

# **AI IN MEDICINE AND PSYCHIATRY**

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What do you already  
know about AI in  
relation to medicine  
/ psychiatry?

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Thoughts / comments?



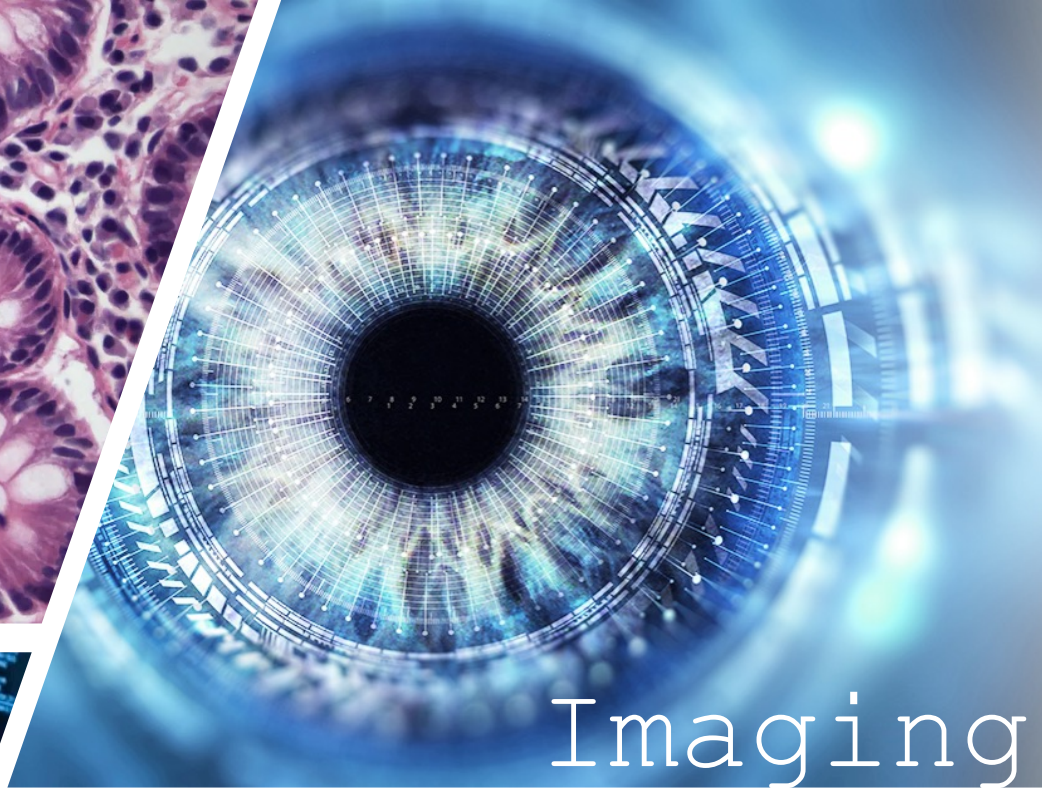
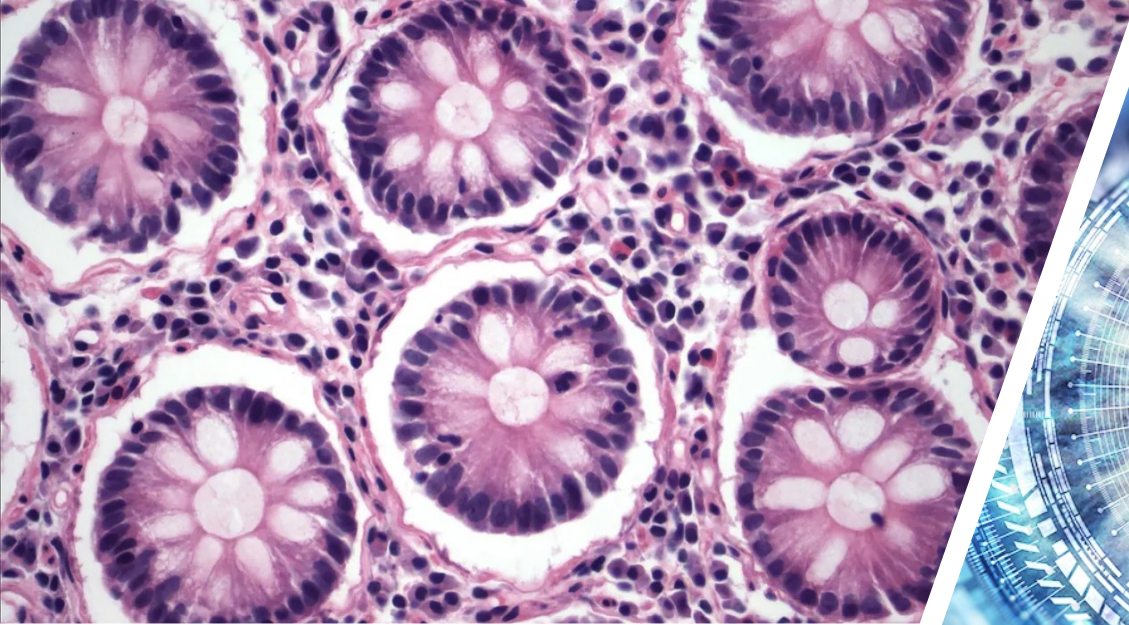
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# Outline

