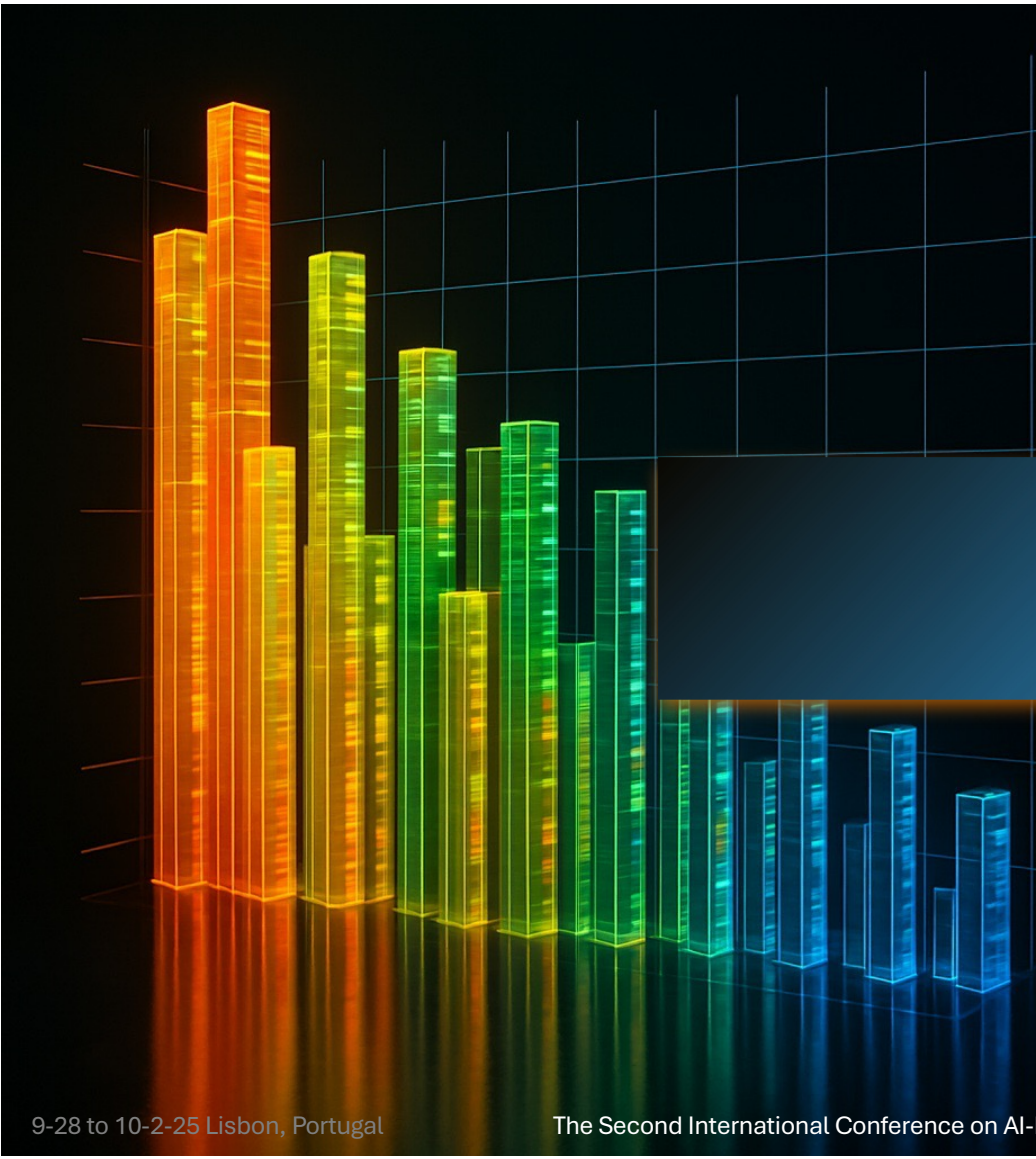
