

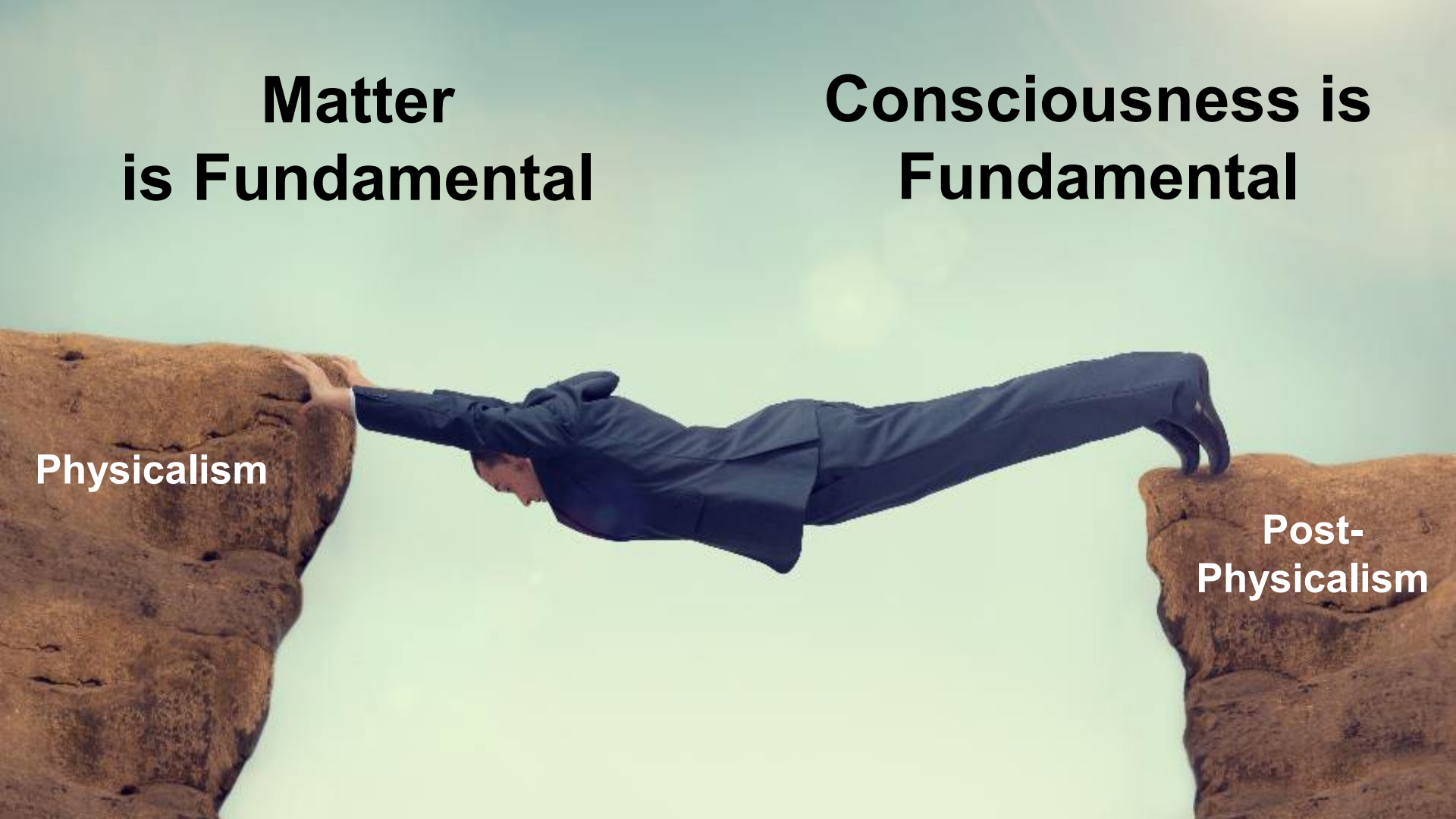
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If Consciousness Were Non-Local:

