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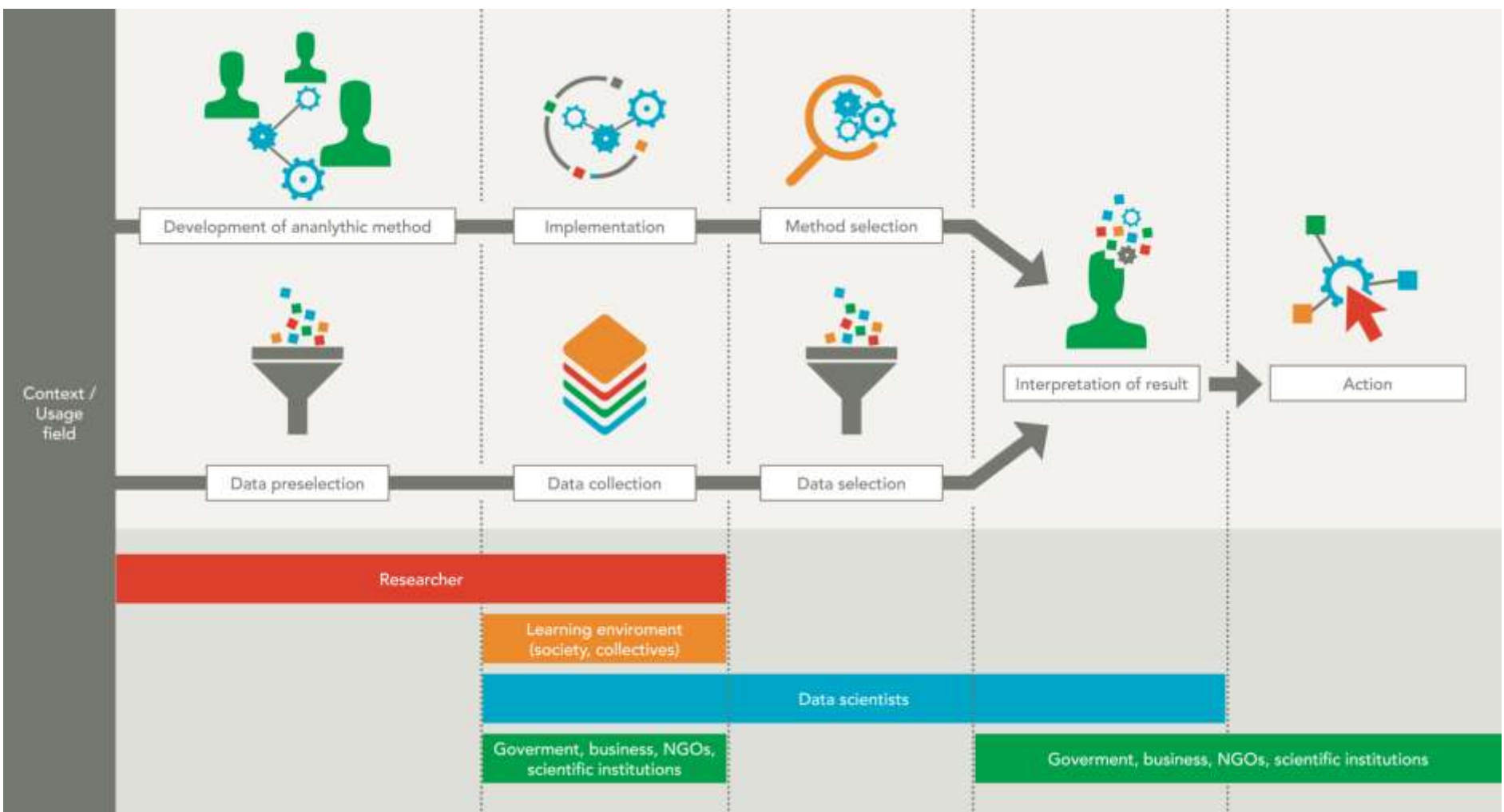
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Algorithmic Decision Making – ADM

We call the following process algorithmic decision making (ADM):

- design procedures to gather data,
- gather data,
- design algorithms to
 - analyse the data,
 - interpret the results of this analysis based on a human-defined interpretation model,
- and to act automatically based on the interpretation as determined in a human-defined decision making model.

Who's part of this?



Development of analytic method

Implementation

Method selection



Data preselection

Data collection

Data selection



Interpretation of result



Action

Context / Usage field

Researcher

Learning environment (society, collectives)

Data scientists

Government, business, NGOs, scientific institutions

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What do we need to watch, then?



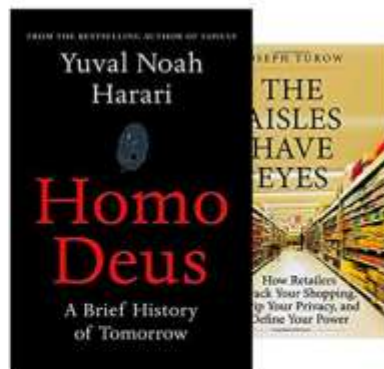
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What does this tell us?

So far, we have no agreed-upon criteria to *sufficiently* distinguish between different ADMs.



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AlgorithmWatch Working Paper No. 2

Ethics and algorithmic processes for decision making and decision support

by Lorena Jaume-Palasi and Matthias Spielkamp



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 - self-chosen goods and services
 - goods and services affecting an individual but used by a third party

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 - self-chosen goods and services
 - goods and services affecting an individual but used by a third party
- Societal goods
 - societal framework
 - collective goods

Ways to investigate algorithms

- journalistic investigation and reporting
- computer science: statistical analysis, reverse engineering etc.
- law: legal analysis, strategic litigation etc.
- advocacy: campaigning
- philosophy: ethical analysis, development of criteria for evaluation, development of norms



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