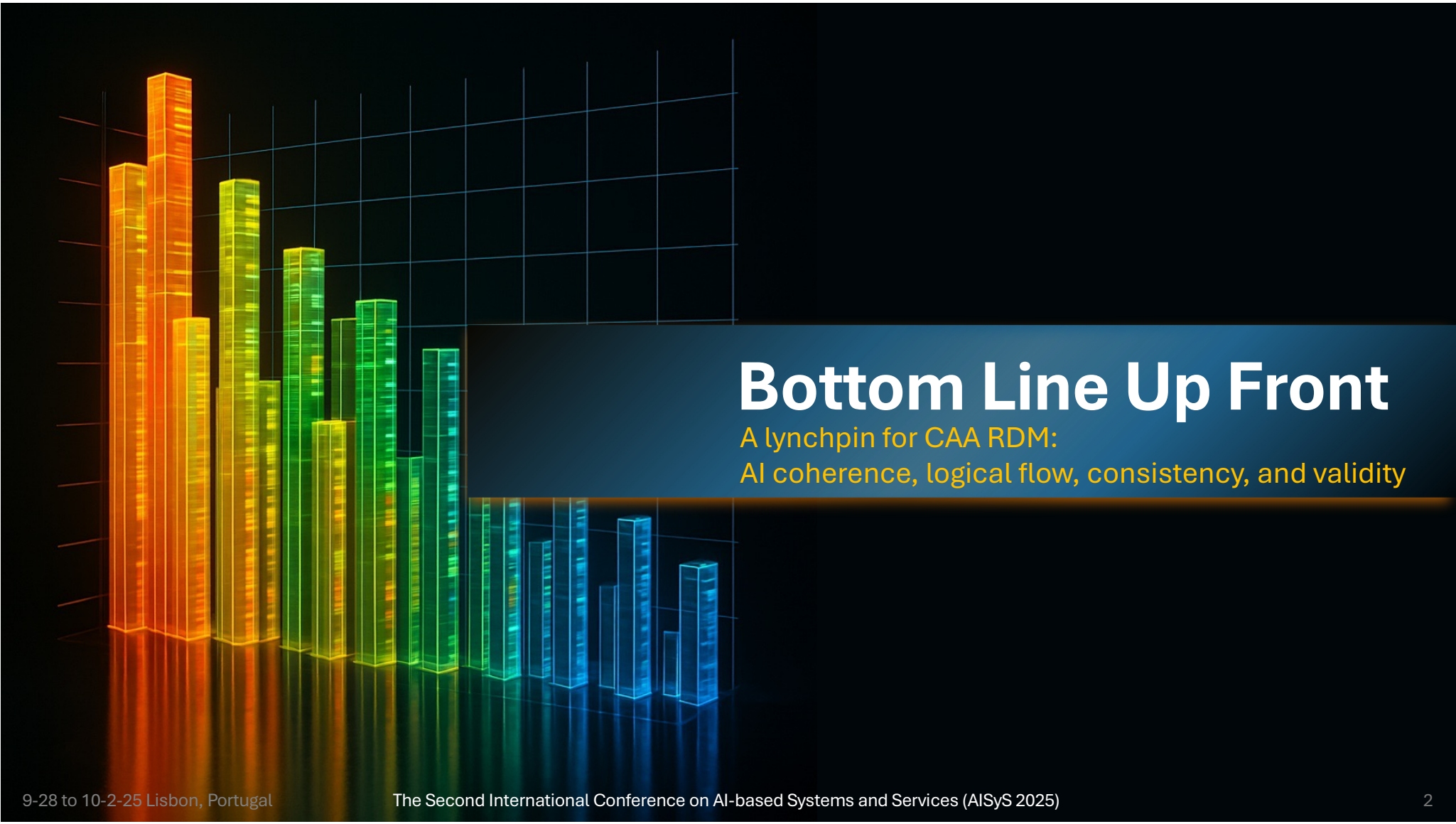




