

# CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

DevOps & Mental Health

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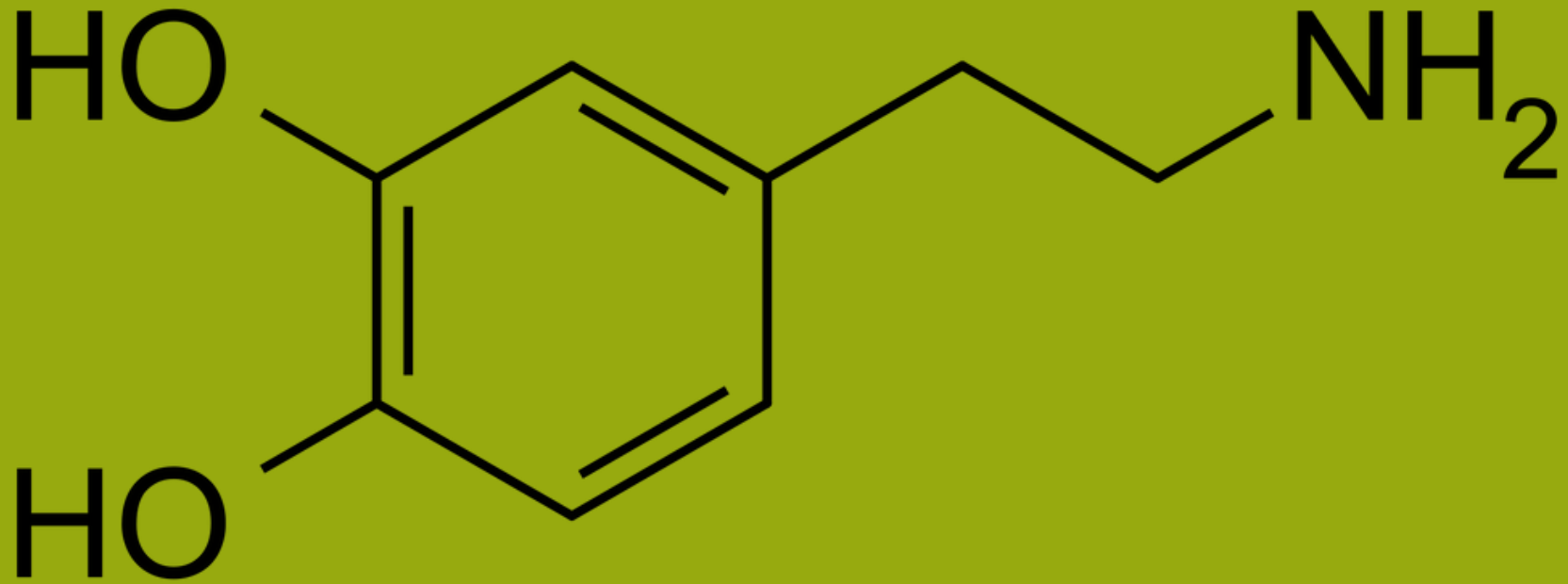


