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BY SCHOOL STUDENTS OF GRADES 7-12

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AI Ethics

A high-level Overview

- **AI Ethics is very Important**
 - **Dangers vs Opportunities**
 - **Levels of Dangers**
- **AI Ethics is Hard**
 - **How do we build Ethical Machines?**
 - **Teach or Grow?**
- **AI Ethics in EU**
 - **Guidelines, Regulations and Laws!**
 - **EU AI act**
 - **But**

EU AI Ethics

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European Artificial Intelligence Act: the **right framework for trustworthy AI and innovation?**

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Responsible ai 1-0-1: from values to requirements

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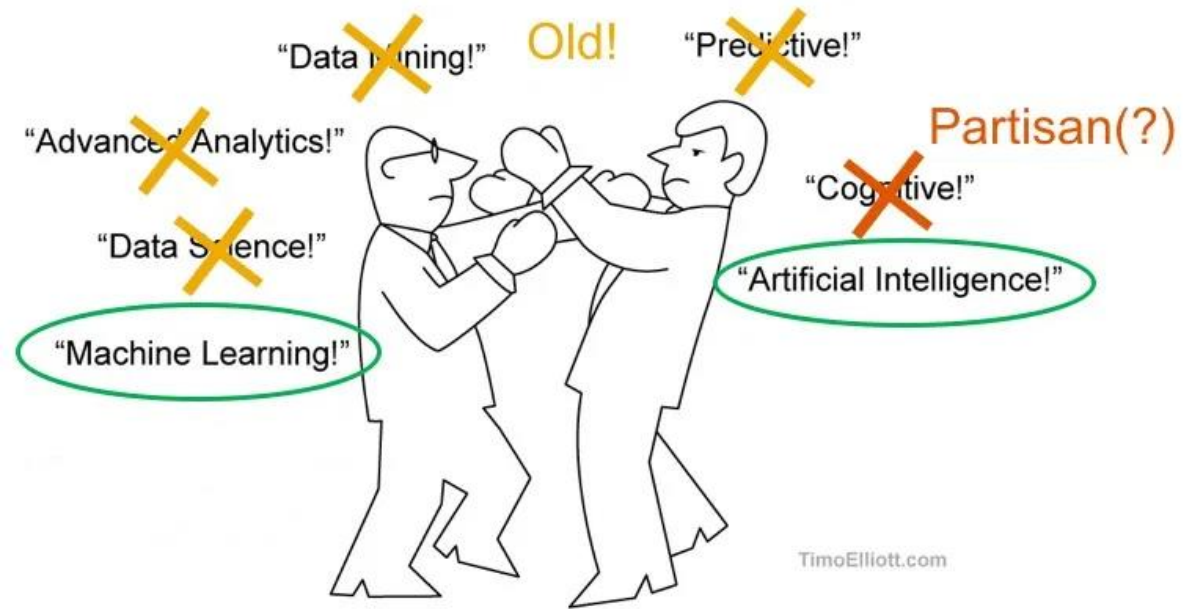


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What is AI?



What is AI?

- **Simulation of natural intelligence;** the field of AI includes the study of theories and methods for adaptability, interaction and autonomy of machines (virtual or embedded)
- A (computational) technology that is able to infer patterns and possibly draw conclusions from **data**.
- **An (autonomous) entity** (e.g. when one refers to '**an**' AI); this is the most usual reference in media and science fiction.



**“AS SOON AS IT WORKS, NO ONE CALLS IT AI
ANY MORE.”**

John McCarthy

This Lack of agreement leads to...

- A constant **re-writing of similar high-level policy statements:**
 - Opens loopholes to be exploited.
 - We will see later more about this!
- **Increases misconceptions** (true AI, superintelligence, etc):
 - AI is not a magic abstraction.
 - Computation is a **physical process**; it requires *energy, space, and time*.

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Narratives in the news



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Bots, #StrongerIn, and #Brexit: Computational Propaganda during the UK-EU Referendum

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DISINFORMATION AND SOCIAL BOT OPERATIONS IN THE RUN UP TO THE 2017 FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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ABSTRACT

Recent accounts from researchers, journalists, as well as federal investigators, reached a unanimous conclusion: social media are systematically exploited to manipulate and alter public opinion. Some disinformation campaigns have been coordinated by means of bots, social media accounts controlled by

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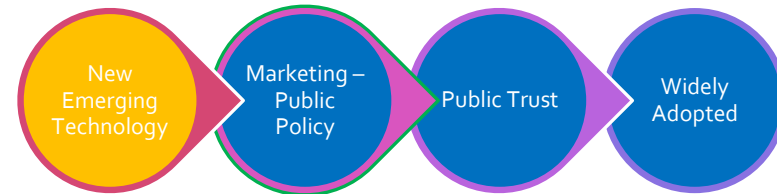
2017 Eurobarometer

- 61% of respondents have a **positive view** of robots
- 84% of respondents agree that **robots can do jobs** that are too **hard/dangerous** for people
- 68% agree that robots are a **good** thing **for society** because they help people
- 88% of respondents consider robotics a technology that **requires careful management**
- 72% of respondents think robots **steal people's jobs**

We need to build trust for our systems

- To **perform as we expect them to**.
- The implications from their development and deployment fall within:
 - **E**thical
 - **L**egal
 - **S**ocial
 - **E**conomic
 - **C**ultural

(**ESLEC**) specifications and values we want to protect and **communicating that** to the public.



European Union Background on AI

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EU STRATEGY ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

published in April 2018

Boost AI uptake

Tackle socio-economic changes

Ensure adequate ethical & legal framework



In this context: appointment of Independent High-Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence (AI HLEG) in June 2018

Ethics Guidelines for AI – Requirements



Human agency and oversight



Diversity, non-discrimination and fairness



Technical Robustness and safety



Societal & environmental well-being



Privacy and data governance



Accountability



Transparency

To be continuously implemented & evaluated throughout AI system's life cycle

EU HLEG	OECD	IEEE EAD
• Human agency and oversight • Technical robustness and safety • Privacy and data governance • Transparency • Diversity, non-discrimination and fairness • Societal and environmental well-being • Accountability	• benefit people and the planet • respects the rule of law, human rights, democratic values and diversity, • include appropriate safeguards (e.g. human intervention) to ensure a fair and just society. • transparency and responsible disclosure • robust, secure and safe • Hold organisations and individuals accountable for proper functioning of AI	• infringe human rights? • Traditional metrics of prosperity do not take into account the full effect of A/IS technologies on human well-being. • How can we assure that designers, manufacturers, owners and operators of A/IS are responsible and accountable? • How can we ensure that A/IS are transparent?



