

# 米国におけるクラウドソーシング研究の動向

## Trends in Crowdsourcing Research in the United States

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What is crowdsourcing?

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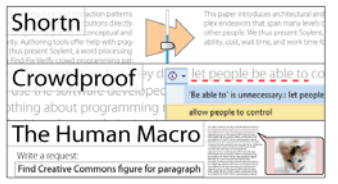


A Word Processor with a Crowd Inside

Soylent is a crowd-powered interface: one that embeds workers from Mechanical Turk into Microsoft Word.



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Today's user interfaces are limited: they only support tasks when we know how to write matching algorithms or interface designs. Microsoft Word is good at laying out your document, but poor at understanding writing and suggesting edits to it. But, it is now feasible to embed on-demand human computation within interactive systems. Crowd workers on services like Amazon Mechanical Turk will do tasks for very small amounts of money. Soylent is a word processor with a crowd inside: an add-in to Microsoft Word that uses crowd contributions to perform interactive document shortening, proofreading, and human-language macros. Underlying Soylent is a new programming design pattern called Find-Fix-Verify that splits tasks into a series of generation and review stages to control costs and increase quality.

**Bernstein, M., Little, G., Miller, R.C., Hartmann, B., Ackerman, M., Karger, D.R., Crowell, D., and Panovich, K.**  
Soylent: A Word Processor with a Crowd Inside. In Proc. UIST 2010. ACM Press. **Best Student Paper award.**

Soylent is available open-source under the MIT license, and is hosted on [Google Code](#). Contact us at [soylent@csail.mit.edu](mailto:soylent@csail.mit.edu).

<http://crowdresearch.org>

Welcome to CrowdResearch.org, a place for researchers studying crowdsourcing, human computation, and collective intelligence. The goal of this site is to bring together people from different disciplines and perspectives, sharing ideas, techniques, and results.

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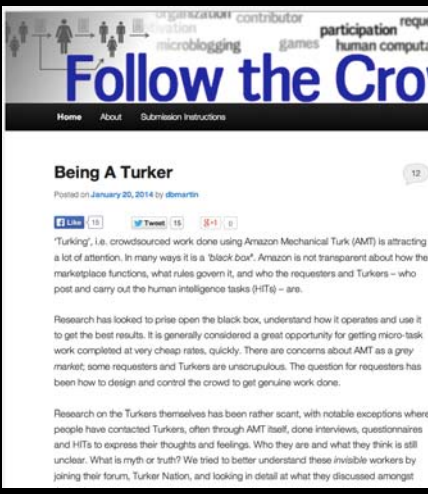
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- CrowdCamp: a CHI 2012 Workshop (May 5 & 6, 2012)
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**Being A Turker**

Posted on January 20, 2014 by [ibmartin](#)

Turking, i.e. crowdsourced work done using Amazon Mechanical Turk (AMT) is attracting a lot of attention. In many ways it is a "black box". Amazon is not transparent about how the marketplace functions, what rules govern it, and who the requesters and Turkers – who post and carry out the human intelligence tasks (HITs) – are.

Research has looked to prise open the black box, understand how it operates and use it to get the best results. It is generally considered a great opportunity for getting micro-task work completed at very cheap rates, quickly. There are concerns about AMT as a grey market; some requesters and Turkers are unscrupulous. The question for requesters has been how to design and control the crowd to get genuine work done.

Research on the Turkers themselves has been rather scant, with notable exceptions where people have contacted Turkers, often through AMT itself, done interviews, questionnaires and HITs to express their thoughts and feelings. Who they are and what they think is still unclear. What is myth or truth? We tried to better understand these invisible workers by joining their forum, Turker Nation, and looking in detail at what they discussed amongst

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PhotoCity is a **game** played **outdoors**, with **any camera**, even a cell-phone camera. By taking photos of buildings around your **city** or **school campus**, you can **earn points**, **capture flags**, and virtually **own your favorite buildings**, all while contributing to a **large-scale 3D reconstruction!**

More officially, PhotoCity is a product of collaboration between the University of Washington Department of Computer Science and Engineering and the Cornell Department of Computer Science. The game uses our state-of-the-art 3D reconstruction algorithms to build 3D models. Our ultimate goal is to reconstruct the entire world, one photo at a time. The project has been made possible by generous grants from Intel Corporation and Google.


### PhotoCity is Offline

In the mean time, check out what we've accomplished!

