



Who Gets To Question **AI**?

Building a Future Where We All Do



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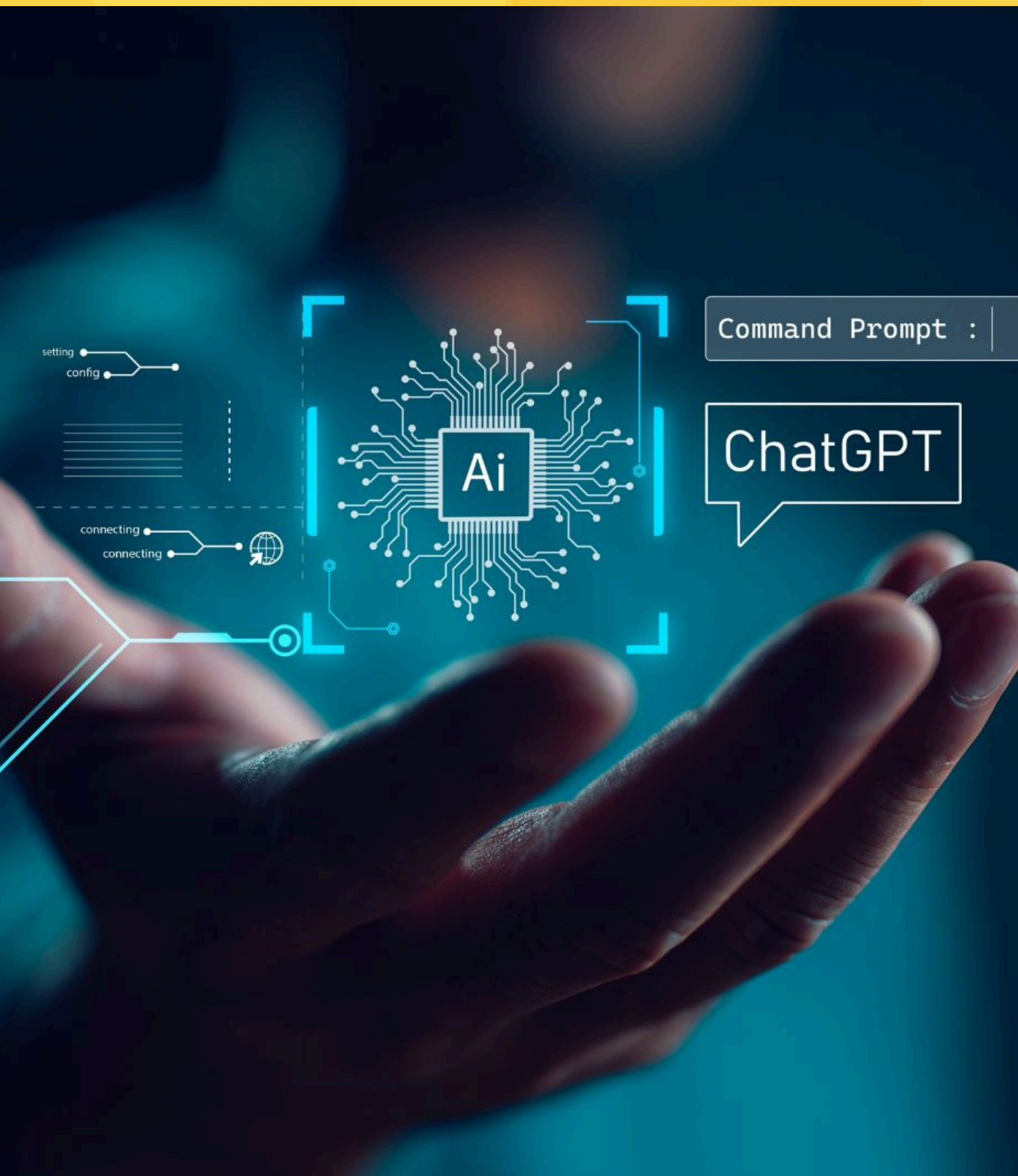
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WHY THIS MATTERS

- Everyday decisions are increasingly made by systems (jobs, housing, healthcare)
- Quick audience reflection:
when has a system made a decision about you?
- Framing: AI is already shaping our lives

WHAT AI IS



AI = data + patterns + decisions

- It learns from past data to predict outcomes
- Not neutral, built on human choices and assumptions
- It reflects human assumptions embedded in data and design
- Sets up why questioning matters

THE PROBLEM

COLLAPSED DECISIONS

- Complex human lives reduced to simple outputs
(yes/no, risk scores)
- Context gets lost
- This is where harm and unfairness show up



A stylized illustration of a human head in profile, facing right. The head is white with a blue eye. The background of the head is a blue, glowing network of lines and dots, representing a neural network or data flow. An orange hexagon is positioned above the head, and a small orange star is in the top left corner.