Which Values to implement? How?

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- Did you build in mechanisms for notice and control over personal data depending on the use case (such as valid consent and possibility to revoke, when applicable)?
- Did you assess what level and definition of accuracy would be required in the context of the AI system and use case?
 - Did you assess how accuracy is measured and assured?
 - Did you put in place measures to ensure that the data used is comprehensive and up to date?
 - Did you put in place measures in place to assess whether there is a need for additional data, for example to improve accuracy or to eliminate bias?
- Did you assess:
 - to what extent the decisions and hence the outcome made by the AI system can be understood?
 - to what degree the system's decision influences the organisation's decision-making processes?
 - why this particular system was deployed in this specific area?
 - what the system's business model is (for example, how does it create value for the organisation)?
- In case the AI system interacts directly with humans:
 - Did you assess whether the AI system encourages humans to develop attachment and empathy towards the system?
 - Did you ensure that the AI system clearly signals that its social interaction is simulated and that it



Responsible ai & Human Control

WHAT IS AI ETHICS?

- Umbrella term for many things:
 - moral agency;
 - existential crisis/superintelligence;
 - **adherence (or not) to human moral values;**
 - **trustworthiness.**
- It is not telling people if they are '**morally right**' or **morally wrong**.'

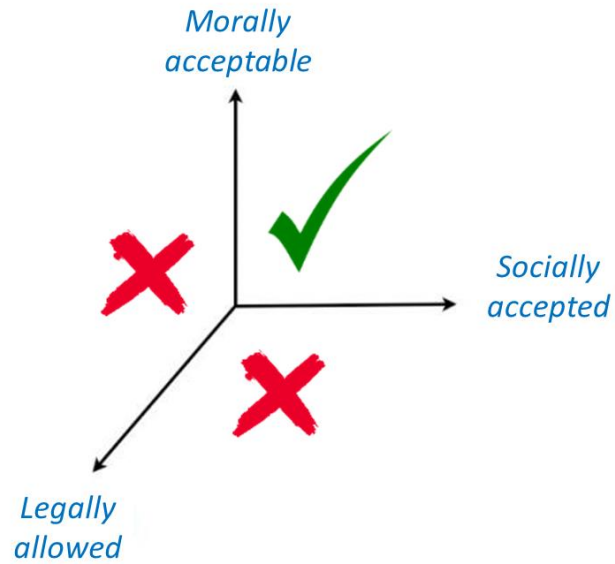
RESPONSIBLE AI

- AI research includes the study of theories and methods for adaptability, interaction and autonomy of machines.
- Responsible AI is the understanding of how we can **develop socially-beneficial systems** and **ensure human control**.

Responsible AI = ethical + legal + robust + verifiable AI

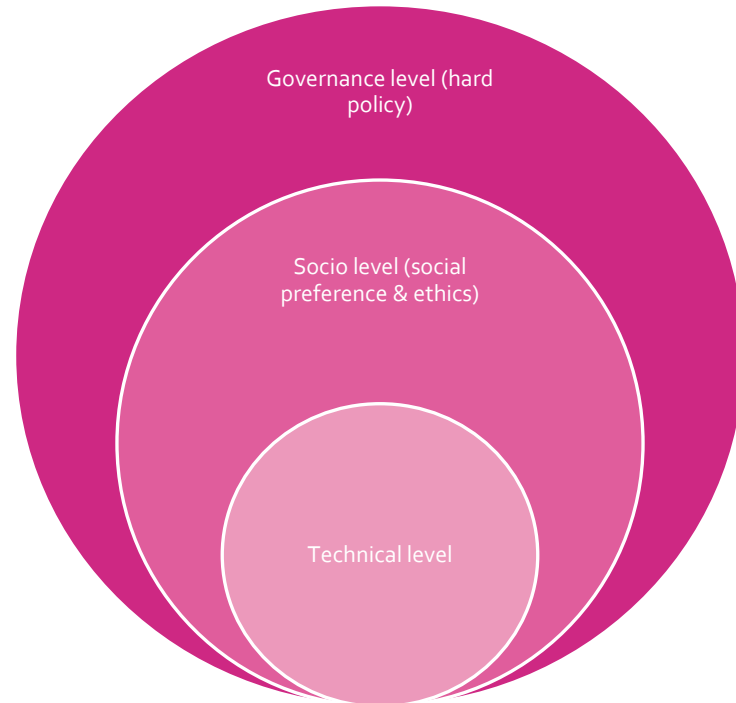
Trustworthy AI (HLEG)

ETHICS != LAW != SOCIAL NORMS



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Socio-technical systems



AI involves

- *In* Design: **Development** is **influenced** by ESLEC issues.
- *By* Design: **Integration** of ethical abilities as part of the **behaviour** of artificial intelligent systems.
- *For* Design: Codes of conduct, standards, and certification processes that ensure the **integrity** of **key stakeholders**.

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Values integration

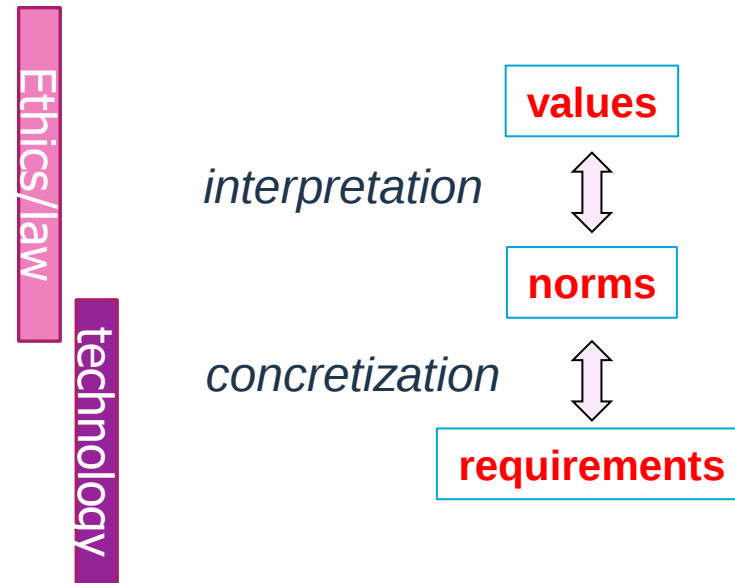
WORKING AROUND THE PROBLEM

- Stop thinking of AI as 'magic data' instead of software.
- We do not necessary have to agree what *each value* means.
- We need to make their interpretations **explicit and transparent**.