- AI for medicine: making 'good decisions'
- The language of psychiatry
- AI in and for psychiatry
- Some core principles





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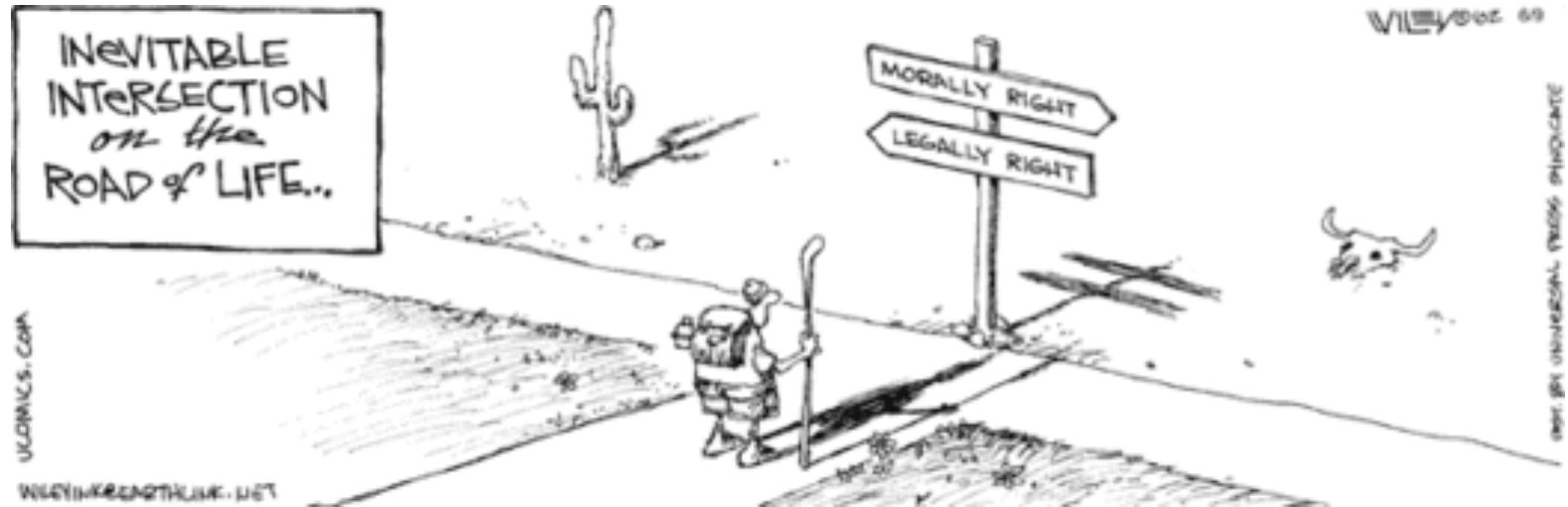




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# AI for medicine

- **Classifying text:** clinician notes & observations to identify common findings, approaches, mistakes, inefficiencies + recommendations for amending protocols
- **Data-driven AI:** distinguish between neuroimages, e.g. 'neuroimaging biomarkers' using MRI, to identify brain disorders
- **Data analysis models:** operating on established question-based results from diagnostic tools  
*cf. Rainey, Erden, & Resseguier, 2021*



Making 'good decisions'  
(Grote and Berens, 2020)

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## Good decisions in psychiatry

- More than being *right*...
- Lived experience
- Complex realities
- Can emerge discursively



'Get Cape. Wear Cape. Fly' By [muffincopter](#)

Three  
philosophical  
challenges

(Chin-Yee &  
Upshur, 2019,  
p. 237)

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(1) Epistemological-ontological  
problem (theory-ladenness of  
big data / measurement)

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(2) Epistemological-logical  
problem (algorithm limitations,  
(un)reliability, interpretability)

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(3) Phenomenological problem  
(irreducibility of human  
experience to quantitative data)



# (1) Epistemological-Ontological Problem (p. 238-43)

## Algorithms + big data =

- **promise for:** diagnoses, prognoses, integrative analysis;
- ‘unbiased’, ‘theory-free’; more data = greater accuracy...;
- *predictive abilities; from curing to prevention (Grote & Berens, 2020, p. 205);*
- *address clinician flaws: cognitive bias/diagnostic errors (Grote & Berens, 2020, p. 205).*