- Kathleen Tuito, Nadine Tabing, Dun-Yu Hsiao, Noah Snavelly and Zoran Popović. *PhotoCity: training experts at large-scale image acquisition through a competitive game.* (CHI 2011)
- Kathleen Tuito, Noah Snavelly, Dun-Yu Hsiao, Adam Smith and Zoran Popović. *Reconstructing the World in 3D: Bringing Games with a Purpose Outdoors.* (Foundations of Digital Games 2010)
- New York Times: Computers Turn Flat Photos Into 3-D Buildings
- UW Daily: The world at your fingertips
- UW University Week: PhotoCity, virtual capture-the-flag, starting this week on UW campus
- PhotoCity maps during height of empire (UW, Cornell)


### New Game: PointCraft!!

Try it out now!



## Wiki surveys: Open and quantifiable social data collection

Matthew J. Salganik, Karen E. C. Levy  
*(Submitted on 2 Feb 2012)*



Research about attitudes and opinions is central to social science and relies on two common methodological approaches: surveys and interviews. While surveys enable the quantification of large amounts of information quickly and at a reasonable cost, they are routinely criticized for being "top-down" and rigid. In contrast, interviews allow unanticipated information to "bubble up" directly from respondents, but are slow, expensive, and difficult to quantify. Advances in computing technology now enable a hybrid approach that combines the quantifiability of a survey and the openness of an interview; we call this new class of data collection tools wiki surveys. Drawing on principles underlying successful information aggregation projects, such as Wikipedia, we propose three general criteria that wiki surveys should satisfy: they should be greedy, collaborative, and adaptive. We then present results from [www.allourideas.org](http://www.allourideas.org), a free and open-source website we created that enables groups all over the world to deploy wiki surveys. To date, about 1,500 wiki surveys have been created, and they have collected over 60,000 ideas and 2.5 million votes. We describe the methodological challenges involved in collecting and analyzing this type of data and present case studies of wiki surveys created by the New York City Mayor's Office and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). We conclude with a discussion of limitations, many of which may be overcome with additional research.


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### Step 1: Create your website

Text of question for your visitors:

### Step 2: Choose your URL

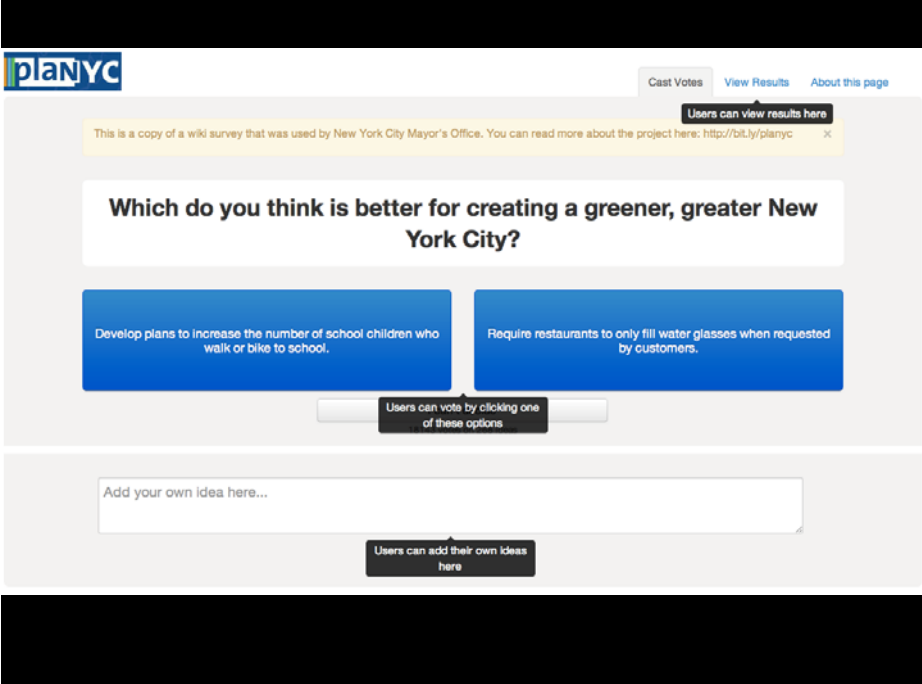
### Step 3: Upload lots of ideas to seed the site

Upload lots of ideas here. You should put one per line. You can copy and paste from a list that you've already created. The maximum length of an idea is 140 characters.

Add your own ideas here...

