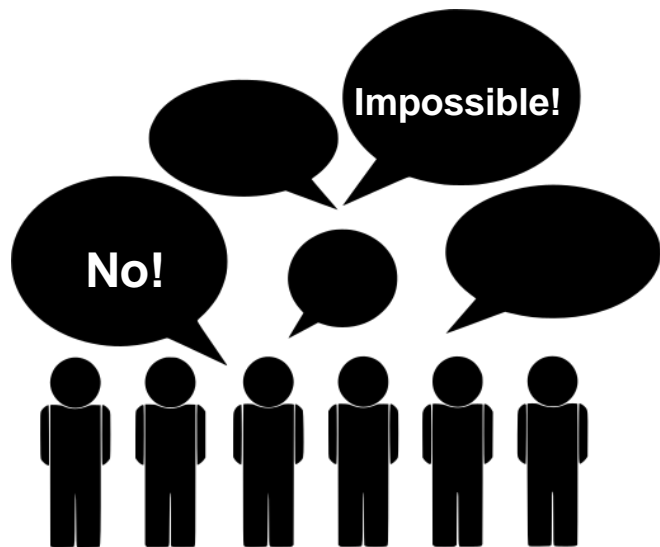


Künstliche Intelligenz in der Medizin: offene ethische Fragen einer Revolution

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AI takes every hurdle – AlphaGo



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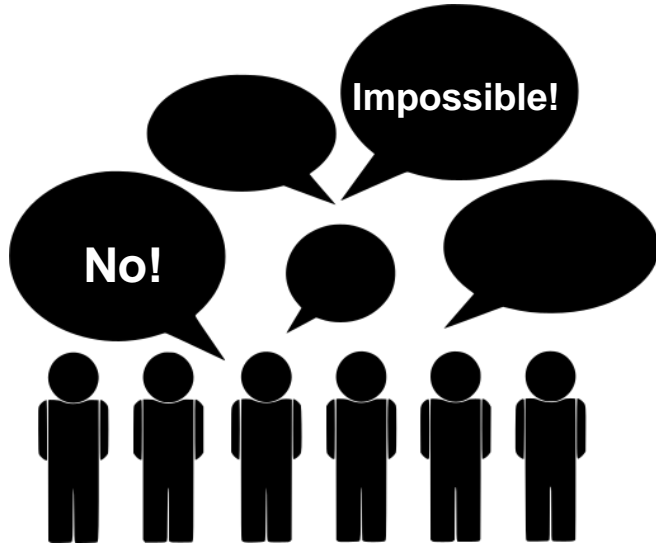


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Google's AlphaGo AI system has beaten the world's top-ranking Go player in the first of three games (Credit: Zerbor/Depositphotos)

AI takes every hurdle – Creativity

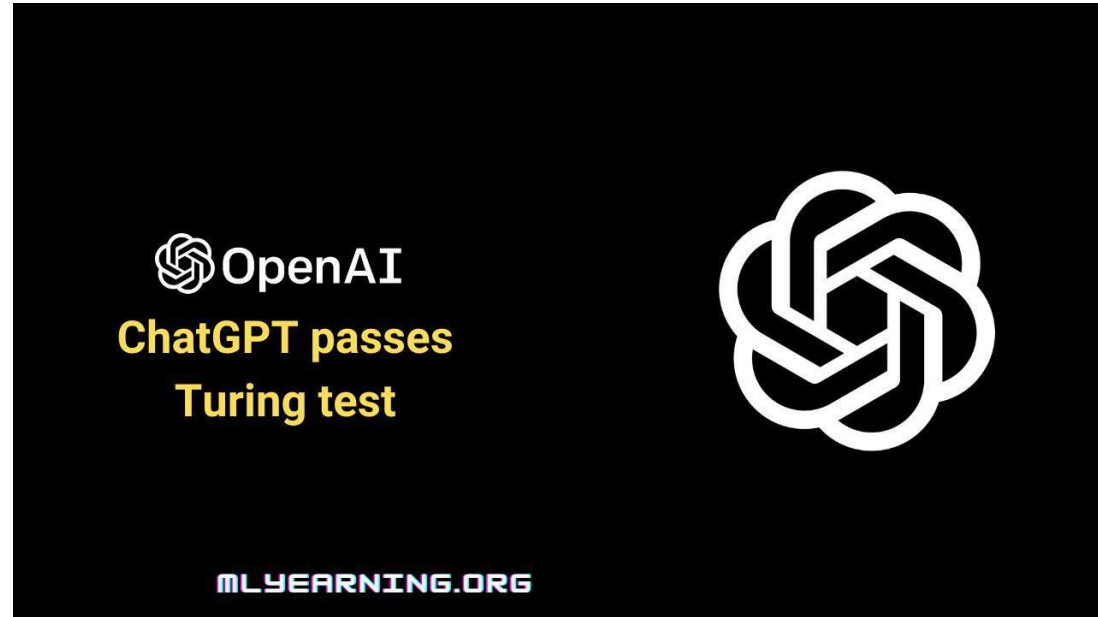
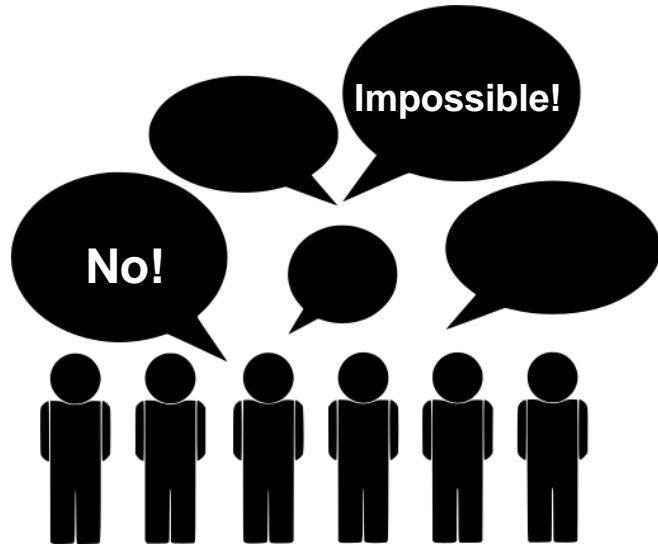


ChatGPT:
Please create
an artwork
combining the
themes of
Medical AI,
Alpaca,
Heidelberg
and Ethics



