

Time, Thumbs, and Simultaneity

Light travels at 186,300 each second. The distance it travels in 365 days is called a light year. If a star is 10 light years from us, it takes that long for its light to reach us. When we observe this star, we see it only as it was 10 years prior. But what about other things we experience in our visual field? The light from *anything* we observe will take a non-zero number of time units to reach our eyes.

It seems that we can never see anything in the present, even if it's our own thumb. Does this impossibility of simultaneity also apply to the awareness of our own thoughts?