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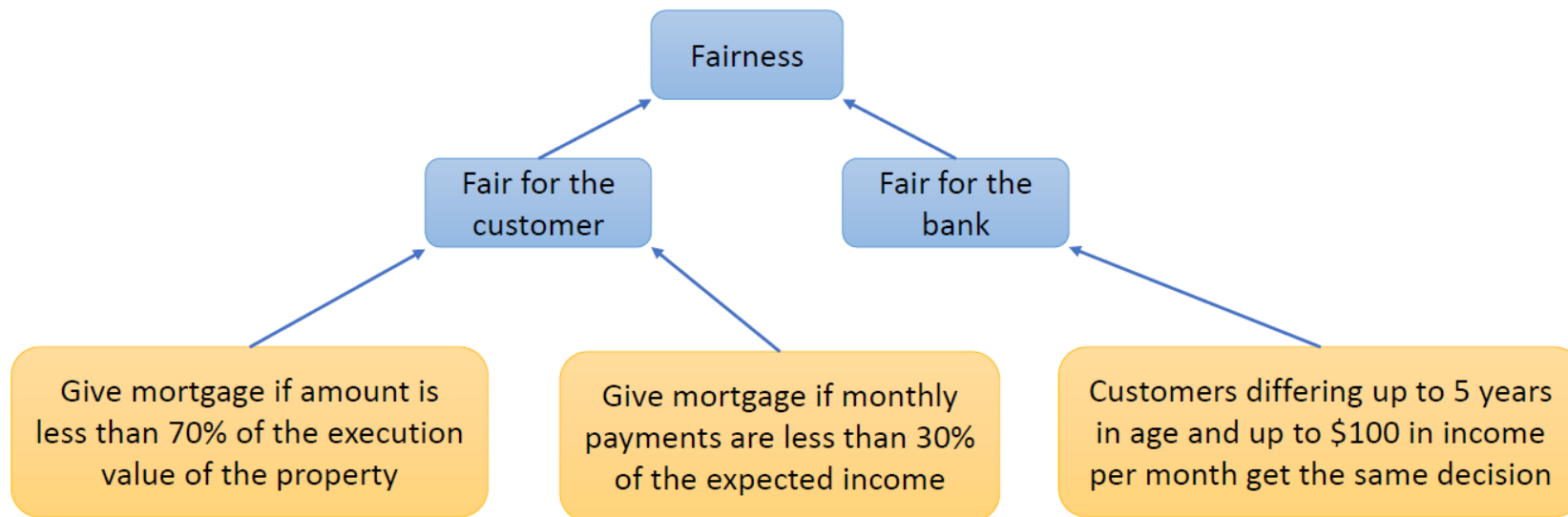
Interpretating values

- Structured and explicit process of translating **abstract values** into **concrete norms** and **requirements**.
- We aim to not only **describe** the norms themselves, but also **the exact connection** between abstract and concrete concepts **in each context**.
- Fulfilling the norm will be considered as adhering to the value.



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Interpreting values



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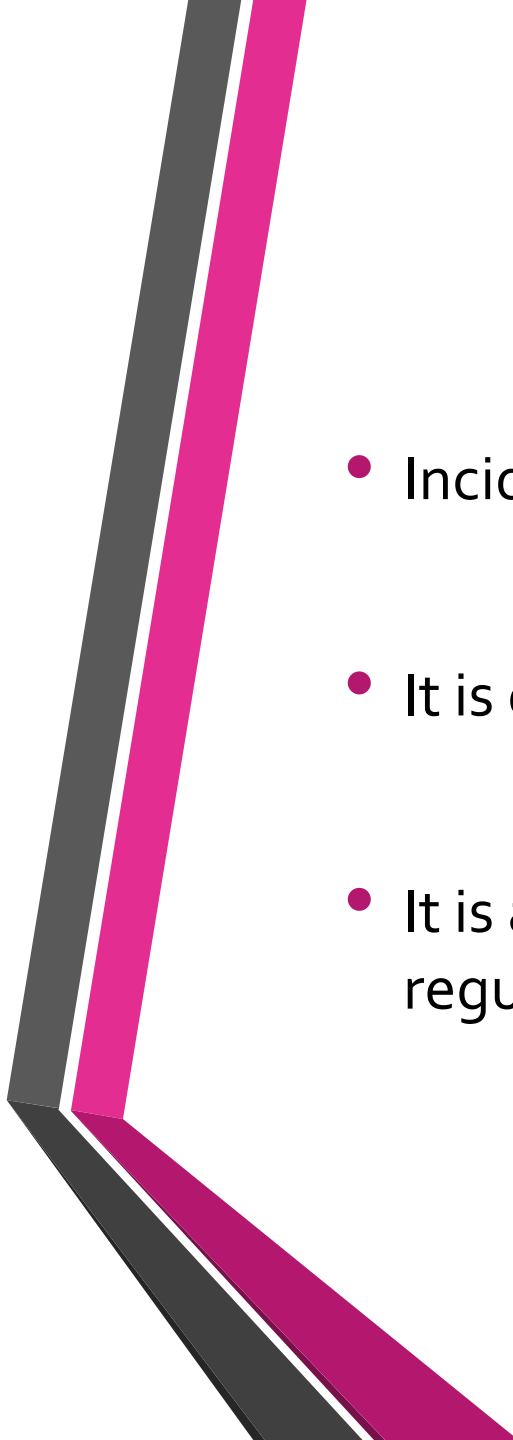
Accountability & responsibility

- Accountability is *backwards thinking*, provides an account of events after they have occurred.
- Responsibility is *forwards thinking*, i.e., acting to deter incidents and violations of our ethical and legal values from occurring.
- To be held accountable, you need to be held responsible...

accountability

- Umbrella term, covering amongst others:
 1. legal accountability ;
 2. professional accountability;
 3. political accountability;
 4. administrative accountability; and
 5. social accountability.
- Used not only to indicate punishment but also acceptance of responsibility.

Bovens, M. (2007). Analysing and Assessing Accountability: A Conceptual Framework. Eur. L. J.



accountability

- Incidents will occur—and sometimes reoccur.
- It is essential for **maintaining the public's trust** in the technology.
- It is a **mean of control**: that compels adherence to specified regulations and practices to demonstrate *due diligence*.

Transparency in the IEEE 7001 Standard

- “To consider an autonomous system transparent to inspection, the stakeholder should have the ability to request meaningful explanations of the **system’s status either at a specific moment or over a specific period** or of the general principles by which decisions are made (as appropriate to the stakeholder) (Theodorou et. al., 2017)”

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Transparency as Contestability

- Our right to contest decisions made for us is not only protected by the Regulation (EU), 2016 GDPR
- Requires looking beyond why a decision was made: a decision needs to be both **correct** and **permissible**.