# ADHD

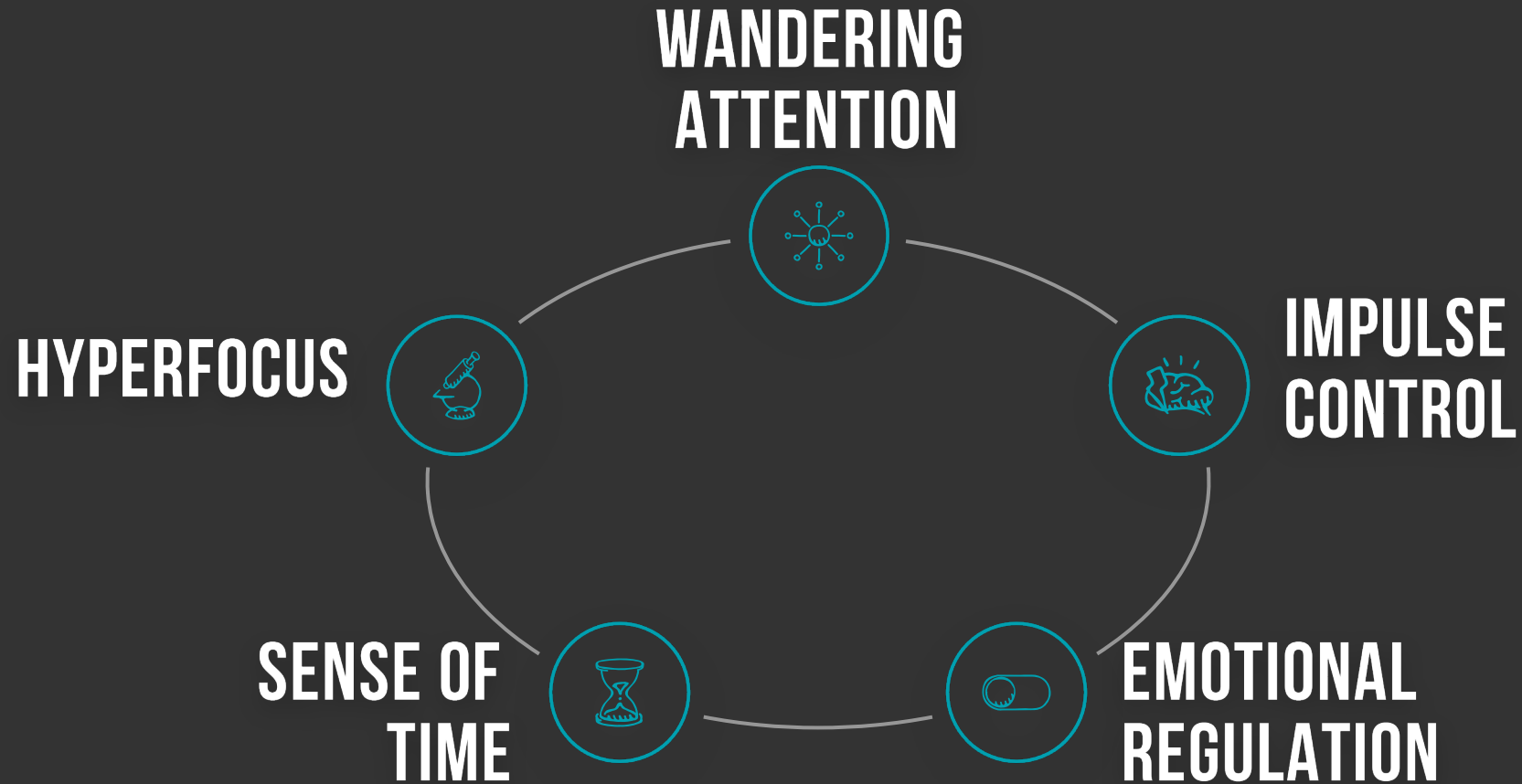


# DOPAMINE DEFICIENCY

## POOR WORKING MEMORY

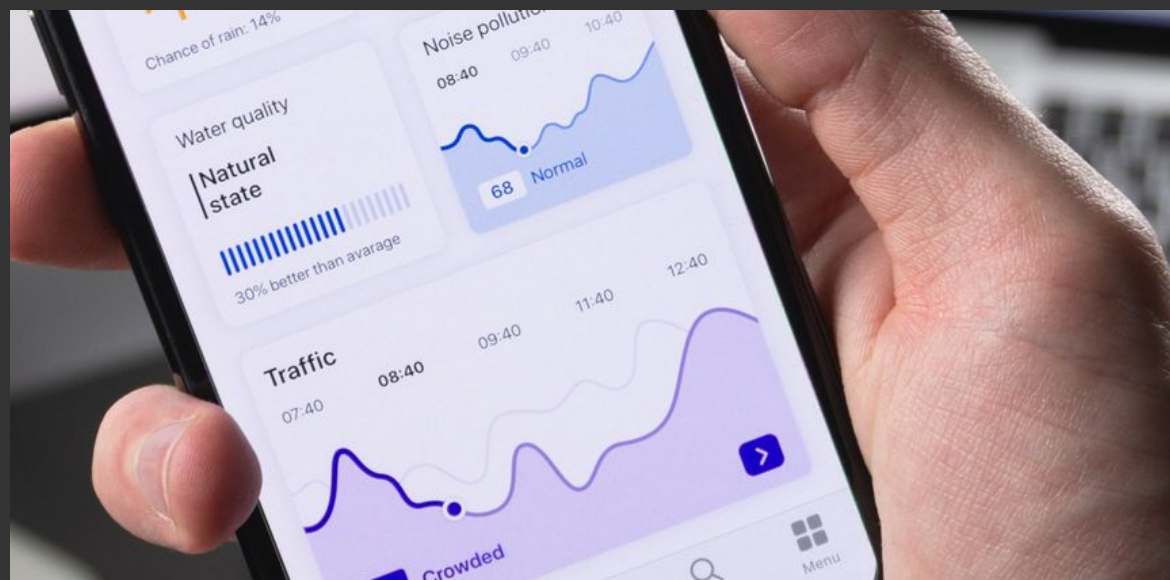


