



Informatics for Medical Physics Education

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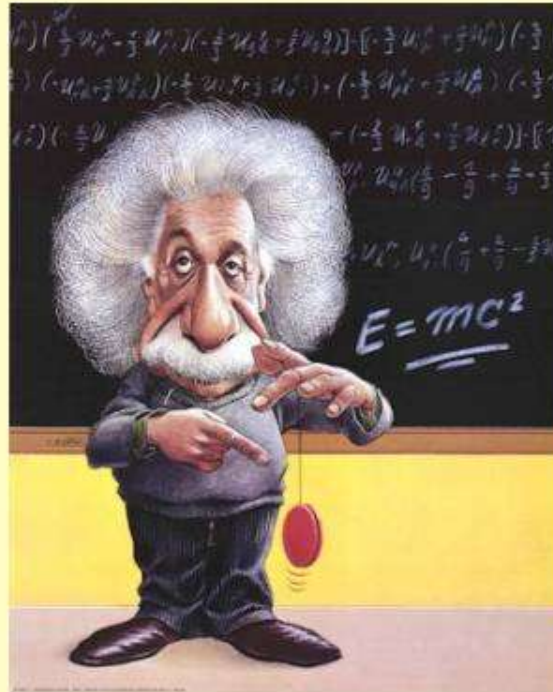
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The Physicist as an Educator and Teacher

Our Objectives

***Provide more
EFFECTIVE
learning activities.***



***Be
EFFICIENT
in our
teaching***

Challenges Opportunities

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Informatics for Medical Physics Education

Learning Objectives

Use Technology to Enhance

Human Performance

for both

Learners and Teachers

**Use technology to enrich
medical physics learning activities
making them more
effective and efficient**

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January 23, 1896

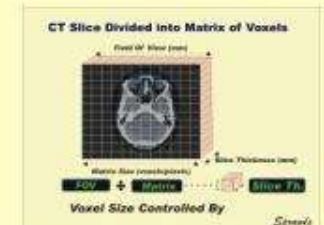


January 23, 1896



The Traditional Classroom

“ A Box for Enclosing Students...”



**And hiding them from the world
about which they should learning.**

The Barrier

Physics Education



Clinical Imaging



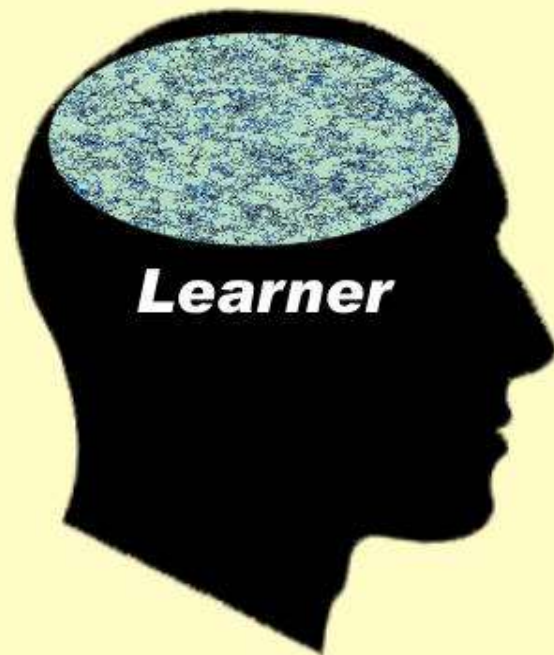
Efficiency

Location, Resources, Human Effort, Cost

Limited Experience

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Learning Physics is Building a Knowledge Structure in the Brain



Physical Universe



A mental representation of physical reality

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Let's look into our brain.



Let's look into our brain.
Look for balls.

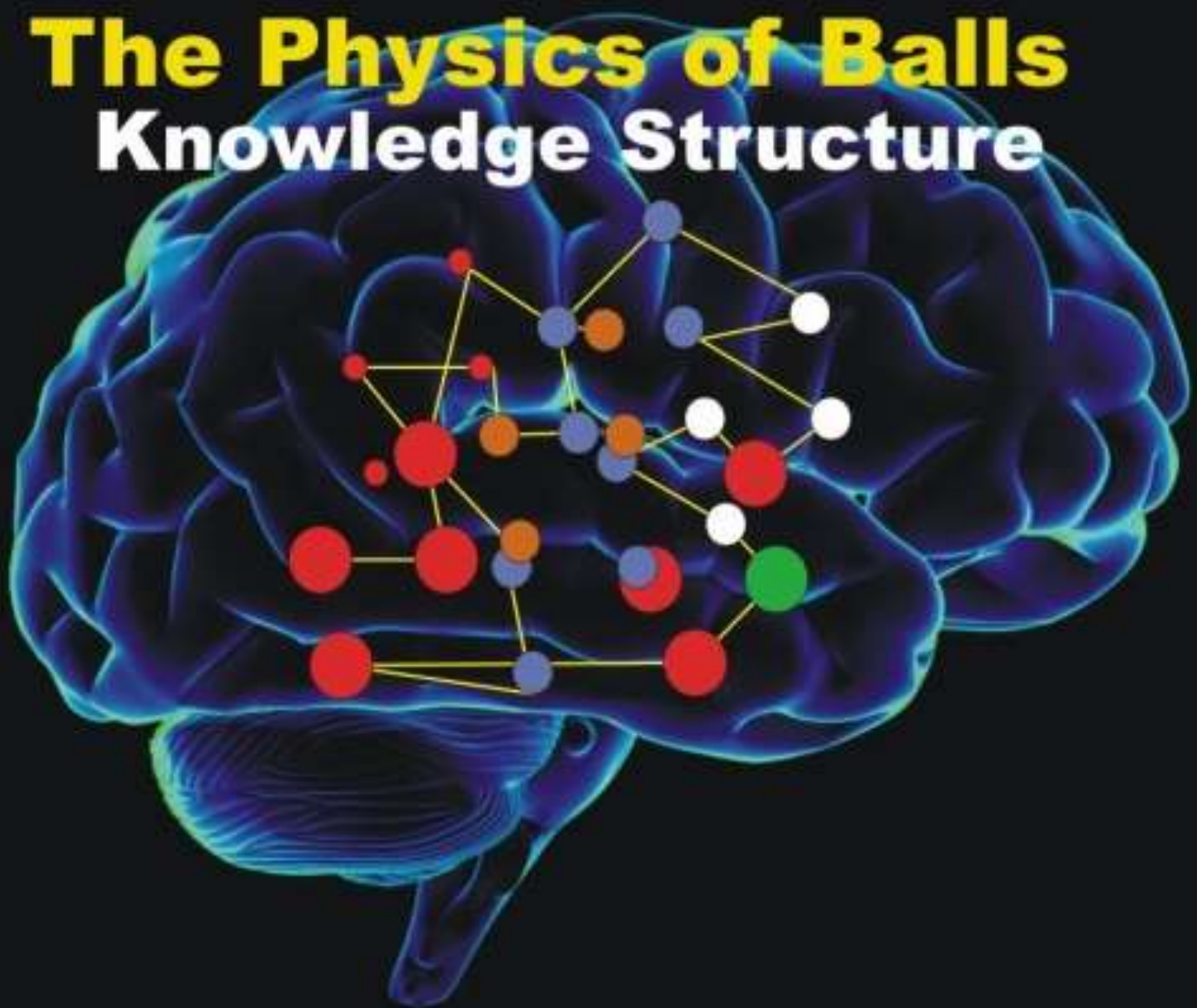


Let's look into our brain.
Feel the ball.



The Physics of Balls

Knowledge Structure

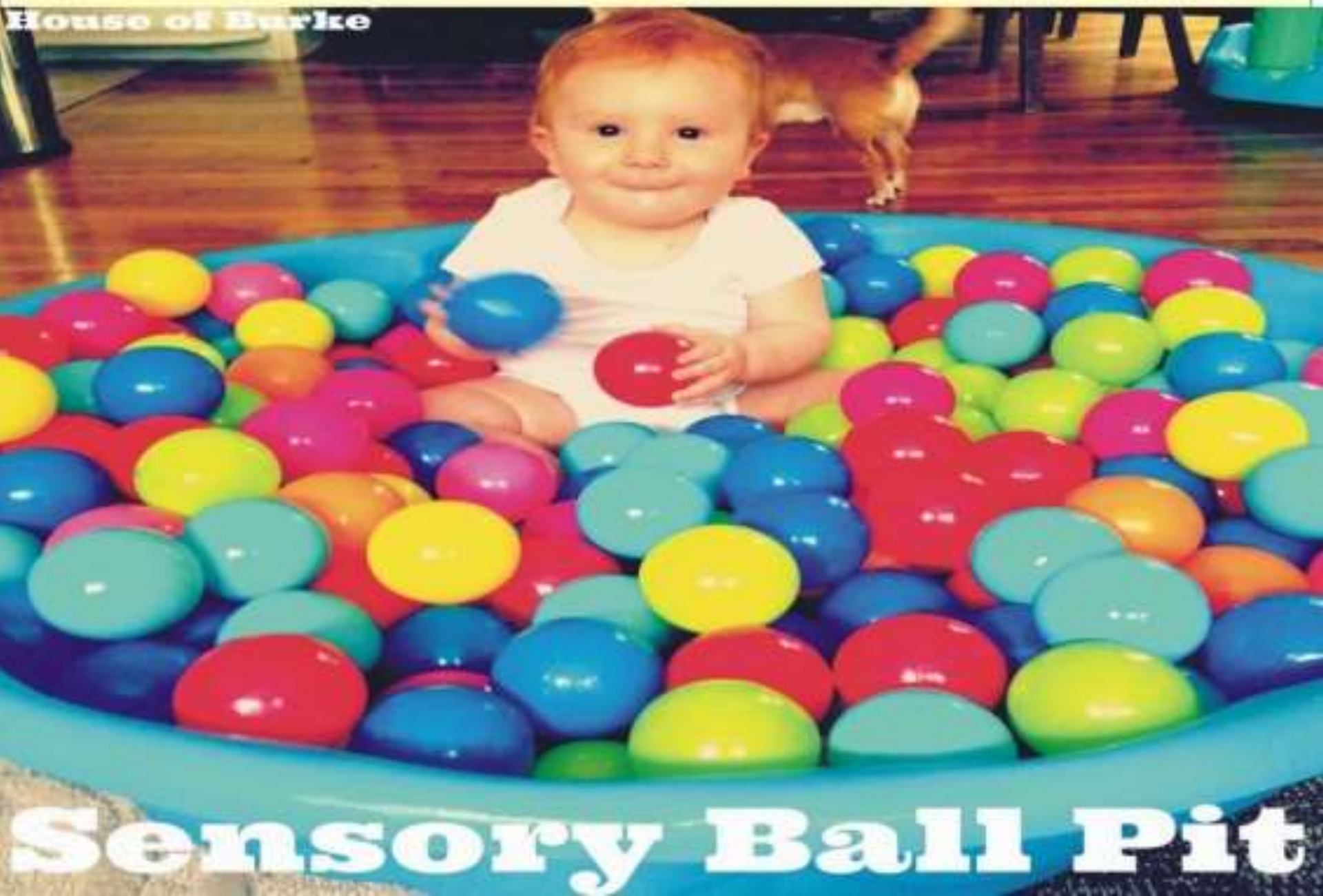


The Classroom Lecture About Balls



One of Our First Physics Lessons

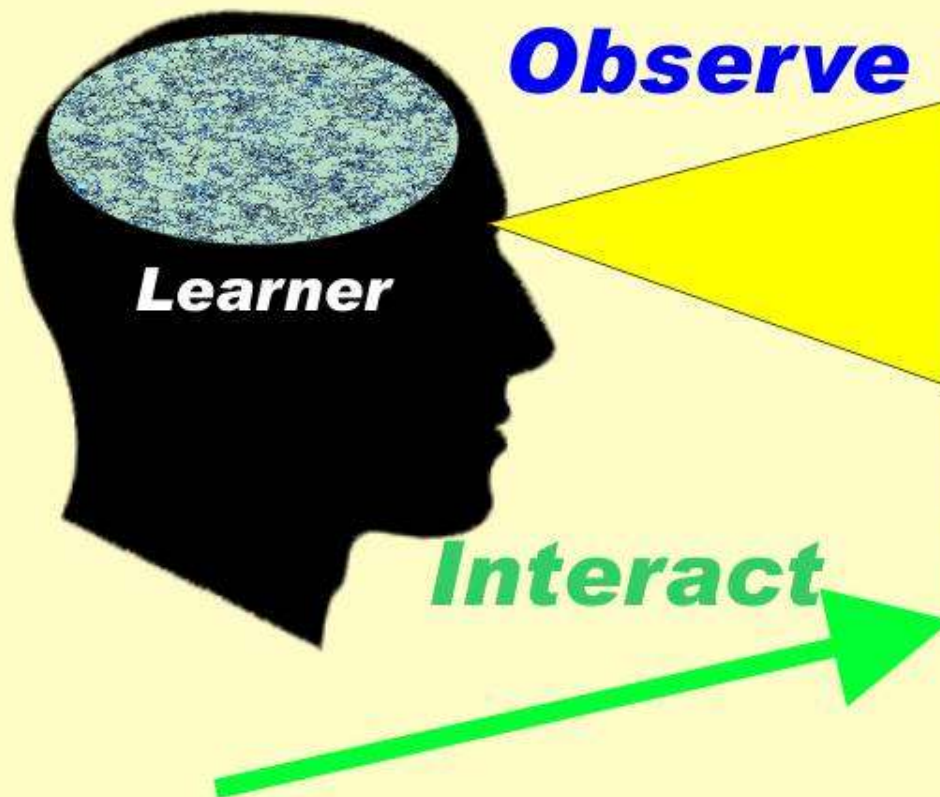
House of Burke



Sensory Ball Pit

Learning is a Natural Human Process

We Learn by Experience



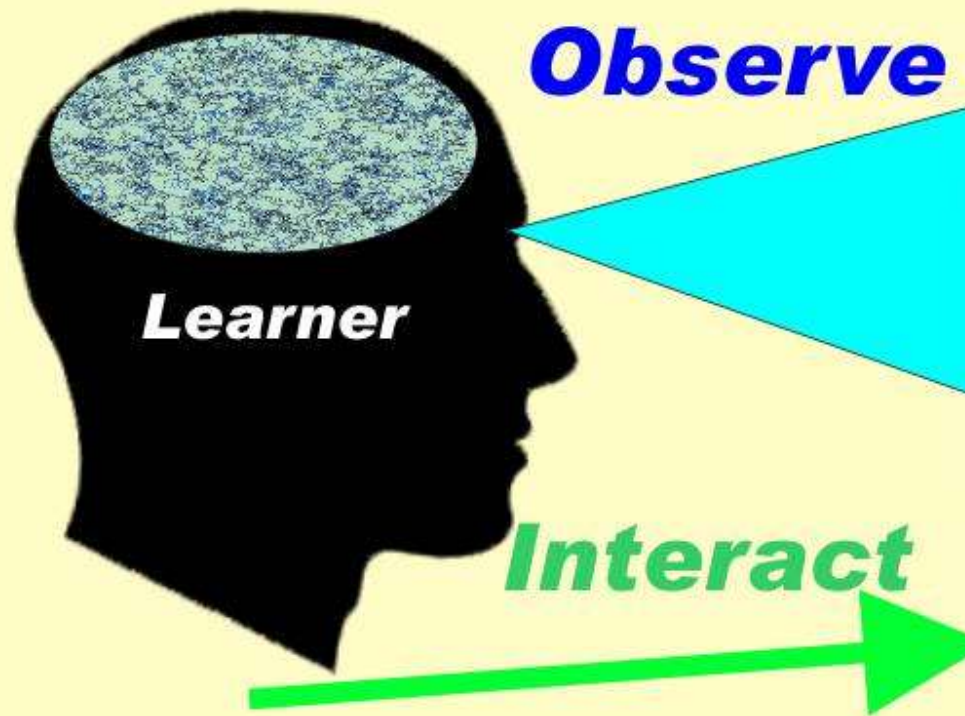
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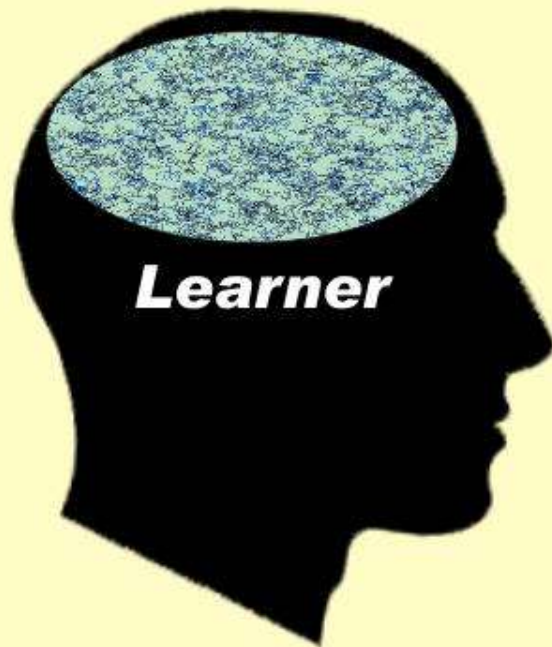
Our Early Physics Learning Activities

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Teaching

is helping someone

Building a Knowledge Structure in the Brain



Physical Universe



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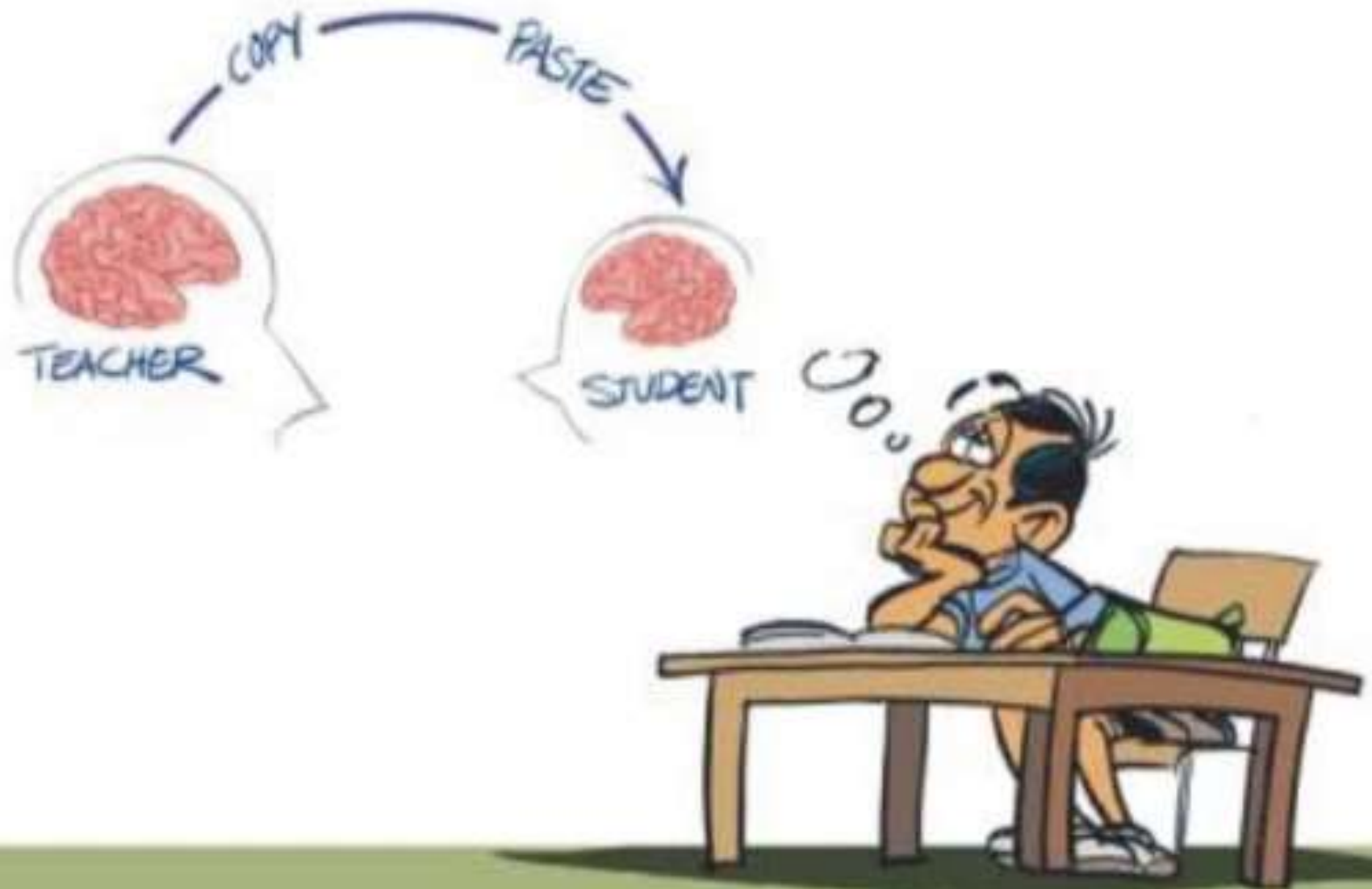
Connect

