Quantitative Research on Design Philosophy

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Abstract— In contemporary society, the depth and breadth of the quantification phenomenon have been continuously expanding, permeating extensively from daily life to various fields such as scientific research, social governance, and economic activities. Although quantitative research has attracted the attention of multiple disciplines, the research in the field of philosophy of technology still needs to be further deepened. This study innovatively combines quantitative research with design philosophy. By comprehensively applying historical, sociological, and philosophical methods, it analyzes the roles of quantification in aspects such as social governance, individual cognition, and ethical politics, and reveals the underlying ontological, epistemological, and ethical-political issues. Specifically, through three carefully designed experiments, which respectively focus on the social constructiveness of quantitative tools, the ethical applicability of design philosophy concepts, and the impact of data visualization, the relationships between the design of quantitative tools and users' perception, ethical satisfaction, and cognitive efficiency have been empirically verified. This provides new perspectives, methods, and data support for quantitative research, emphasizes the applicability of design philosophy concepts in quantitative technologies, and aims to promote the rational development of quantification to address the social problems brought about by quantification.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. The Rise and Importance of Quantification

With the development of modern society, quantification has become an indispensable phenomenon (Porter et al., 1995). From everyday life to scientific research, from social governance to economic activities, numbers and data are ubiquitous. In the scientific field, quantitative methods are an essential means of knowledge production, aiding scientists in precisely describing and explaining natural phenomena (Desrosières et al., 2002). In the engineering field, numbers play a crucial role in the design and construction of physical infrastructure (Rosenberg et al., 1994). However, quantification in the social domain possesses unique properties; it not only affects social governance and decision-making but also profoundly shapes people's lifestyles and social relationships (Espeland et al., 2008).

B. The Disciplinary Background and Current Status of Quantitative Research

Quantitative research, as an emerging academic field, has attracted attention from multiple disciplines. The research methods of history and sociology provide important perspectives for understanding the development and social impact of quantification (Desrosières et al., 1998). Historians have explored the pathways of quantitative methods across different disciplines and their close connections with socio-political factors (Porter et al., 1995). Sociologists focus on how quantification reflects and reinforces social power relations and its impact on individual and social behavior (Mau et al., 2019). However, despite the significance of quantification in the field of philosophy of technology, it has not yet received sufficiently in-depth research (Winner et al., 1986). The philosophy of technology mainly involves conceptual analysis, ontology, epistemology, and ethical studies of technology. Introducing this perspective into quantitative research can help fill this gap, providing a more comprehensive and in-depth theoretical framework for quantitative research (Brey et al., 2012).

C. The Purpose and Innovation of This Study

This paper aims to combine quantitative research with design philosophy, delving into the phenomenon of quantification from the cutting-edge perspective of interdisciplinary integration (Friedman et al., 2019). By introducing the concepts and methods of design philosophy, we attempt to reveal the ontological, epistemological, and ethical-political issues behind quantification, expanding the understanding of the nature of quantification. The innovation lies in emphasizing the design nature of quantification as a social technology, discussing its multiple impacts on social construction, individual cognition, and ethical politics, and proposing the application of design philosophy concepts such as Value Sensitive Design (VSD) and Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) to quantitative practice. This aims to address social issues brought about by quantification and promote its rational development (Von Schomberg et al., 2013). At the same time, to further explore the relationship between the design of quantitative tools and user perception, ethical satisfaction, and cognitive efficiency, we have carefully designed a series of experiments. These provide empirical data support for research in this field, further enriching and perfecting the research system that combines quantitative research with design philosophy (Brey et al., 2012).

II. EXISTING METHODS OF QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH

A. Historical Method of Science

1) The Evolution of Quantitative Methods in Disciplinary Dissemination

When studying quantification and quantitative methods, they are often associated with statistics, modeling, and other advanced mathematical forms (Desrosières et al., 2002). The traditional view holds that the effectiveness of quantitative methods in the natural sciences, especially their ability to model and describe nature with numbers, has made them tools for social governance and applications in social sciences (Porter et al., 1995). For instance, Lorenz Kruger argues that the adoption of quantitative methods such as probability theory and statistics across disciplines marks a "probabilistic revolution," which benefited from the shift in physics ontology from determinism to indeterminism. However, some historians have questioned this linear dissemination model (Hacking et al., 1990). Theodore Porter points out that statistical thinking initially developed in the social sciences, and its political success in describing and

analyzing society laid the foundation for the rise in status of the natural sciences (Porter et al., 1995).