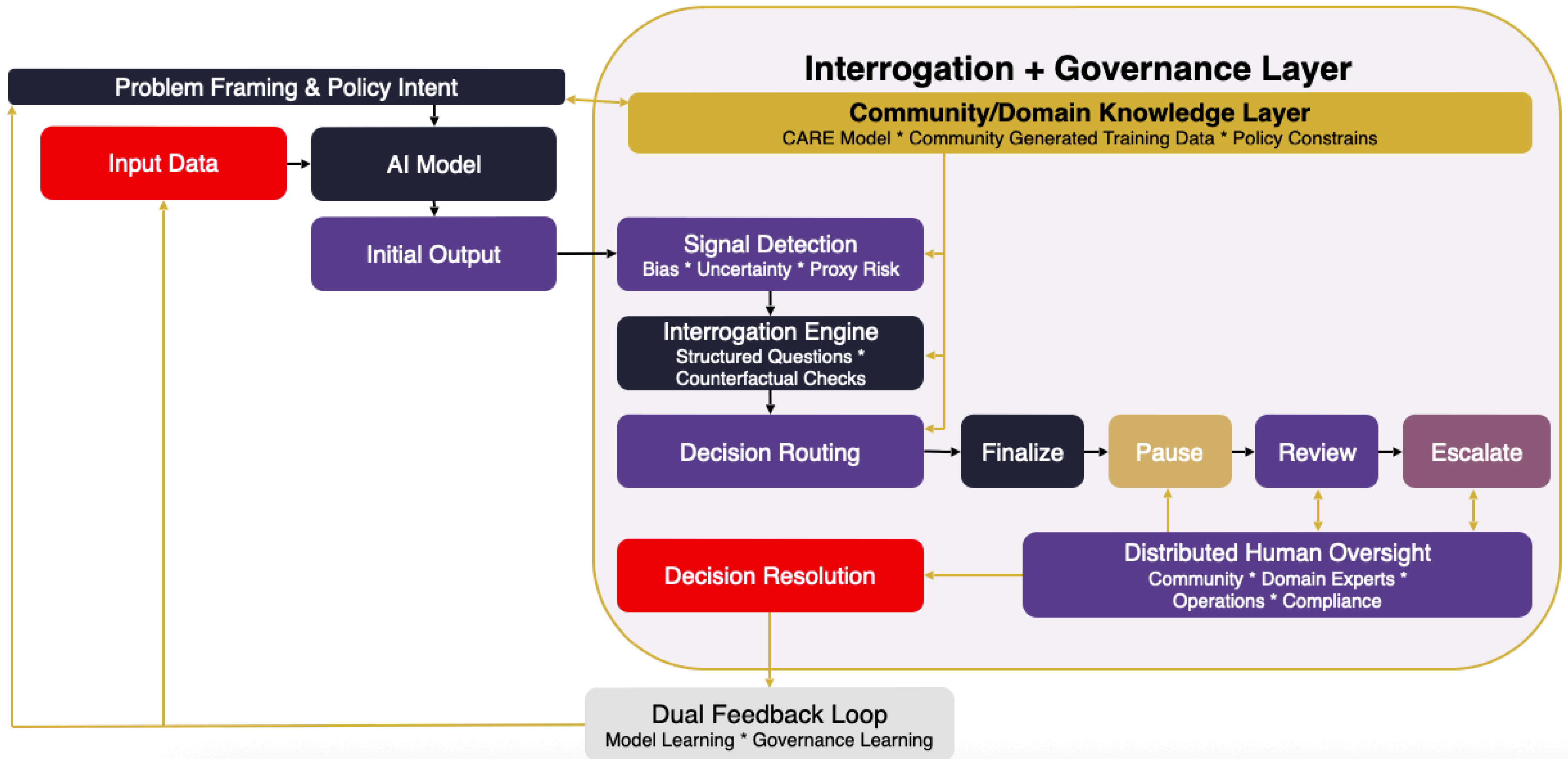
The Gap: Who Gets to Question **AI**?