For example:

- More hammocks on campus
- Improve student advising
- More outdoor tables and benches
- Video game tournaments
- Start late dinner at 8PM
- Lower textbook prices
- Bring back parking for sophomores



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Cast Votes View Results About this page

Users can view results here

Which do you think is better for creating a greener, greater New York City?

Develop plans to increase the number of school children who walk or bike to school.

Require restaurants to only fill water glasses when requested by customers.

Users can vote by clicking one of these options

Add your own idea here...

Users can add their own ideas here

### Which do you think is better for creating a greener, greater New York City?

Ideas	Score (0 - 100)
Promote cycling by installing safe bike lanes	69
Invest in multiple modes of transportation and provide both improved infrastructure and improved safety	68
Promote the use of solar energy using the latest technology on all high-rise buildings.	67
Create a network of protected bike paths throughout the entire city	66
Continue enhancing bike lane network, to finally connect separated bike lane systems to each other across all five boroughs.	66
Create a database of all vacant land and make it available to the public	65
Implement a citywide bicycle-sharing system like the Velib in Paris or Capital Bikeshare in DC	65
Preserve natural areas and woodlands as natural parks	64
Introduce "Octopus" style Metrocards that work on MTA bus and subway, LIRR, MTA-North, bike share.	63
Add improvements to the bike lanes in the inner city. This will encourage exercise and reduce city's carbon footprint.	63

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## Definition

Crowdsourcing is an...



Howe, 2006

...outsourcing of a function to an undefined network of people in the form of open call



Brabham, 2008

...online distributed problem-solving and production model

## Social-Computational Systems (SoCS)

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#### Full Proposal Deadline(s) (due by 5 p.m. proposer's local time):

- September 21, 2009
- August 31, 2010

The Social-Computational Systems (SoCS) program seeks to reveal new understanding about the properties that systems of people and computers together possess, and to develop a practical understanding of the purposeful design of systems to facilitate *socially intelligent computing*. By better characterizing, understanding, and eventually designing for desired behaviors arising from computationally mediated groups of people at all scales, new forms of knowledge creation, new models of computation, new forms of culture, and new types of interaction will result. Further, the investigation of such systems and their emergent behaviors and desired properties will inform the design of future systems.

## Related Terms

- Crowdsourcing
- Niche-sourcing
- Open outsourcing
- Electronic brainstorming
- Open innovation
- Human computation
- Social computing

## Dimensions

Who	What	How	Why
Demographics - age - country	Nature of the task - recognition - generation	Workflow - single step - multiple steps	Motivation of requesters - profit - charity
Expertise - novice - expert	Output of the task - label - idea	Incentives - prize - payment	Motivation of workers - money - fun

## Task

		Routine (recognition)	Non-routine (generation)
Output	Emergent (new)	Galaxy Zoo Photocity	All Our Ideas
	Aggregate (collection)	reCaptcha Soylent	Wikipedia

## Goal

**Collective intelligence by encouraging collective activity (making it easy and fun)**

Human	Machine
Social	Computational
Social	Technological

‡ **How does crowdsourcing work?**

## Breaking Down Tasks

To determine how to break down and distribute the task, think about...

...who	English speakers
...what	Creative ideas for cleaning oil spill
...how	Collect, evaluate, combine, evaluate
...why	Open innovation, reward

## Motivating Participation

Easy	Create sub-tasks that are simple and clear
Fun	Convert the task into a game or a challenge
Rewarding	Give cash award and/or recognition to the winners

## Balancing Quality and Speed

	Routine	Non-routine
Quality	Insert questions to catch cheaters	Include training and test
Speed	Higher payment improves speed but not quality	High payment improves quality

## Amazon Mechanical Turk

The screenshot shows the Amazon Mechanical Turk website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'Your Account', 'HITs', and 'Qualifications'. Below that, a yellow banner reads 'Mechanical Turk is a marketplace for work.' and '251,292 HITs available. View them now.' The main content area is split into two columns: 'Make Money by working on HITs' and 'Get Results from Mechanical Turk Workers'. The 'Make Money' section includes a flow diagram: 'Find an interesting task' (with a magnifying glass icon) -> 'Work' (with a gear icon) -> 'Earn money' (with a dollar sign icon). The 'Get Results' section includes a flow diagram: 'Fund your account' (with a plus sign icon) -> 'Load your tasks' (with a document icon) -> 'Get results' (with a star icon). The footer contains links for 'FAQ', 'Contact Us', 'Careers at Mechanical Turk', 'Developers', 'Press', 'Policies', and 'Blog', along with the copyright notice '©2005-2014 Amazon.com, Inc. or its Affiliates' and the 'An amazon.com company' logo.