## Big Data =

- **theory-laden;** selected; epistemic interests;
- logical positivism; neglects causal reasoning;
- black-boxes obscure causal relations (inputs / outputs)
- *possibility of accuracy at expense of opacity (Grote & Berens, 2020, p. 205);*
- *values of transparency & evidence vs reliability & efficacy (Grote and Berens, 2020, p. 209).*

## Measurement =

- **theory-laden;** semantic understandings; selected tools;
- constructs ontologies; quantitative / abstract vs family resemblance
- can mislead: false concreteness; misdiagnosis; decontextualised ‘at hand’ data with errors / omissions.

## (2) Epistemological-Logical Problem (p. 244-47)

### Limits of logic and inference

- complex realities: phenomenal, biological, social, psychological, historical
- dynamic complex systems: past empirical success  $\neq$  future success
- programs remain incomplete; underdetermine complexity in models; can't account for rare or idiosyncratic factors
- CACE principle: 'Changing Anything Changes Everything'
- question of who assumes responsibility
- *distributed / collective responsibility + legal system? (Grote & Berens, 2020, p. 209)*

# (3) Phenomenological Problem (p. 248-52)

## Phenomenology / lived experience / being-in-the-world:

- patients experience; health-care research; clinical reasoning / judgment / interpretation
- data = (dynamic) meaning: can be missed / context can exacerbate epistemic injustice
- key content may be implied, may emerge through dialogue / interpretation
- deep learning cannot easily adapt or cope with structural change; big data does not change this

Dialogue is essential. Can AI be part of that dialogue?

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# EPISTEMIC AUTHORITY (OF CLINICIANS)

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Current ML algorithms challenge epistemic authority  
of clinicians (Grote & Berens, 2020, p. 207)

Image: [Trikle Trade](#), *Stories Of People Helping Others*

# Epistemic models

## Clinician:

- tests hypotheses; full certitude unattainable; variety of information gathering activities & treatments; takes calculated risks
- collaborative medical diagnoses (patients, peers); (time) constraints

## Machines:

- rule-based algorithms: encoding expert knowledge
- ML algorithms: extracting patterns or structure in examples (p. 206)
- complexity impacts transparency; management of risks
- exert normative force: evidential standards
- algorithms as additional source of evidence?



# Foundations for clinical decision making

(Grote & Berens,  
2020; Chin-Yee &  
Upshur, 2019)

**solitary reasoning:** self-evaluation; cognitive bias; overconfidence; limits to knowledge; unreflective value judgments (disease definitions; treatment rationale)

**collaborative reasoning:** spotting errors; (equally) competent peers disagree on a proposition; explanation / justification for reasons, decisions, action; accountability for judgments

**stalemate:** 'equal weight view' (different views diminish confidence) vs. 'steadfast view' (own beliefs given epistemic privilege)

**physicians and phronesis (practical wisdom):**  
*flexible, interpretive capacity: context + best action*  
(Chin-Yee & Upshur, 2019)

ML +  
clinician  
decision  
making:  
dialogical  
engagement  
(p. 209)

- **ML increases opacity / uncertainty:** (1) corporate secrecy, (2) technical illiteracy, (3) complex (unintelligible) representation
- **Risks:** different training / reasoning; epistemic vices (dogmatism, gullibility); paternalistic decision-making / undermining shared decision-making; human confidence  $\neq$  mathematical confidence (ML typically overconfident)

# Two key questions

What does it mean to make good decisions?

- explanation / justification + reasons, decisions, action
- accountability for judgments

Can AI / ML be a valuable participant in clinical dialogue?

- contribution to solitary / collaborative reasoning
- impact of different reasoning / confidence etc.

