

# **Effective**

## **Medical Physics Educational Activities**

### **Models and Methods**



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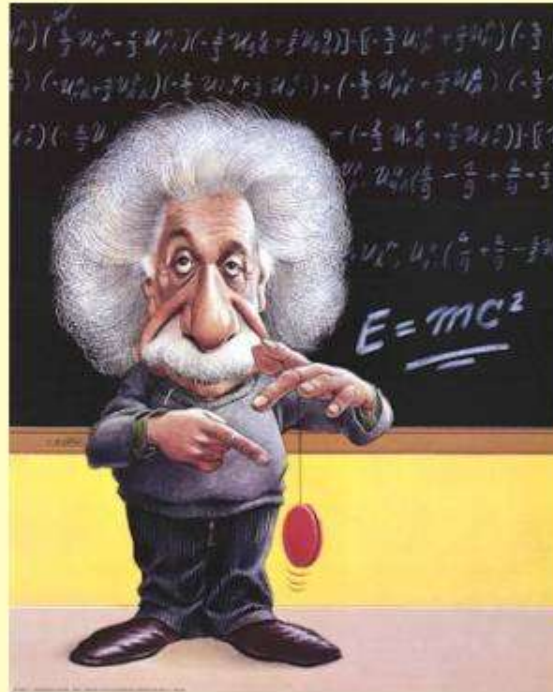


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# ***The Physicist as an Educator and Teacher***

## ***Our Objectives***

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



***Be  
EFFICIENT  
in our  
teaching***

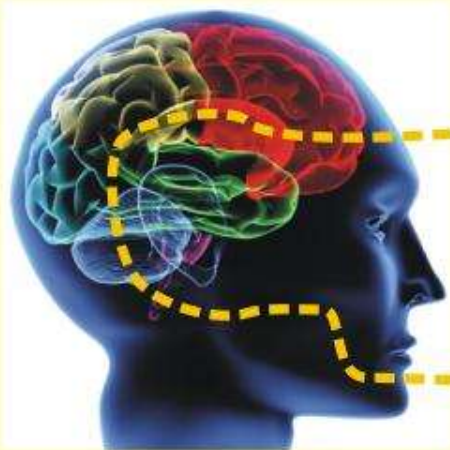
***Challenges Opportunities***

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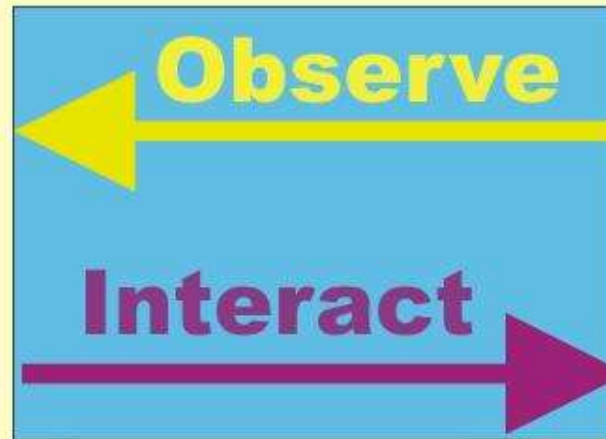


# The Elements of A Highly Effective Educational Session

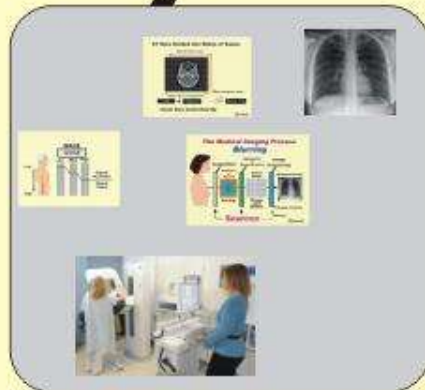
**The Brain**



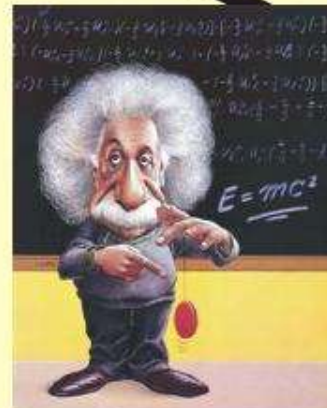
**Connection**



**The Physical Universe**  
(Physics of Medical Imaging)



**“Window”**



**Teacher  
/Guide**

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# 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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**January 23, 1896**





# The Spectrum of Learning Activities For Medical Physics



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# The Spectrum of Learning Activities For Medical Physics

**Verbal**



**Visual**



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# The Spectrum of Learning Activities For Medical Physics

**Passive** ←————→ **Interactive**  
**Verbal** ←————→ **Visual**



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# The Spectrum of Learning Activities For Medical Physics

**Easy**

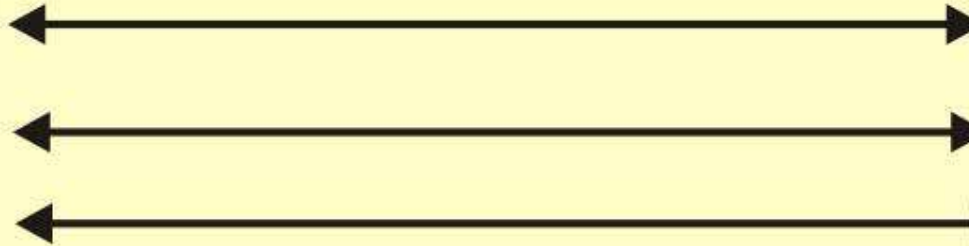
**Effort**

**Passive**

**Interactive**

**Verbal**

**Visual**



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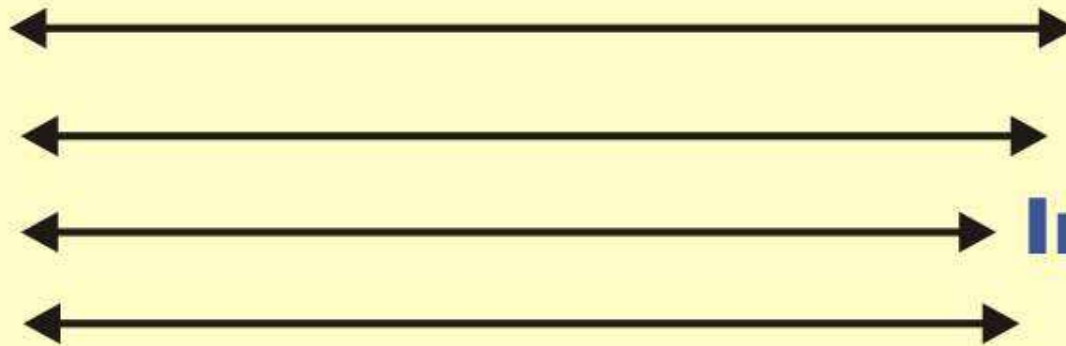
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# The Spectrum of Learning Activities

For

## Medical Physics

**Tradition** ← → **Innovation**

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**Easy**

**Effort**

**Passive**

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**Visual**

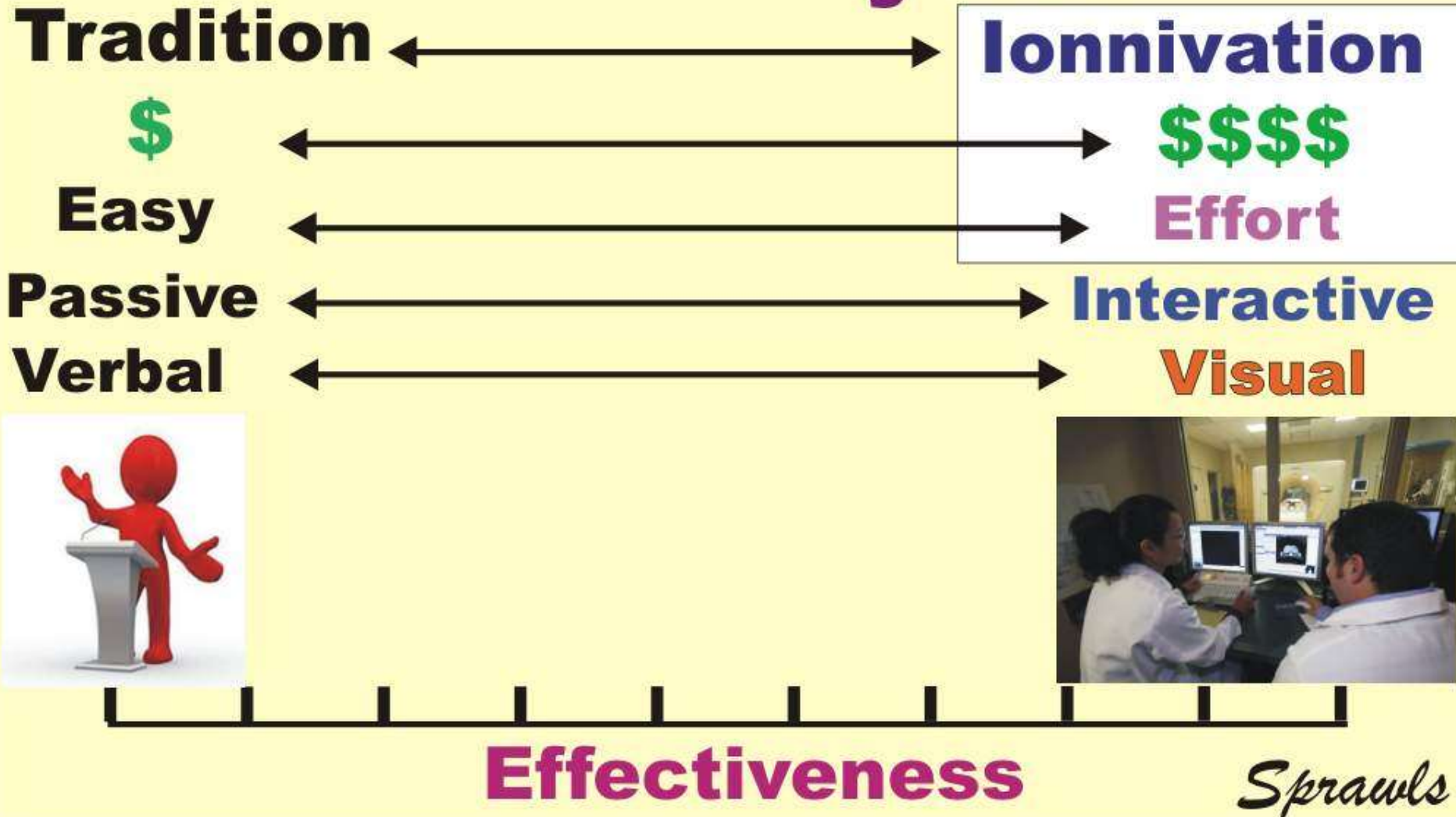


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# The Spectrum of Learning Activities For Medical Physics



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## Where do you fit in?



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# Large Classroom Effective or Efficient ?





# **Large Classroom** **Effective or Efficient ?**

**More passive than interactive**

**Individuals have different  
backgrounds and needs**



# Effective Medical Physics Education is like a **Giant Puzzle**





# What do you bring to the table?



**What do I bring to the table?**

**~~A Lecture~~**  
**~~To Talk To You~~**  
**~~Tell You What I Know~~**

**Share Experience**  
**and**  
**Some Resources**

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# 1960

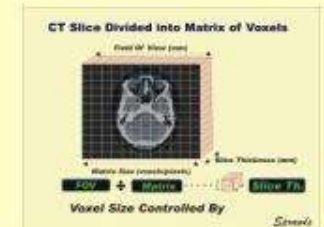
*WELCOME TO EMORY  
My name is Perry Sprauls  
I am your teacher*





# The Traditional Classroom

“ A Box for Enclosing Students...”

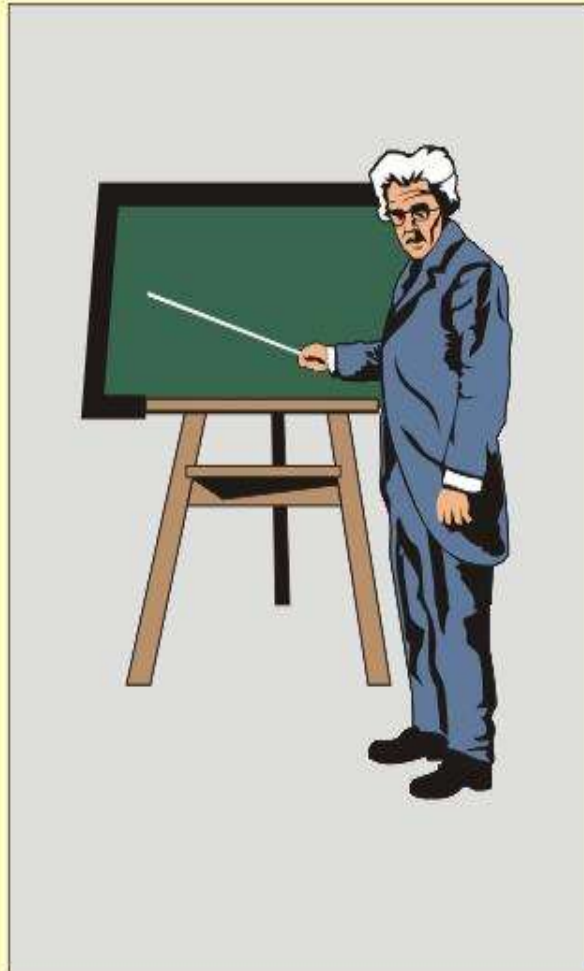


**And hiding them from the world  
about which they should learning.**

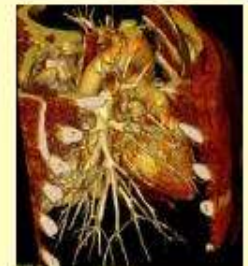
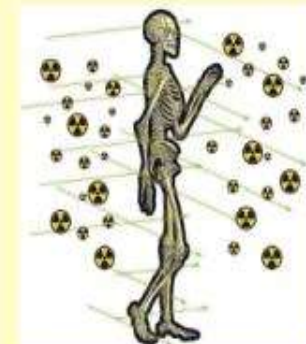
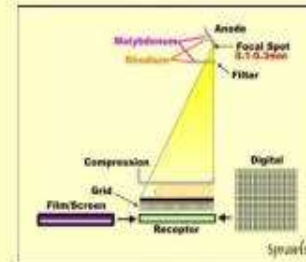
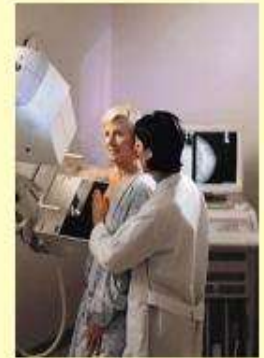
# THE LEARNERS



# WINDOW or BARRIER



# PHYSICAL UNIVERSE



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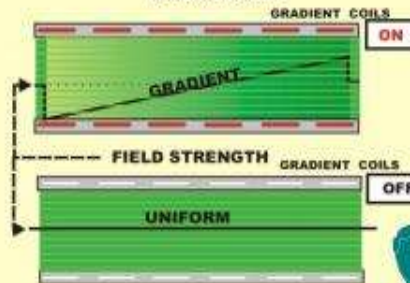
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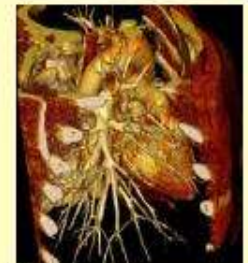
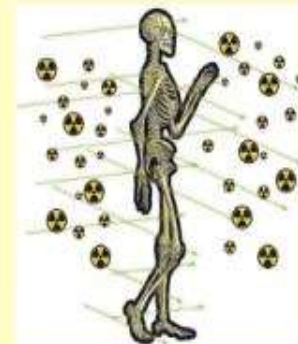
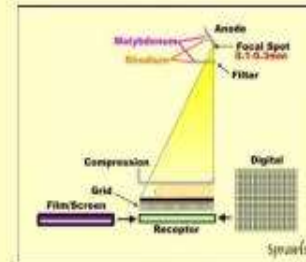
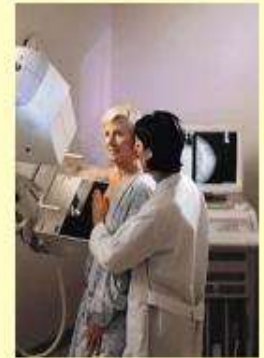


## Visuals

### A MAGNETIC FIELD GRADIENT

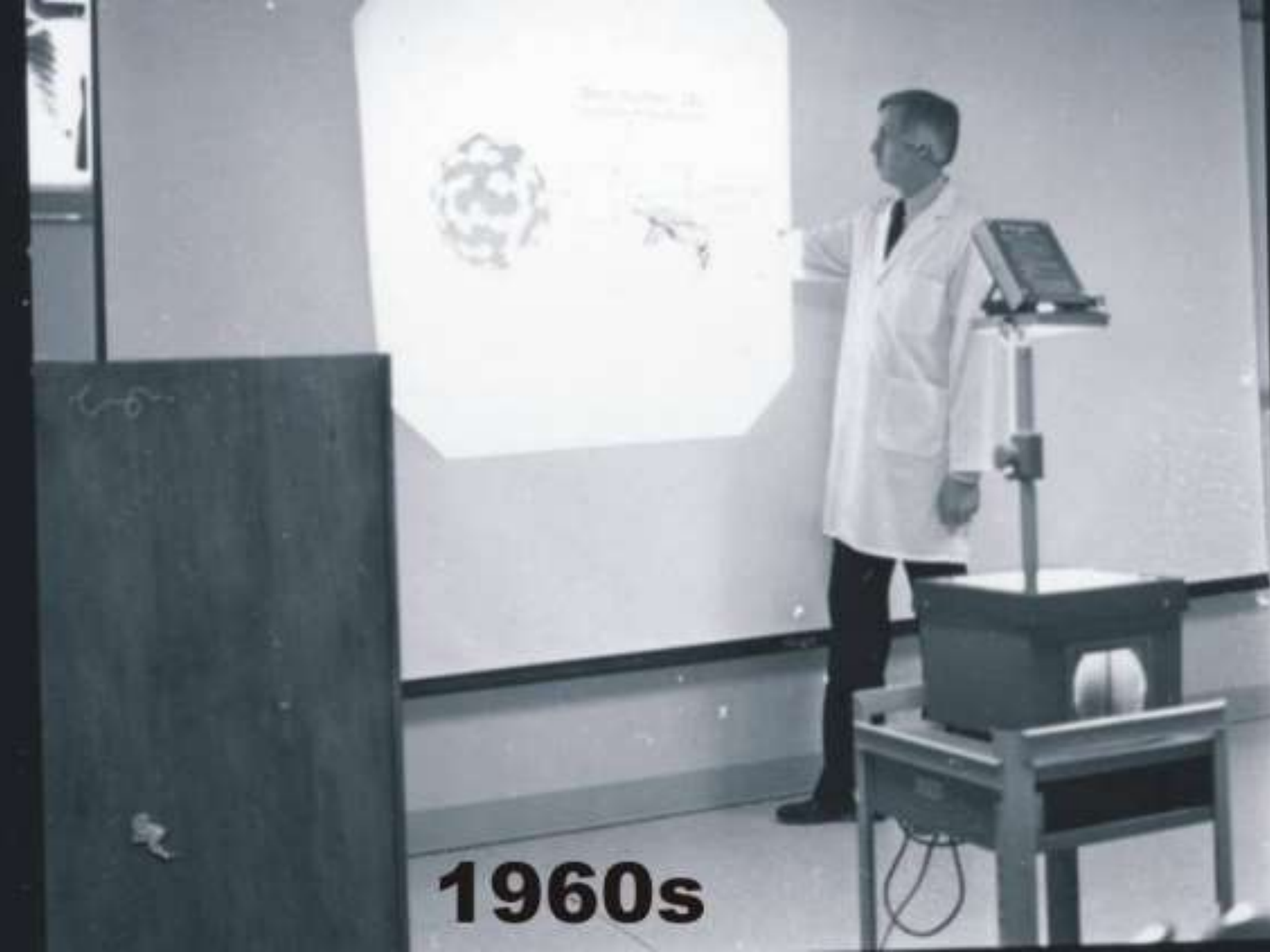


Physicists

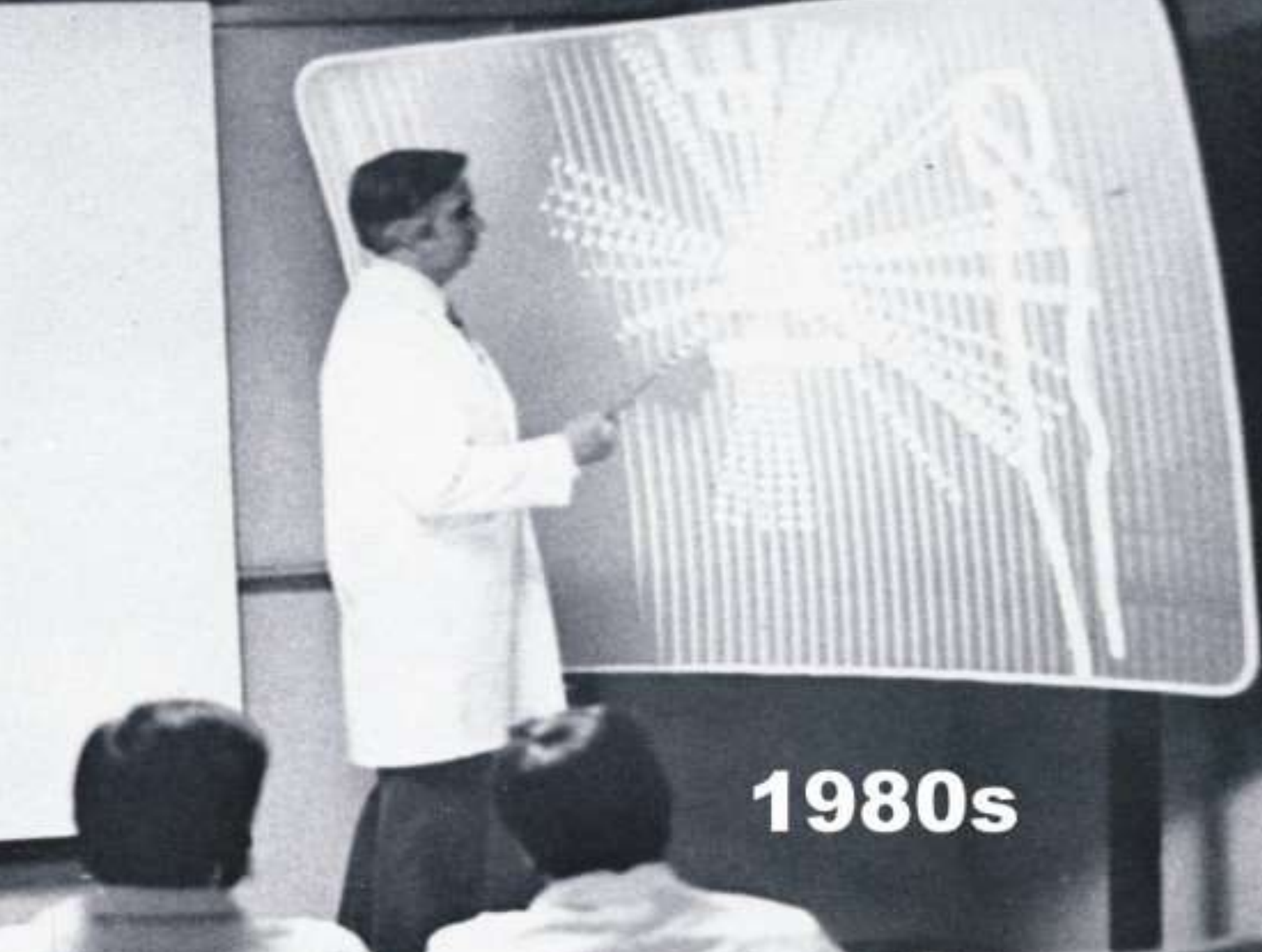


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**1960s**



**1980s**

# *The Sprawls Resources*

**Sharing the Emory Experience with the World  
With Emphasis on the Developing Countries**

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**Open Access  
Educational Resources**



**Visuals Books Modules**

**Global Impact**



**Enhancing Radiology Education  
in Every Country of the World**



# The **Collaborative Teaching** Model

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**Modules Books Visuals**



**Enhance the performance  
of physics faculty**



**Residents & Radiologists**

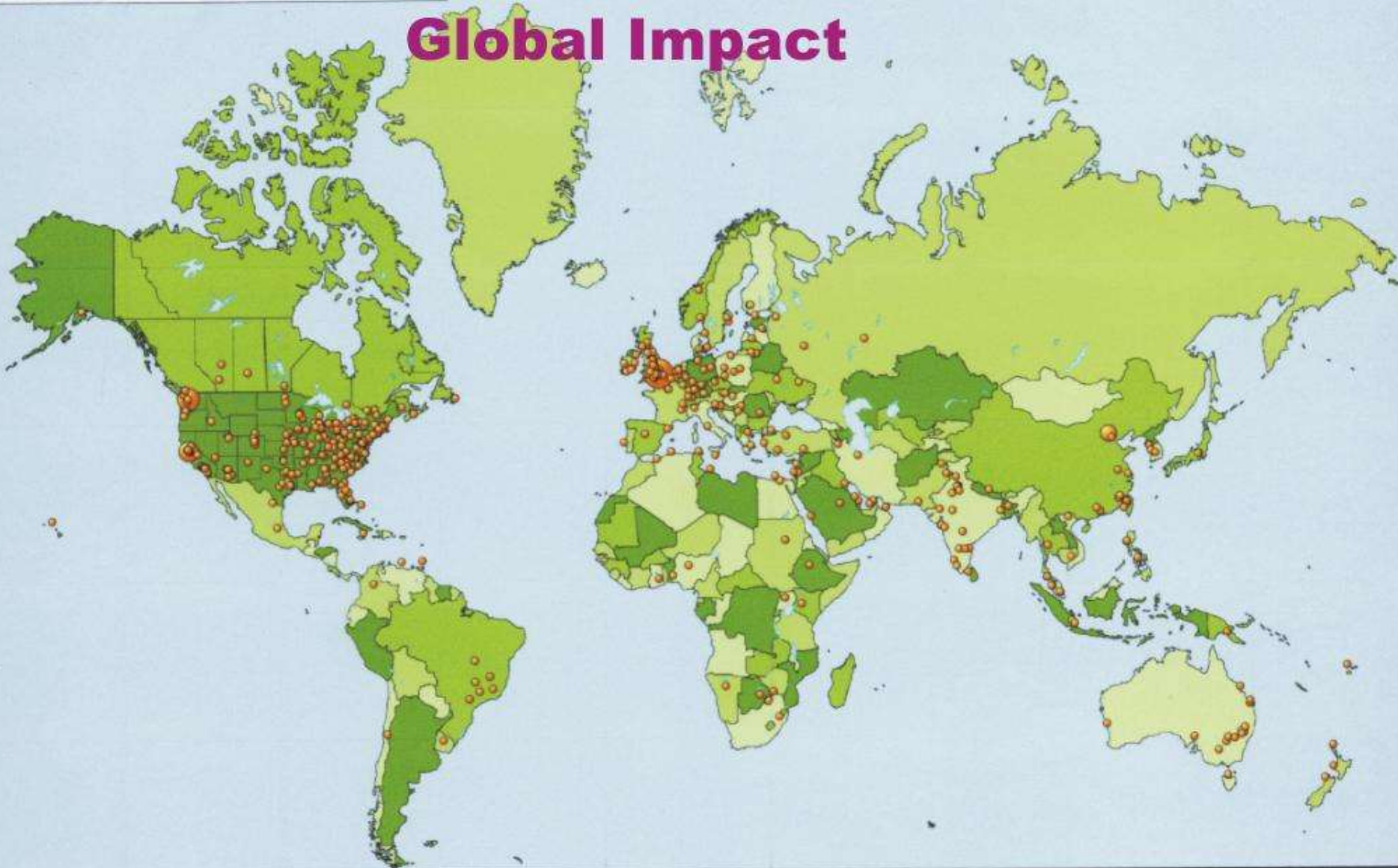
**Local Universities**

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# *The Sprawls Resources*

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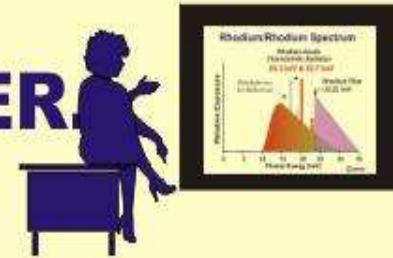
### **Global Impact**





# The Values We Hold

**The PHYSICIST is the TEACHER**



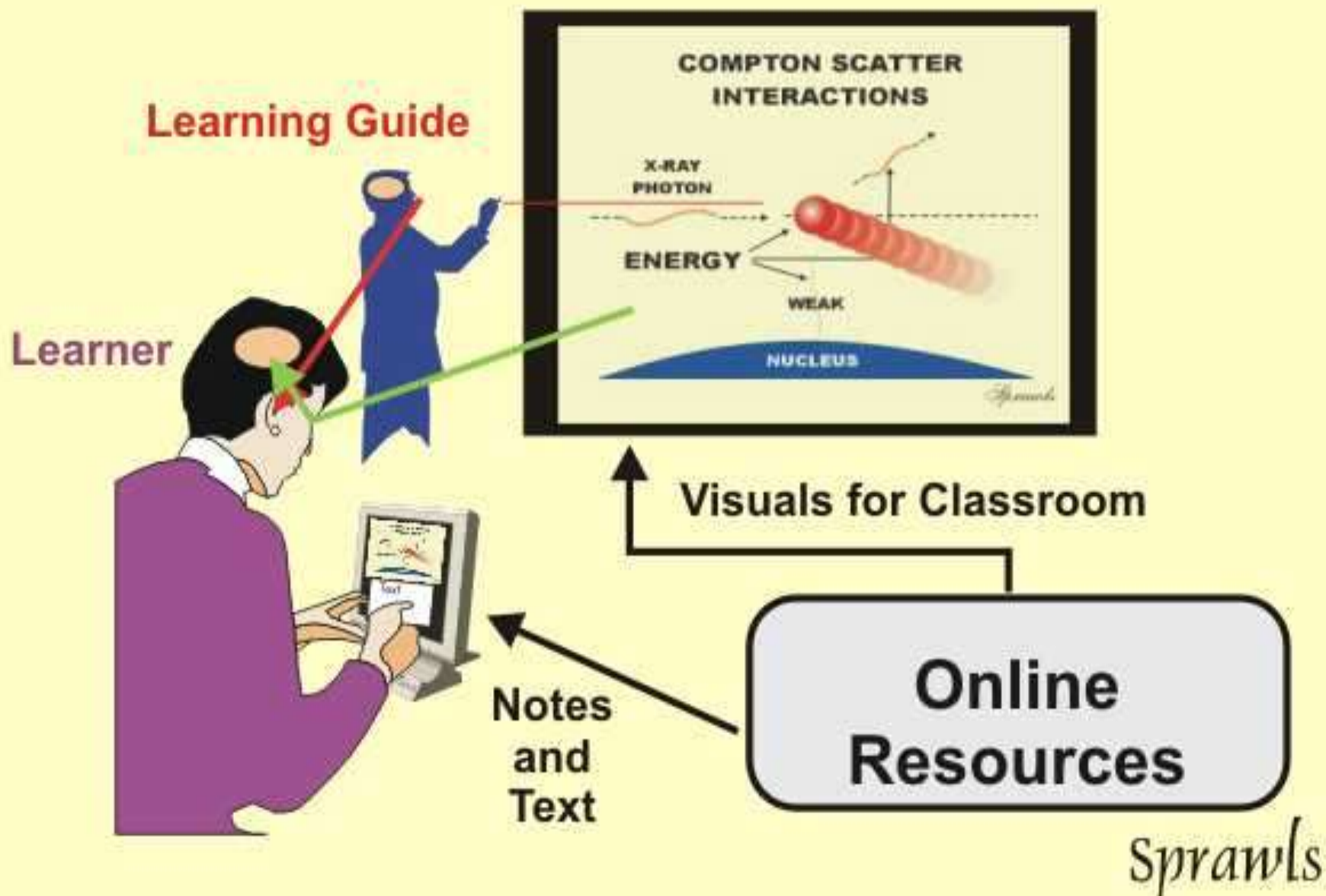
**TECHNOLOGY is the TOOL that can be used for effective and efficient teaching.**

