Post-Quantum Theory: Investigating How Neurons Influence the Nature of the Universe

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Abstract

This thesis presents a unified framework bridging neuroscience, quantum physics, and machine learning to propose that the brain does not merely reflect the universe but participates in shaping it. We introduce a post-quantum model suggesting that neural activity—especially during creative, intuitive, and focused cognitive states—interacts with the underlying quantum fabric of reality. This interaction manifests in forms parallel to dark energy (unconscious cognition), dark matter (latent mental potential), and visible matter (conscious awareness). Using tools from quantum field theory, fractal mathematics, and neural dynamics, this paper lays the groundwork for a new class of interpretable, intuitive artificial intelligence and a potential theory of consciousness grounded in physical law.

1 Introduction

Across ancient philosophy and modern physics, the question of how consciousness and the cosmos relate has remained unanswered. With advances in quantum mechanics, neural modeling, and systems neuroscience, we are now equipped to explore this intersection scientifically.

This thesis is driven by three core questions:

- Could the brain be entangled with universal quantum fields?
- Does unconscious cognition behave like uncollapsed quantum states?
- Can creative neural activity shape, not just perceive, reality?

We answer these by proposing that the mind and universe are not separate, but co-emergent. Thought collapses potential into experience, just as observation collapses the wave function. Consciousness, we argue, may be the missing piece in understanding quantum decoherence at large scales.

2 Dark Energy as the Unconscious Field

2.1 The Nature of Unconscious Cognition

Unconscious thought processes operate below awareness, shaping perception, emotion, and behavior. They are vast, nonlinear, and mostly invisible to conscious introspec-

tion. We propose modeling this unconscious realm as a quantum field—specifically, as analogous to dark energy.

Dark energy makes up over 68% of the universe and is believed to drive its accelerated expansion. Like the unconscious, it is not directly observable, yet exerts a profound influence.

2.2 Wavefunction Collapse and Thought

Conscious awareness can be modeled as a quantum measurement event:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi = H\Psi \tag{1}$$

Here:

- Ψ: A vector of mental potentials.
- H: A Hamiltonian representing competing neural attractors and associative dynamics.
- Collapse: Awareness reduces the superposed state to a single conscious idea.

Each moment of attention, then, is a **wavefunction collapse**, converting unconscious possibility into lived experience.

3 Dark Matter as Latent Cognitive Structure

3.1 The Void of Mental Potential

Dark matter does not emit or absorb light but exerts gravitational influence, acting as scaffolding for galaxy formation. We analogize this to the brain's latent capacity for connection—untapped, yet foundational.

This "cognitive void" enables the emergence of entirely novel concepts, even if they are not activated until relevant stimuli or learning triggers them.

3.2 Fractal Dynamics in the Brain and Cosmos

We propose that both universal and neural expansion follows a fractal law. The fractal dimension D governs complexity across scales:

$$N_c \propto r^D, \quad \rho_{\text{galaxy}} \propto r^D \tag{2}$$

This scaling symmetry suggests that both neurons and galaxies follow similar self-organizing principles.

4 Quantum Superposition and Creative Cognition

4.1 Creative Thinking as Superposition

When solving problems or generating new ideas, the mind enters a state of cognitive superposition:

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha\,|\text{past idea}\rangle + \beta\,|\text{novel combination}\rangle \tag{3}$$

This resembles a quantum bit before measurement, where multiple ideas coexist.

4.2 Collapsing into Insight

Focused attention acts as the measurement operator:

$$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow |\text{eureka moment}\rangle \tag{4}$$

The brain, like a quantum system, chooses one path through interference, not calculation.

5 Neural-Cosmic Feedback Loop

5.1 Attention as an Entangled Force

We propose that large-scale neural synchrony influences the quantum vacuum:

- High coherence in the brain's gamma rhythms triggers fluctuations in vacuum fields.
- These fluctuations act as a *back-reaction*, amplifying or dampening thought patterns.
- The brain and cosmos enter a feedback loop of mutual co-evolution.

5.2 Experimental Predictions

If our hypothesis is correct, we should observe:

1. Quantum correlations in EEG during meditative absorption.
2. Brain activity statistically linked to vacuum fluctuation patterns (e.g., via cosmic background radiation).
3. Brain-generated field shifts measurable in low-noise quantum sensors.

6 Implications for Post-Quantum AI

6.1 Quantum-Inspired Neural Architectures

The standard neural network lacks the capacity for non-local cognition. We propose a new design:

- **Interpretable Variational Encoders (IVE):** Simulate intuitive leaps between ideas.
- **Field-Attention Layers:** Weights dynamically respond to quantum-inspired context fields.
- **Collapse Operators:** Instead of activation functions, states collapse based on coherence scores.

6.2 Quantum-Neural Interface

By modeling the mind as a quantum neural field, AI can:

- Predict not just outcomes, but intuitions.
- Simulate states of curiosity, inspiration, and insight.
- Achieve generalization beyond current transformer-based models.

7 Philosophical Reflections

7.1 Experience as Primary

While physics describes the world externally, consciousness lives it internally. This thesis proposes that:

- Reality is co-created by observer and observed.
- Direct experience may provide access to hidden cognitive fields.
- True intelligence emerges from integrating internal meaning with external pattern.
- **"Inspired by the mystical clarity of Jiddu Krishnamurti and the mathematical vision of Roger Penrose."**

8 Conclusion

We argue that the structure of the universe and the dynamics of the human brain are fundamentally linked. Neural activity—especially during focused, creative, or meditative states—might influence, and be influenced by, quantum fields underpinning space-time. This opens the door to a post-quantum view of consciousness and reality.

We propose a new scientific narrative where:

- Intelligence is a universal force.
- Creativity collapses potential into being.
- The brain and cosmos are co-authors of experience.

Future Work

- Develop simulations to model wavefunction collapse using brain activity.
- Create AI that mimics quantum-intuitive reasoning.
- Investigate correlations between neural coherence and cosmological signals.

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