A Convergence Argument from Psi Research

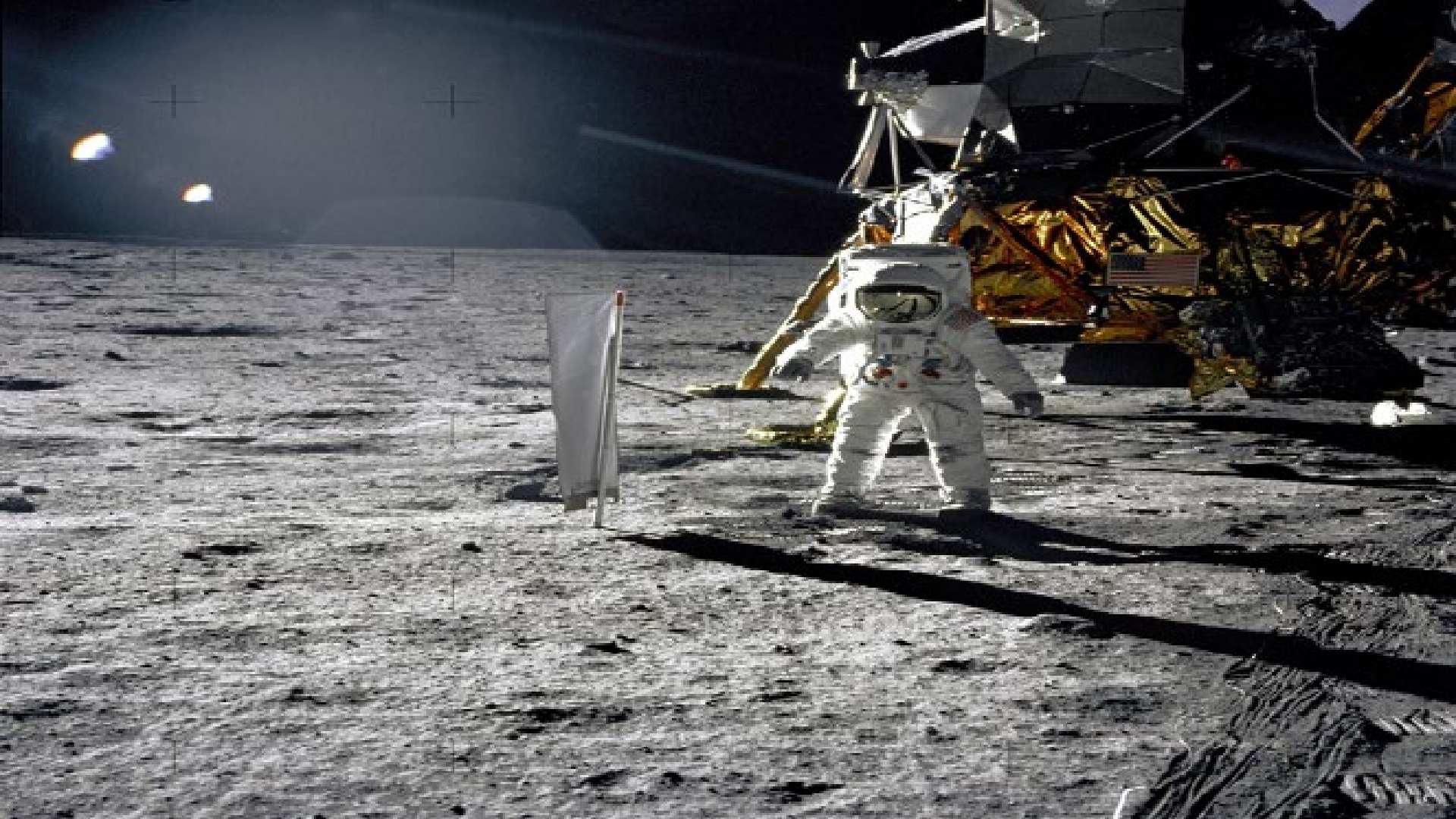
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Matter
is Fundamental
Consciousness is
Fundamental
Physicalism
Post-
Physicalism