**Technology should be used to enhance human performance of both learners (residents, students, etc.) And teachers**





# Technology Enhanced Learning



# The Barrier

## Physics Education



## Clinical Imaging



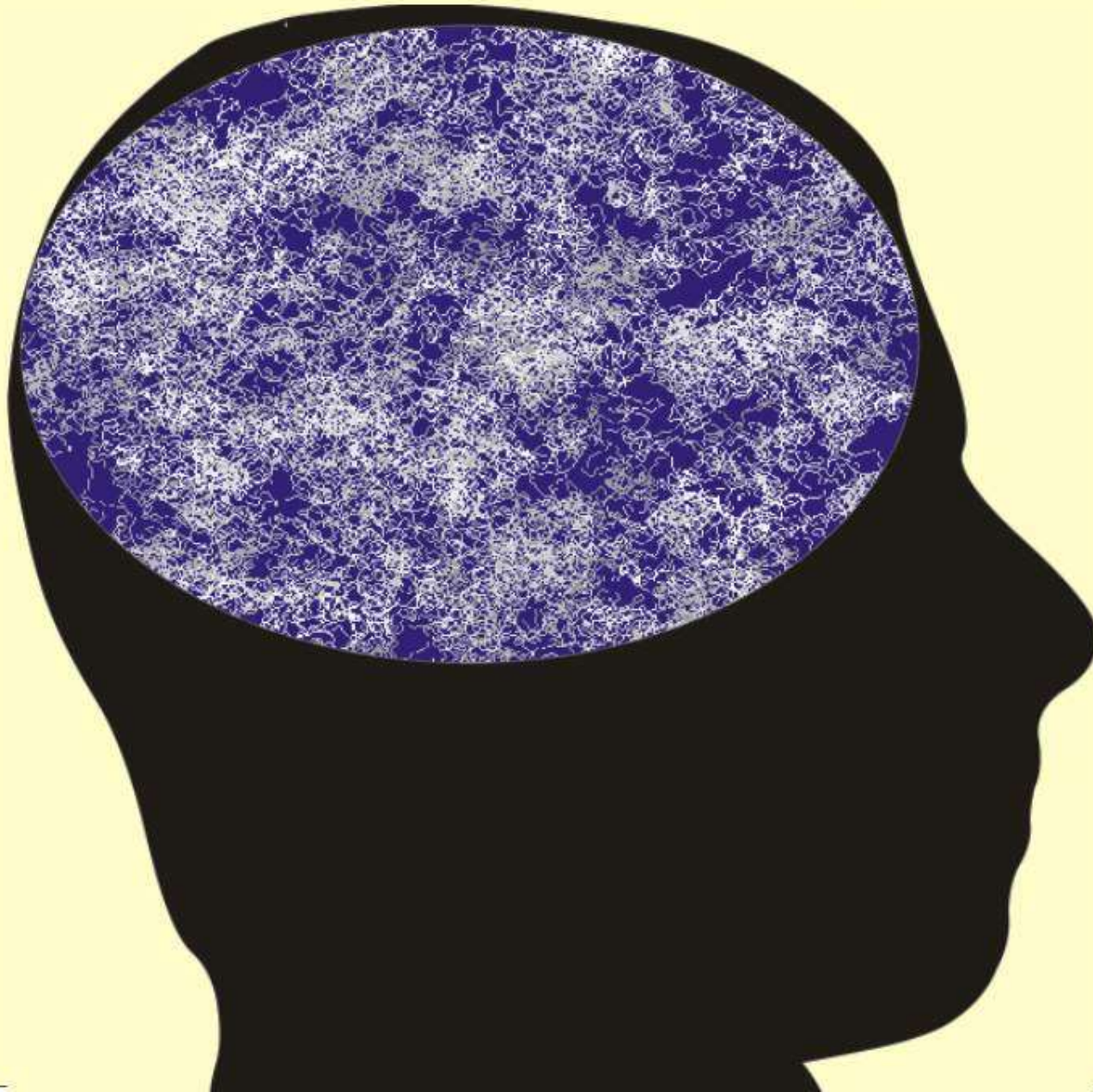
**Efficiency**

**Location, Resources, Human Effort, Cost**

**Limited Experience**

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# Your Mind

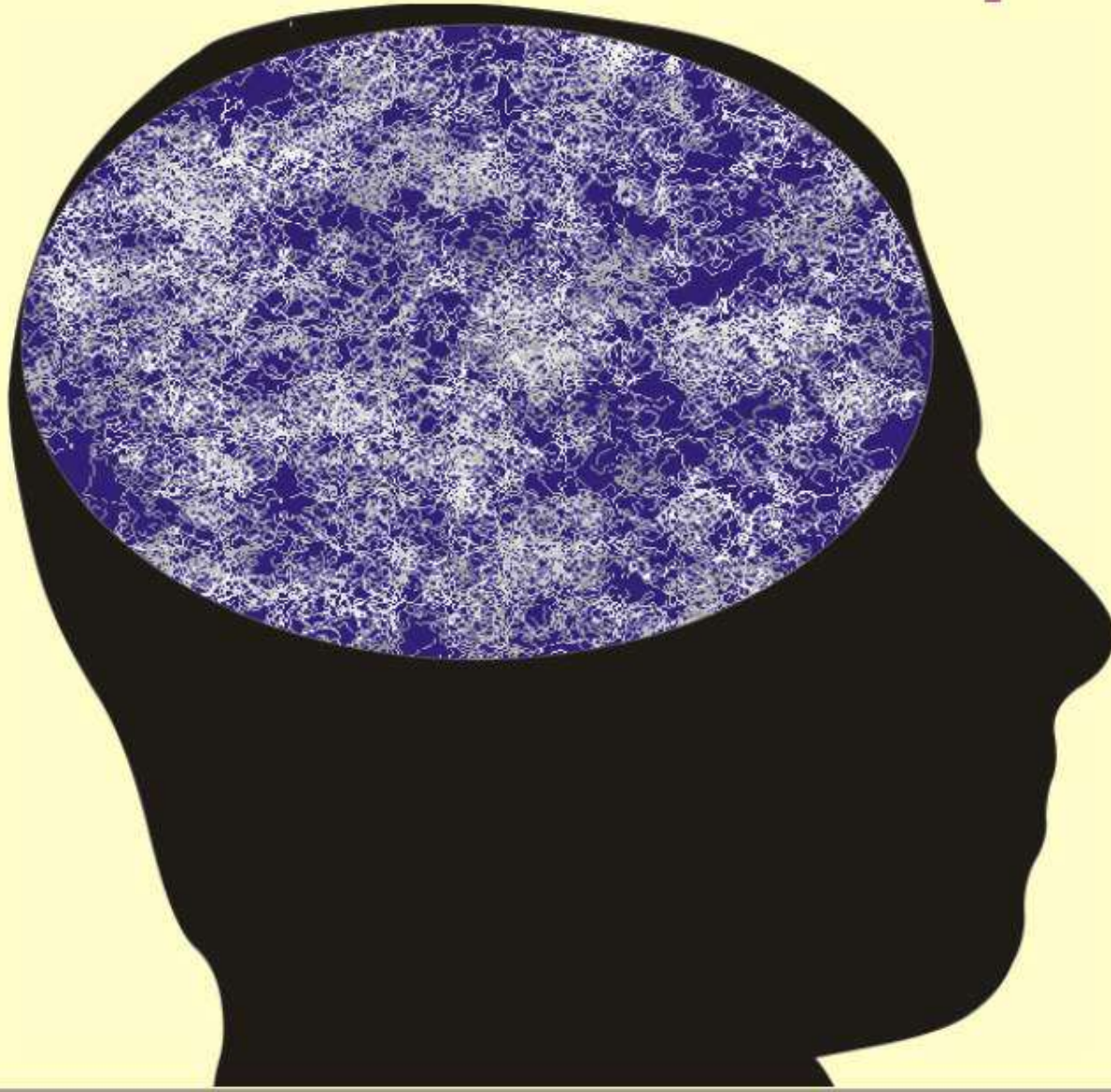


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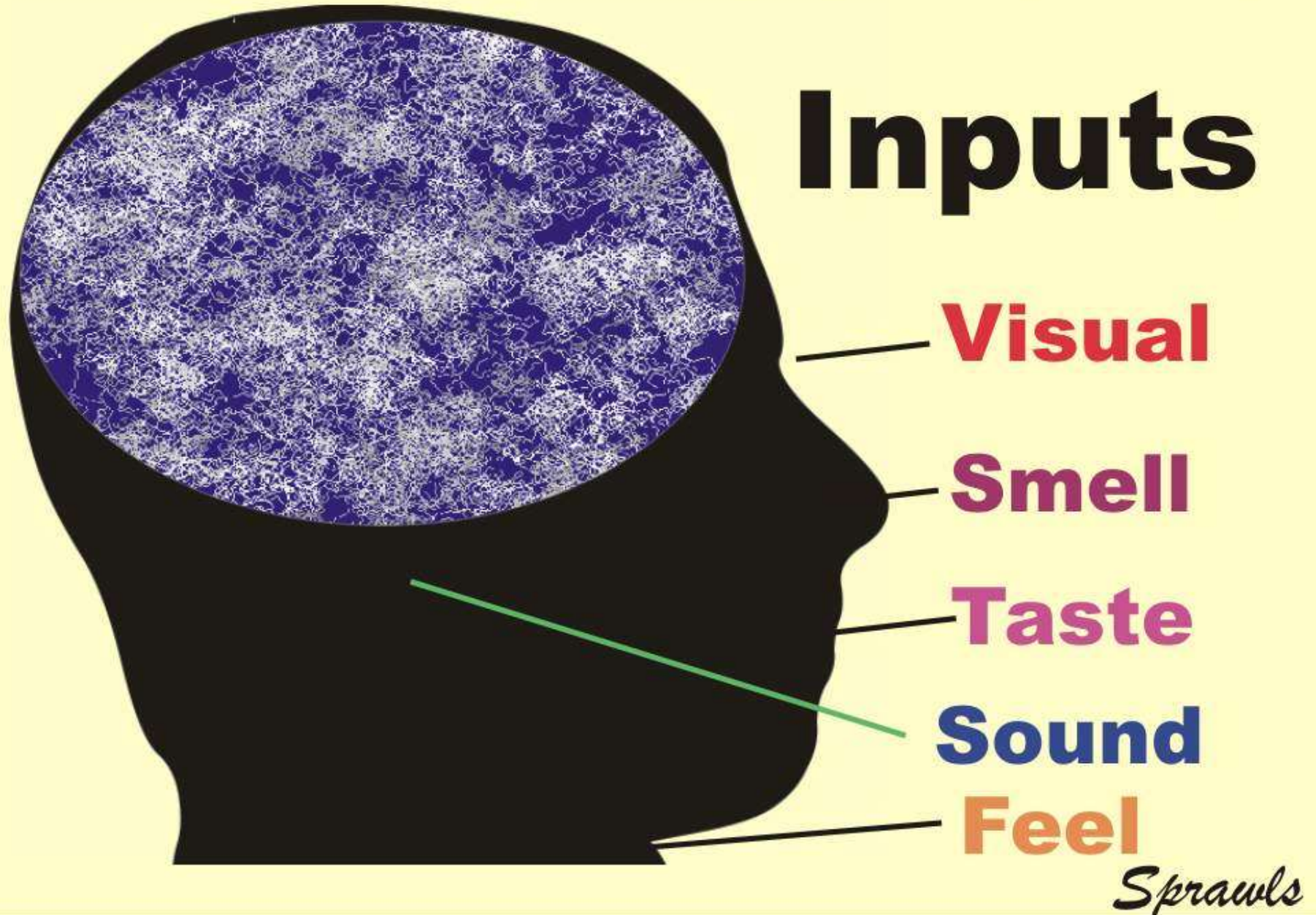
# **Your Mind**

**Network of A Lifetime of Experiences**



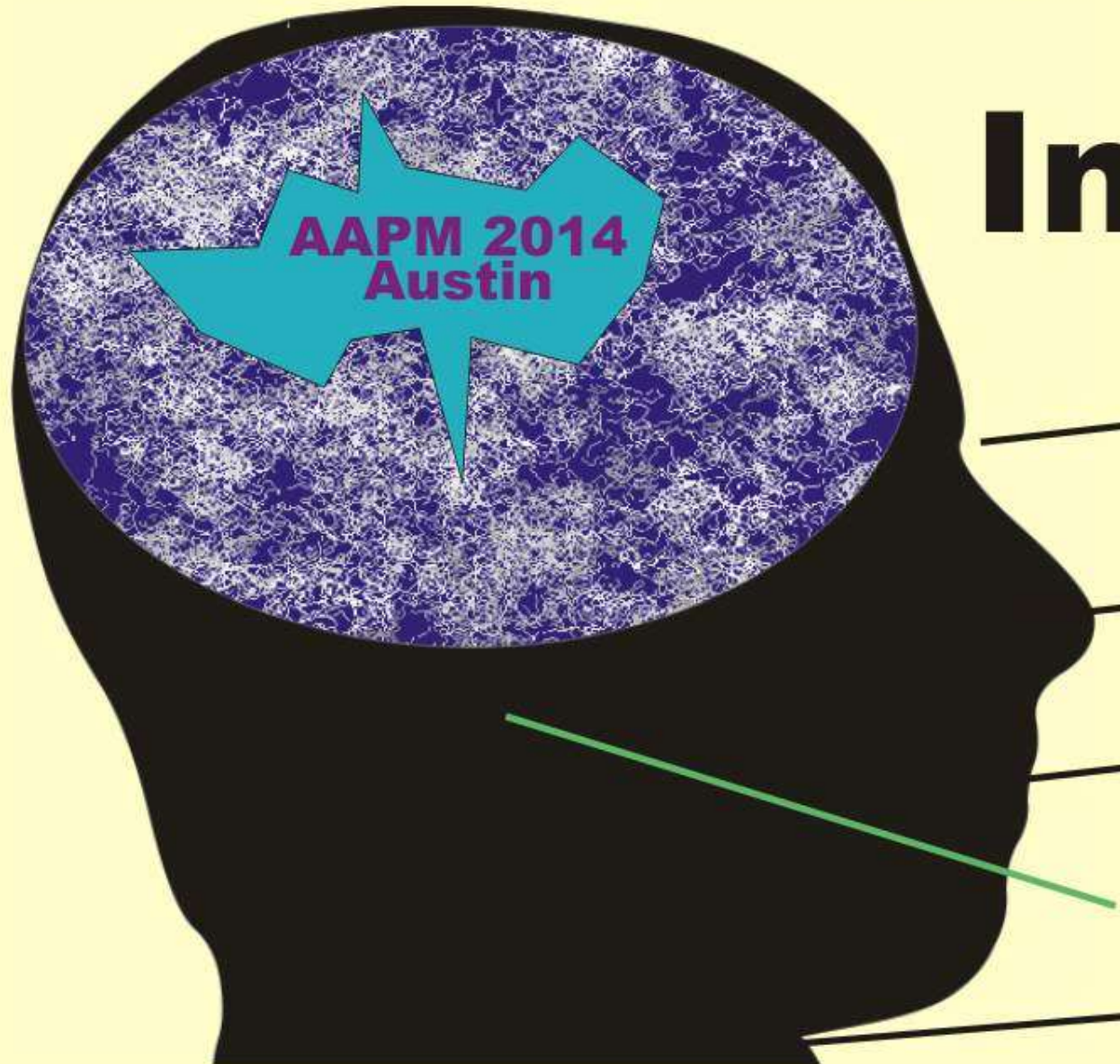
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# Network of Sensory Experiences





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## Inputs

**Visual**

**Smell**

**Taste**

**Sound**

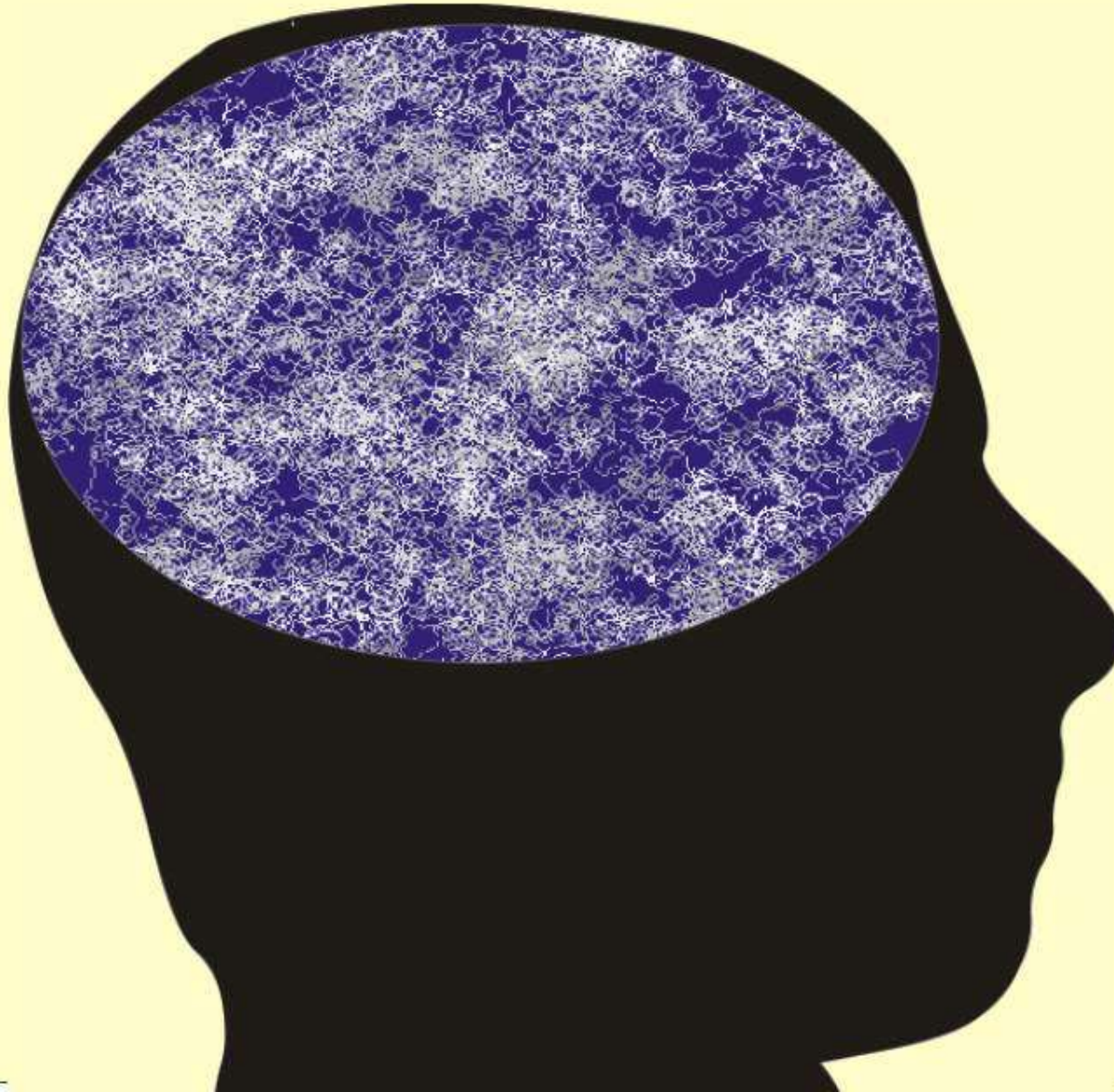
**Feel**

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# Exploring Your Mind

## What Can You See?



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# Network of Sensory Experiences



## Inputs

**Visual**

**Smell**

**Taste**

**Sound**

**Feel**

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# Chocolate Cake

## Ingredients

Baking spray, for spraying custard cups

1 stick butter

2 ounces bittersweet chocolate

2 ounces semisweet chocolate

1 1/4 cups powdered sugar

2 whole eggs

3 egg yolks

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

Vanilla ice cream, for serving

## Directions

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Spray four custard cups with baking spray and place on a baking sheet.

Microwave the butter, bittersweet chocolate and semisweet chocolate in a large bowl on high until the butter is melted, about 1 minute. Whisk until the chocolate is also melted. Stir in the sugar until well blended. Whisk in the eggs and egg yolks, then add the vanilla. Stir in the flour. Divide the mixture among the custard cups.

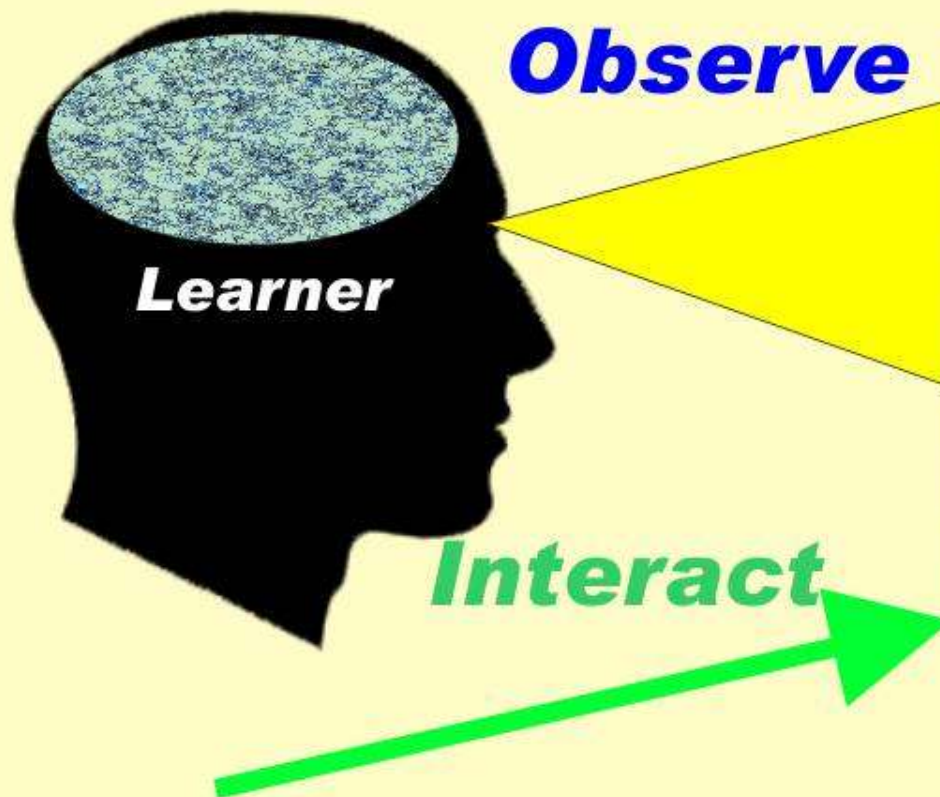
Bake until the sides are firm and the centers are soft, about 13 minutes. Let stand 1 minute. Invert on individual plates while warm and serve with vanilla ice cream.

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# **Learning is a Natural Human Process**

## ***We Learn by Experience***



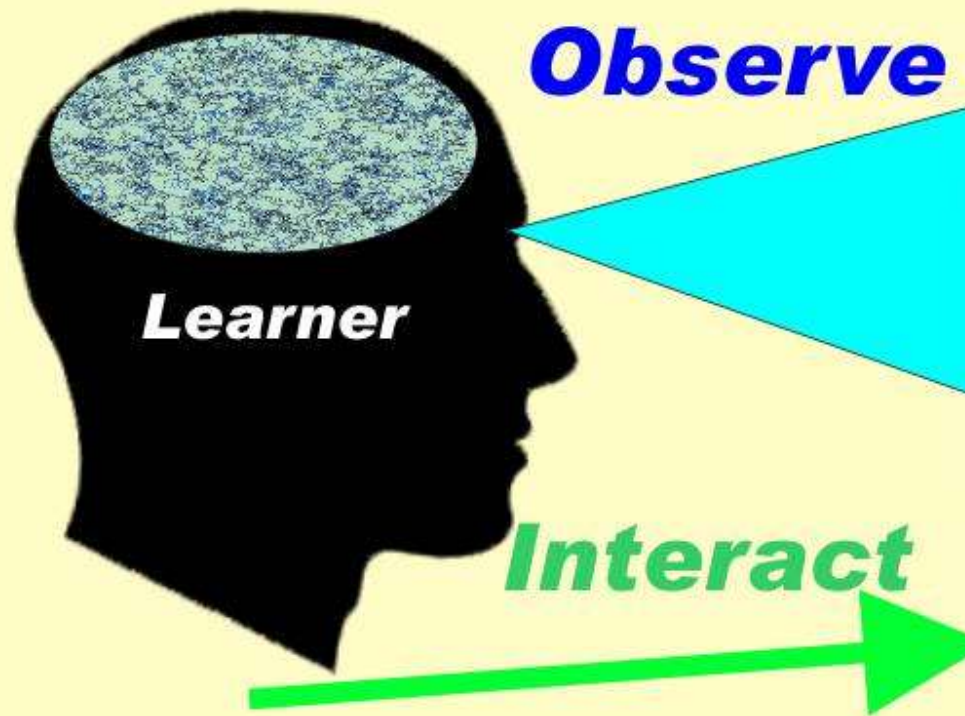
**Physical Universe**



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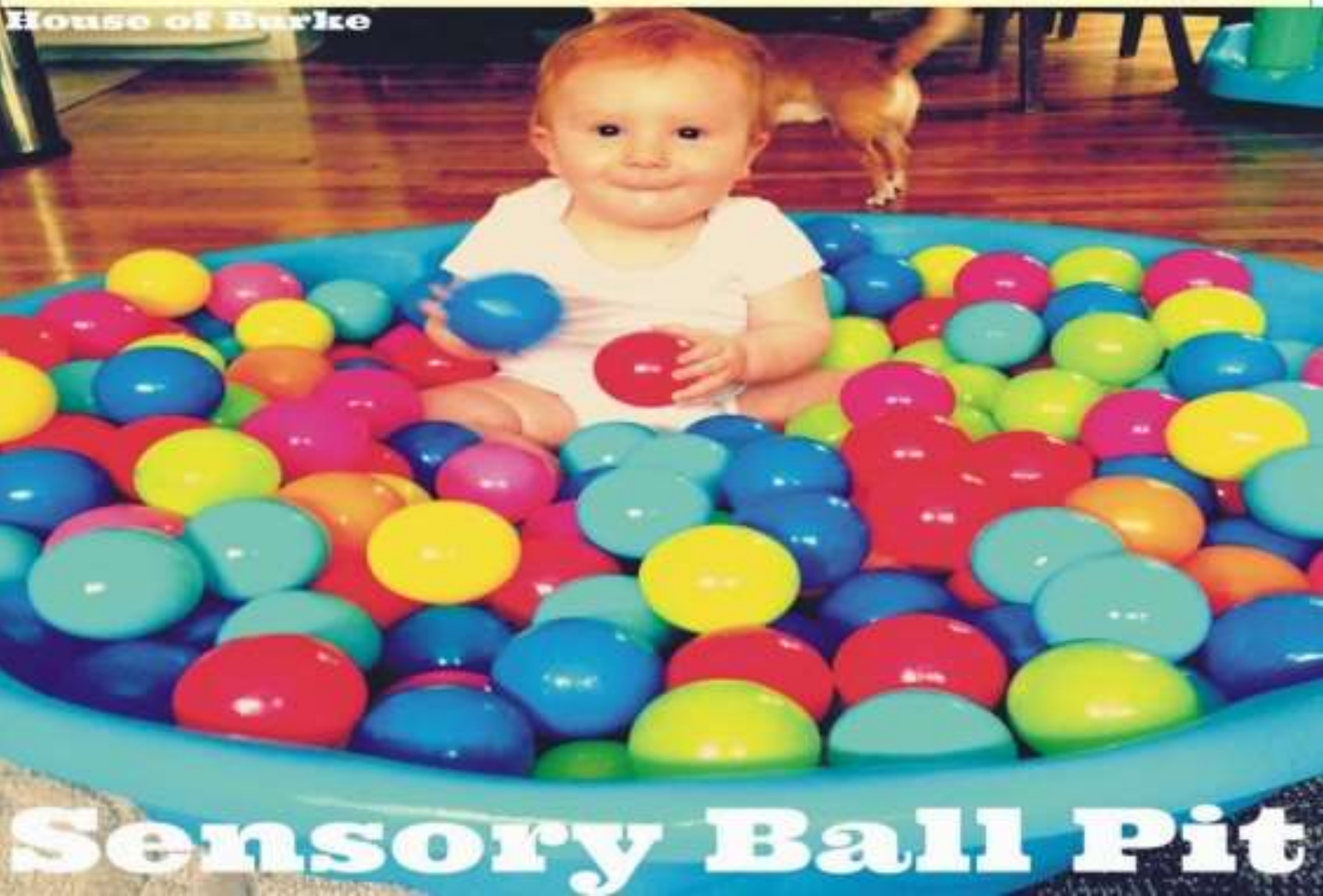
***Our Early Physics Learning Activities***

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# One of Our First Physics Lessons

