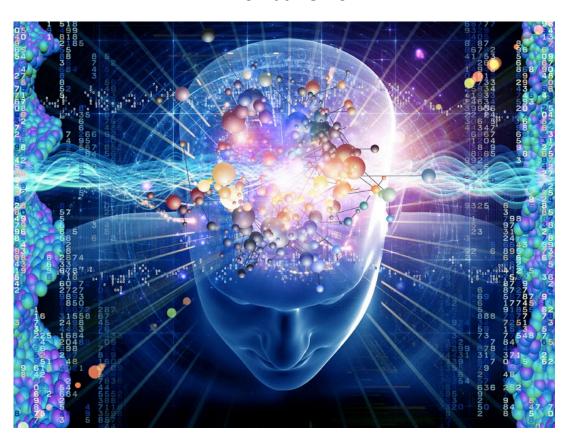
Short Summary of Consciousness Assumptions

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A short synthesis of underlying Consciousness assumptions has been conducted by team members

Consciousness Assumptions and Assertions	Key Themes
Consciousness is a subjective experience	Subjective
Consciousness requires a sense of self	Self
Consciousness is emergent	Emergent
Consciousness requires a holistic lens, i.e. body & mind integrated	Holistic
Consciousness is adaptive	Adaptive
Consciousness is evolutionary	Evolves
Consciousness is not reductionist	Holistic
Consciousness exists between states and not at one point in time	Change
Consciousness is The Observer	Self
Consciousness necessitates experience of things	Experiential
Consciousness emerges from mind which emerges from brain which emerges from neuronal networks	Emergent
Emergence is not singular and can be described as distributive	Holistic
Consciousness is a change in neuronal activity	Change
Consciousness have a critical linkage to desires	Experiential
Studying a brain will never fully comprehend Consciousness or subjective experience	Holistic
Consciousness cannot be defined purely as physical	Holistic

Common themes have been identified for further discussion: A: Experiential Self B: Emergence, and C: Holistic

Key Themes		"A"	"B"	"C"	
Subjective		Subjective	Subjective	Subjective	
Self			Self	Self	Self
Emergent		Emergent	Emergent	Emergent	
Holistic		Holistic	Holistic	Holistic	
Adaptive		Adaptive	Adaptive	Adaptive	
Evolves		Evolves	Evolves	Evolves	
Holistic		Holistic	Holistic	Holistic	
Change		Change	Change	Change	
Self		Self	Self	Self	
Experiential		Experiential	Experiential	Experiential	
Emergent		Emergent	Emergent	Emergent	
Holistic		Holistic	Holistic	Holistic	
Change		Change	Change	Change	
Experiential		Experiential	Experiential	Experiential	
Holistic		Holistic	Holistic	Holistic	
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Questions

A: Classification

- 1. Of the assumptions what can be classified as having strong consensus vs not?
- 2. What are the most academically "agreed" and academically "debated" lenses?

B: Discussion

- 1. Can consciousness happen without experiences?
- 2. Can consciousness happen without emergence (i.e. remains static)?
- 3. At what reductionist point does consciousness not exist?

C: Other

- 1. What is a core assumption and what is a frontier assumption?
- 2. Can we develop an integrated framing if consciousness assumptions?