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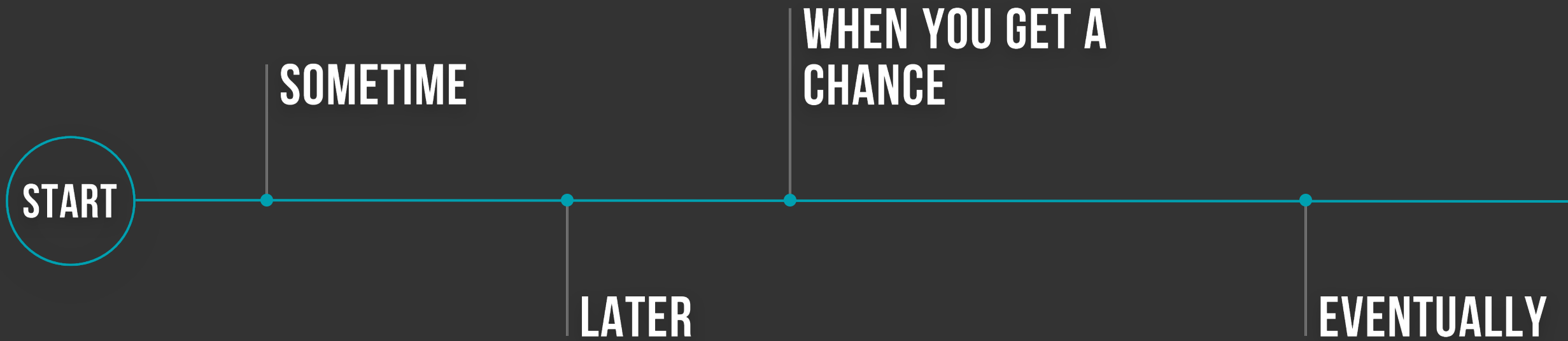