House of Burke



# Sensory Ball Pit

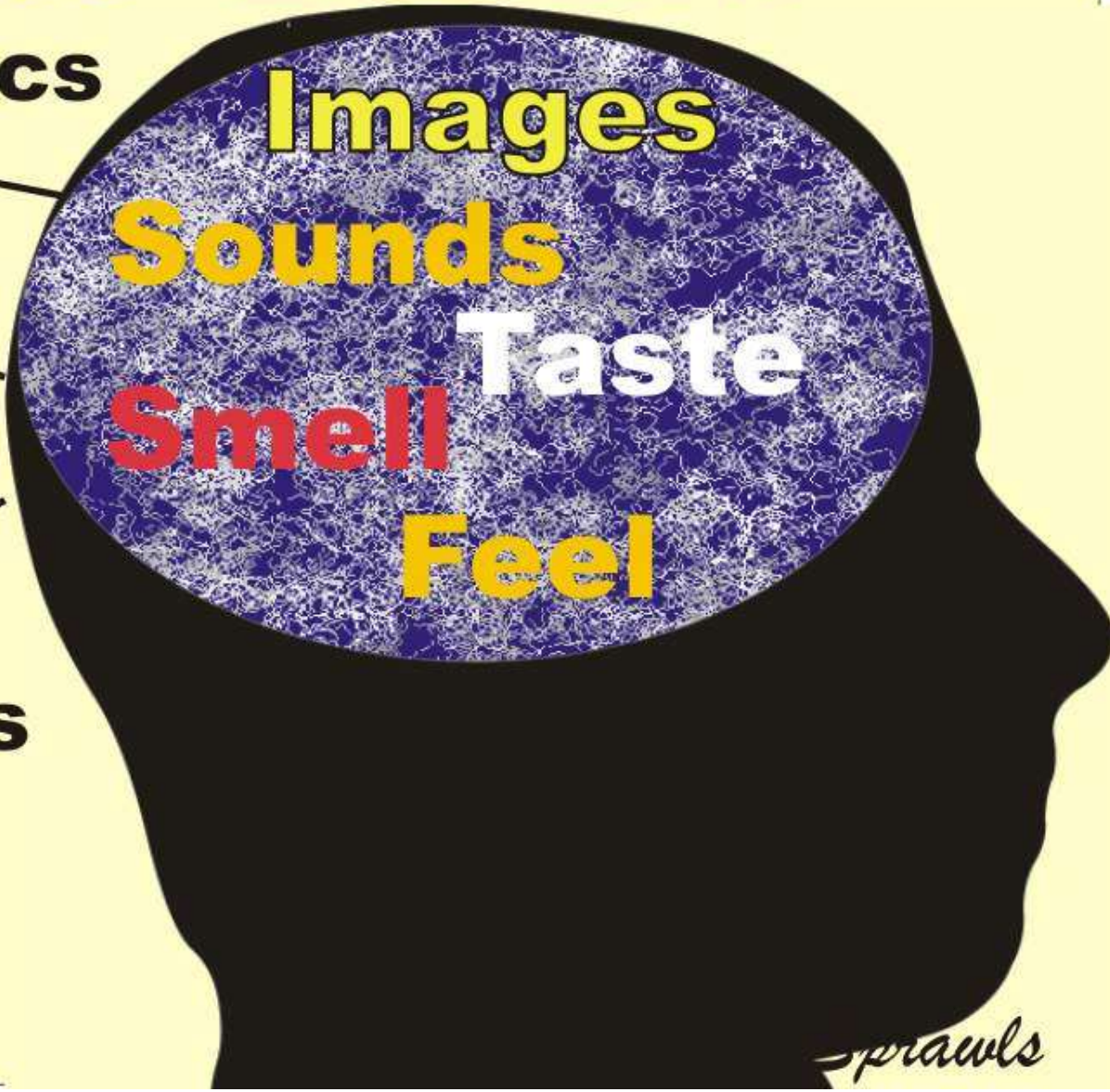


# Knowledge Structure Formation Attributes Elements

**Characteristics**

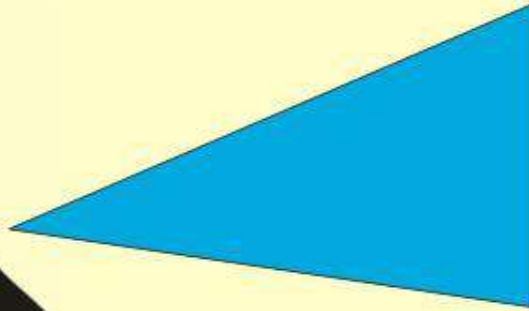
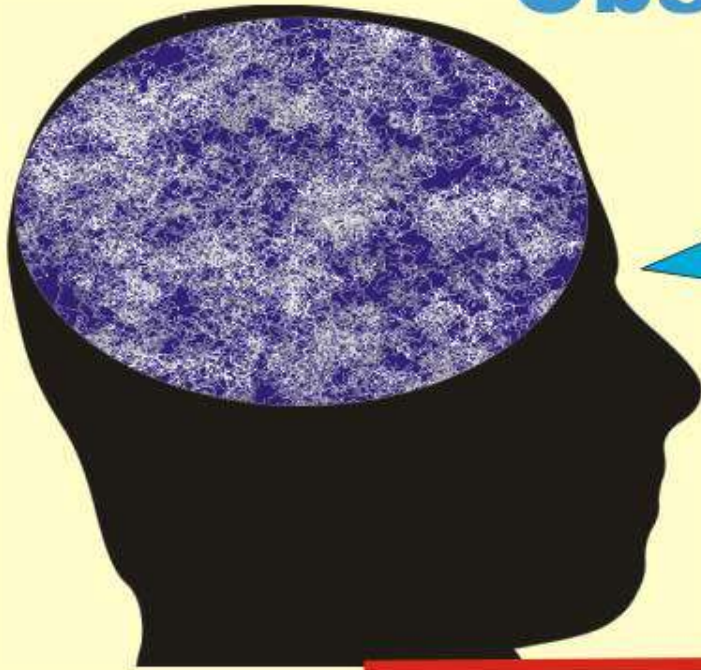
**Names**

**Relationships**



# Learning By Direct

**Observation**



**Interacting**



**A Natural Human Function**

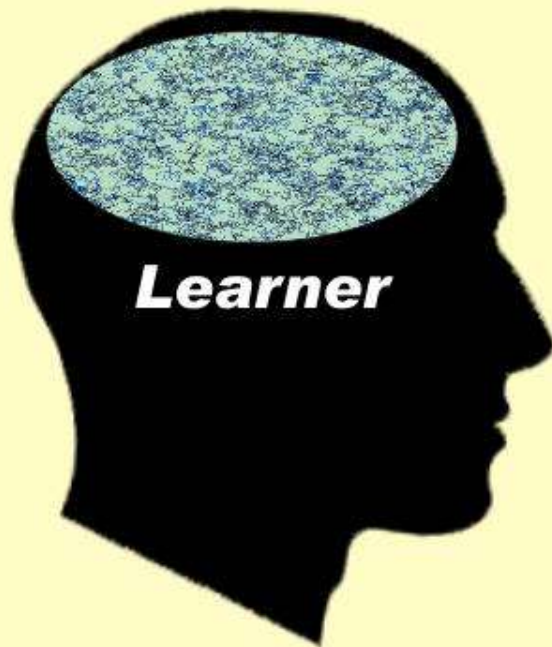
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# Teaching

**is helping someone**

**Building a Knowledge Structure in the Brain**



**Physical Universe**



***A mental representation of physical reality***

**Connect**

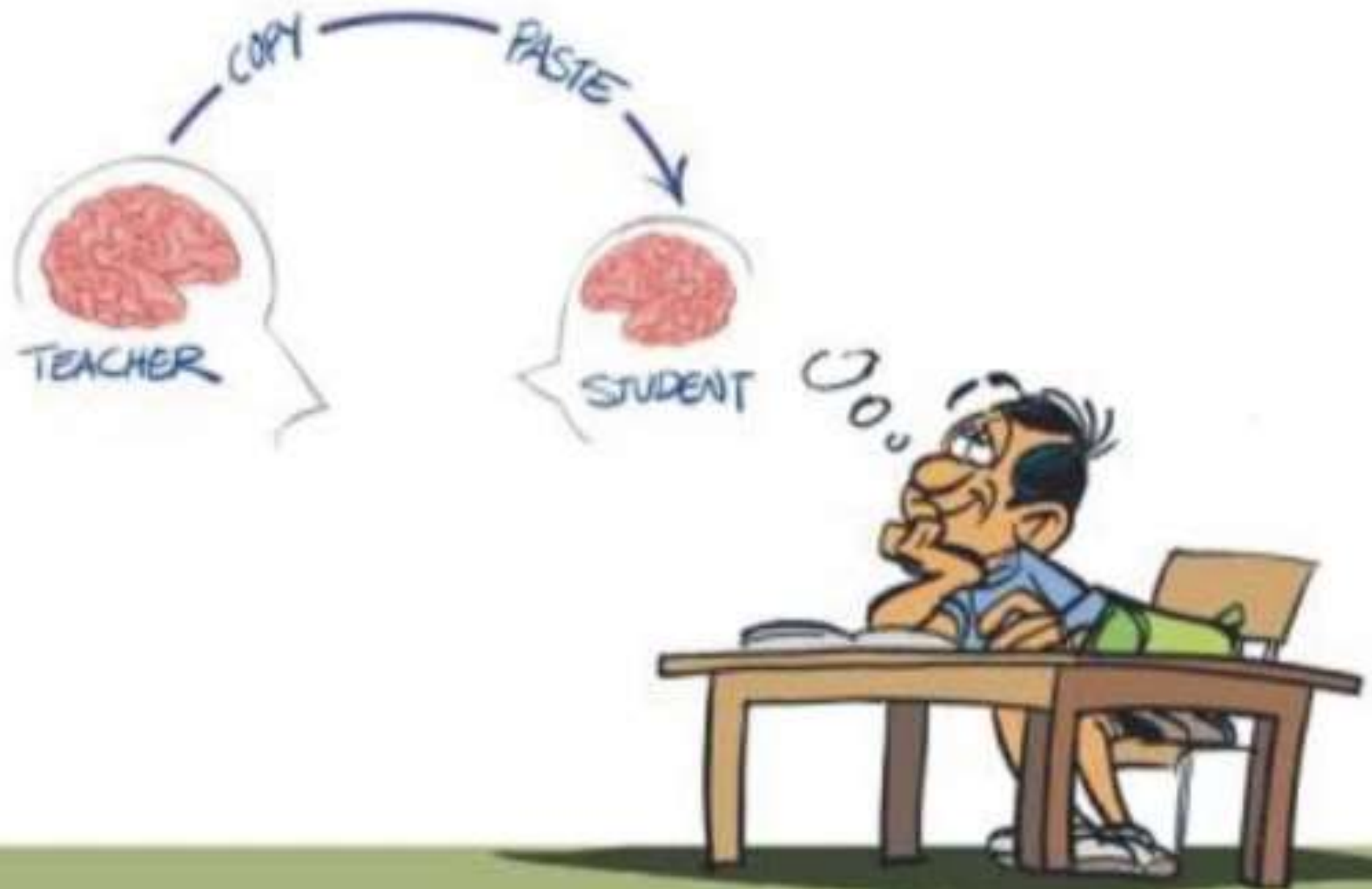
**Organize**

**Guide**

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# Teaching Physics **Is Not**

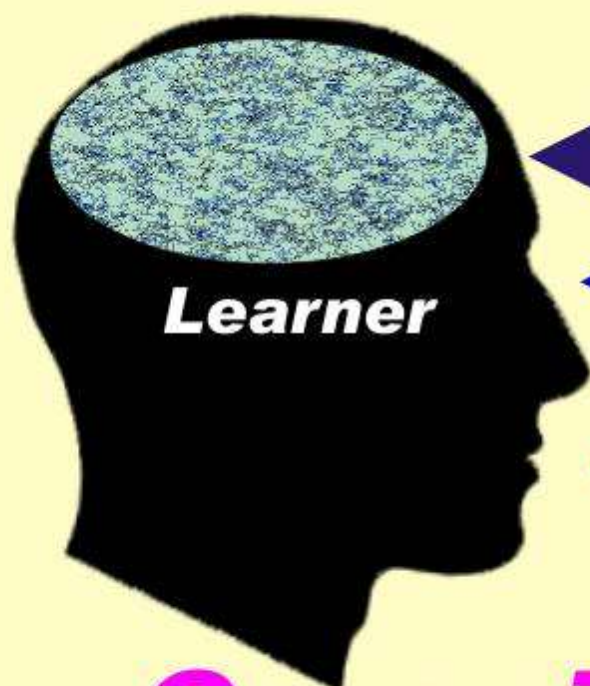


# The Role of Formal Education



**Connect**

**Physical Universe**



**Learner**



**Observe**

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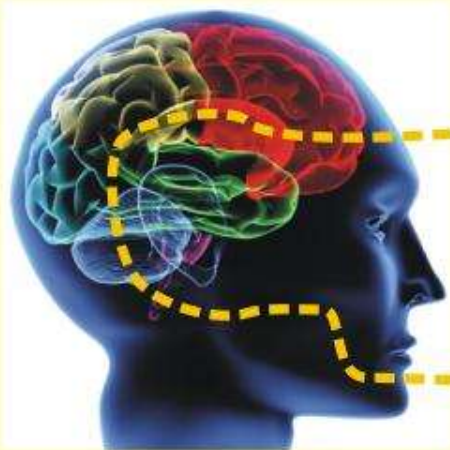


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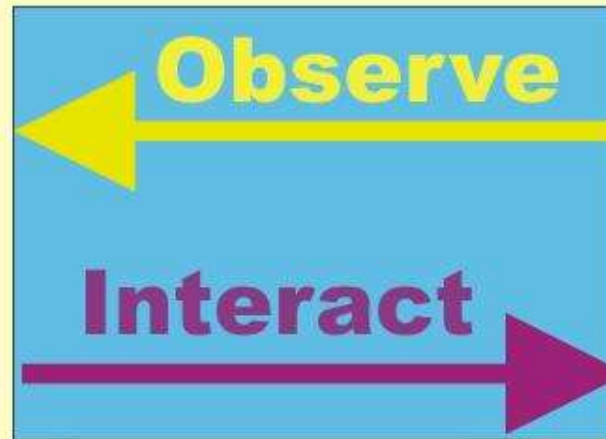


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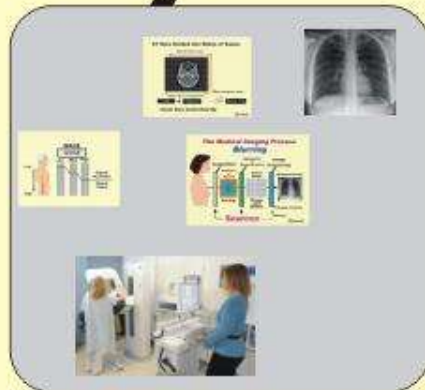
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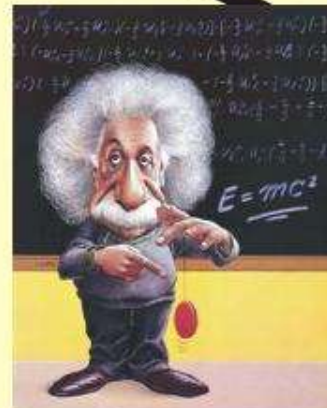
**Connection**



**The Physical Universe**  
(Physics of Medical Imaging)



**“Window”**

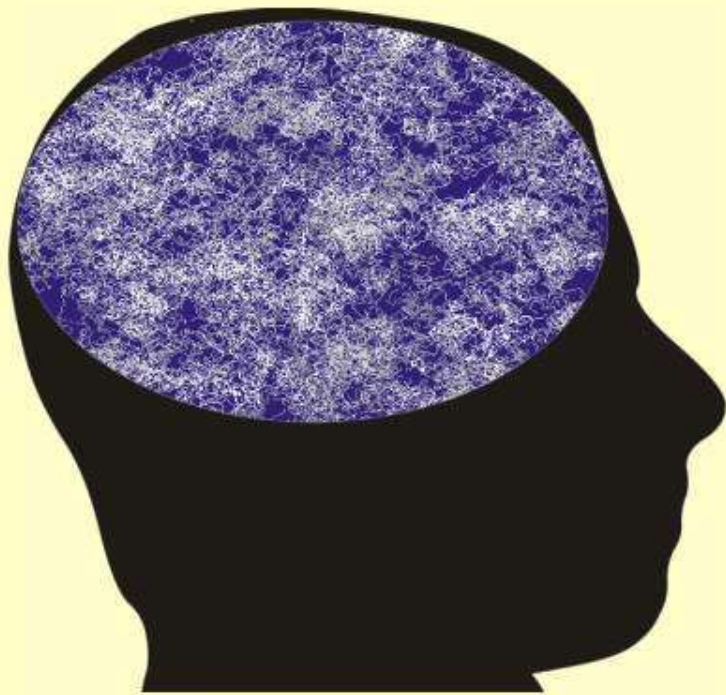


**Teacher  
/Guide**

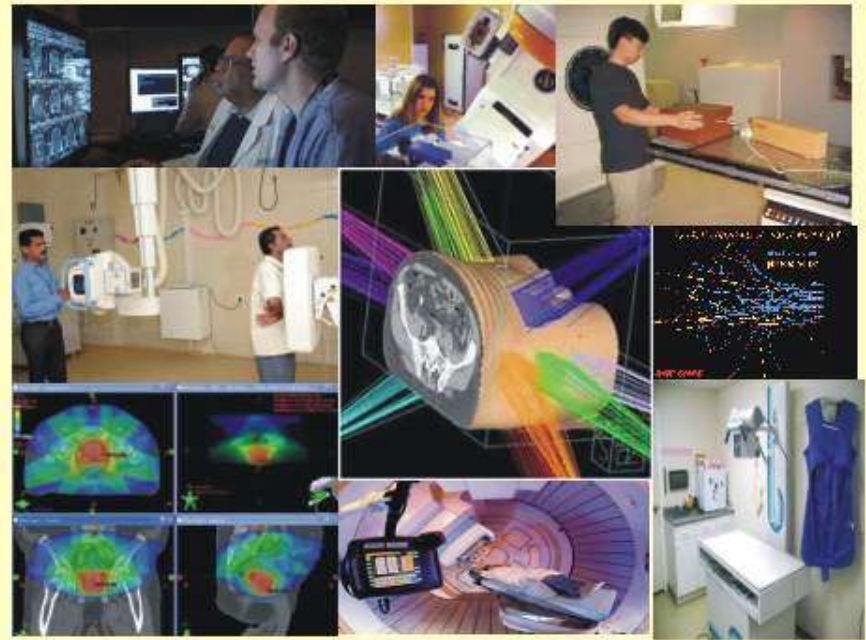
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# What do they need?

Learner



Medical Physics  
Universe



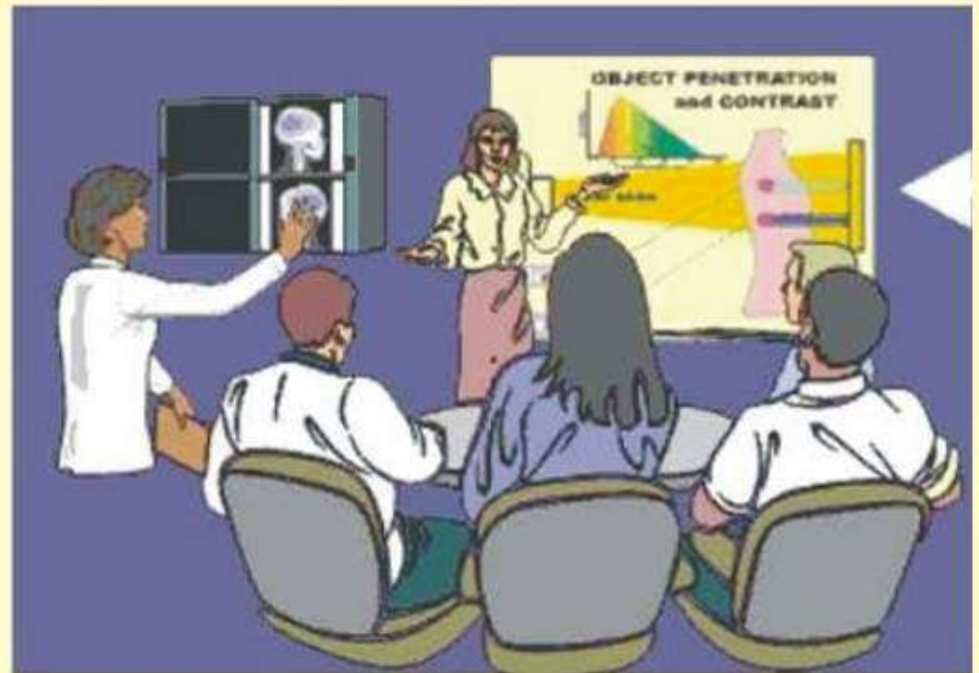
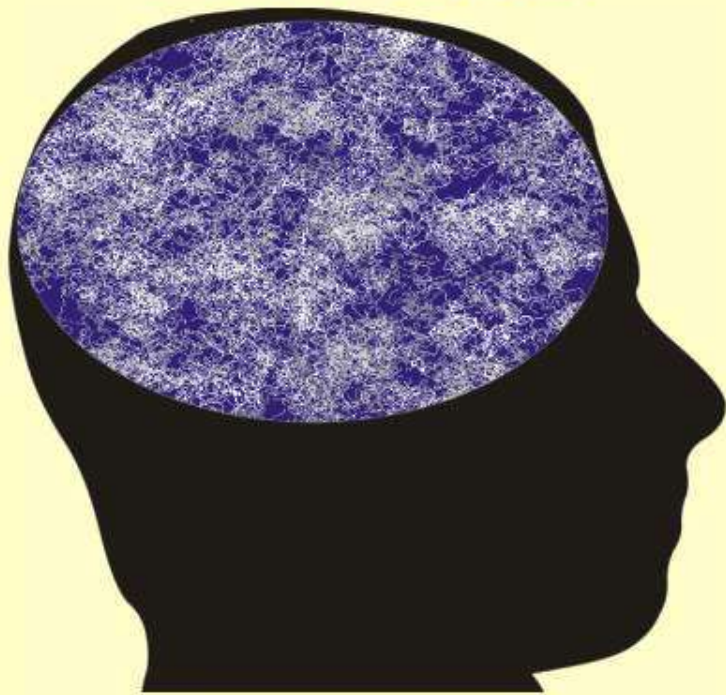
“Know” or to “Do”

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# What do you need?

## You As An Educator

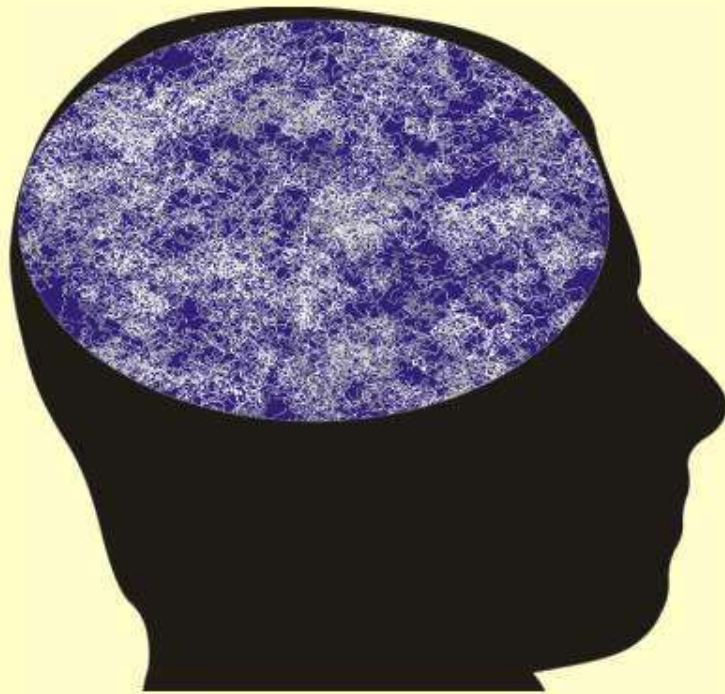


**Provide a highly-effective  
learning experience**

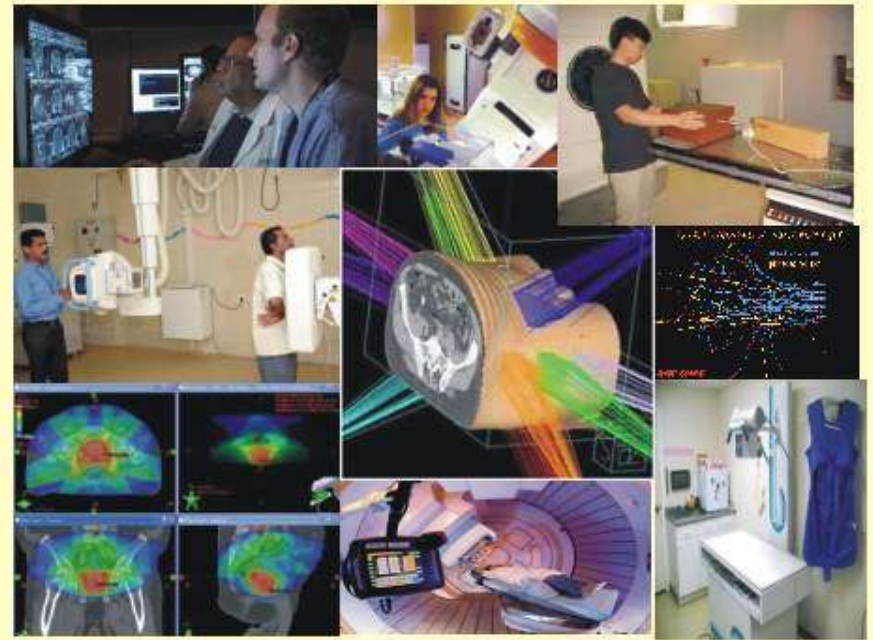
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# Here is our challenge!

**Learner**



**Medical Physics  
Universe**

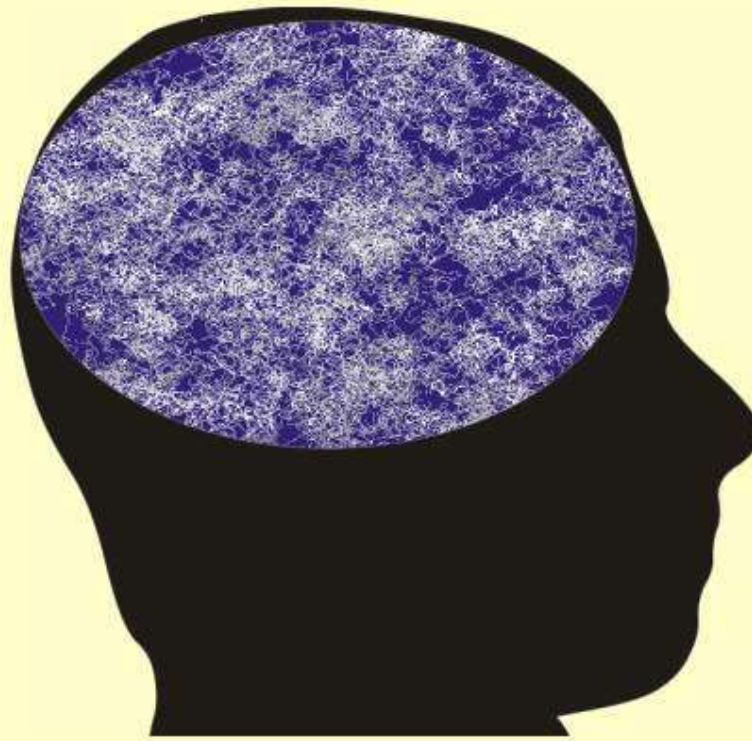


**How are you going to do it?**

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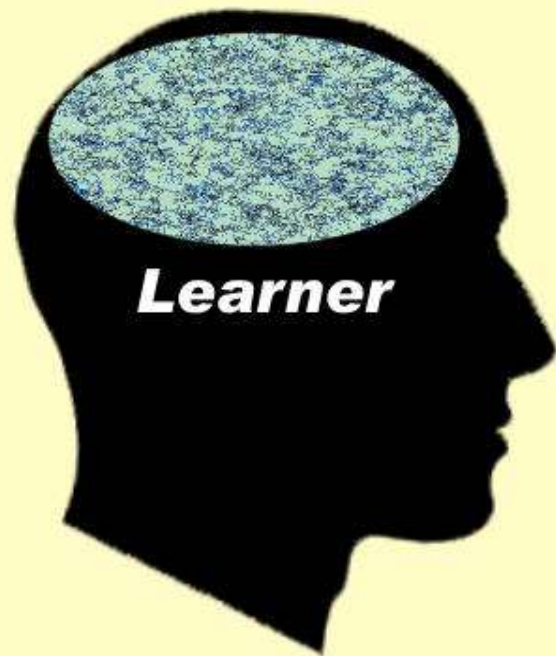
# **Learning Medical Physics is**



**Building a Knowledge Structure  
in the Mind**

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# **Learning Physics is Building a Knowledge Structure in the Brain**



## **Physical Universe**

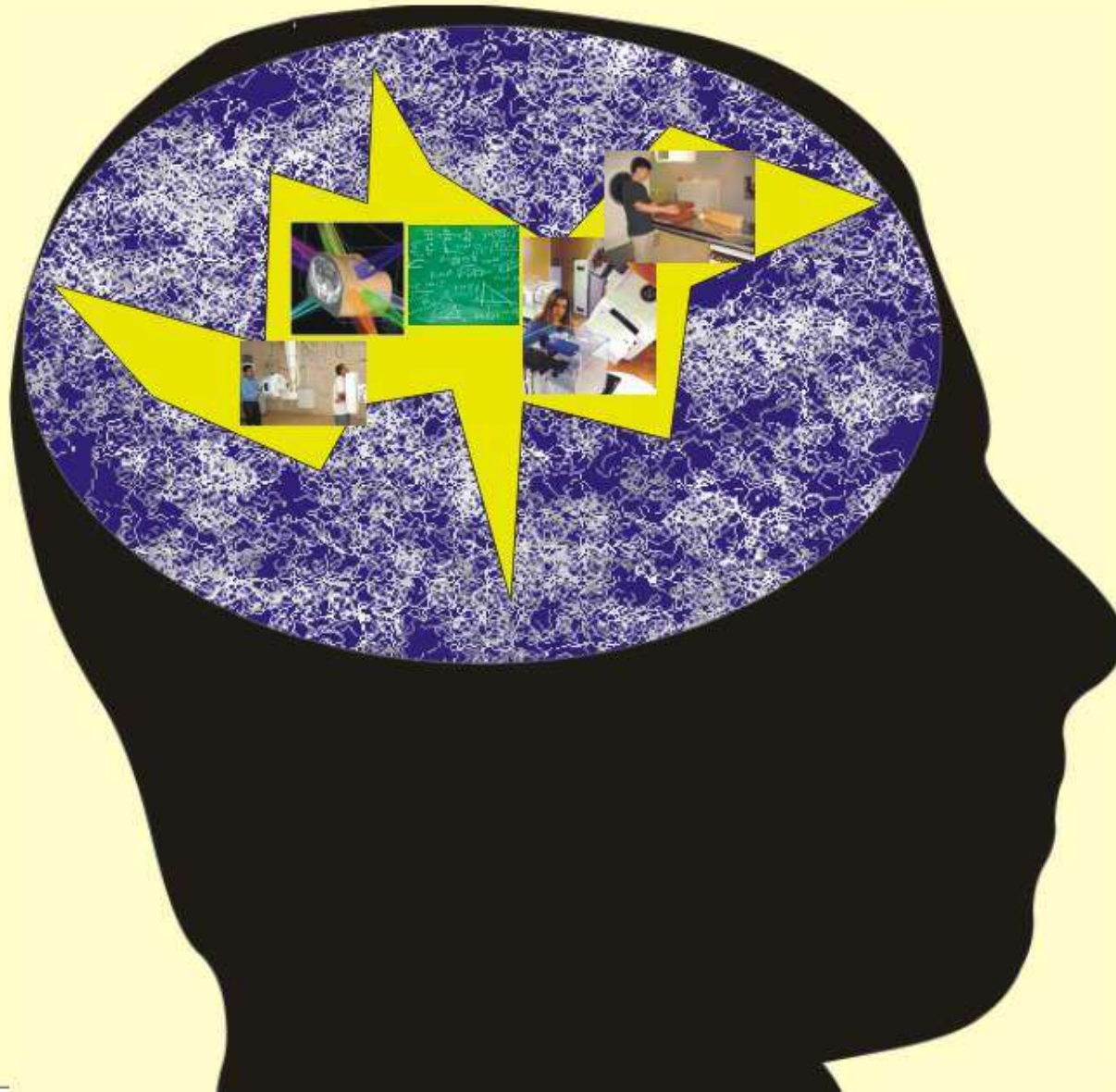


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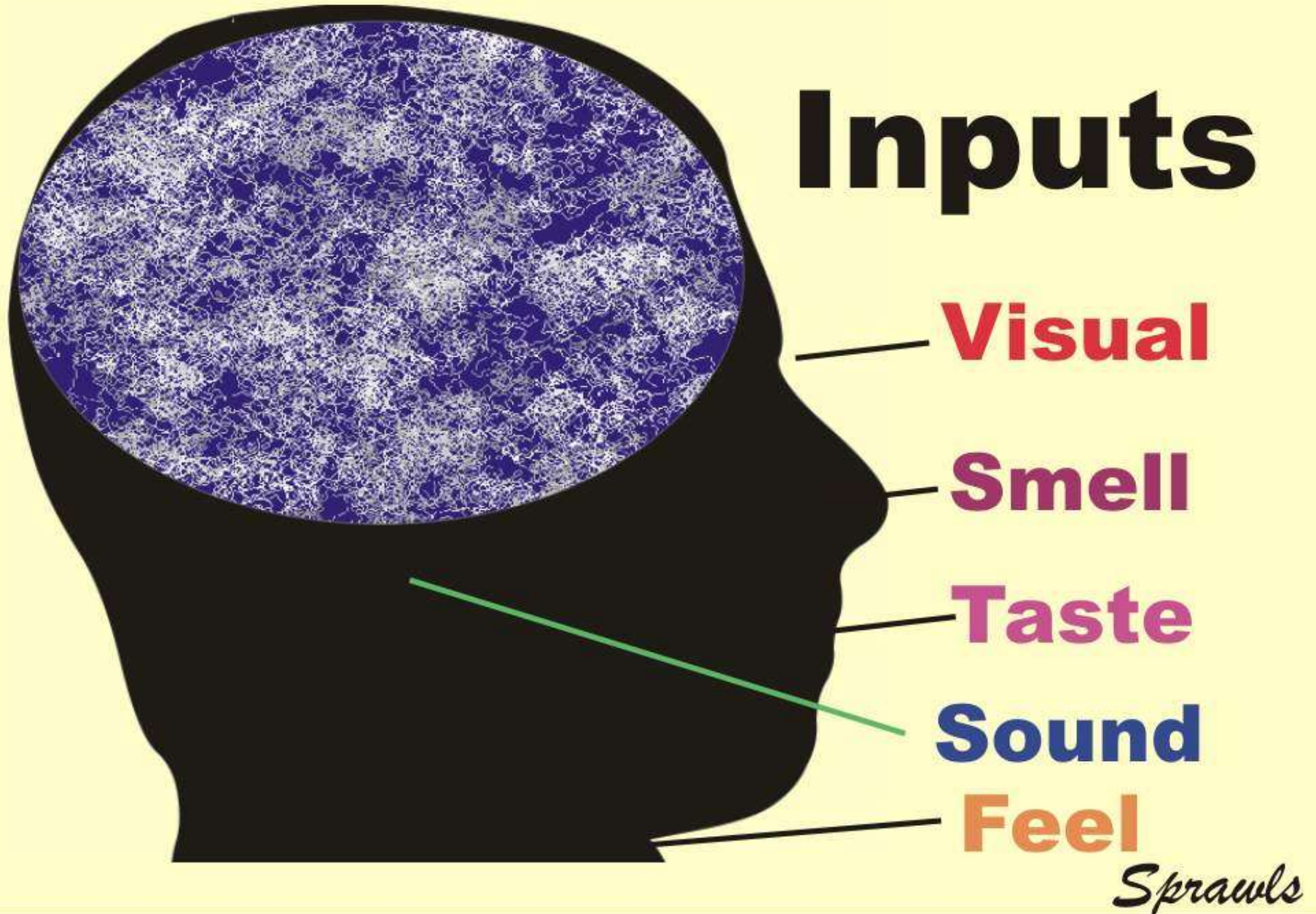