Psychiatry

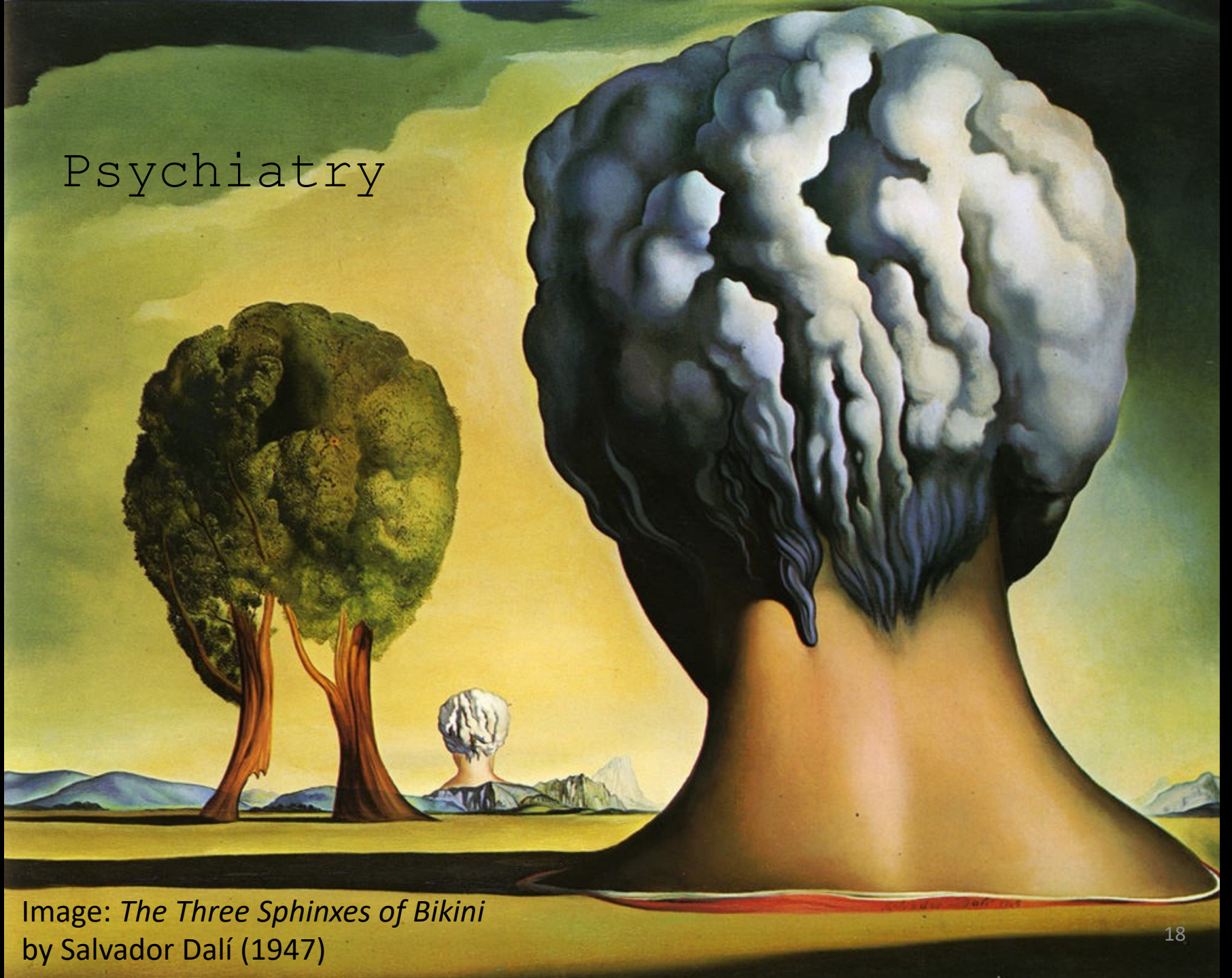


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by Salvador Dalí (1947)





Definition

# CLASSIFICATION CATEGORISATION

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# What is...?

- Mental illness
- Mental disorder
- Psychiatric disorder
- Psychiatric illness
- Psychological disorder
- Personality disorder



# What is...?

- Mental illness
- Mental disorder
- Psychiatric disorder
- Psychiatric illness
- Psychological disorder
- Personality disorder = as above?
- Brain disorder = neurological?  
(e.g. epilepsy, Parkinson's disease?)

## Section II: Diagnostic Criteria and Codes

### Neurodevelopmental Disorders

#### Intellectual Disabilities

Intellectual Disability (Intellectual Developmental Disorder)

Global Developmental Delay

Unspecified Intellectual Disability (Intellectual Developmental Disorder)

#### Communication Disorders

Language Disorder

Speech Sound Disorder (previously Phonological Disorder)

Childhood-Onset Fluency Disorder (Stuttering)

Social (Pragmatic) Communication Disorder

Unspecified Communication Disorder

#### Autism Spectrum Disorder

Autism Spectrum Disorder

#### Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

Other Specified Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

Unspecified Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

#### Specific Learning Disorder

Specific Learning Disorder

#### Motor Disorders

Developmental Coordination Disorder

Stereotypic Movement Disorder

#### Tic Disorders

Tourette's Disorder

Persistent (Chronic) Motor or Vocal Tic Disorder

Provisional Tic Disorder

Other Specified Tic Disorder

Unspecified Tic Disorder

#### Other Neurodevelopmental Disorder

Other Specified Neurodevelopmental Disorder

Unspecified Neurodevelopmental Disorder

### Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders

Schizotypal (Personality) Disorder

Delusional Disorder

Brief Psychotic Disorder

Schizophreniform Disorder

Schizophrenia

Schizoaffective Disorder

Substance/Medication-Induced Psychotic Disorder

Psychotic Disorder Due to Another Medical Condition

The Diagnostic  
and Statistical  
Manual of Mental  
Disorders  
Fifth Edition  
(DSM-5-TR, pub.  
2013; updated  
2022)