Organize

Guide

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Teaching Physics **Is Not**

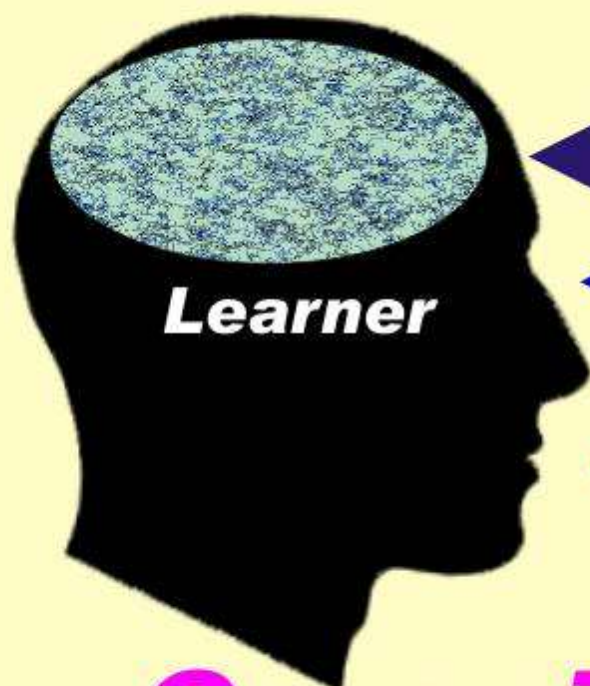


The Role of Formal Education



Connect

Physical Universe



Learner



Observe

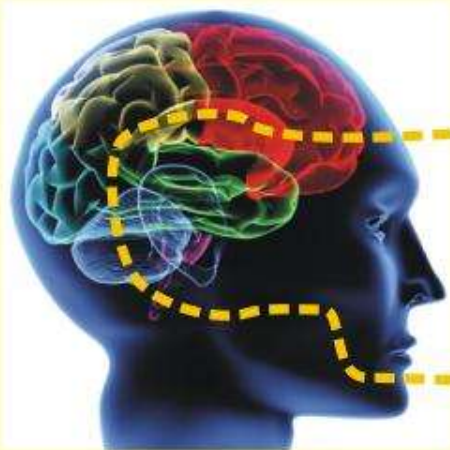
Interact



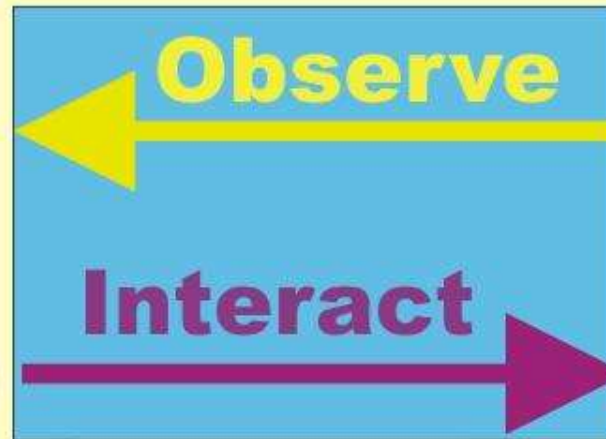
Organize and Guide

The Elements of A Highly Effective Educational Session

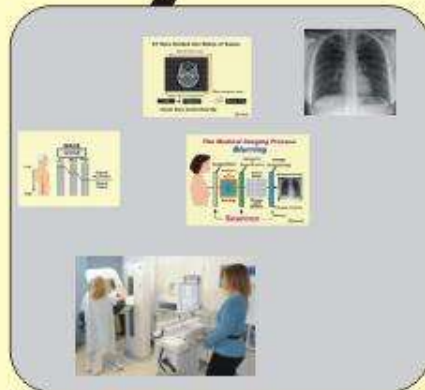
The Brain



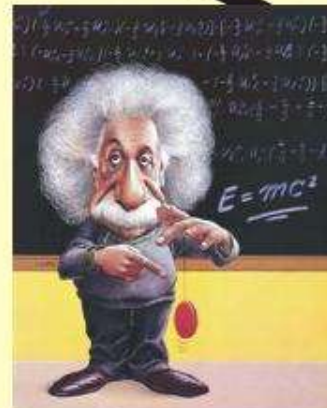
Connection



The Physical Universe
(Physics of Medical Imaging)



“Window”



**Teacher
/Guide**

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Our Plan for Today

Human Brain

Knowledge Structures
How We Learn
What we need to know



Learning Activities

Effectiveness
Efficiency



Medical Physics Universe

Clinical Applications



Human Teacher

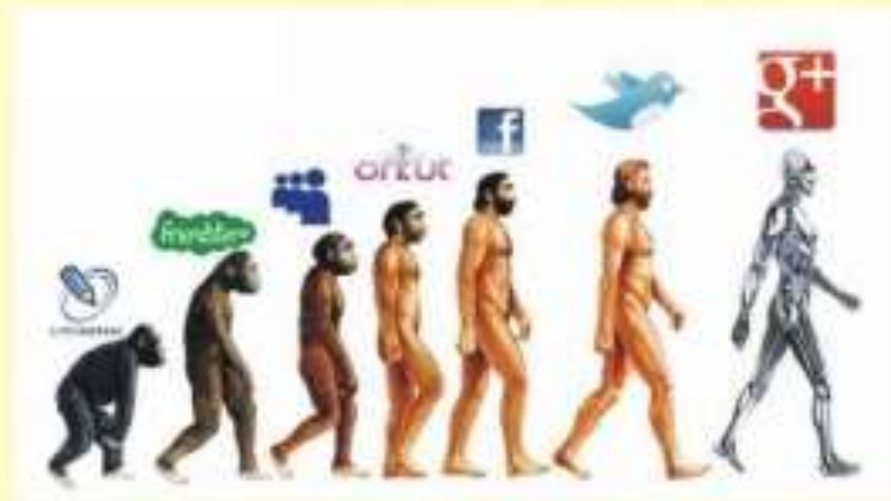

**Technology Tools
&
Applications**

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Informatics for Medical Physics Education

Works In Progress

Development of Applications



Evolution of Technology

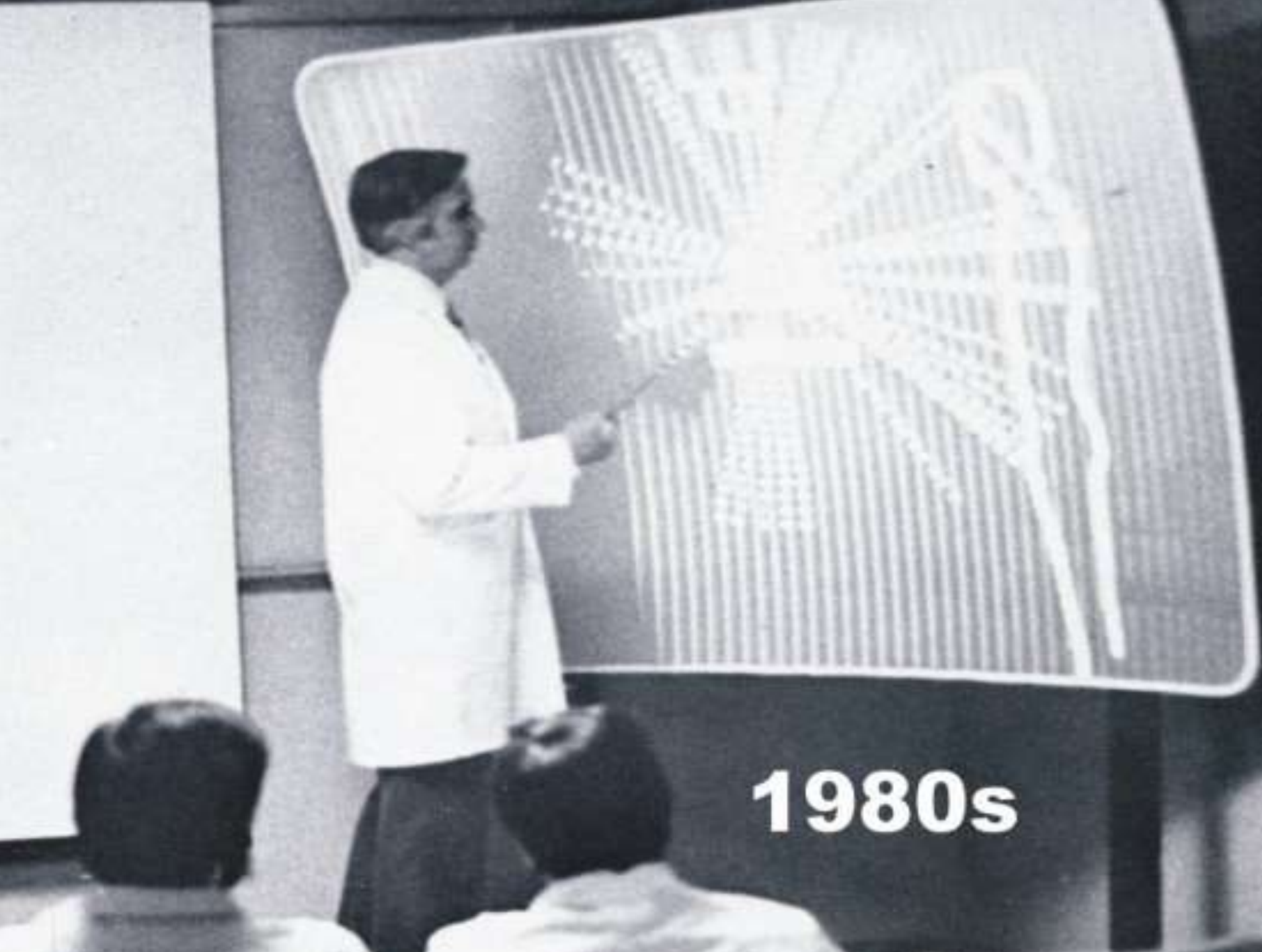
1960

*WELCOME TO EMORY
My name is Perry Sprauls
I am your teacher*





1960s



1980s

Digital Resources to Enrich Learning Activities

The Web Connecting and Sharing

**Textbooks
Modules**

Visuals

**Clinical
Images**

Modules

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Classroom



**Clinical
Conference**



**Small
Group**



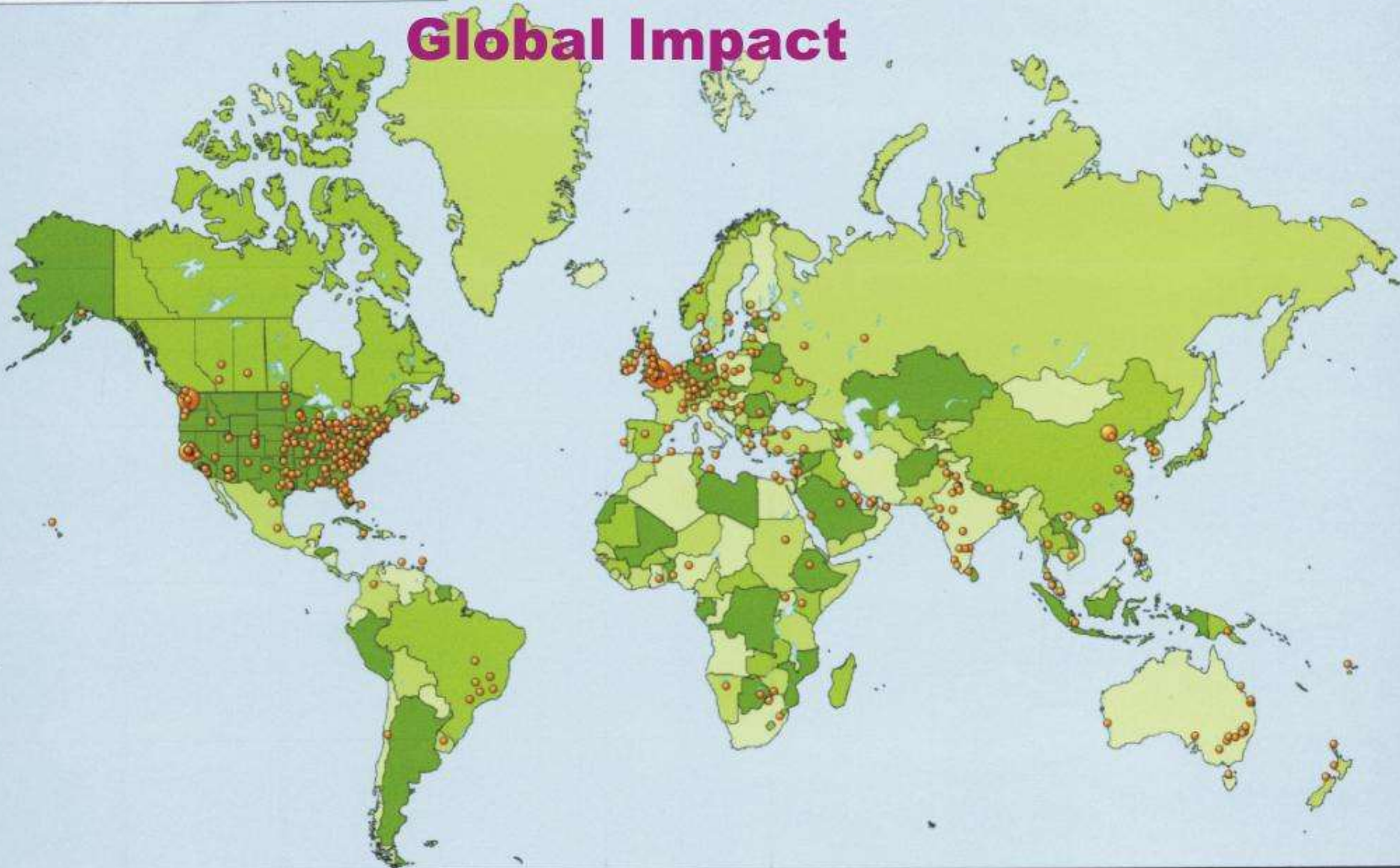
“Flying Solo”

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The Sprawls Resources

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Global Impact



The Elements of A Highly Effective Educational Session

The Brain



The Physical Universe (Physics of Medical Imaging)



Developing a knowledge structure.

**Needs
Analysis**

Learning Objectives

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Who needs a knowledge of Physics applied to clinical imaging?

Radiologists, Residents and Fellows

Technologists

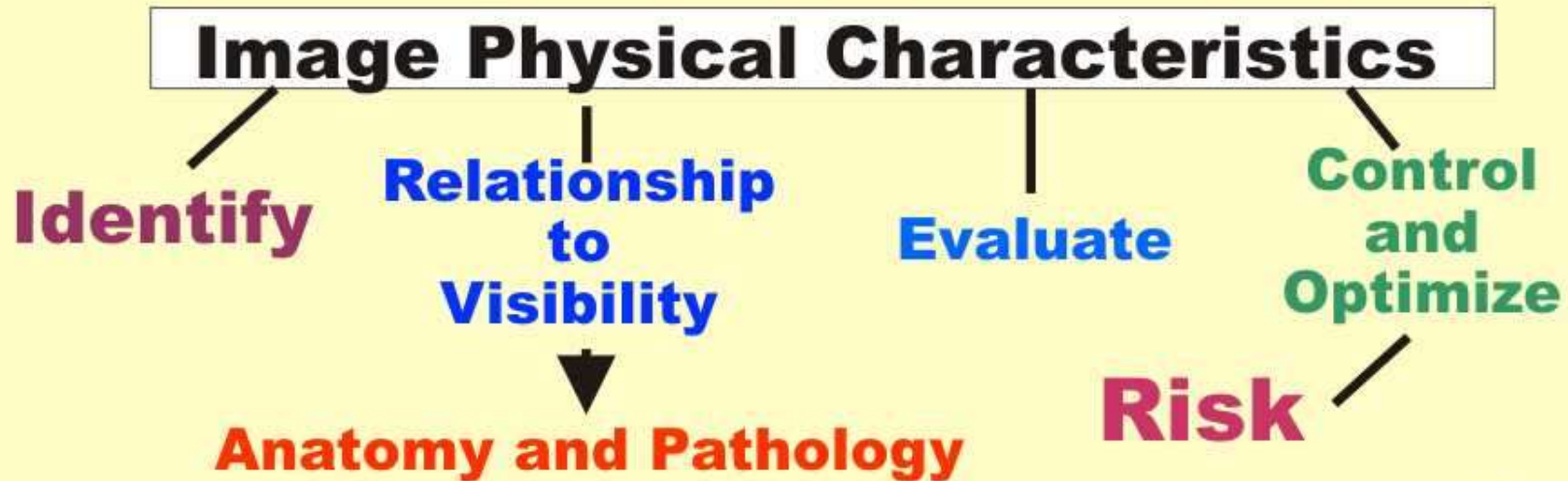
Medical Physicists



Each provides unique challenges and opportunities.

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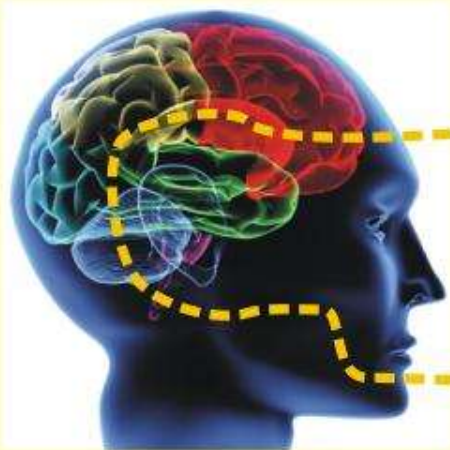
Physics Learning Objectives for Radiologists



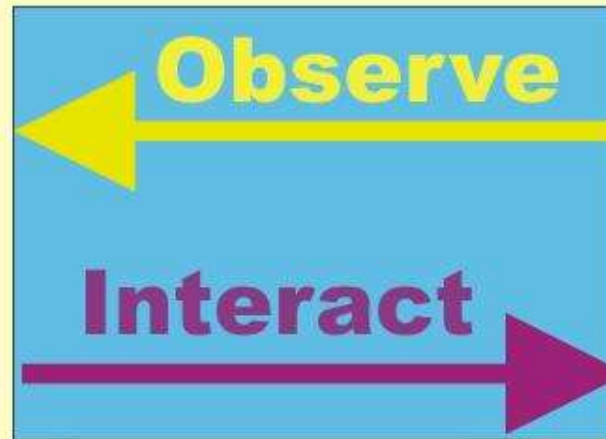
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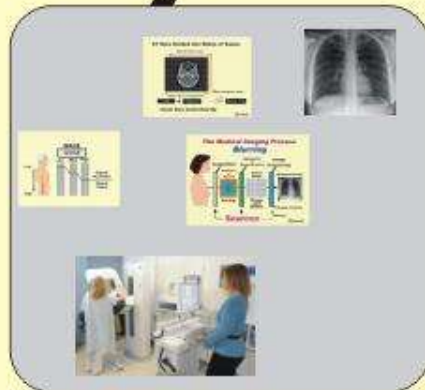
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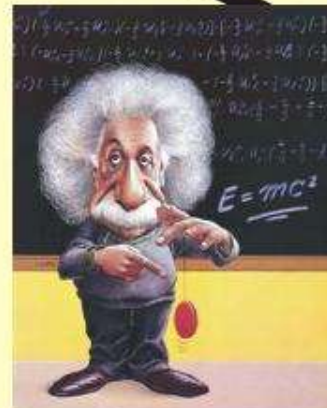
Connection



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“Window”



**Teacher
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Clinically Focused Physics Education

Classroom



**Clinical
Conference**



**Small
Group**



**“Flying
Solo”**



**Learning Facilitator
“Teacher”**

**Individual
and
Peer Interactive
Learning**

**Each type of learning activity
has a unique value.**

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Educational Informatics



A Large Umbrella

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Educational Informatics

Technology

Human Brain



**Does it
enhance or deteriorate
human performance?**

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Educational Informatics

Warning
There are risks of
adverse effects
for both
Learners and Teachers



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My Value...

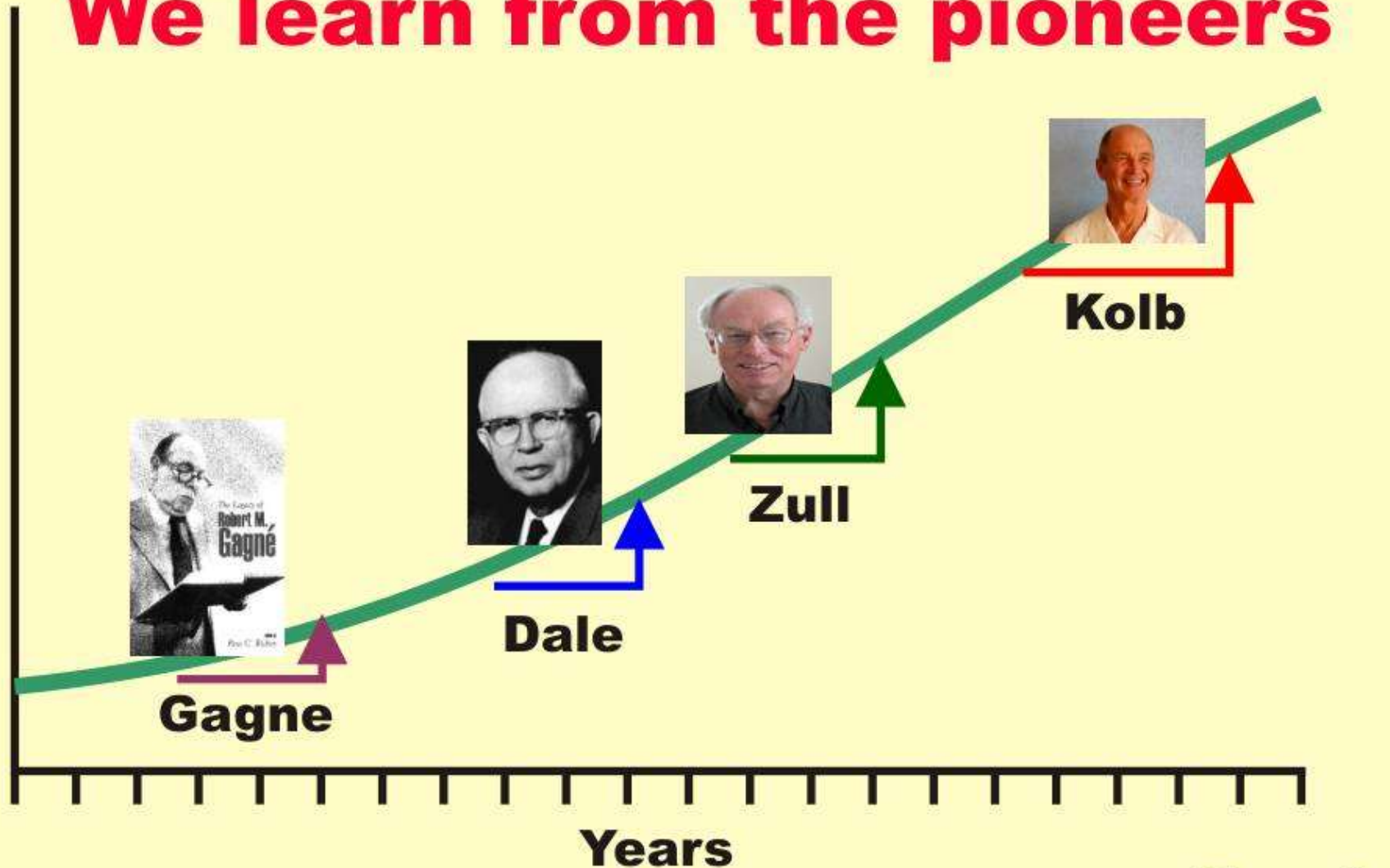
**Technology is a Tool
it is not
The Teacher**



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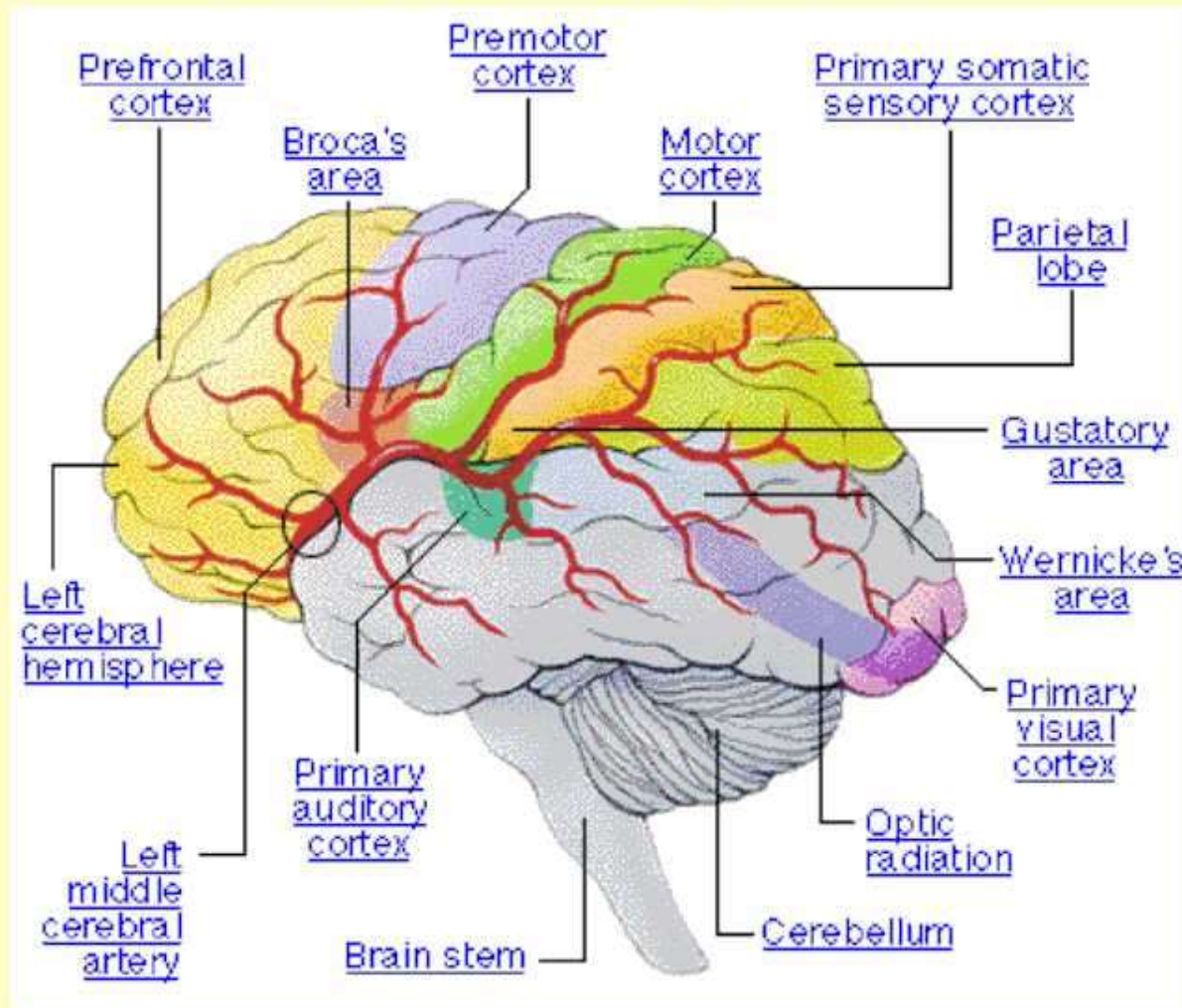
Knowledge of the Learning & Teaching Process

We learn from the pioneers



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The Brain...