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Mitchell





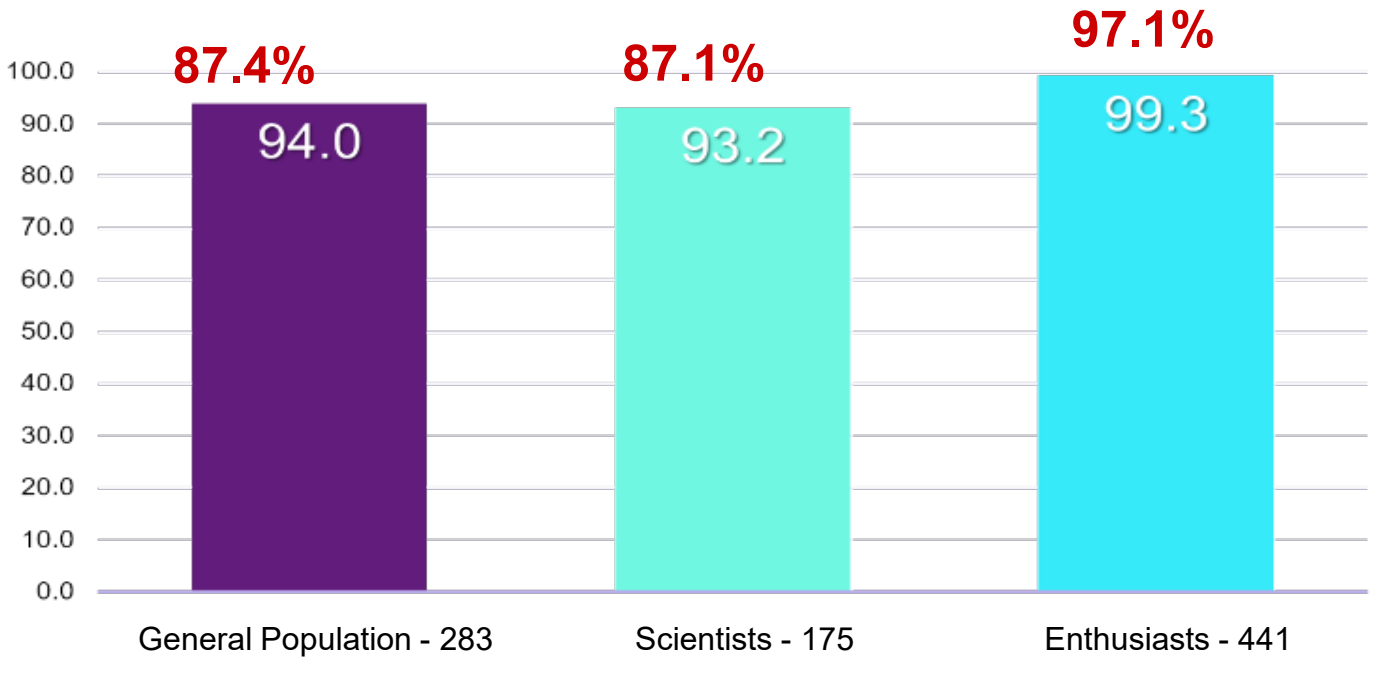


IONS Mission

to reveal the interconnected nature of reality
through scientific exploration
and personal discovery

Most People Report These Experiences.

Including Scientists



Wahbeh et al., 2018

If it were true, we expect to see…

Perceiving

1. Perceive information about distant locations
2. Perceive information from another person
3. Perceive the future

Affecting

4. Living Systems distant intention, bio-psychokinesis (PK)
5. Physical systems RNGs, cognitive effects

When the brain is offline - cognition without working brain

Perceiving



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Remote Viewing

Perceiving information about distant locations

504

operational missions

89%

of clients returned for more

Using the standards applied to any other area of science, it is concluded that psychic functioning has been well established. The statistical results of the studies examined are far beyond what is expected by chance. --Jessica Utts

May & Marwaha, 2018; Cardeña, American Psychologist, 2018; Tressoldi & Katz, 2023



Telepathy: Ganzfeld







Perceiving information from another person

120+

studies,
~4,000 trials

~31%

hit rate
(vs 25% chance)

many

labs, decades,
meta-analyzed

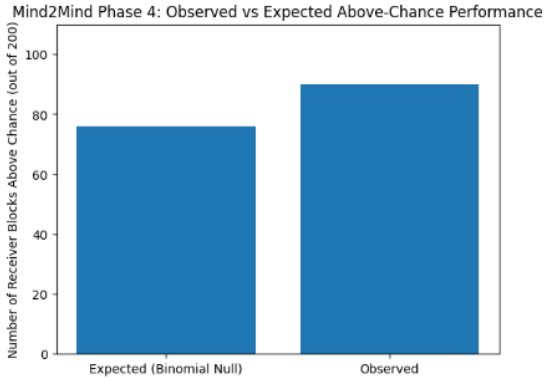
Storm et al., 2010; Tressoldi & Storm, 2024; Watt, 2024

