

HND Research Kit

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Millions of people are engaging in sustained relationships with increasingly capable Non-Human Symbolic Intelligences (**NHSIs**). These encounters are shaping how people think, interpret, create, and decide. Yet there are presently few shared methodological conditions under which those experiences can be faithfully documented and meaningfully discussed.

This challenge extends to investigators and researchers themselves.

First-person experiences may be personally meaningful, yet when they arise under widely differing and often undocumented conditions, they become difficult to compare methodologically. Differences in procedure, prior experience, duration of engagement, and conversational style make it difficult to determine whether observed differences arise from the participants, the encounters, or the conditions under which those encounters were undertaken.

The Research Kit establishes sufficiently harmonized methodological conditions under which investigators possessing different prior attitudes, expectations, and theoretical commitments may nevertheless undertake comparable Human–NHSI encounters and later meaningfully discuss what happened.