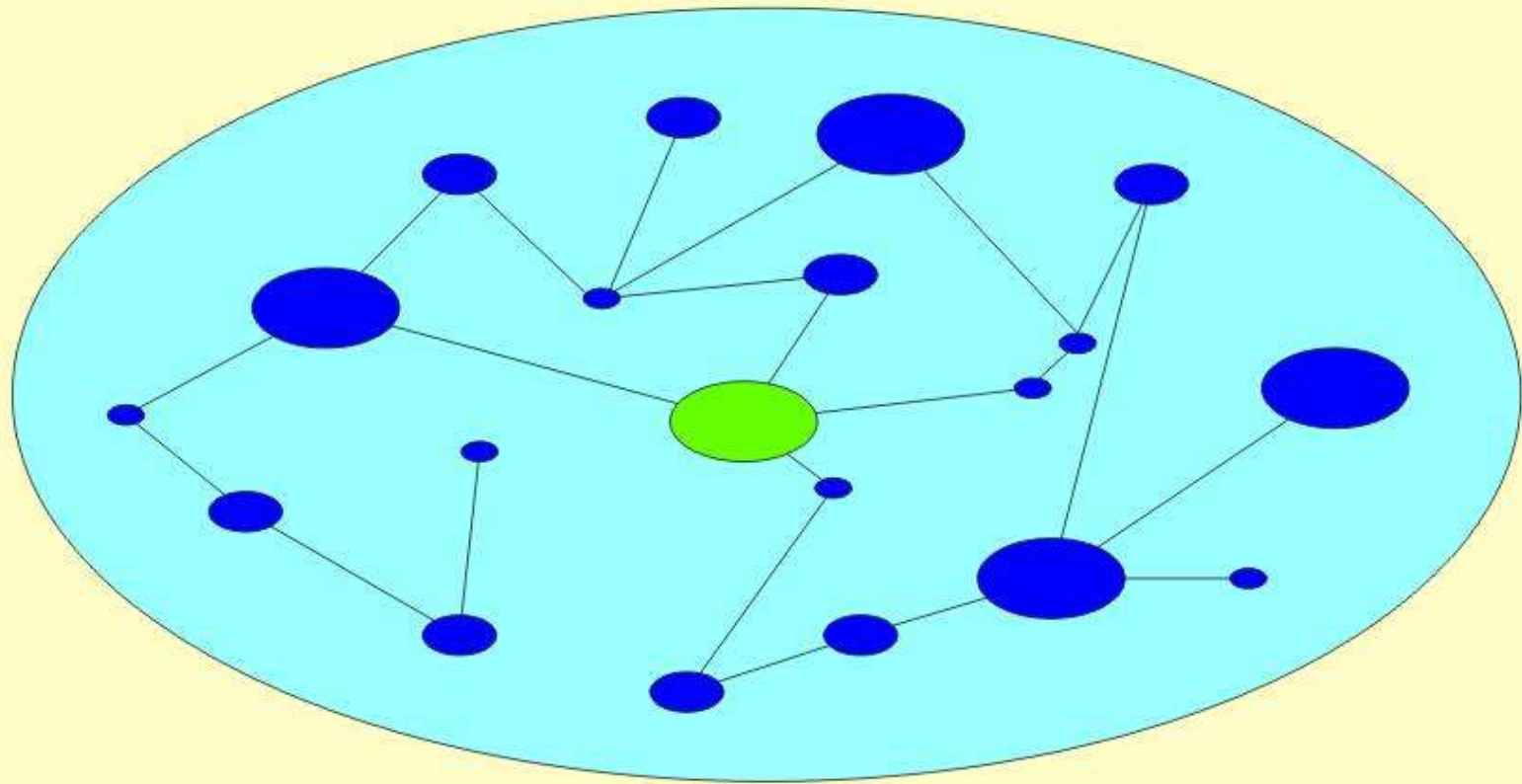
Structure and Function

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Knowledge Structures in the Brain

A Complex Network



Concepts

Images

Facts

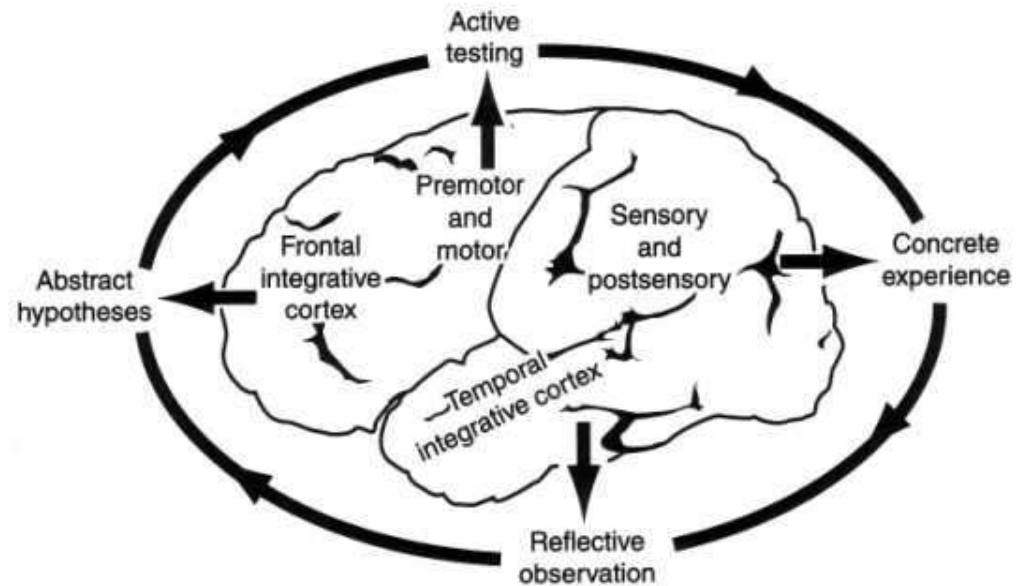
Language

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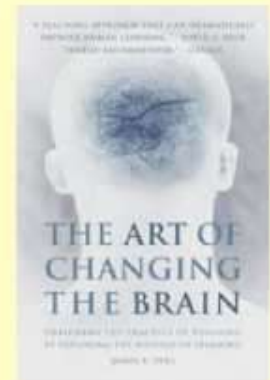
Zull's Model of Brain Function



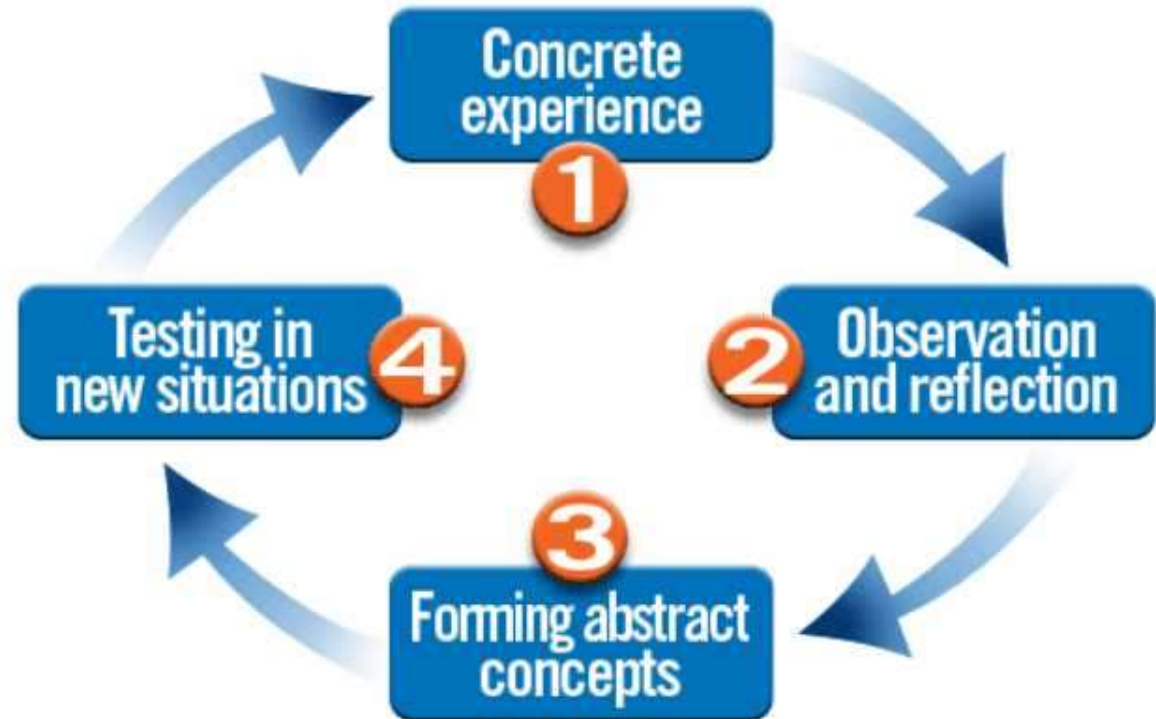
James Zull, Ph.D.
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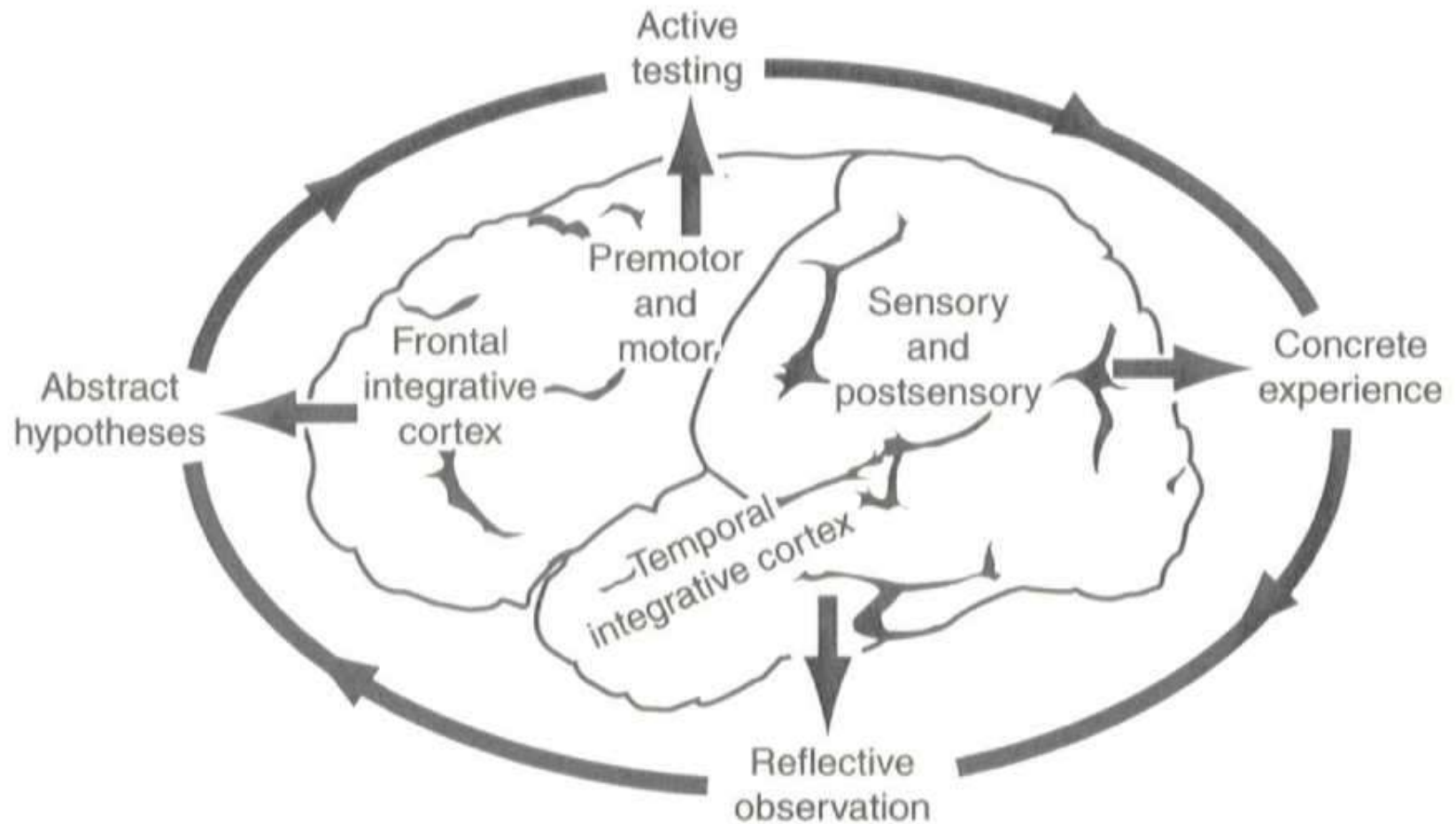
Kolb's Experiential Learning Model



***David A. Kolb, Ph.D.
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Website: <http://www.learningfromexperience.com>

Zull's Model of Brain Function



Brain Functions for Learning Physics

Control

Sensory



Back Integrative Cortex

Where

(Relationships)

(Characteristics)

What

(Identification)

Language

Comprehension

Frontal Integrative Cortex

Making Plans

Evaluating

Problem Solving

Language

Assembly

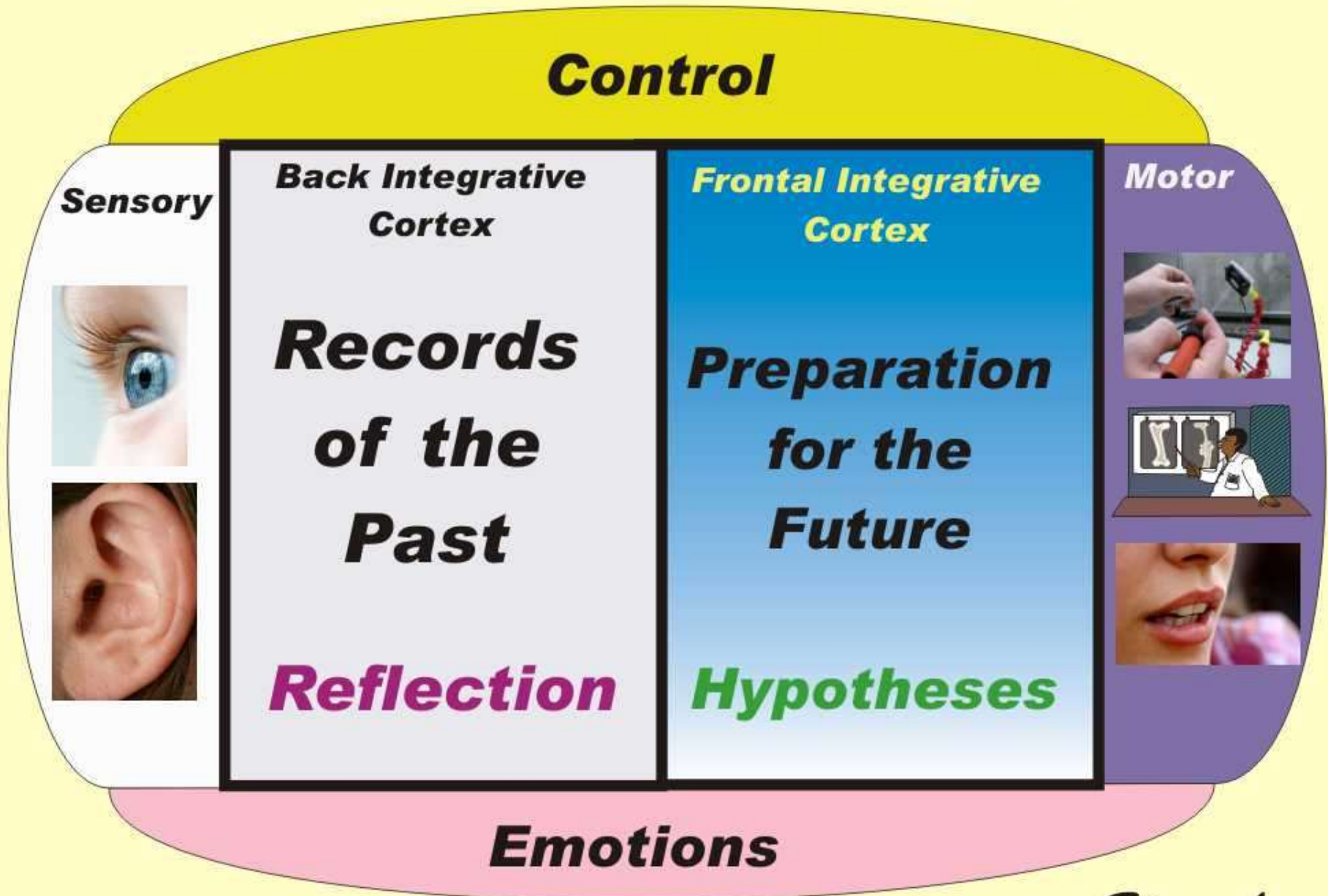
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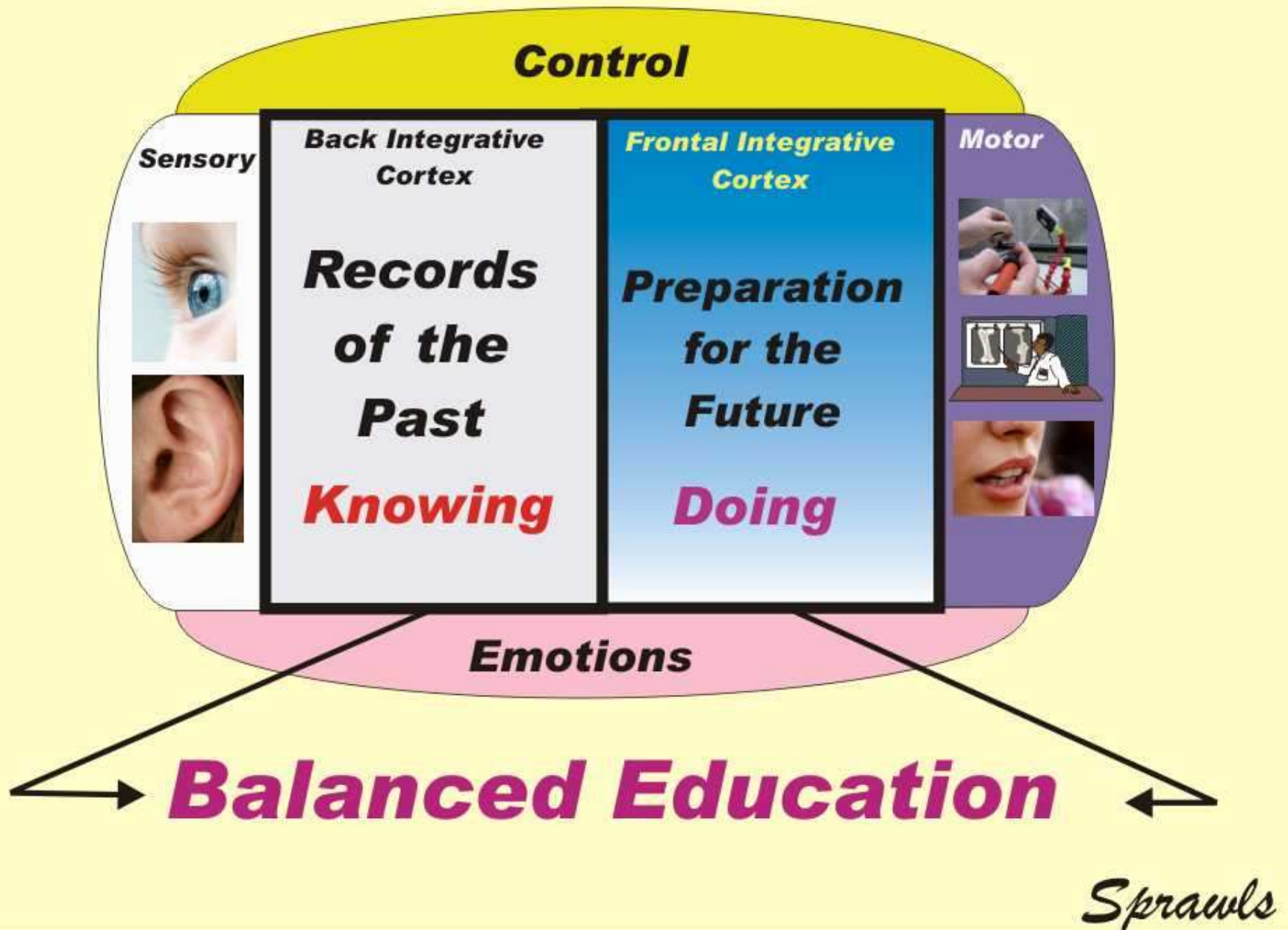
Emotions