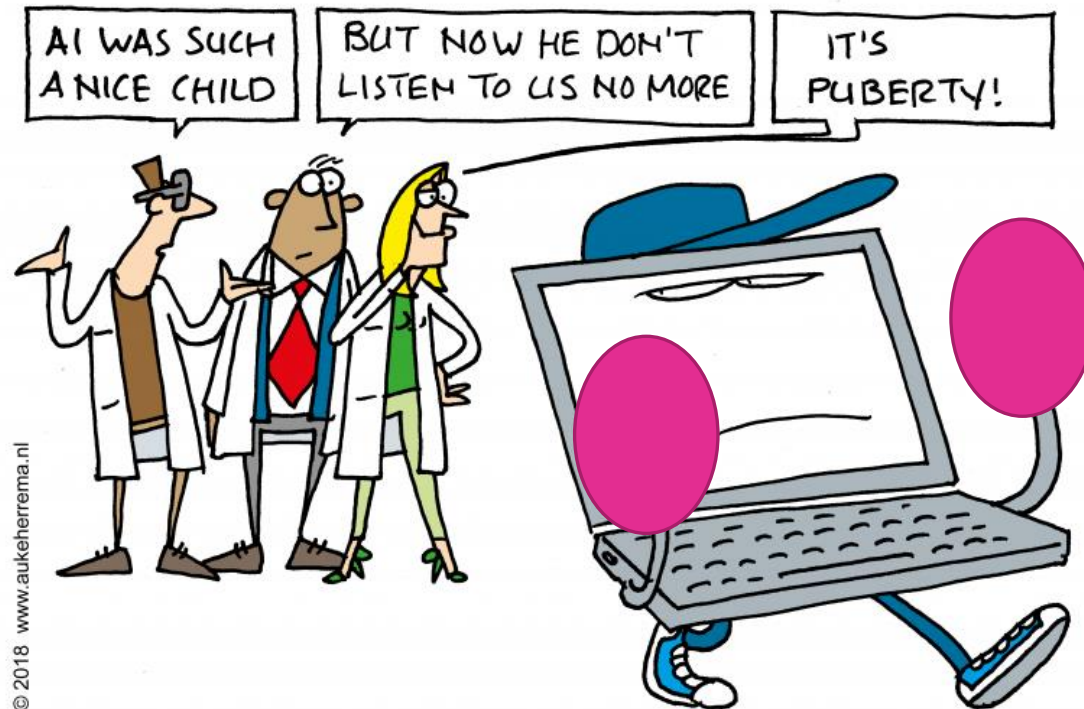
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Human control



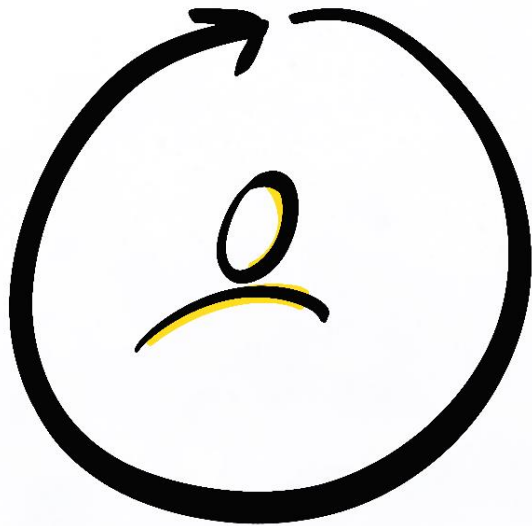
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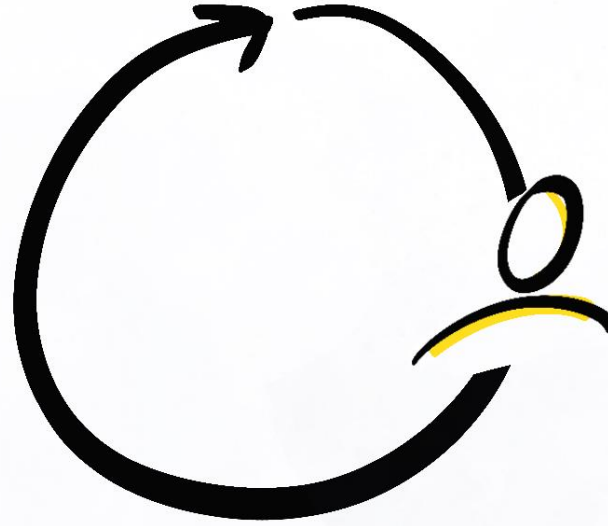


HUMAN CONTROL OVER ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

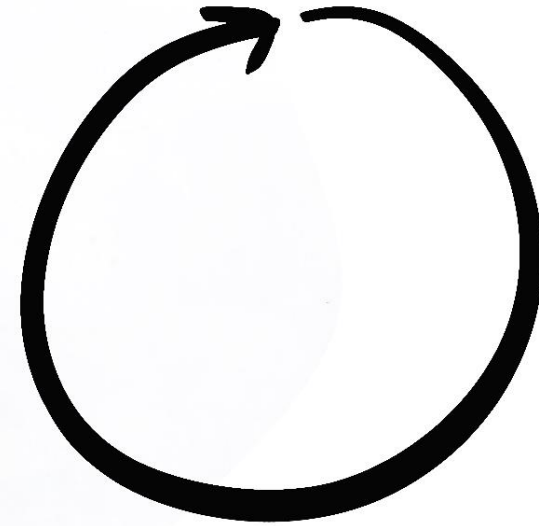
Current frameworks



Human-in-the-loop
(HITL)