# FAILURE



**COMORBIDITY**

**DEPRESSION**

**ANXIETY**





# PREVALENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS

5%



**SEVERE\***

20%



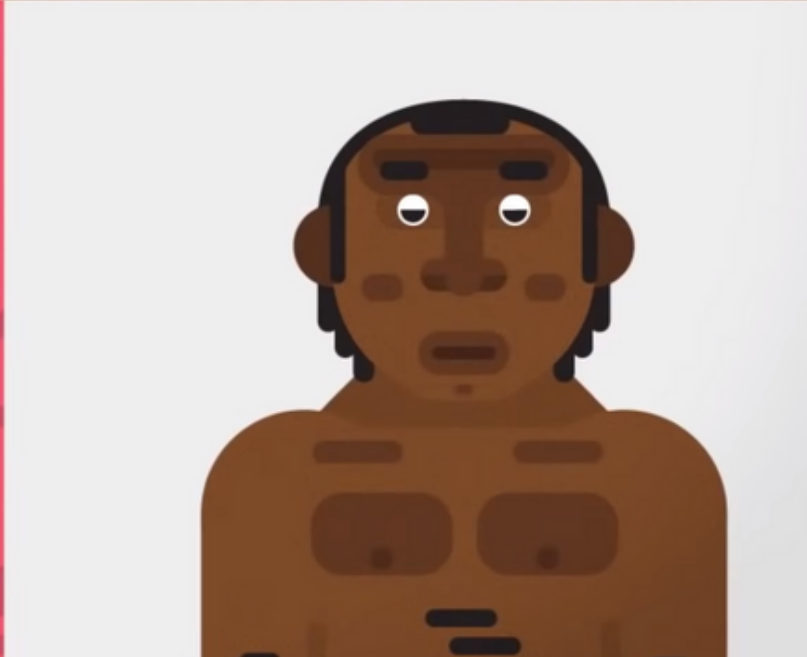
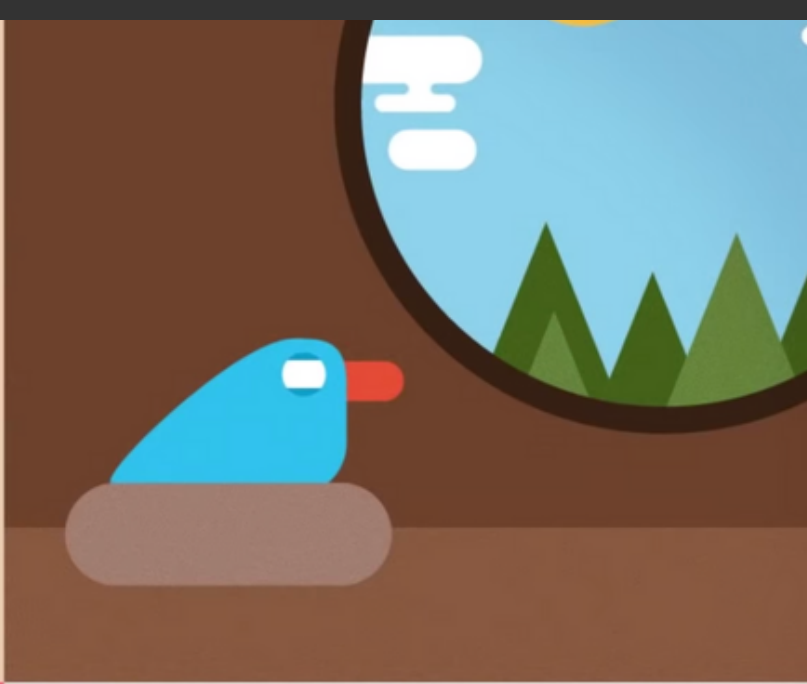
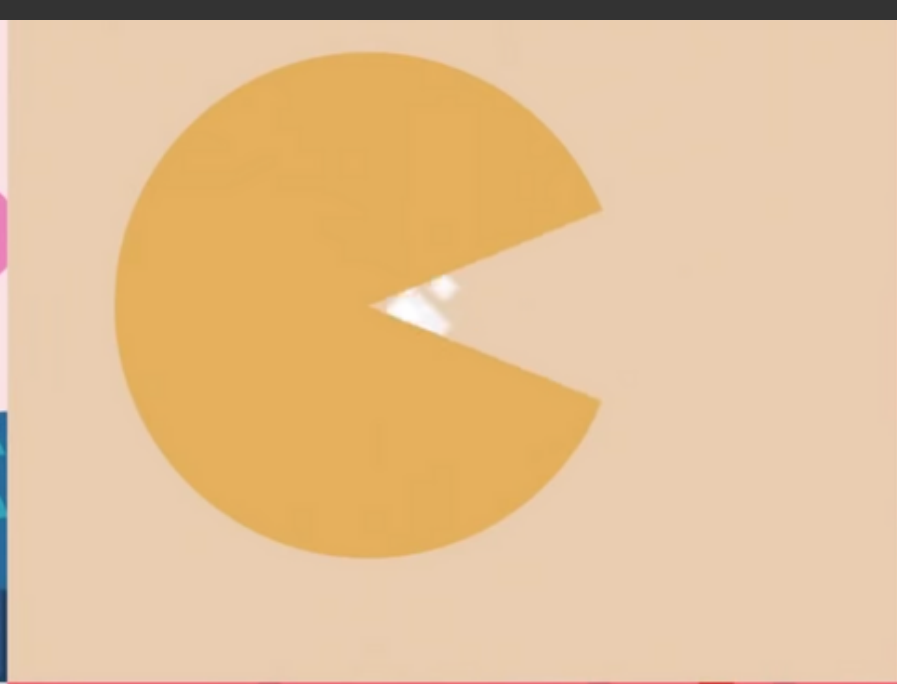
