



## DECISION ANALYTICS, MOBILE SERVICES AND SERVICE SCIENCE

### Minitrack: Visualization and Analytics for Decision Support, Operational Management, and Scientific Discovery

This minitrack will have applications in a broad range of situations where human expertise must be brought to bear on problems characterized by massive datasets and data that are uncertain in fact, relevance, location in space and position in time. Examples include environmental science and technologies, natural resources and energy, health and related life sciences, safety and security (aircraft safety, law enforcement, antiterrorism, disaster relief) and business processes. We encourage submissions that extend the areas of use to include a broader range of analytic tasks such as science and technology, public health, business intelligence, financial analysis, and other domains where interactive visualization systems may be used to improve human decision-making.

Submissions may include studies of visual analytics and decision support in the context of an organization (e.g., communication between analysts and policy-makers), perceptual and cognitive aspects of the analytic task, and collaborative analysis using visual information systems.

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