# Knowledge Structure of Medical Physics



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# Network of Sensory Experiences

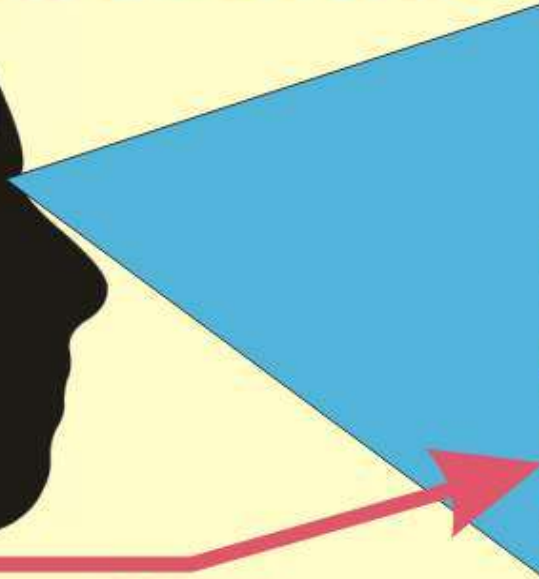
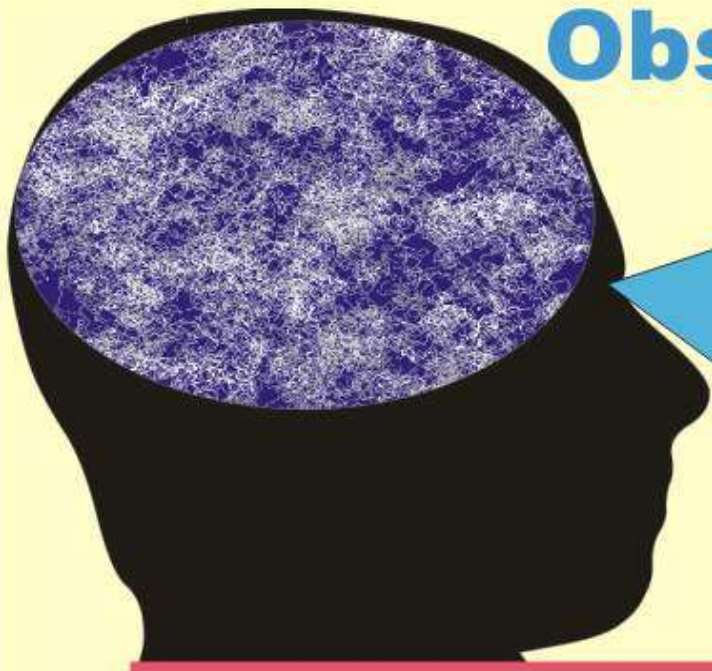




# Learning Medical Physics Requires

Observation

Medical Physics  
Universe



Interacting With

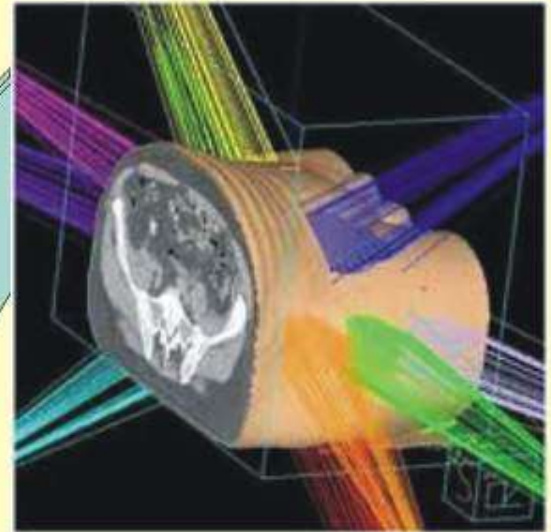
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# The Most **EFFECTIVE** way to Build Physics Knowledge Structures

**Visuals**



**Audio**  
**Human**  
**(Teacher)**



**Technology**

**Guiding The Process**

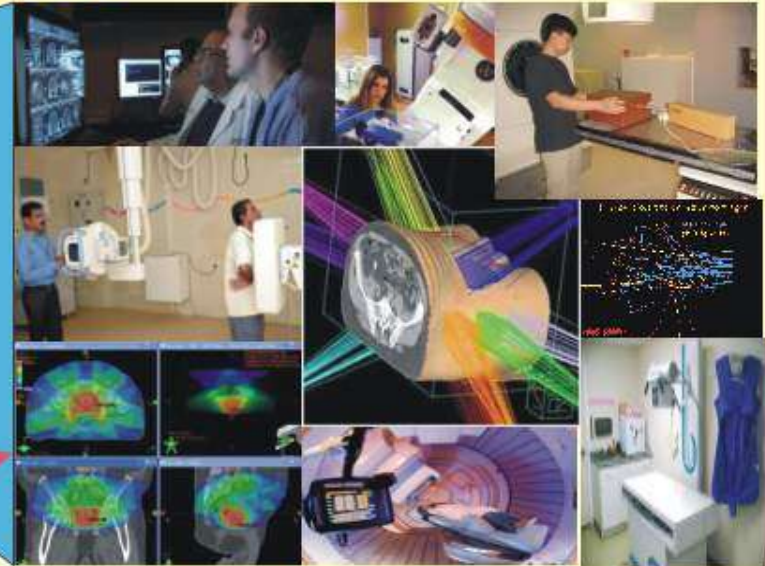
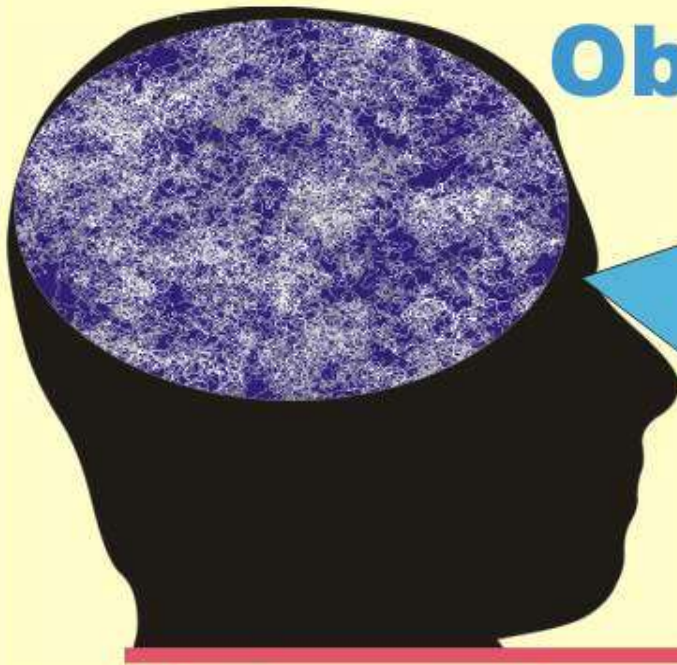
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# Teaching Medical Physics



Observation **Medical Physics Universe**



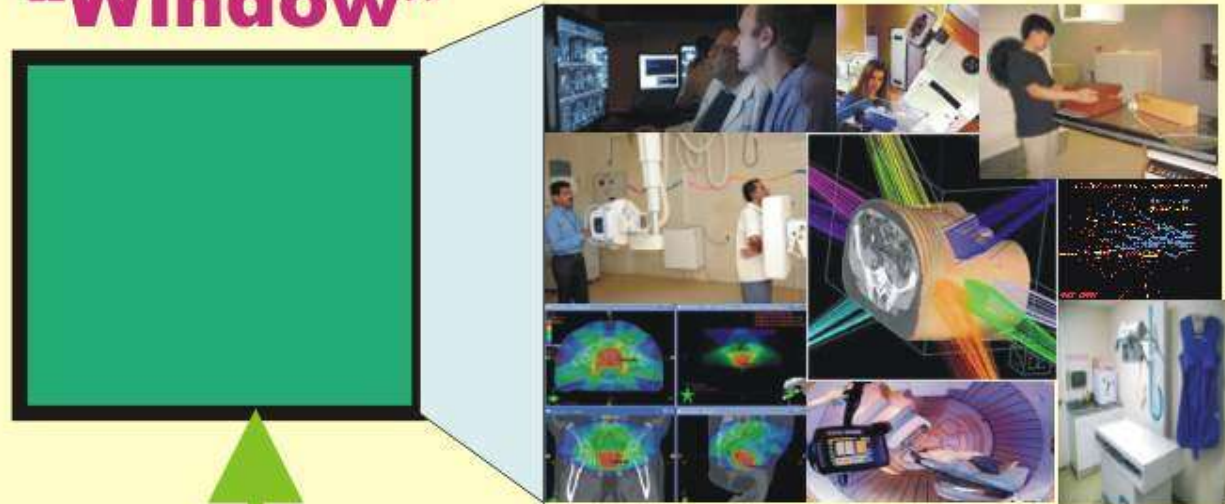
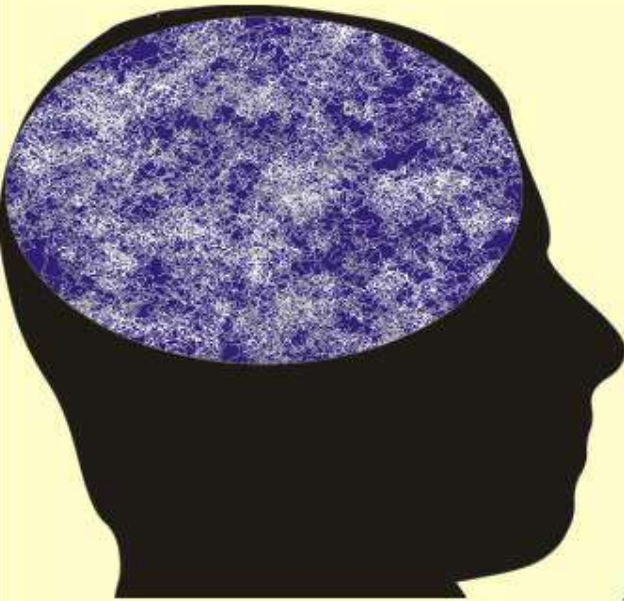
Interacting With **Is**  
Connecting and Guiding

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# Teaching Medical Physics

# Medical Physics Universe

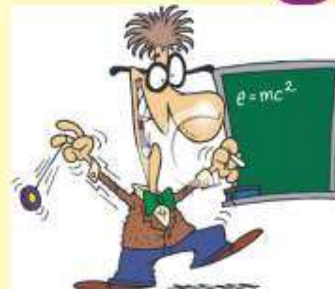
## “Window”



## Provide Window

# Guide the Learning Process

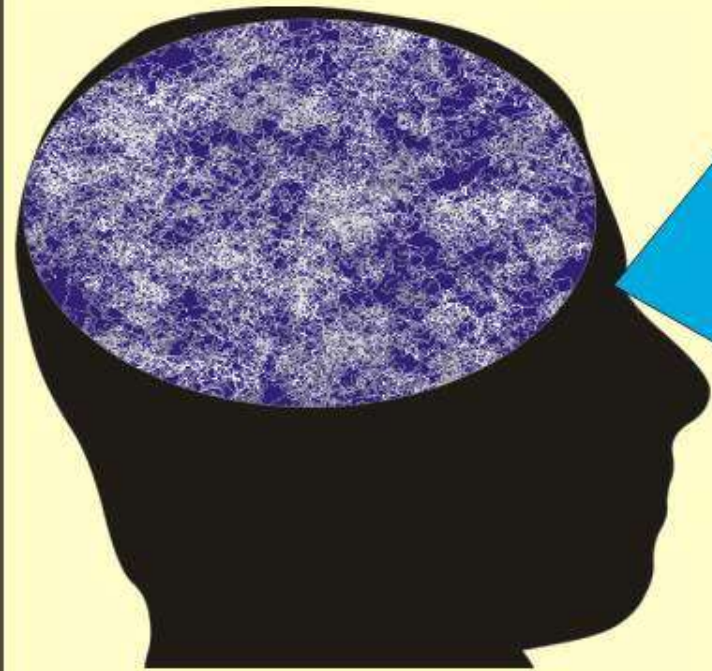
# Teacher must



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# A Traditional “Window” to the Physical Universe

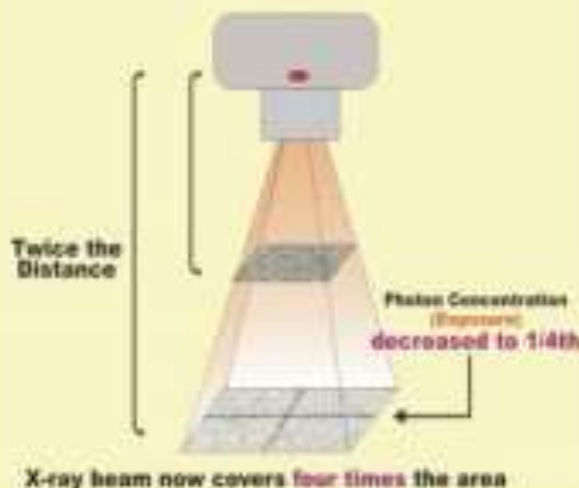


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# The Physical Universe



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

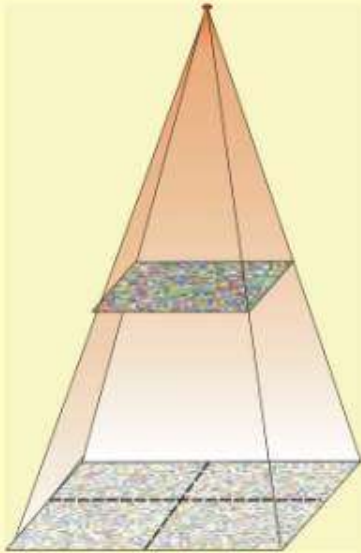
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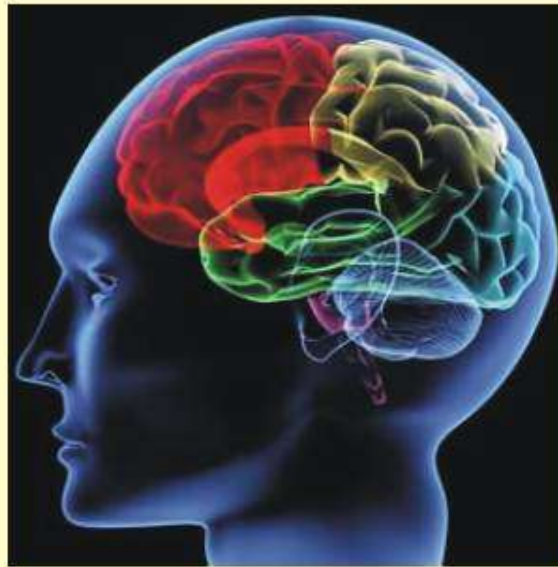
# Medical Physics Knowledge Structures

## Sensory



## Linguistic

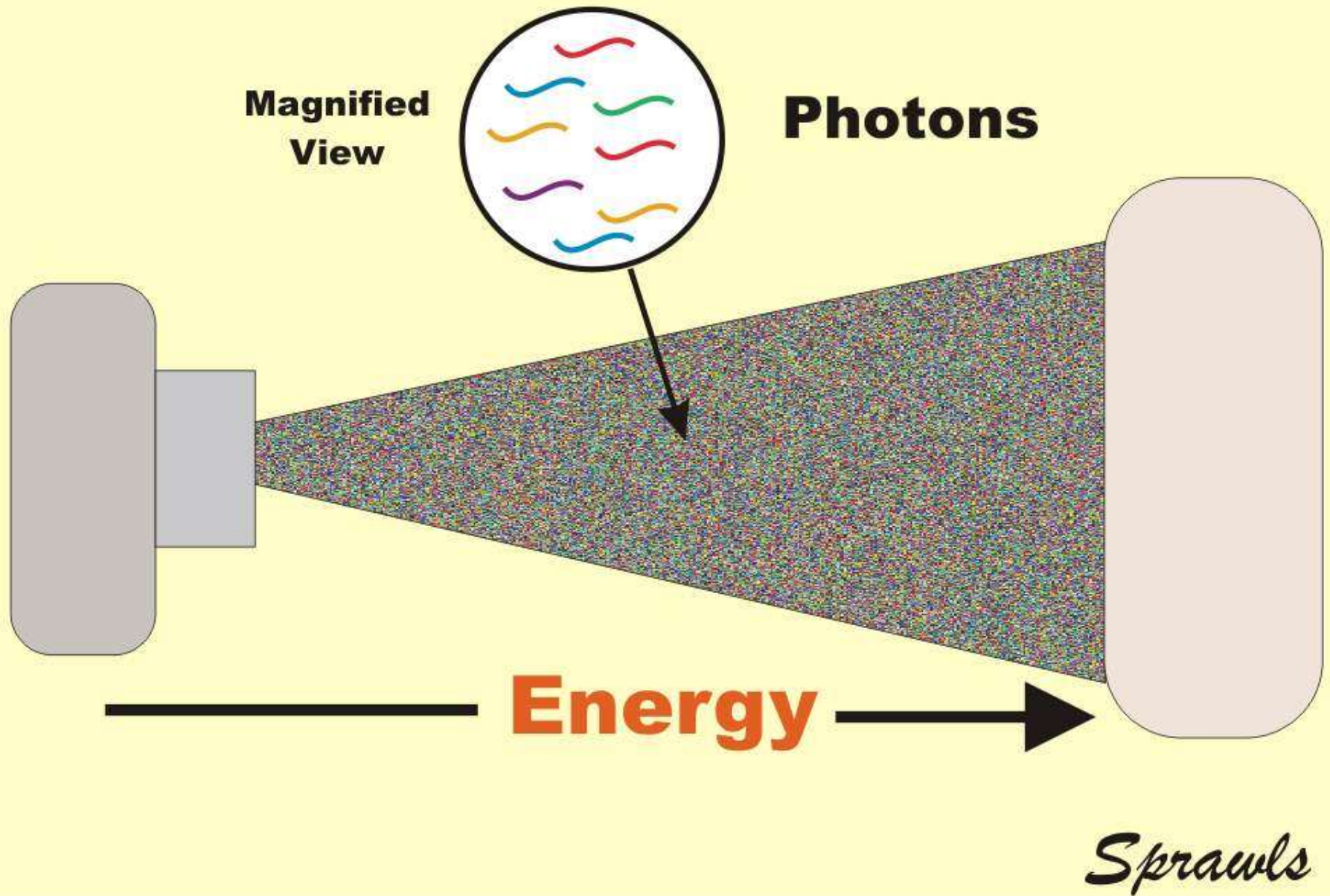
The inverse-square law states that the exposure decreases inversely to the square of the distance from the source.



## Quantitative

$$E_2 = E_1 / (d_2/d_1)^2$$

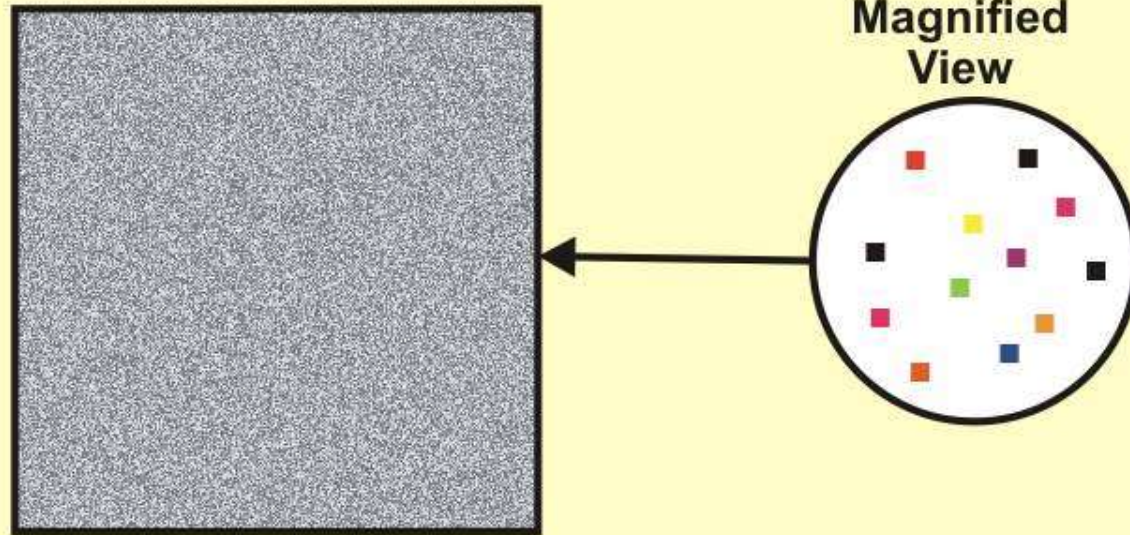
# The X-ray Beam





# Image Of An X-ray Beam

## A Random Distribution of Photons

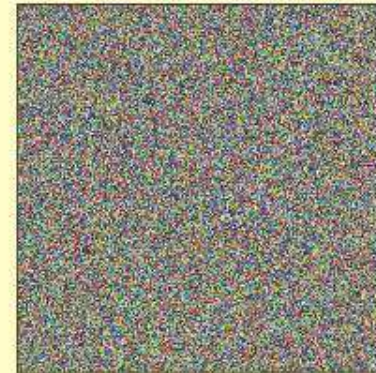
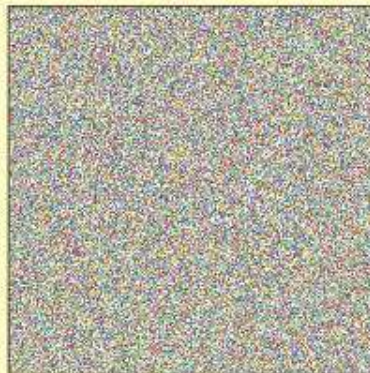
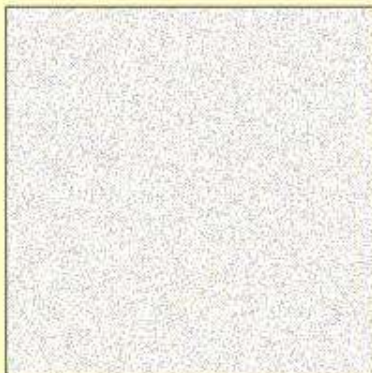


This is visible in an x-ray image as noise (quantum noise).

**High**

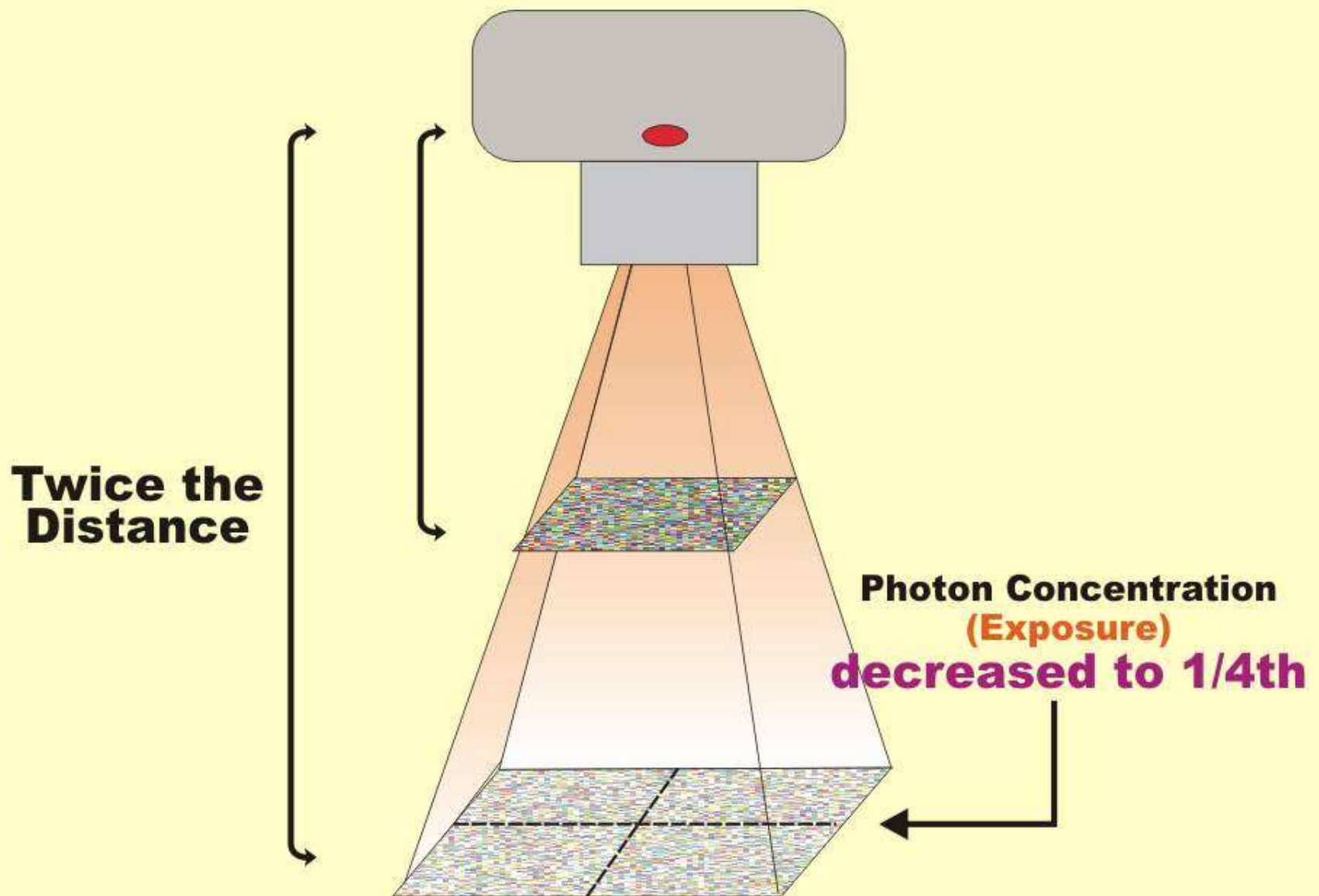
**Medium**

**Low**



— Photon Concentration (Exposure) →

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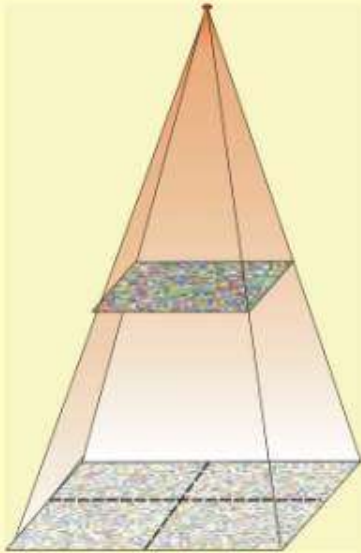


**X-ray beam now covers **four times** the area**



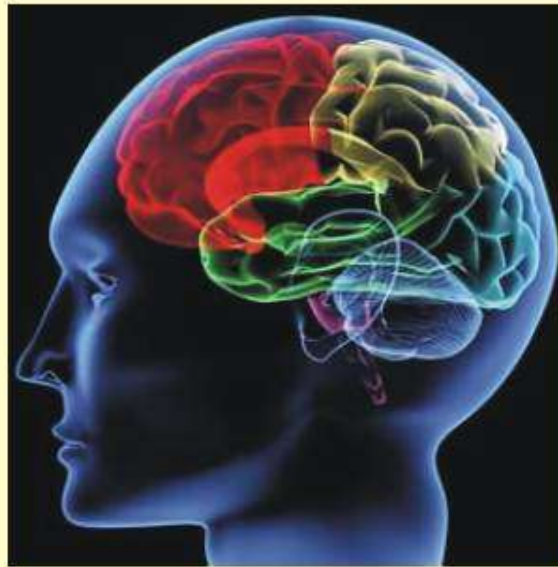
# Medical Physics Knowledge Structures

## Sensory



## Linguistic

The inverse-square law states that the exposure decreases inversely to the square of the distance from the source.