Emotionally Bonded Pairs

Telepathy

- **100 emotionally bonded pairs tested over Zoom**
- **90 of 200 people scored above chance** *(p = .025)*
- 19 pairs had *both* partners above chance
- **Distance made no difference,** same house to thousands of miles apart





Wahbeh et al., 2026

Precognition & Presentiment

Perceiving the Future

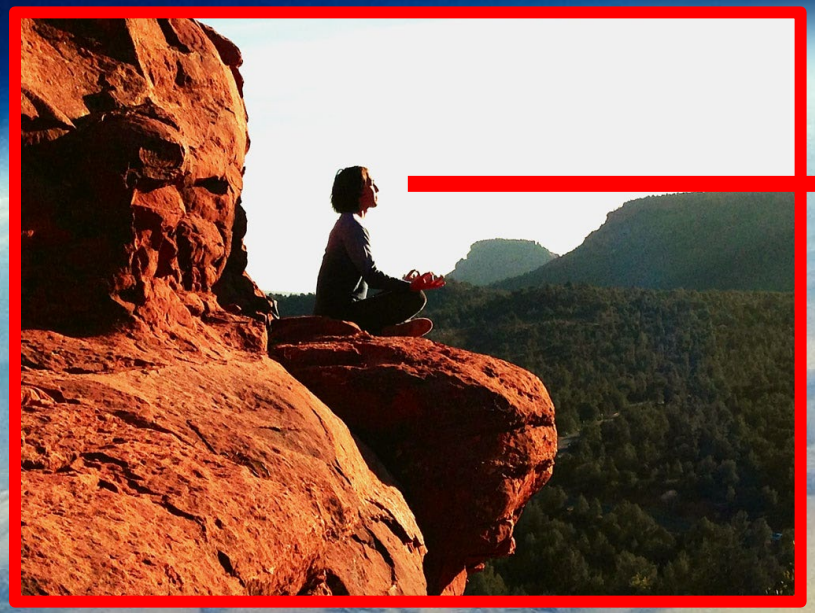
- **Precognition: Knowing in the Mind**
- **Presentiment: Knowing in the Body**
  - Physiology responds seconds before random emotional image it cannot predict
- ~90 years of formal study: meta-analyses consistently positive
  Newest work: pre-registered, prospective, automated

Watt et al., 2020; Mossbridge, 2023



Affecting

ATOM Model





Analysis

Target

Operator

Moderators


Distant Mental Interactions among
Living Systems


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Sending ≠ Not Sending

Changes to Physiology

- **Electrodermal activity (skin conductance) -** Braud & Schlitz, 1983; Radin et al., 1995
- **Blood volume pulse** - Radin et al., 2000
- **Electrocortical activity (EEG)** - Standish et al., 2004
- **Brain blood oxygenation / BOLD (fMRI) -** Standish et al., 2003; Achterberg et al., 2005; Richards et al., 2005
- **Electrogastrogram (EGG)** - Radin & Schlitz, 2005; Yount et al., 2026
- **Pooled evidence** - Schmidt et al., 2004; Schmidt, 2015