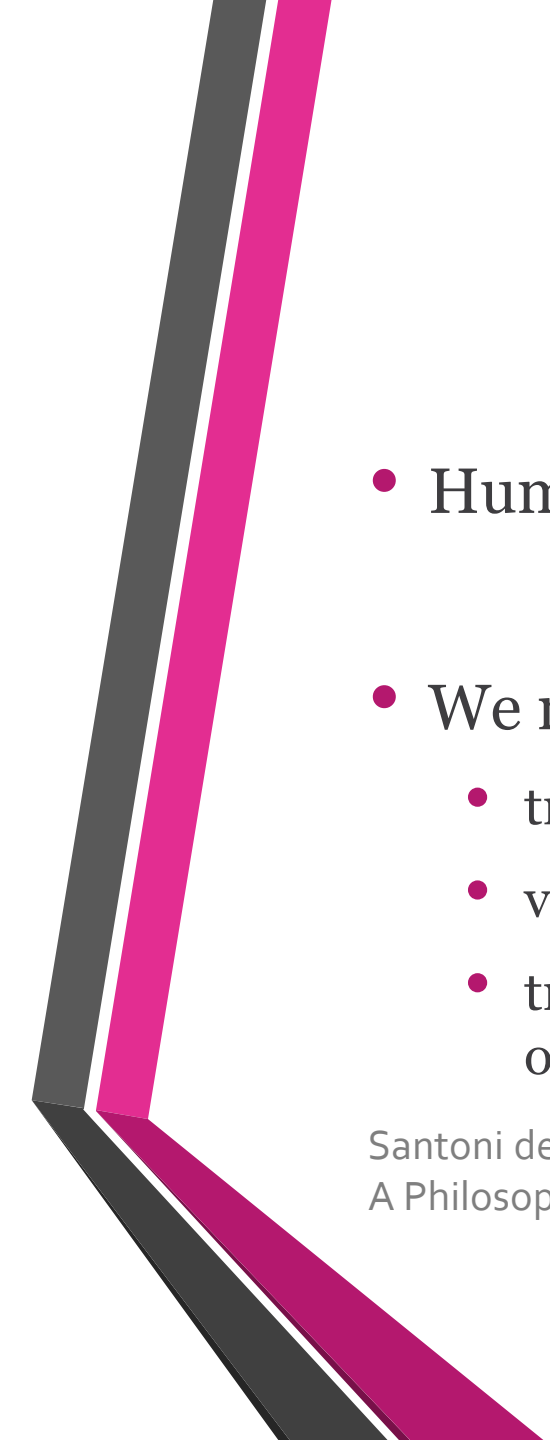


Human-on-the-loop
(HOTL)



Human-out-of-the-loop
(HOOTL)

Drawings made by Methnani L. (UMU)



Meaningful Human control

- Human presence is not sufficient.
- We need to be able to:
 - track relevant reasons behind a decision;
 - verify their compliance to any policy; and
 - trace back to an individual along the chain who is aware and accepting of their responsibility.

Santoni de Sio, F., and Van den Hoven, J. (2018). Meaningful Human Control over Autonomous Systems: A Philosophical Account

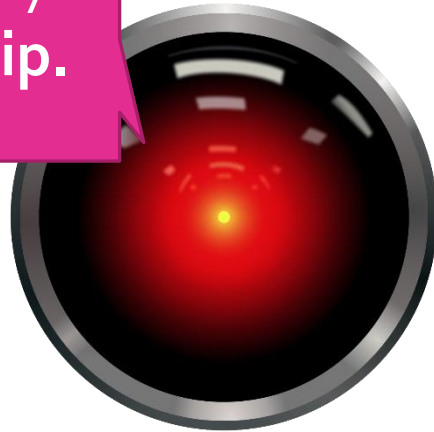


Meaningful Human control

- **The world is not static:** contexts that change will demand changing levels of responsiveness.
- Requires us to consider wider issues around Responsible AI.

Variable autonomy

I will fly
the **ship**.



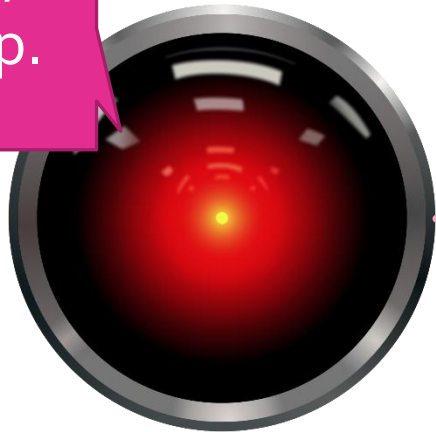
I don't
care.



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Variable autonomy

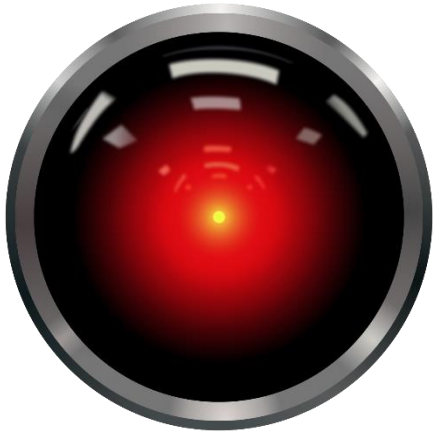
I will fly
the ship.



Takes action



Variable autonomy



I changed
my mind.

Variable autonomy



Takes action



You never
trained in this
environment. I
will take over
now.

Variable autonomy



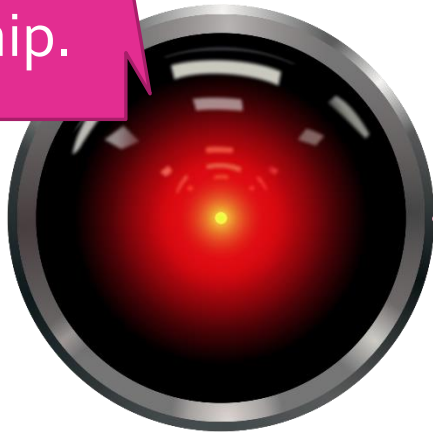
Takes action



I am bored
and taking
control.

Variable autonomy

Asteroid
ahead, I
will stop
the ship.

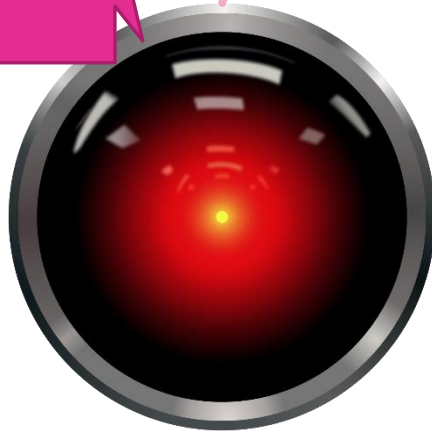


Takes action



Variable autonomy

I will take
care of ship
navigation.