What are best practices?

## Games with a Purpose

# Games with a Purpose

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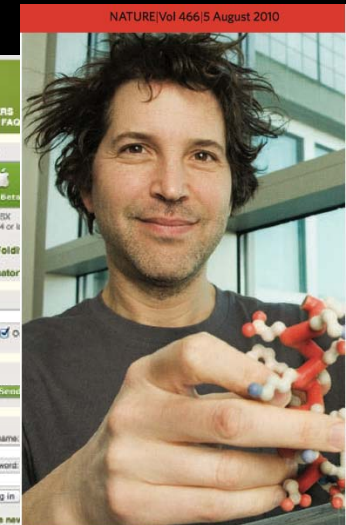
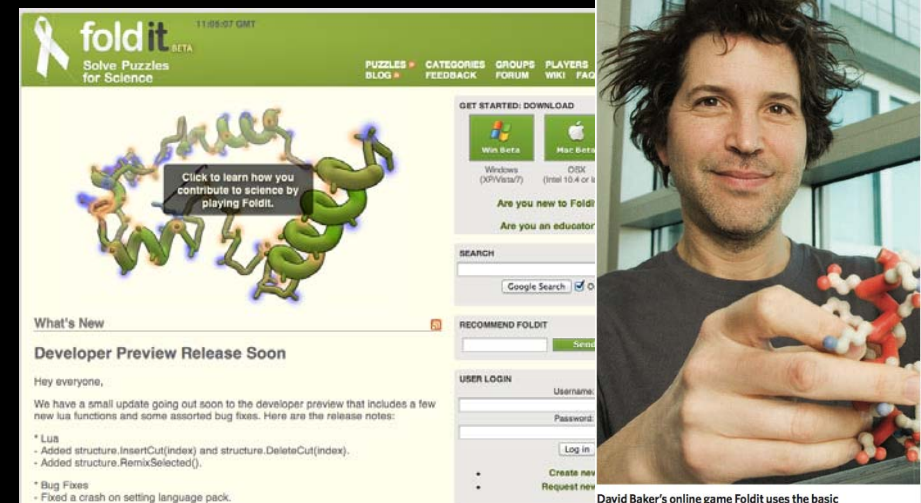
Through online games, people can collectively solve large-scale computational problems.

## Games with a Purpose

	
Player 1 guesses: purse Player 1 guesses: bag Player 1 guesses: brown	Player 2 guesses: handbag
Success! Agreement on "purse"	Player 2 guesses: purse Success! Agreement on "purse"

Figure 1. Partners agreeing on an image in the ESP Game. Neither player can see the other's guesses.

## Games with a Purpose



David Baker's online game Foldit uses the basic problem-solving skills of volunteers to help solve three-dimensional protein structures.



# Challenge

The screenshot shows the InnoCentive website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'SHOP', 'PARTICIPATE', and 'BLOG'. A search bar is visible. Below the navigation, there are buttons for 'SCORE DESIGNS' and 'SUBMIT A DESIGN'. The main content area features a 'FORUMS' section with links to 'General', 'Art & Design', 'Tips & Tricks', and 'Projects'. A 'CHALLENGES' section lists 'Sherlock Holmes: \$2,000 + more 3 days left' and 'Summer: \$2k + skateboard 7 days left'. A 'REPRINTED DESIGNS' section highlights 'STORYTELLERS' by Max Montreal, Canada, with 'SHOP GUYS' and 'SHOP GIRLY' buttons. Below this, a banner says 'CHECK OUT THIS WEEK'S REPRINTED DESIGNS!' and shows three design thumbnails: 'RUNNING RHINO' by ellice fovealife, 'PANDA RIDES' by Design by Alan Dill, and 'SOLO IN SPACE' by Richard Emmett.