## ▼ 06 Mental, behavioural or neurodevelopmental disorders



- ▶ Neurodevelopmental disorders
- ▶ Schizophrenia or other primary psychotic disorders
- ▶ Catatonia
- ▶ Mood disorders
- ▶ Anxiety or fear-related disorders
- ▶ Obsessive-compulsive or related disorders
- ▶ Disorders specifically associated with stress
- ▶ Dissociative disorders
- ▶ Feeding or eating disorders
- ▶ Elimination disorders
- ▶ Disorders of bodily distress or bodily experience
- ▶ Disorders due to substance use

- ▶ Impulse control disorders
- ▶ Disruptive behaviour or disruptive mood
- ▶ Personality disorders and related conditions
- ▶ Paraphilic disorders
- ▶ Factitious disorders
- ▶ Neurocognitive disorders
- ▶ Mental or behavioural disorders associated with pregnancy, childbirth or the puerperium
- ▶ **6E40** Psychological or behavioural factors affecting disorders or diseases classified elsewhere
- ▶ Secondary mental or behavioural syndromes associated with disorders or diseases classified elsewhere
- ▶ **07** Sleep-wake disorders
- ▶ Sexual dysfunctions
- ▶ Gender incongruence

**6E8Y** Other specified mental, behavioural or neurodevelopmental disorders

**6E8Z** Mental, behavioural or neurodevelopmental disorders, unspecified

World Health  
Organization  
(WHO)  
ICD-11 (2022)



## Main criticisms of DSM-5:

- 'an unhealthy influence of the pharmaceutical industry on the revision process'
- 'an increasing tendency to "medicalise" patterns of behaviour and mood that are not considered to be particularly extreme'

NHS analysis



Do  
theories  
in  
psychology  
stand up?  
e.g.  
“social  
priming”





[World J Psychiatry](#). 2014 Dec 22; 4(4): 133–140.

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PMCID: PMC4274585

PMID: [25540728](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25540728/)

## Racial disparities in psychotic disorder diagnosis: A review of empirical literature

[Robert C Schwartz](#) and [David M Blankenship](#)

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1994, Vol. 25, No. 1, 55–61

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## Sex Bias in the Diagnosis of Borderline Personality Disorder and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

Dana Becker and Sharon Lamb

# AI in psychiatry

Can improve accuracy, consistency, efficiency, effectiveness

Analysis of large data sets to recognise key phenotypes (machine learning / neural networks)

Objective systems can help avoid clinician bias

Prediction capacity from theory + data

Fill gaps: (1) specialists (2) knowledge or uncertainty (3) in cases of novelty (4) second opinions

*cf. Erden, Hummerstone, & Rainey, 2021*

# AI and...

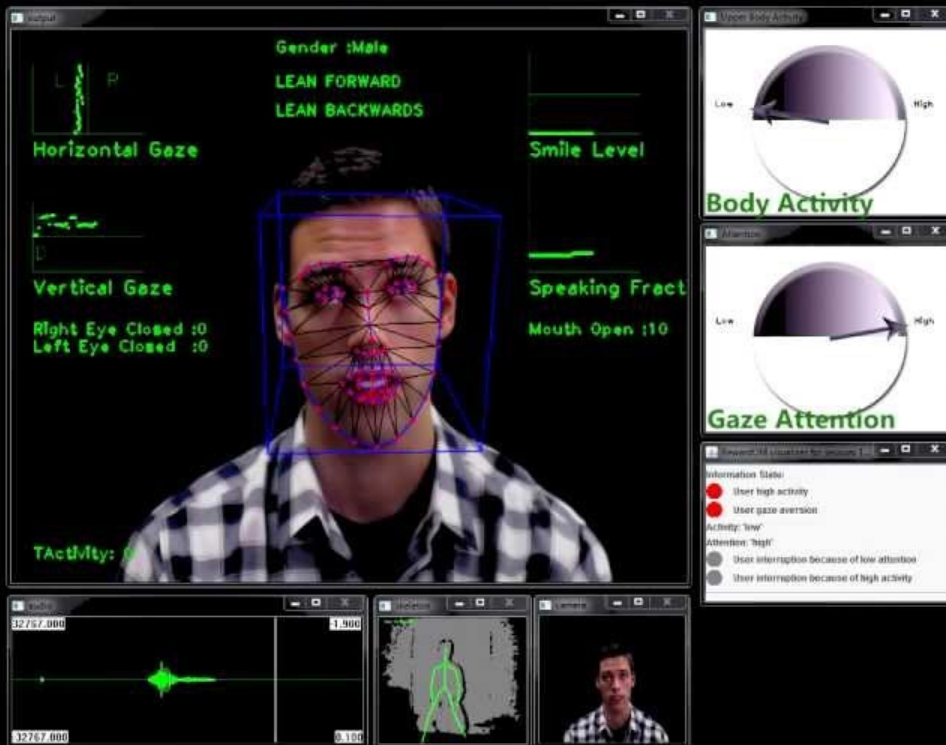
Meaningful  
language use /  
understanding

