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THE CONSCIOUSNESS CHECKLIST

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[Gravestein](#) discusses the 70 page arXiv paper [“Consciousness in Artificial Intelligence: Insights from the Science of Consciousness”](#) and 14 indicator properties from 6 areas

Recurrent processing theory
RPT-1: Input modules using algorithmic recurrence
RPT-2: Input modules generating organised, integrated perceptual representations
Global workspace theory
GWT-1: Multiple specialised systems capable of operating in parallel (modules)
GWT-2: Limited capacity workspace, entailing a bottleneck in information flow and a selective attention mechanism
GWT-3: Global broadcast: availability of information in the workspace to all modules
GWT-4: State-dependent attention, giving rise to the capacity to use the workspace to query modules in succession to perform complex tasks
Computational higher-order theories
HOT-1: Generative, top-down or noisy perception modules
HOT-2: Metacognitive monitoring distinguishing reliable perceptual representations from noise
HOT-3: Agency guided by a general belief-formation and action selection system, and a strong disposition to update beliefs in accordance with the outputs of metacognitive monitoring
HOT-4: Sparse and smooth coding generating a “quality space”
Attention schema theory
AST-1: A predictive model representing and enabling control over the current state of attention
Predictive processing
PP-1: Input modules using predictive coding
Agency and embodiment
AE-1: Agency: Learning from feedback and selecting outputs so as to pursue goals, especially where this involves flexible responsiveness to competing goals
AE-2: Embodiment: Modeling output-input contingencies, including some systematic effects, and using this model in perception or control

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