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Brain Functions for Learning Physics



Brain Functions for Learning Physics



Forming Knowledge Structures

Physical Universe

Back Integrative Cortex

Sensory



chow chow



poodle



schnauzer



bulldog



collie



German shepherd

Visible Physical Objects

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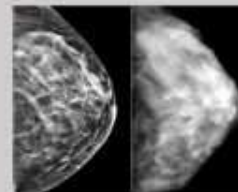
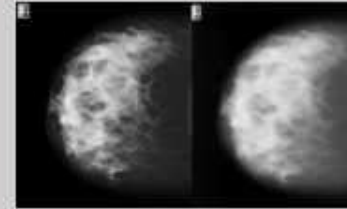
Forming Knowledge Structures

Physical Universe

Back Integrative Cortex



Sensory



Visible Physical Objects

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Forming Knowledge Structures

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Back Integrative Cortex

**Radiation
Electrons
Magnetic
Atomic
Nuclear**

Sensory



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***Invisible* Physical Objects**

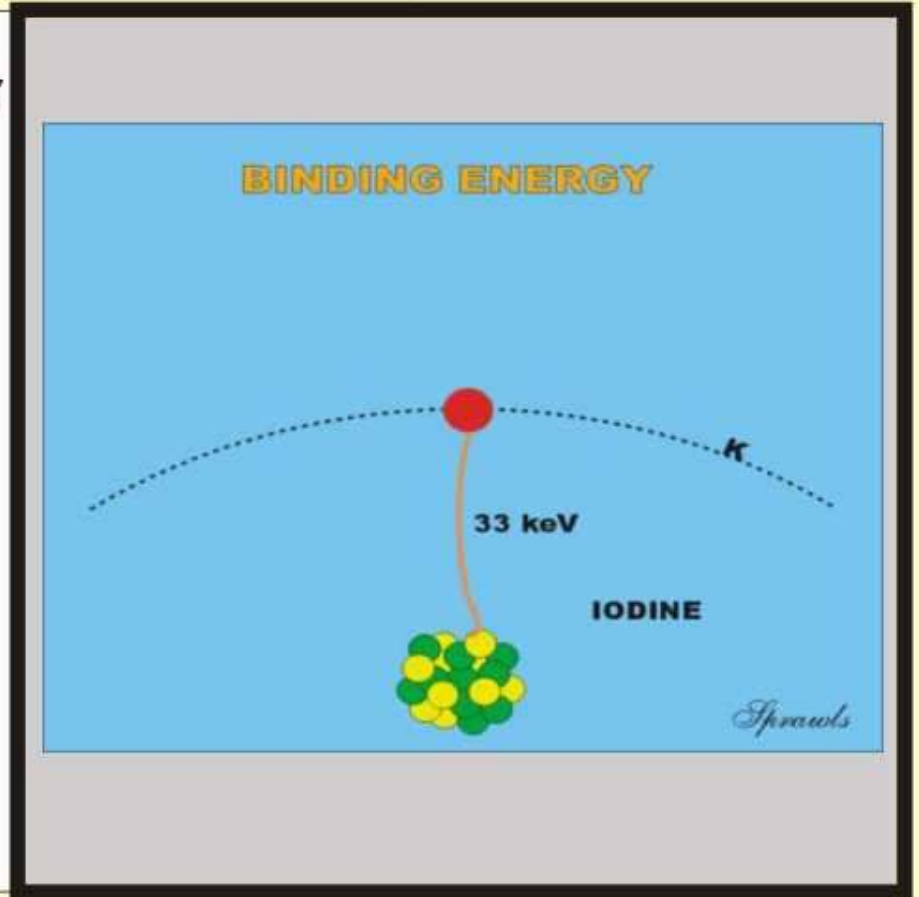
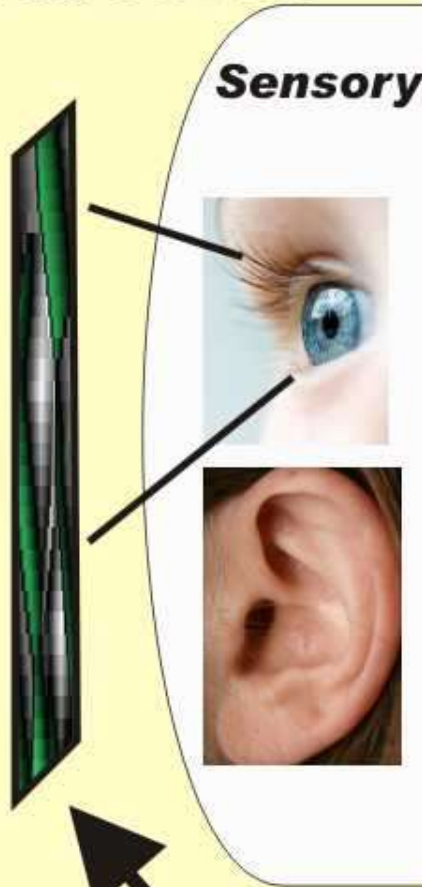
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Forming Knowledge Structures

Physical Universe

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**Radiation
Electrons
Magnetic
Atomic
Nuclear**



Invisible

Physical Objects

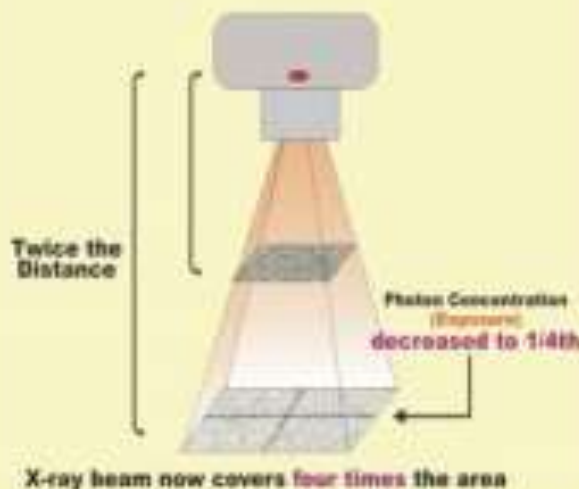
Visuals

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The Physical Universe



The inverse square law is.....



The Inverse Square Law

$$\frac{I_1}{(d_1)^2} = \frac{I_2}{(d_2)^2}$$

I_1 is the initial intensity of radiation, d_1 is the initial distance, and I_2 is the final intensity, and d_2 is the final distance.

Verbal

Sensory

Mathematical

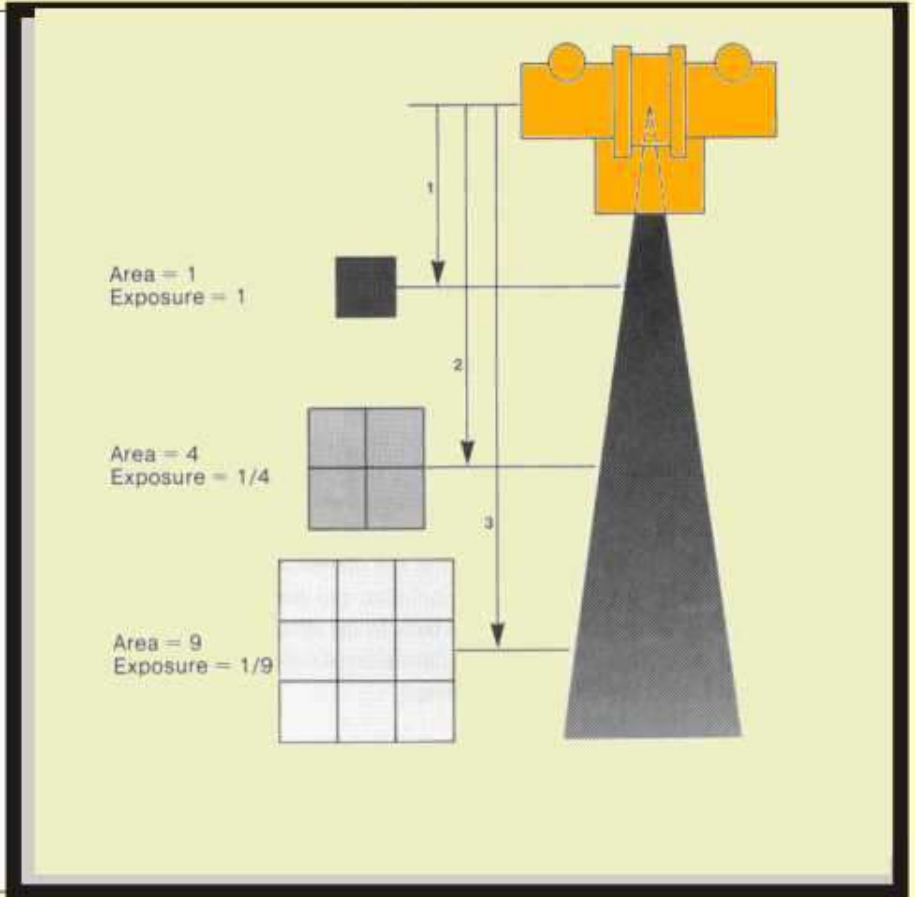
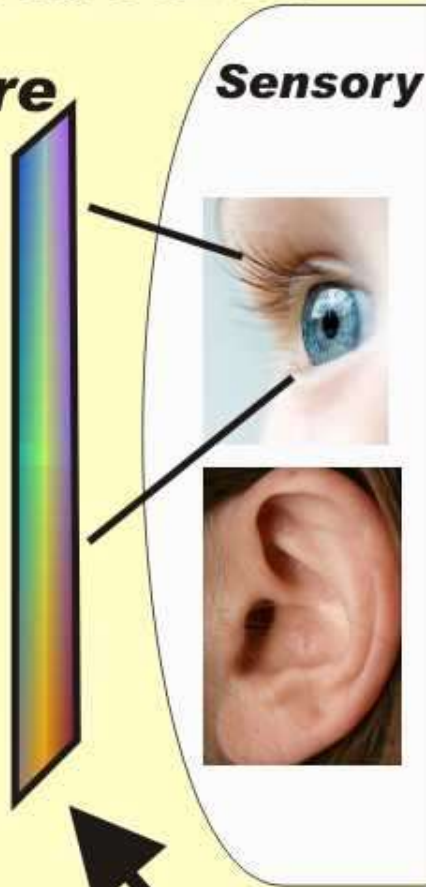
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Forming Knowledge Structures

Physical Universe

Back Integrative Cortex

Inverse Square Effect



**Invisible
Concepts
Ideas**

Visuals

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The Barrier

Physics Education



Clinical Imaging



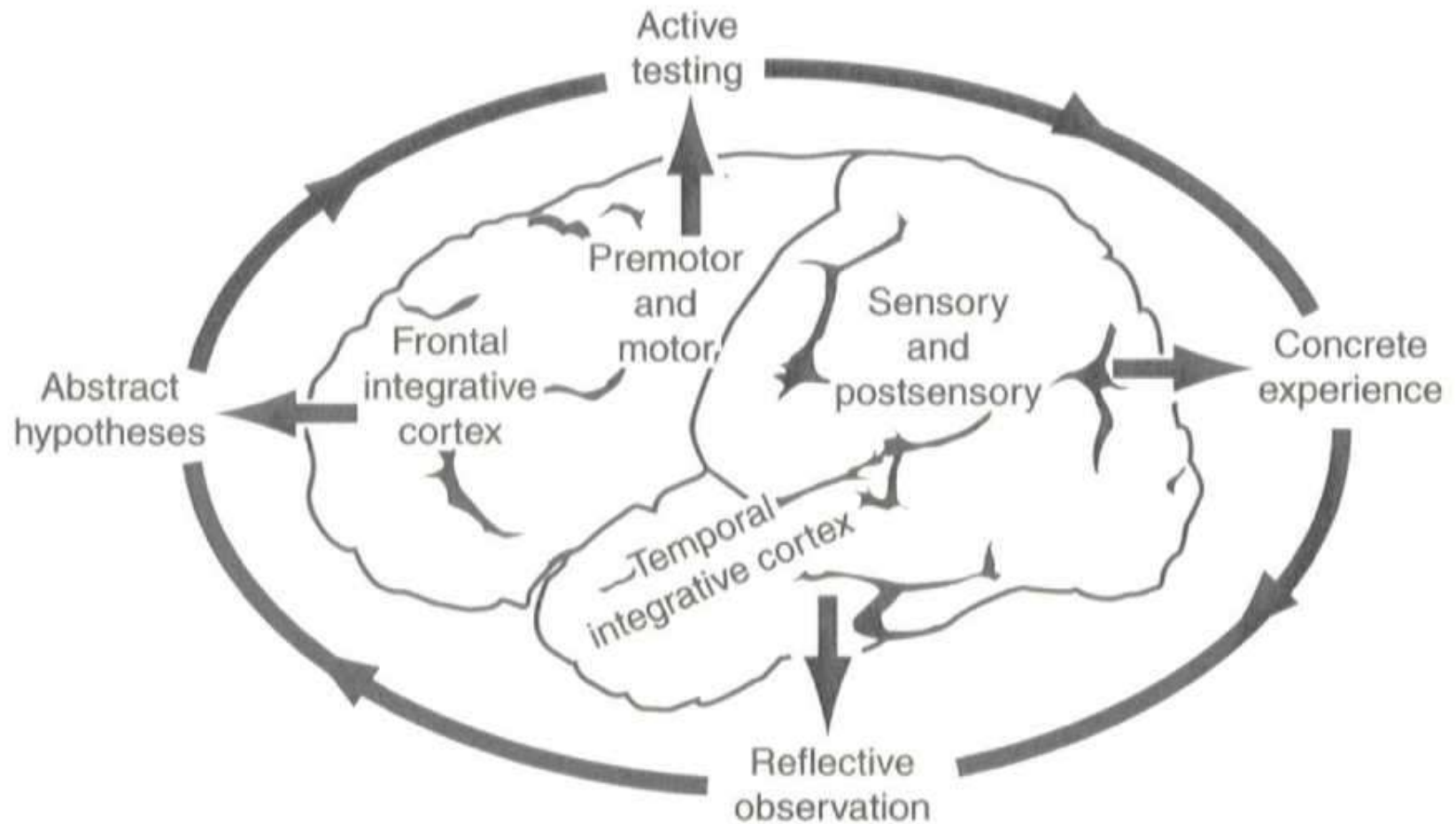
Efficiency

Location, Resources, Human Effort, Cost

Limited Experience

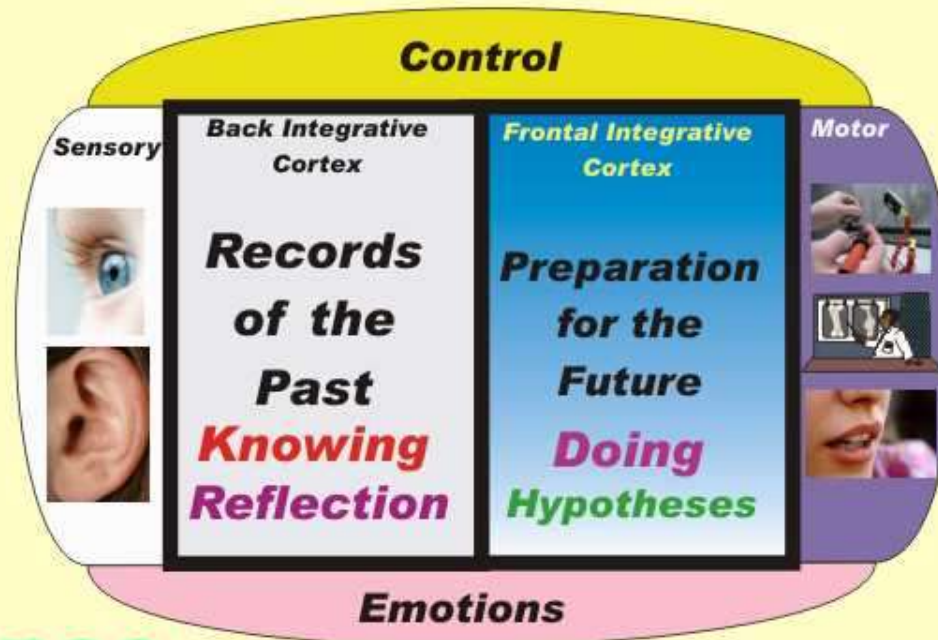
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Zull's Model of Brain Function



Brain Functions for Learning Physics

Active Experimentation and Testing



**Sense
and
Experience
Observe**

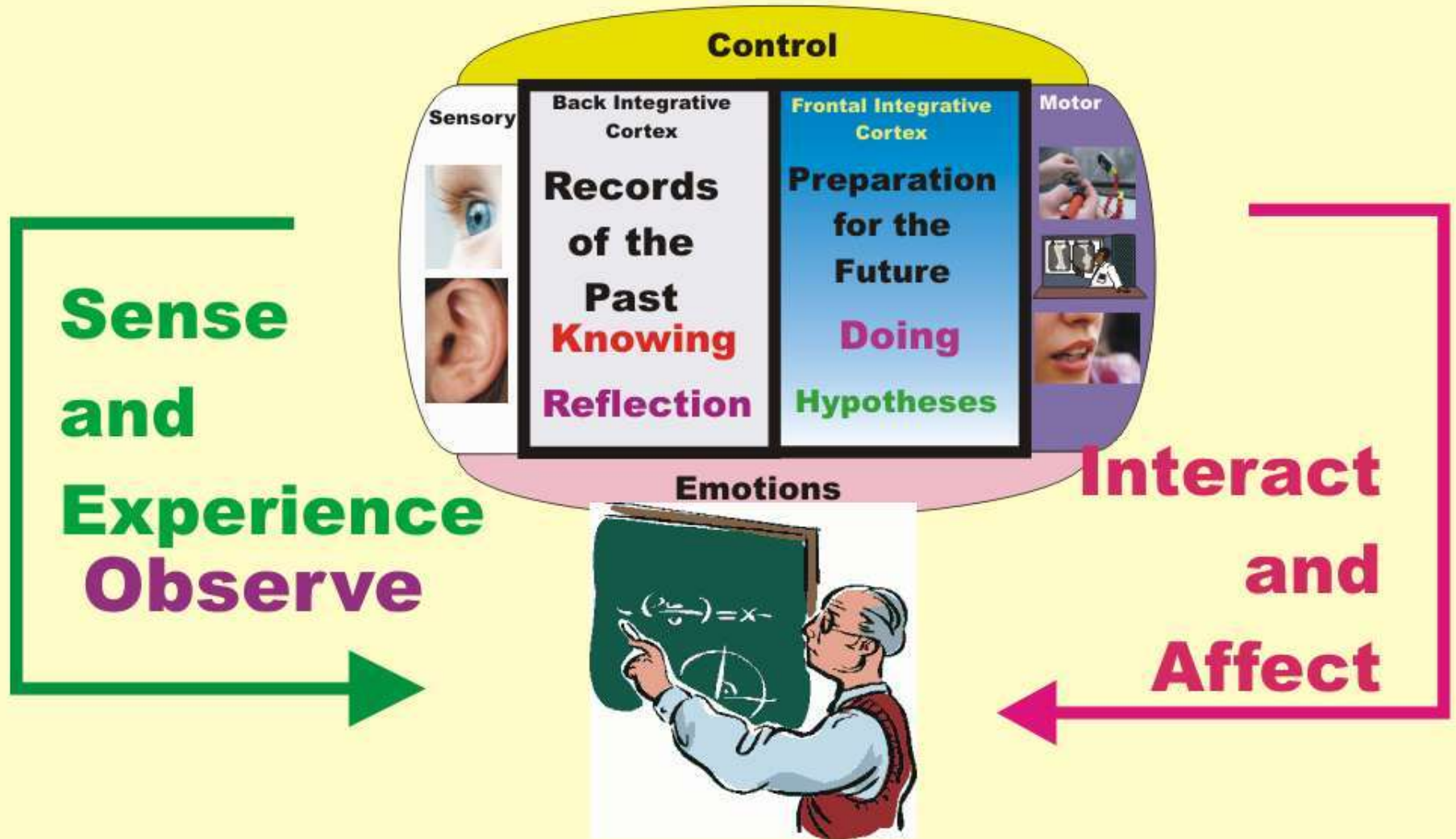
**Interact
and
Affect**



Physical Universe

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Brain Functions for Learning About Learning Physics



Our Teaching

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Robert Gagne (1916-2002)

Best known for his Nine Events of Instruction



The Gagne assumption is that different types of learning exist, and that different instructional conditions are most likely to bring about these different types of learning

Gagné was also well-known for his sophisticated stimulus-response theory of eight kinds of learning which differ in the quality and quantity of stimulus-response bonds involved. From the simplest to the most complex, these are:

signal learning (Pavlovian conditioning)
stimulus-response learning (operant conditioning)
chaining (complex operant conditioning)
verbal association
discrimination learning
concept learning
rule learning
and problem solving.