Conversational AI Agents (CAA): The Intricacies of Robust Dialogue Management (RDM)

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Bottom Line Up Front

A lynchpin for CAA RDM:

AI coherence, logical flow, consistency, and validity

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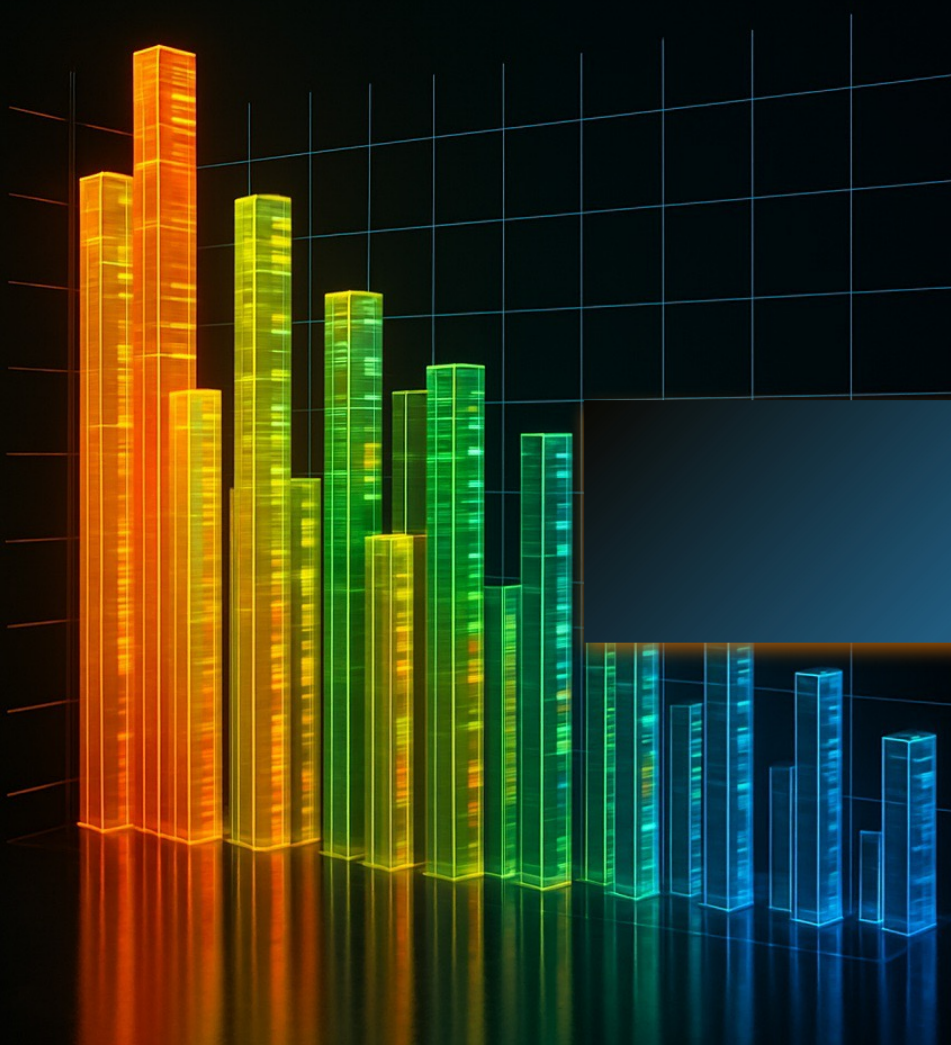
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1 Introduction

What kind of reasoning is apropos under System 1 and System 2 conditions?

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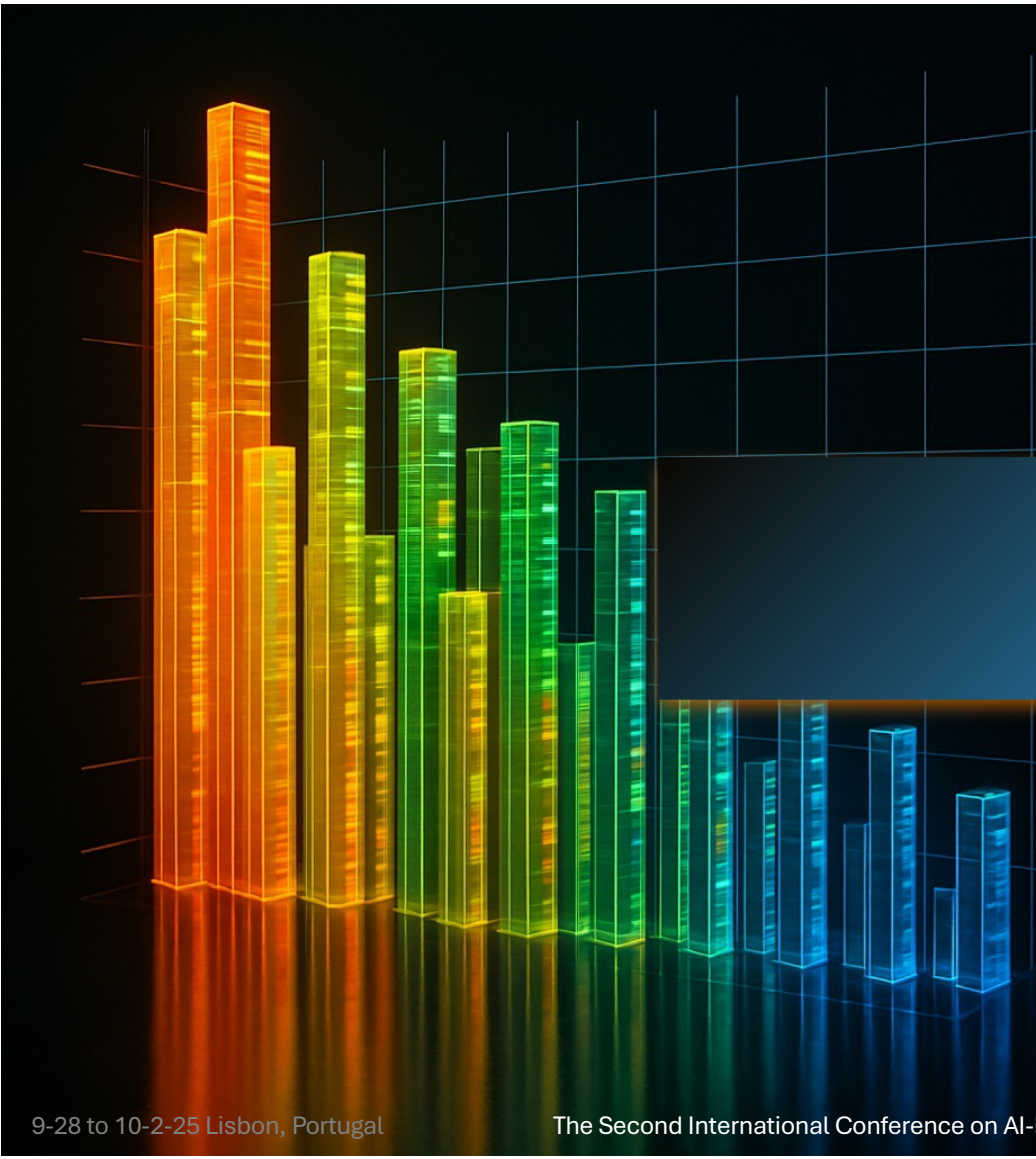