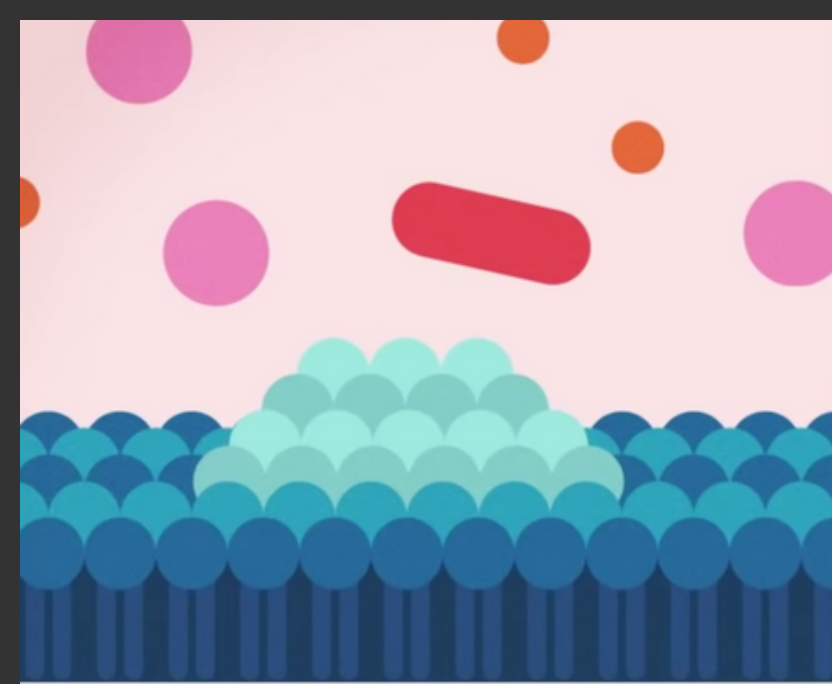
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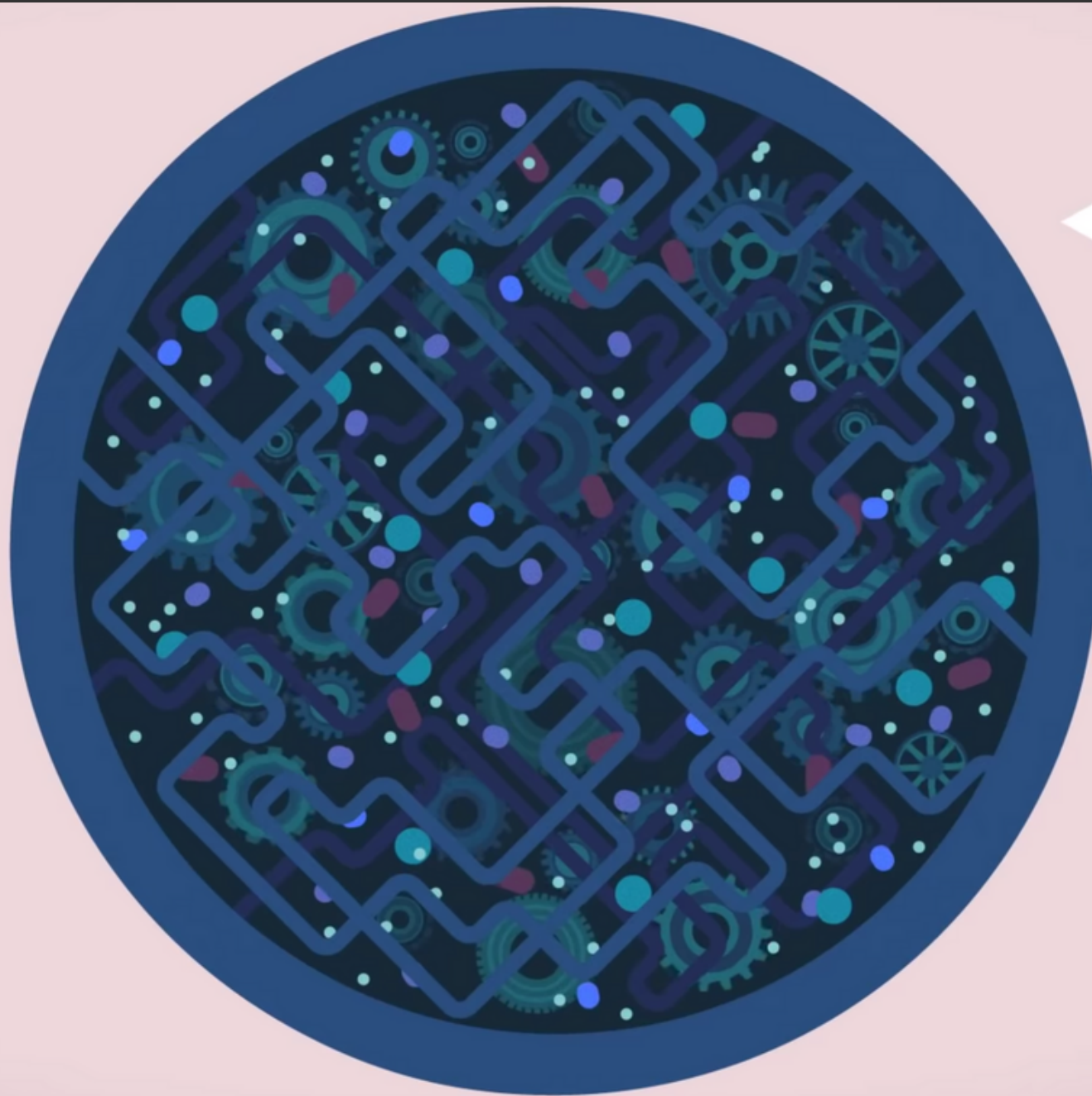