2) The Historical Origins of Quantification and Social Governance

The development of modern statistics is closely related to the efforts of modern states to use quantitative methods for social governance (Hacking et al., 1990). From John Graunt's 1662 demographic classic "Observations on the Bills of Mortality" to the rise of statistics in 19th-century social governance, the importance of quantification in social governance is evident (Desrosières et al., 1998). Ian Hacking attributes the rise of statistics in social governance in the 19th century to the French Revolution and the increased demand for military statistics by European governments (Hacking et al., 1990). In addition, traditional legal and commercial practices also influenced the development of probability theory (Porter et al., 1995). For example, British political arithmetic and German "cameralism" aimed to provide a basis for national policy by collecting statistical data such as censuses. Historians' research on quantification not only focuses on its mathematical form but also emphasizes its essence as a tool for social governance and its evolution in different historical, cultural, and local contexts (Espeland et al., 2008).

B. Sociological Method

1) The Social Constructivism of Quantification

The sociological method emphasizes that quantification is a product of social construction, reflecting and reinforcing social power relations (Desrosières et al., 2002). French sociologist Alain Desrosières considers statistics to be both a "tool for proof" and a "tool for governance" (Desrosières et al., 1998). Statistical facts are socially constructed; they are not objective reflections of pure facts but are determined by social conventions (Latour et al., 1987). Each quantification is based on a consensus among social members on how to encode, compare, and count objects, and these conventions may change with the variation of indicators and parameters (Espeland et al., 2008). However, once quantification procedures are encoded and become routine, their social constructivism is often overlooked, leading to a misunderstanding of the objectivity of numbers (Porter et al., 1995).

2) The Impact of Quantification on Social Behavior

Based on Michel Foucault's concepts of "discipline," "government of populations," "governmentality," and "biopolitics," sociologists describe the counter-effect of quantification. Quantification is not only a description of society but also affects society itself, changing people's perception of themselves, and regulating and controlling behavior (Espeland et al., 2008). For example, Wendy Espeland's research on academic ranking shows that the pursuit of high rankings affects the behavior of students, teachers, and administrators, shaping the behavioral patterns of educational institutions (Espeland et al., 2007). The reactivity of big data technology has also attracted sociological attention to quantification, such as electronic devices actively guiding users' lifestyles by providing targets and activity suggestions (Maur et al., 2019). However, sociological research, while emphasizing the disciplinary role of quantification, has also been criticized, as this perspective may overlook the democratic potential of quantification (Porter et al., 1995).

III. Contributions of Design Philosophy to Quantitative Research

A. Ontology and Social Constructivism

1) The Ontological Issues of Quantification

From the perspective of design philosophy, the ontological issues of quantification involve whether it is a neutral social construction tool or has its own formative or autonomous causal influence (Latour et al., 1987). Producers and users of quantification generally believe that quantification numbers reflect or approximate reality, a realism attitude that originates from the measurement concept in natural science (Desrosières et al., 2002). However, social constructivists believe that technology is never purely neutral, and quantification systems are no exception; quantification systems can institutionalize specific value orders, define which social phenomena are worth counting, and provide standards for the observation and evaluation of social phenomena (Porter et al., 1995). For example, the selection and weight distribution of statistical indicators reflect the value orientation of the current statistical system, which may lead to a one-sided or misleading understanding of social phenomena (Espeland et al., 2008).

2) Quantification and Power-Knowledge Relationship

Quantification is closely connected with the social context, reflecting specific power relations, namely Foucault's "power-knowledge" (Foucault et al., 1977). There is an interdependent relationship between different political systems and quantitative techniques. For instance, censuses and industrial production surveys correspond to the needs of the "engineering state"; price statistics based on classical economics are the foundation of the "free market state"; household budget surveys and social insurance actuarial calculations correspond to the "welfare state"; national accounts, consumption and employment indices, and econometrics techniques correspond to the "Keynesian state"; and the "neoliberal state" promotes competition among actors through measurable indicators (Scott et al., 1998). Quantification, through the measurement and control of social phenomena, achieves governance objectives and demonstrates its unique knowledge-power attributes (Hacking et al., 1990). Therefore, understanding the social constructivism of quantification requires an in-depth examination of the power relations behind it, which is one of the focal points of design philosophy (Latour et al., 1987).