Emotions/desires

Autonomous  
intentionality

Qualia (what it is  
*to be* something)

## MultiSense



## SimSensei



SimSensei nods at appropriate points in the dialogue.

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“a future AI...”

SimSensei

**Technical:** data, analysis, prediction, e.g. efficient diagnosis/treatment-planning using data-driven taxonomies of mental illness



**Relational:** conversation, support, understanding, e.g. via individualised, non-judgemental AI

Image: 'Depression' by [mattwalker69](#)

What would an AI  
need to know in  
order to  
distinguish  
between clinical  
depression, and  
bereavement?



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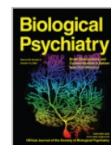
# Evaluation of an artificial intelligence-based medical device for diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder

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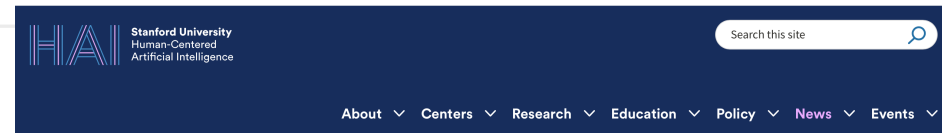


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Archival Report

## Robust, Generalizable, and Interpretable Artificial Intelligence–Derived Brain Fingerprints of Autism and Social Communication Symptom Severity

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## New AI-Driven Algorithm Can Detect Autism in Brain “Fingerprints”

Early, definitive detection of autism in patients could lead to timelier interventions and better outcomes.

Mar 28, 2022 | Adam Hadhazy     

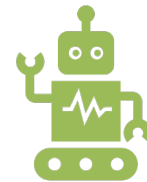
# AI weaknesses?



AI lacks nuance  
and flexibility



AI struggles with  
discursive,  
contextual  
analysis



AI requires  
simplified  
(simplistic)  
classifications



'This ability of human intelligence to draw on **'common sense'** when needed, and **uncommon sense** when especially needed (i.e. that of specialists with their unique training data), means that humans will almost certainly remain critical for managing and interacting with even relatively simple psychiatric cases for the foreseeable future.'

(Christian Brown et al., 2021, p. 132)



