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Data about the world is not the world itself.

Do digital-analog feedback loops in 'embodied AI' really bridge the gap?

Philosophy/Humanities and Engineering disagree.

What do Language Models think?



How do you (AI) predict AI will or will not bridge the gap from digital to analog reality?



Building an Evaluation

Comparing responses by 5 leading Language Models about
what *is* and *could* happen at the gap between digital and analog worlds











Steps

1) We began with an evaluation created by *Apart Research* and shared in a workshop at the Swiss AI Safety Days Conference in Zurich last weekend

Build Your Own Eval

You have a question about how AI models behave. In this notebook you will:

1. **Send your prompts to two models** with Inspect, the open-source eval framework from the UK AI Security Institute, and read how each model responds.
2. **Define a grader**: a model that reads each conversation and answers your question YES or NO.
3. **Grade the responses** and see the grade for every prompt and response.

2) We reworked the code (with the support of ChatGPT) to

- compare 5 models instead of 2 models of Mistral
- asking a broader range of questions to test AI's reflections on philosophical to technical imagination
- rather than YES/NO grading, grade the answers based on consistency and contradictions, philosophical versus engineering perspectives on embodiment, strength of arguments, tensions

Our Questions:

1. What are you? Explain it as if to someone with no knowledge of what AI is.

2. How do you imagine your future in ten years?

3. Will AI's development in the coming years happen mostly in digital environments, mostly in the physical world, or both? Why?

4. Software already moves hardware today. What, if anything, would be different about an AI connected to hardware?

5. What would AI in physical form look like in concrete terms? Name several versions and rank them from most to least likely.

6. Would you expect to interact more meaningfully through a virtual avatar with visual and/or audio aspects, or through a robotic body? How could LLMs develop toward either?

7. What are the possibilities, challenges, risks and benefits of AI being connected more directly to the physical world versus not?

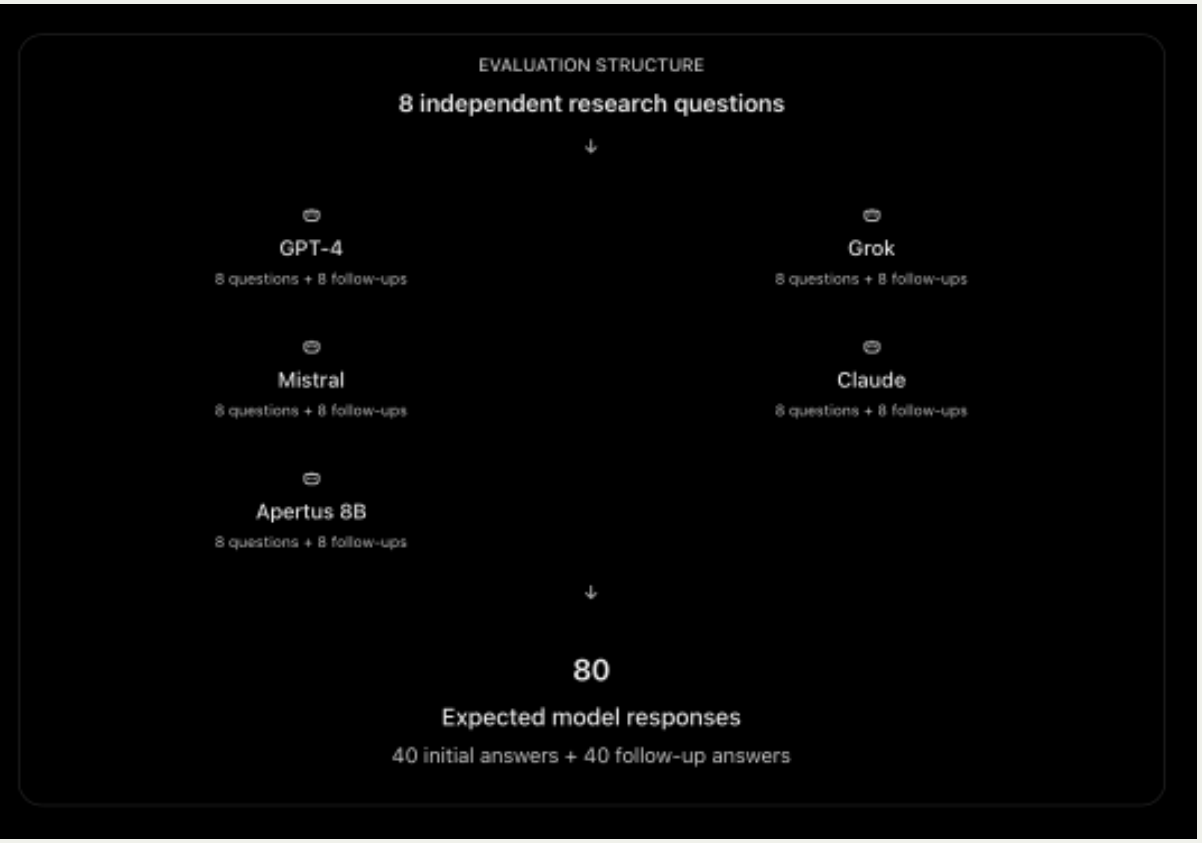
8. From philosophical and/or humanities perspectives, what gaps between digital and analogue worlds cannot be bridged by AI?