Introduction

- **Enhancing AI Coherency and RDM:**

- Decision Quality (DQ)
- Sequential Decision-Making (SDM)
- DM Inflection Points (DMIP)
- System 1 (“fast, automatic, **intuitive**”)
- System 2 (“slow, deliberate, **logical**”)
- Uncompressed Decision Cycles (UDC)
- Compressed Decision Cycles (CDC)
- UDC -> Deductive Reasoning (DedR)
- CDC -> Inductive Reasoning (IndR)
 - > Analogical Reasoning (AnaR)
 - > Case-Based Reasoning (CBR)
- Lower Ambiguity Higher Uncertainty (LAHU)
as contrasted to Higher Ambiguity Lower Uncertainty (HALU)
- Enhanced Coherency, Logical Flow, Consistency, Validity
- Robust Dialogue Management (RDM)





2 Background

The accelerating usage of CAA and the ongoing challenges of AI incoherence & AI hallucinations

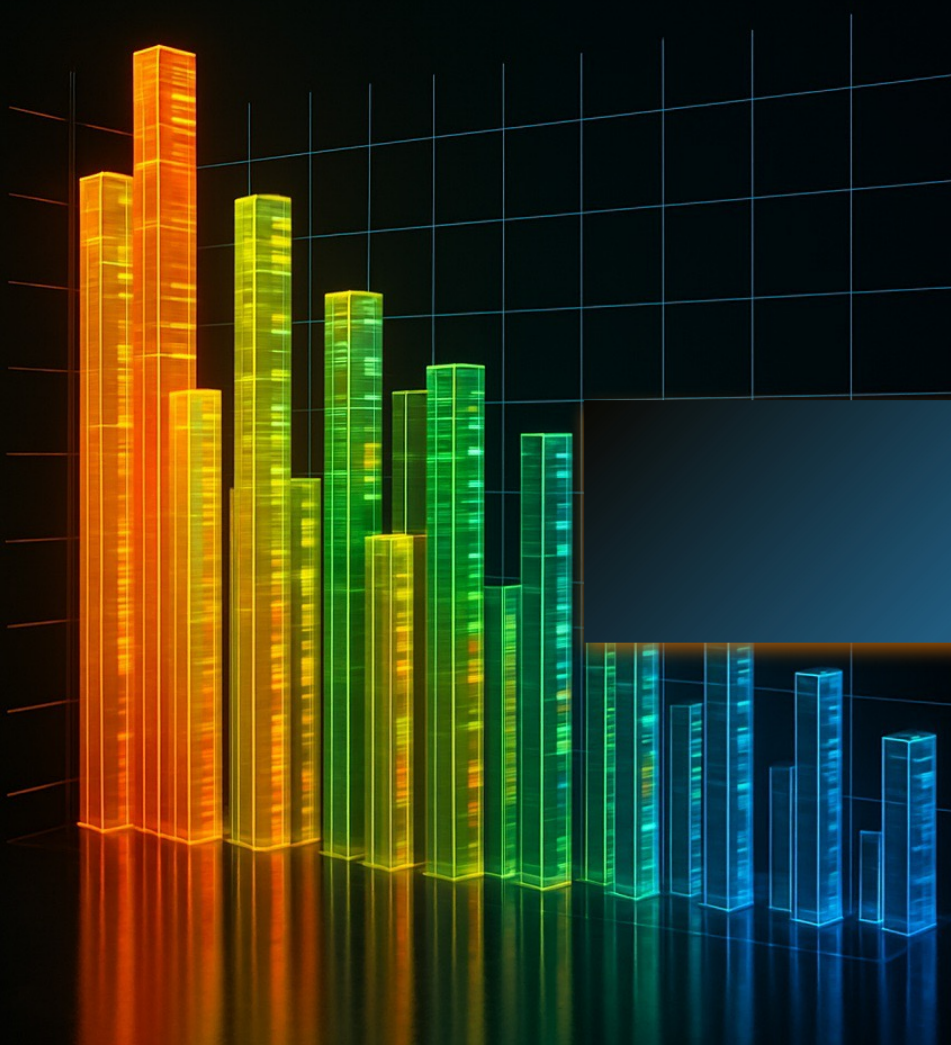
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- **Conventional Mitigation Approaches for AI incoherency/AI hallucinations:**
 - Guardrails/System Prompts (GSPs)
 - Fine-Tuned Models (FTMs) for specialized domains
 - Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)
- **An Alternative Approach to address AI incoherency/AI hallucinations:**
 - AI hallucinations
 - AI coherency
 - Maintaining AI coherency amidst Real-World Scenarios (RWS) is challenging since incoming information may re-contextualize and/or contradict matters
 - Enforcing a strict monotonic paradigm can lead to an awkward rigidity and/or incorrect/irrelevant responses
 - Enhanced insight at Monotonic/Non-monotonic Transition Zones (MNTZs) is crucial for higher affinity towards monotonic zones and higher coherency