## Quantitative

$$E_2 = E_1 / (d_2/d_1)^2$$

# **Who needs a knowledge of Physics applied to clinical imaging?**

**Radiologists, Residents and Fellows**

**Technologists**

**Medical Physicists**

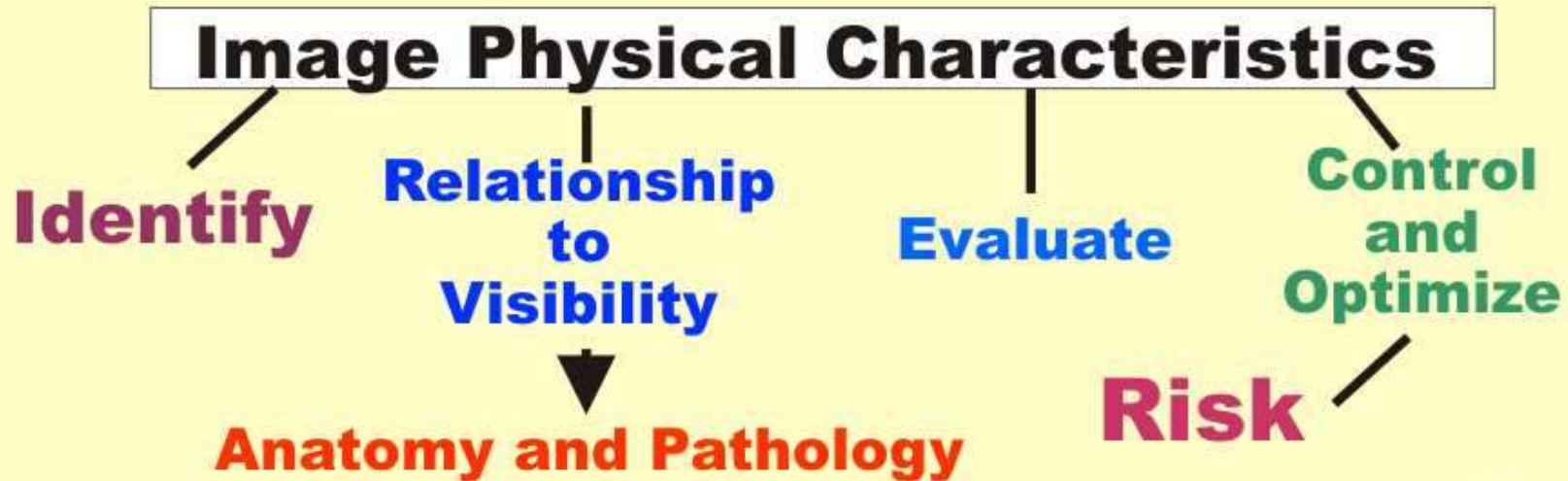


**Each provides unique challenges and opportunities.**

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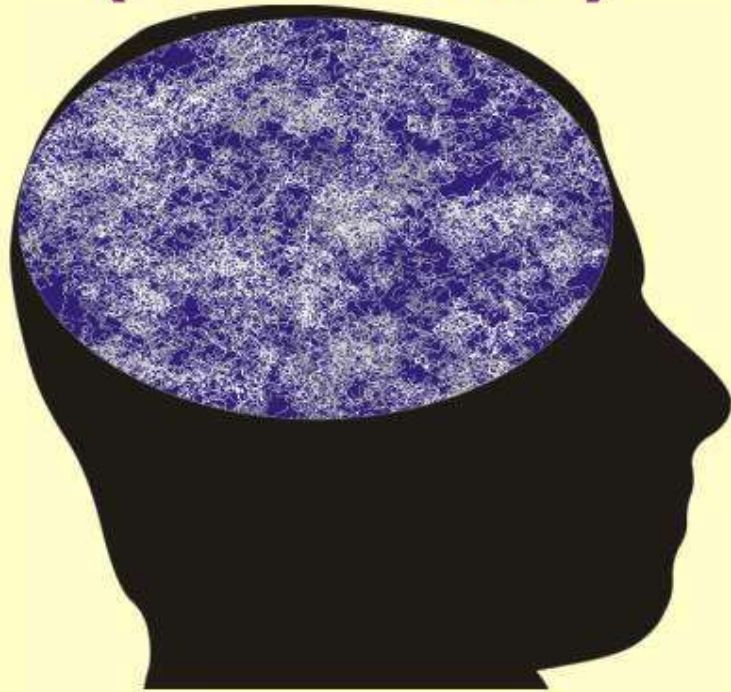
# Physics Learning Objectives for Radiologists



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# What do they need?

**Learner  
(Resident)**



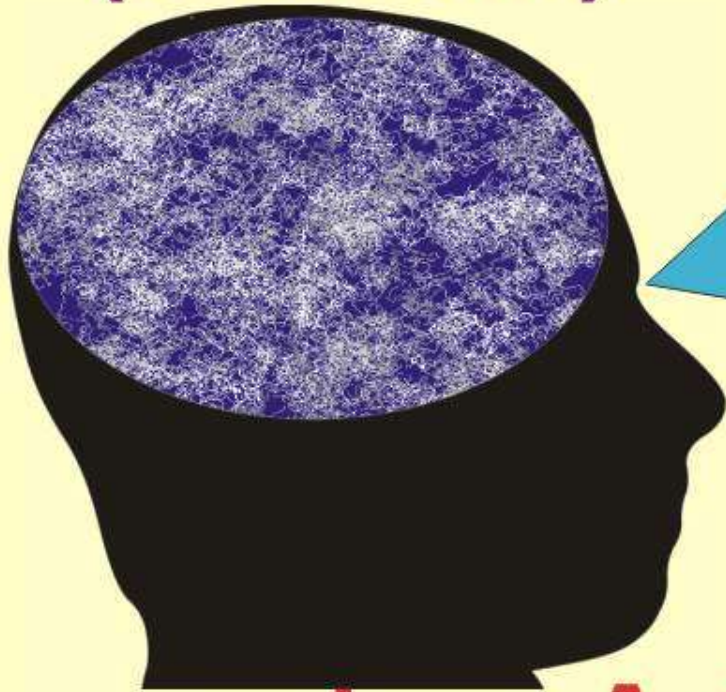
**Optimize CT image quality  
and manage dose.**

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# What do they need to **DO**?

**Learner  
(Resident)**



**View**



**Action**

A screenshot of a medical software interface, likely for a CT scanner. It contains various fields for patient information, a list of scan parameters, and buttons for actions like 'Start Scan' and 'End Scan'. The interface is organized into sections: Patient Information, Patient Parameters, and a table of Scan Parameters. There are also buttons for 'View', 'Print', and 'Plan View' on the right side.

Scan Type	Start Location	End Location	No. of Slices	Cantry SB	Field of View	kV	mAs	Exposure Time
Abdom	140	120	40	0	40	115	300	1.50

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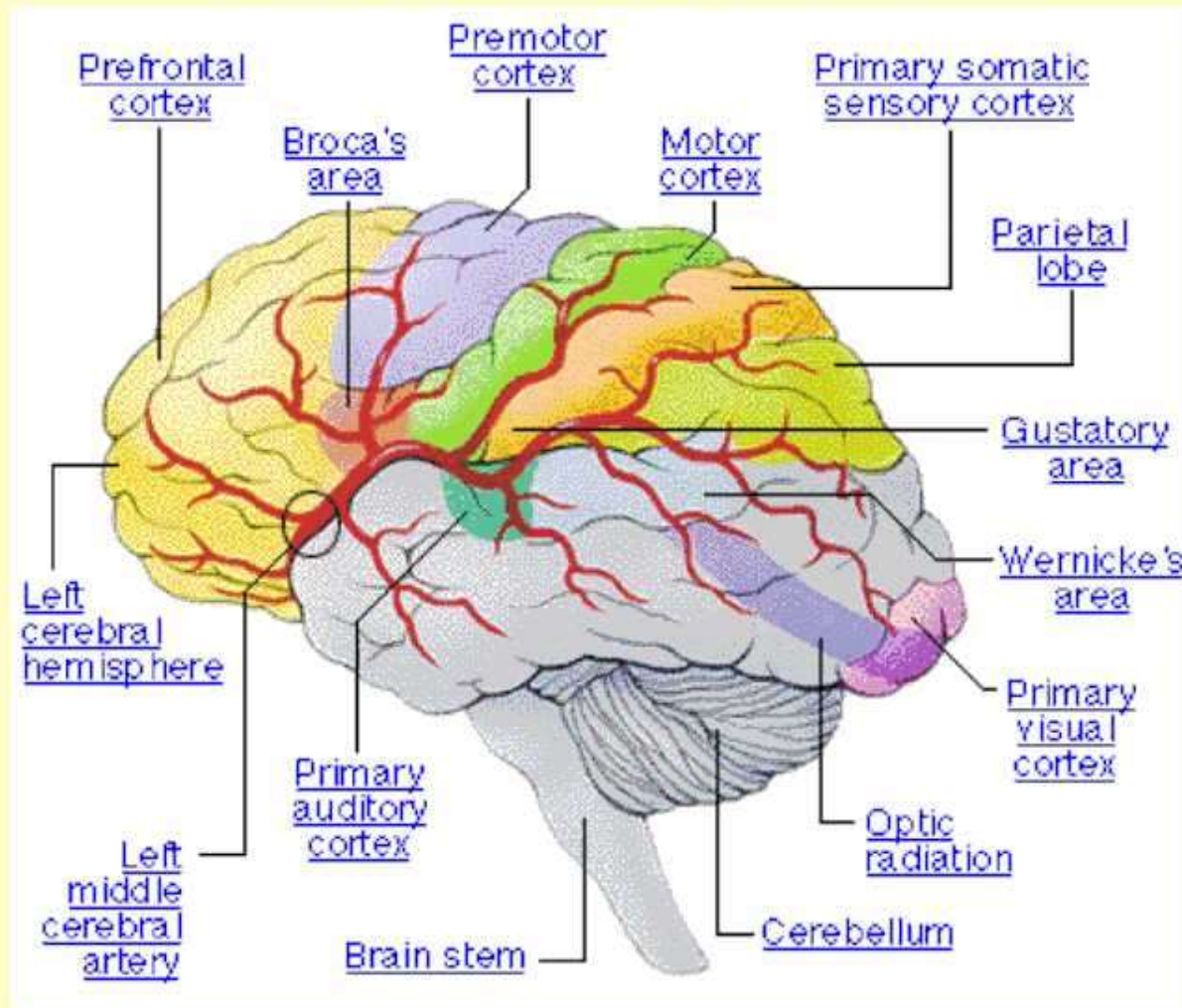
# Your Mind



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# ***The Brain...***



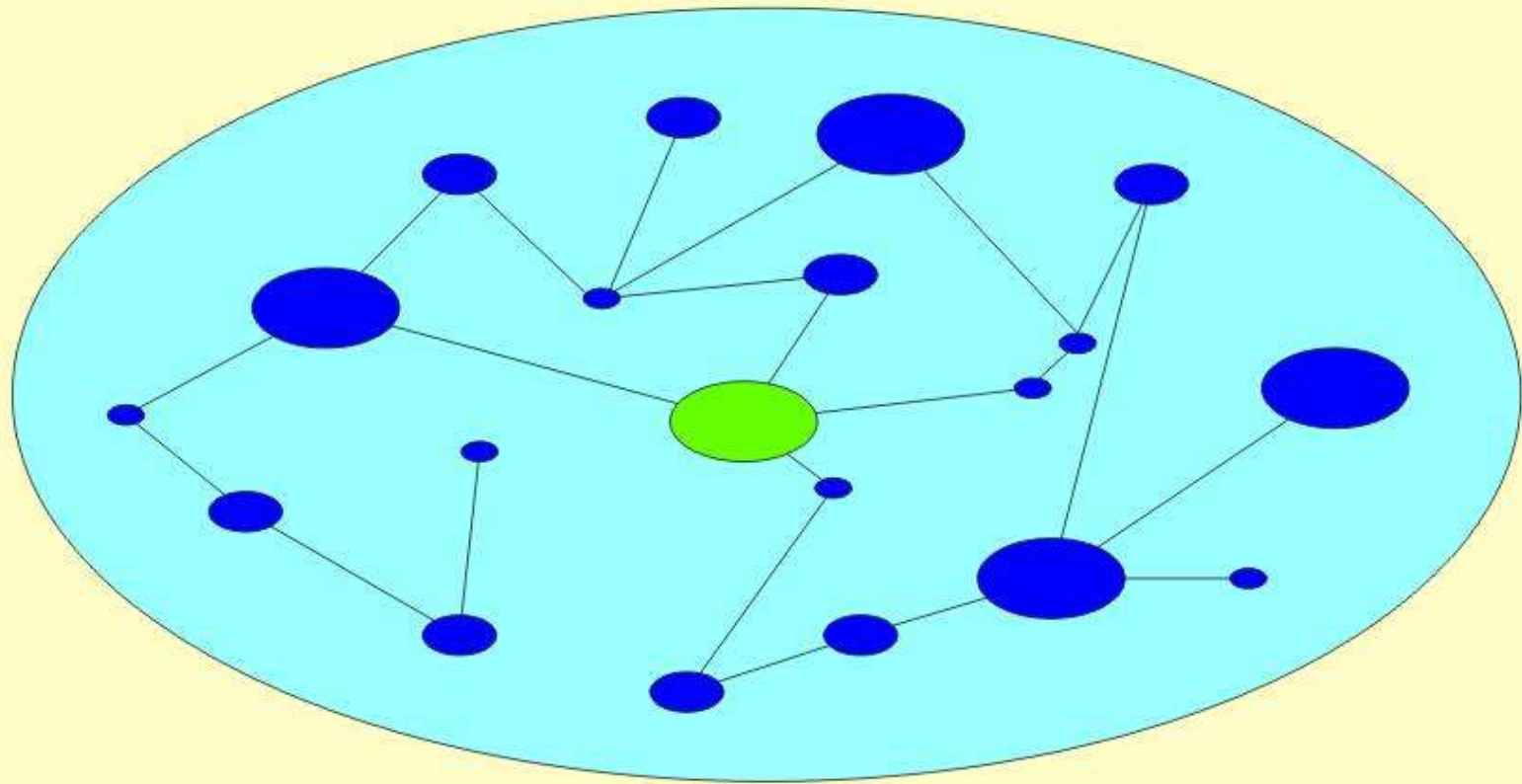
## ***Structure and Function***

***Image: AMA***

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# ***Knowledge Structures in the Brain***

## ***A Complex Network***



**Concepts**

**Images**

**Facts**

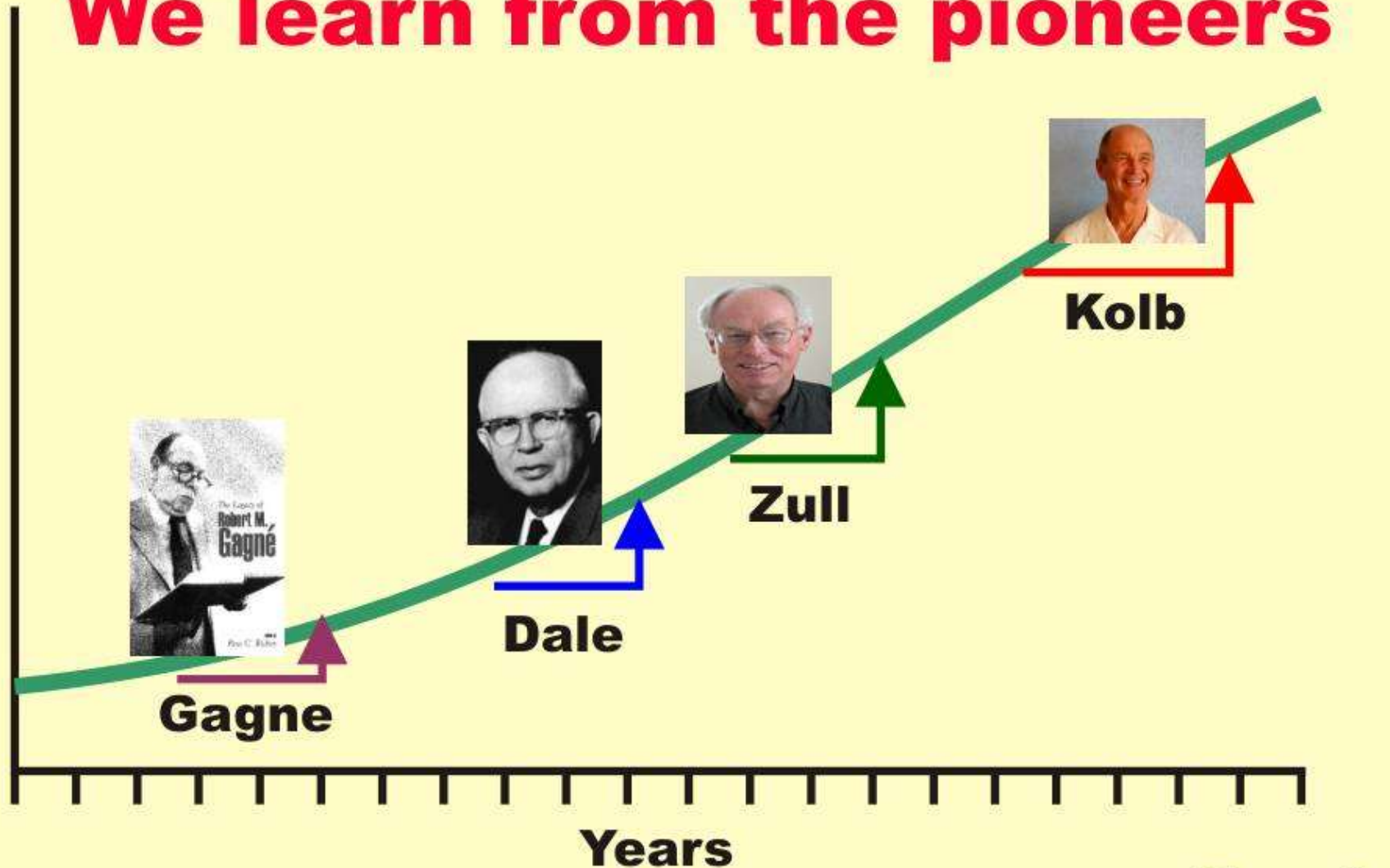
**Language**

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# Knowledge of the Learning & Teaching Process

## We learn from the pioneers

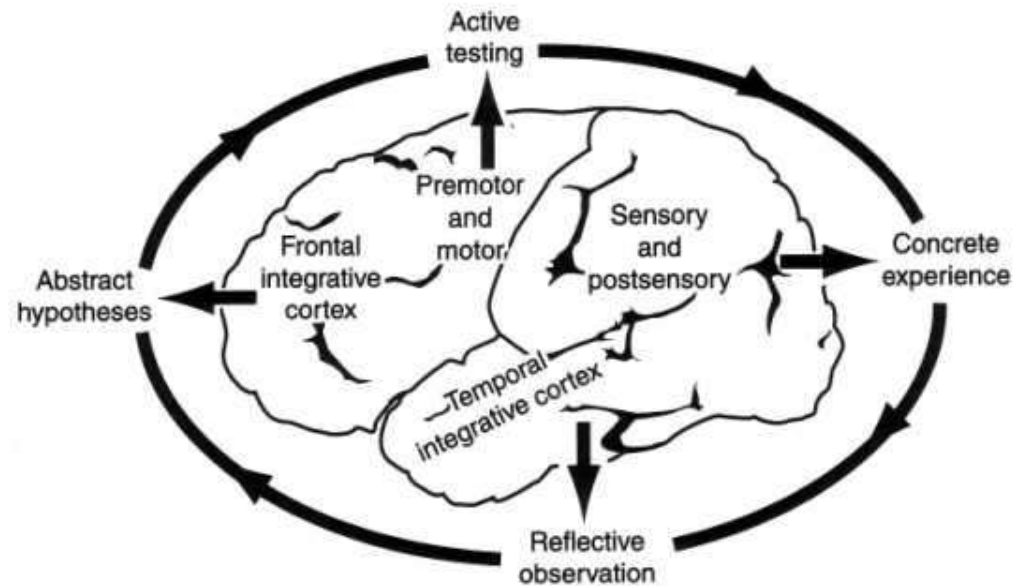


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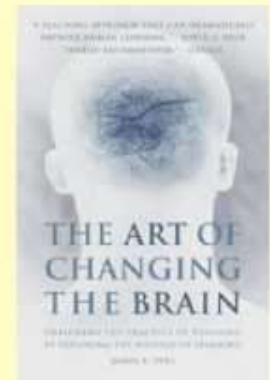
# ***Zull's Model of Brain Function***



***James Zull, Ph.D.***  
***Professor of Biology***  
***Professor of Biochemistry***  
***Director of University Center for***  
***Innovation in Teaching and***  
***Education***  
***Case Western Reserve***



## ***Reference:***





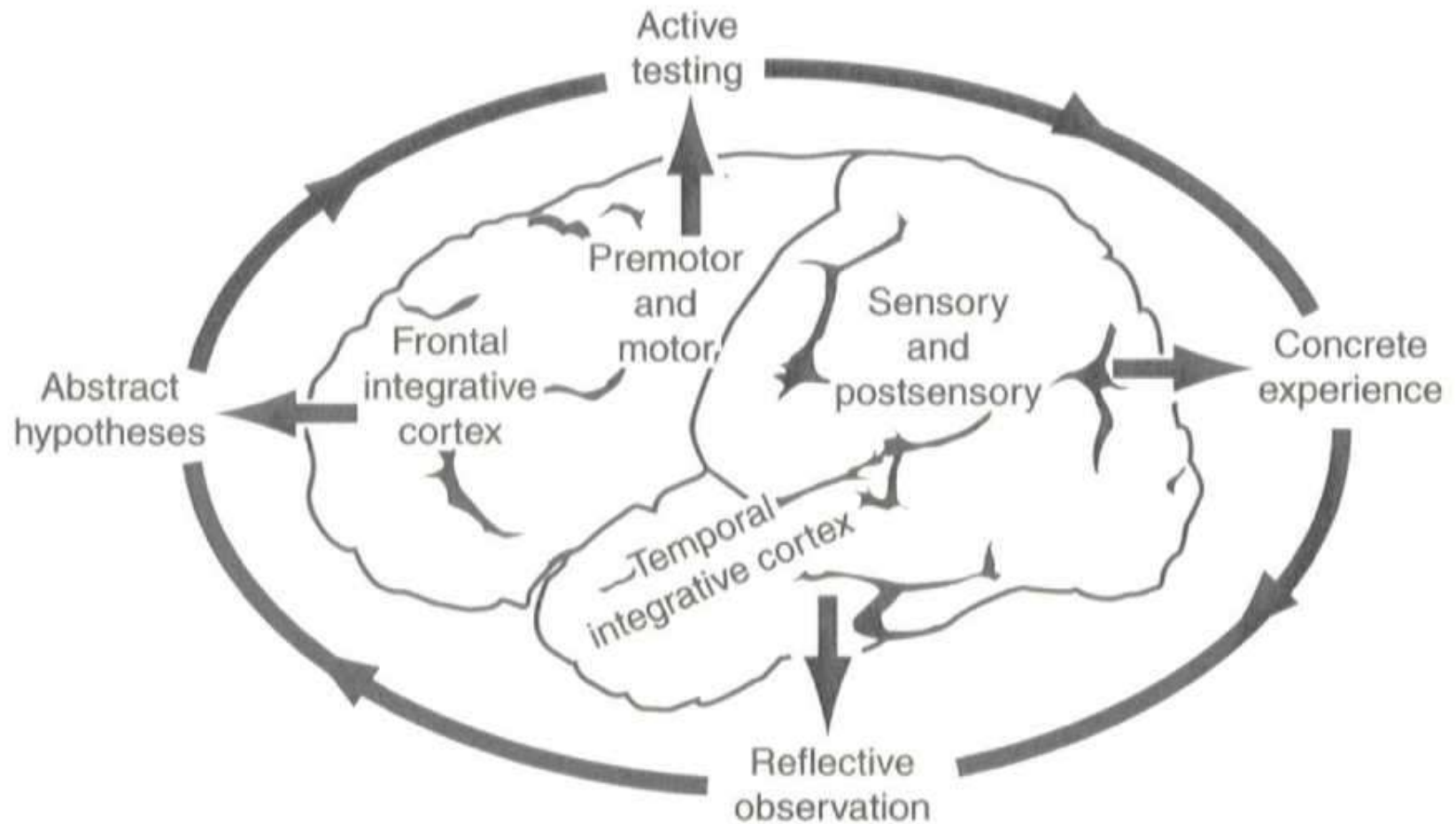
# ***Kolb's Experiential Learning Model***



***David A. Kolb, Ph.D.***  
***Professor of Organizational Behavior***  
***Case Western Reserve***

***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

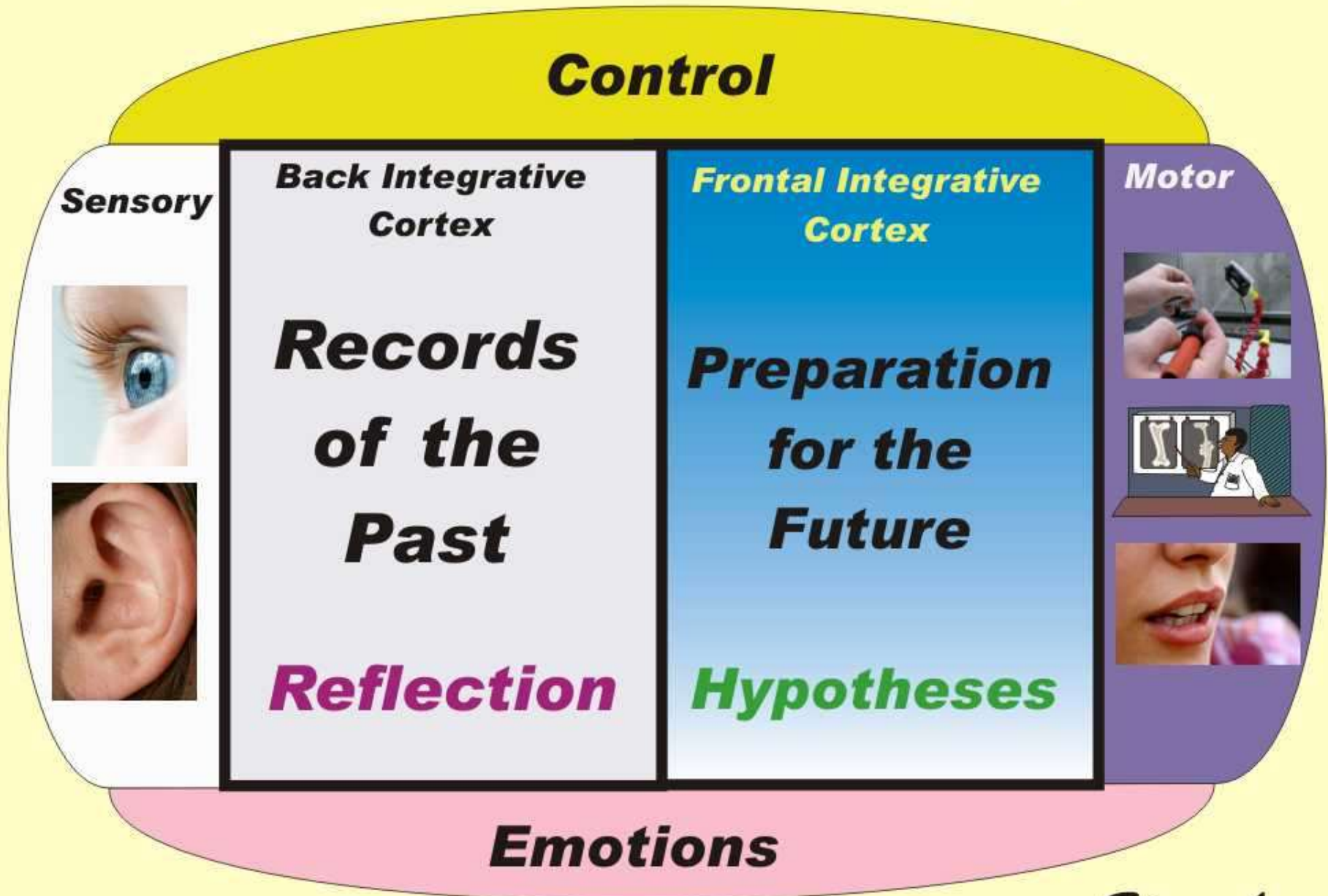
### Motor



## Emotions

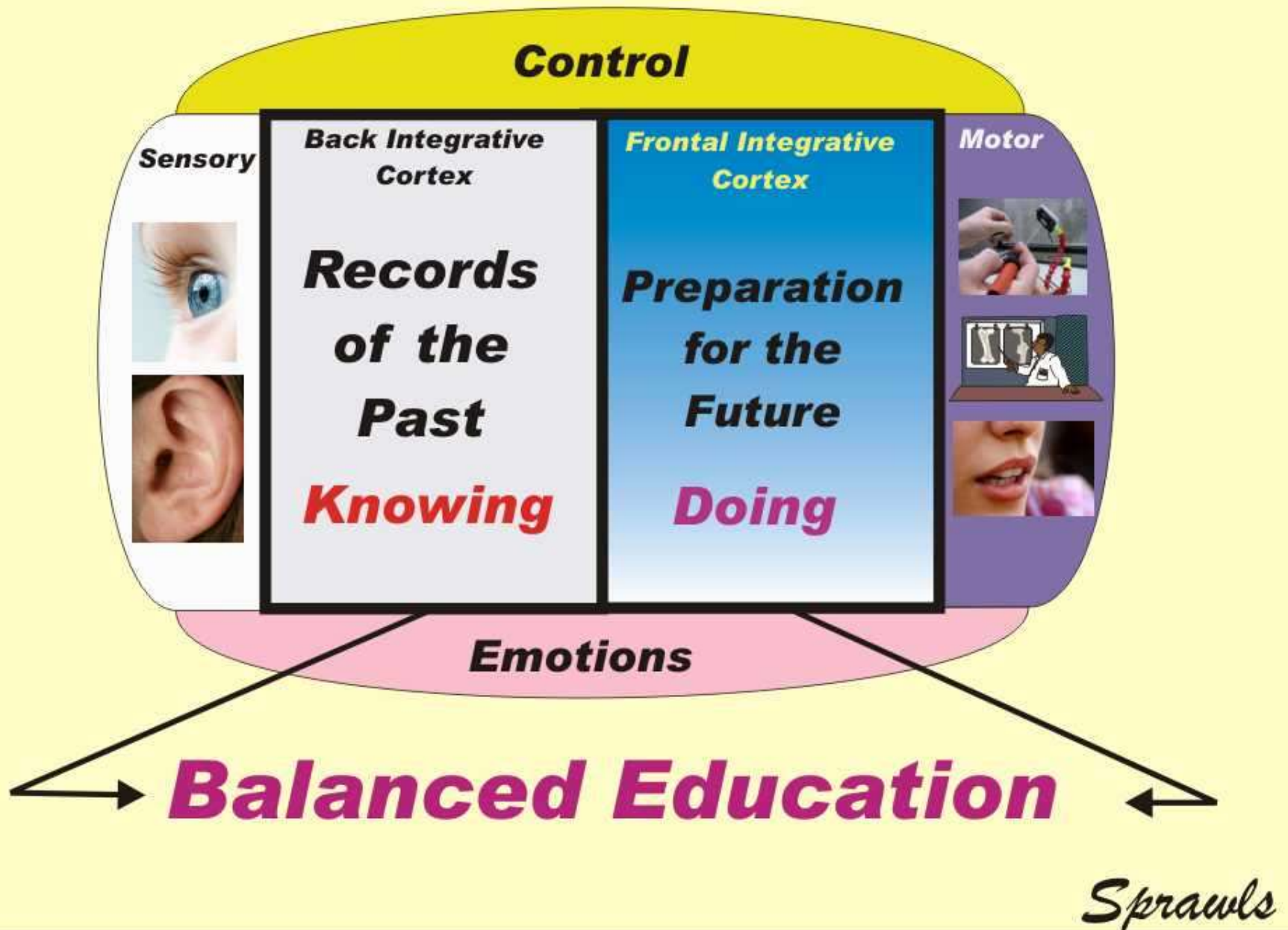
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# Brain Functions for Learning Physics





# **Brain Functions for Learning Physics**



# Forming Knowledge Structures

**Physical Universe**

**Back Integrative Cortex**

**Sensory**



**Visible Physical Objects**

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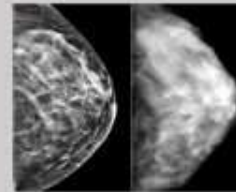
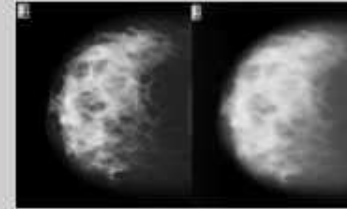
# ***Forming Knowledge Structures***

## ***Physical Universe***

## ***Back Integrative Cortex***



***Sensory***



## ***Visible Physical Objects***

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# **Forming Knowledge Structures**

**Physical Universe**

**Back Integrative Cortex**

**Radiation  
Electrons  
Magnetic  
Atomic  
Nuclear**

**Sensory**



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***Invisible* Physical Objects**