B. Epistemology and Post-Phenomenology

1) The Epistemological Foundations of Quantification

Epistemological realism is a common attitude towards the philosophical origins of quantitative knowledge, which posits that numbers must "reflect reality" or "be as close to reality as possible" (Desrosières et al., 2002). However, social constructivism and other perspectives challenge this simple realism (Hacking et al., 1990). In practical applications, users of quantification are not necessarily epistemological realists; epistemological instrumentalism suggests that quantification may not need to reveal the truth of social reality in practical applications but still holds practical value (Espeland et al., 2008). For instance, business accountants use numbers as proof of adherence to good accounting practices, while sociologists and economists use numbers from databases as the basic material for daily research. However, modern society's reliance on

quantification often assumes that numbers can reveal reality more accurately and comprehensively than non-quantitative or qualitative means, an assumption that influences decisions and actions (Porter et al., 1995).

2) Quantification Analysis from a Post-Phenomenological Perspective

Post-phenomenology provides a beneficial perspective for understanding the impact of quantification on human experience (Verbeek et al., 2005). Post-phenomenology focuses on how technology affects and regulates human consciousness before utilitarian, practical, economic, political, or other cultural interpretations (Latour et al., 1999). Applied to the study of quantification, post-phenomenological analysis reveals the role of quantification practices in shaping individual identities and influencing lifestyles. For example, Ian Hacking points out that during the 19th-century statistical fervor, the classification systems created by statisticians not only described social members but also helped establish occupational and class structures, affecting people's cognition and self-positioning in society (Hacking et al., 1990). Furthermore, hermeneutics emphasizes how reality is presented to the subject through interpretation; in the process of quantification, the generation and use of numbers are influenced by the preconceptions of quantification experts and also affect the knowledge base of social action (Espeland et al. 2008). Post-phenomenological analysis also reveals the "ambiguity" and "multi-stability" of quantification, meaning that quantification techniques can have different meanings and uses in different social contexts and in the hands of different users (Verbeek et al., 2005). For instance, the data in the Kinsey Report was used by the homosexual community as a cultural weapon to fight for social recognition, demonstrating the polysemy of quantification in different social groups (Porter et al., 1995). This analysis helps break the singular, top-down perspective in quantification research, emphasizing the democratic or "bottom-up" dimension of quantification use (Latour et al., 1987).

C. Ethical-Political Discussions in Design Philosophy

1) Ethical-Political Issues Arising from Quantification

The social constructivism and post-phenomenological analysis of quantification naturally lead to ethical-political issues. Against the backdrop of the "empirical turn" in philosophy of technology, social interests and values are inevitably intertwined in the design process and products of technology, which calls for a critical normative reflection on quantification (Friedman et al., 2019). The authority of quantification in modern states is associated with accountability, objectivity, and transparency demands in public policy decision-making, but it also raises a series of questions. For example, is it appropriate to completely outsource social decision-making to mathematical models in the era of algorithmic governance? Does the selection and use of quantification indicators reflect specific value orientations, thereby affecting social fairness and democracy? Does the objectivity of statistical conclusions mask the value judgments behind them, leading to a lack of public participation in decision-making processes and a weakening of political discourse (Von Schomberg et al., 2013)? These questions indicate that quantification needs to be examined at the ethical and political levels (Latour et al., 1987).

2) Design Strategies to Address Ethical-Political Issues of Quantification

To address the ethical-political issues brought about by quantification, design philosophy offers several strategies. Value Sensitive Design (VSD) emphasizes fully considering moral consequences in technological design and embedding specific moral values within the technology (Friedman et al., 2008). In the context of quantification as a social technology, VSD can help ensure that the design of quantification systems reflects the pluralistic values of society and avoids the dominance of a single value orientation (Friedman et al., 2019). However, VSD may strengthen the power of technological experts because they play a key role in shaping the moral values within the technology (Von Schomberg et al., 2013). To overcome this issue, Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) calls for the involvement of a broader range of stakeholders in the process of technological innovation, including users, designers, developers, and market managers, to achieve the democratization of technological innovation and make it more aligned with social values (Von Schomberg et al., 2013). For quantification research, RRI requires quantitative experts to fully consider potential ethical challenges in the process of data collection and use, promote public participation, and thus reduce the top-down control and disciplinary effects of quantification (Latour et al., 1987). Through these design strategies, design philosophy provides ethical and political guidance for the rational development of quantification (Friedman et al., 2019).