**TECH WORKERS‡**

\*nimh.nih.gov; ‡OSMI Survey 2016



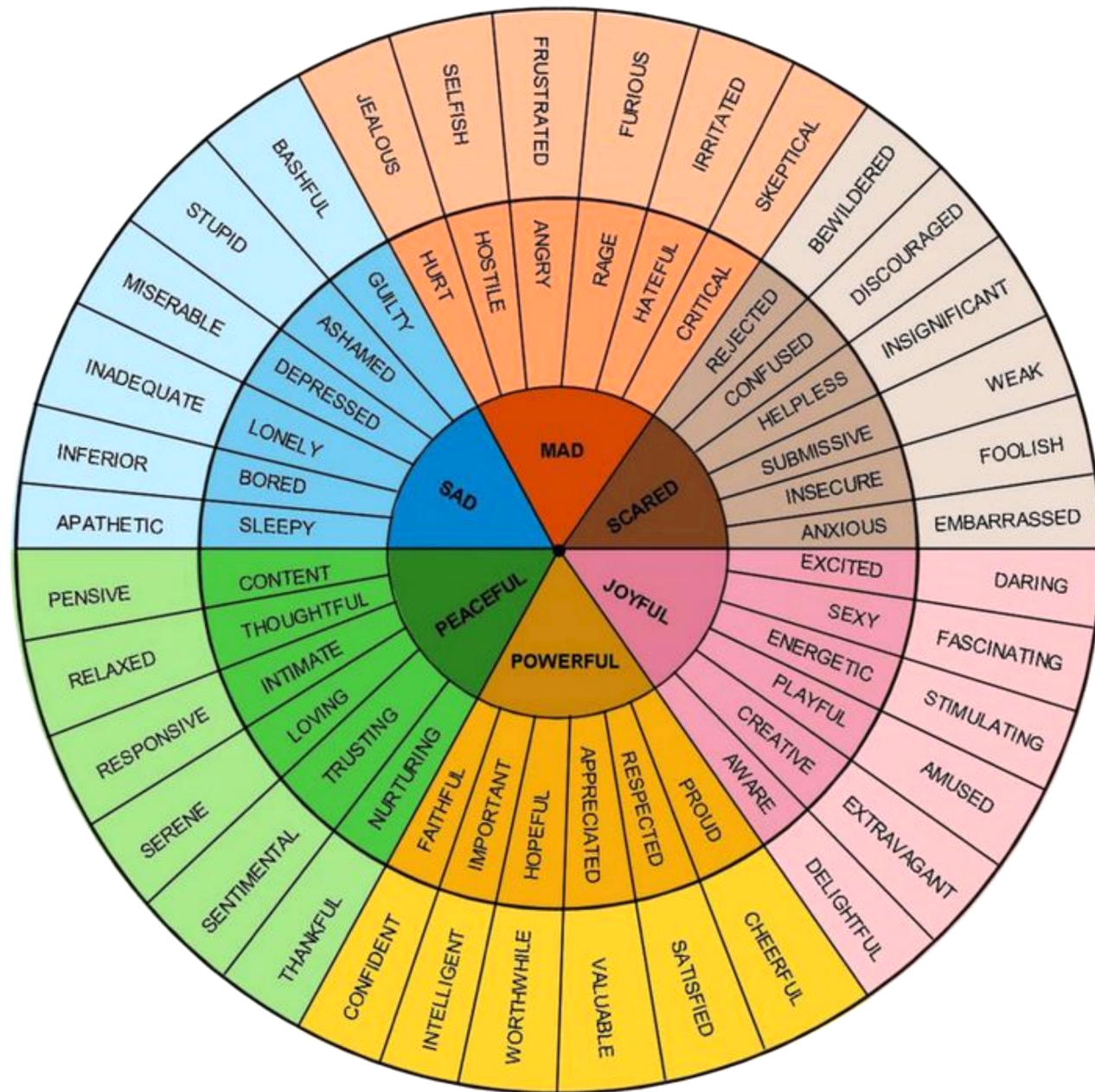




# OBSERVABILITY



# METRICS





# “SASHET” CHECK-INS



**SAD**

loss, disconnected



**HAPPY**

content, joyful



**ANGRY**

blocked, boundary crossed



**EXCITED**

hopeful



**SCARED**

uncertain, afraid



**TENDER**

connected

# ERROR BUDGETS

SUBJECT TO  
TECHNICAL  
ISSUES

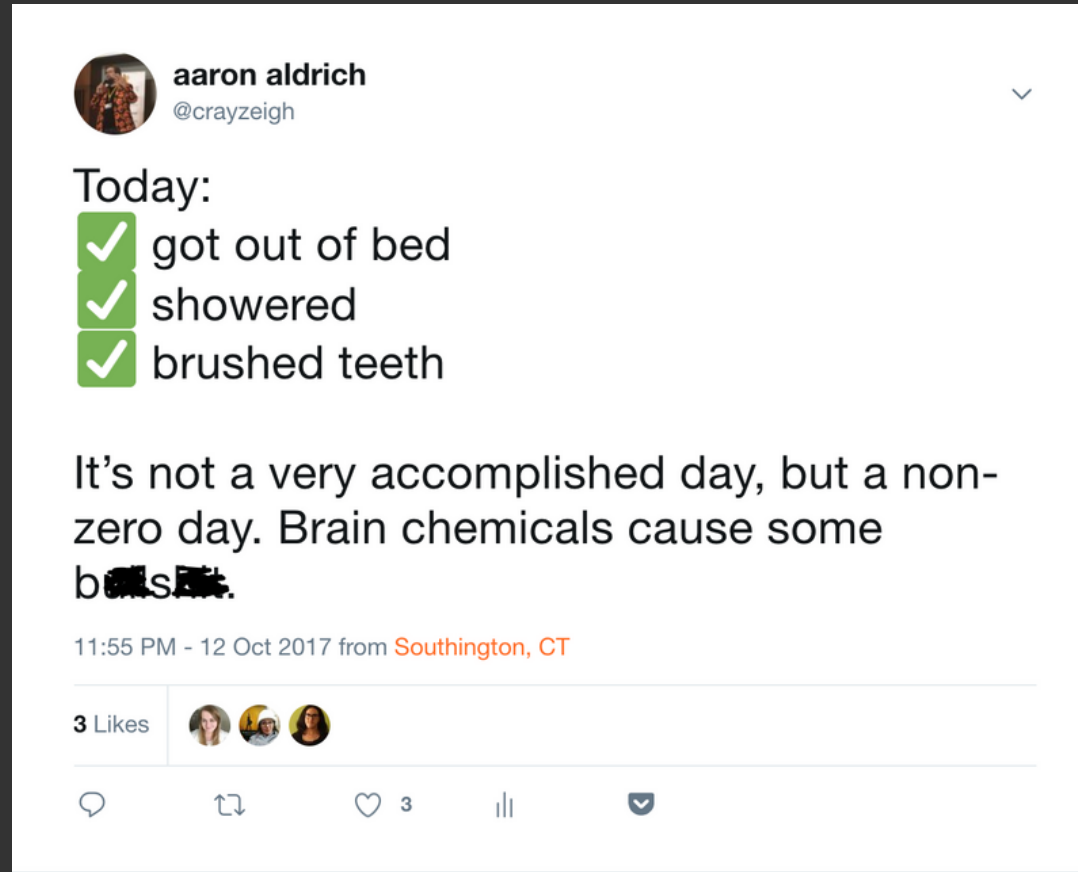
# BLAME-AWARE RETROSPECTIVES



YOUR **PERFORMANCE** IS NOT  
YOUR **VALUE**



# MANAGE WIP



# RECAP

- **COMPLEX SYSTEMS**

There's a lot going on below the surface

- **GET YOU SOME OBSERVABILITY**

w/ “SASHET” Check-Ins and others

- **ERROR BUDGETS**

Trends not moments

- **GIVE GRACE**

Failure is about learning, not finding fault

- **MANAGE WIP**

Sometimes your work is getting out of bed

- **OSMI FOR MORE**

[osmihelp.org](https://osmihelp.org)

- **EMOTIONAL API (JOHN SAWERS)**

[emotionalapi.com](https://emotionalapi.com)

- **LET'S KEEP TALKING**

Make it OK to share, here in an Open Space and everywhere we go