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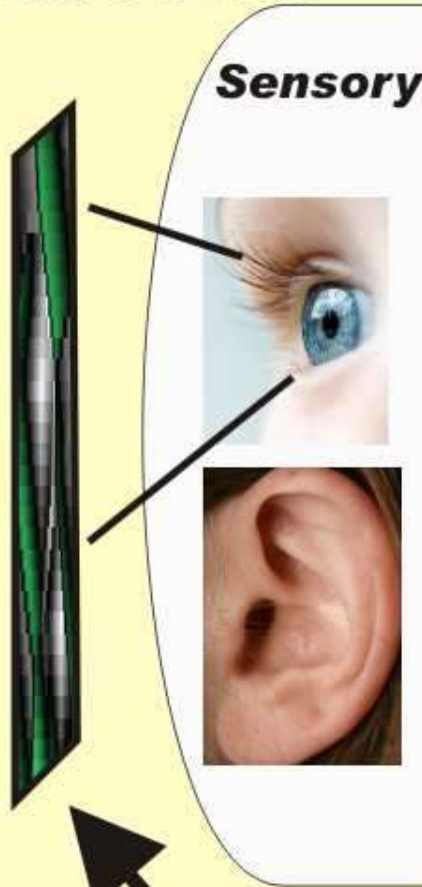


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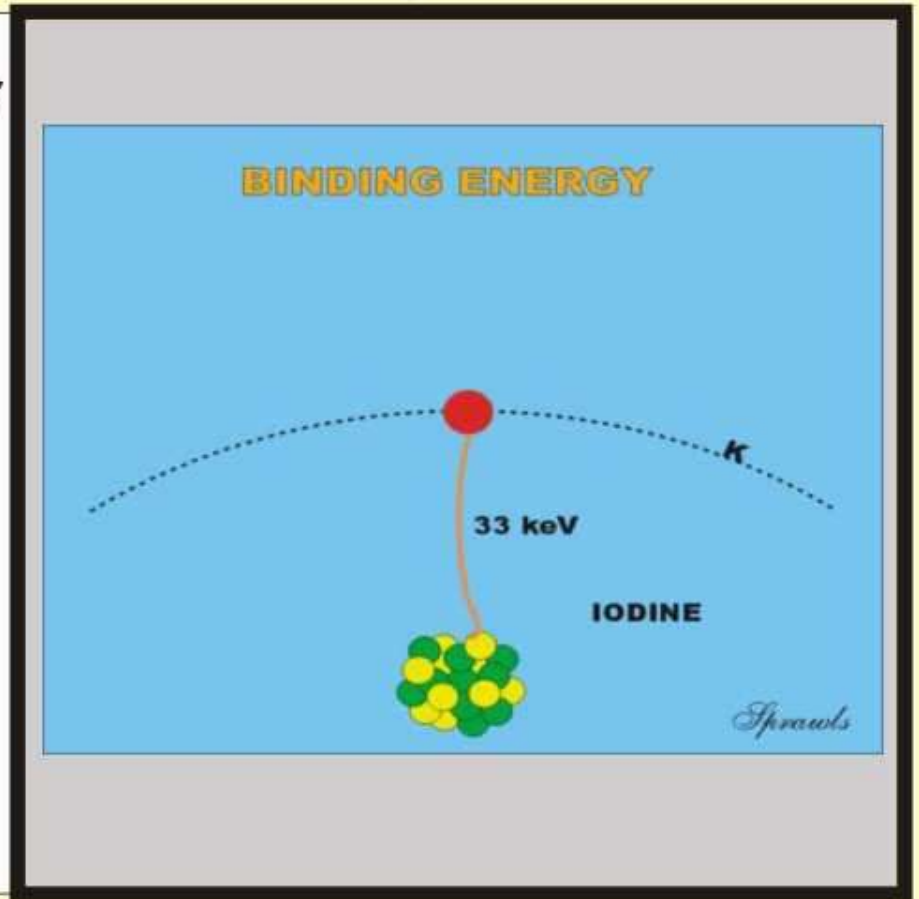
**Physical Universe**

**Back Integrative Cortex**

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**Nuclear**



**Sensory**



**Invisible**

**Physical Objects**

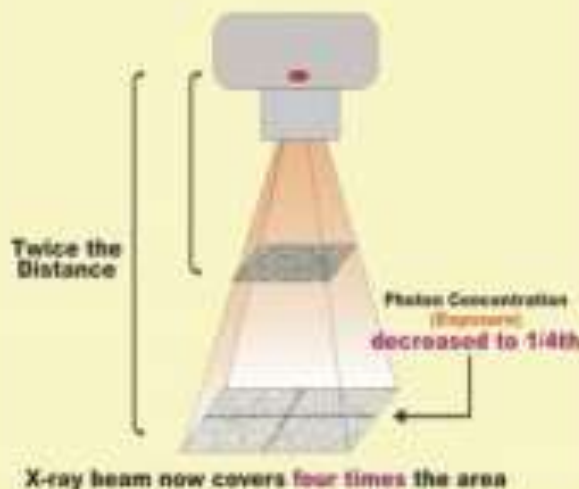
**Visuals**

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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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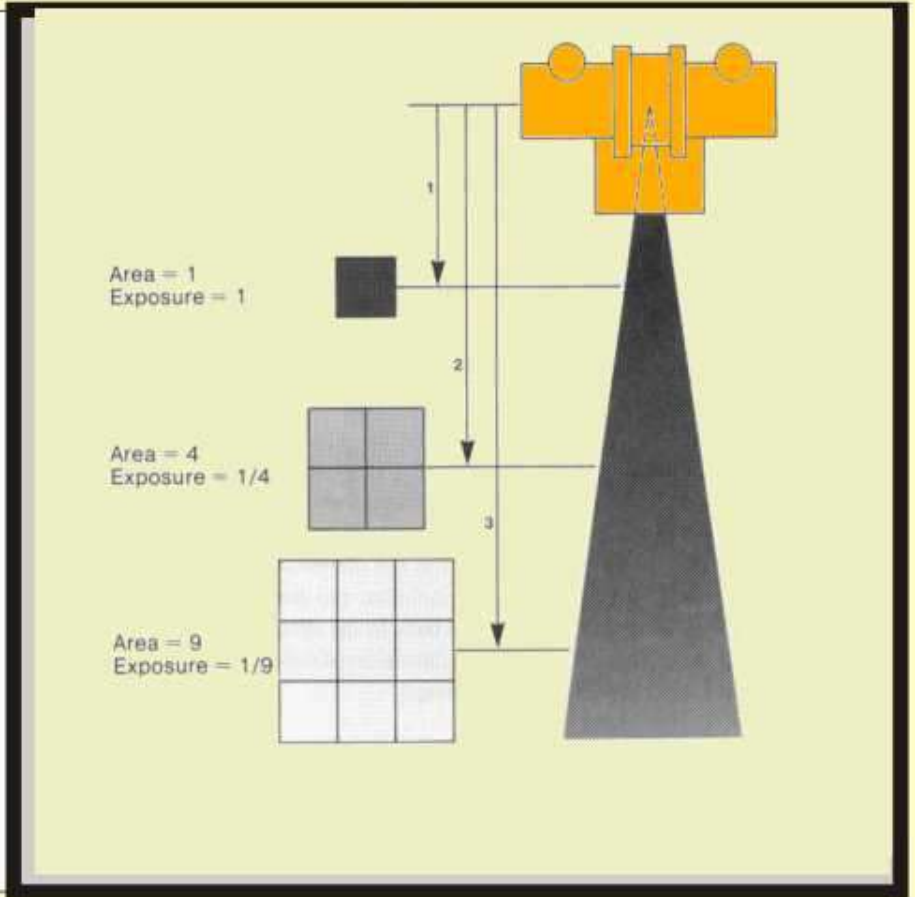
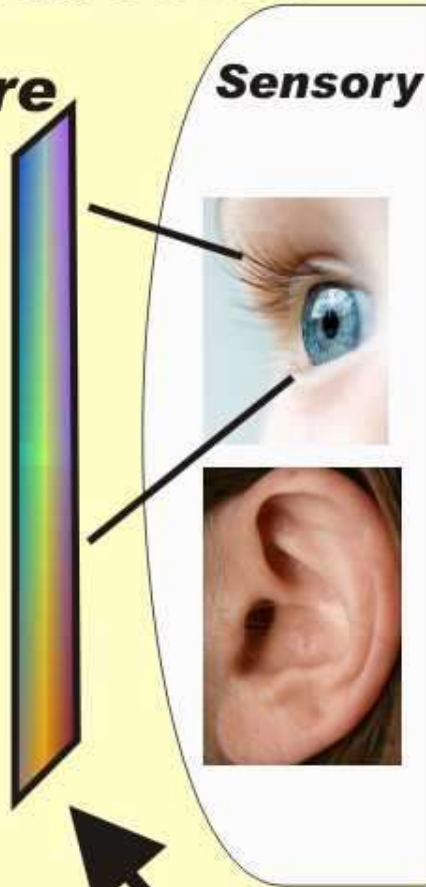


# Forming Knowledge Structures

**Physical Universe**

**Back Integrative Cortex**

**Inverse Square Effect**

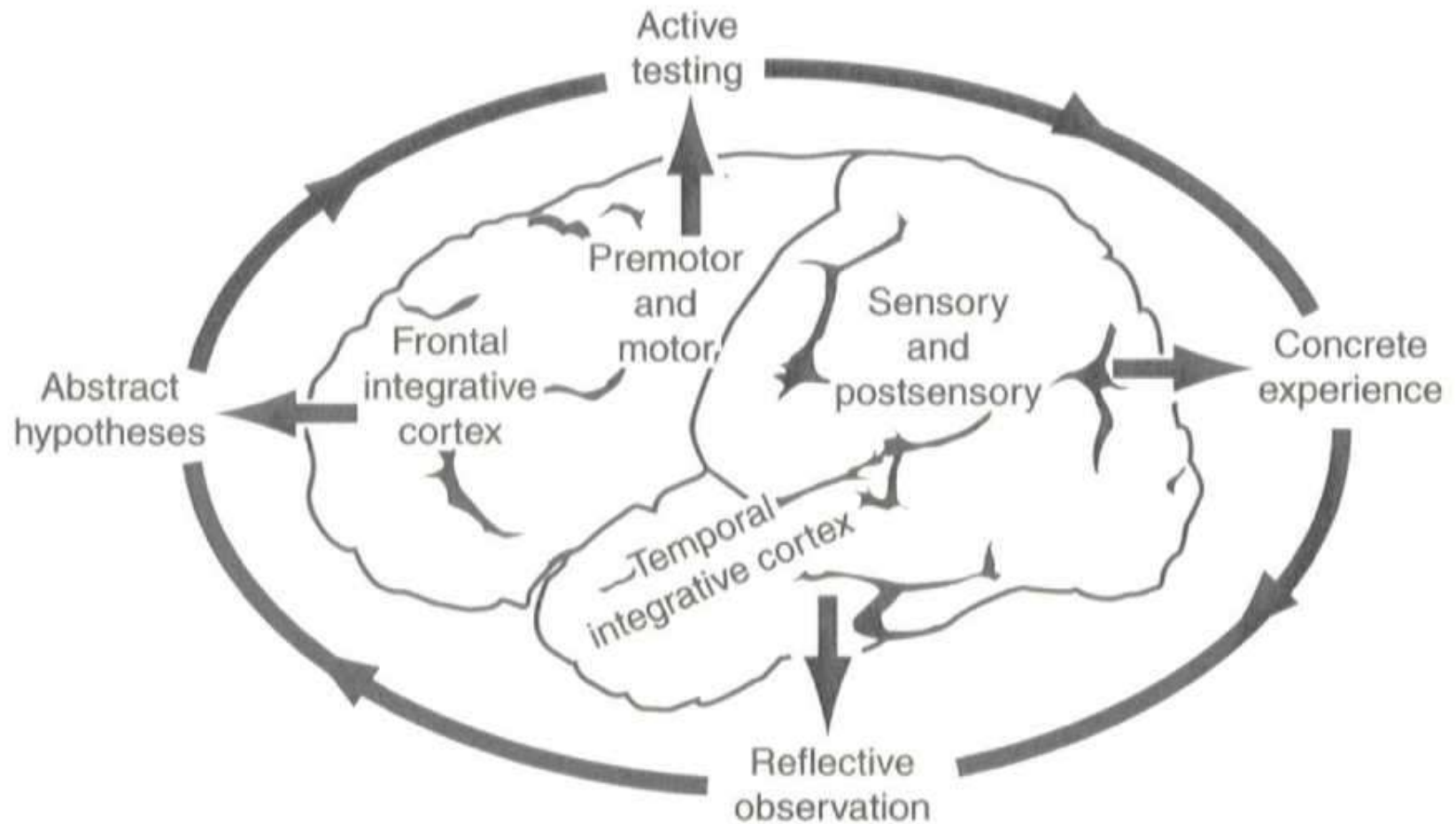


**Invisible  
Concepts  
Ideas**

**Visuals**

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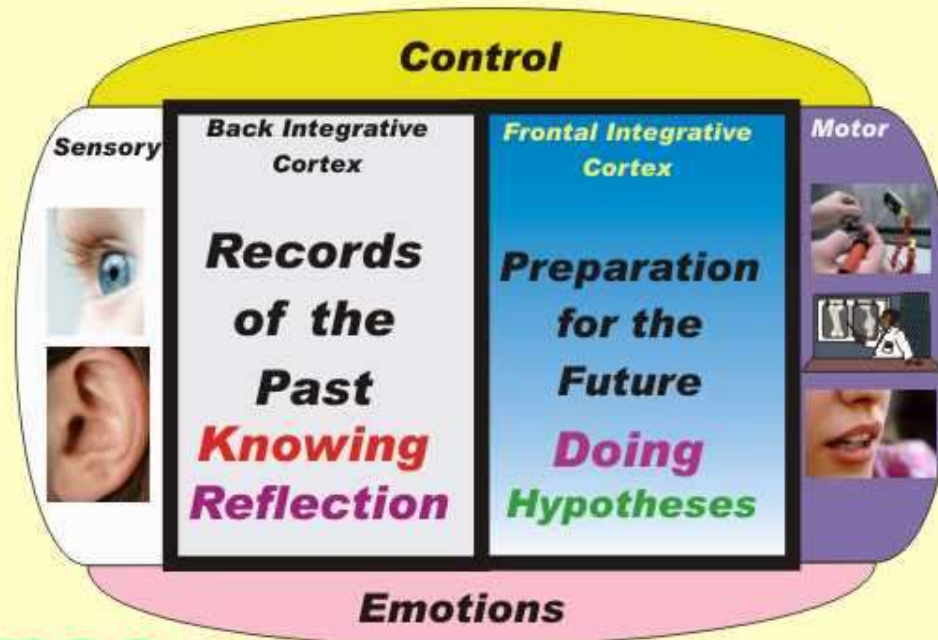
# ***Zull's Model of Brain Function***





# **Brain Functions for Learning Physics**

## **Active Experimentation and Testing**



**Sense  
and  
Experience  
Observe**

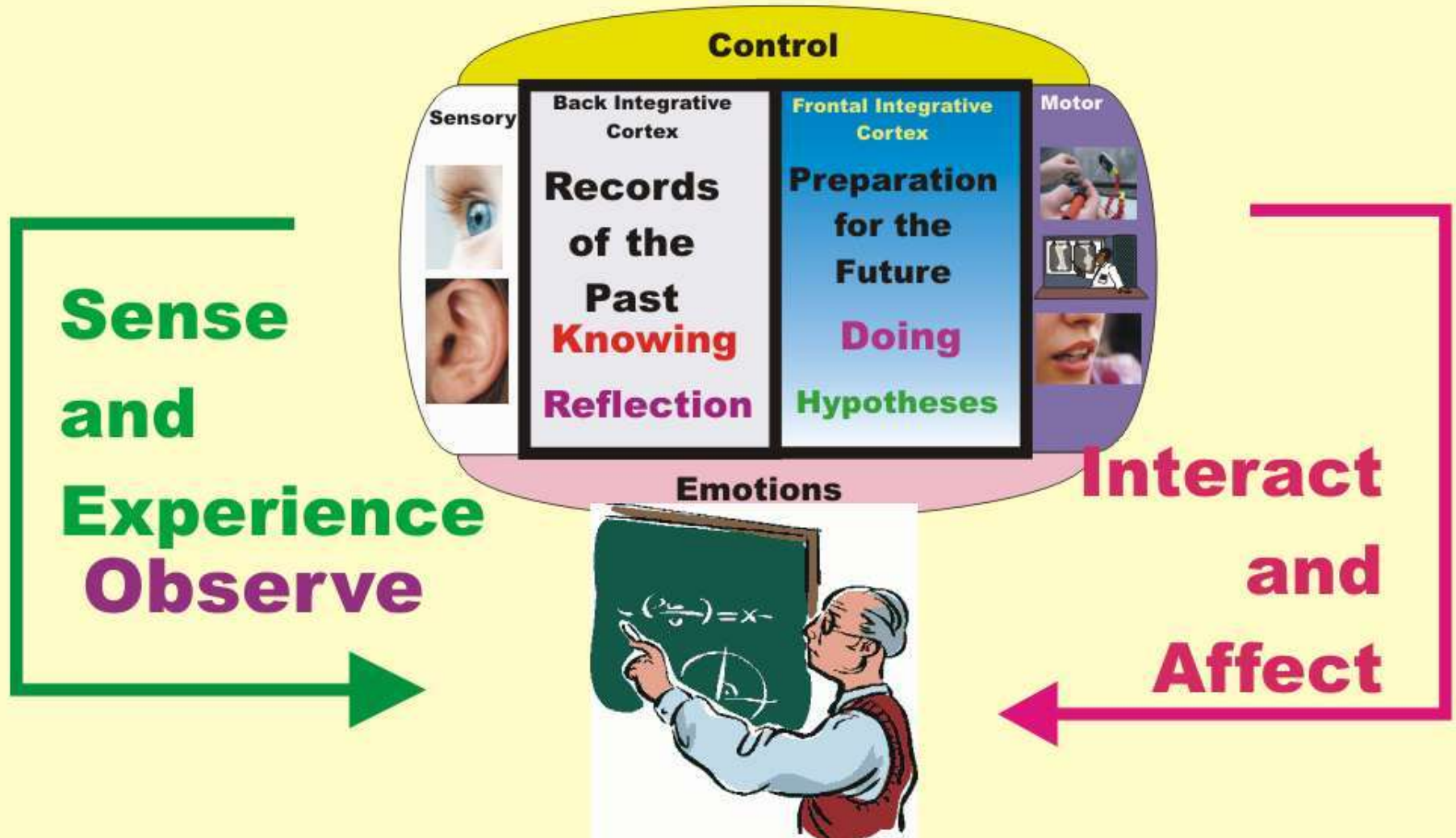
**Interact  
and  
Affect**



**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**



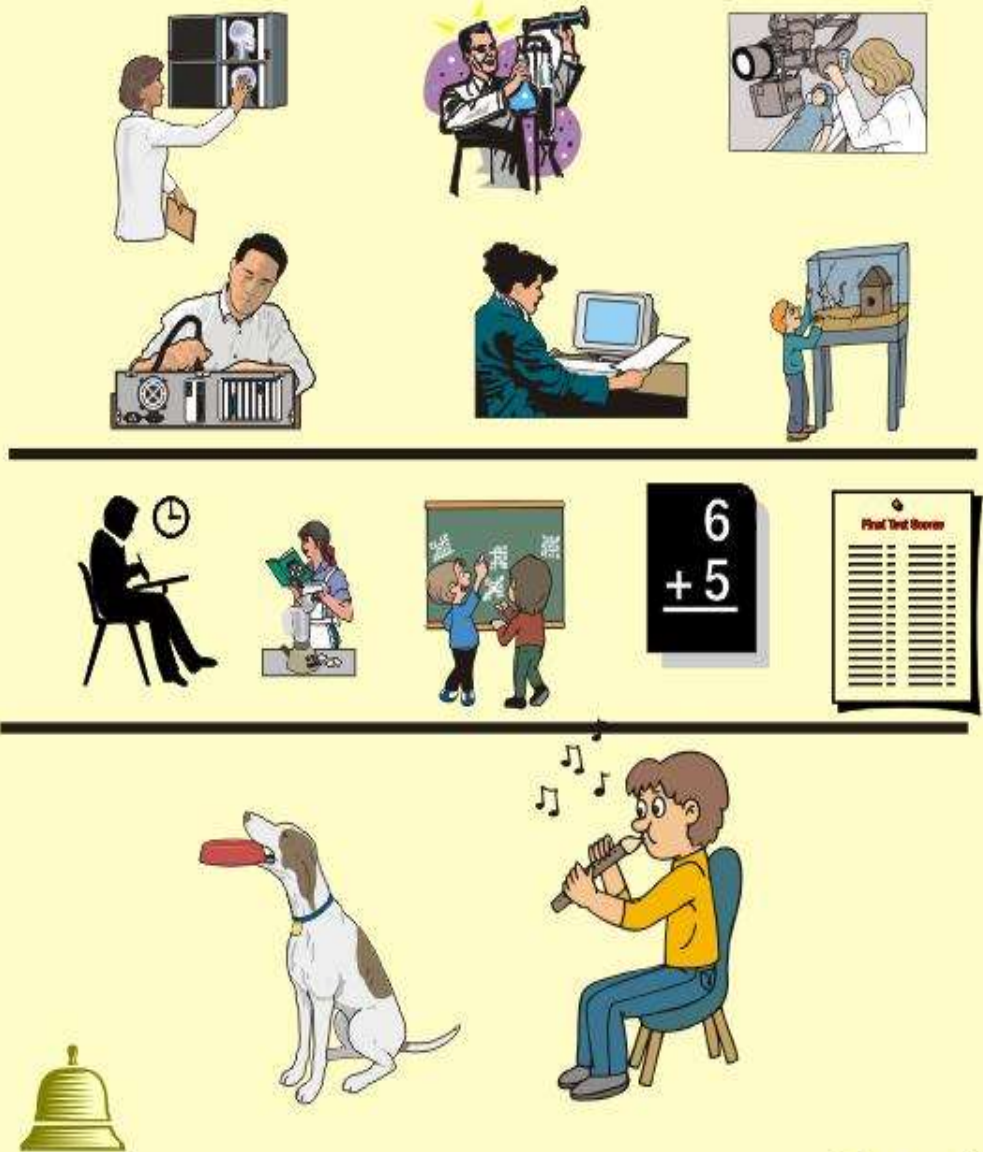
**The Gagne assumption is that different types of learning exist, and that different instructional conditions are most likely to bring about these different types of learning**

**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.**

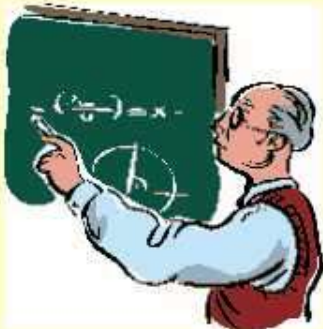
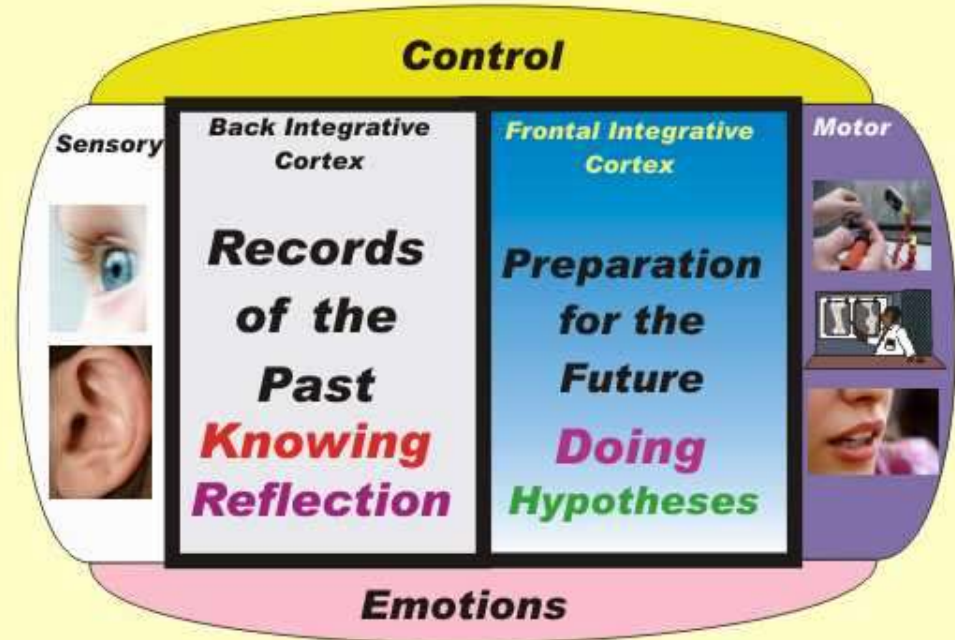
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# Gagne's Hierarchy of Learning



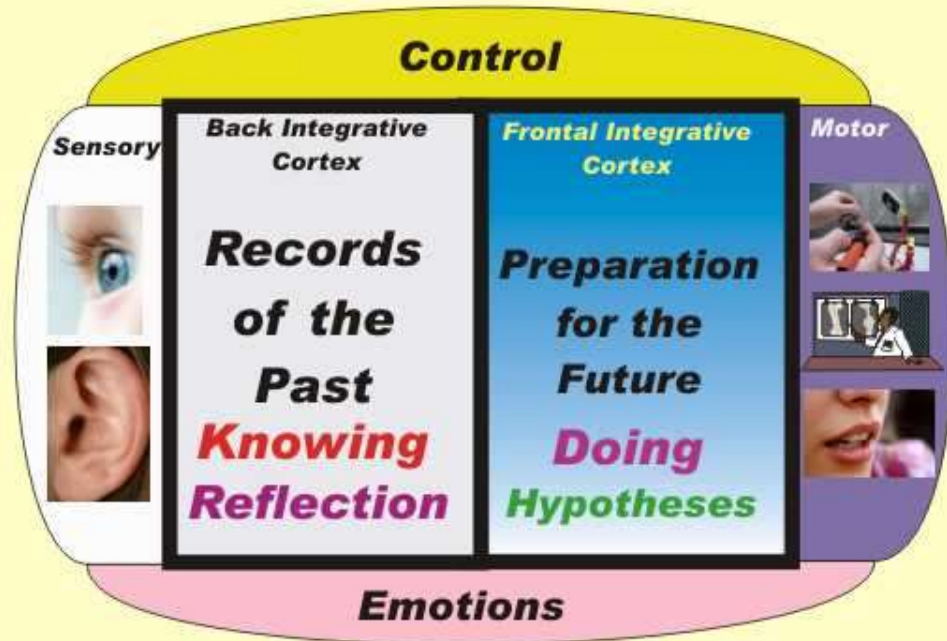


# Challenging Learning Environments



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# Rich Learning Environments

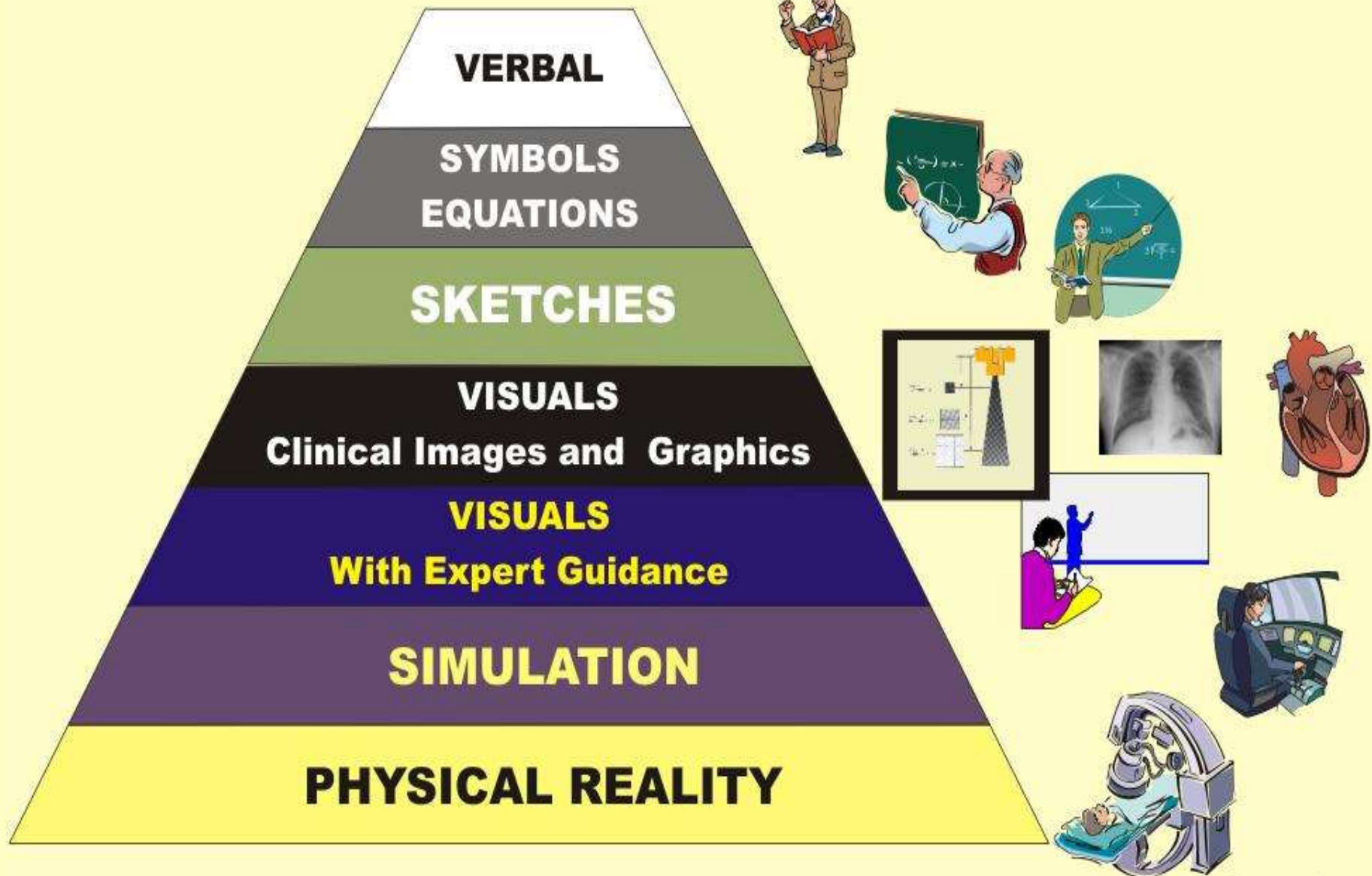


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# Cone of Experience for Medical Imaging Education