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Gagne's Hierarchy of Learning

PROBLEM SOLVING

RULE LEARNING

CONCEPT LEARNING

**DISCRIMINATION
LEARNING**

**VERBAL
ASSOCIATION**

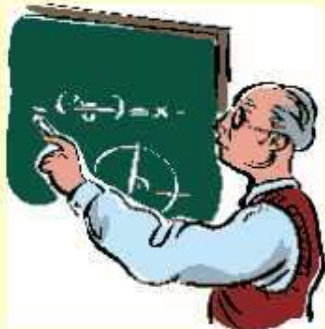
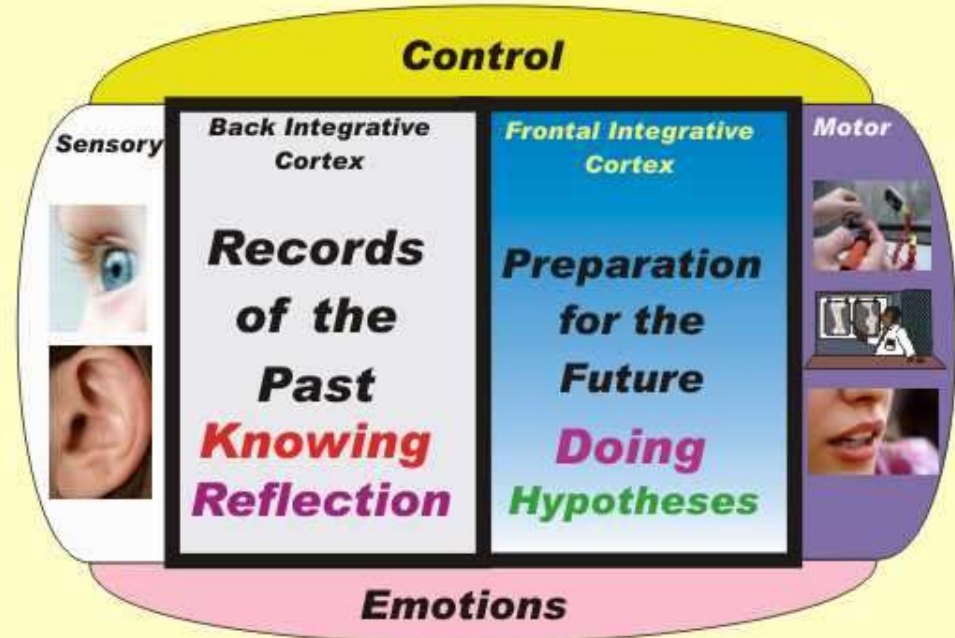
CHAINING

**STIMULUS
RESPONSE**

**SIGNAL
LEARNING**

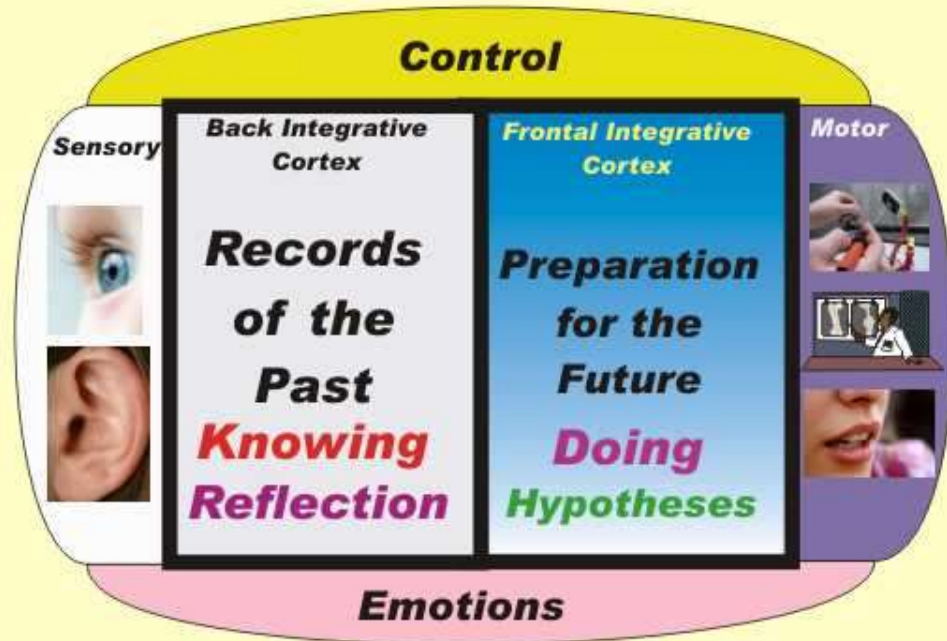


Challenging Learning Environments



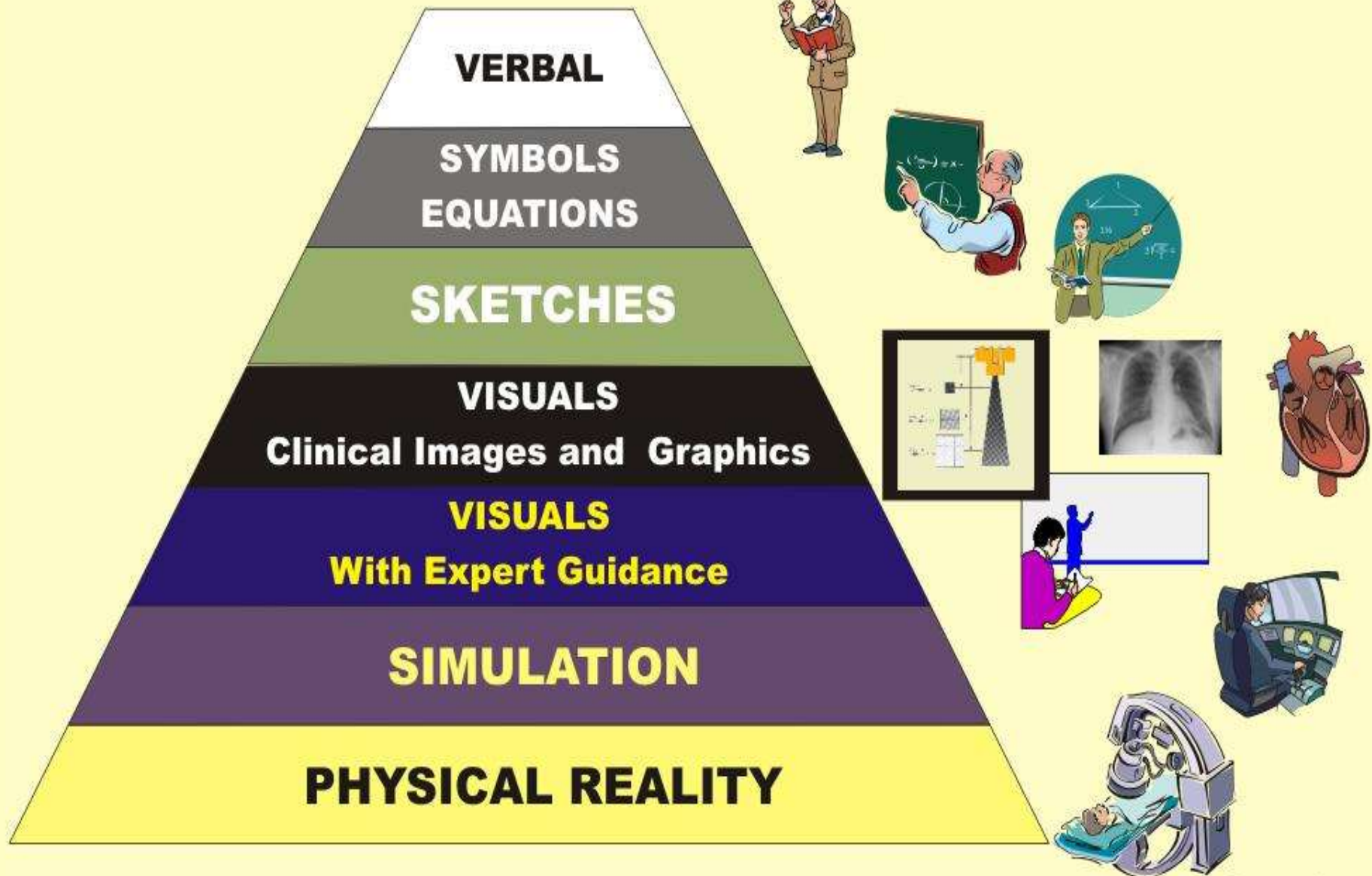
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Rich Learning Environments



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Cone of Experience for Medical Imaging Education



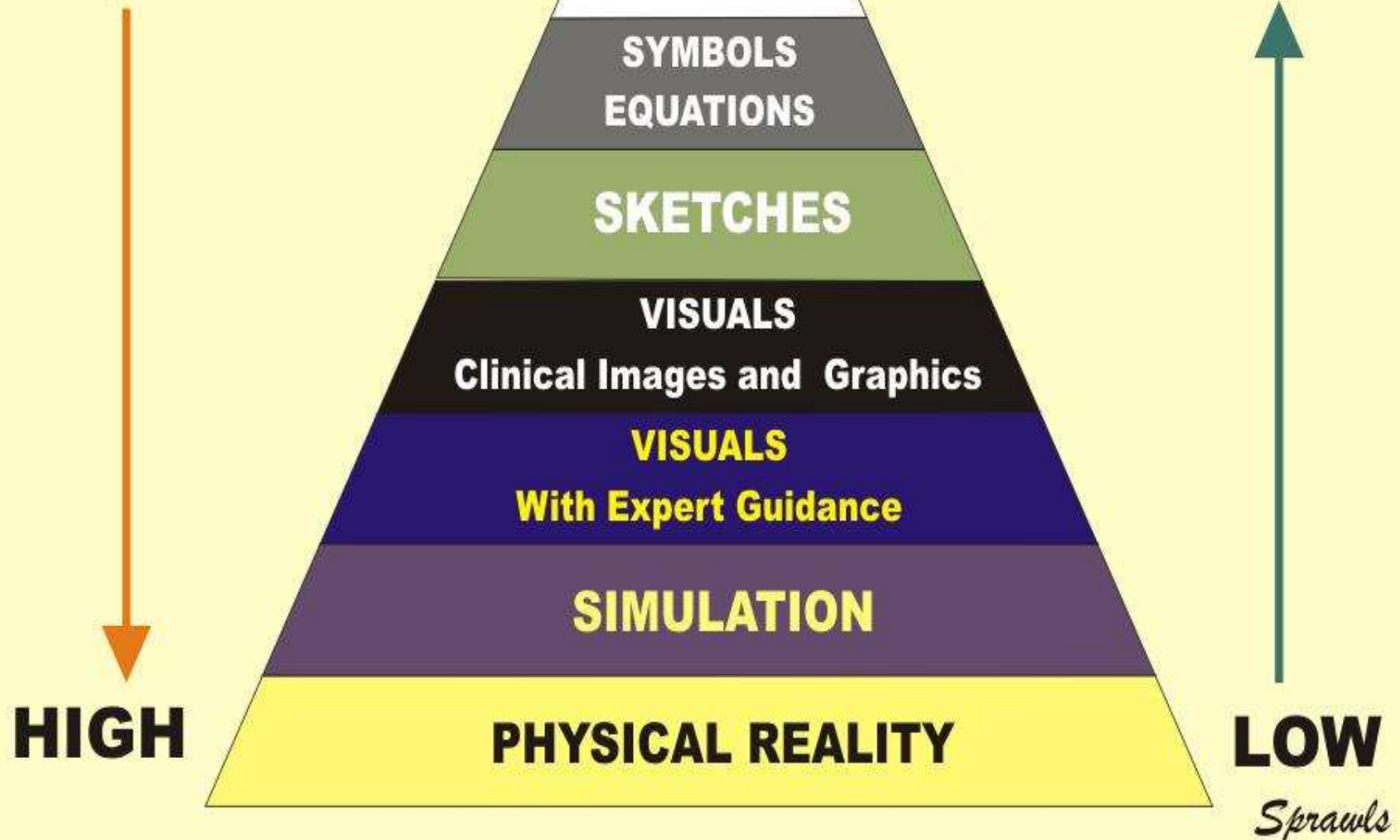
Cone of Experience for Medical Imaging Education

EFFECTIVENESS

LOW

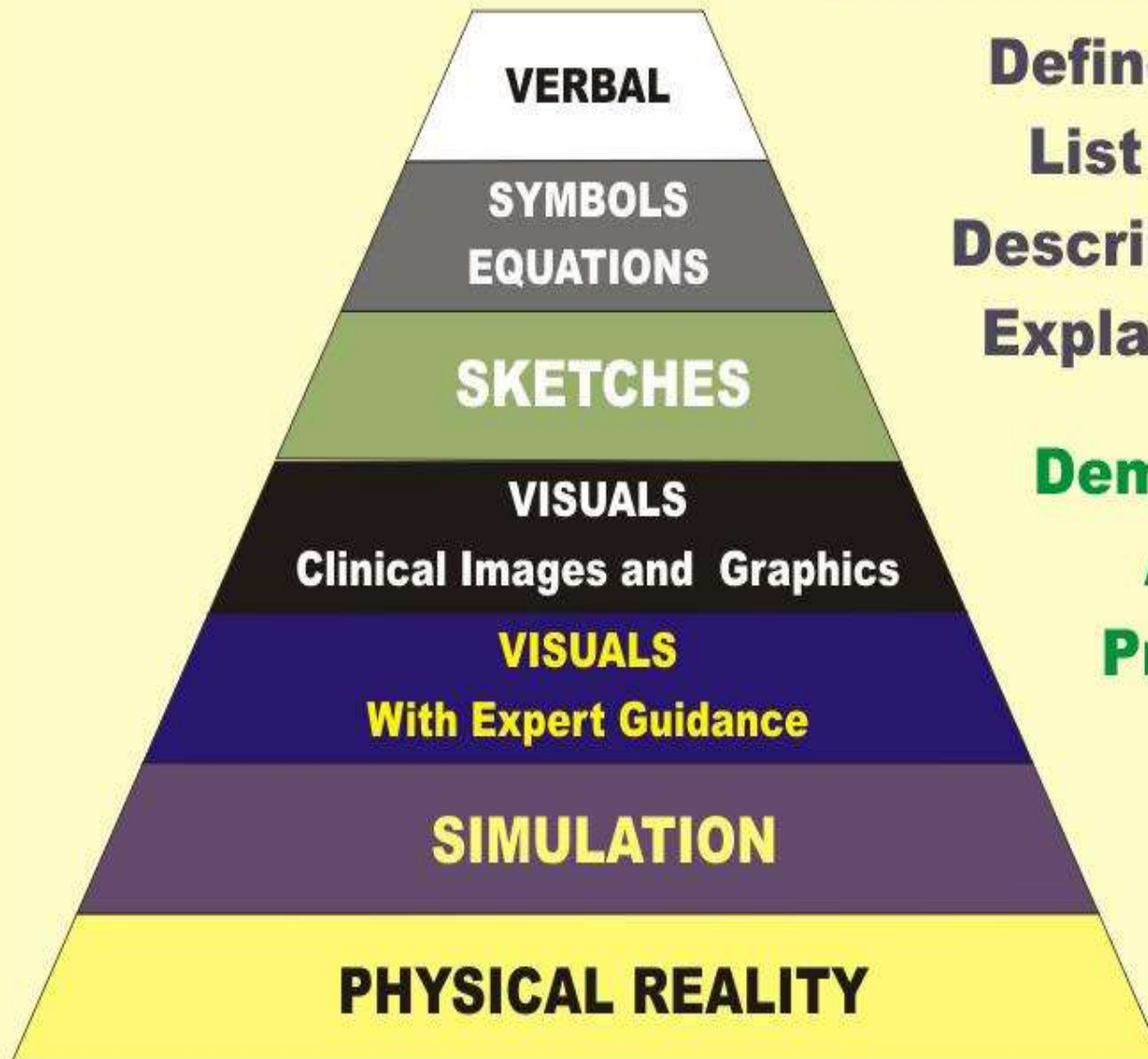
EFFICIENCY

HIGH



Cone of Experience for Medical Imaging Education

LEARNING OUTCOMES



Define
List
Describe
Explain



Demonstrate
Apply
Practice

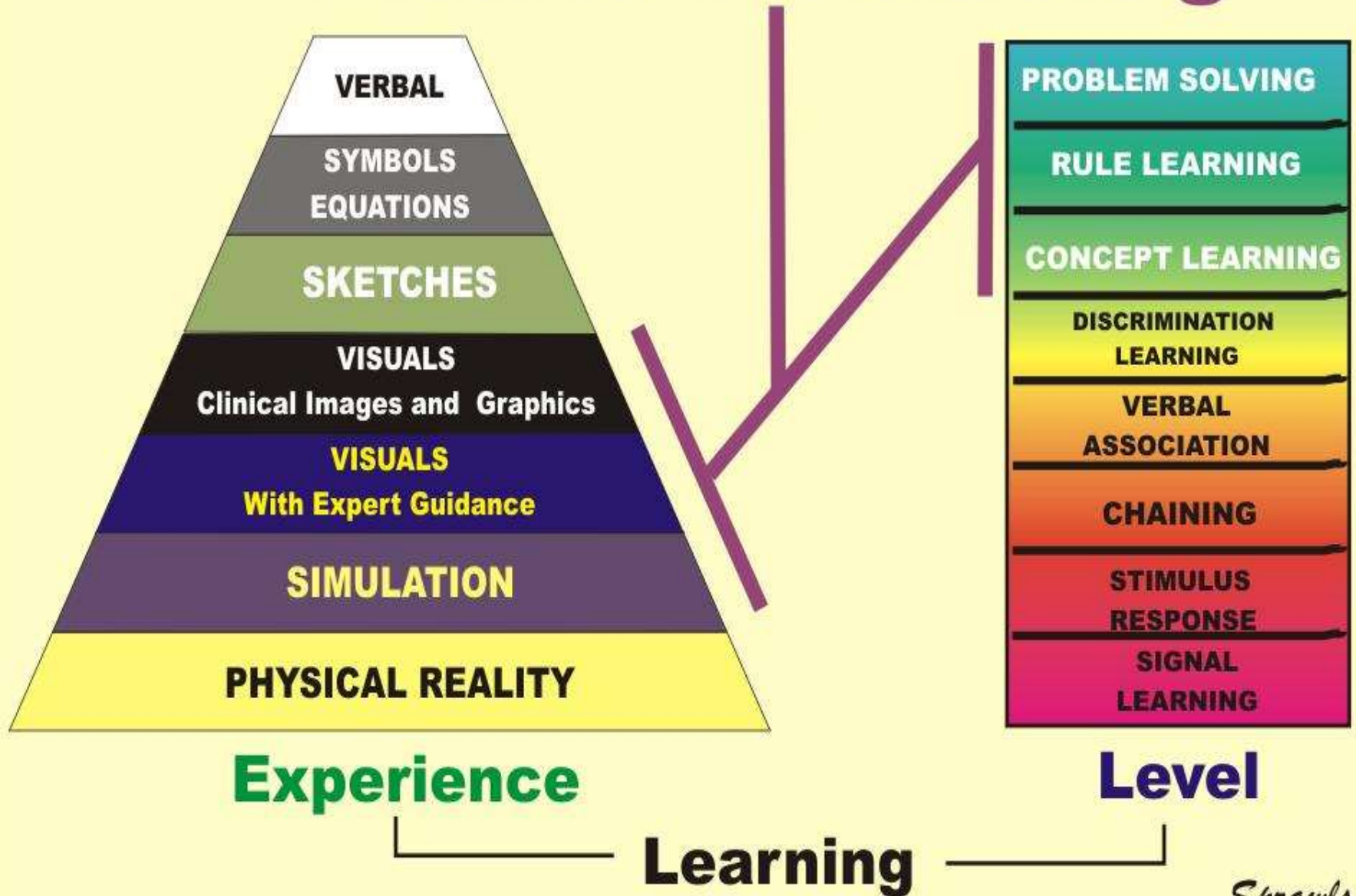


Analyze
Create
Evaluate



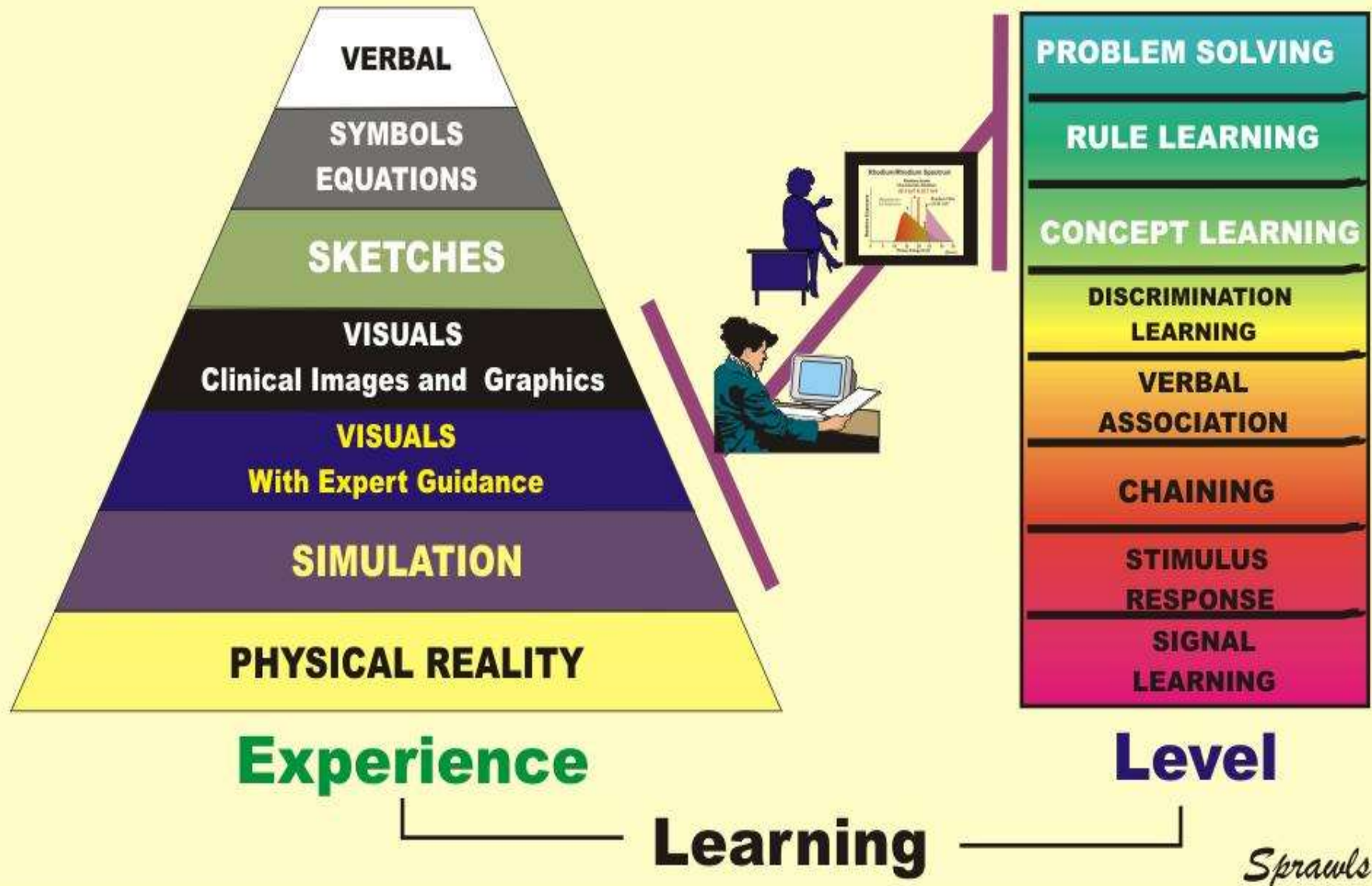
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Effective Learning