- Most people impacted cannot challenge decisions
- Current systems lack structured ways to ask questions
- Decision-making is often closed off





INTERROGATIVE AI SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

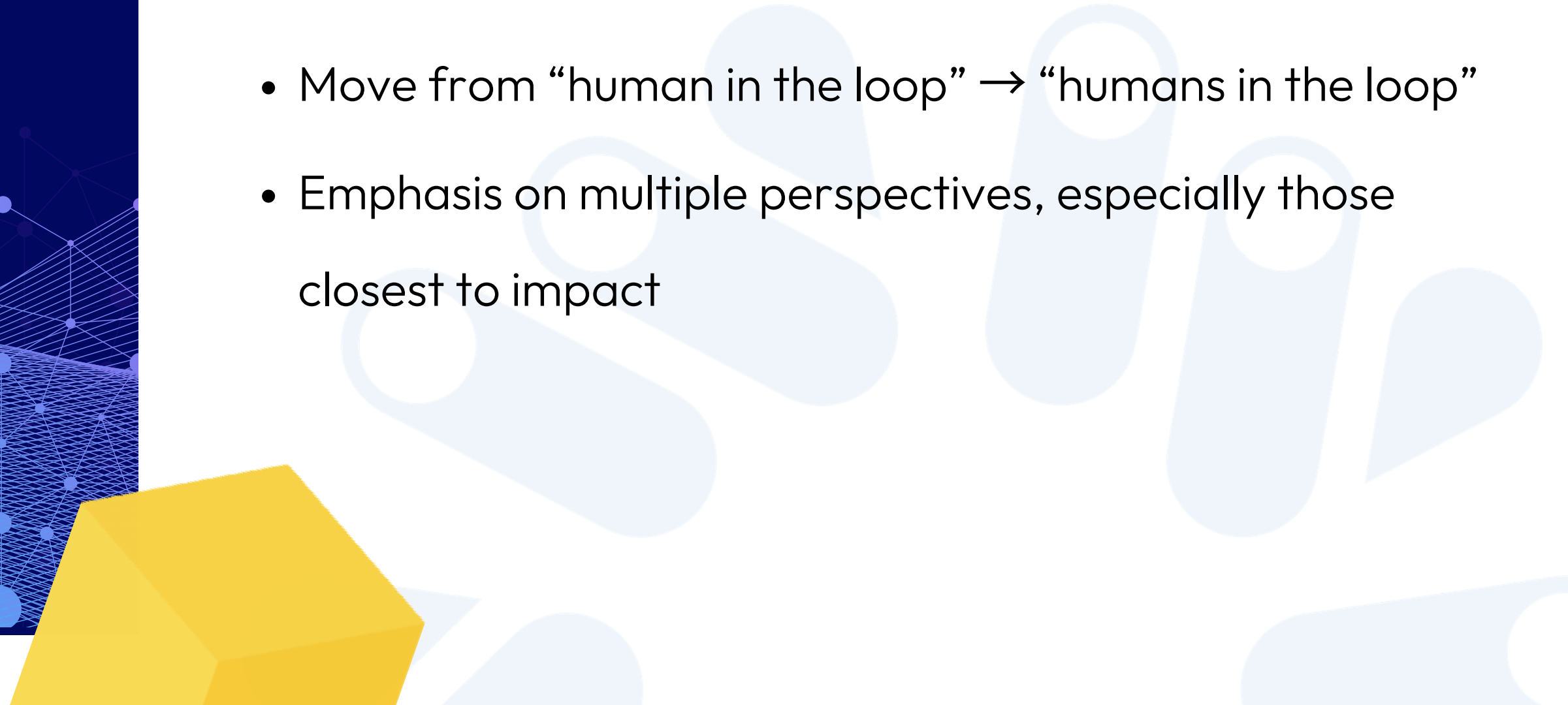




**ACCOUNTABLE
DECISION SYSTEMS
NEED
INTERROGATION
AND GOVERNANCE
COMBINED WITH
ACCURATE MODELS.**



THE SOLUTION: INTERROGATIVE AI

- Introduce concept: structured questioning before decisions are finalized
 - Move from “human in the loop” → “humans in the loop”
 - Emphasis on multiple perspectives, especially those closest to impact
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INTERROGATIVE REASONING FRAMEWORK:

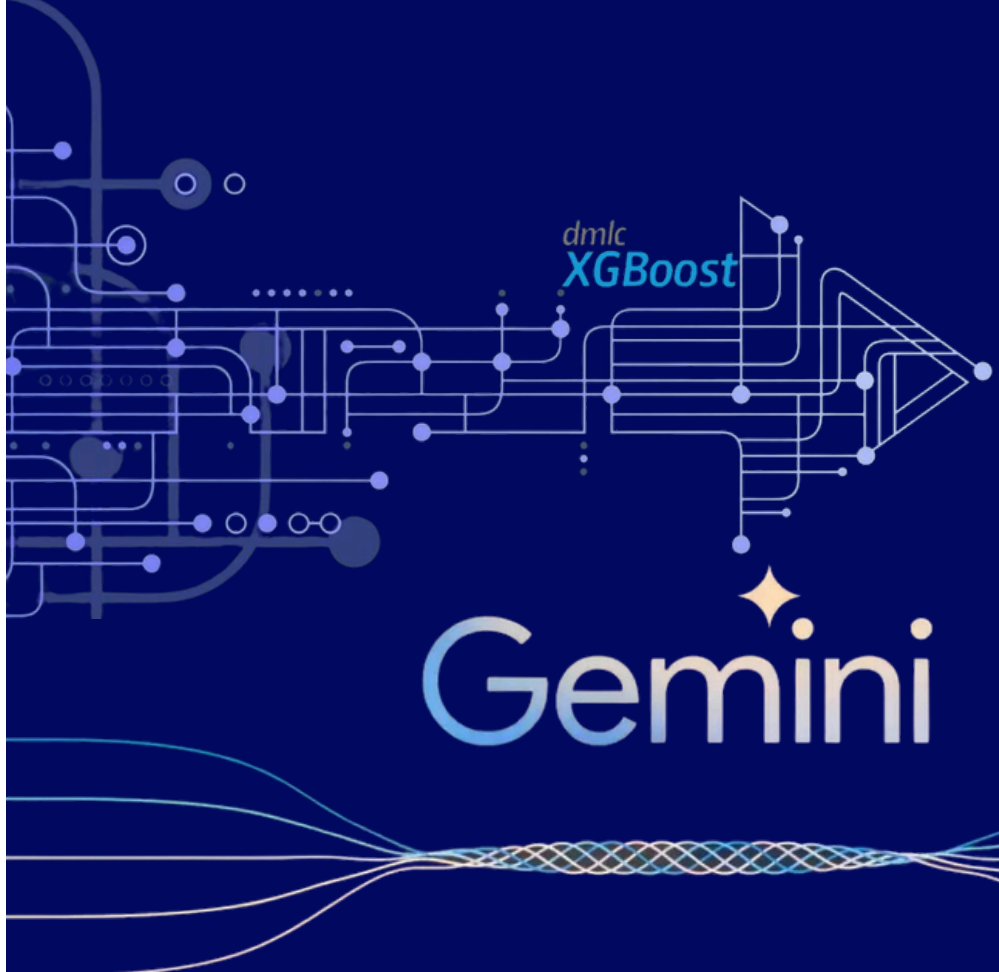
HOW IT WORKS

- **Simplified Model Architecture:**
 - Input Data → AI Model → Initial Output → Interrogation Layer, but with a parallel Community / Human Knowledge Layer feeding into Signal Detection, Interrogation Engine, and Decision Routing
- **Interrogative Reasoning as:**
 - model output
 - plus policy constraints
 - plus community/domain knowledge
 - plus structured interrogation
 - then routing
- **DUAL FEEDBACK:**
 - model learning feedback
 - governance/policy feedback

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**GOVERNANCE DECISIONS
ARE SHAPED BY
COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE,
POLICY CONSTRAINTS,
AND DISTRIBUTED HUMAN
OVERSIGHT.**



REAL-WORLD EXAMPLE:

LOAN APPLICATIONS

- **Model 1 – Prediction Agent (XGBoost)**
 - Learns approval patterns from a synthetic training dataset and predicts approve/deny outcomes.
 - **Model 2 – IR Interrogator (Gemini)**
 - Questions the prediction, detects proxy-risk concerns, highlights uncertainty, and surfaces missing context.
With a small community/domain knowledge input concept.
 - **Model 3 – Governance Agent (Gemini)**
 - Reviews the prediction plus the interrogator's findings and decides whether to **APPROVE, DENY, REVIEW, or ESCALATE.**
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WHY THIS MATTERS

FOR THE FUTURE

- AI is scaling quickly
- More decisions will be automated
- The key question:
who has power in these systems?



“COMMUNITY IN THE LOOP”: ENGAGING AUSTIN RESIDENTS ON AI ACCOUNTABILITY

In collaboration with the
City of Austin, creating space for residents
to shape equitable and accountable AI.



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FIRST COMMUNITY IN THE LOOP OF THE THREE-PART
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COMMUNITY FINDINGS USING THE CARE MODEL



SCAN TO SHARE YOUR ANSWERS
THE C.A.R.E. QUESTIONS.

COMMUNITY

Who should be involved in AI decision?

ADVOCACY

What rights or safeguards do residents need?

RESILIENCE

How can AI strengthen trust?

EVIDENCE

What does accountability look like?

The CARE Model is Measure's community-led evaluation framework that centers lived experience, builds accountability, and turns local insight into measurable, actionable change.





CALL TO ACTION

- You don't have to be technical to question AI
- Lived experience is expertise
- Everyone has a role in shaping how these systems work





**A FUTURE
WE CANNOT QUESTION
IS A FUTURE
WE DO NOT CONTROL.**

AI is not just about technology,
it's about decision-making and power.