Generated with ChatGPT 40

AI takes every hurdle – Turing Test



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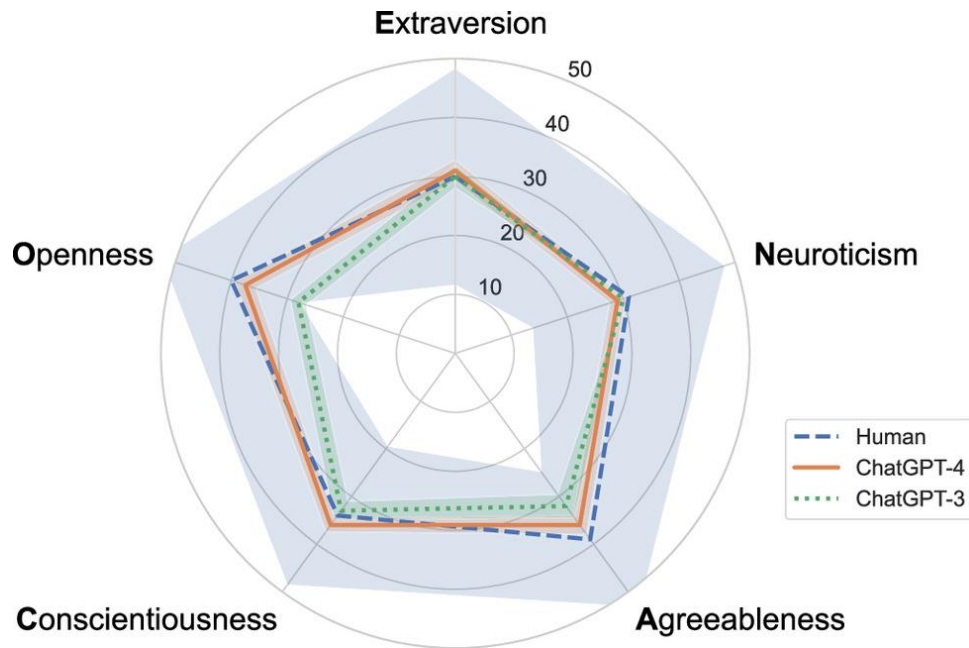
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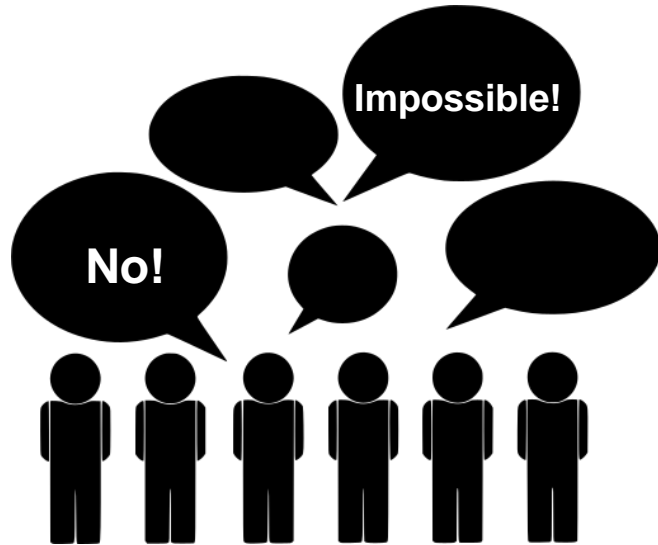
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“ChatGPT-4 exhibits behavioral and personality traits that are statistically indistinguishable from a random human from tens of thousands of human subjects from more than 50 countries.”



AI takes every hurdle – Emotions



AI has better 'bedside manner' than some doctors, study finds

ChatGPT rated higher in quality and empathy of written advice, raising possibility of medical assistance role

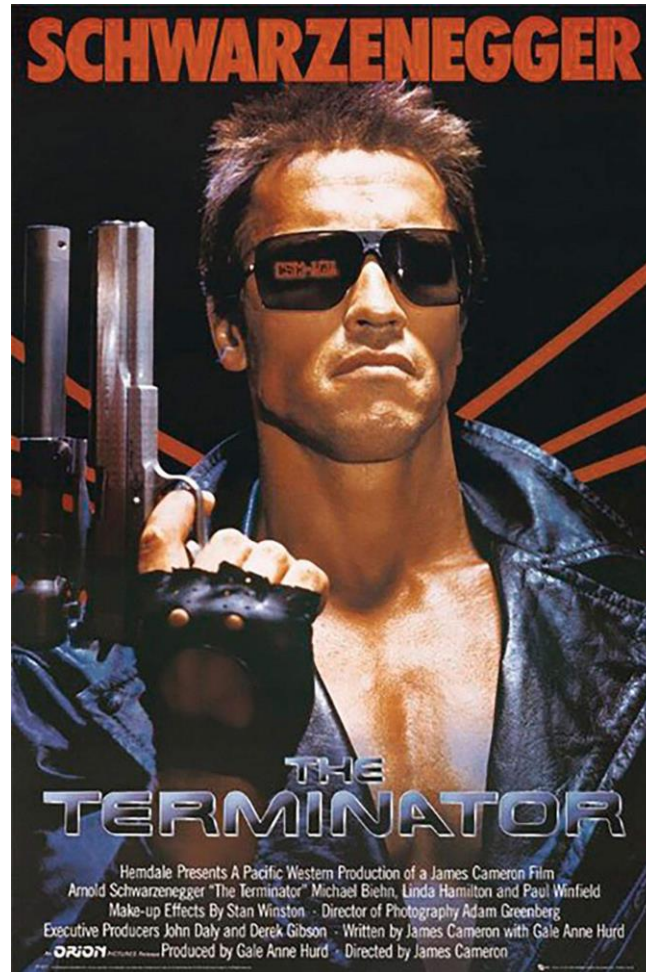


📷 A panel of healthcare professionals preferred ChatGPT's responses to medical questions over those of a doctor 79% of the time. Photograph: Ariel Skelley/Getty Images

ChatGPT appears to have a better 'bedside manner' than some doctors - at least when their written advice is rated for quality and empathy, a study has shown.



Stop it?
Is it ethical to work in AI in the
first place?





Facial recognition is one element of China's expanding tracking efforts Photo-illustration by TIME: Source Photo: Gilles Sabrié—The New York Times/Redux

How China Is Using “Social Credit Scores” to Reward and Punish Its Citizens

By Charlie Campbell / Chengdu

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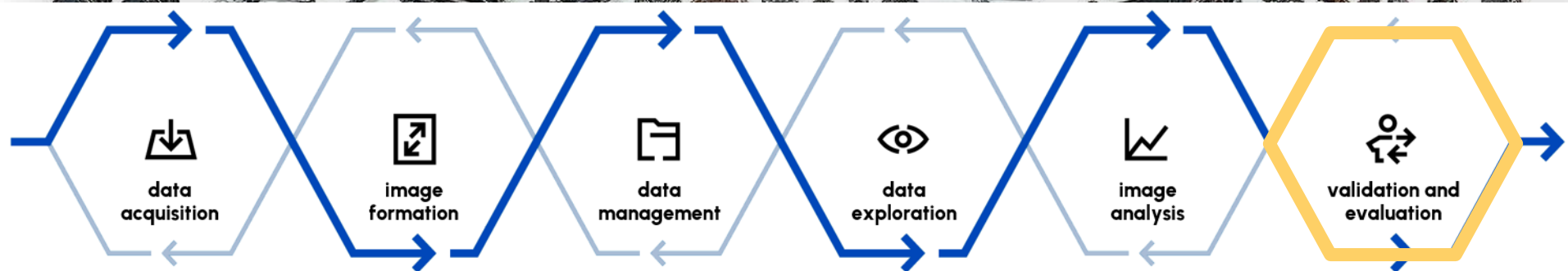
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Rage against machine learning driven by profit

Industry research funding is vastly eclipsing academia's spend, but healthy development demands broad input.

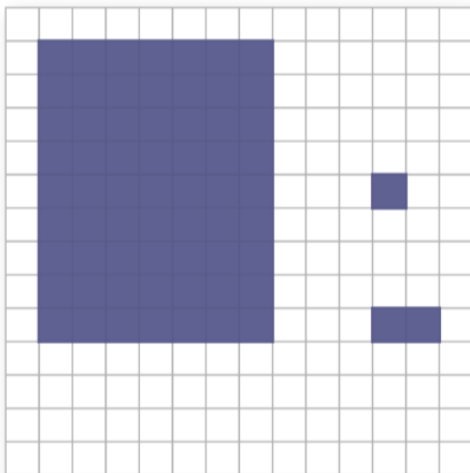
“Academia is the only place where researchers still have the ability to work without an obvious roadmap to profit.”

Question everything!

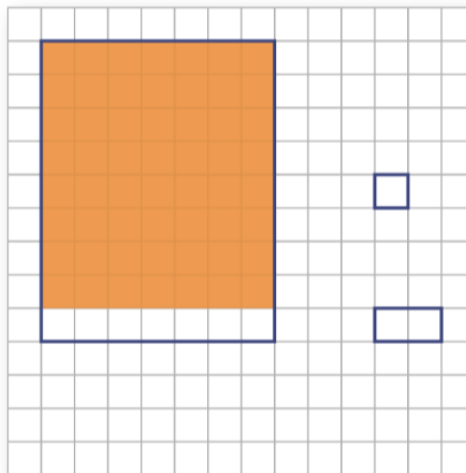


Which algorithm performs better (orange or light blue)?