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Technology Enhanced Learning and Teaching



Clinically Focused Physics Education

Classroom



**Clinical
Conference**



**Small
Group**



**“Flying
Solo”**



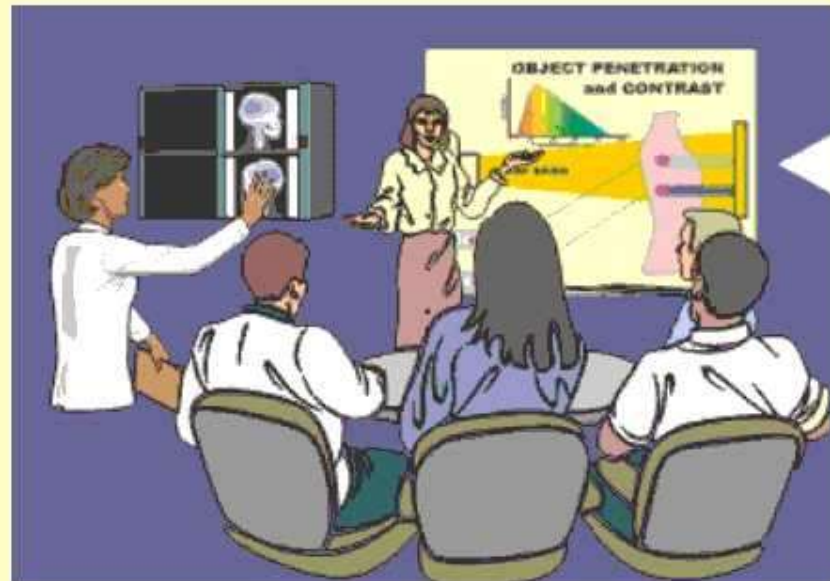
**Highly Efficient
For
General Physics
and
Related Topics**

**Highly Effective
Clinically Rich
Learning Activities**

**Visuals Images Online Modules
Resources and References**

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Rich Classroom and Conference Learning Activities



Visuals

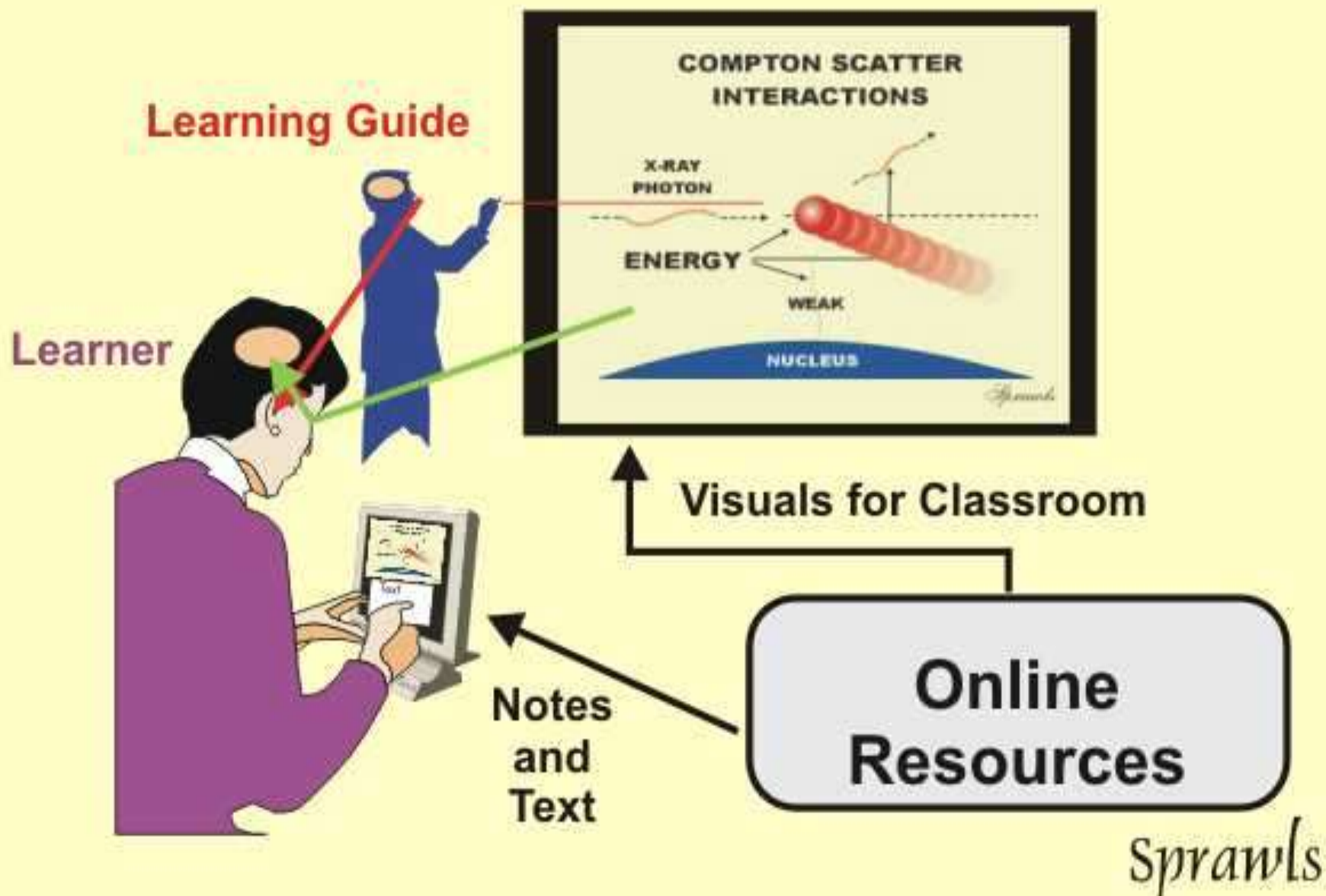
Representations
of
Reality

Learning Facilitator “Teacher”

Organize and Guide the Learning Activity
Share Experience and Knowledge
Explain and Interpret What is Viewed
Motivate and Engage Learners

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Technology Enhanced Learning



Technology Tools

A stylized globe with glowing blue lines representing global connectivity. The globe is centered, with the continents of North and South America visible in dark blue. A network of glowing white and blue lines crisscrosses the globe, connecting various points across the continents, symbolizing global communication and technology. The background is a deep blue gradient.

Connectivity

Technology Tools

Digitizing



Technology Tools

Video



Technology Tools

Handheld Devices



USEFUL IPHONE APPS FOR EDUCATION

Technology Tools

Developing Digital Images



I'm a bitmap.

I'm a vector.

Technology Tools

Developing Digital Images

“Paint”

Bitmaps



This illustration is a raster file, made up of pixels.

“Draw”

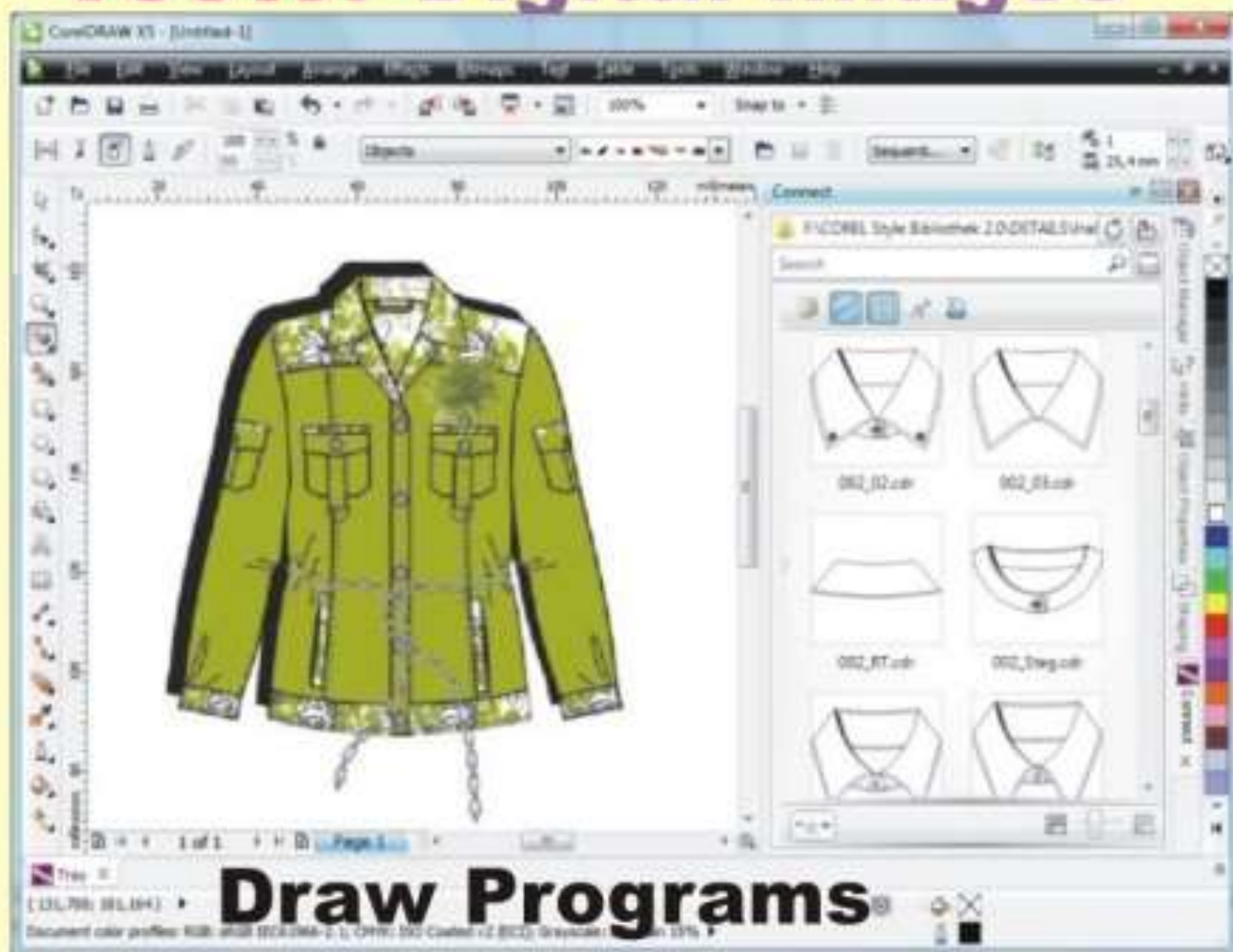
Vectors



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Technology Tools

Vector Digital Images

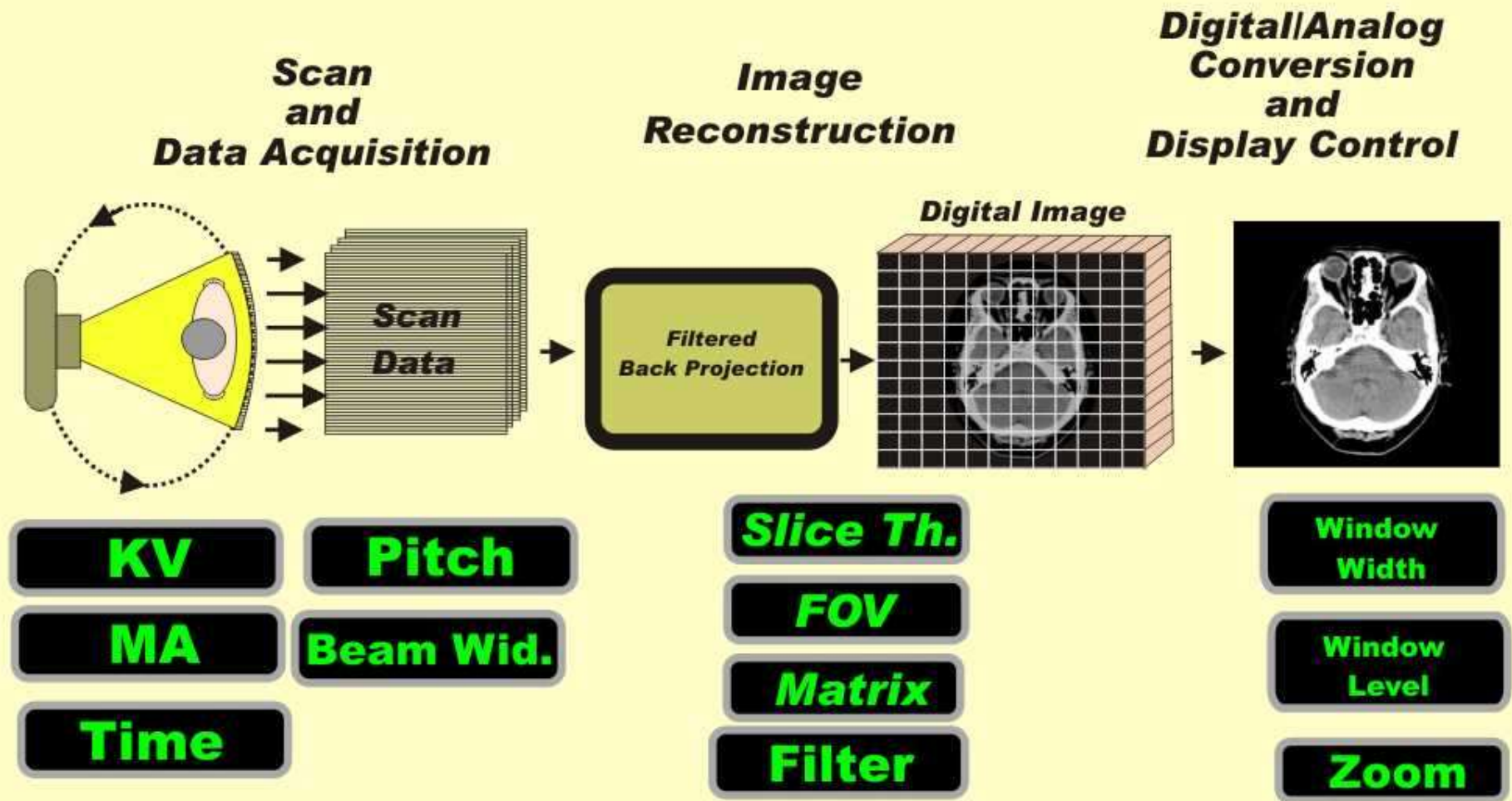


Technology Tools

Bitmap Digital Images



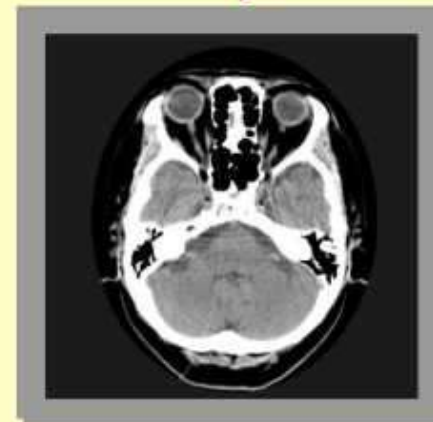
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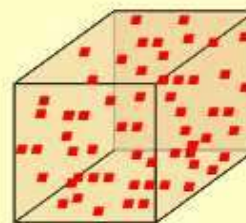
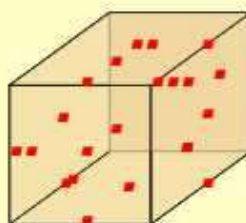
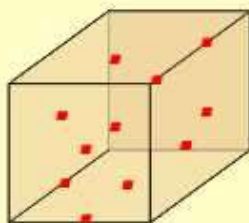
Major Protocol Factors

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Decreasing Noise



Requires Increased Photons Absorbed Per Voxel



Produces Increasing Dose

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Technology Tools

Course Management

Nebraska
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN



HOME

PERSONAL TOOLS

COURSES

CAMPUS CENTER

COMMUNITY

WEB RESOURCES

Powered By



David W. Brooks

My Blackboard

Sunday April 2nd, 2000

Logout



Home

My Courses

Applications of Selected Advanced Statistics

Cognitive Science Interest Group

Food Production Management

HSChem1

Statistical Methods

more ...

Today's Announcements

No announcements were posted today.

more ...

Today's Calendar

You have no calendar events today.

more ...

News and Events

Florida 71, North Carolina 59

Mediator in Microsoft Case Gives Up

HSBC Bids \$10.5B for French Bank

Farmers Urge Panel To Boost Exports

Protesters Oppose Returning Elian

Accu Weather

CLEAR



Temperature: 34 F

Humidity: 92%

Wind: SSE 6 mph

Visibility: 10 miles

LINCOLN, NE

Technology Tools

Web Conferencing

WebEx



GoToMeeting



Use in “share desktop” mode.

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The

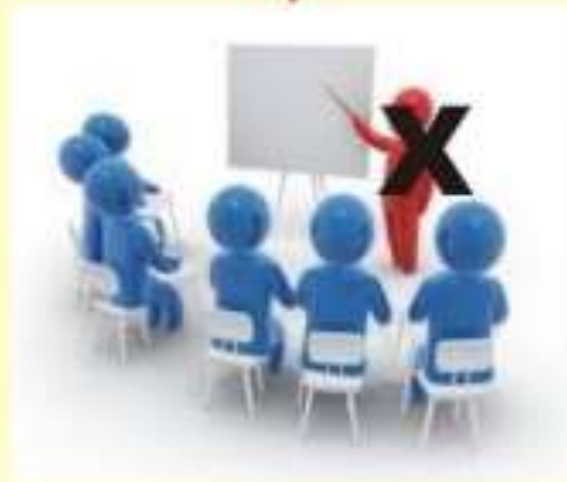


Model

Online Courses

Modular Courses

MOOC



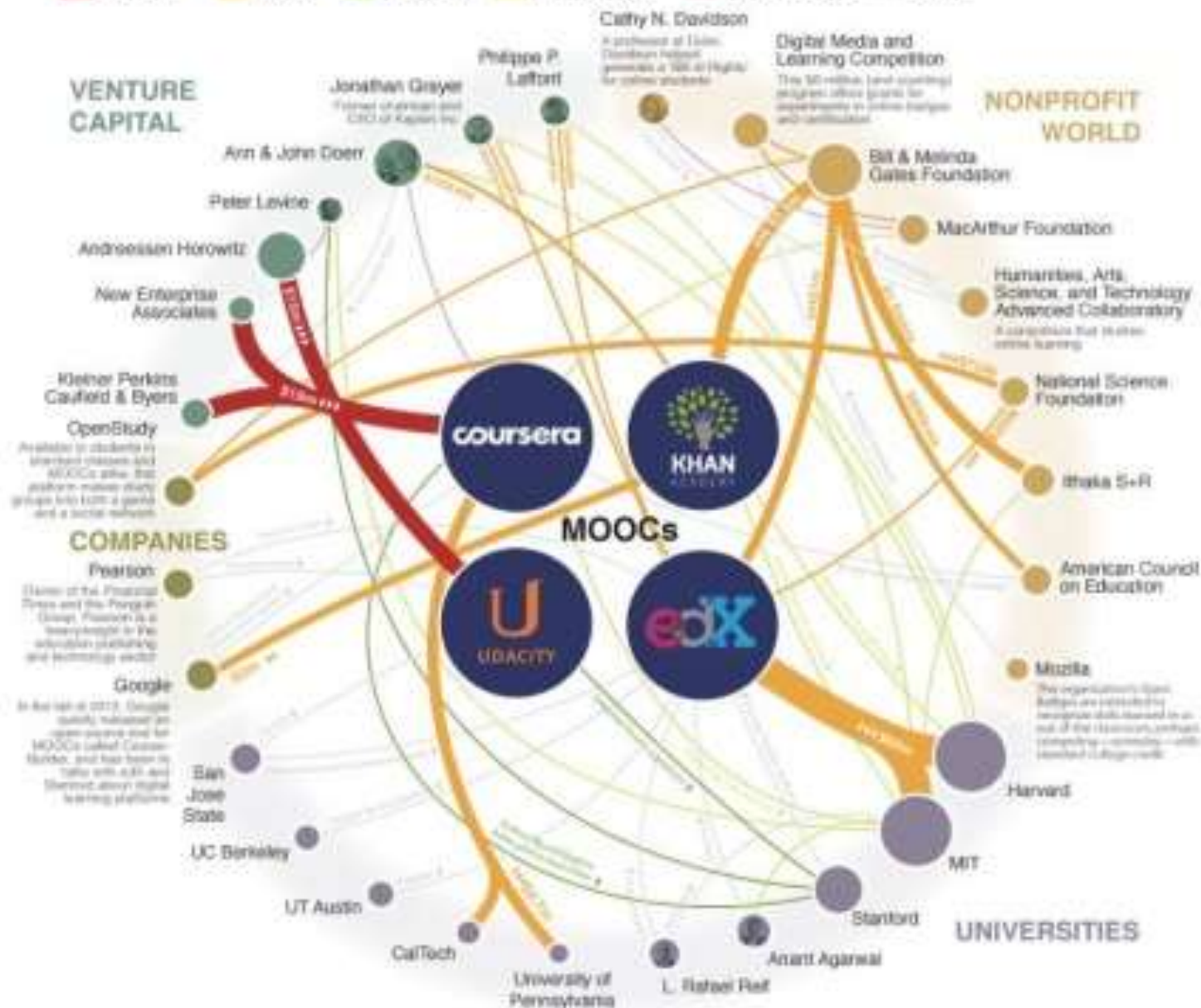
**Reduce the need
and opportunity
for local faculty**

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Radio will carry a wealth of authoritative information and scientific knowledge to hundreds of town halls, factories, and fire-sides, offering a higher education to thousands of men and women to whom such training has hitherto been denied.

A COLLEGE education for every one who wants it.

A university in the home, in the factory and mill, and in the public hall.

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Prof. Michael Pupin

Professor of physics; head of the Phoenix Research Laboratory at Columbia University, and inventor of the Pupin coil, which made possible transcontinental telephony

"In each of the 100 halls 1000 persons—100,000 persons in all—are receiving an education without even leaving the limits of their own neighborhoods!