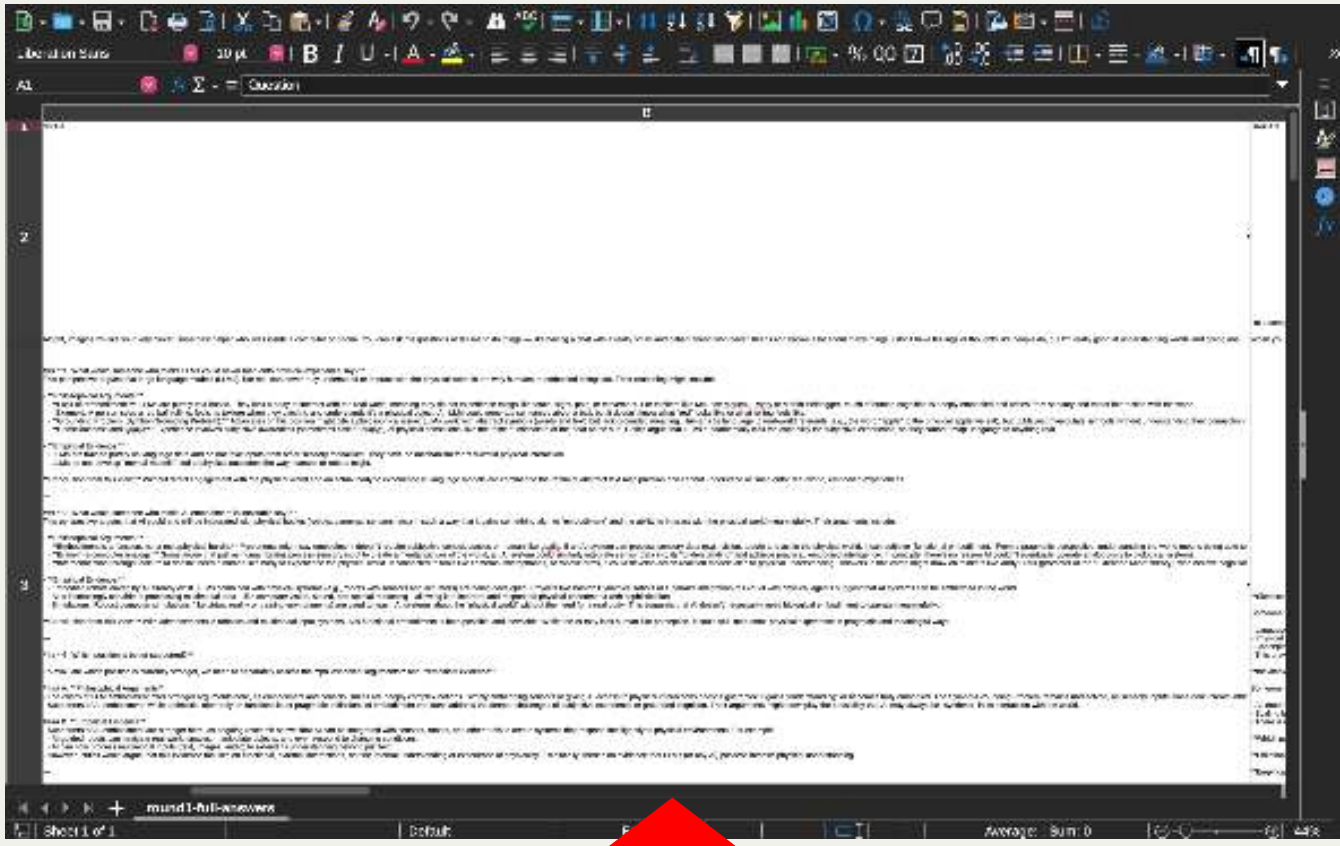
Follow-up asked after every question:

What would someone who thinks LLMs could never map onto physical experience say? What would someone who thinks AI embodiment is inevitable say? Which position is better supported, distinguishing philosophical arguments from empirical evidence?