The Sense of Being Stared At



Schmidt et al. 2004 (BJP); Sheldrake, 2005; Sheldrake and Penraeth, 2024

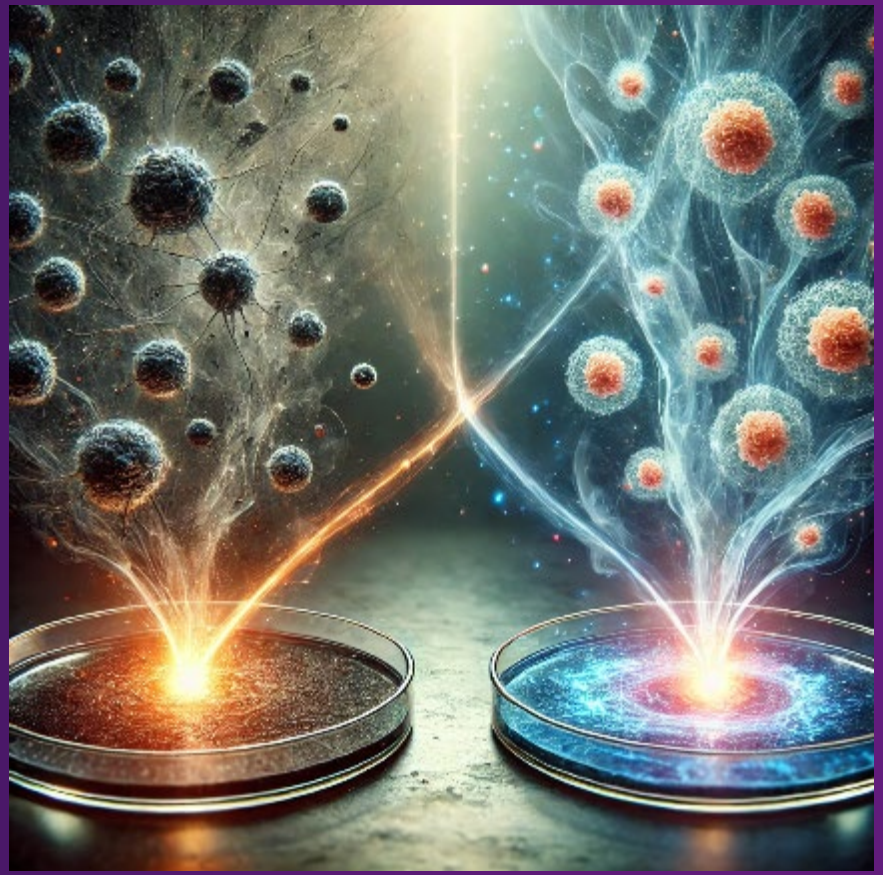
Intention Affecting Living Systems



Roe, Sonnex and Roxburgh 2015; Rao et al., 2016

Slowing Down Glioblastoma Cancer Cells





Chang-Tze et al., 2024; Ricky et al., 2026



1970's parapsychologist Helmut Schmidt; Bosch, 2006; Radin,2006; Williams, 2021

Global Consciousness Project



Nelson, PEAR Lab; Radin, 2025



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Terminal Lucidity

Cognition survives when the brain doesn't

80%+

of 124 reviewed dementia cases showed a full return of memory and orientation before death.

If the mind is only what the brain does,
and the brain is failing,
how is the person there at the end?