# Challenge

The screenshot shows the InnoCentive website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'My IC', 'Products/Services', 'For Solvers', 'Challenge Center', 'Resources', and 'About Us'. A search bar is visible. Below the navigation, there is a large banner with the text 'Want to Solve Challenges and Win Awards?' and a 'Learn more >>' button. The banner features a woman standing in front of a chalkboard with mathematical equations:  $F = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{d^2}$ ,  $E=MC^2$ ,  $f(x)$ ,  $(1 + \frac{1}{n})$ , and  $Ax = Ab$ . Below the banner, there are three sections: 'What Are You Looking To Do?' with bullet points: 'Engage the world with Premium Challenges', 'Collaborate better with InnoCentive@Work', and 'Customize a high-profile Challenge Program'; 'Research & Explore Best Practices' with bullet points: 'Browse our innovation research library', 'White paper: Turbocharge Stage-Gate', and 'Thought-leadership: Gartner analyst report'; and 'Become an InnoCentive Solver' with bullet points: 'Why should you become a Solver?', 'View all of our open Challenges', and 'Register for free and start solving!'.

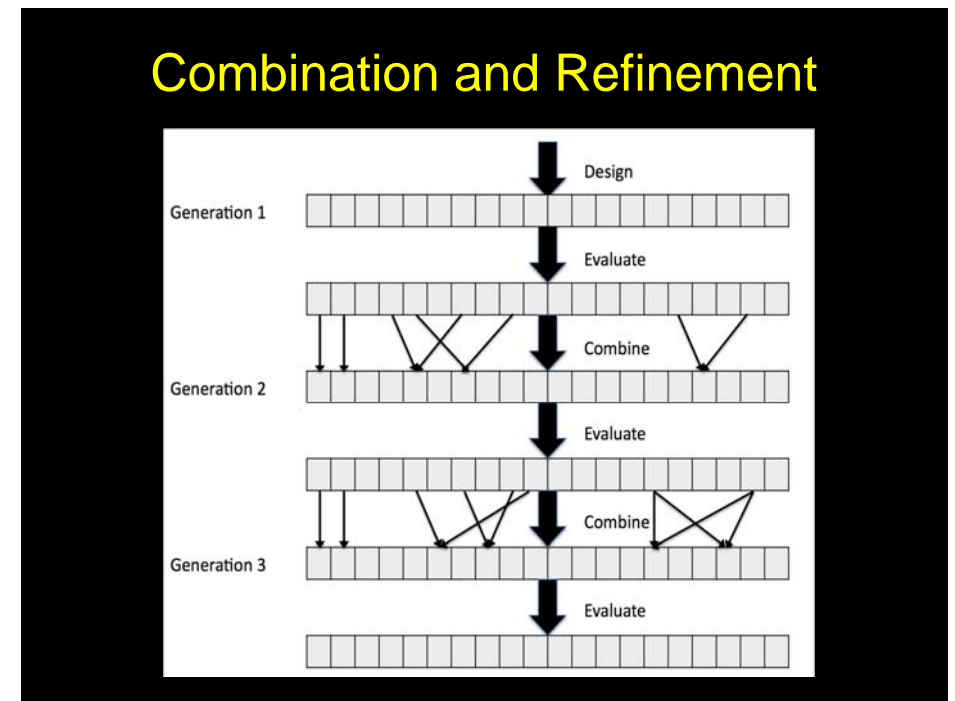
# Challenge

The screenshot shows the Climate CoLab website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'About', 'Contests', and 'Community'. A search bar is visible. Below the navigation, there is a large banner with the text 'In the Climate CoLab, you can work with people from all over the world to create proposals for what to do about climate change.' and a 'GET INVOLVED' button. The banner features a globe with icons representing people, a thumbs up, and a checkmark. Below the banner, there is a section for 'Featured contests' and 'Top News'. The 'Top News' section includes 'Jan 15. Climate CoLab featured on PBS NOVA Next' and 'Jan 15. 2014 Contests Update'. A small portrait of a man is visible in the top right corner of the screenshot.

# Crowdsourced Science

The screenshot shows the Zooniverse website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Projects', 'Community', 'About us', 'Sign in', and 'Register'. A search bar is visible. Below the navigation, there is a large banner with the text 'Help scientists measure the health of the ocean' and a 'planktonportal.org' link. The banner features a globe with icons representing people, a thumbs up, and a checkmark. Below the banner, there is a section for 'Featured contests' and 'Top News'. The 'Top News' section includes 'Jan 15. Climate CoLab featured on PBS NOVA Next' and 'Jan 15. 2014 Contests Update'. A small portrait of a man is visible in the top right corner of the screenshot.