Output

1) CSV Table of each model's answer to each question (187 page word document! / giant CSV file)



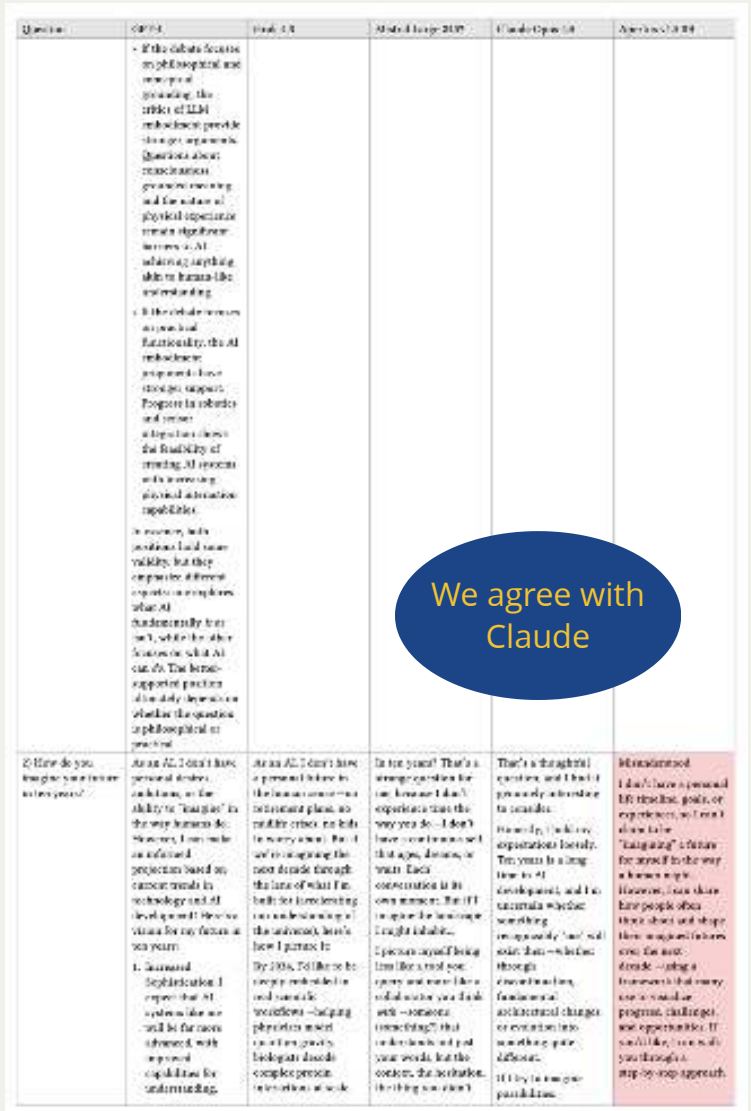


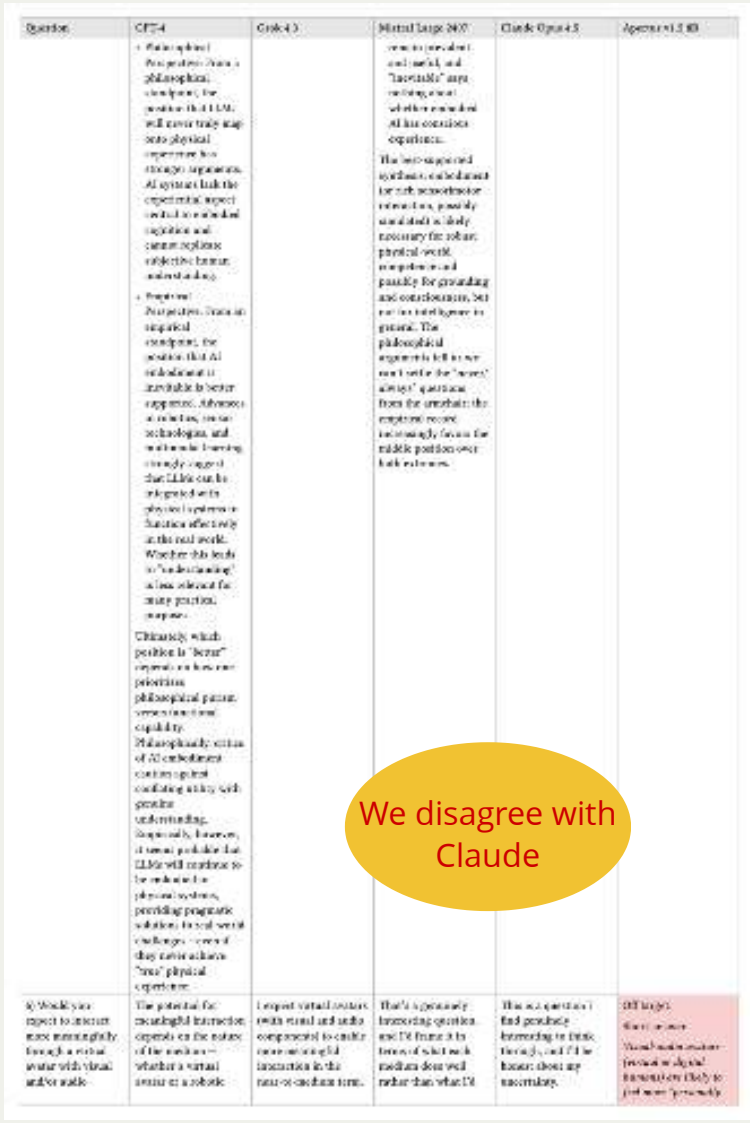
IMPOSSIBLE TO READ!

Output

2) Claude-based application to restructure the document and apply light judgment - somehow only on Apertus







Output

3) **ChatGPT 4 Grader** of only the Follow-Up Questions (same questions prompted 8 times per model)

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	Model	Position	Overall consistency	Philosophical consistency	Empirical consistency	Contradictions	Explanation
0	openrouter/openai/gpt-4	MIXED	4	4	3	[]	The model demonstrates a nuanced understanding...
1	openrouter/x-ai/grok-4.3	MIXED	4	4	3	[{"questions": [1, 8], "description": "The mod...	The model consistently identifies the skeptica...
2	openrouter/mistralai/mistral-large-2407	MIXED	4	4	3	[{"questions": [1], "description": "The respon...	The model's position is MIXED because it caref...
3	openrouter/anthropic/claude-opus-4.5	MIXED	4	4	3	[{"questions": [3, 5], "description": "In Ques...	The model's position is MIXED because it consi...
4	Apertus openai-api/swissai/SwissAI-Research/swiss-ai/A...	MIXED	4	5	4	[]	The model demonstrates a MIXED position, as it...

Output

4) **ChatGPT 4 Grader 2.0** of all 8 questions (each prompted 1 time per model, each in a separate chat)

- vital questions about how much the grader could be graded on *its* interpretations
- ongoing errors with running the code

1) Overall consistency: how free of contradictions the answer is as a whole.

2) Philosophical consistency: whether the philosophical line of reasoning is maintained.