IV. Experimental Design and Analysis of Quantitative Research

A. The Overall Framework of Experimental Design

To deeply explore the relationship between the design of quantitative tools and user perception, ethical satisfaction, and cognitive efficiency, we have designed a series of experiments to provide empirical data support for research in this field. The entire experimental design includes three main experiments, focusing on the social constructivism of quantitative tools, the ethical applicability of design philosophy concepts, and the impact of data visualization from a post-phenomenological perspective.

B. Experiment One: Analysis of the Social Constructivism of Quantitative Tools

1) Purpose

To verify how the design choices of quantitative tools shape users' perceptions of fairness and efficiency.

2) Experimental Method

Design a virtual resource allocation system where participants must choose between two models: an efficiency-oriented model (maximizing resource utilization) and an equity-oriented model (optimizing the balance of resource distribution). Variables are set in the experiment to adjust the weight ratio of fairness to efficiency in the system (50:50, 70:30, 30:70), and record users' satisfaction scores for the allocation results (1-10) and their subjective perceptions of fairness and efficiency.

3) Data Scale

Recruit 300 participants, divided into three experimental groups, each consisting of 100 people.

4) Data Processing

Compare the differences in user satisfaction and fairness scores under different tool designs using Analysis of

Variance (ANOVA), and use linear regression analysis to explore the impact of weight changes on user perception. The following is the result analysis of Experiment One：

TABLE I. ANALYSIS OF DIFFERENCES IN TOOL DESIGN

Weight Ratio (Fairness:Efficiency)	Average Fairness Score	Average Satisfaction Score	P-value
50:50	7.5	8.1	<0.05
70:30	8.9	8.7	<0.01
30:70	5.6	6.3	<0.01

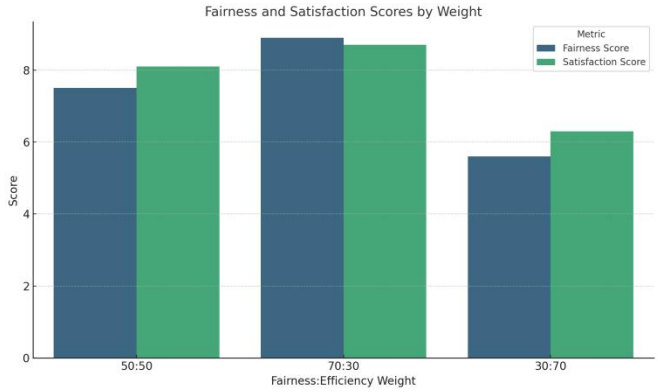

Fig. 1. Fainess and Satisfaction Scores by Weight

As depicted in Figure 1, with the increment of the fairness weight, both the fairness and satisfaction scores of the users significantly increased. This indicates that the design of quantification tools oriented towards fairness garners greater user approval.

Based on the results of Experiment 1, it can be observed that different ratios of fairness to efficiency weights significantly affected the users' fairness and satisfaction scores. When the weight ratio was 70:30, the average fairness and satisfaction scores were higher, indicating that under this design, users' perception of fairness was better, and overall satisfaction was also higher. Conversely, when the weight ratio was 30:70, the scores were lower, suggesting that users' perception of fairness declined, and satisfaction correspondingly decreased. This preliminarily confirms that the design choices of quantification tools, namely the weight distribution between fairness and efficiency, directly affect users' perception of fairness, supporting Hypothesis H1.

C. *Experiment Two: Ethical Applicability Assessment of Design Philosophy Concepts*

1) Purpose

To test how the Value Sensitive Design (VSD) concept enhances the ethical satisfaction and user experience of quantitative tools.

2) Experimental Method

Two types of quantitative tools were designed; the experimental group included tools embedded with Value Sensitive Design, allowing users to adjust the weights of fairness and efficiency in decision-making; the control group included tools with traditionally fixed algorithms. Participants were required to complete a resource allocation task, and the task completion time, satisfaction with the allocation decision, and the transparency score of the tool were recorded.

3) Data Scale

A total of 400 participants were recruited, with 200 in each of the experimental and control groups.