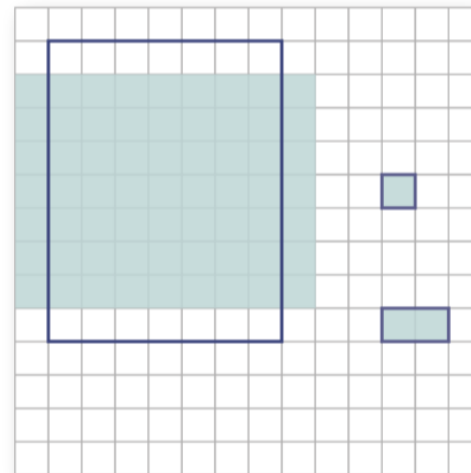
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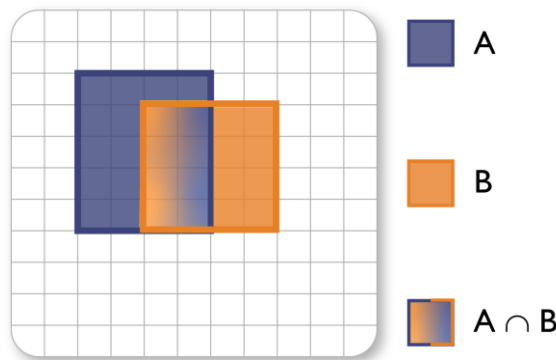
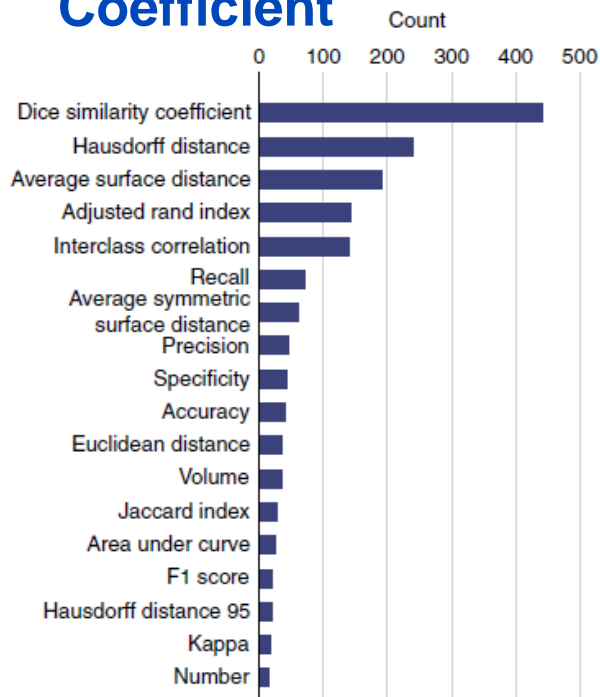


Prediction 2



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Most widely used metric in challenges: Dice Similarity Coefficient



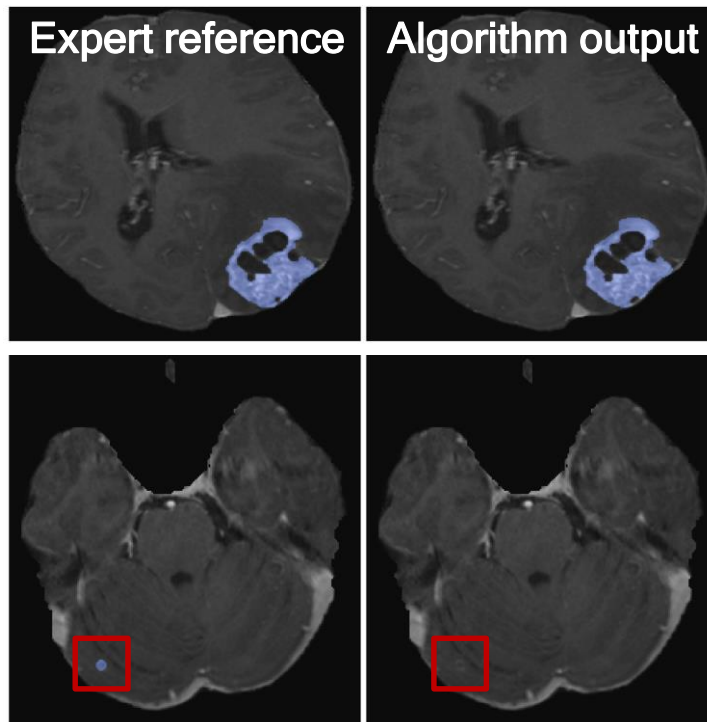
$$DSC(A,B) = \frac{2 |A \cap B|}{|A| + |B|}$$



Maier-Hein et al. Why rankings of biomedical image analysis competitions should be interpreted with care *Nature Commun.* 2018
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Flawed AI validation: A worldwide problem

Algorithm with
expert performance
according to
common validation
metric



Most tumor pixels
are detected...

... but the small
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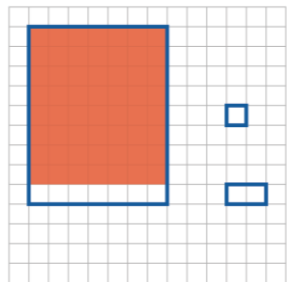
Instance progress
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~1/3 of the cases!



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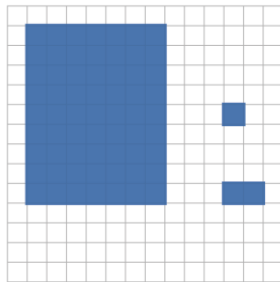
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Algorithm 1



1/3 objects
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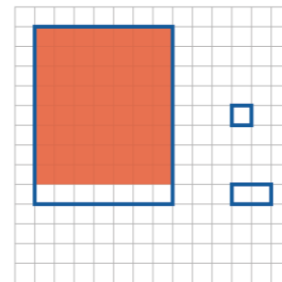
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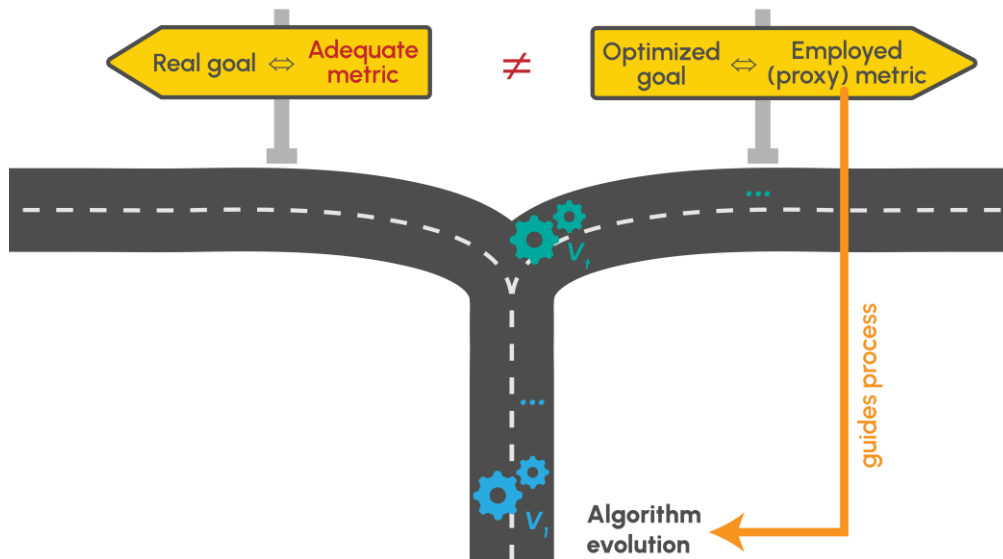
pixel-level
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Algorithm 1



56/66 pixels
detected



A circular arrangement of 30 portraits of people wearing sunglasses, set against a green background with various machine learning and data science terms written in a circular pattern. The terms include: Carbon footprint, Runtime, Balanced, DSC, Inter, Hausdorff, False Positive Rate, Intersection over Union, Average Precision, Area under the ROC curve, Dice Similarity Coefficient, Specificity, Precision, Accuracy, Mean Predictive Value, Boundary F1 score, Positive Predictive Value, Average Precision, Average Symmetric Precision, Surface Distance, Intersection over Union, F1 score, and Union. The portraits are arranged in a circular pattern, with some individuals appearing more than once.

