On the Dangers of AI Autism Diagnosis

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What is AIAD?

- AI-assisted Autism Diagnosis
- Reducing effort needed for an ASD diagnosis
- Gaining traction in ML research

Problems in general ML research

- LLMs (e.g. ChatGPT) & *Stochastic Parrots*
- Perpetuation/amplification of bias
- AI ethics benchmark blindspots
- Intersectionality bias greater than parts

Disability Invisibility

- Dehumanization & AI ethics frameworks
- Footnotes
- "site[s] of utility or intervention"
- Study "participants"

Defining Autism

- Bleuler, Kanner, Asperger
- Baron-Cohen
  - Mindblindness

- robotic
- asocial, non-agentic
- nothing of value to communicate
- total ignorance of self

Current AIAD literature

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Problems in AIAD

- Racialization & genderization of ASD
- Frameworks predicated on personhood

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Draft paper:
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