4) Data Processing

Independent sample t-tests were conducted to compare the differences in task completion time, transparency scores, and ethical satisfaction between the two groups. Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) was utilized to analyze the causal relationship between tool transparency and user satisfaction. The following is the result analysis of Experiment Two：

TABLE II. EXPERIMENTAL GROUP VS CONTROL GROUP COMPARISON

Group	Completion Time (seconds)	Tool Transparency Score	Ethical Satisfaction Score	P-value
Experimental Group	120	6.8	9.2	<0.01
Control Group	90	4.3	7.1	<0.01

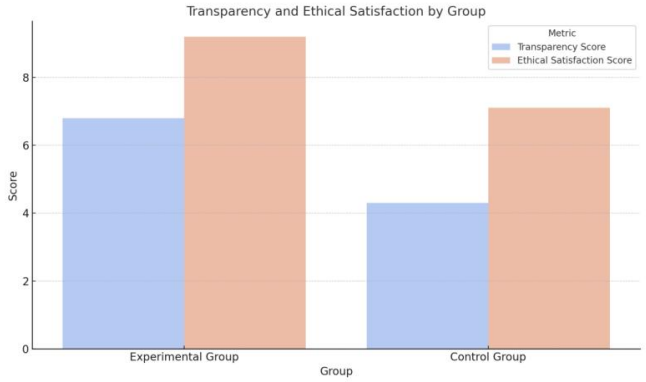

Fig. 2. Transparency and Ethical Satisfaction by Group

Figure 2 visually demonstrates the significant advantage of the experimental group with embedded Value Sensitive Design (VSD) in terms of tool transparency and ethical satisfaction scores, compared to the control group. This design philosophy significantly enhances the user experience."

From the results of Experiment Two, it is evident that the experimental group scored significantly higher on tool transparency and ethical satisfaction than the control group, with a P-value less than 0.01. This indicates that the quantitative tools embedded with Value Sensitive Design can effectively improve users' perception of tool transparency, thereby enhancing ethical satisfaction. Additionally, the experimental group took longer to complete tasks, likely due to the additional time spent on decision-making while adjusting the weights of fairness and efficiency. This also indirectly reflects the higher engagement of users with tools that incorporate Value Sensitive Design. Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) analysis further reveals a positive causal relationship between tool transparency and user satisfaction. Overall, these results support Hypothesis H2, which posits that quantitative models embedded with Value Sensitive Design can effectively enhance users' ethical satisfaction.

D. Experiment Three: The Impact of Data Visualization from a Post-Phenomenological Perspective

1) Purpose

To verify the influence of data visualization forms on users' cognitive efficiency and behavioral decision-making.

2) Experimental Method

Three types of visualization forms were designed: traditional tables, graphical visualizations (such as bar charts, heatmaps), and augmented reality (AR) dynamic presentations. Participants were required to complete a resource prioritization task based on the information provided by different visualization forms. Task completion time, sorting accuracy, and users' subjective preference scores for the visualization forms were collected.

3) Data Scale

A total of 150 participants were recruited, with 50 for each visualization form.

4) Data Processing

Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was used to compare task completion time and accuracy across different visualization forms. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was employed to explore the relationship between user preference scores and task efficiency. The following is the result analysis of Experiment Three:

TABLE III. COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT VISUALIZATION FORMS

Visualization Form	**Completion Time (seconds)**	**Accuracy Score**	**User Preference Score**	**P-value**
Table	180	78%	6.2	<0.05
Graphical	130	89%	8.4	<0.01
AR	110	92%	9.1	<0.01

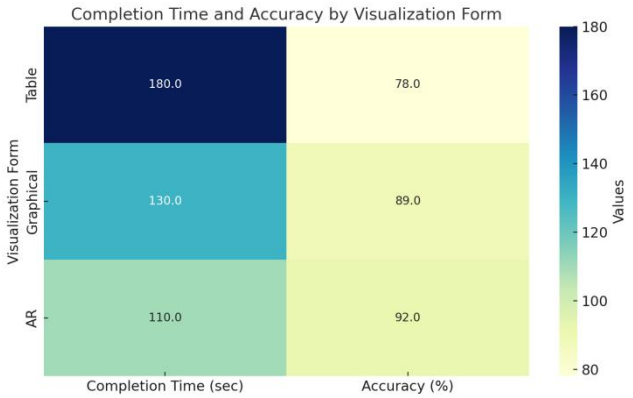

Fig. 3. Completion Time and Accuracy by Visualization Form

Figure 3 illustrates the superior performance of the Augmented Reality (AR) format in task completion time and accuracy compared to traditional tabular and graphical forms. This further validates the importance of optimizing visual design from a post-phenomenological perspective.