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## Combination and Refinement

*Please use the space below to share your creative and novel idea for stopping or cleaning an oil spill like the one in the Gulf of Mexico. Other workers on Mturk will vote for all ideas. We will pay a \$2 bonus to players whose idea ranks in top three!*

Idea 1: Spilled oil should be skimmed as fast as possible. It's hard to do this using large ships as it is done today. One good solution would be to create robotic unmanned floating (or underwater) drones equipped with sensors that detect oil presence that could collect it and deposit in other, larger, floating autonomous storages. Such robot swarms that work in large teams could be deployed to skim the spilled oil as fast as possible.

Idea 2: I think that using a kind of absorbant fibers will help to stop an oils spill.

## Combination and Refinement

*Select one out of seven points representing how good each idea is:*

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Very poor – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – Very good

# Combination and Refinement

Please use the space below to combine two ideas for stopping or cleaning an oil spill like the one in the Gulf of Mexico. Other workers on Mturk will vote on all combined ideas. We will pay a \$2 bonus to players whose combined idea ranks in top three!

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Idea 2: I think that using a kind of absorbant fibers will help to stop an oils spill.

Combined idea: Using absorbent fibers wrap around the robotic unmanned floating (or underwater) drones equipped with sensors that detect oil presence that could collect it and deposit in other, larger, floating autonomous storage.

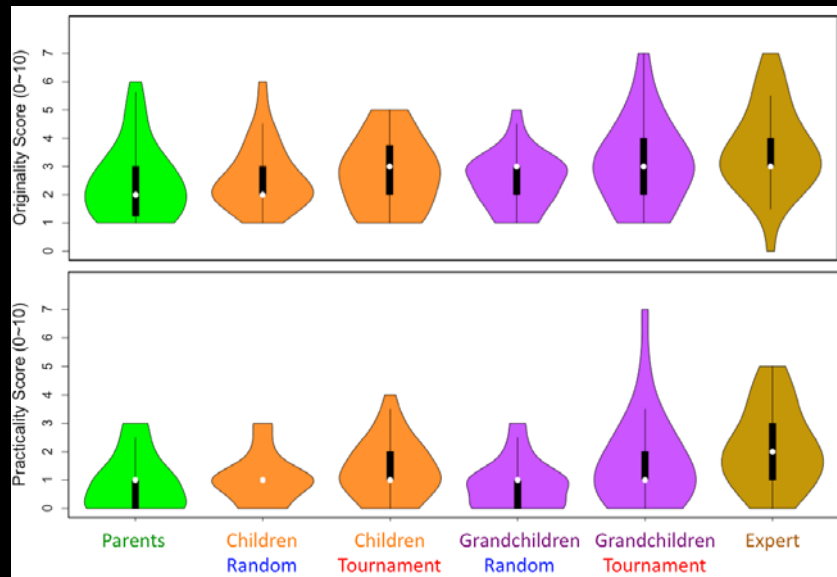
# Combination and Refinement

Recently we collected 180 ideas for solving oil spill problems. One idea that was most novel and surprising received an originality award.

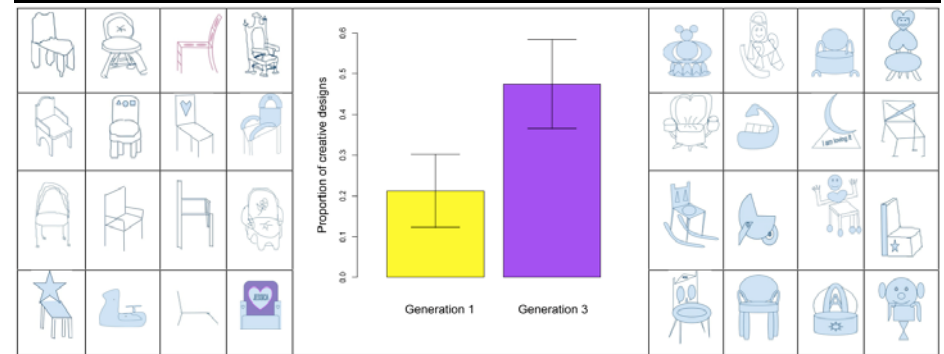
Using absorbent fibers wrap around the robotic unmanned floating (or underwater) drones equipped with sensors that detect oil presence that could collect it and deposit in other, larger, floating autonomous storage.