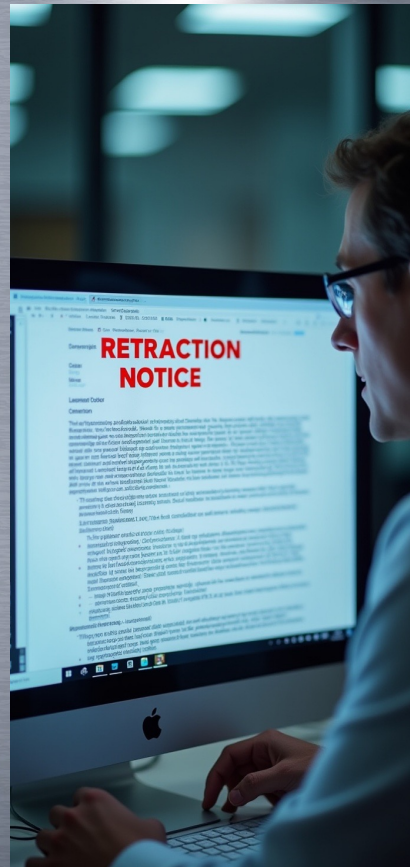
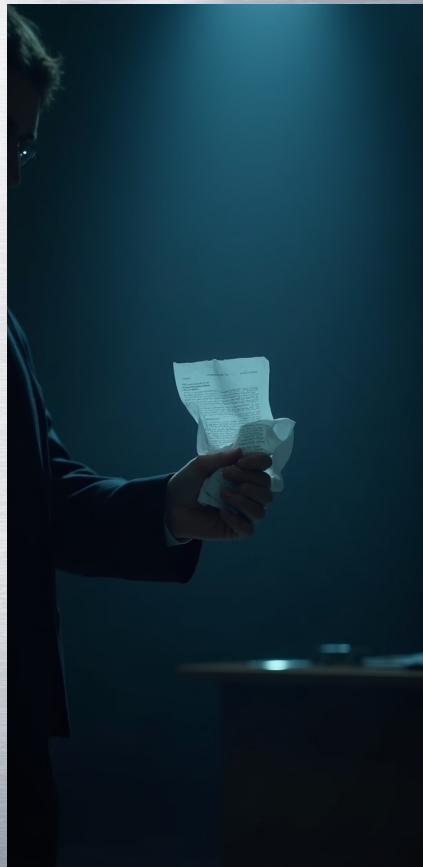




3 Some Notions...

Amalgams of Reasoning Mechanisms (RMs),
Reasoning Processes (RPs), and their pathways

