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Introduction

Why solve #complexproblems using #neurodiverse ways of thinking

Humans and tools have been inextricably linked throughout human history.

What we make in order to make us better humans also redefines us.

But lately, some tools have diminished our importance, where they could easily be tweaked to enhance it.

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One example is AI: one might argue the most #neurotypical tool on the planet. When #neurotypical is needed, nothing better than AI.

It follows software and hardware structures, rules, routines, and even (one could say) laws.

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But what if the exclusive use of #neurotypical environments – and people who work fabulously in them – squeezes out other, problem-solving virtues of #neurodiversity?

The capacity to make astonishing leaps of creative faith, when reaching a conclusion about a strategic problem, for example …

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Example roadmap

Supporting our chances of surviving climate change by making it easier for *everyone* to access game-changing #neurodiverse #thinkingspaces

Background

What follows is one example roadmap to scope, develop and deliver a #complexproblem-solutioning #thinkingspace to begin to deal – in a different way – with one of the biggest #complexproblems facing humanity today: climate change.

Background

This example is scoped to deliver a 7 year-long #neurodiverse thought-development software and hardware programme, with architectures which in their final iterations are not only *sensitive* to such ways of thinking, but become secrecy-*positive* too.

Background

Presenter's note:

I propose that the programme consist of four workstreams, with a firm but always responsive approach to milestones and roadmaps.

As a result, close attention is paid to budgetary matters throughout, and such considerations may restrict or redirect lines of investigation where results judge this convenient.

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The four proposed workstreams

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Workstream A – first year onwards

We use existing software and hardware architectures – operating systems we are already familiar with – where we aim to be privacy-sensitive, as is currently the case, where possible; but not privacy-positive.

After one year, we then evaluate if #neurodiverse thinking emerges more purely or not from our new focus – and if so, in what sense our solutioning concerns may realistically benefit.

Workstream B – second year onwards

In the next phase, by using new architectures, we push our privacy criteria towards a more privacy-*positive* position.

The goal of this is to encourage more vulnerable, and therefore potentially game-changing, thinking in both #neurotypical and #neurodiverse thinkers.
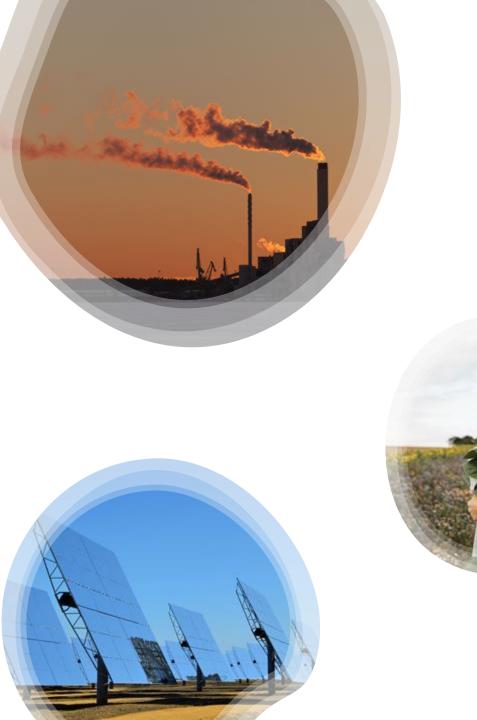
Workstream B – second year onwards

After one more year, we evaluate how much #neurodiverse thinking emerges this time, maybe with both Workstreams A and B now in tandem, in order to compare the two approaches and see if a difference is achieved in practice which merits deepening Workstream B or not.

Workstream C – third year onwards

Further new architecture-related levels of innovation – this time we're talking *secrecy*-sensitive, as in a preliminary iteration of a new kind of digital pencil & paper.

We're not, however, considering secrecy-*positive* platforms as yet.

Workstream C – third year onwards

I suggest an evaluation over two more years, given the level of innovation proposed. Again, to gather comparative data, Workstreams A and B can continue to operate simultaneously with C.

Workstream D – fifth year onwards, plus one final year as potential slippage

One final new architecture – a completely new and *secrecy-positive* platform.

This would maximise the opportunities in highly safe #thinkingspaces for the most intuitive and creative thinking to flourish and develop at an individual level before presentation to the outside world.

Workstream D – fifth year onwards, plus one final year as potential slippage

It would only be contemplated and delivered where the experience of the previous years of the programme demonstrated the imperative need to proceed to the proposed final stage.

For example, another geopolitical dislocation on the level of Ukraine or another pandemic we didn't predict, or at least didn't know how to prevent or minimally lessen its impact, even if we did know it was coming.

Workstream D – fifth year onwards, plus one final year as potential slippage

After two more years, we will then have had the time to properly evaluate any potential risks and/or dangers, to either the individual thinkers or a wider society.

We would also be in a position to better understand the need for additional protective measures and/or new vetting processes, alongside additional and bespoke psychological support for the hyper-thinkers who began to use such secrecy-positive #thinkingspaces.

Workstream D – fifth year onwards, plus one final year as potential slippage

I propose that the last year serves as slippage, in order to have room to extend interim stages where necessary, or skip to later stages and concentrate on them earlier and more deeply than initially proposed.

And always where experience then judges this viable and/or preferable to the initial roadmap.

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Conclusion

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And because *all* of us – whether #neurotypical or #neurodiverse thinkers – deserve to use tools which enable our very human capacity to think unpredictably: no box, no out of, just ourselves.

And what if we could do this ... predictably?

And save humanity by doing so?

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