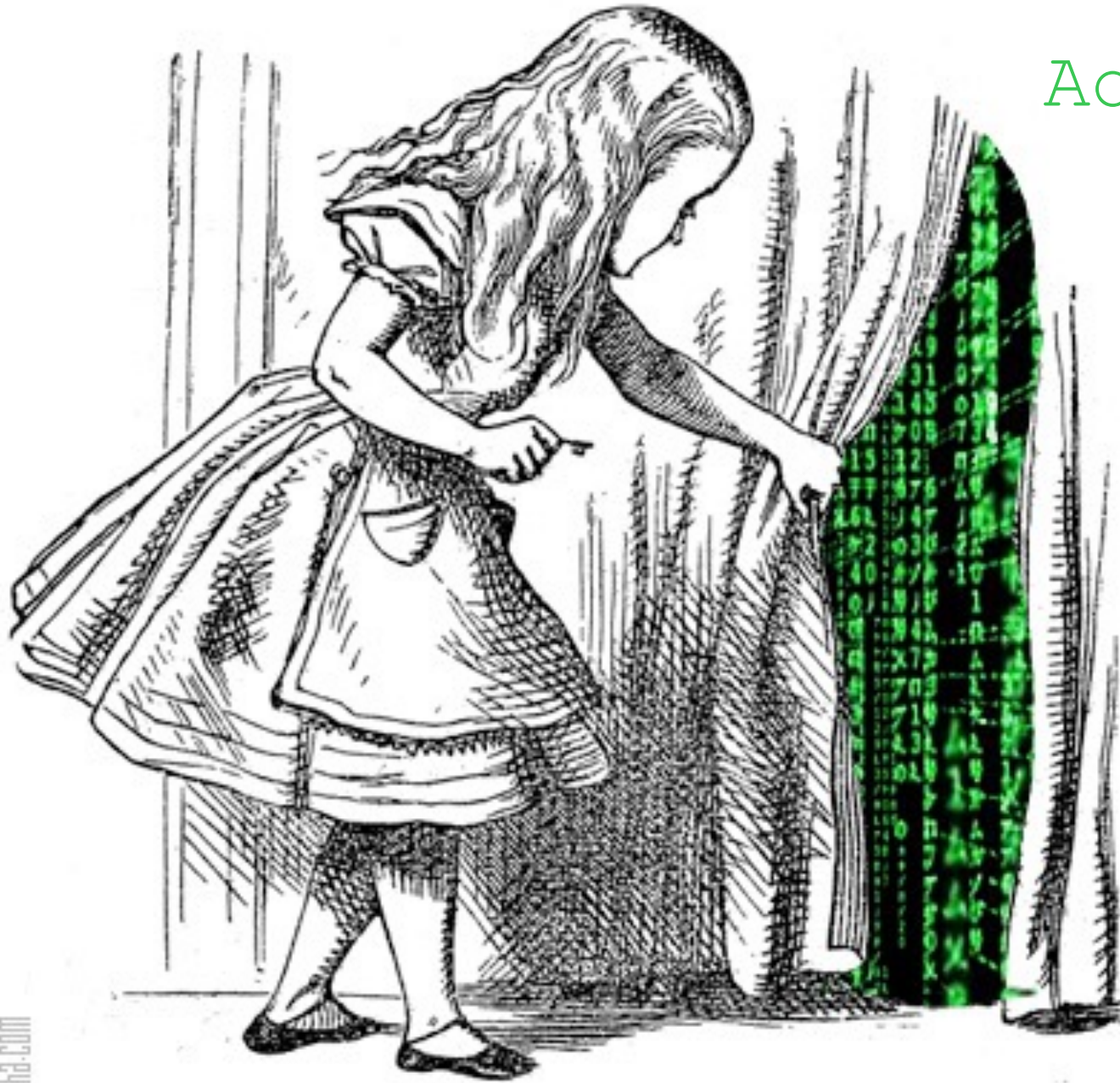
# Core principles: AI for psychiatry

1. AI lacks capacities crucial to psychiatry: nuance / flexible thinking about mental states (beliefs, desires, intentions, preferences, needs), plus context / experience
2. AI for psychiatry should not undermine necessary relational aspects of care, especially where technological fixes seem to offer respite for resource heavy fields
3. Statistical data / analysis include inferences, while models of psychiatry are located within (shifting) normative frameworks. AI should not cement simplistic classifications or exacerbate harmful biases (design, data), and care should be taken in the selection of theories of mind, brains, and human behaviour. AI systems need to be flexible enough to adapt as these theories likewise adapt, or to change tack where theories are discredited or papers retracted
4. Brain data needs particular scrutiny given potential to bypass self-reporting / interpersonal, discursive methods
5. AI should be sufficiently transparent, with methods, processes, (brain) data sets, including for training, open to critique

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## Brain diseases and disorders

🏠 / The Brain

QBI scientists are working to better understand brain function using a strategically balanced suite of scientific models and advanced technologies. Researchers are also studying brain function in the mouse, honeybee, fruit fly, frog, zebra fish and flatworm in an effort to address fundamental human neurological questions.

The Institute's neuroscientists are exploring the developmental causes of, and possible therapeutic treatments for, a wide range of mental and neurological diseases and disorders.

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'There are many different **mental illnesses**, including depression, schizophrenia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism, and obsessive-compulsive disorder'

- What is *rational* in decision making?
- Data quality + likelihood of appropriate outputs?
- How to differentiate, e.g. overlapping / co-morbid conditions?
- Scope for flexibility, e.g. new data/patterns/tasks?
- Scope for certainty in categorisation?