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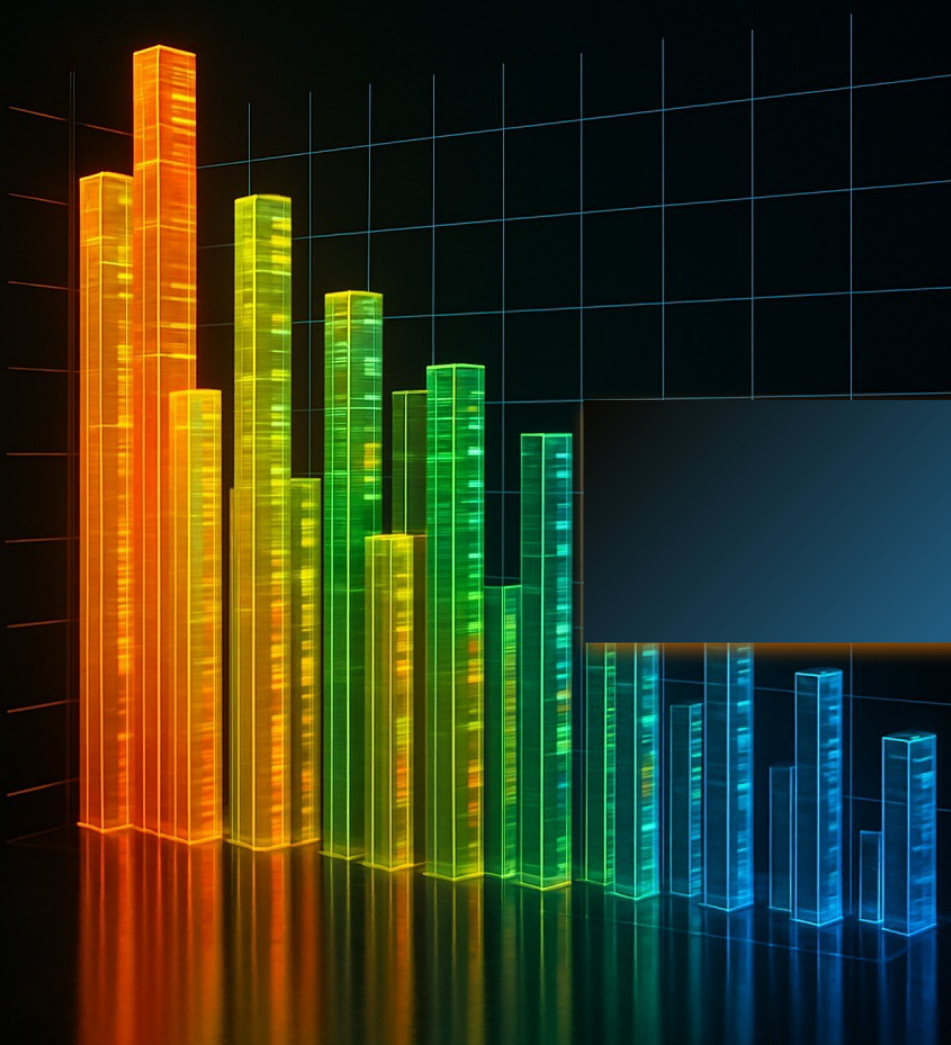
- **Theoretical Foundations:**

- Reasoning Mechanisms (RMs)
- Reasoning Processes (RPs)
- Comparator Similarity Measure (CSM)

- **Validity Considerations:**

- Epistemological constructs, such as the
Known Knowns (KK)
Known Unknowns (KU)
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Unknown Unknowns (UU)
- Gekhman's Sampling-based Categorization of Knowledge (SliCK) model
Highly Known (HK) | Validity = Always
Maybe Known (MK) | Validity = Sometimes
Weakly Known (WK) | Validity = Never with $T=0$, but Sometimes with $T>0$
Unknown | Validity = Never

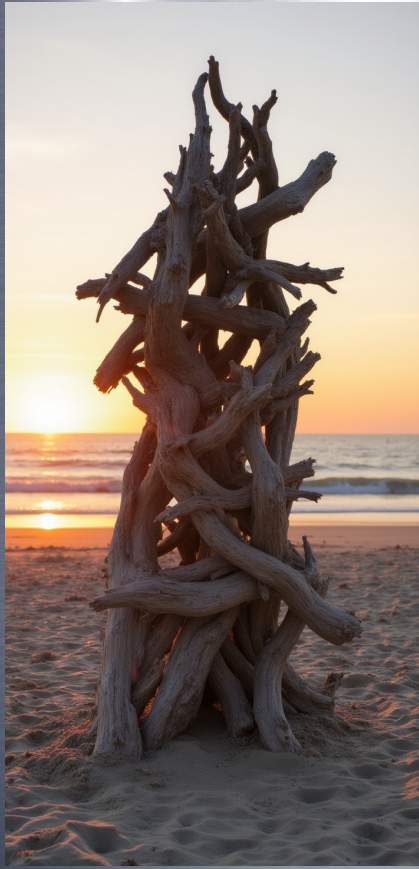




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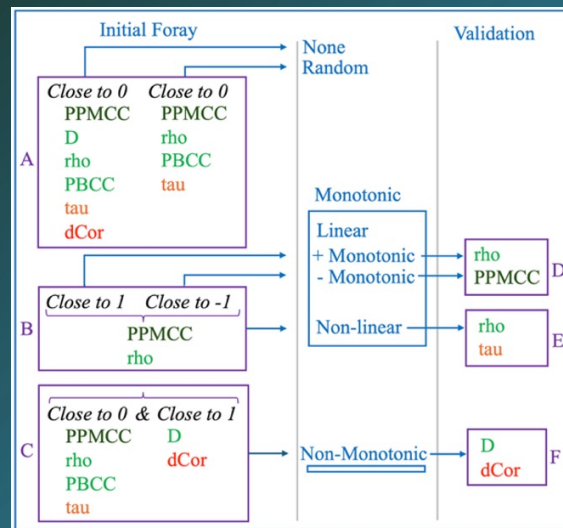
Some pragmatic pathways that may better lend to
Enhanced AI coherence and RDM