Informs of an action

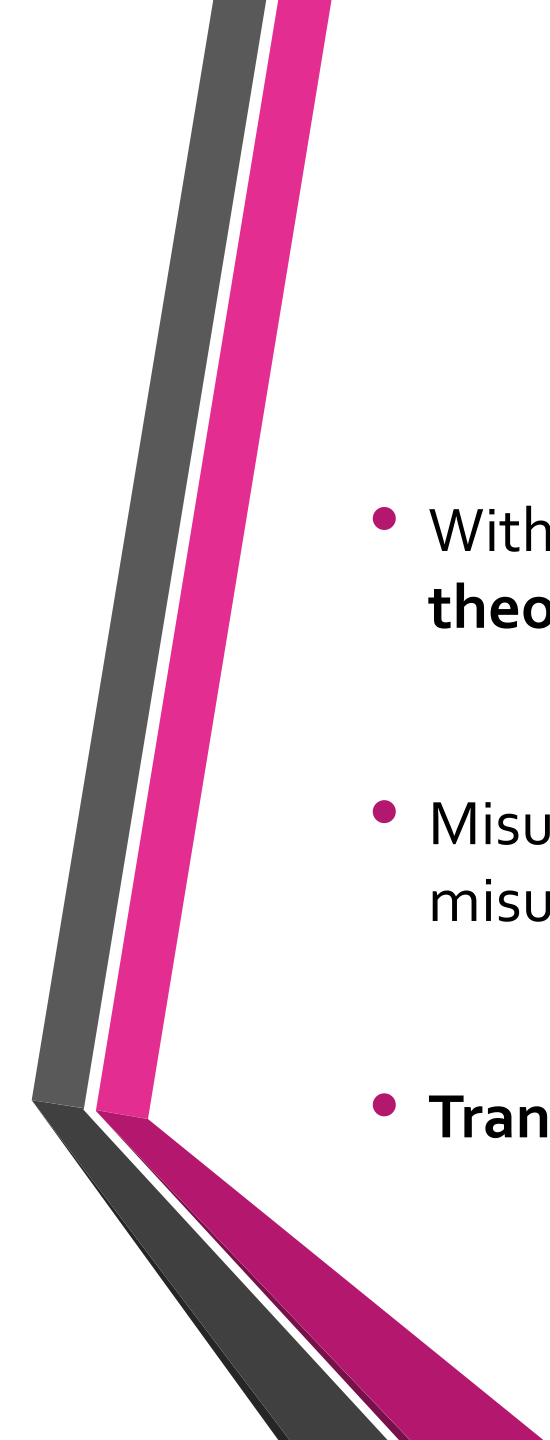


OK. I will take
care of our life-
support
system

Variable autonomy

- **Maximises performance:** shifts autonomy both ways.
- **Maximises human control:** human presence adjusted as the environment changes.
- Ensures **ART**.

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Mental Models

- With poor transparency, **robots mislead us due to our lack of theory of mind for them.**
- Misunderstanding leads to anxiety, mistrust, fear, and misuse/disuse. Introduces user self-doubt.
- **Transparency helps us build accurate mental models.**

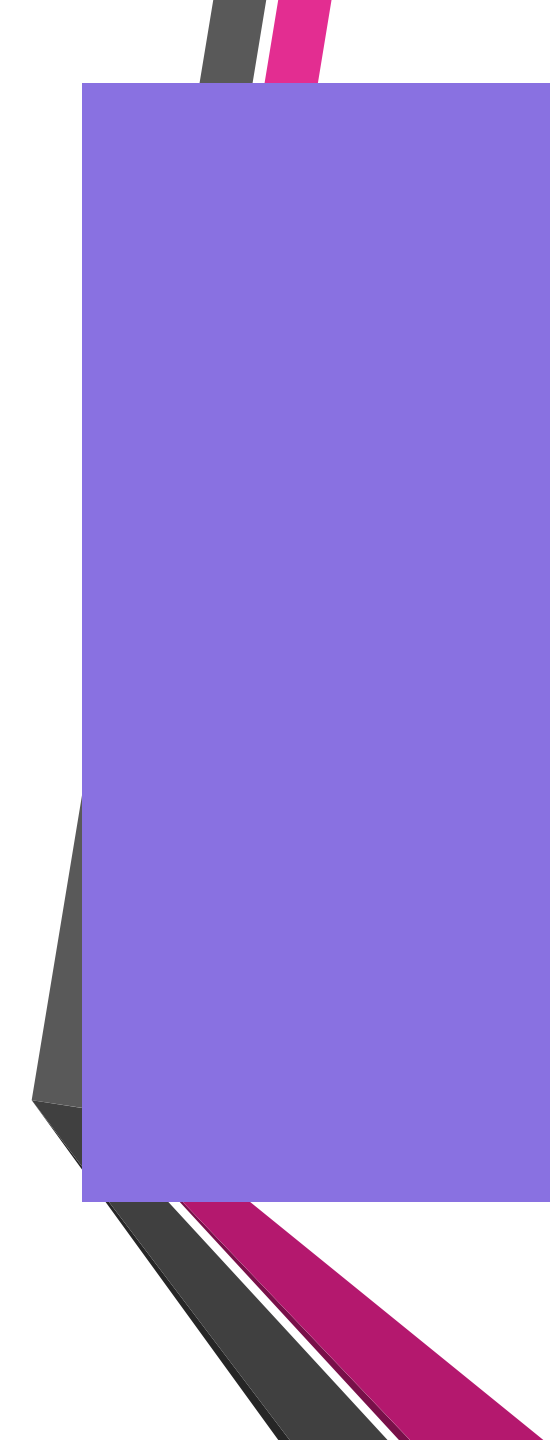


Technical solutions



Keeping the black box

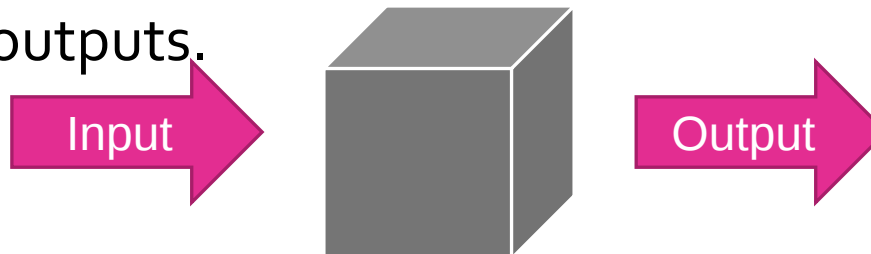
- **Sometimes black boxes are inevitable.**
- Some of the best-performing methods for pattern recognition, e.g. deep learning, are black boxes right now.
- Yet, we still need to audit our systems.



