

Intriguing question on scientific theory on consciousness - how can we tackle the problem at all?

I am currently writing a paper about consciousness.

I personally think that it may be possible to reduce eg a human down to a reflex-engine based on which almost the entire behavior could be explained (eg - when I hear words, my brain takes them up, routes the acoustic information into a neural network and determines the outcome etc..).

However, what I find intriguing - "to whom am I listening when I am thinking? or put differently: When i close the eyes and engage in intense thinking/reasoning I clearly feel a kind of "self/me", which provides the reference for my thinking. Eg. "If I do this and this, then the other person did this and this".

The question: While I clearly find an external cause when someone speaks to me, I do not see/find that cause when I am reasoning. To WHOM am I reasoning? And if the answer is "to me myself" - what then is the myself? I kind of can hear my voice when reasoning, yet who steered to utter that voice?

I can build a reflex machine since I can copy the output-input mapping. Yet, what I do not understand is the "me"-feeling, the phenomenon of consciousness. I am completely struck by the phenomenon since I do not see any scientific approach on how to tackle that phenomenon. Maybe you have an idea on how to get hands on that issue somehow?

Any useful hint will be rewarded, thanks a lot!

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