

What is your theory of everything?

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It isn't fundamentally 'new', its core features have been around for thousands of years (although consistently misunderstood by the vast majority due to naive realist interpretations). See [What is naive realism?](#)

However it does have certain novel aspects, such as a mathematical formulation with explicit connections with numerous features of modern science, ancient wisdom and subjective experience.

To test a hypothesis we must assume it to be true and follow through the implications to see if inconsistencies arise. To do that requires the **complete** avoidance of all naive realism, classical objectivism, materialism, empiricism and all forms of thinking associated with the current paradigm. See [What is the Current Paradigm?](#)

That makes it essentially incomprehensible or ludicrous from the perspective of the current paradigm, however it is logically consistent so long as one doesn't slip into ways of thinking that are part of the current paradigm. A radical paradigm shift is needed to see the consistency of it. Fortunately there are a growing number of people who are capable of this.

The enquiry starts with direct subjective experience to orient the overall approach, but then takes a rationalist turn and proposes a mathematical formalism for no reason other than I was inspired to create it that way and later it turns out that it works (much like what happened with quantum mechanics which is also rationalist rather than empiricist).

This mathematical formalism allows one to derive the form and function of the wavefunction, the unitary evolution operator, Schrödinger's equation, the quantised energy spectrum, relativistic principles and the principles of general system theory (which explains how micro-phenomena integrate to give rise to macro-phenomena). Which connects with and provides a foundation for the system theoretic approach described in [Paul King's answer to Philosophy: What is your theory of everything?](#)

It also explains consciousness, both universal and personal, from nondual transcendent awareness to the dualist context of animate system interactions at the micro-scale to full blown human consciousness at the macro-scale. It does this in a manner that can accommodate all aspects of neuroscience, cognitive science and biology in general. As well as psi-phenomena (which have been proven to exist, see [here](#)) and mystic experience.

In a nutshell it is a form of computational metaphysics or digital physics or virtual reality hypothesis. However 'computation' when stripped of its naive realist interpretations isn't an inanimate process as many assume. For information to exist there must be both discernible difference and a process that discerns the difference. Thus primitive 'experience' operates at the core of the model.

From this transcendent information process all else arises via simulation via a particular algorithm described by the mathematics. The algorithm is developed via a process where the general

principles of system simulation guide the creation of a mathematical model of a general system simulator. The initial model is very simple but it is refined as inconsistencies and limitations are identified and overcome. This process naturally results in the derivation of the quantum wavefunction, the unitary evolution operator and Schrödinger's equation. As well as working simulations of virtual contexts.

This shows that by considering the mathematical form of a general system simulator we can derive core components of quantum mechanics. Which suggests that quantum information processes create observables that portray a classical universe in a manner that is analogous to how a simulator creates a virtual reality in which both subject and object are virtual systems emergent from the quantum information processes. This leads to a cybernetic or VR interpretation of quantum mechanics.

The operation of this simulation algorithm gives rise to a virtual system-theoretic context in which the principles of system theory naturally arise and where virtual systems have both observable appearances and subjective experiential processes that portray to them tangible (seemingly physical) virtual worlds.

Through reciprocal experience the virtual systems interact and integrate into more and more complex systems with more and more complex experiential processes (e.g. minds) and more and more complex observable appearance (e.g. bodies).

The approach results in a philosophical and scientific paradigm with a mathematical / theoretical model that explains many apparent 'paradoxes' of physics, has explicit recognition of the role of subjective experience, universal inter-connectedness, insubstantiality of manifest forms, dualist experiences of "being in a world" as well as a deeper non-dual reality (that could be described as timeless, all-pervading, omnipotent, etc), which is also the inner-most essence of consciousness, which in some form animates all virtual systems and can be accessed by turning 'within' (e.g. via meditation).

This has direct parallels with mystic philosophy, such as nonduality, Advaita Vedanta, Buddhism, Taoism, Kabbalah, mystic Christianity, etc. See [here](#).

Overall this model describes a situation indistinguishable from the realist interpretation of quantum mechanics, where from our perspective, quantum information processes operate in 'unseen' ways to generate observables that portray to us a consistent classical universe, which we can in most circumstances assume to be an objective physical universe that is compatible with classical physics. See [Will we ever be able to truly understand Quantum Mechanics?](#)

There's a lot more to it than that but that should give a high-altitude overview. For the details see:

- [The Objective Information Process & Virtual Subjective Experiences Hypothesis](#) and the documents linked to from there,
- In particular [System Science of Virtual Reality](#).
- Another important perspective is explained in [What is consciousness?](#)

If anyone has the time and inclination some feedback would be nice, but **please** read it first. It is a lot subtler than this brief summary can possibly convey :)