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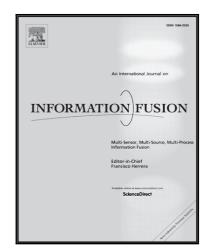
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### Highlights

- We propose a novel notion of necessary and possible hesitant fuzzy set, NaP-HFS
- NaP-HFSs consist of nested pairs of HFSs, and are suited to applications in group decision making
- NaP-HFSs are inspired by a bi-preference approach in the field of decision theory
- We define meaningful aggregation operators and scores in this extended context
- We propose a decision making procedure for NaP-HFSs, generalizing known procedures for HFSs



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