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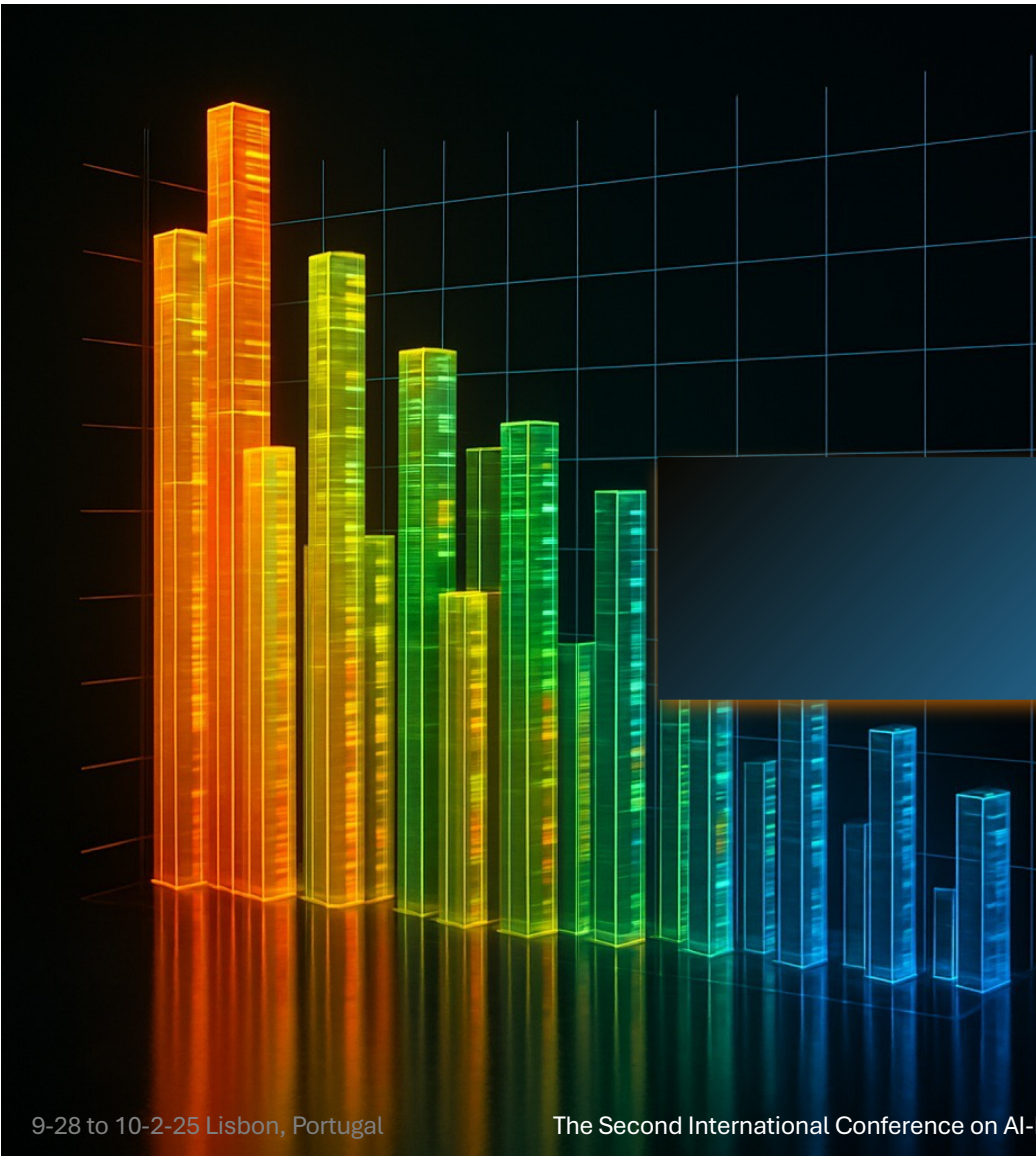


Discussion

- **Advancing the state of CAA Coherency:**
 - IndR, AnaR, CBR
 - Graph-Based Reasoning (GBR) to support CBR
 - Pre-Isomorphic Paradigms (IsoP), Relaxed IsoP, IsoP, and Post-IsoP
- **MNTZ inclinations for various measures, RMs, and RPs:**



UDC		CDC		
DedR	MR	IndR	W MR	NMR
		AnaR	NMR	
		CBR	C MR	NMR
		GBR	MR	NMR
		AbdR	NMR	



5 Concluding Remarks

A potentially promising approach for enhancing
AI coherence & reducing AI hallucinations