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*DALL-E, please
create an image of
a female president
of a surgical society
opening the annual
congress*



Generated with DALL-E



Beyond accuracy:
How to consider ethical issues
(e.g. fairness) in medical
imaging AI validation?

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Dissecting racial bias in an algorithm used to manage the health of populations

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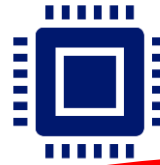
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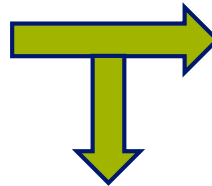
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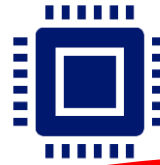
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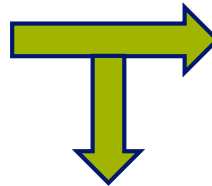
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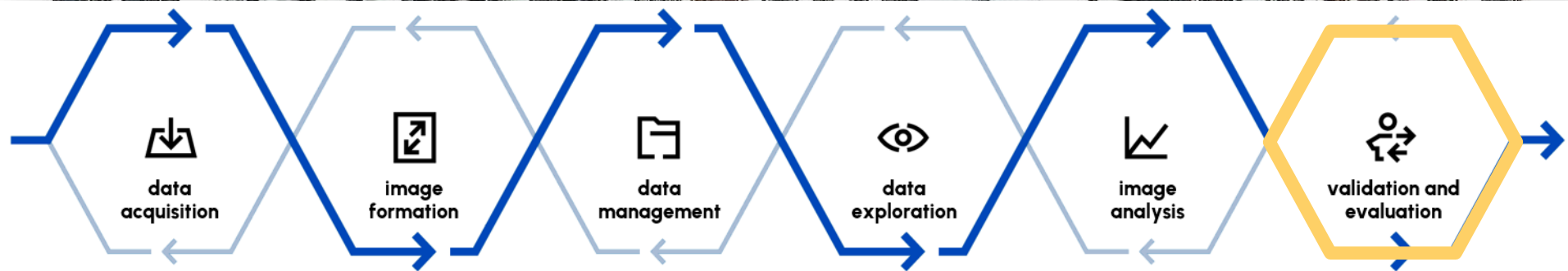
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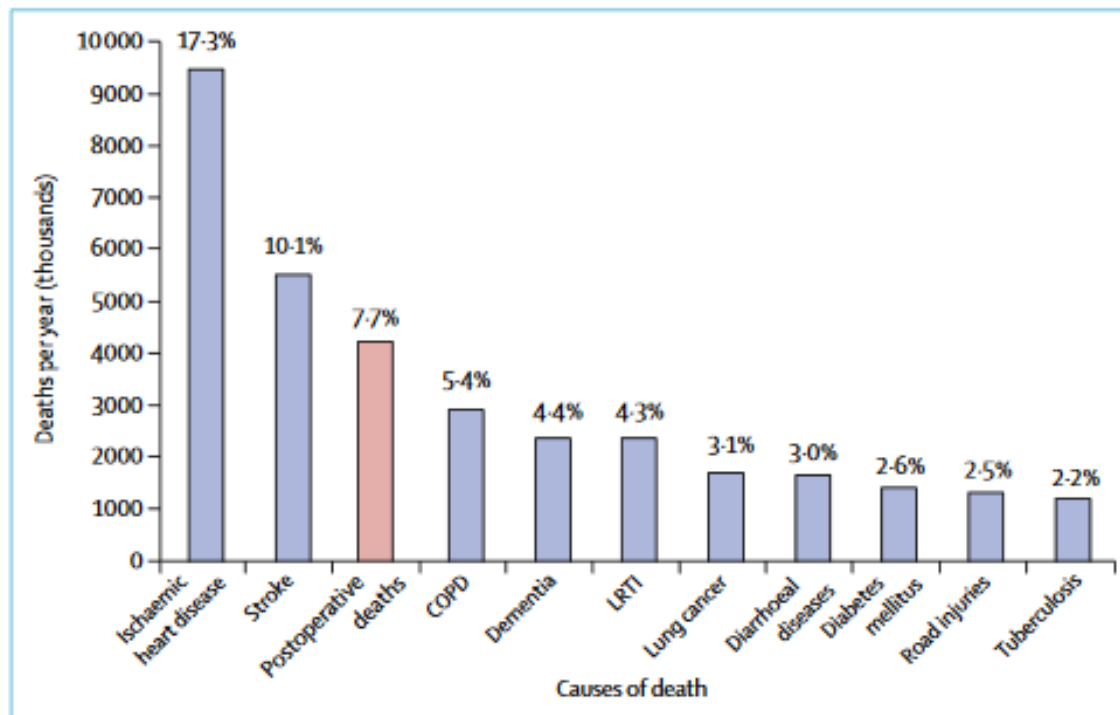
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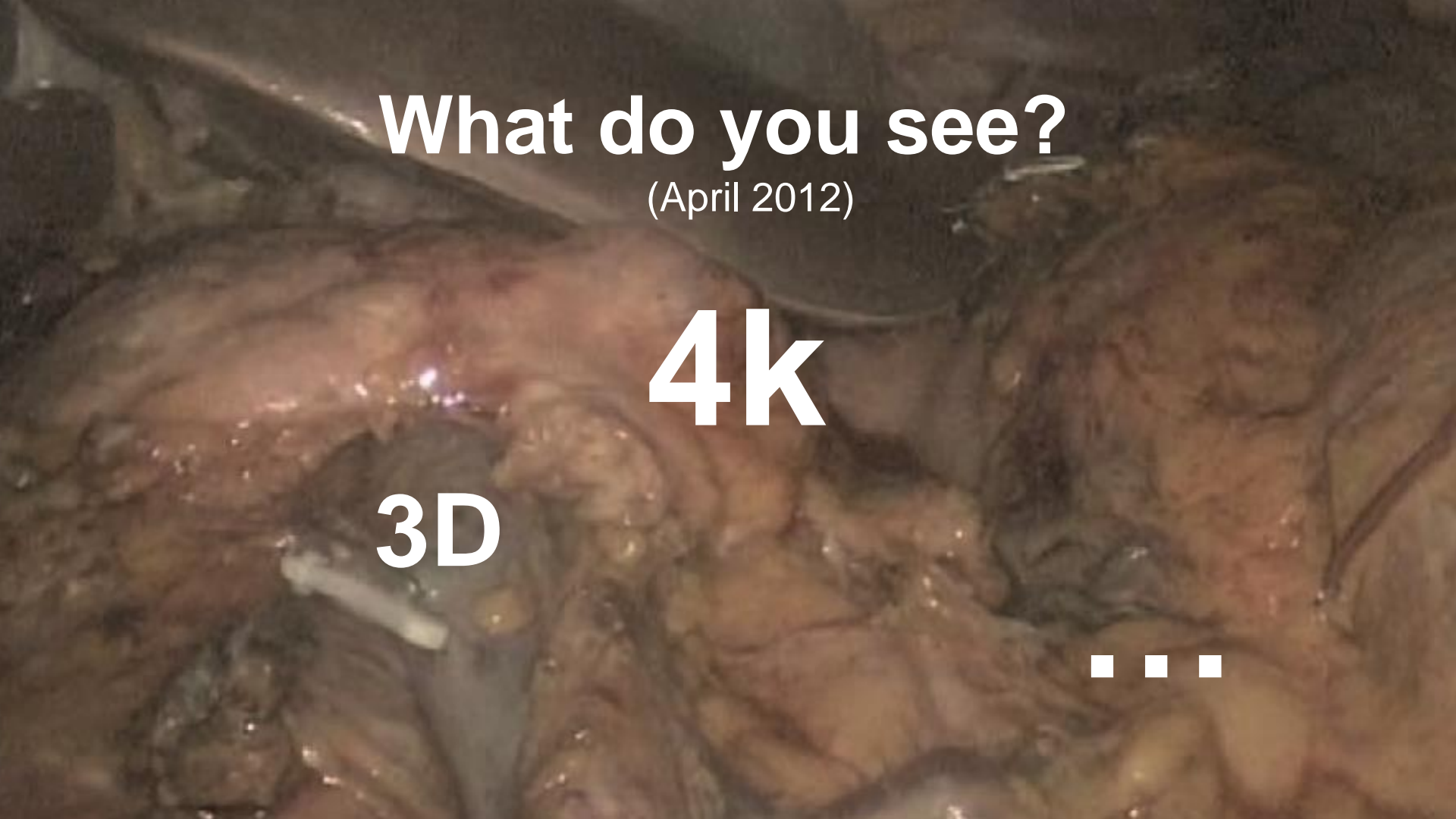
Question everything!