testing black boxes

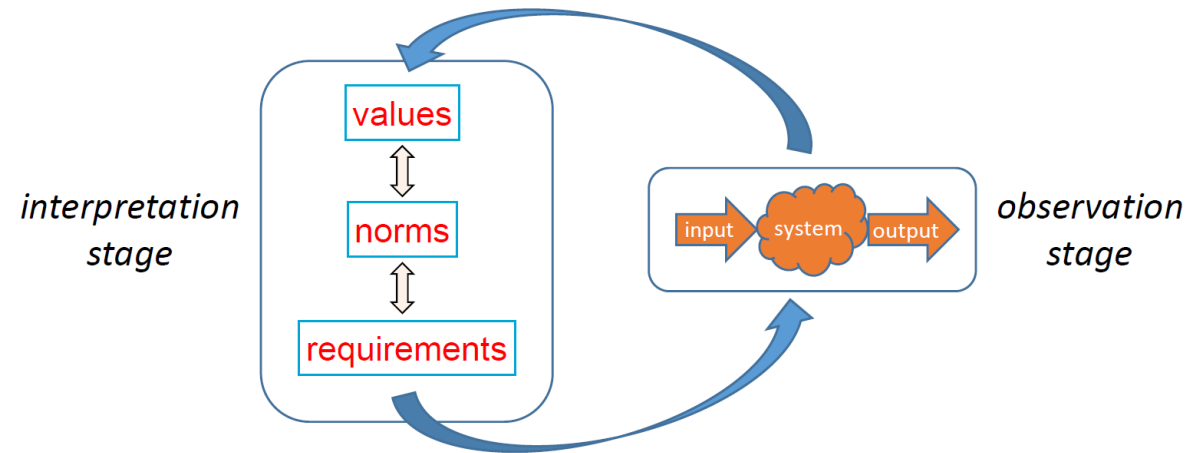
Black-box testing for Responsible ai

- **AI systems are software.**
- White-box testing: the focus on testing is in the internal structures an application
- Black-box testing: ignores the 'inside' of a software, the focus on the inputs and outputs.



Black-box testing for Responsible ai

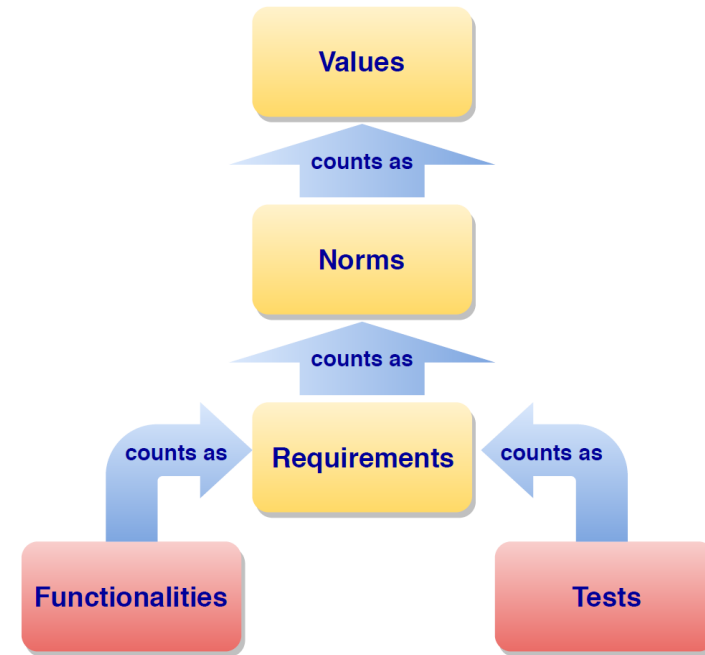
- Testing a system adherence to ethical values.



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Formalising the interpretation stage

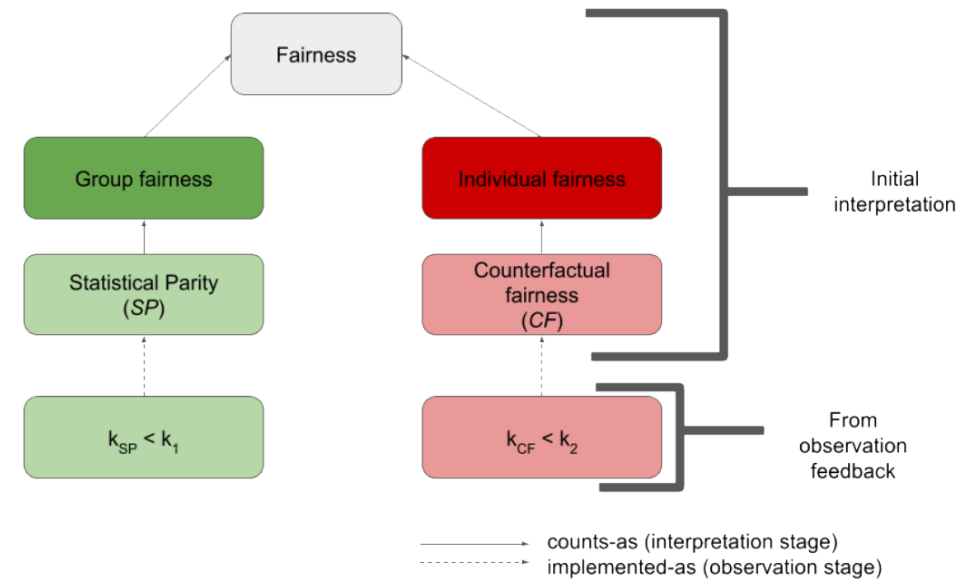
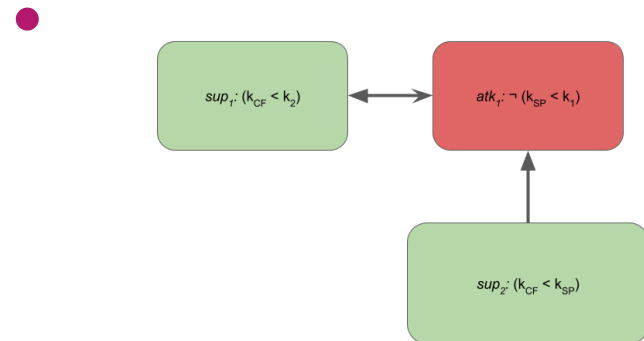
- We encode statements of the form: "**A counts-as B in context C**".
- It allows for verification in reasonable time.