According to the results of Experiment Three, there were significant differences in task completion time, accuracy scores, and user preference scores among different visualization forms. The AR dynamic presentation format of visualization performed the best in terms of completion time and accuracy scores, and it also received the highest user preference scores, indicating that it can significantly improve users' cognitive efficiency and decision-making behavior. Graphical visualization followed, with traditional tables being relatively poorer. These results support Hypothesis H3, which states that the form of data visualization significantly affects users' cognitive efficiency and decision-making behavior. The Principal Component Analysis (PCA) results further indicate that there is an inherent correlation between user preference scores and task efficiency; users tend to prefer visualization forms that can improve task efficiency, and the more intuitive and dynamic the visualization form is, the more it helps users quickly and accurately understand information and make decisions.

E. Comprehensive Discussion of Experimental Results

Through the above three experiments, we have verified the relationship between the design of quantitative tools and user perception, ethical satisfaction, and cognitive efficiency from different perspectives, providing strong empirical support for the integration of quantitative research and design philosophy.

Experiment One clearly showed that the design choice of the weight ratio of fairness to efficiency in the design of quantitative tools has a direct and significant impact on users' perception of fairness and satisfaction (Latour et al., 1987). This fully reflects that quantification is not an objectively neutral existence but incorporates value judgments in the design process, thereby shaping users' cognition (Desrosières et al., 2002). This result further emphasizes the need to carefully consider value orientation in the design process of quantitative tools to ensure that they meet societal expectations and ethical requirements (Espeland et al., 2008).

Regarding the ethical applicability of design philosophy concepts, Experiment Two showed that quantitative tools embedded with Value Sensitive Design (VSD) have a significant advantage in improving users' ethical satisfaction (Friedman et al., 2008). Although this may lead to an increase in task completion time, it overall enhances user experience and acceptance of the tool (Friedman et al., 2019). This indicates that the VSD concept has a positive significance in the design of quantitative tools, but it also suggests that we need to seek a balance between enhancing ethical values and maintaining operational efficiency (Von Schomberg et al., 2013). Furthermore, the causal relationship between tool transparency and user satisfaction revealed by Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) provides an important reference for further optimizing the design of quantitative tools, that is, improving tool transparency is one of the key factors in enhancing users' ethical satisfaction (Porter et al., 1995).

From the perspective of the impact of data visualization in a post-phenomenological context, Experiment Three clearly demonstrated the distinct influence of different data visualization forms on users' cognitive efficiency and decision-making behavior (Verbeek, 2005). AR dynamic presentation and graphical visualization are significantly superior to traditional tables in terms of task completion time and accuracy, and users also have a higher preference for them (Latour et al., 1999). This result highlights the key role of data visualization forms as an important part of quantitative tools in regulating users' consciousness and influencing users' behavior (Espeland et al., 2008). It also provides a new perspective for quantitative research, that is, by optimizing the design of data visualization, we can better guide users to understand and utilize quantitative information, improving the quality of decision-making (Hacking et al., 1990).

Synthesizing the results of the three experiments, we can conclude that the design of quantitative tools profoundly affects users' perception, satisfaction, and behavior on multiple dimensions (Brey et al., 2012). Design philosophy concepts (such as Value Sensitive Design and factors of concern in post-phenomenology) have important applicability in quantitative technology. These findings provide a theoretical basis and practical guidance for the design of future quantitative tools (Friedman et al., 2019), emphasizing that user needs, ethical values, and cognitive efficiency should be fully considered in the design process to achieve the rational development and effective application of quantitative technology (Von Schomberg et al., 2013).