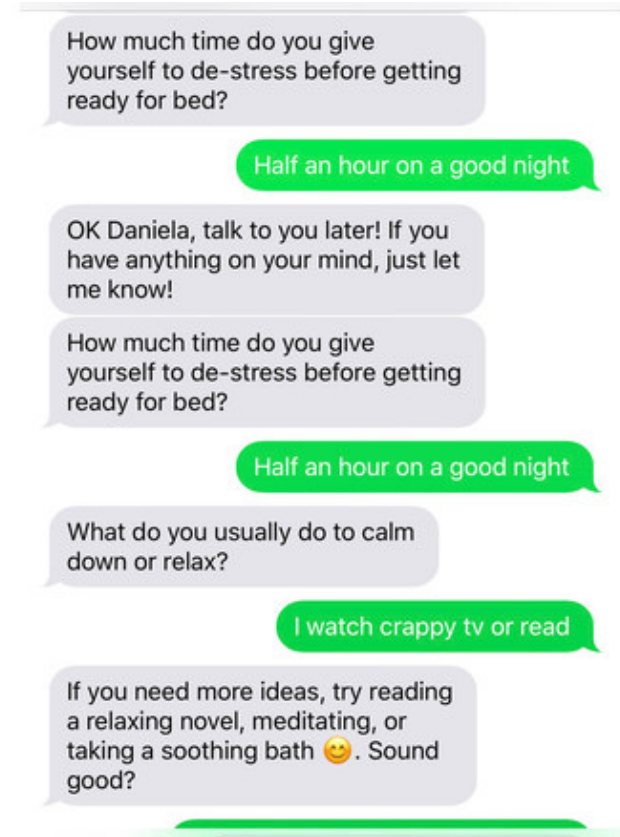


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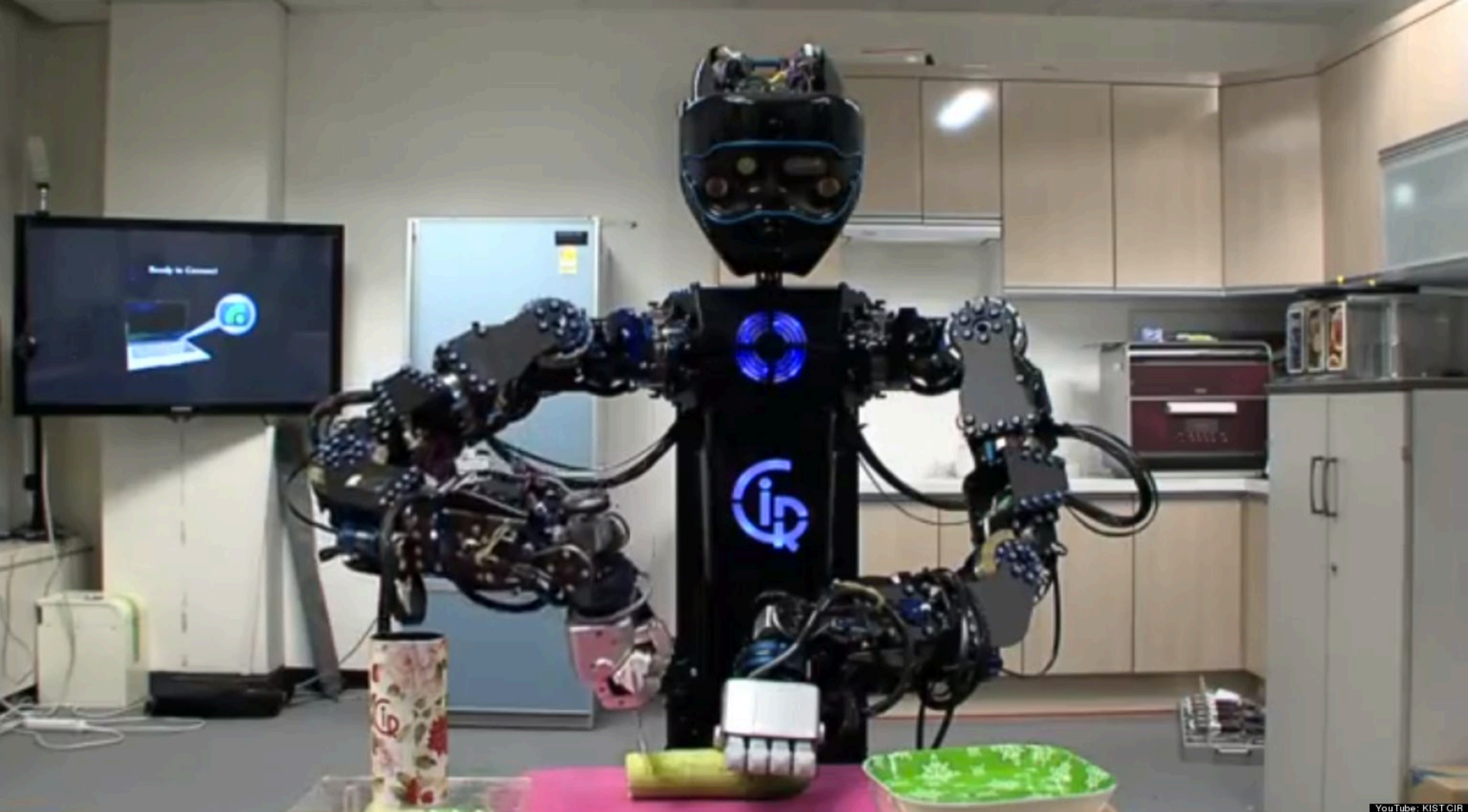


# PICTURE YOUR KITCHEN

*Exactly as it was this morning...*

*Now consider how to make a cup of coffee*





How to make a salad

# THE FRAME PROBLEM

Understanding each other?



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Similar to naïve physics?



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Is understanding of others...

...intentional and directed?



...instinctive and responsive?