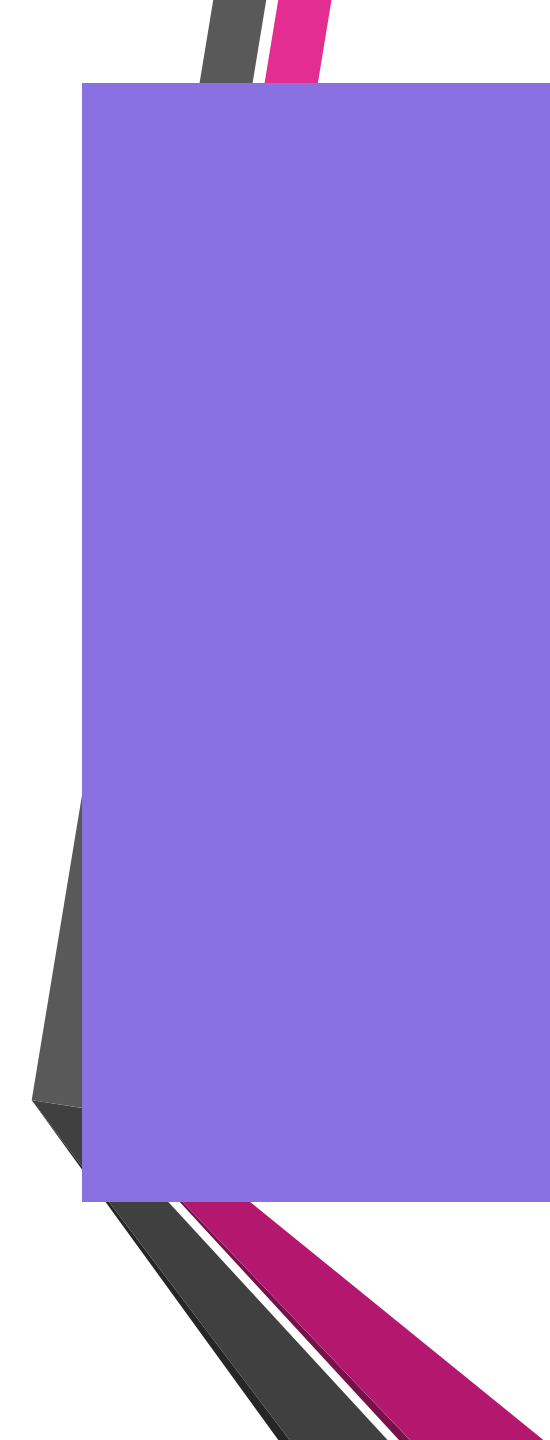


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Workshop in AI Safety 2019

Formalising the OBSERVATION stage

- Tests can be established metrics in binary format.





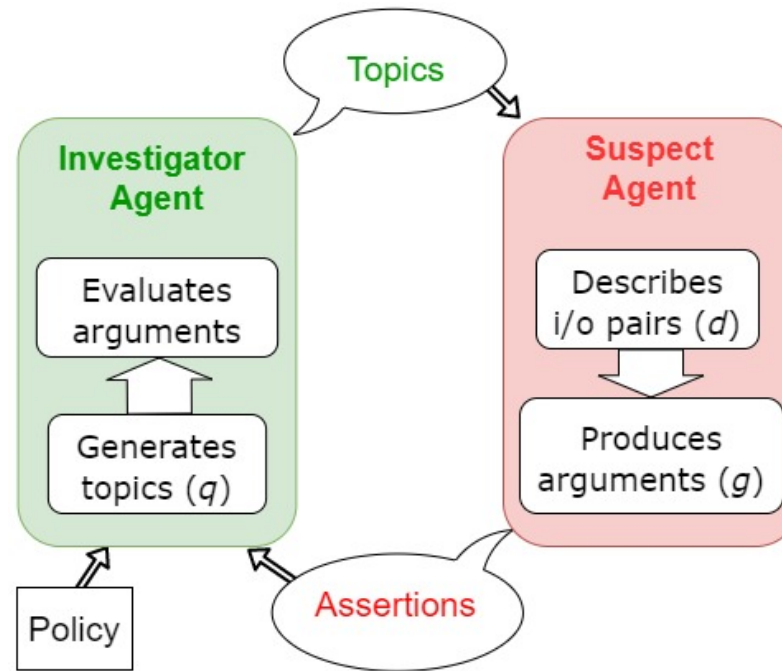
But how consistently do we
adhere to a policy?



Why not just ask the system itself?

Explainability and Dialogue

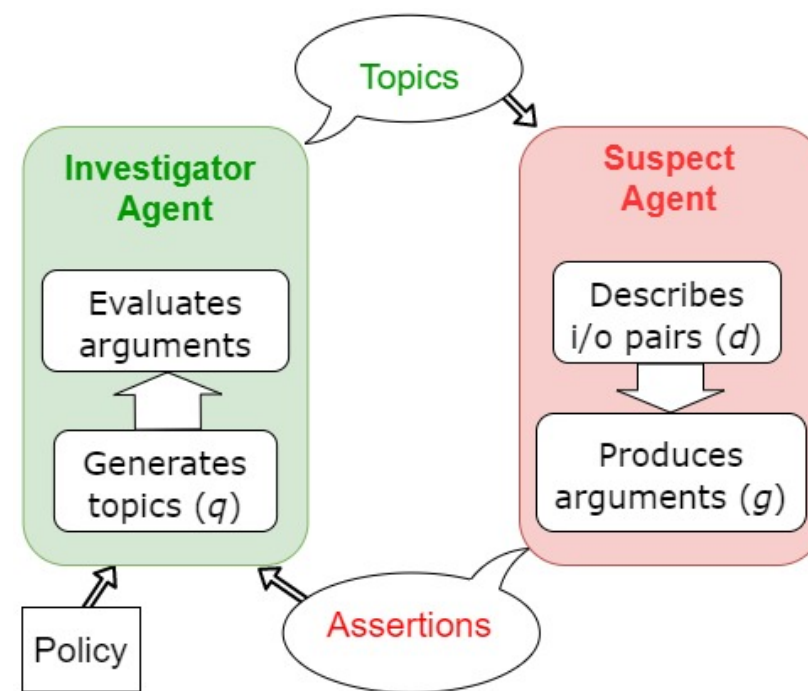
Transparency through Information-Seeking Dialogues



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Agents-modelling-other-agents

- Inspired by agents-modelling-agents literature.
- Agent communicate through **information-seeking dialogues**.
- Aggregation of information with **argumentation semantics**.



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The Awkward architecture

**Socially-Aware Agents
for
Ethics By Design**



The social behavior dilemma

- Fulfilment of societal goals requires **altruistic** or other **pro-social behaviour**.
- Fulfilment of individual goals may require **freeriding, selfish,** and **anti-social** behaviours.
- There is a need to alternate between different behaviours given the situation.

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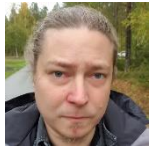


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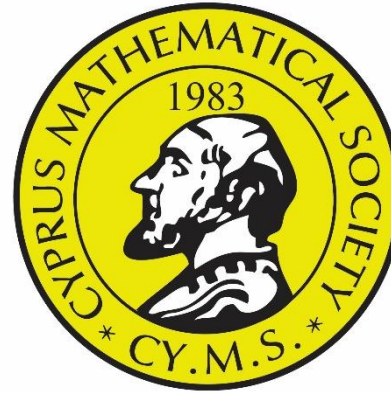


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