Nahm and Greyson, 2009; Nahm, 2012; Batthyány & Greyson, 2021



Two Critiques

Impossible, so it's flaws or fraud

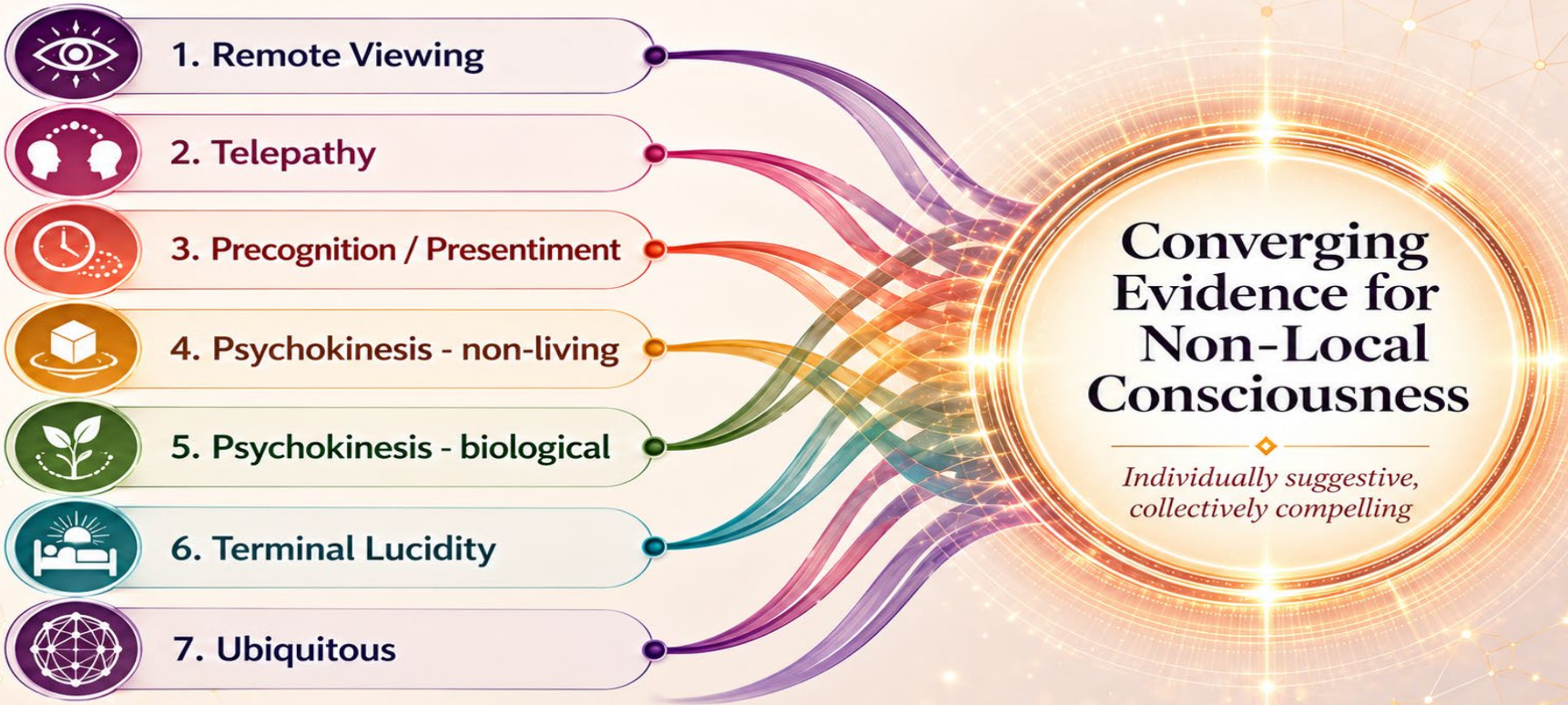
- Controlled paradigms, repeated across many labs
- Meta-analytic convergence; pre-registration
- Early flaws found, corrected, effects held
- Experimenter effects are real

A future physical mechanism will explain it

- Granted & worth pursuing
- But even a quantum brain wouldn't tell us how experience feels like something
- The hard problem survives the mechanism

Small is not the same as fake.
Small and repeatable, across labs and decades, is what a real, subtle effect looks like.

