

Reality, consciousness, and the physical world

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Executive summary

The paper separates ultimate ontology from the local architecture of the world we experience. A simulated world can have a physicalist base; a world generated by intelligence need not establish ultimate idealism. Detailed brain dependence supports local causal structure more directly than it settles what reality ultimately is.

The reference ontology comparison remains roughly 40% Russellian monism, 26% physicalism, 23% idealism, and 10% dualism. These rounded, model-conditioned judgments are not measured frequencies. The Tier-1 reference estimates remain approximately 42% simulation, 50% local nonfundamentality, and 45% local dependence on intelligence or mind.

The Bostrom-Yampolskiy interview sharpens distinctions among stored models, running processes, personas, agents, and experiencing subjects. It also makes generated-mind preservation a separate consequence variable. A generated simulated subject might be retained or resumed; being generated does not imply inevitable termination at in-world death.

Ethical concern could discourage creating painful simulations while increasing preservation conditional on creating them. Those effects should not be collapsed into one favorable multiplier. Cheap computation does not establish conscious observer measure or simulator motives.

The companion survival paper's low-preservation benchmark is 46.56%, reported as about 47%. A transparent proportional bridge to this paper's 42.15% simulation scenario gives 47.57% continuation at a 2% generated-mind continuation conditional and 52.52% at 50%. These are sensitivity scenarios, not a newly calibrated joint posterior.

The morphic-resonance evidence addendum is retained. Its positive reports, methodological disputes, and replication limitations warrant investigation without adding an uncalibrated positive multiplier. The main ontology estimates remain unchanged.

Source: Bostrom, Nick, interviewed by Roman Yampolskiy (2026). "Superintelligence Author: We May Already Have AGI | Nick Bostrom." The Roman Forum with Roman Yampolskiy, YouTube, October 16. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m880ajt5sNM>. Interview discussion; conceptual claims and reported judgments, not an empirical calibration dataset.