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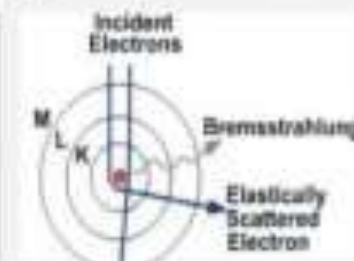
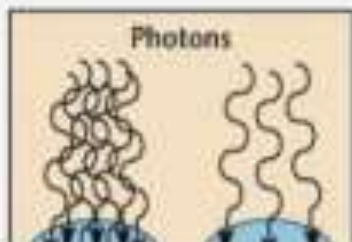
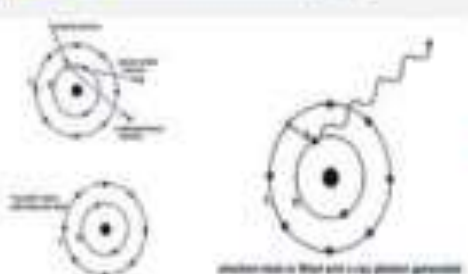
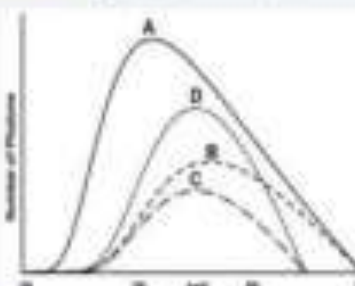
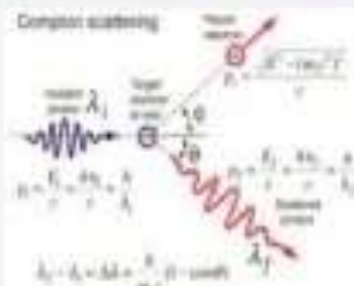
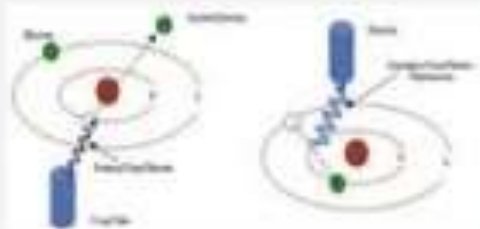
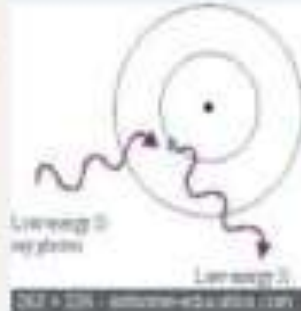
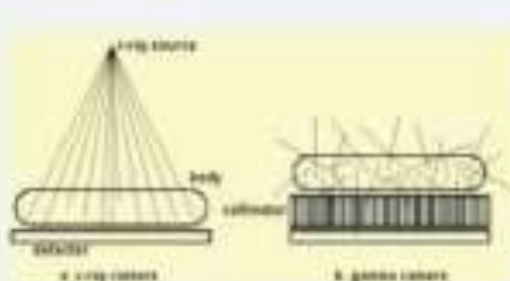
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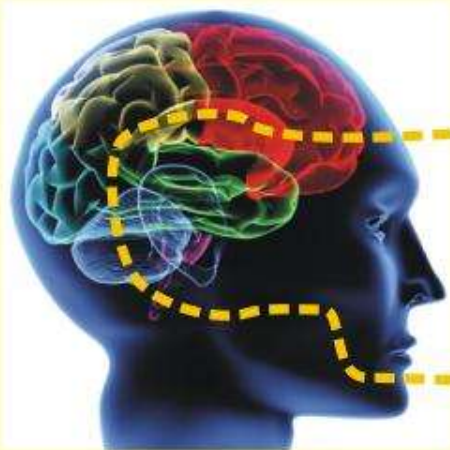
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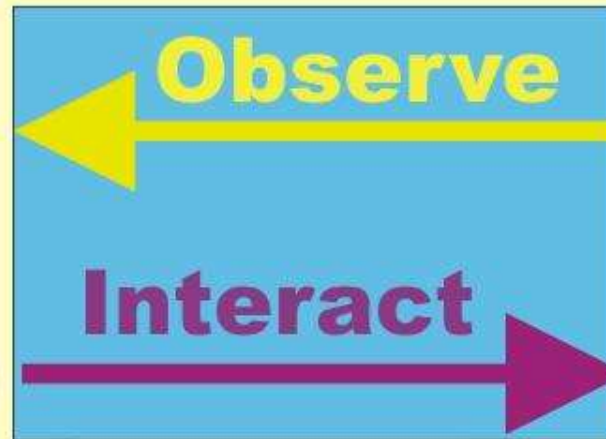
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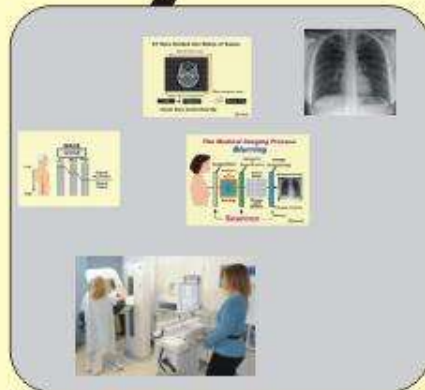
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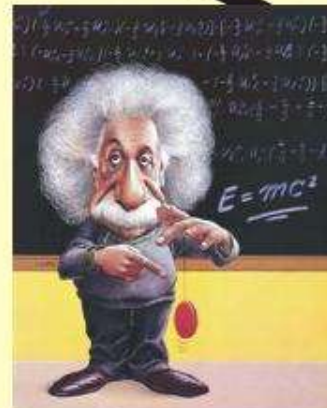
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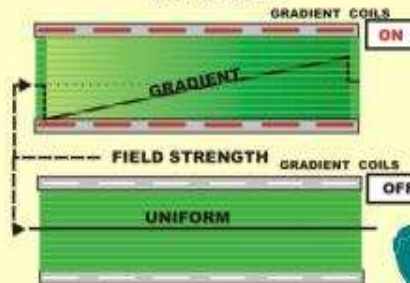
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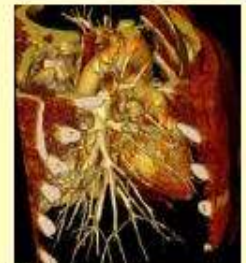
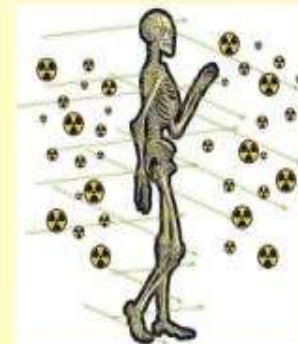
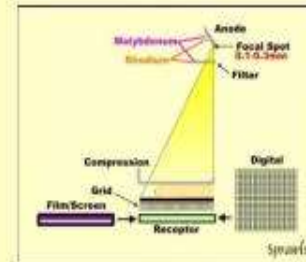
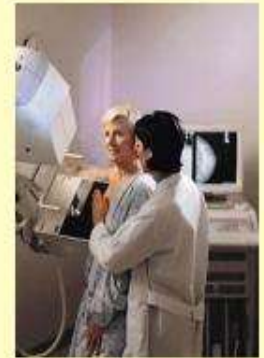


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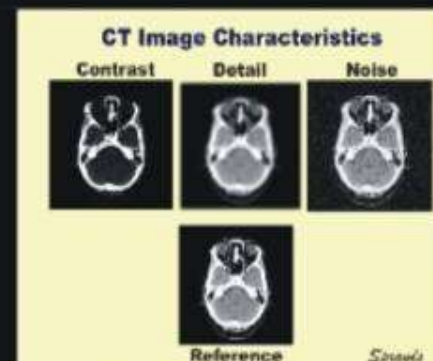
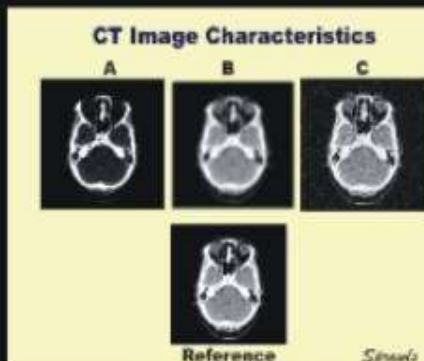
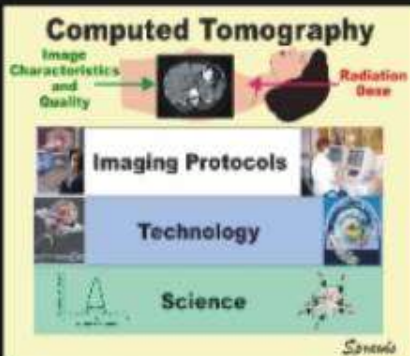
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Image Reconstruction and Voxels	CT Numbers	Hounsfield Unit Scale
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Summary of CT Dose Quantities	Factors That Determine Dose	Factors Affecting Image Detail
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Not a Perfect Image	Image Exposure Histogram	Composite Blurring
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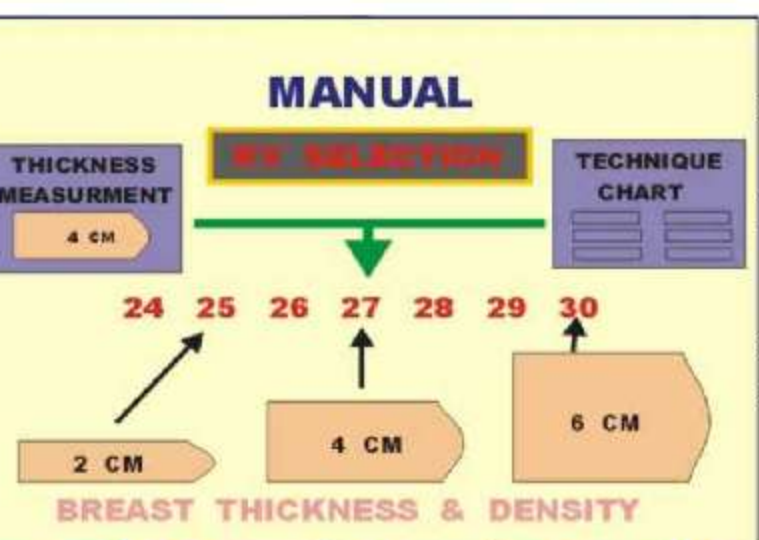
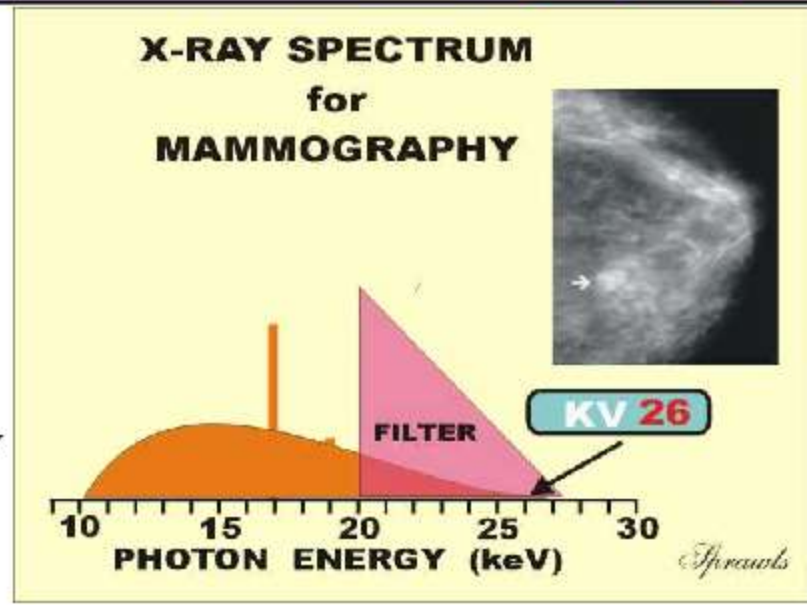
The x-ray beam spectrum is one of the most critical factors that must be adjusted to optimize a procedure with respect to contrast sensitivity and dose.

We can think of it as a three-step procedure:

1. Select the appropriate anode (moly or rhodium)
2. Select the appropriate filter (moly or rhodium)
3. Select the appropriate KV (In the range 24 kV to 32 kV)

Increasing the KV has two effects on the x-ray beam. It increases the efficiency and output for a specific MAS value and it shifts the photon energy spectrum forward so that the beam becomes more penetrating.

While a more penetrating beam does reduce contrast sensitivity it is necessary when imaging thicker and more dense breast. Therefore compressed breast thickness is the principal factor that determines the optimum KV.



Mammography systems have indicators that display the thickness of the compressed breast. This along with a general assessment of breast density is used to manually select an optimum KV either from experience or an established technique chart.

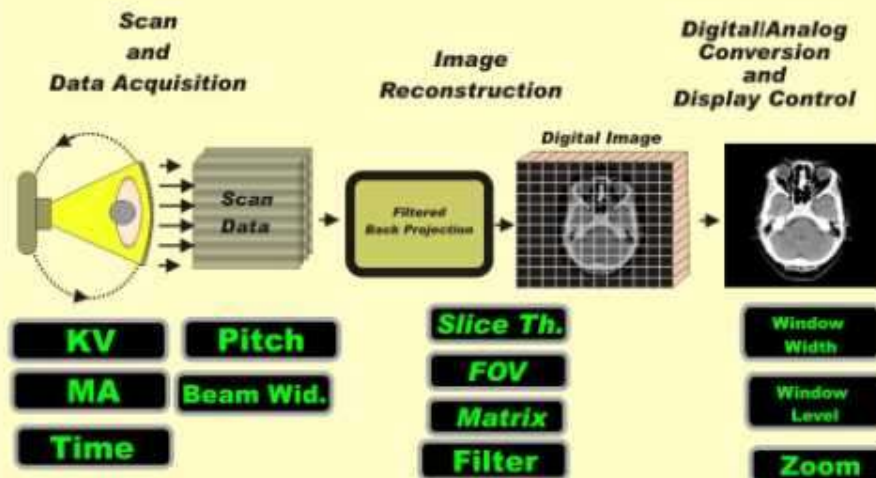
The general goal is to increase the KV as necessary to keep the exposure time, MAS, and dose to the breast within reasonable limits as breast thickness increases.

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The Imaging Process

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The Three Phases of CT Image Formation



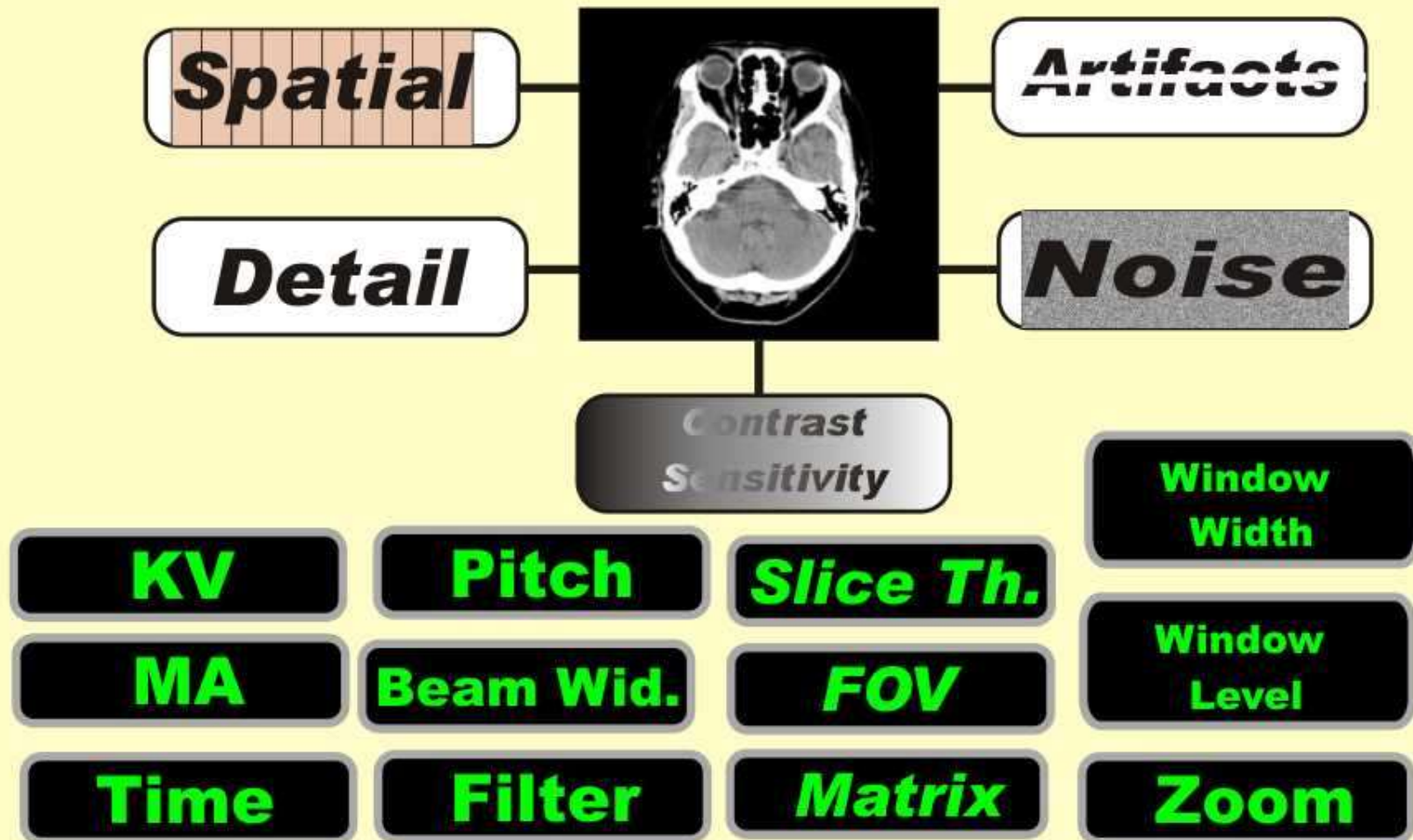
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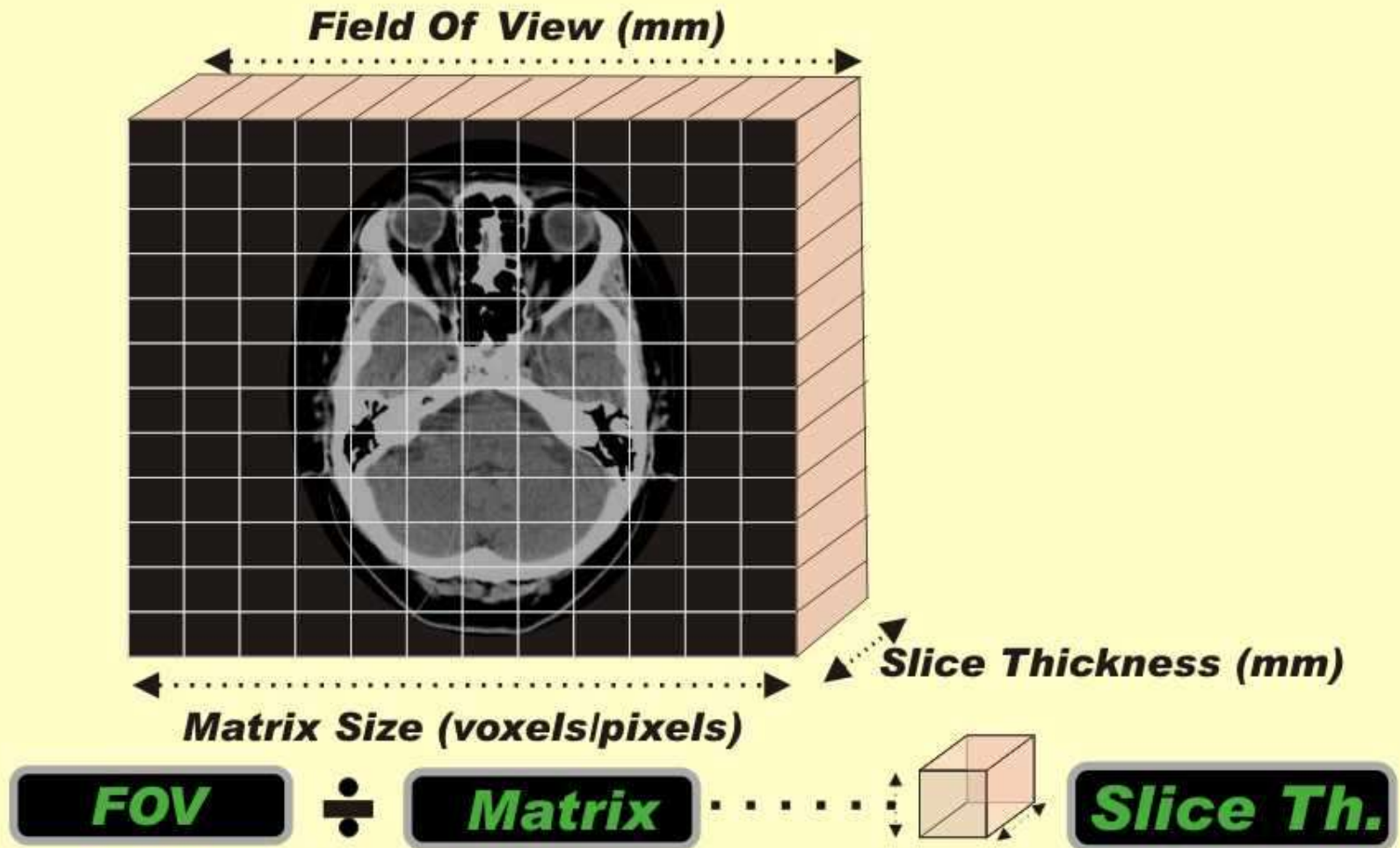
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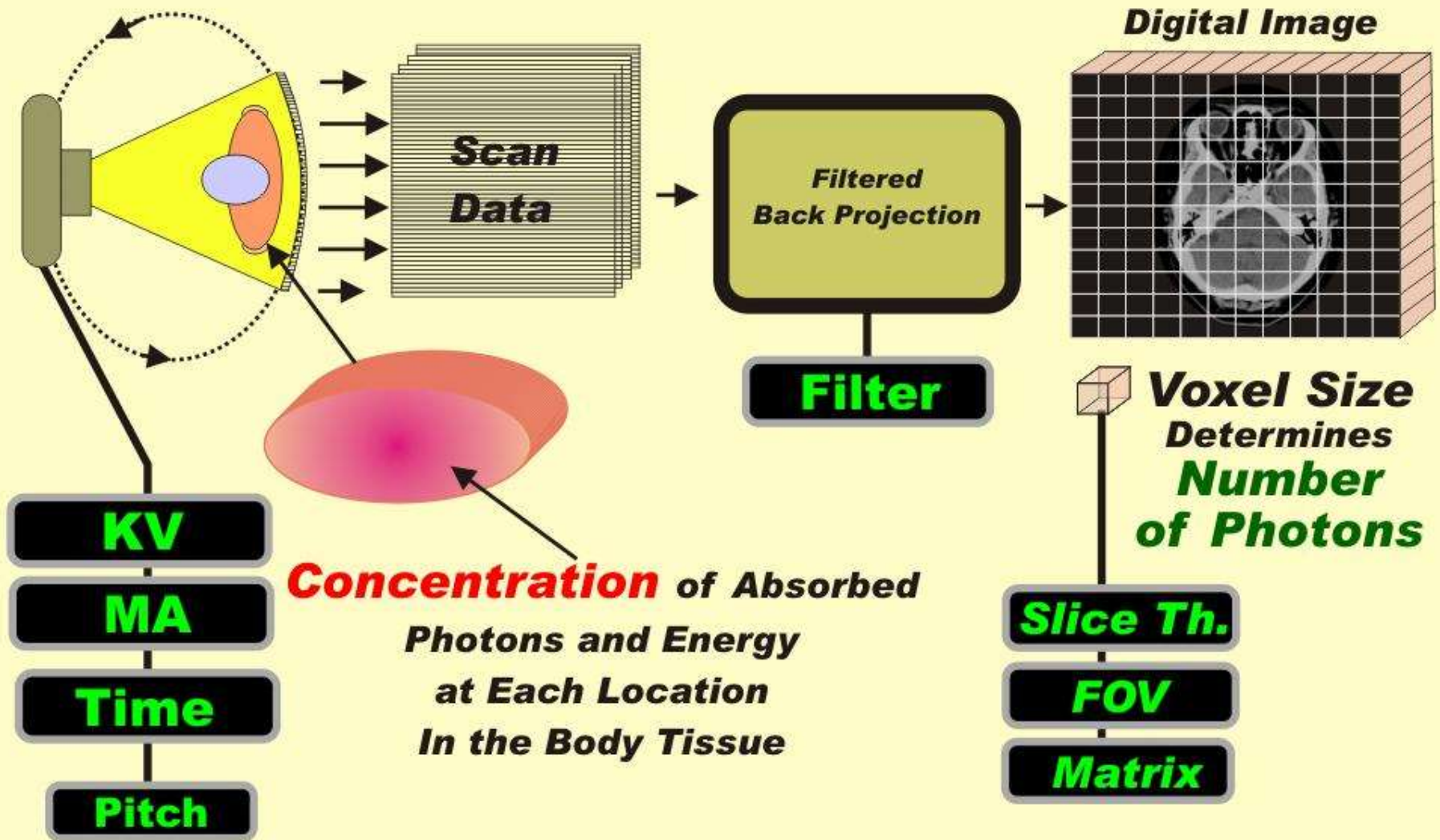
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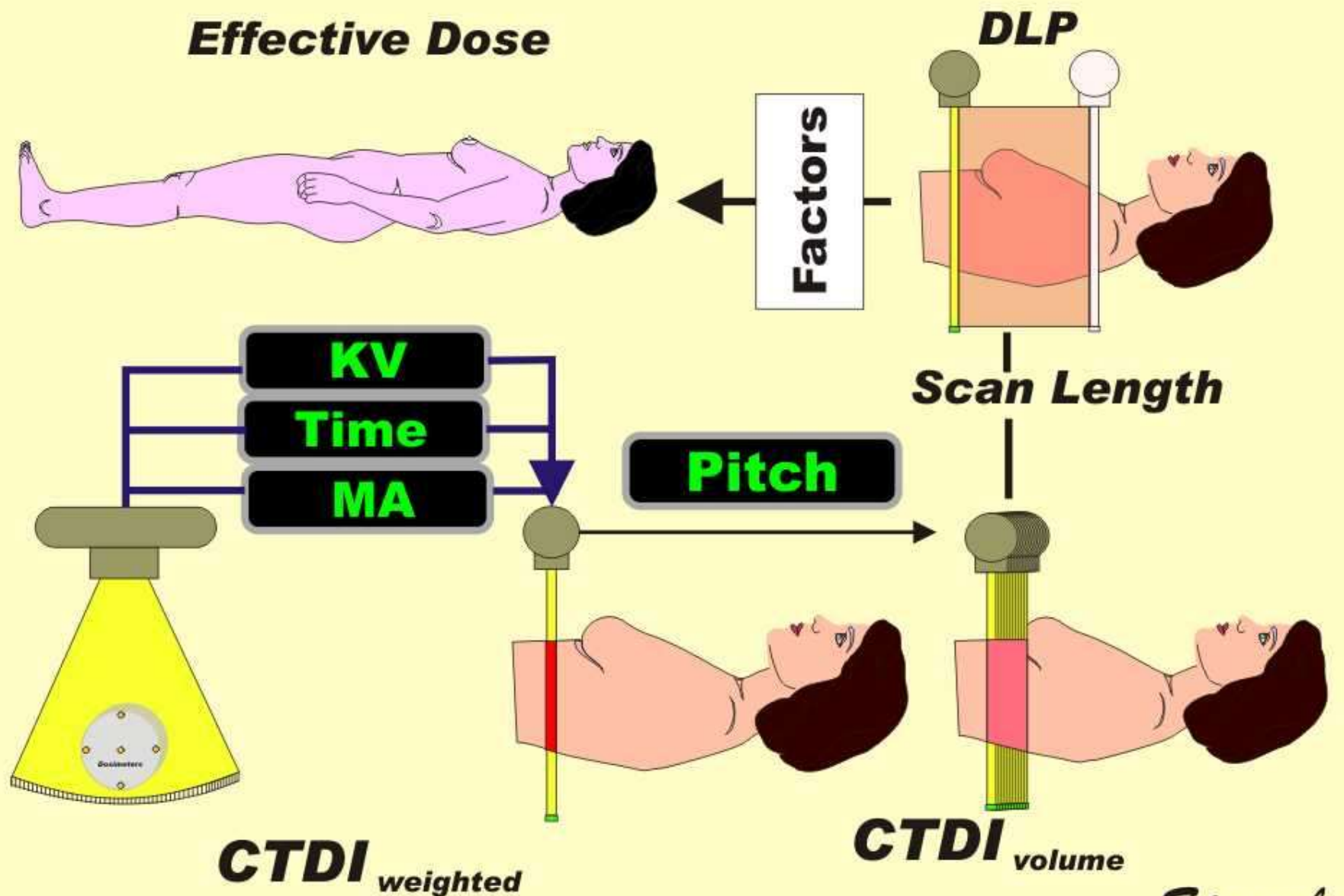
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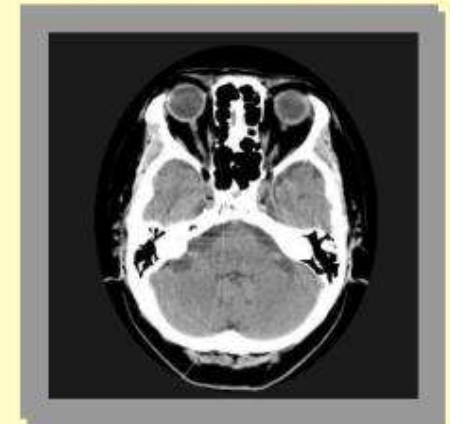
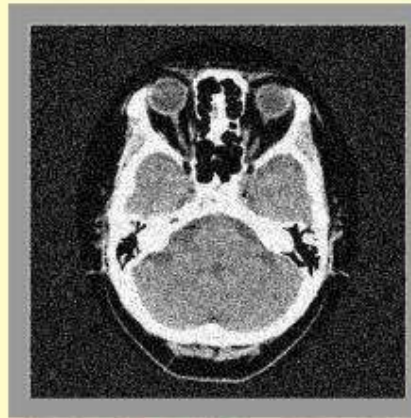
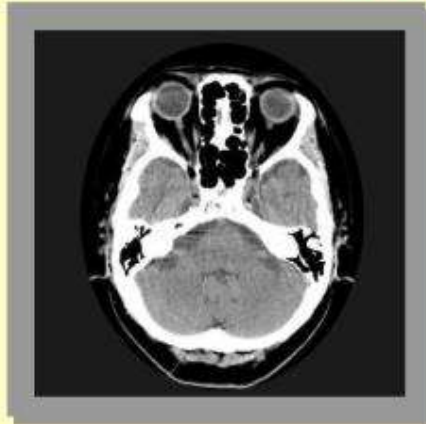
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Relationship of Radiation Dose to Image Detail