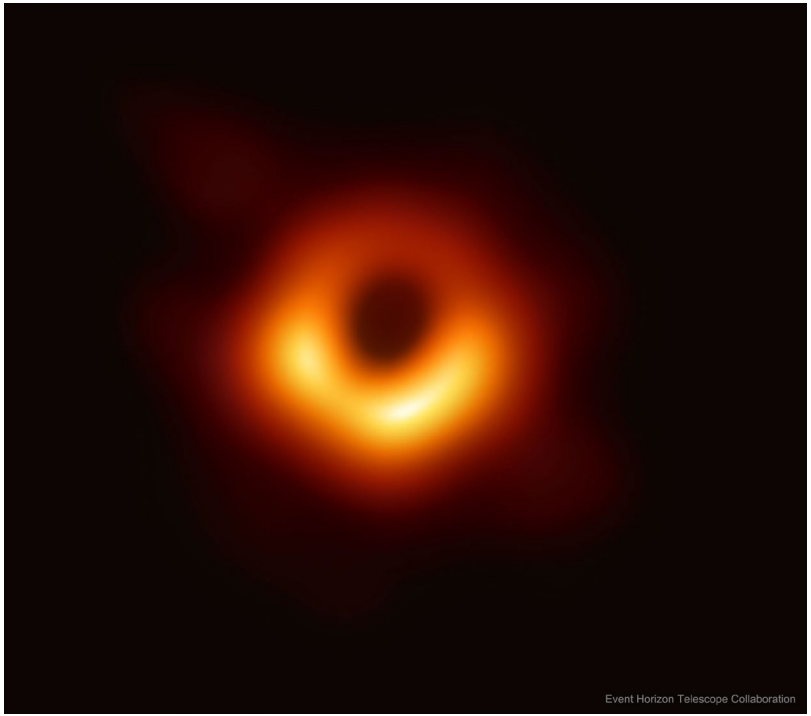
Consciousness ≠ Brain



We've Been Here Before

In 1921…
the experts were certain

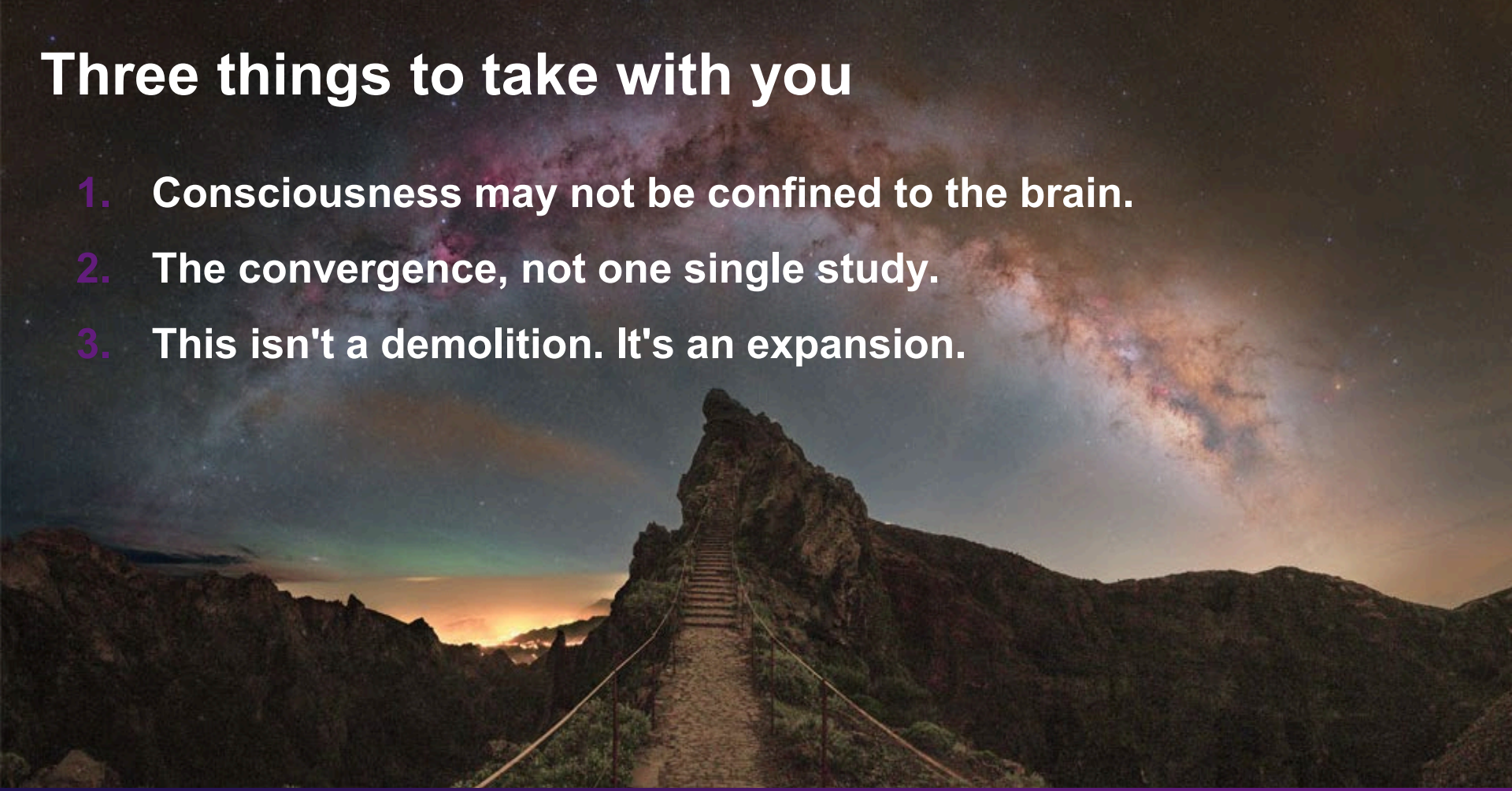
- 1915 Karl Schwarzschild
- Black holes are impossible
- 1960s taken seriously
- 2019 black hole photographed



First Horizon-Scale Image of a Black Hole at center of the M87 galaxy

Three things to take with you

1. Consciousness may not be confined to the brain.
2. The convergence, not one single study.
3. This isn't a demolition. It's an expansion.



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