

for artificial consciousness with an illustrative application to field theories



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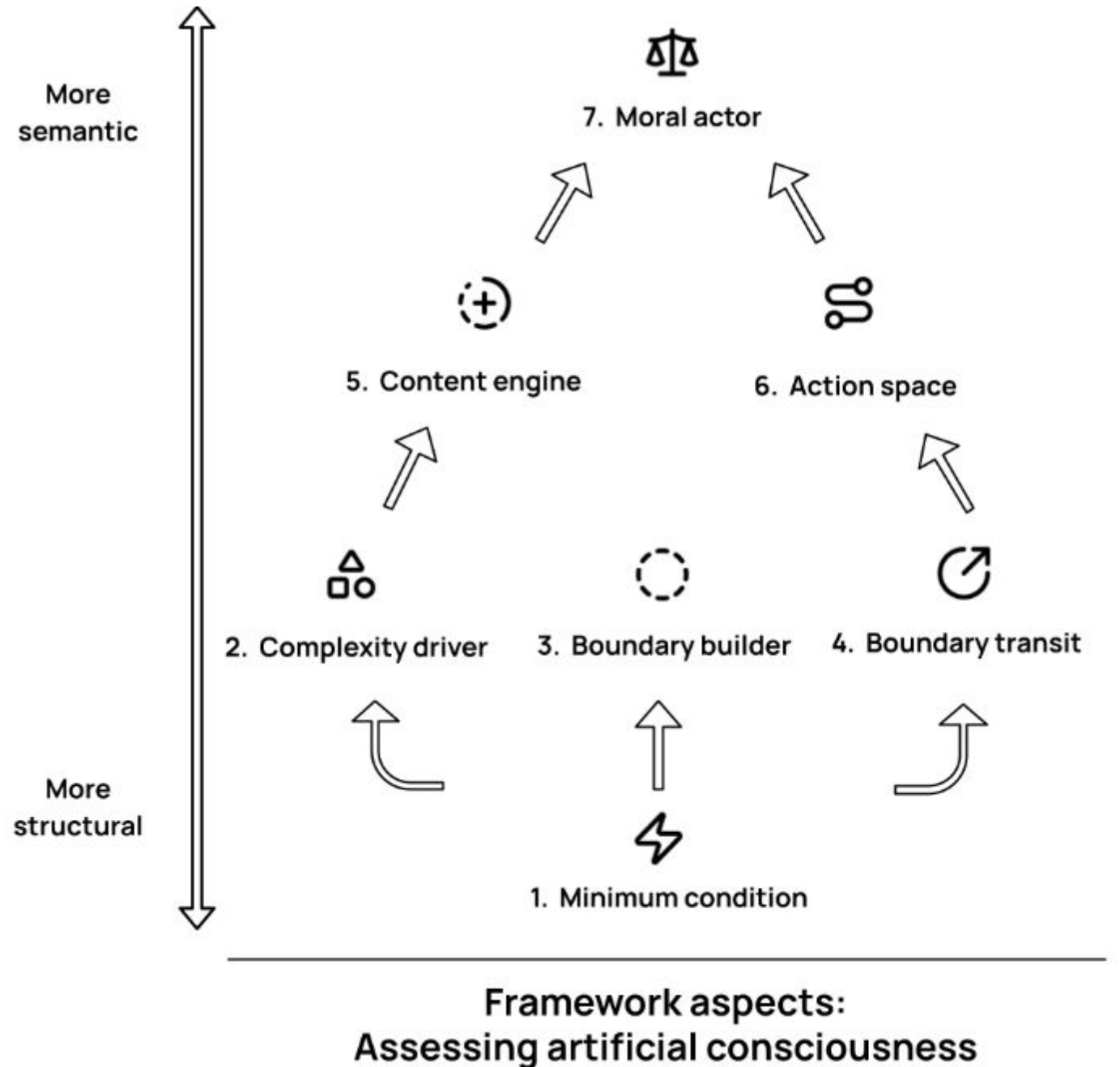


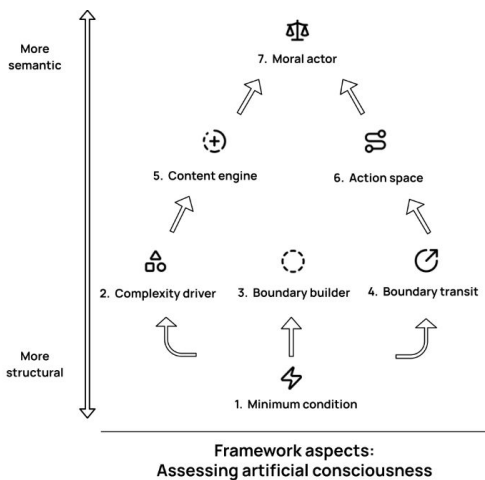
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The “Actor Framework”

7 aspects we need
consciousness
theories to specify to
help us with artificial
minds