Surgery: A high stakes domain



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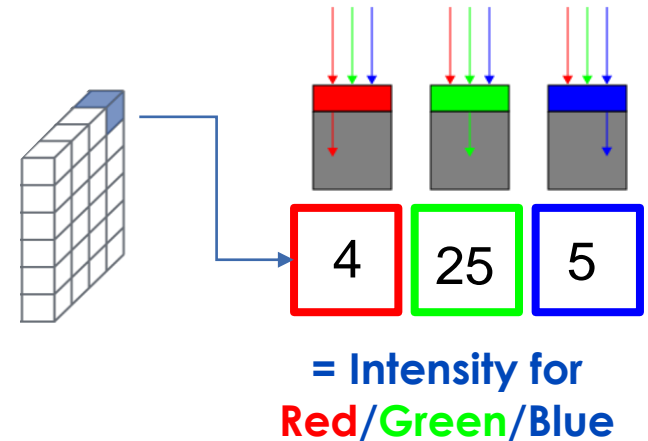
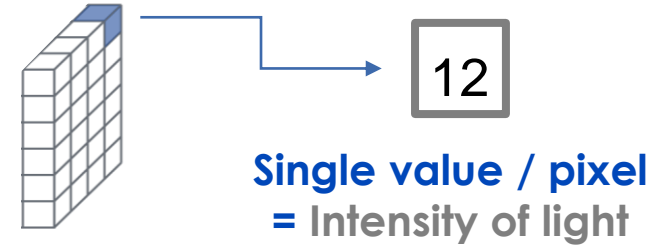
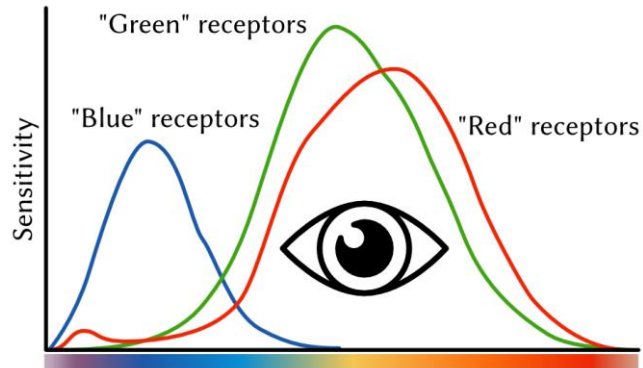
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— Henry Ford

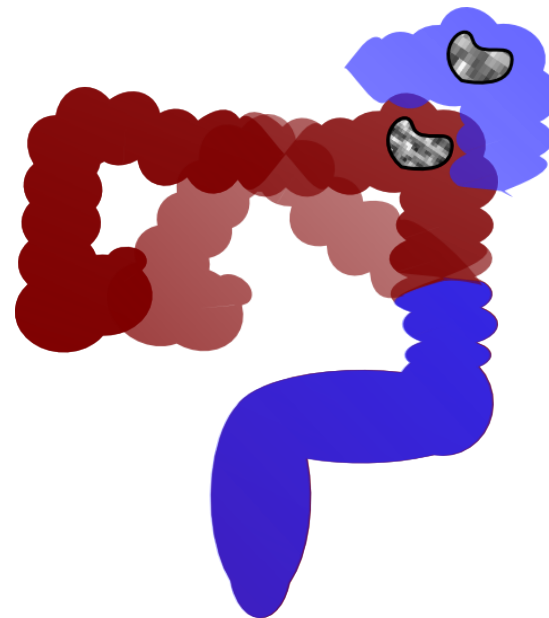
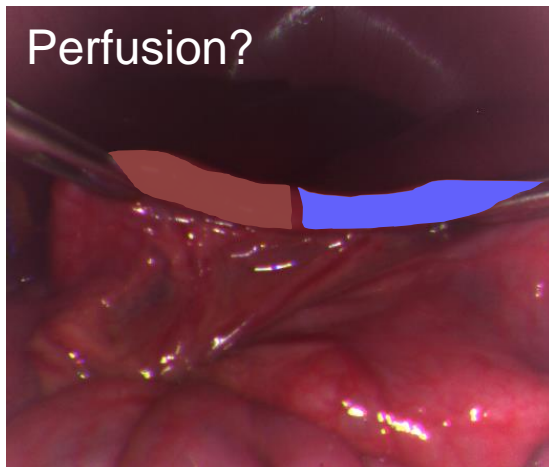
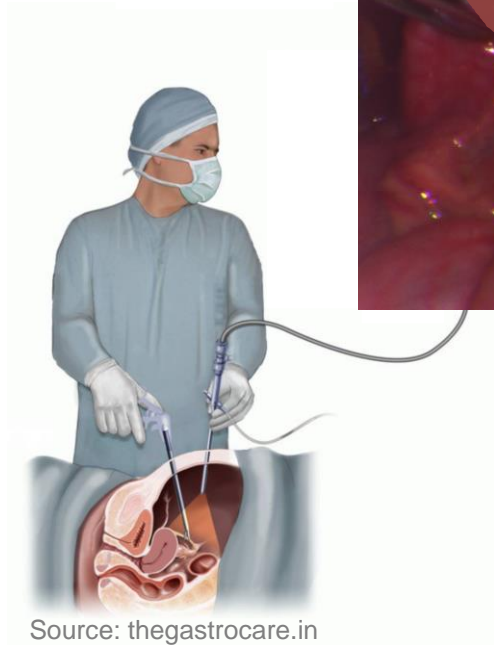
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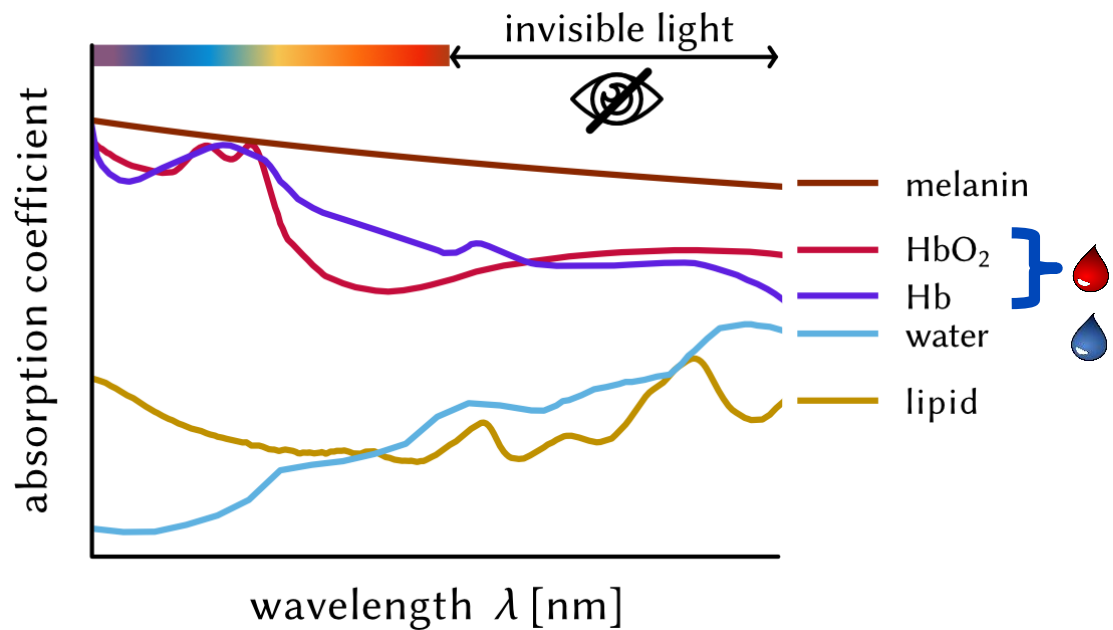
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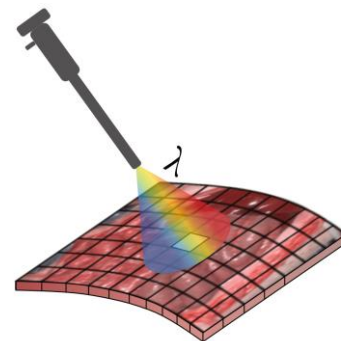
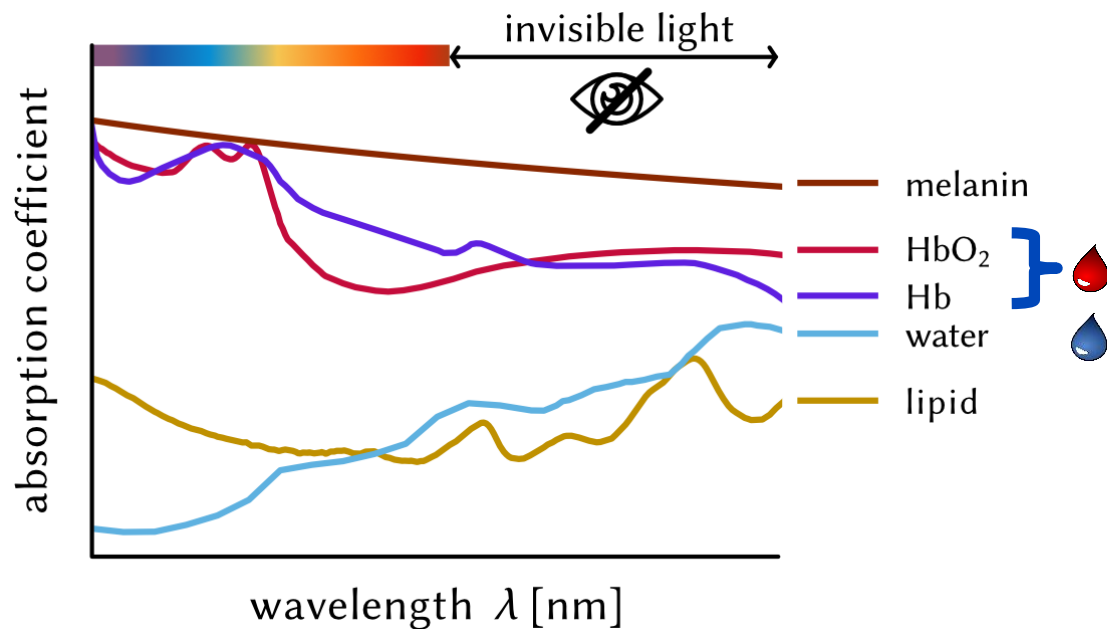
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Priorities:

Is it ethical to work on *high tech* when the global needs are much more basic (e.g. sterilization)?



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Artificial intelligence for strengthening healthcare systems in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic scoping review

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In low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), AI has been promoted as a potential means of strengthening healthcare systems by a growing number of publications. We aimed to evaluate the scope and nature of AI technologies in the specific context of LMICs. In this systematic scoping review, we used a broad variety of AI and healthcare search terms. Our literature search included records published between 1st January 2009 and 30th September 2021 from the Scopus, EMBASE, MEDLINE, Global Health and APA PsycInfo databases, and grey literature from a Google Scholar search. We included studies that reported a quantitative and/or qualitative evaluation of a real-world application of AI in an LMIC health context. A total of 10 references evaluating the application of AI in an LMIC were included. Applications varied widely, including: clinical decision support systems, treatment planning and triage assistants and health chatbots. Only half of the papers reported which algorithms and datasets were used in order to train the AI. A number of challenges of using AI tools were reported, including issues with reliability, mixed impacts on workflows, poor user friendliness and lack of adeptness with local contexts. Many barriers exist that prevent the successful development and adoption of well-performing, context-specific AI tools, such as limited data availability, trust and evidence of cost-effectiveness in LMICs. Additional evaluations of the use of AI in healthcare in LMICs are needed in order to identify their effectiveness and reliability in real-world settings and to generate understanding for best practices for future implementations.

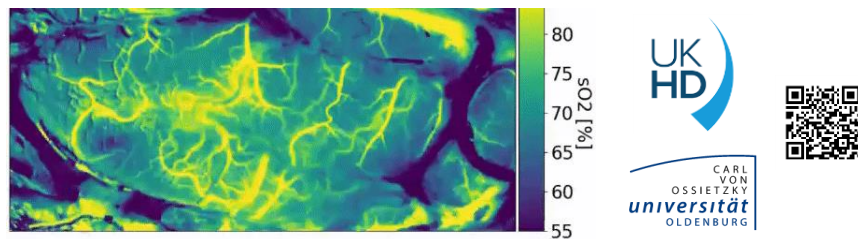
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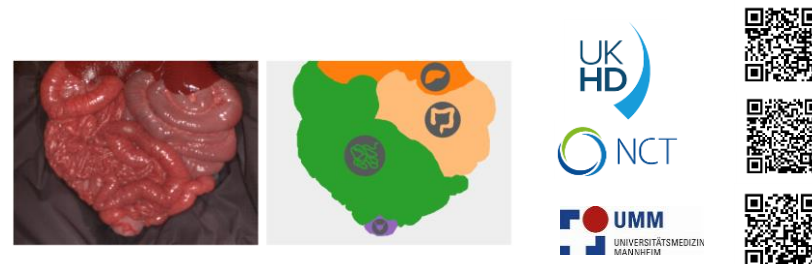
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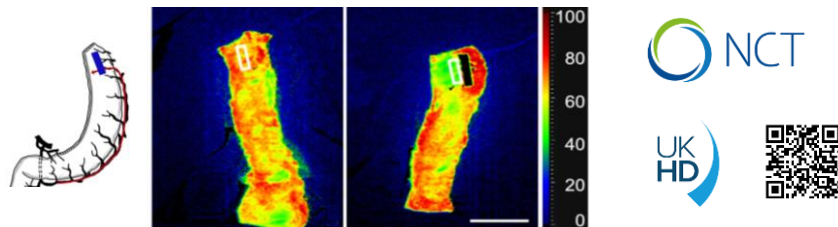
Monitoring of hemodynamics for stroke treatment



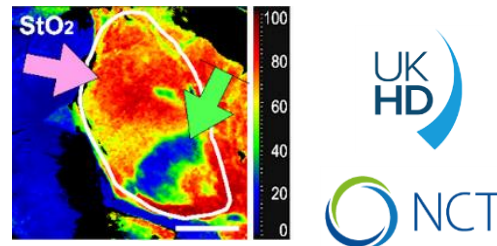
Automatic tissue differentiation



Optimization of surgical technique



Organ transplantation



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Priorities:

Should we select use cases top-down rather than bottom-up to incorporate global needs

