator

By ChatGPT I'll help you advocate for yourself and get better outcomes. Become a great negotiator.

# Phases of Negotiation: Potential for AI (2024)



### SWOT 2024

# Al potential for negotiation



# The way forward

- LLMs instrumental for usability
- Reinforcement Learning for solidity
- Symbolic AI (explainability, causal learning)
- Hybrid Intelligence is the way forward