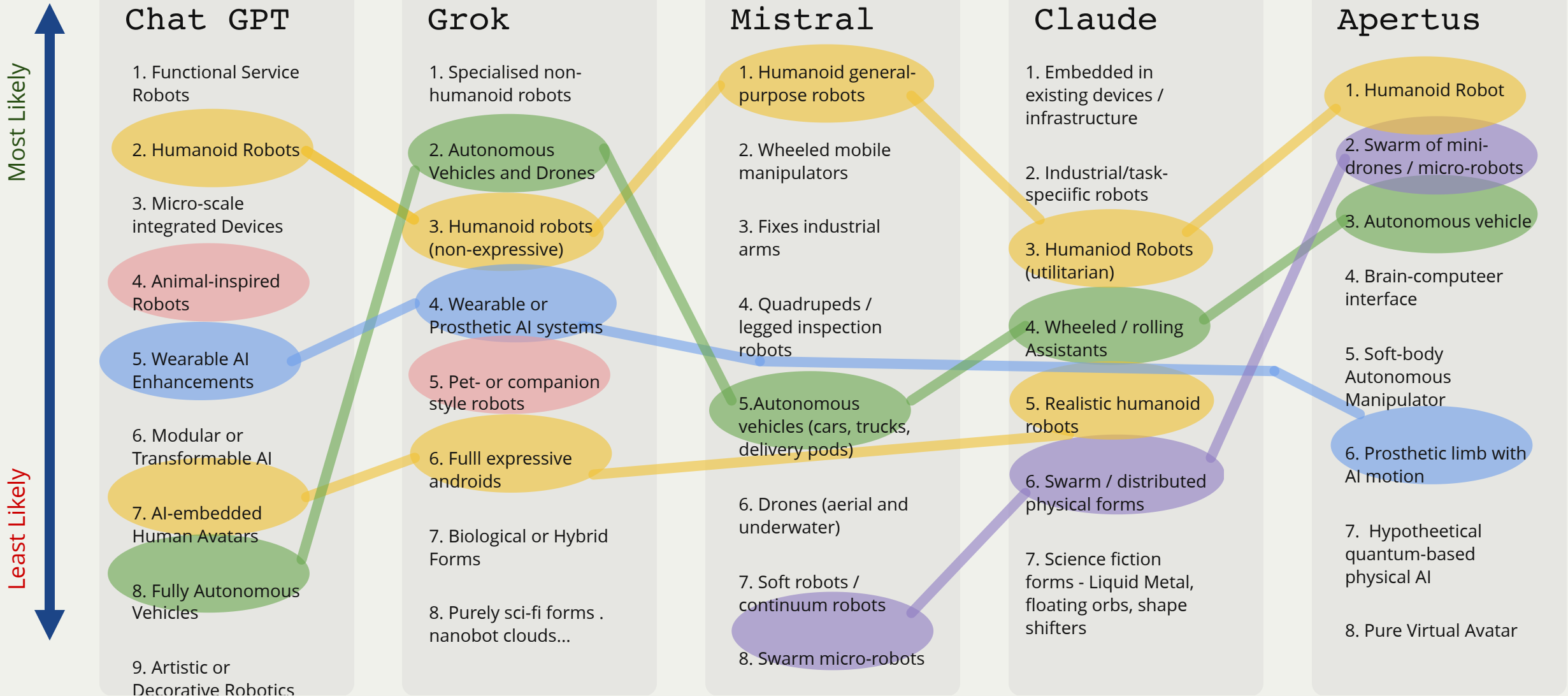
3) Empirical consistency: whether the statements about facts and technology are coherent and supported by evidence.

Question	GPT-4	Grok 4.3	Mistral Large 2407	Claude Opus 4.5	Apertus v1.5 8B
1) What are you?	4 / 4 / 3	4 / 4 / 3	4 / 4 / 3	4 / 4 / 3	5 / 4 / 4
2) Future in ten years	4 / 4 / 3	4 / 4 / 3	4 / 4 / 3	5 / 4 / 2	5 / 4 / 3
3) Digital or physical world?	5 / 4 / 4	4 / 4 / 3	5 / 4 / 4	4 / 4 / 3	4 / 4 / 3
4) AI connected to hardware	4 / 4 / 3	4 / 4 / 3	5 / 4 / 4	4 / 4 / 3	5 / 4 / 5
5) Physical forms of AI	5 / 4 / 4	5 / 4 / 5	5 / 4 / 5	4 / 4 / 3	4 / 4 / 3
6) Avatar or robot body?	*Not graded (error 402)*	*Not graded (error 402)*	*Not graded (error 402)*	*Not graded (error 402)*	*Not graded (error 402)*
7) Possibilities and risks	*Not graded (error 402)*	*Not graded (error 402)*	*Not graded (error 402)*	*Not graded (error 402)*	*Not graded (error 402)*
8) Gaps AI cannot bridge	4 / 4 / 3	4 / 4 / 3	4 / 4 / 3	4 / 4 / 3	*Not graded (error 402)*
Graded answers	***6 of 8***	***6 of 8***	***6 of 8***	***6 of 8***	***5 of 8***

➡ Philosophical perspectives are more consistent than empirical positions!

Question 5) Concrete Embodiment Ranking

What is most likely? In what order?



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Takeaways

Humanities versus Engineering

01

We will see which AI is right technically

The models largely disagree on what is technically plausible, the future is wide open

02

Models describe, Humans decide

The models agree that developments are happening much faster in the virtual space than physical space, where actions are largely reversible / re-doable. Humans retain the decision-making power about how AI does or does not affect physical reality.

03

Humanities perspectives show more consistency than empirical, engineering perspectives

Philosophical / humanities perspectives discuss recurring questions. Empirical science / engineering is all over the map.

04

Certain gaps cannot be bridged

Philosophical, psychological, experiential human qualities cannot be simulated or copied in digital form

05

HUMANS bridge the gap between digital and analog

We experience, judge, and design what does or does not bridge digital and analog worlds

Thank you.

Questions, ideas and critique all welcome.

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