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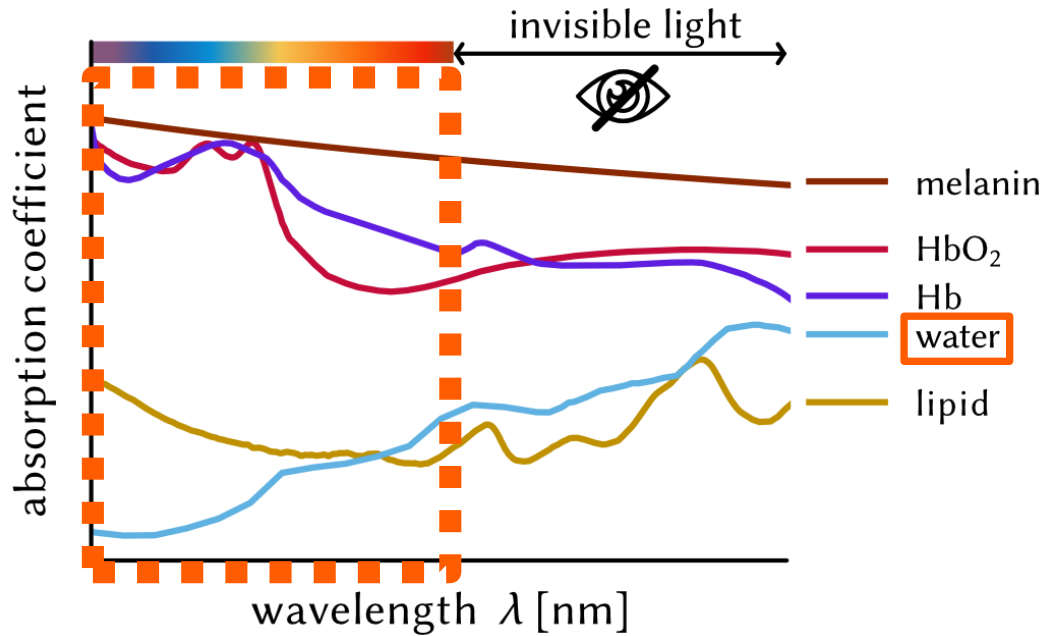
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A global AI use case



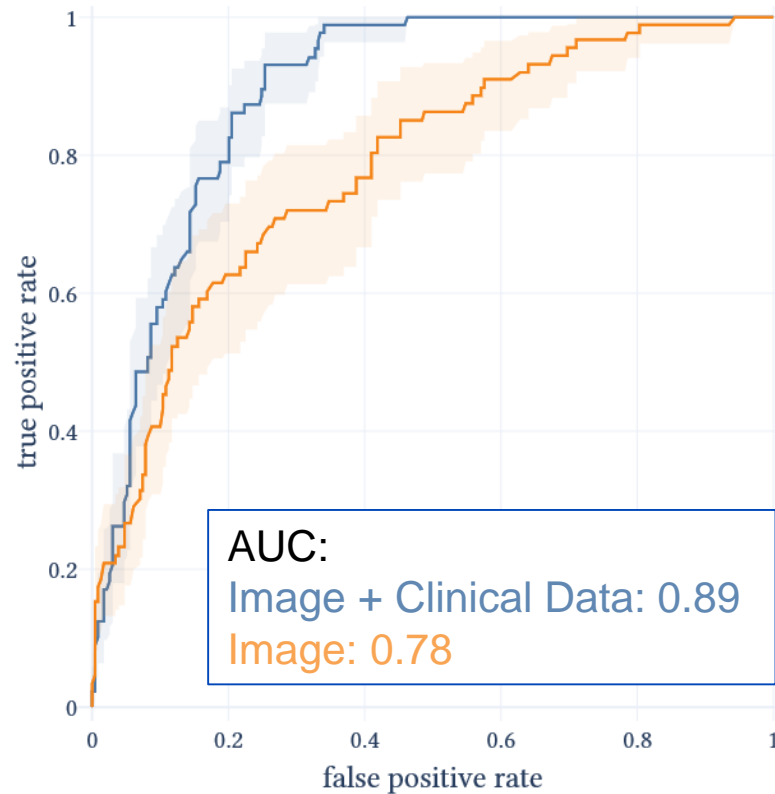
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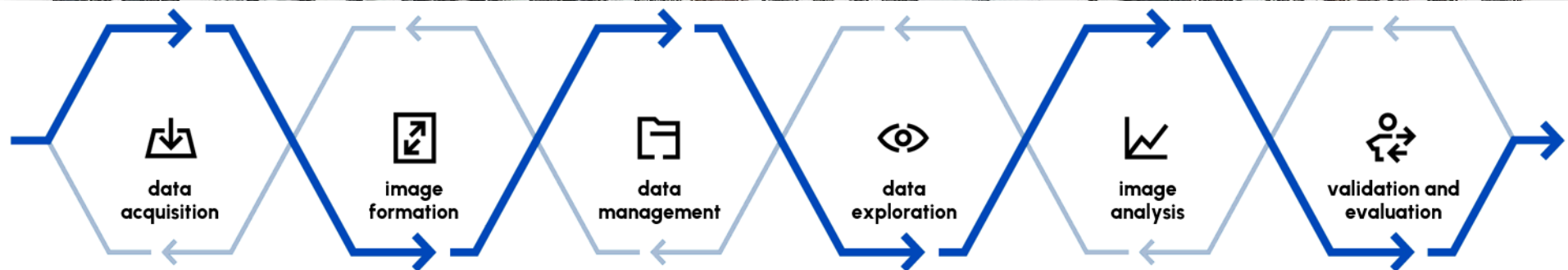


Sepsis

No sepsis



From development to deployment



TOTAL FDA CLEARED PRODUCTS: 521

Source: Published by FDA on 7/29/2022

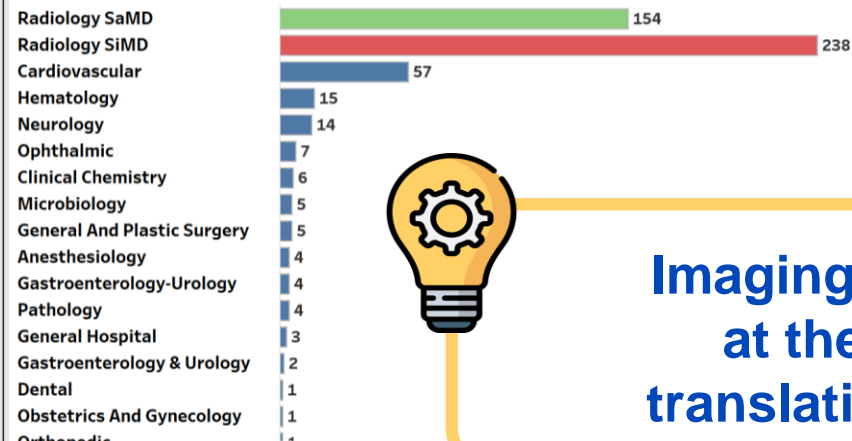
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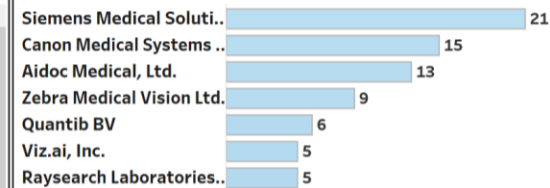
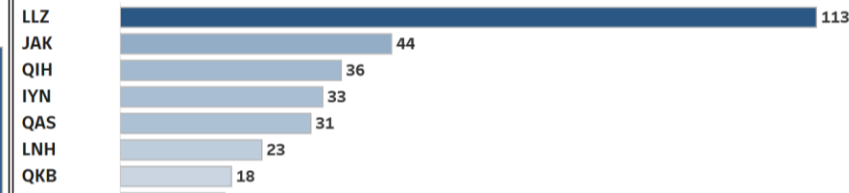
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Specialty

**Imaging algorithms are
at the forefront of
translational medical AI**

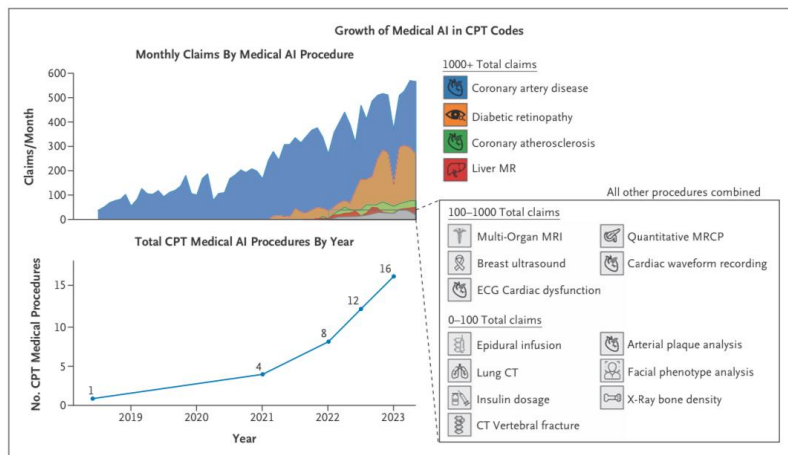
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Only few products are actually used (frequently) so far

