

Special Issue

The Mathematics of Structured Experience: Exploring Dynamics, Topology, and Complexity in the Brain

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue is motivated by the Kolmogorov theory of consciousness (KT) and related mathematical frameworks in cognition and consciousness, including active inference and predictive coding. It invites contributions that shed light on the intricate link between brain dynamics and the experiential phenomena they induce. Central to this discourse is the proposition that agents (computational entities) construct compressive models (algorithms) of the world to track world data and guide action planning through objective function evaluation. This perspective underscores the profound impact of model mathematical structure on the brain's dynamic trajectories, or the "dynamical landscape," and on the resulting qualia (structured experience). It opens exciting avenues for empirical investigation and methodological innovation, leveraging advanced concepts from dynamical systems theory, geometry, topology, algorithmic information theory, and critical phenomena theory.

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