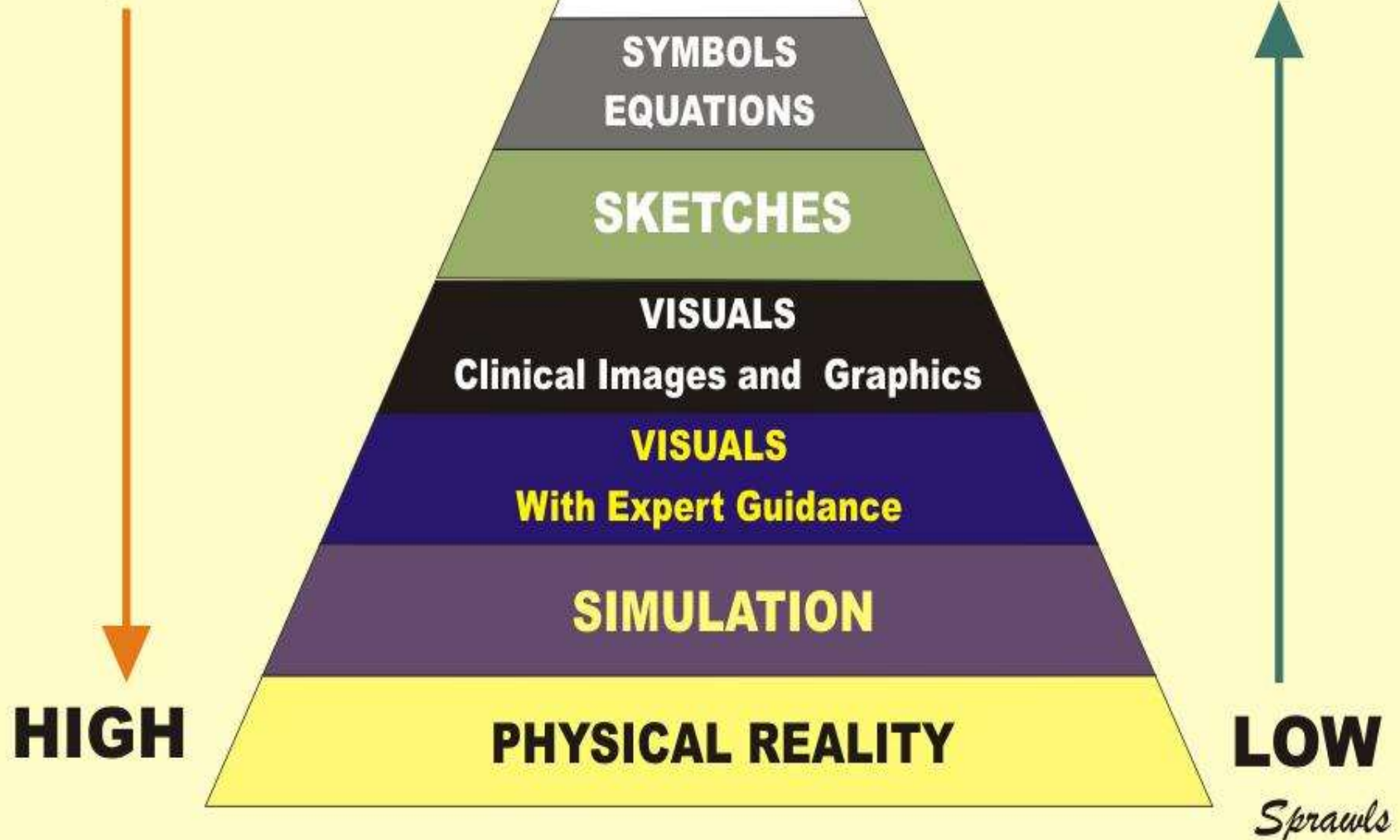
# Cone of Experience for Medical Imaging Education

**EFFECTIVENESS**

**LOW**

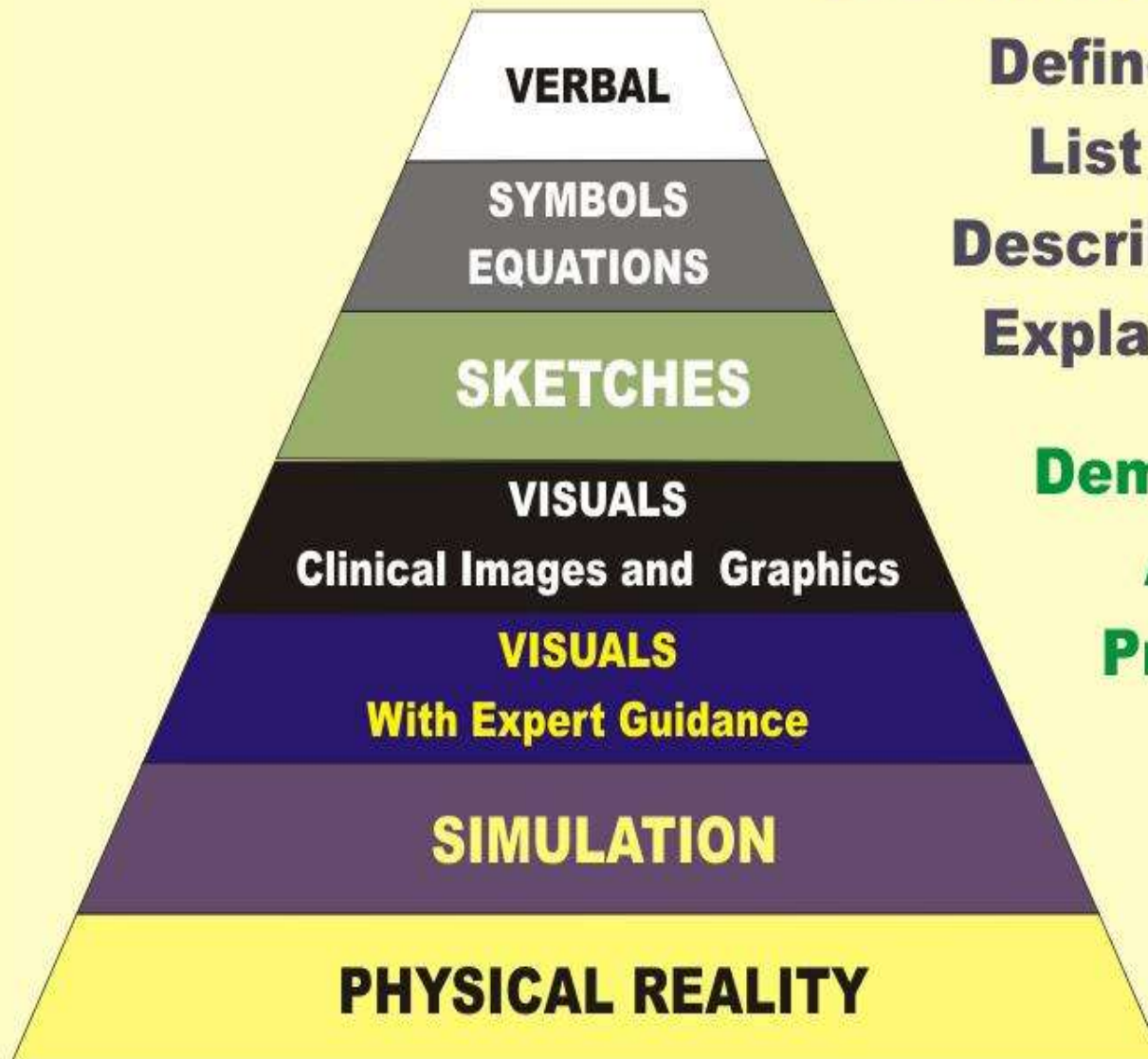
**EFFICIENCY**

**HIGH**



# Cone of Experience for Medical Imaging Education

## LEARNING OUTCOMES



**Define**  
**List**  
**Describe**  
**Explain**



**Demonstrate**  
**Apply**  
**Practice**



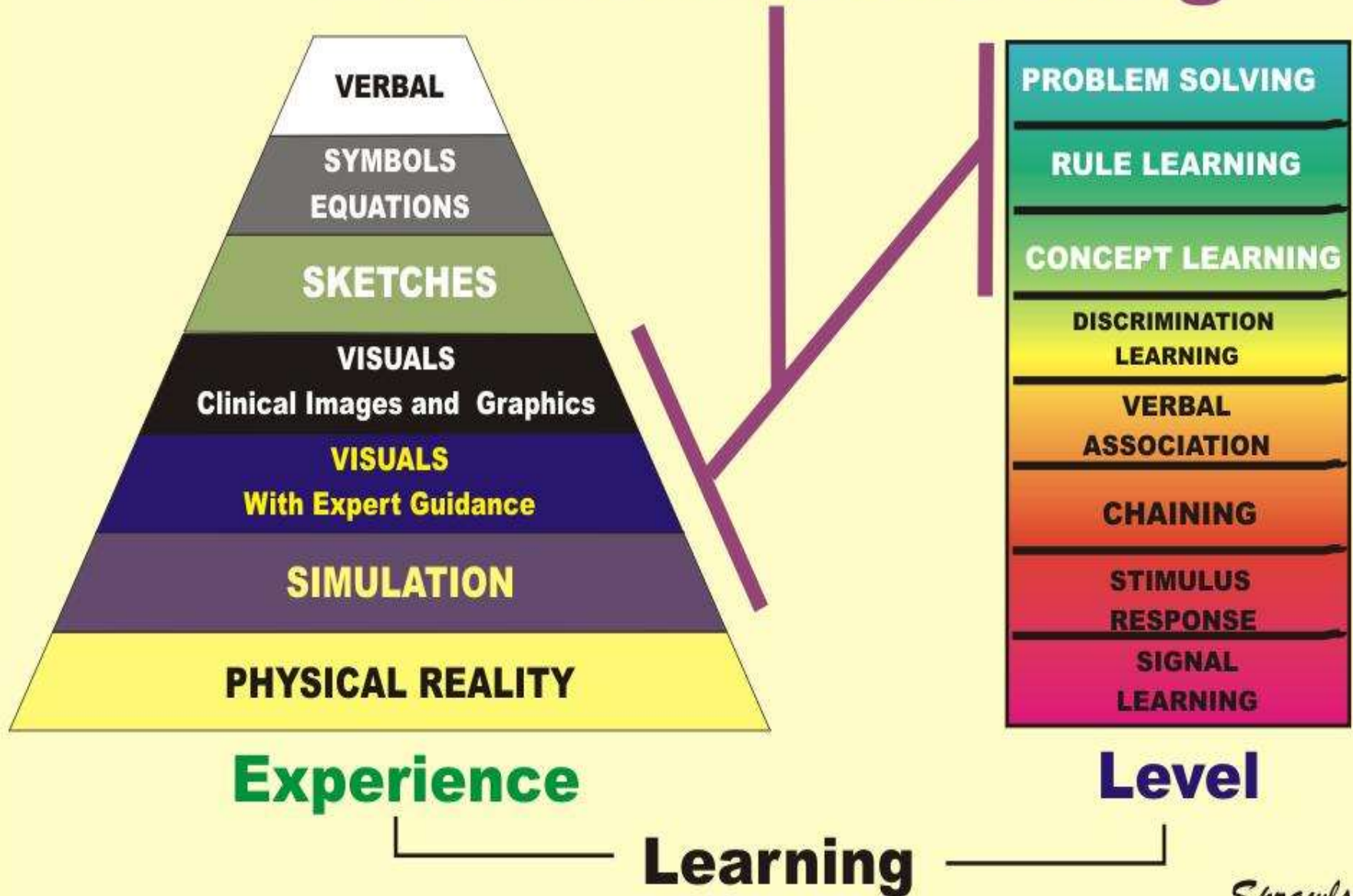
**Analyze**  
**Create**  
**Evaluate**



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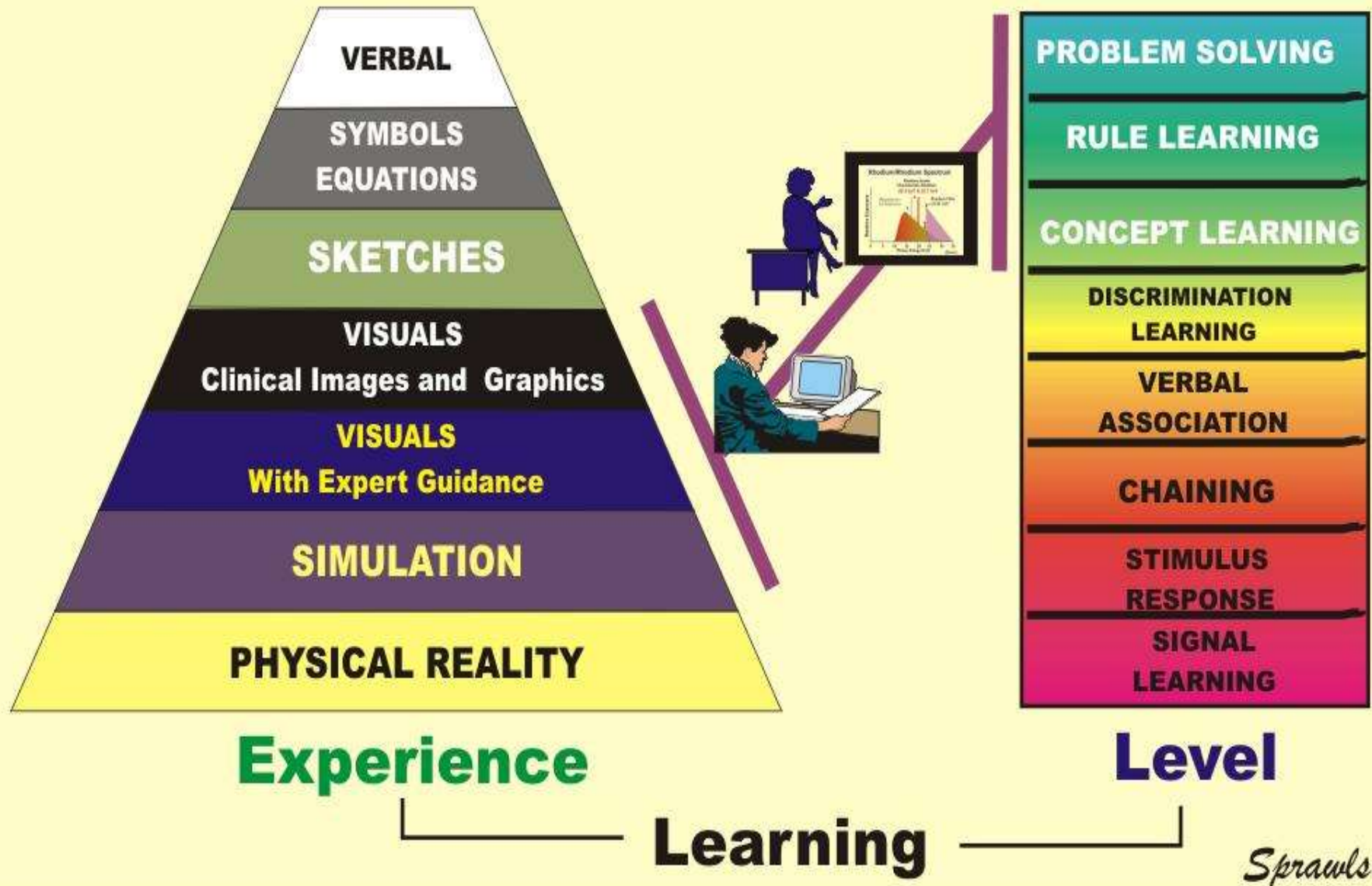


# Effective Learning



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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**

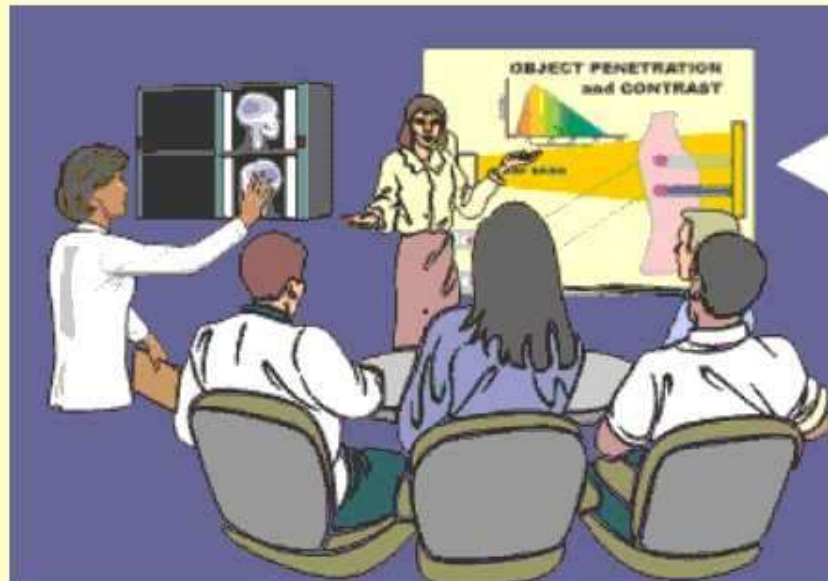
**Highly Effective  
Clinically Rich  
Learning Activities**

**Visuals Images Online Modules  
Resources and References**

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# Rich Classroom and Conference Learning Activities

**Learning  
Facilitator  
“Teacher”**



**Visuals**

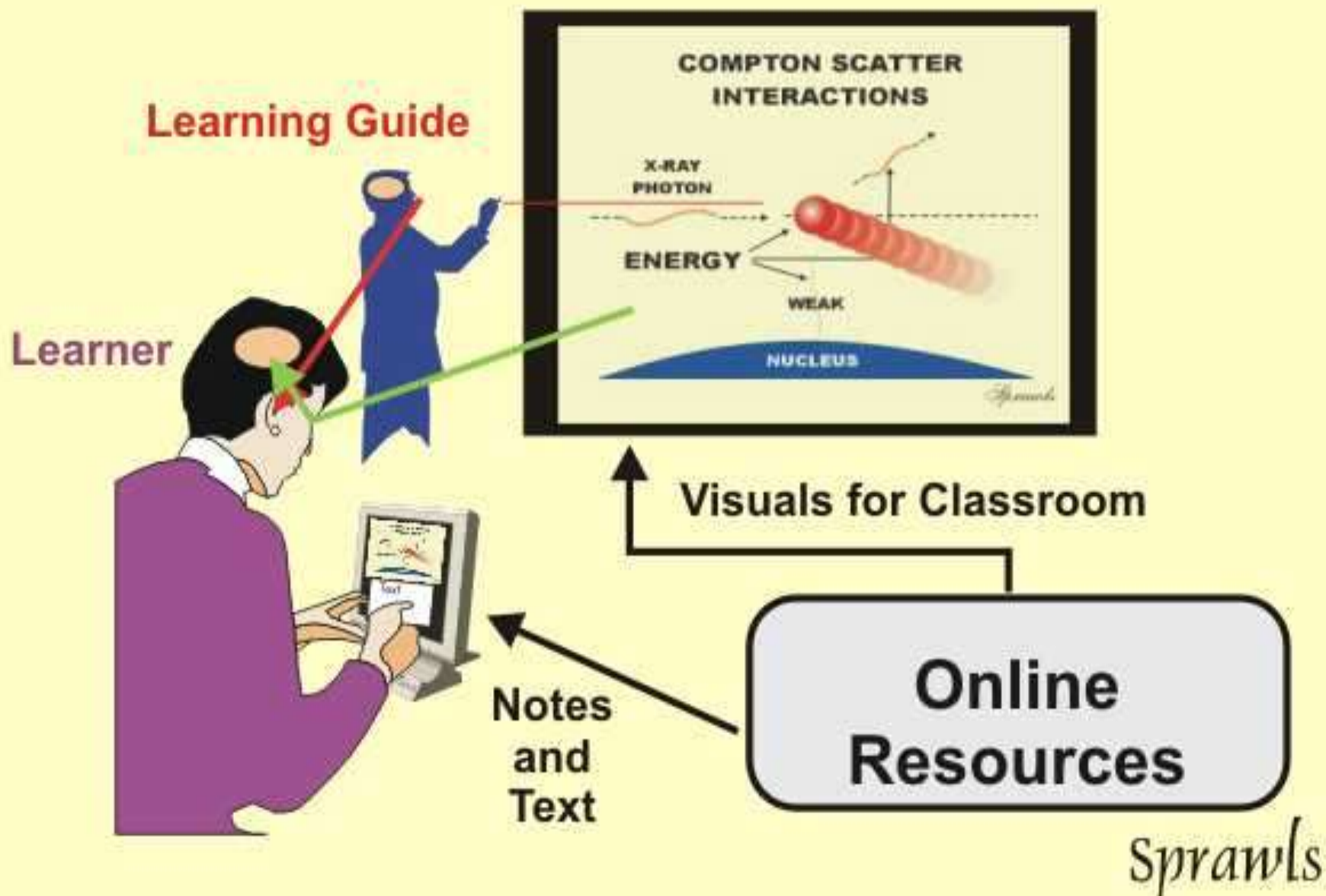
**Representations  
of  
Reality**

**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

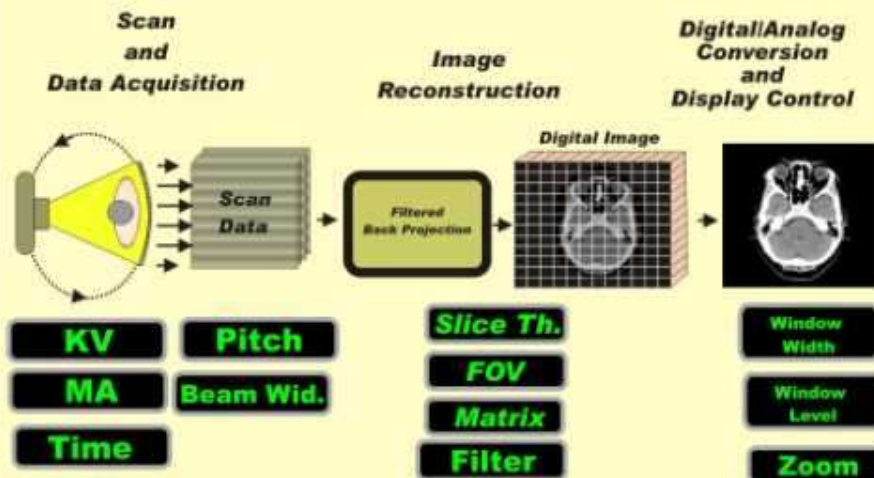


# Visuals for Learning and Teaching

## The Imaging Process

## Clinical Images

### The Three Phases of CT Image Formation



Major Control Factors

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# THE LEARNERS

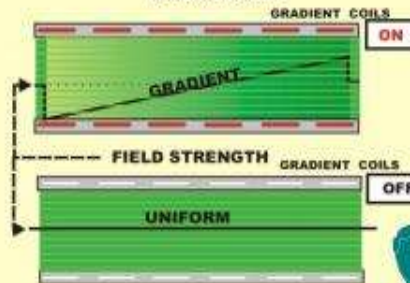
# WINDOW or BARRIER

# PHYSICAL UNIVERSE

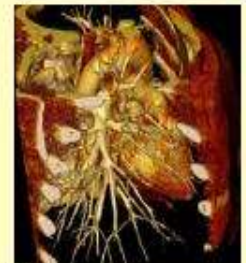
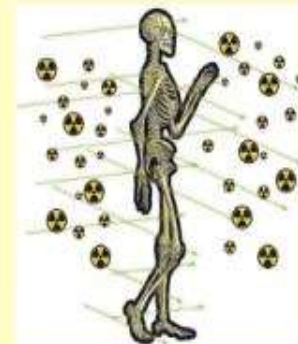
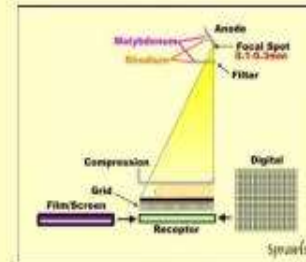
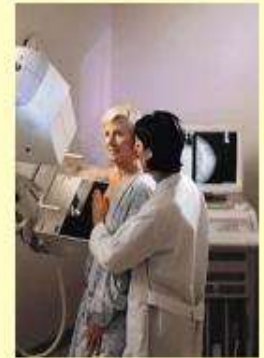


## Visuals

### A MAGNETIC FIELD GRADIENT



Physicists



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# **Technology Tools**

## **Developing Digital Images**

**“Paint”**

**Bitmaps**



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**“Draw”**

**Vectors**

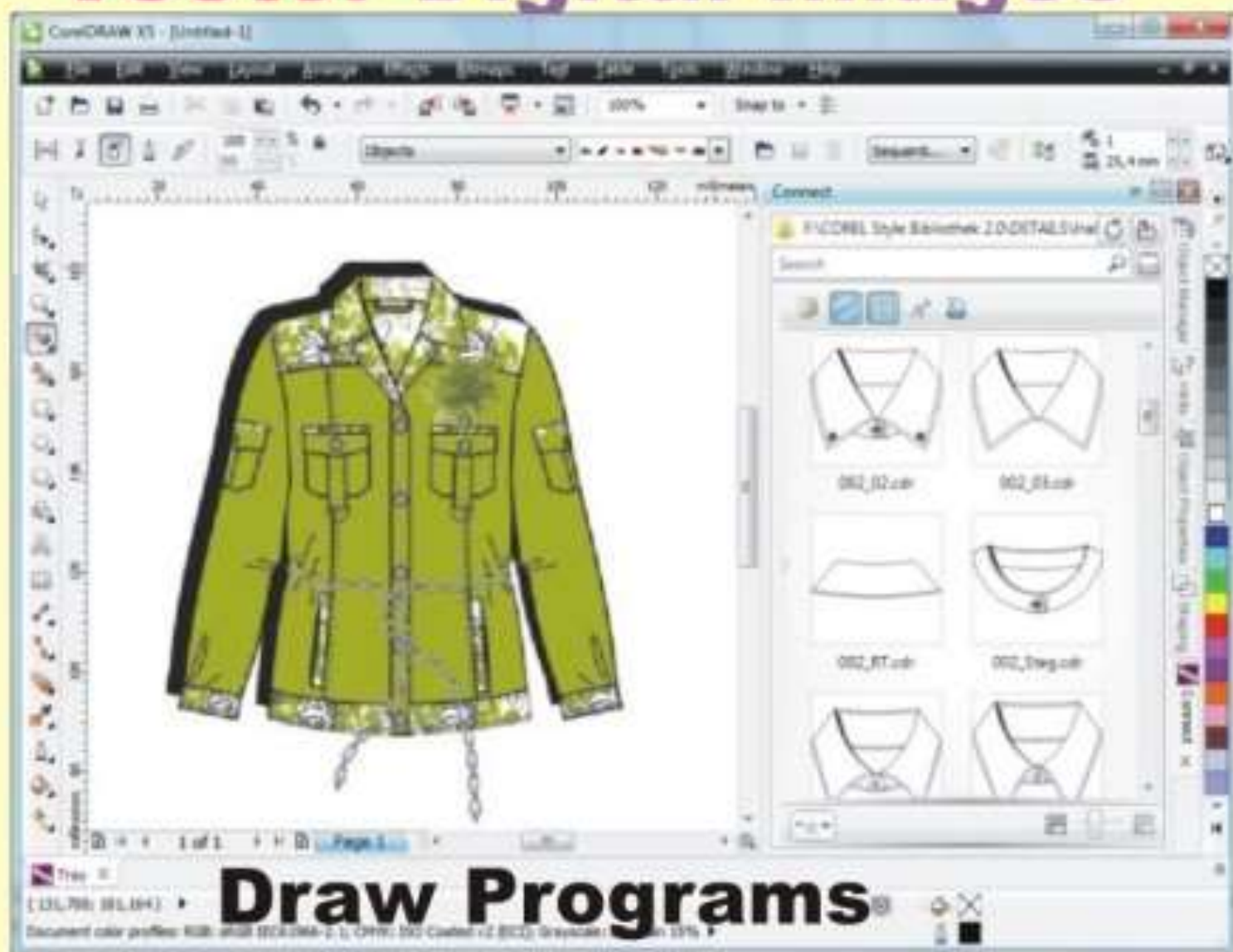


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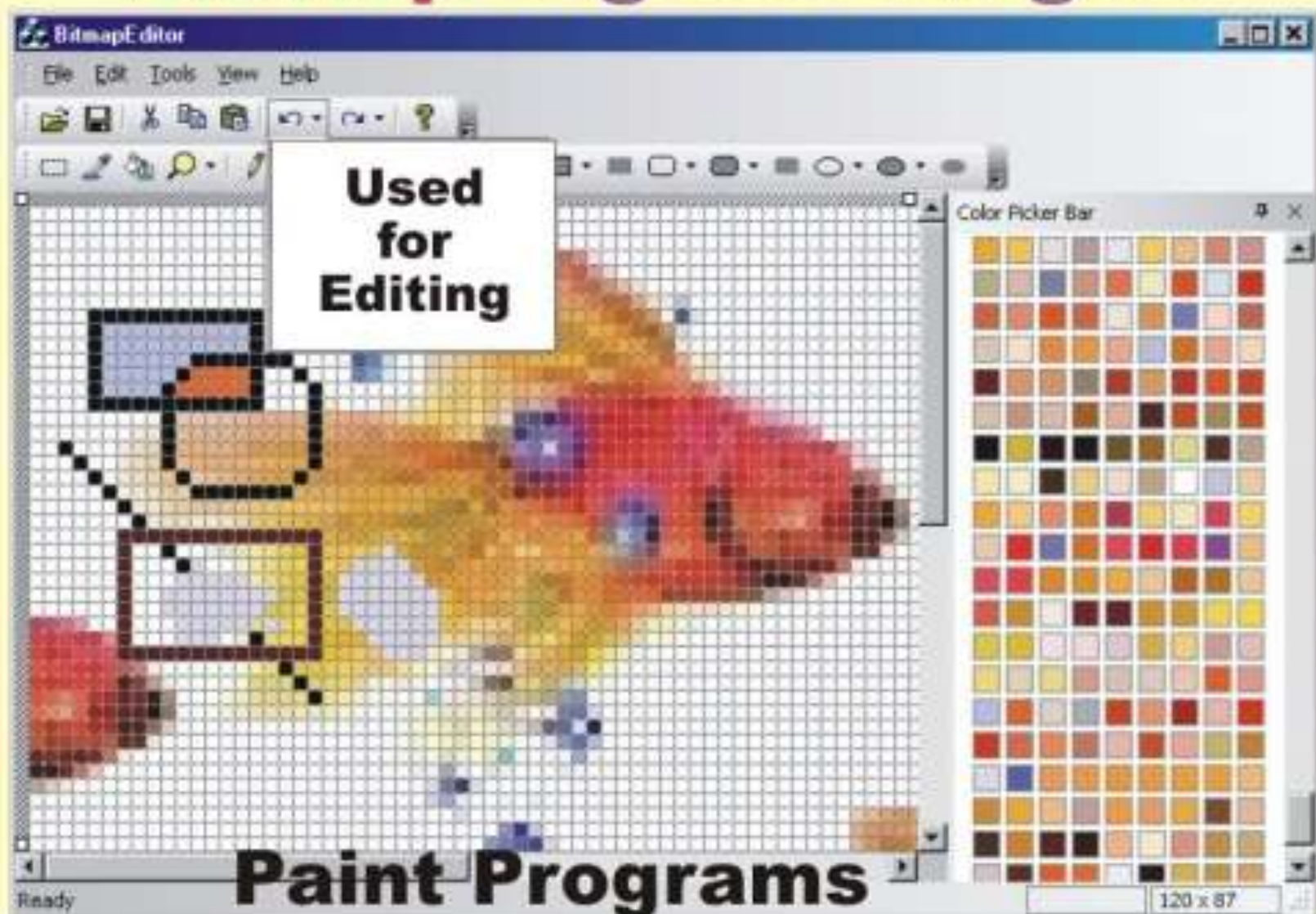
# Technology Tools