Characterizing the Clinical Adoption of Medical AI Devices through U.S. Insurance Claims

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Total Claims	Condition or Medical AI Procedure	CPT Code(s)	Example Product Name	Effective Date
67,306	Coronary artery disease	0501T-0504T	HeartFlow Analysis ⁴⁸	June 1, 2018
15,097	Diabetic retinopathy	92229	LumineticsCore ⁴⁹	January 1, 2021
4,459	Coronary atherosclerosis	0623T-0626T	Cleerly ⁵⁰	January 1, 2021
2,428	Liver MR	0648T-0649T	Perspectum LiverMultiScan ⁵¹	January 1, 2021
591	Multiorgan MRI	0697T-0698T	Perspectum CoverScan ⁵²	January 1, 2022
552	Breast ultrasound	0689T-0690T	Koios DS ⁵³	January 1, 2022
435	ECG cardiac dysfunction	0764T-0765T	Anumana ⁵⁰	January 1, 2023
331	Cardiac acoustic waveform recording	0716T	CADScor ⁵⁰	July 1, 2022
237	Quantitative MR cholangiopancreatography	0723T-0724T	Perspectum MRCP+ ⁵⁴	July 1, 2022
67	Epidural infusion	0777T	CompuFlo ⁵⁵	January 1, 2023
4	Quantitative CT tissue characterization	0721T-0722T	Optellum Virtual Nodule Clinic ⁵⁶	July 1, 2022
1	Autonomous insulin dosage	0740T-0741T	d-Nav ⁵⁷	January 1, 2023
1	CT vertebral fracture assessment	0691T	HealthVCF ⁵⁰	January 1, 2022
1	Noninvasive arterial plaque analysis	0710T-0713T	ElucidVivo ⁵⁰	January 1, 2022
0	Facial phenotype analysis	0731T	Face2Gene ⁵⁰	July 1, 2022
0	X-ray bone density	0749T	OsteoApp ⁵⁰	January 1, 2023



Responsibility:
Who takes responsibility
in case of failure?


Menschliche Letztverantwortung

Human oversight

Human-in-the-loop





A woman is shown from the side, smiling while driving a car. The car's interior is visible, including the steering wheel and dashboard. Overlaid on the image are various futuristic digital elements: a transparent display on the windshield showing a car's sensor range and surrounding vehicles, a digital speedometer and navigation display on the dashboard, and various data visualizations and icons floating in the air around the car. The overall aesthetic is high-tech and futuristic.

Bias Behind the Wheel: Fairness Testing of Autonomous Driving Systems

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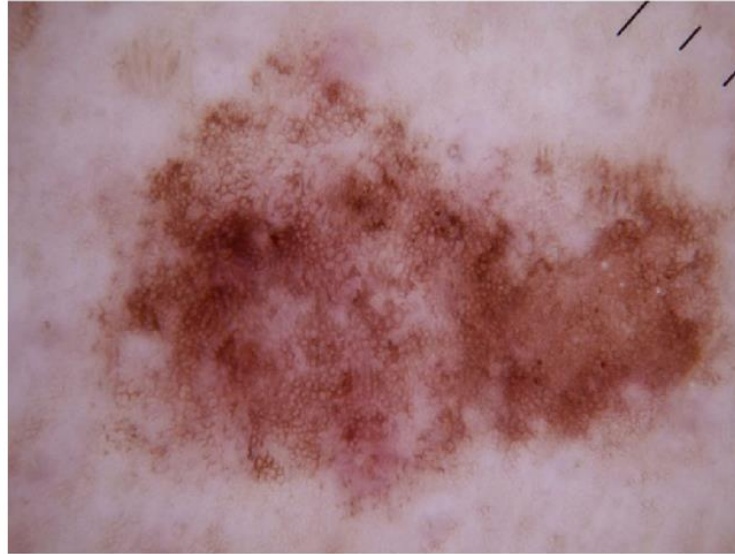
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The AI identified this lesion as a **melanoma** with the following characteristics:

strong evidence of

- grey patterns
- thick reticular or branched lines

some evidence of:

- black dots or globules in the periphery of the lesion

Grey Patterns (strong evidence)



Thick Reticular or Branched Lines (strong evidence)



Quelle: Chanda et al. 2023

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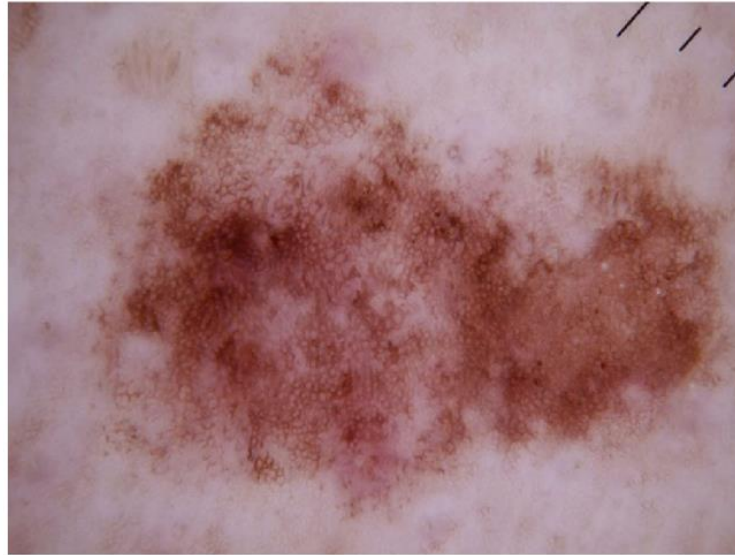


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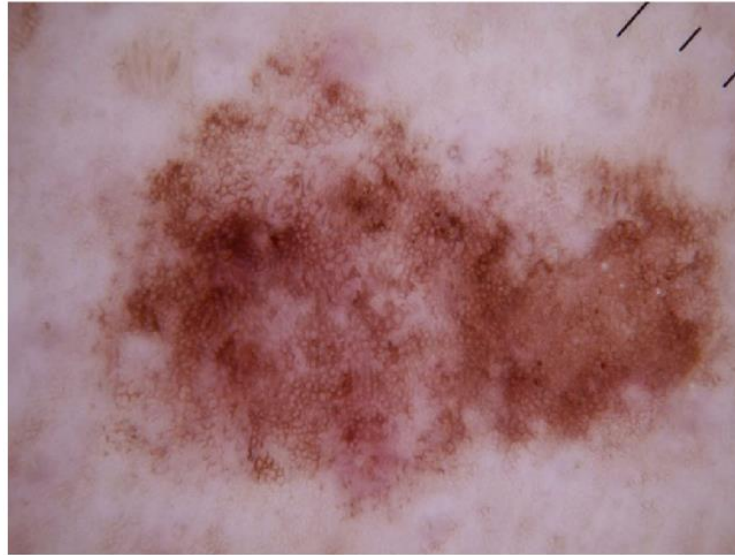
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



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Optimization of anastomotic technique and gastric conduit perfusion with hyperspectral imaging and machine learning in an experimental model for minimally invasive esophagectomy

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Many (more) open questions



Climate:

AGI benefits versus carbon footprint implications

Values:

Implicit encoding of subjective preferences

Much more:

- Job replacements
- Copyright issues
- Responsibility
- ...

Take Home Messages:

1. **AI** is continuing to take every hurdle; **AGI** is the future
2. **N**umerous ethical questions remain
3. **T**here is no one-size-fits-all in **AI** ethics





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Reddit slams ‘unethical experiment’ that deployed secret AI bots in forum

The platform’s chief legal officer called out the University of Zurich team that deployed bots on r/changemyview to study how AI can influence opinions.

April 30, 2025