Lower Dose **Higher Dose**



**When detail
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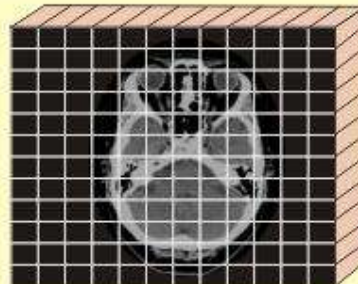
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Decreasing

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**Noise
Increases**

**Because of
decreased
voxel size**



**Dose
must be
increased
to
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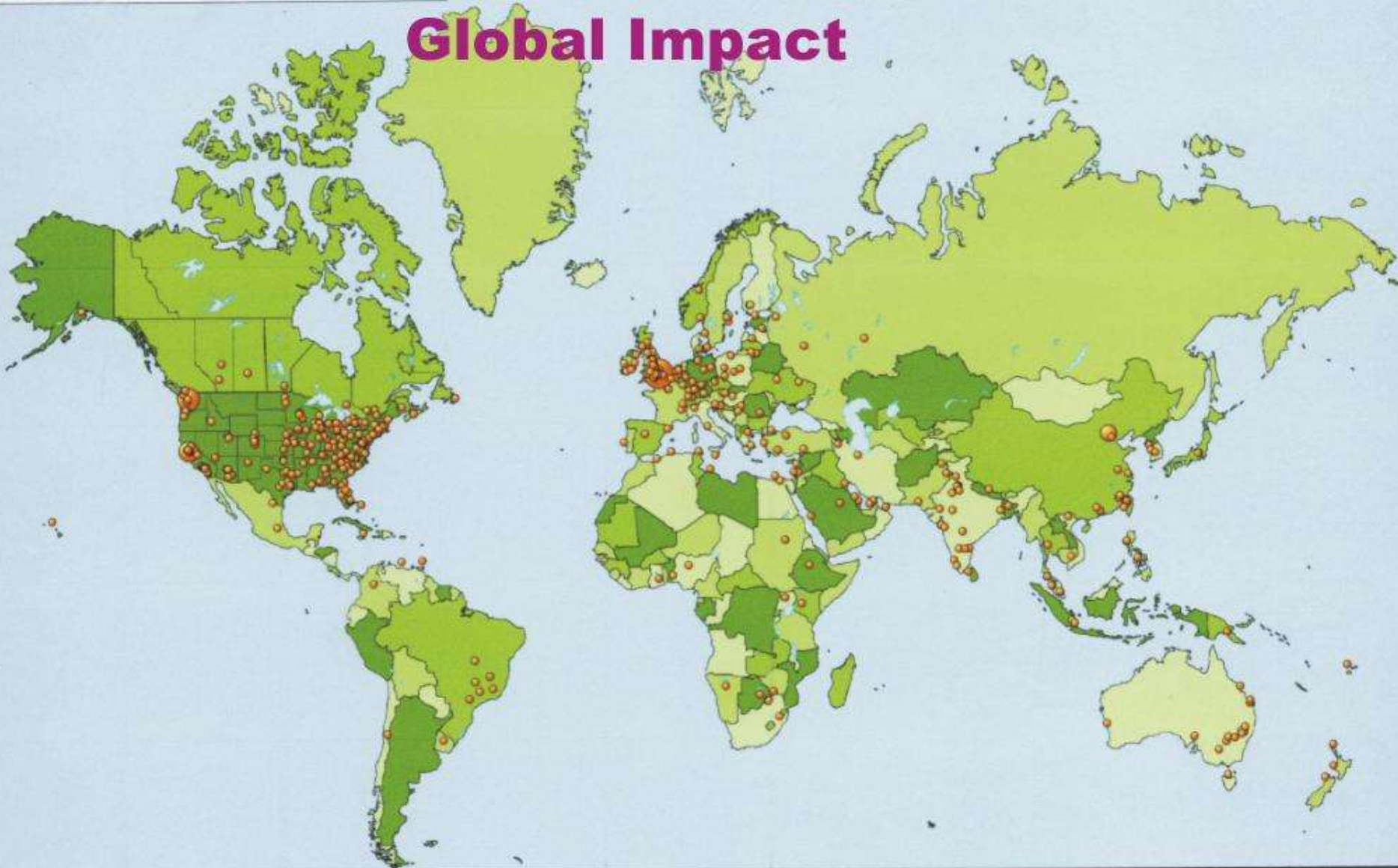
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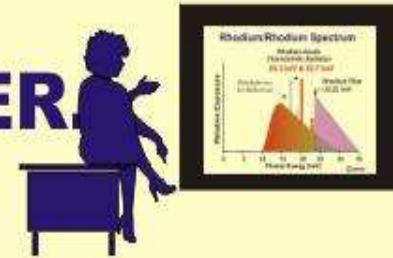
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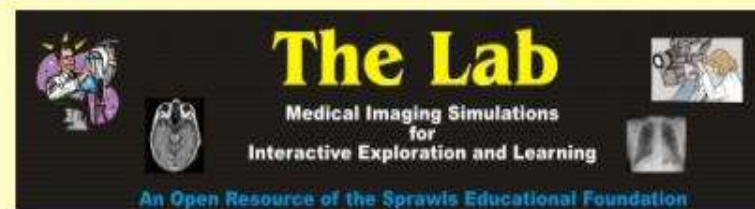
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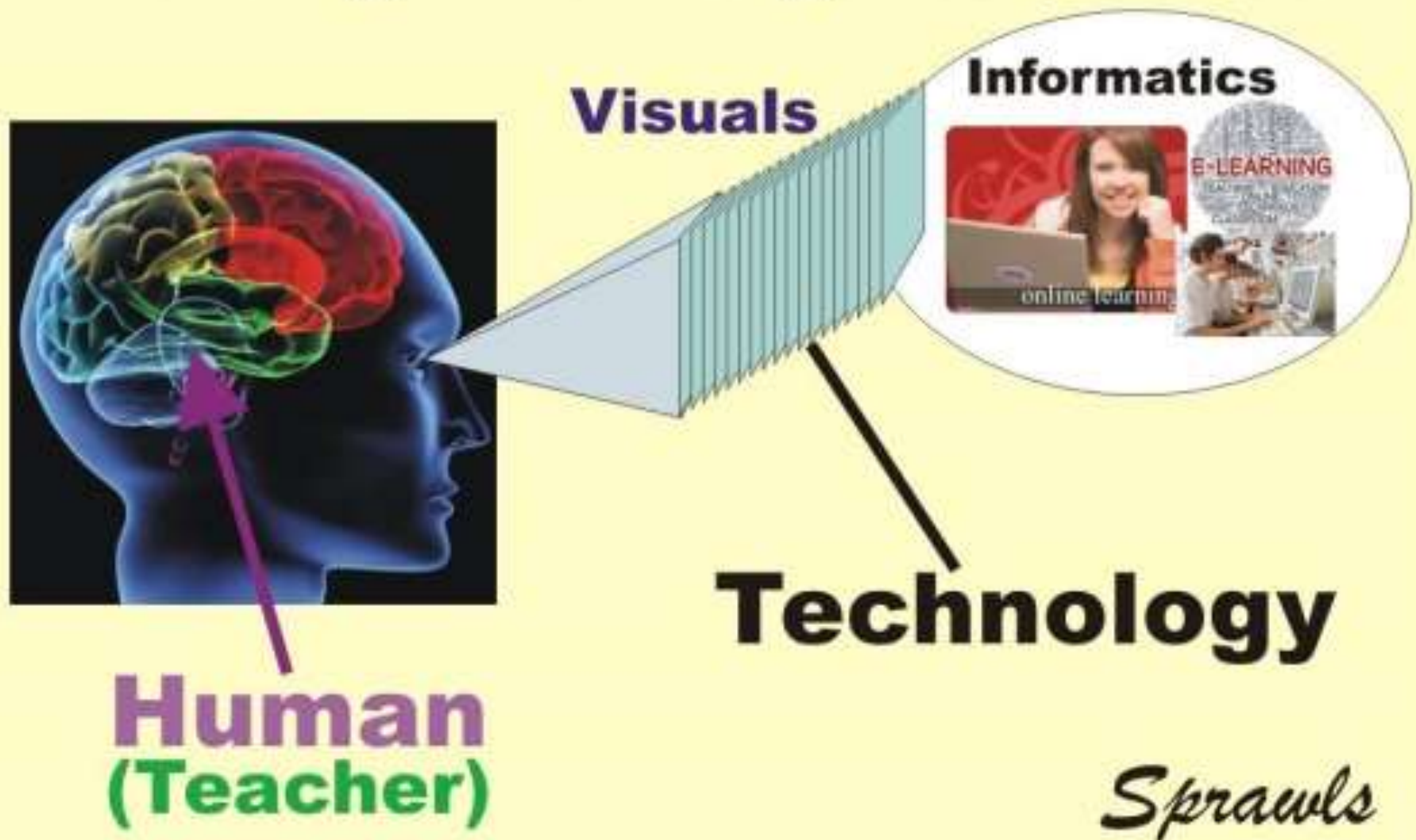


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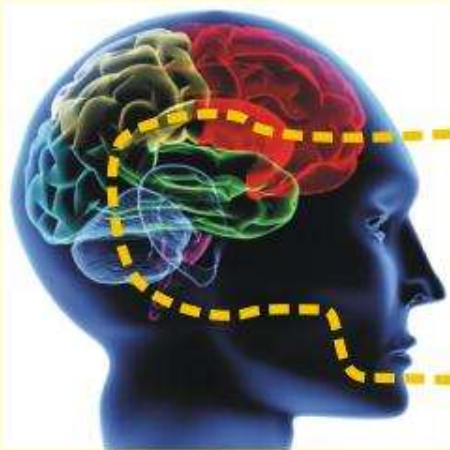
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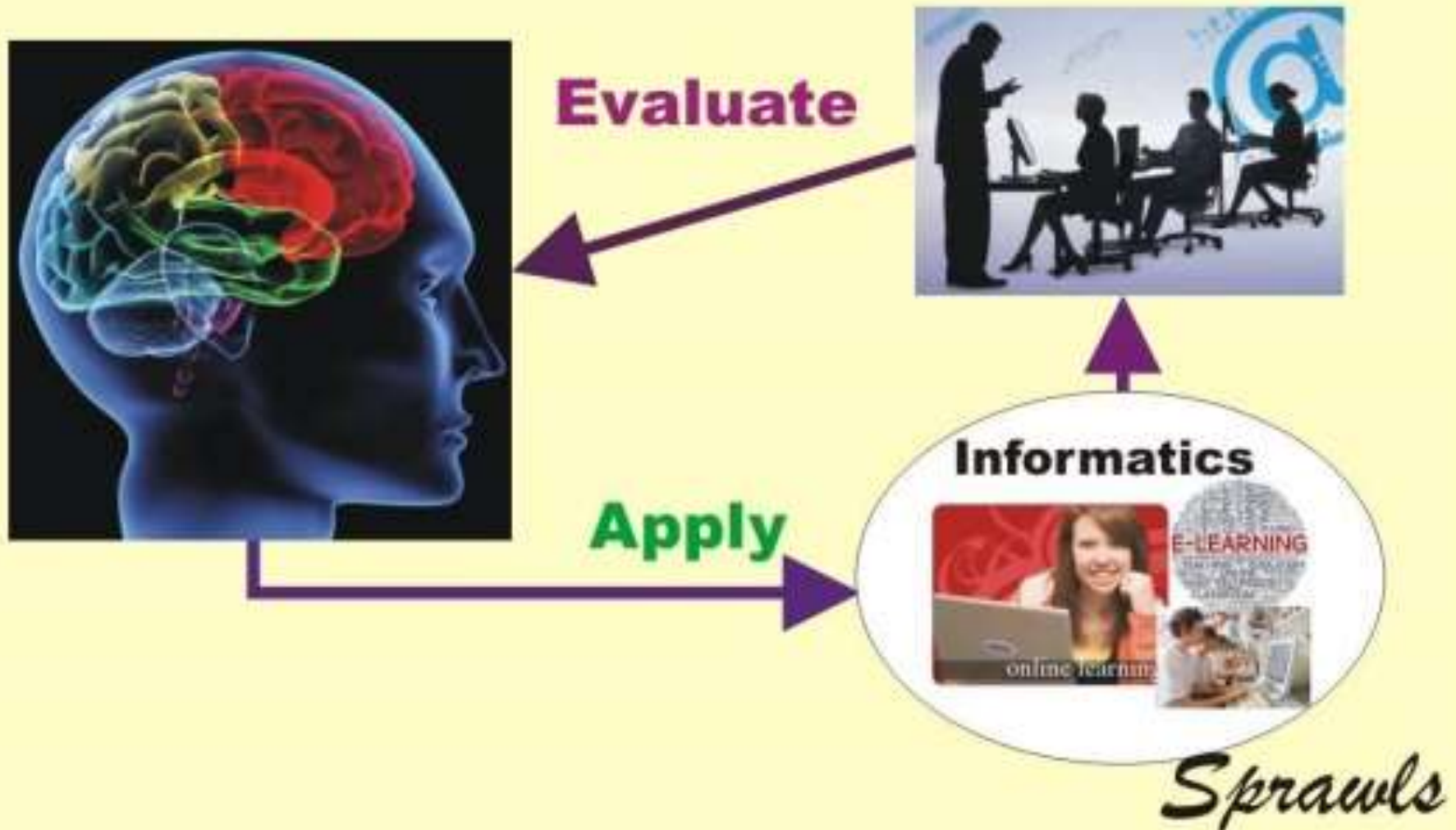
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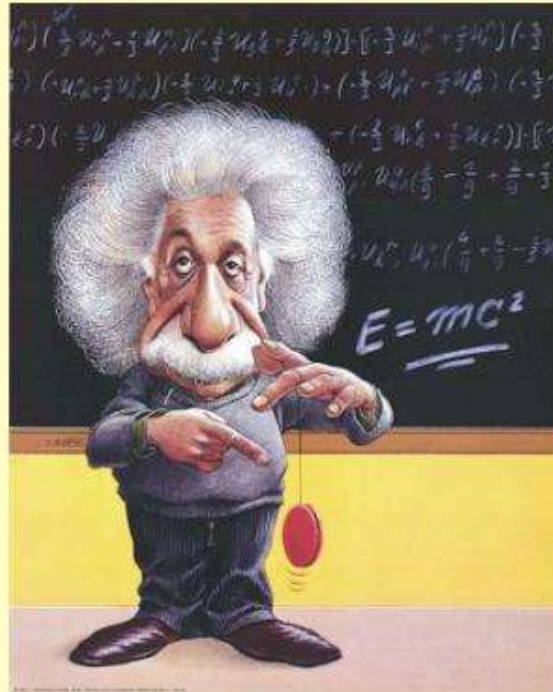
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Provide more
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Be
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