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Downward causation is impossible as a concept, but well established
as a fact. A top down flux of causation going from an emergent level
of processes to the fundamental level of processes which is supposed

to underpin it, sounds like a paradox. But a paradox which is forced
upon us when we want to make sense of many phenomena ranging from
psychosomatics to hydrodynamic instability. In order to alleviate this
sense of paradox, I'll try to work out the concept of causation until ap-
plying it to trans-level causation becomes philosophically acceptable.
A simple illustration will be given by way of an examination of global
and local observables in quantum mechanics.