RTC March 2022:

"In the very end, civilizations perish because they listen to their politicians and not to their poets." - Jonas Mekas -- 24 Dec 1922 - 23 Jan 2019

Doctor AI will see you now:

The problem with trying to write for a given topic and a topic about which I know nothing is …

Me and my pen.

Me and my pen seem to disagree

about where it is

and where it ought to be

philosophically and (quite often) geographically.

Back to the uses for AI

Analysis of behavioural patens and scans.
Seeing patterns in multiple miniscule signatures of things.
Even doctors' handwriting.

How many GPs do we have? This is a medical based talk and might not get to the door in time. So if I get carted off to A&E tie this DNR to my toe before I go.

Couple of haikus to start with.

DNR:
If I'm not able
to fend for myself or fuck.
Please, just pull the plug.

As you enter the operating theatre:

New surgeon login:
Oh dear, it's not you again.
e-mail next of kin.

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Do AI machines get to learn on the job? Learn from their mistakes?

Recursive learning:

In the middle of a procedure a decision dilemma

complications.

The AI deduces it needs extra data

so devises an experiment to settle the matter

but the patient dies, still, next time it'll know better

but what of the dilemma?

The AI deduces it still needs extra data

Stack overflow,

paging error.

Training the machine to start with, who remembers the (possibly apocryphal) tail of the tanks in the desert? Can't be a tank, it's not surrounded by sand.

All the tanks I've seen live in a desert

Dead patients are always on a bed with a sink

Treatment: Move them off the autopsy table

now they'll get better.

Looking at complex scans and long histories of notes

Little points that could be easily missed.

but one artefact mistaken as a common factor

then drives the categorisation of the actor.

or vector

Typecast and misdiagnosed forever.

The error embedded, grows like a cancer.

ESPECIALLY FOR WEOMEN – Stop complaining or you'll be medicated for some untestable personality disorder, like battered wife syndrome.

What about methods learned from current practice?

Combine old biases with AI and distance diagnoses

So tempting to add a productivity target,

> turnover, throughput, prognosis,

> cost,

> (or the harder and more costly to measure long term)

> successful diagnosis?

Woman: pain? yeah that's normal

Concerns, stress?

are you still talking?

Anti-depressants

makes note: Borderline personality disorder.

Now in future, we can more easily ignore her.

Reduced time per patient,

per patient commission pays more.

How fast things change.

I'd like to just remind you about the future.

The future:

The future, so long ago we thought would never come.

Has devoured us, and without even breaking step gone on alone.

Leaving us beside the road it's forged.

Without a second, or a single, or any thought at all.

For all of us to it, are of no consequence, as if for naught.

Not even worth a passing thought.