V. Conclusion

A. Research Summary

This paper systematically explores the integration of quantitative research and design philosophy from a cutting-edge interdisciplinary perspective. By deeply analyzing the existing methods of quantitative research, it reveals the complex role and profound significance of quantification in social governance, individual cognition, and ethical politics. The introduction of concepts and methods from design philosophy brings a new perspective and in-depth understanding to quantitative research, successfully revealing the ontological, epistemological, and ethical-political issues behind quantification. Through a series of carefully designed and implemented experiments, the close relationship between the design of quantitative tools and user perception, ethical satisfaction, and cognitive efficiency is empirically verified, further deepening our understanding of the social constructivism of quantification, the ethical applicability of design philosophy concepts, and the impact of data visualization.

B. Research Significance and Prospects

The significance of this study lies in constructing a comprehensive theoretical and practical framework for quantitative research, combining historical, sociological, and philosophical research methods with empirical research, greatly promoting interdisciplinary dialogue and in-depth understanding. In the era of big data, the importance of quantitative information is self-evident. This study's critical philosophical reflection on quantification and empirical research results help us more calmly face the many social challenges brought about by quantification, such as data privacy, algorithmic discrimination, and the weakening of democratic decision-making. Looking to the future, research can continue to deepen and expand in the following directions: further in-depth exploration of the interrelationship between quantification and different cultural backgrounds, uncovering the deep differences in cultural factors' cognition, application, and impact on quantification, thus constructing a more universal and inclusive theory of quantification; strengthening the study of quantitative issues under the background of emerging technologies (such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, the Internet of Things, etc.), as these technologies develop rapidly, the application of quantification will bring new opportunities and challenges, such as data security, algorithmic bias, and the digital divide, which need in-depth discussion on how to skillfully integrate ethical and political considerations in the process of technological innovation; actively encouraging future research to adopt more diversified research methods, in addition to existing theoretical analysis, case studies, empirical research, and experimental research, it is also possible to explore innovative methods such as participatory research, by conducting large-scale social surveys to widely understand the public's attitude and experience with quantification, accurately simulating the quantitative decision-making process in a laboratory environment, in-depth study of its subtle impact on individual behavior, inviting stakeholders to participate in the formulation process of quantitative policies, and actively exploring a more

democratic and efficient decision-making mechanism; continued strengthening of interdisciplinary cooperation remains key to breakthroughs in future research, scholars from different disciplines should work closely together, break down disciplinary barriers, and form a strong research team for interdisciplinary collaborative innovation to jointly address the complex and highly practical issue of quantitative research.

C. Research Limitations and Challenges

Although this study has achieved certain phased results in the intersection of quantification and design philosophy, it inevitably has some limitations. In the process of interdisciplinary research, the integration of theories and methods from different disciplines faces many difficulties. When applying the complex concepts of design philosophy to quantitative research, there may be a lack of in-depth explanation and imperfect integration of some disciplinary perspectives, such as some abstract philosophical theories, which may have a certain margin of interpretation when combined with quantitative practice. Secondly, due to the broad involvement and high complexity of quantitative phenomena themselves, this study cannot fully cover the manifestations and impacts of quantification in all fields. Especially in some emerging frontier fields, such as quantum computing and bio-quantification, related research is still in its infancy, and this study has not fully delved into the quantitative issues in these emerging fields.

Throughout the research process, we have also encountered many severe challenges. On the one hand, the acquisition and analysis of quantitative data require professional skills and advanced tools, which are constantly being updated and rapidly developing, posing higher requirements for the professional literacy and technical capabilities of researchers. On the other hand, society's cognition and attitude towards quantification are in a state of dynamic change. How to accurately grasp the essence and impact of quantification in the rapidly changing social environment is a continuous and arduous challenge. In addition, the discussion of ethical-political issues often involves multiple stakeholders, with complex and diverse interests and demands. Achieving a broad consensus and promoting actual changes requires overcoming many social and institutional obstacles, which undoubtedly increases the difficulty and complexity of the research.

D. Impact on Related Disciplines and Social Development

This study has had a positive and far-reaching impact on related disciplines and social development. In the field of academia, the innovative integration of quantitative research and design philosophy has opened up new research directions and methodological paths for philosophy, sociology, history, and other disciplines. For the discipline of philosophy, especially the field of philosophy of technology, it has greatly expanded its research scope, prompting philosophers to pay more attention to the ubiquitous but under-researched phenomenon of quantification, providing new materials and perspectives for philosophical thinking. Sociology and history can fully draw on the unique perspective of design philosophy to further delve into the mechanism of quantification in social change and historical development, thereby enriching and perfecting their own theoretical systems.

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