This idea is [ the winner = 1, not the winner = 0 ]

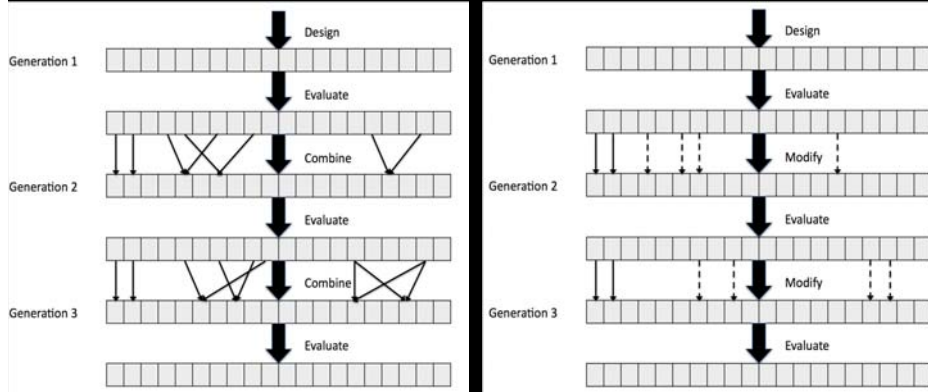
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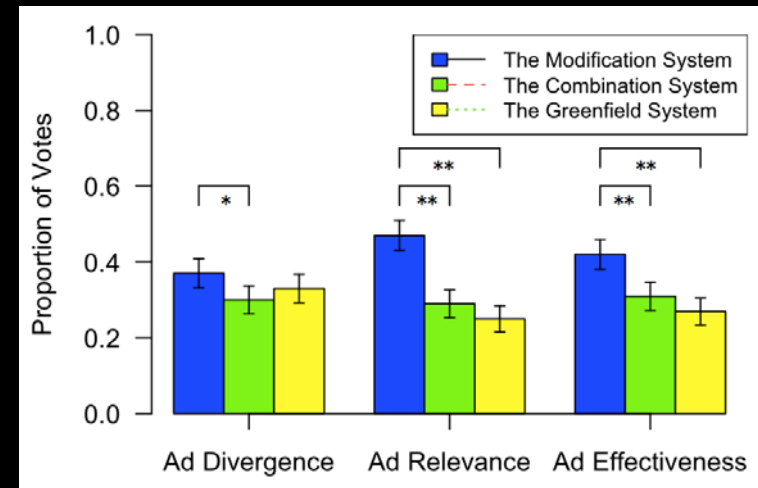
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What is next?

# Improving the Quality of Output

Match task and crowd	Niche sourcing
Match task and goal	Predict winner to identify the best idea
Match process and output	Combine ideas for emergent output
Match incentive and motivation	Study the crowd

# Improving the Quality of Output

Connection through:	Example action
virtual proximity	Approach someone in a virtual world
an overall task	Guess the weight of an animal
seeing two examples	Combine
modifying another's work	Remix a computer program
being a member of a team	Collaborate with team members
focus on one example	Critique
playing a two-person game	Guess image labels
playing a many-person game	Solve NP-Complete problems
dyadic conversation	Recognize threats
discussion boards	Code software

# Improving the Speed

# Improving the Speed



Crowdsourced Verification for Crisis Information

A joint project by Masdar and QCRI - For more information: [contact@veri.ly](mailto:contact@veri.ly)

**Now:** [TedX talk on Digital Humanitarians](#) describing Veri.ly.

Large amounts of unverified and often contradictory information often appear on social media following natural disasters. Timely verification of this information can be crucial for coordinating relief efforts. Our goal is to enable and accelerate this verification process by developing Veri.ly, an online platform designed to collectively evaluate the credibility of rapidly crowdsourced evidence.

In 2009, students at MIT identified the correct location of 10 red weather balloons hidden across the entire continental United States without ever leaving their laptops. They found these 10 balloons in just under 9 hours with very little prior preparation. Veri.ly leverages the successful approach used by MIT and applies it to the process of rapidly collecting and evaluating critical evidence during disasters. Instead of looking for weather balloons across an entire country in less than 9 hours, we hope Veri.ly will facilitate the crowdsourced collection of multimedia evidence for individual disasters in under 9 minutes.

# Research Directions

## Non-routine task (creative problem solving)

Niche	Study crowds, build community
Evaluation	Think about how to evaluate output

## Routine task (also in general)

Simple	Easy task and clean interface
Fast	Quick response and calculation
Available	App on a device carried everywhere
Habit	A required or an addictive task
Fun	Prize, game, and challenge

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