

This chapter is devoted to the TGD inspired theory of consciousness. TGD inspired theory of consciousness could be seen as a generalization of quantum measurement theory to make observer, which in standard quantum measurement theory remains an outsider, a genuine part of physical system subject to laws of quantum physics. The basic notions are quantum jump identified as moment of consciousness and the notion of self: zero energy ontology (ZEO) is essential for the notion of self. Negentropy Maximization Principle (NMP) defines the dynamics of consciousness and as a special case reproduces standard quantum measurement theory.

### \vm{\it 1. Quantum jump as moment of consciousness}\vm

TGD suggests that the quantum jump between quantum histories could identified as moment of consciousness and could therefore be for consciousness theory what elementary particle is for physics.

This means that subjective time evolution corresponds to the sequence of quantum jumps  $|\Psi_i\rangle \rightarrow U |\Psi_i\rangle \rightarrow |\Psi_f\rangle$  consisting of unitary process followed by state function process. In zero energy ontology (ZEO)  $U$  defines a unitary matrix between zero energy states and is naturally assignable to intentional actions whereas the ordinary S-matrix telling what happens in particle physics experiment (for instance) generalizes to M-matrix defining time-like entanglement between positive and negative energy parts of zero energy states. One might say that  $U$  process corresponds to a fundamental act of creation creating a quantum superposition of possibilities and the remaining steps generalizing state function reduction process select between them.

### \vm{\it 2. Negentropy Maximization Principle and the notion of self}\vm

$U$ -process is followed by a cascade of state function reductions. Negentropy Maximization Principle (NMP) states that in a given quantum

state the entangled subsystem-complement pair with largest entanglement entropy can perform the quantum jump. More precisely: the reduction of the entanglement entropy in the quantum jump is as large as possible. This selects the pair in question and in case of ordinary entanglement entropy leads the selected pair to a product state. The interpretation of the reduction of the entanglement entropy as conscious information gain makes sense. The sequence of state function reductions decomposes at first step the entire system to two parts in such a manner that the reduction entanglement entropy is maximal. This process repeats itself for subsystems. If the subsystem in question cannot be divided into a pair of entangled free system the process stops since energy conservation does not allow it to occur (binding energy) or the resulting entanglement is negentropic for all sub-system-complement divisions.

The original definition of self was as a subsystem able to remain unentangled under state function reductions associated with subsequent quantum jumps. Everything is consciousness but consciousness can be lost. Second aspect of self was assumed to be the integration of subsequent quantum jumps to coherent whole giving rise to the experienced flow of time.

What is the precise identification of self allowing to understand both of these aspects turned out to be difficult problem. I became aware the solution of the problem in terms of ZEO only quite recently (2014). Self indeed corresponds to a sequence of quantum jumps integrating to single unit, but these quantum jumps correspond to state function reductions to a fixed boundary of causal diamond (CD) leaving the corresponding parts of zero energy states invariant. In positive energy ontology these repeated state function reductions would have no effect on the state but in TGD framework there occurs a change for the second boundary and gives rise to the experienced flow of time and its arrow and gives rise to self. The first quantum jump to the opposite boundary corresponds to the act of free will

or wake-up of self.

p-Adic physics as correlate for cognition and intention leads to the notion of negentropic entanglement possible in the intersection of real and p-adic worlds involves experience about expansion of consciousness. Consistency with standard quantum measurement theory forces negentropic entanglement to correspond to density matrix proportional to unit matrix. Unitary entanglement typical for quantum computing systems gives rise to unitary entanglement.

The first state function reduction - wake-up of self- at given boundary of CD is a hierarchical cascade proceeding from long to short scales. The reduction process can stop also if the self in question allows only decompositions to pairs systems with negentropic entanglement. This does not require that that the system forms a bound state for any pair of subsystems so that the systems decomposing it can be free (no binding energy). This defines a new kind of bound state not describable as a jail defined by the bottom of a potential well. Subsystems are free but remain correlated by negentropic entanglement.

Ordinary state function reductions imply dissipation crucial for self organization and quantum jump could be regarded as the basic step of an iteration like process leading to the asymptotic self-organization patterns. One could regard dissipation as a Darwinian selector as in standard theories of self-organization. NMP predicts that self organization and hence presumably also fractalization can occur inside selves. NMP would favor the generation of negentropic entanglement. This notion is highly attractive since it could allow to understand how quantum self-organization generates larger coherent structures. Note that state function reduction for negentropic entanglement is highly deterministic since the number of degenerate states with same negative entanglement entropy is expected to be small. This could allow to understand how living matter is able to develop almost deterministic

cellular automaton like behaviors. In ZEO this self-organization is for 4-D spatio-temporal patterns since 3-surfaces are pairs of space-like surfaces at the boundaries of CD and maxima of Kähler function are selected in the process. These temporal patterns correspond to behaviors and functions in living matter.

The chapter is devoted to the discussion of detailed implications of these general ideas. The topics to be discussed include following basic questions.

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\item How the general structure for the contents of consciousness of self are determined? The basic assumption is that self hierarchy in which subselves define mental images of self is responsible for the general structure of conscious experience. ZEO allows to derive the space-time correlates of selves.

\item How the physical realization of the hardware of consciousness differs from that assumed in neuroscience? Here the notion of magnetic body as intentional agent using biological body as motor instrument and sensory receptor is central.

\item What is the precise relationship between the geometric time of physicist and subjective time identified in terms of a sequence of quantum jumps? ZEO gives the most convincing answer to this question found hitherto.

\item What can one say about various types of conscious experience in the proposed framework. This includes p-adic description of cognition and intentional action, model for sensory experience and sensory qualia, model for Boolean mind in terms of fermions, a model for directed attention, ideas about emotions, and also a general interpretation for altered states of consciousness based on the special features of negentropic entanglement.

\item Can one provide solutions to the paradoxes of quantum physics, theories of consciousness, and logic in the proposed conceptual framework?  
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The discussion differs considerably from the earlier one. The reason is that the developments occurred during period 2005–2010 (ZE0, hierarchy of Planck constants assigned to dark matter, hyper-finite factors of type  $II_1$ , the implications of the number theoretical negentropies) are introduced from the beginning to the formulation of the theory rather than as additions to the existing text so that the representation is more coherent and the number of internal inconsistencies is minimized. The latest progress relates to the understanding of the notions of psychological time and self (2012–2014).