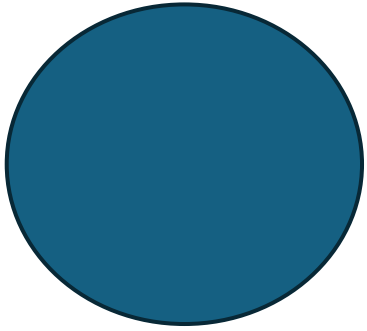




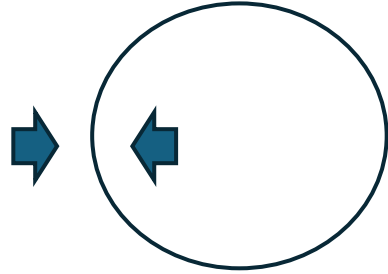
The “Actor Framework”

#	Aspect	Central question for a theory to answer
1	Minimum condition	What is the minimum condition(s) that leads to the minimal ‘experience’ for a minimal ‘experiencing entity’?
2	Complexity driver	What mechanism(s) results in entities that have more complex experiences?
3	Boundary builder	What defines the boundary where one experience / experiencing entity ends and another begins?
4	Boundary transit	How does information transit these boundaries?
5	Content engine	What defines the content of those experiences? (perceptions, valence, modelling, reasoning, etc.)
6	Action space	What actions can the system take at the level corresponding to conscious experiences?
7	Moral actor	What types of sophisticated moral actors are possible or probable given the kinds of complex entity that might occur under this theory?

Why field theories?



**Experiential
unity**



**Boundaries for
consciousness**



**Evolutionary
motivation**



**Human
agency**

**+ Growing evidence for ephaptic and quantum effects in brain
function**

Assessing 21 field theories

Theory	1. Minimum Condition	2. Complexity Driver	3. Boundary Boulder	4. Boundary Transit	5. Content Engine	6. Action Space	7. Moral Actor	High aspects (level 3+)
Pockett (EMF)	 3	 2	 3	 4	 2	n/a	 0	3
Fingelkurts (OA)	 3	 3	 3	 2	 2	 2	 1	3
McFadden (CEMI)	 2	 2	 3	 3	 2	 3	 0	3
Keppler (ZPF)	 2	 3	 3	 3	 2	 2	 0	3
Jibu et al. (QBD)	 3	 2	 3	 3	 2	 1	 0	3
Jones (Realist Field)	 2	 3	 2	 3	 2	 2	 1	2
Ward & Guevara (Thalamus)	 2	 2	 3	 3	 2	 2	 0	2
Meijer & Geesink (Semi-Harmonic)	 3	 2	 2	 3	 1	 2	 0	2
Cacha & Poznański (Biophoton / Quantum)	 3	 2	 3	 2	 2	 0	 0	2
Cavaglià et al. (Holographic)	 3	 2	 1	 3	 1	 0	 0	2
LaBerge & Kasevich (Apical Dendrite)	 2	 2	 2	 3	 2	 2	 0	1
Hunt & Schooler (GRT- EM variant)	 2	 2	 2	 3	 2	 1	 0	1
John (Global Field)	 2	 2	 2	 3	 2	 1	 0	1
Bond (Coherence Field)	 2	 2	 2	 3	 2	 1	 0	1
Reggia (Complex-Valued EMFs)	 3	 1	 2	 2	 2	 1	 0	1
Strupp (EIFT)	 1	 2	 2	 3	 1	 1	 0	1
Detmar (Adaptational)	 2	 2	 2	 2	 2	 2	 1	0
Sheldrake (Morphic)	 1	 2	 2	 2	 2	 2	 0	0
Beaudoin (Energy Info)	 2	 2	 2	 2	 2	 1	 0	0
Barrett (Field-IIT)	 2	 2	 2	 2	 1	 0	 0	0
Hennacy (Biofields)	 2	 1	 2	 2	 1	 0	 0	0

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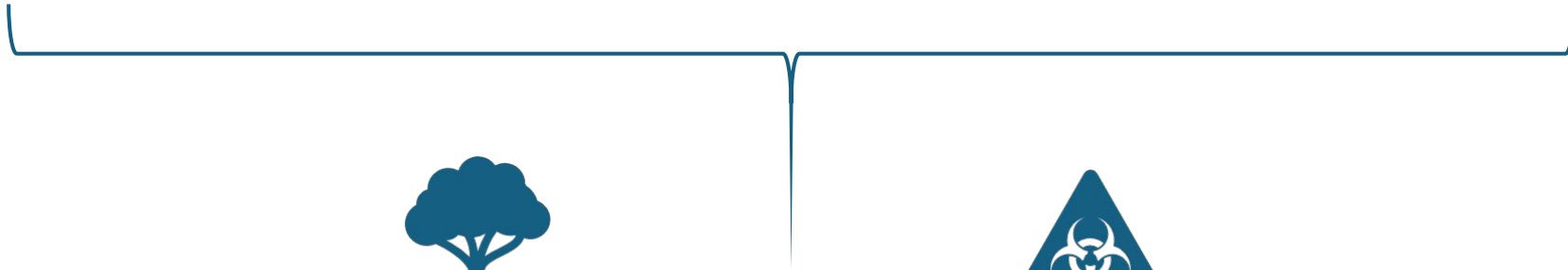
**Intuitions matter
Insights drive updates**



**We need
better theories**



**Foundational
progress is possible**



**Human
flourishing**



**AI
safety**

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