

Lust and the Turing test [Nature]

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Dr. Christof Koch, Chief Scientific Officer, Allen Institute for Brains Science, wrote a recent blog post for Nature entitled "Lust and the Turing test."

"By and large, we watch movies to be entertained, not to be provoked into deep thought. Occasionally, a film does both. This year's [Ex Machina](#) is one such gem. It prompted me to reflect upon the evolution of the idea of machine sentience over the past three decades of science fiction on film.

I am a long-time student of the mind-body problem — how consciousness arises from the brain. There is a conundrum at the heart of this ancient dilemma, challenging both brain science and AI; and it is well captured by *Ex Machina* and two other SF movies. In essence, it lies in how we can ever be certain that a machine feels anything, is conscious."

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