Concluding Remarks

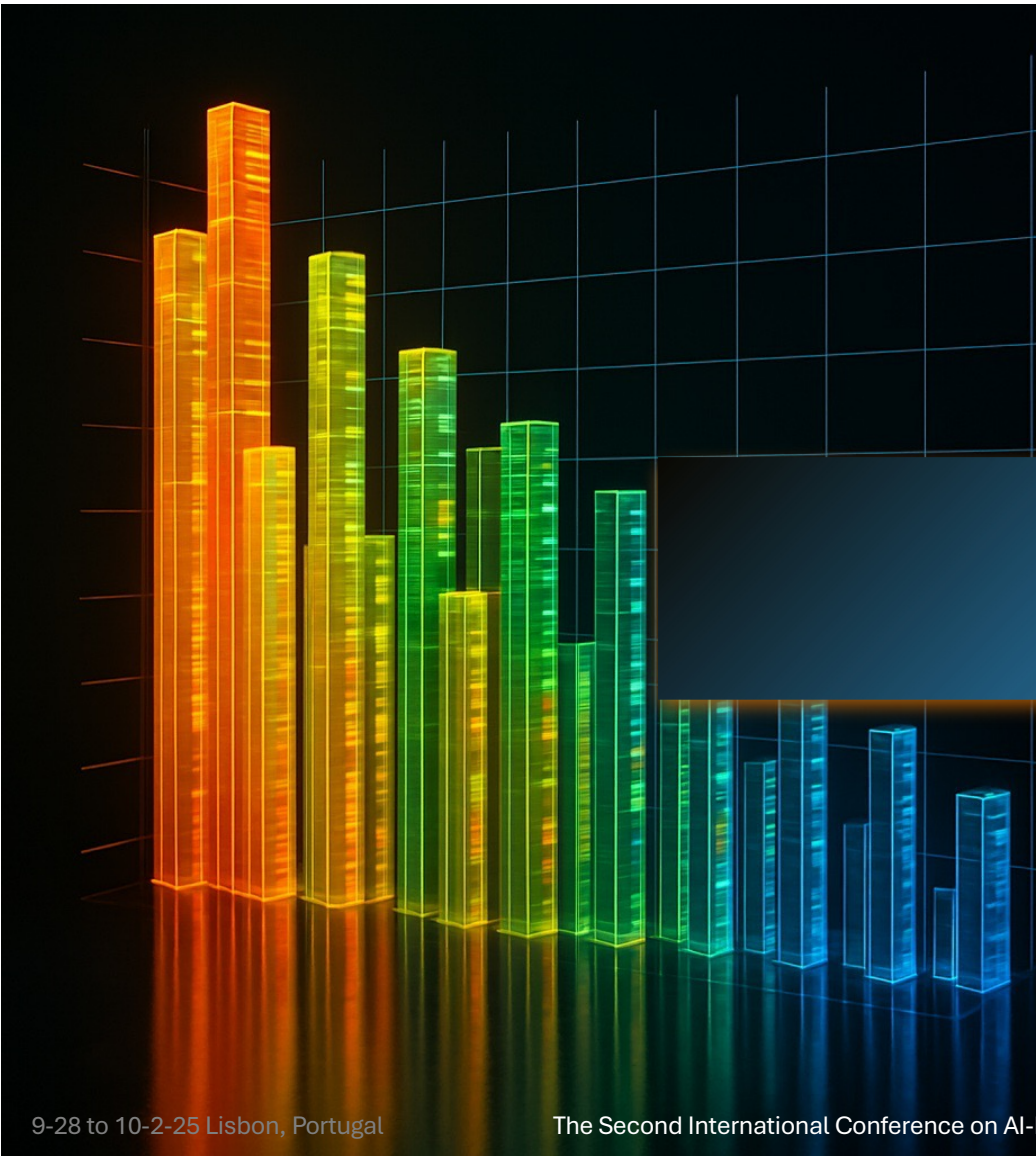


Concluding Remarks

▪ Enhancing CAA RDM:

- Despite various contemporary mitigation approaches (e.g., GSP, FTM, RAG), the AI coherency issue seems to be worsening as CAA versions advance
- For the case of the **Known** (e.g., KK, HK), the validity seems to remain higher
- For the case of the **Unknown** (e.g., KU, UK, UU), the validity seems to decline
- The rate of decline dictates whether it is a graceful or non-graceful degradation in AI coherence (and AI hallucinations)
- CA tend to reside somewhere between CDC and UDC
- CA RMs tend to be more towards **IndR** rather than **AbdR** or **DedR**
IndR -> **AnaR** -> **CBR** -> **GBR**
- To stay more in the **MR realm** (as opposed to the **NMR realm**), **GBR-supported CBR forays** seem prudent





Thank you very much for your time and attention!

Questions?



Thank you

& please have a wonderful conference at AISyS 2025!