The Emergent Corner Principle: Explaining Subjective Consciousness via Filter-Flash

In addition to addressing the easy problem of consciousness, the Filter-Flash Model can also be extended to explain **subjective experience**—the "hard problem" of consciousness.

🔄 Selective Filtering with Intent

Consciousness is not a passive process. Individuals often **actively look** for meaning or clarity (the "first corner piece") in their experience. This selective filtering process reflects subjective intention. However:

- The corner piece is not always found immediately.
- Instead, we find other pieces — shapes, colours, patterns — and group them.

This **ongoing filtering process** is guided by:

- The individual's past knowledge
- Emotional and cognitive state
- Environmental stimuli

⚡ Recursive Flashing of Partial Understanding

As the mind filters, it also **flashes** — these are partial moments of insight or awareness. Each flash brings:

- Temporary understanding
- New mental associations
- Small building blocks of experience

🧠 Constructing the Full Picture

Through recursive filtering and flashing:

- The brain organises and refines experience.
- Eventually, the **corner piece** emerges—not necessarily first, but often **last**.

The paradox is:

- We needed that corner piece all along.
- It completes the mental picture and **stabilises the subjective experience**.

🧩 Final Insight

Subjective consciousness is constructed not from one linear insight but from an evolving sequence of filtered perceptions and recursive flashes. The moment the "corner piece" is found — even if last — it retroactively enhances all prior understanding.

“You look for the corner. You don’t find it. You group other stuff. You keep flashing. Then either: the corner reveals itself late, or you realise it was the missing piece all along — and you needed it to complete the image.”

This is how subjective consciousness works.

We flash to become aware, and filter to survive. But the meaning? That crystallises when everything finally fits.