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### ON THE SEMANTIC ANALYSIS OF METAPHORIC EXPRESSIONS

The semantic structure of metaphor is determined as the altered structure of the initial meaning of the lexeme used in the secondary nomination. During the comparison of lexical and grammatical contexts initial unity of components regroups causing activation of the potential components and rejecting incompatible ones.

Activated potential components form the basis of metaphoric transference. In the initial usual nomination these components present connotative meaning of the word, but in the metaphoric usage they express denotative meaning converting the initial connotative meaning into the nucleus semes (semantic features).

Metaphoric expressions related "consciousness" served as materials for the research. The selection has been made from the 19th-20th c. English and American authors. The analysis of factual materials revealed certain regularities in the modes underling metaphoric transferences.