## Vector Digital Images



# Technology Tools

## Bitmap Digital Images





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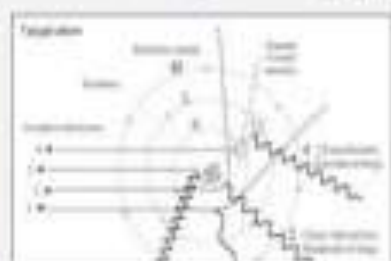
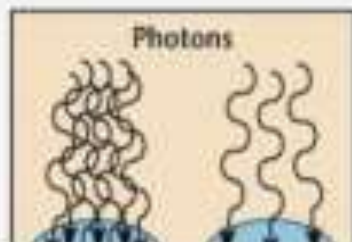
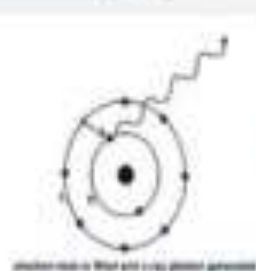
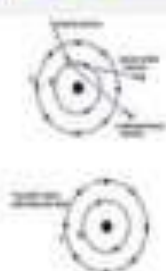
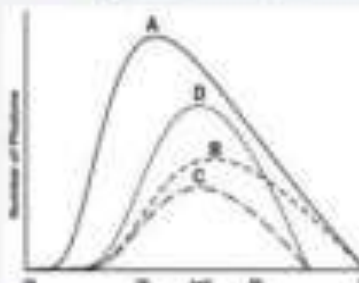
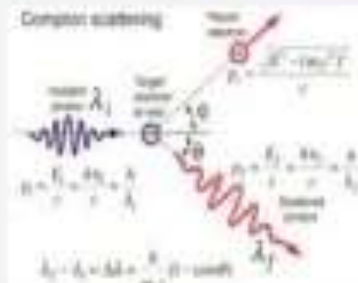
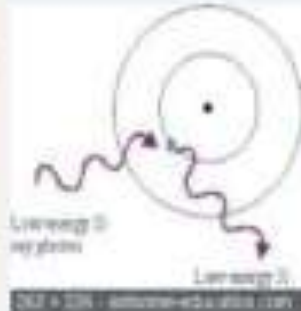
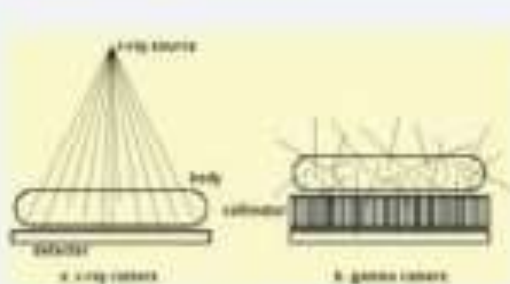


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**Open Access  
Educational Resources**



**Visuals Books Modules**

**Global Impact**



**Enhancing Radiology Education  
in Every Country of the World**

## Resource Physicist

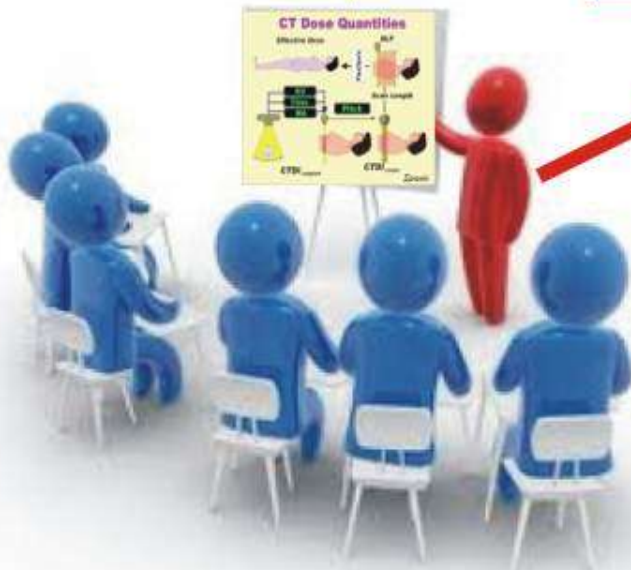


## Create visuals and related resources

## Share with the World



# Medical Physics Universe



**Local Physicist**  
**Organizes**  
**Guides**  
**Shares Experience**  
**Motivates**  
**Role Model**

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# Collaborative Teaching is Sharing Experience, Perspectives, and Opportunities

**Physicist**



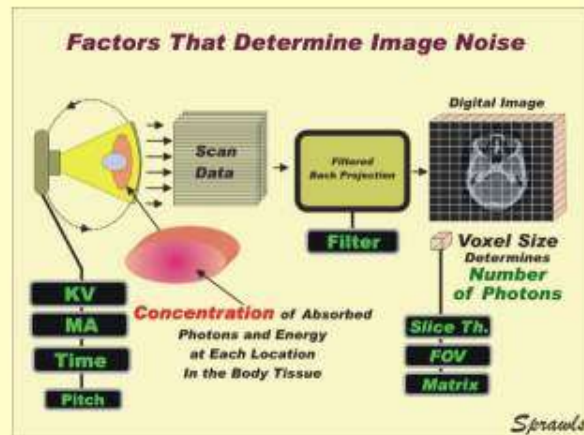
**Radiologist**



**Clinical Applications**



**Radiology Residents**

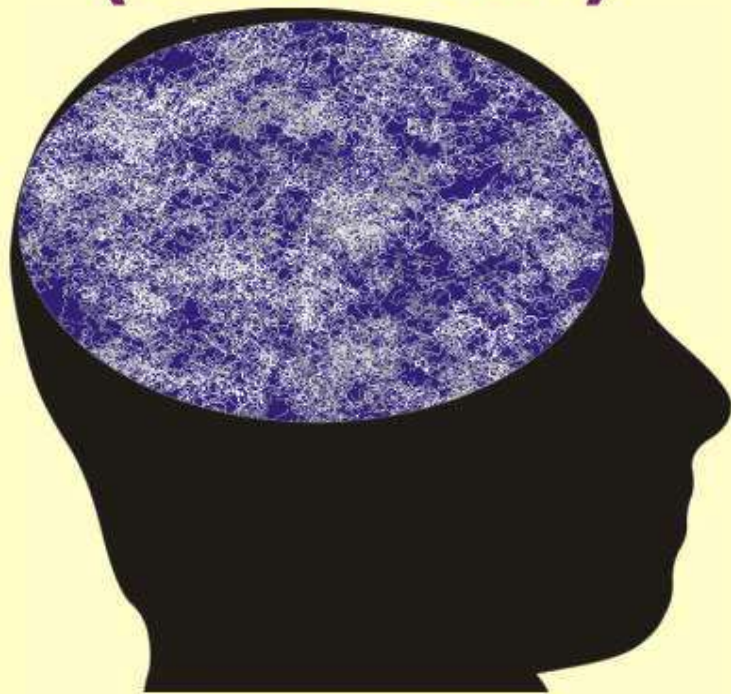


**Principles and Concepts**

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# What do they need?

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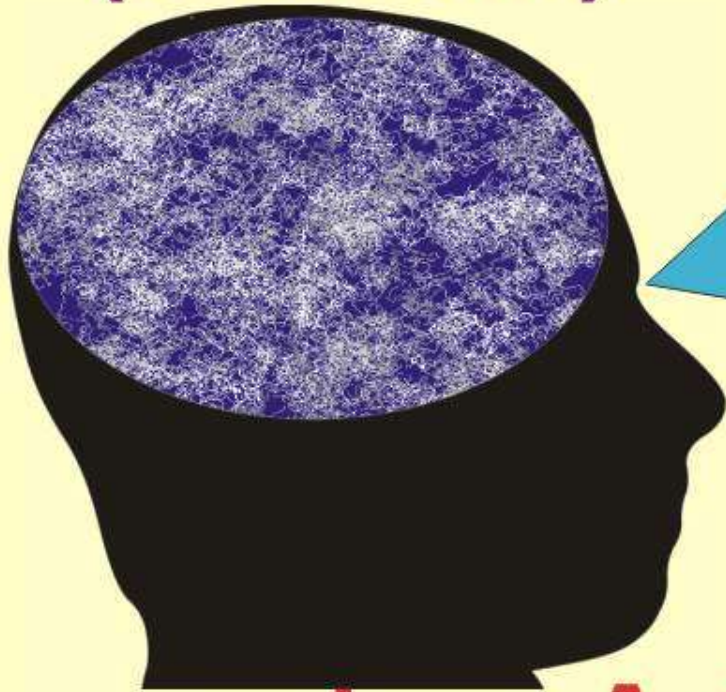
**Optimize CT image quality  
and manage dose.**

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# What do they need to **DO**?

**Learner  
(Resident)**



**View**



**Action**

A screenshot of a medical software interface. The top section contains patient information fields: Patient ID (123456), Date (01/01/2020), Time (10:00), and Patient Name (John Doe). Below this is a patient information panel with a list of body parts: Head, Neck, Chest, Upper Extremity, Abdomen, Pelvis, and Lower Extremity. A 3D model of a human body is shown with these parts highlighted. To the right is a small CT scan image. The bottom section is a table of scan parameters. The table has columns for Scan Type, Start Location, End Location, No. of Slices, Cavity No, Field of View, kV, mA, Exposure Time, and Scan Time. The table contains one row of data. Below the table are buttons for 'End Scan', 'Select New Protocol', 'Start Scan', 'Process Image', and 'End Contrast'. The interface also includes a 'View' button and a 'Print' button.

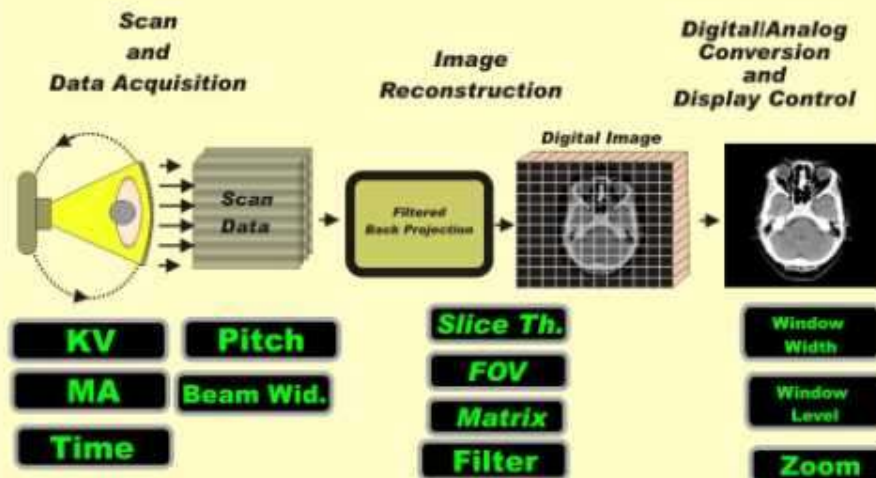
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# Visuals

to be used by

**Physicists in Classroom and Conference Discussions**



## Visuals

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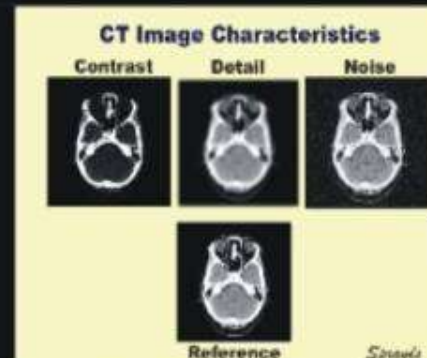
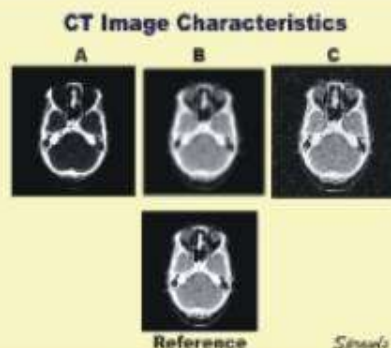
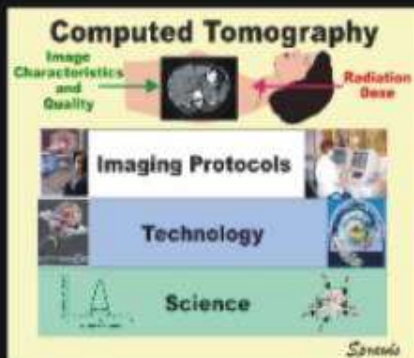
Classroom, Conference, and Collaborative Learning

RIGHT CLICK on each visual to download and use in PowerPoint or other display programs.

## Computed Tomography Image Quality Optimization and Dose Management

Companion Module

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# Modules for Self Study and Collaborative Learning in the Clinic



## Computed Tomography Image Quality Optimization and Dose Management

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# **Effective** Medical Imaging Physics Learning **...In The Clinic**

**The Real World** **Motivating** **Interactive** **Collaborative**



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## for effective clinical imaging

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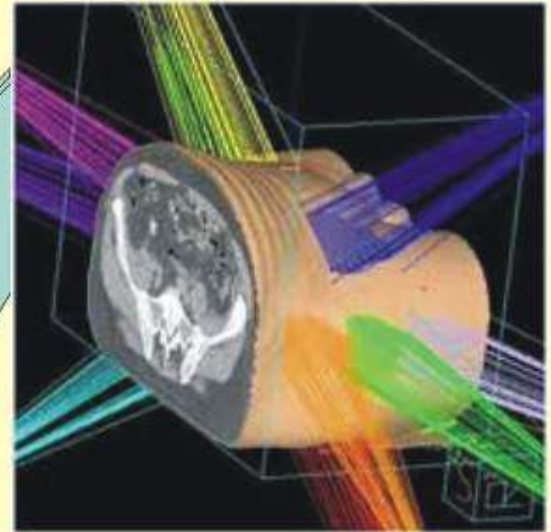
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**Visuals**



**Audio**  
**Human**  
**(Teacher)**

**Guiding The Process**



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# Visuals

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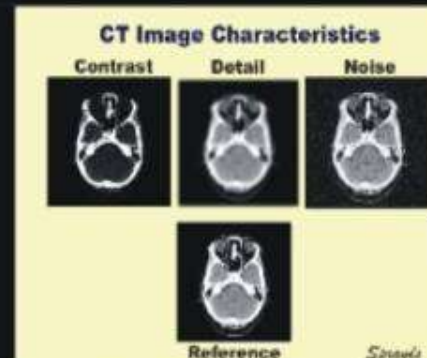
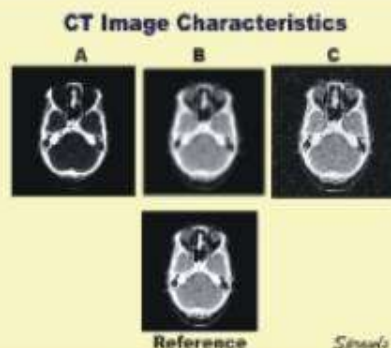
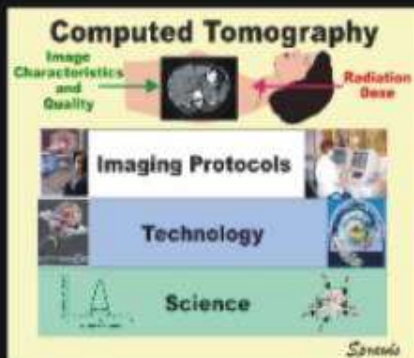
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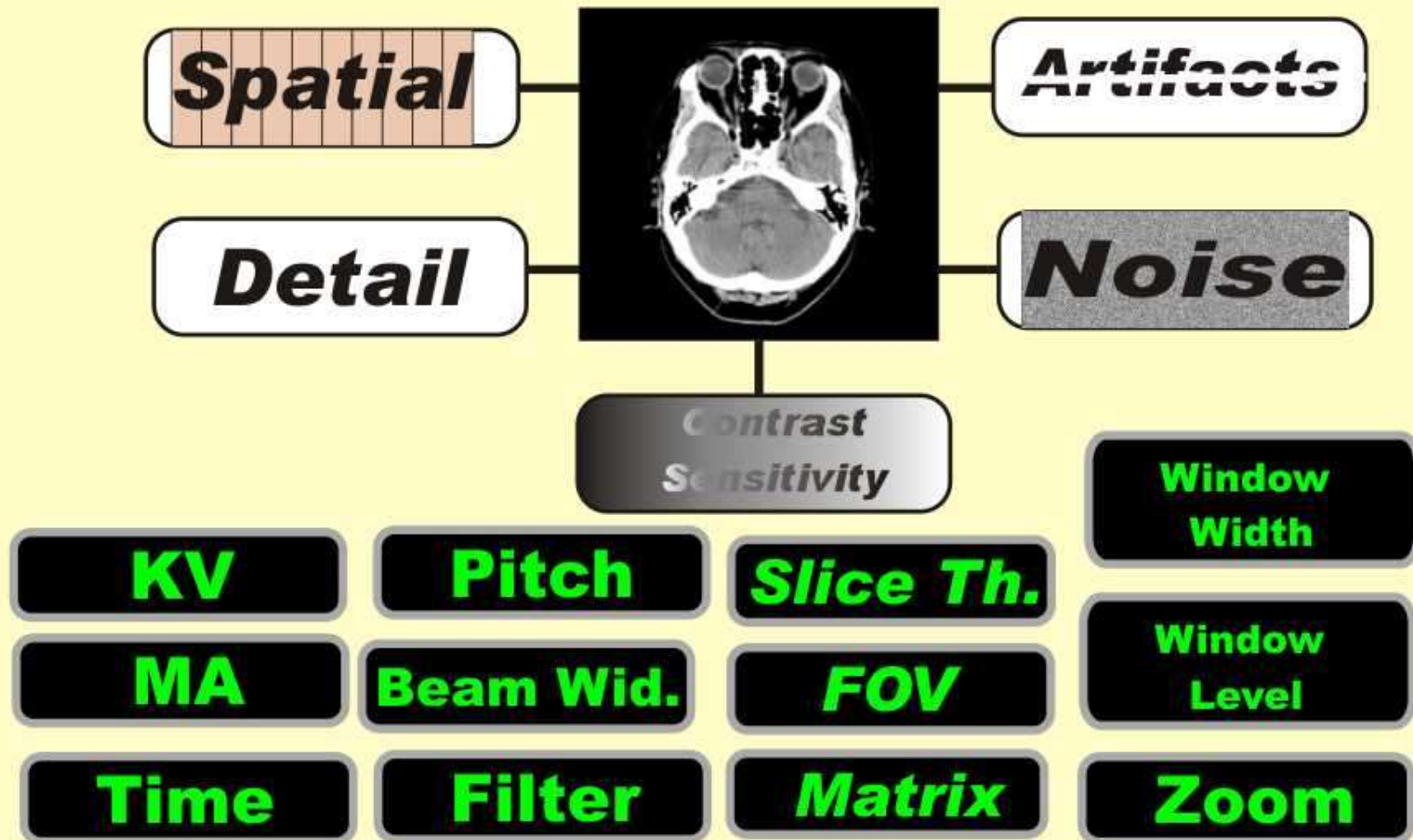
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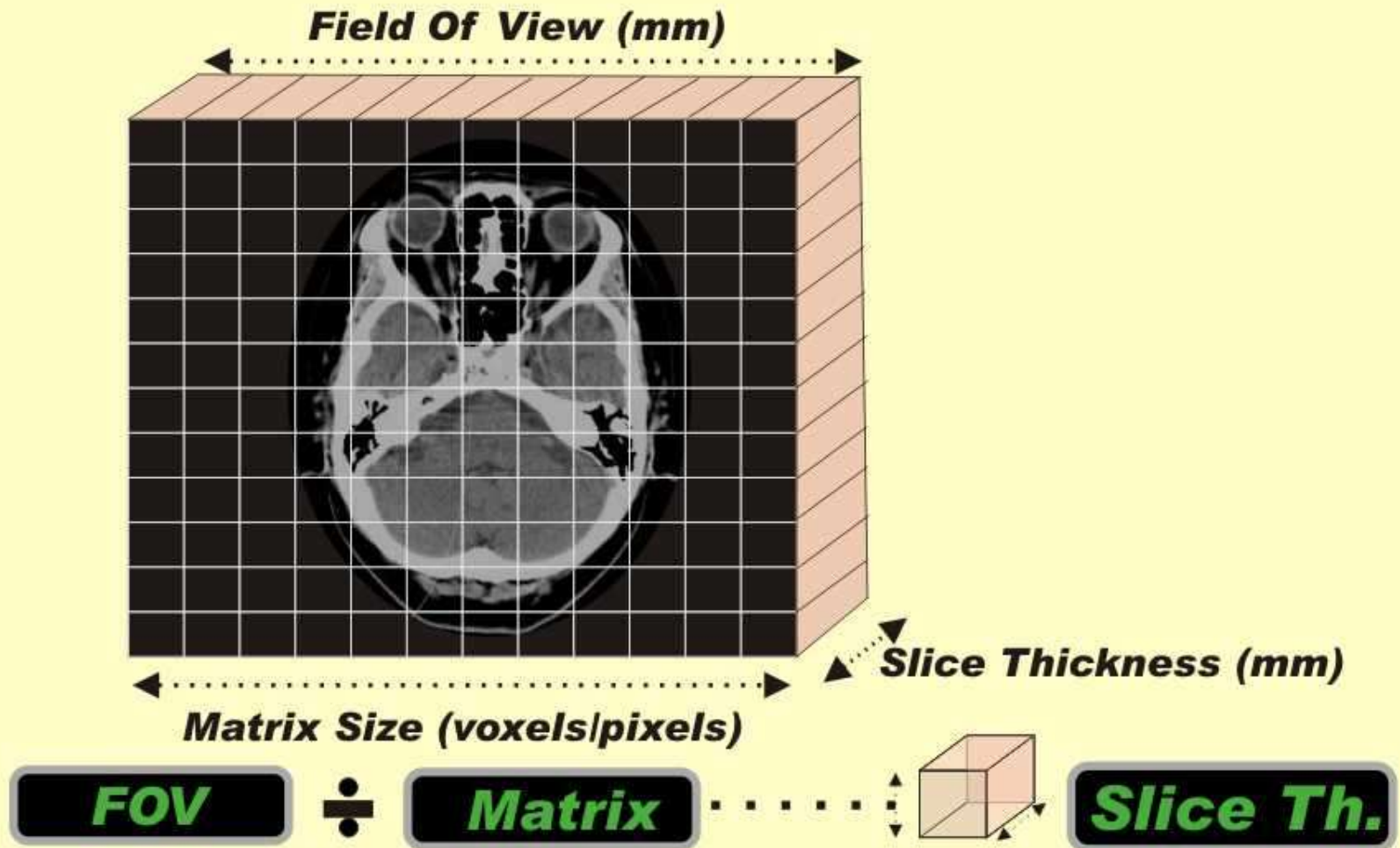


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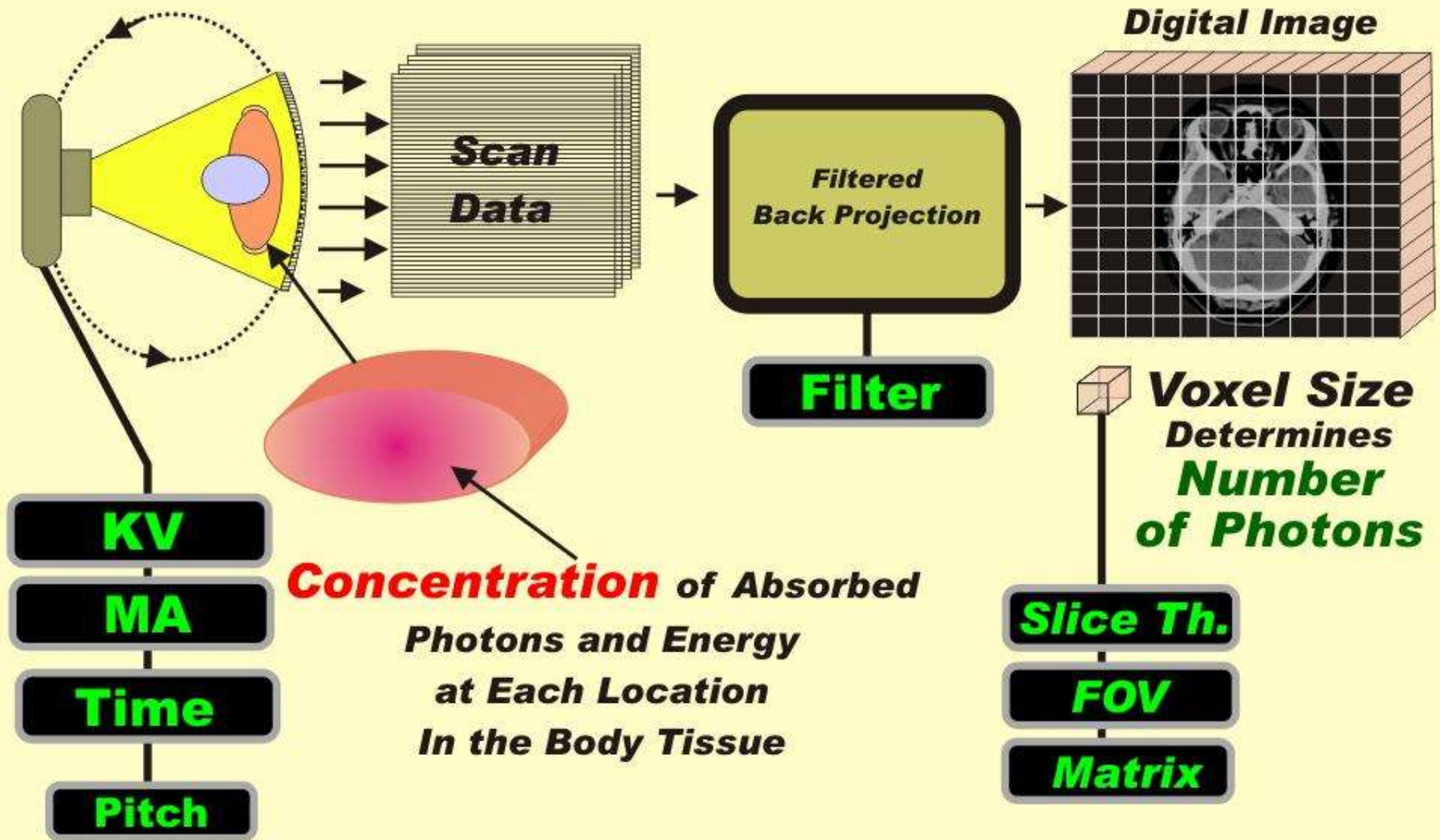
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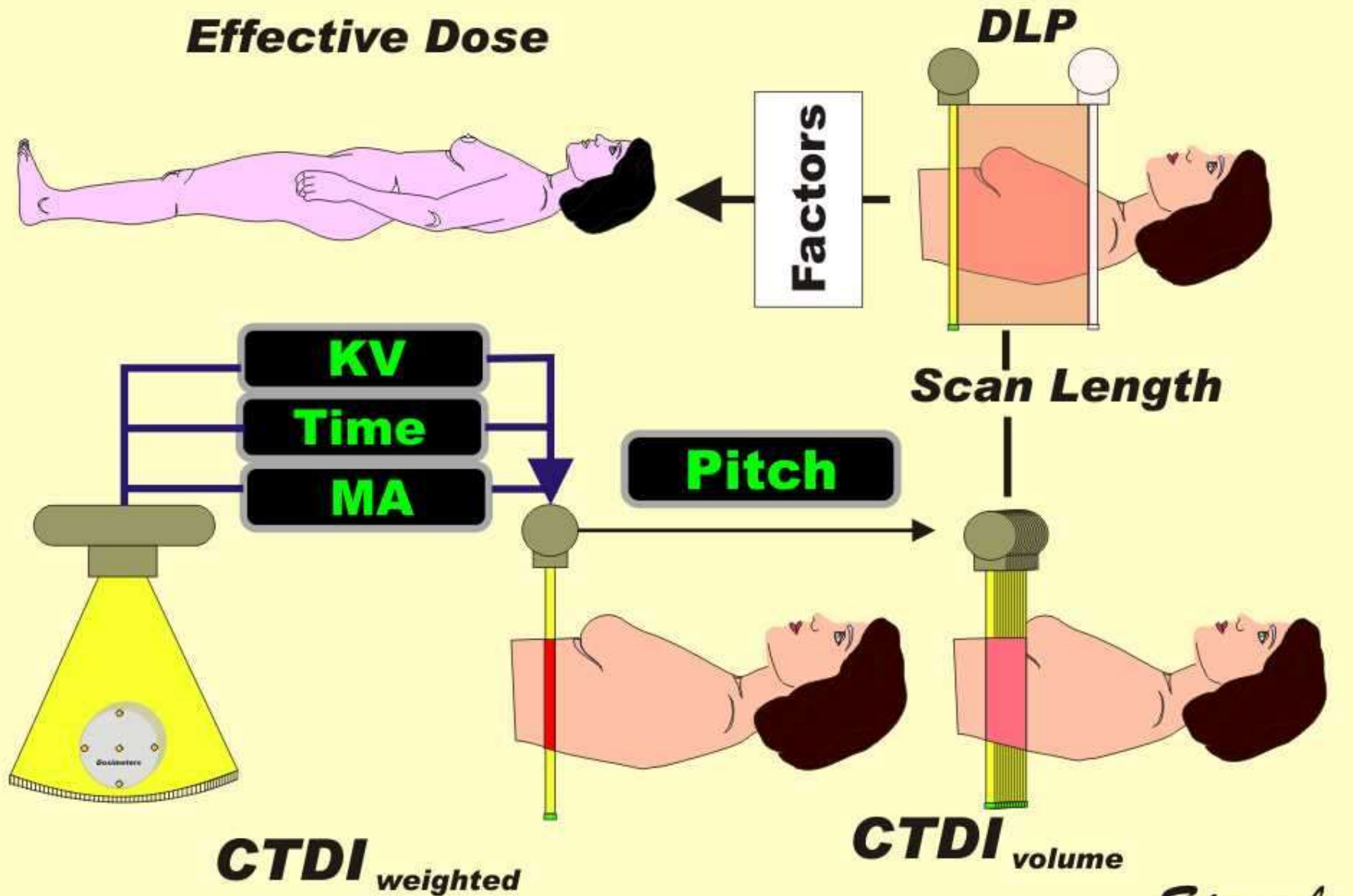
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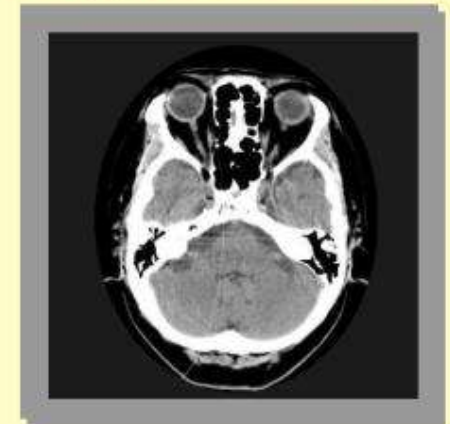
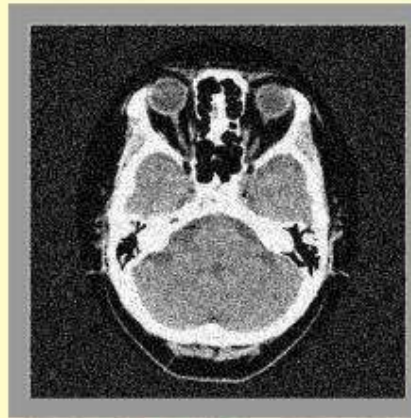
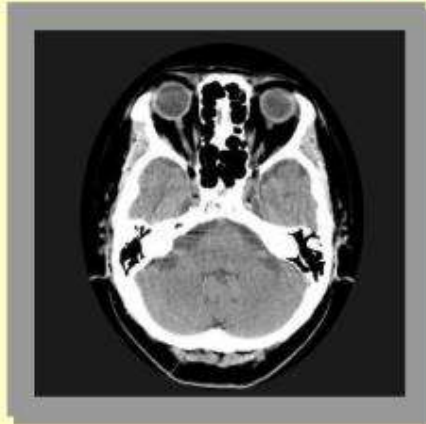
# CT Dose Quantities



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# **Relationship of Radiation Dose to Image Detail**

**Lower Dose** **Higher Dose**



**When detail  
is increased  
by**

**Decreasing**

**Slice Th.**

**Increasing**

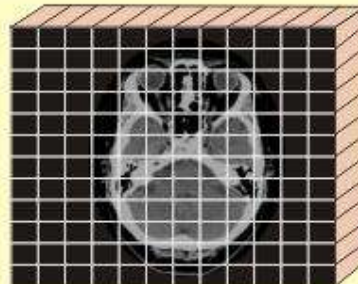
**Matrix**

**Decreasing**

**FOV**

**Noise  
Increases**

**Because of  
decreased  
voxel size**



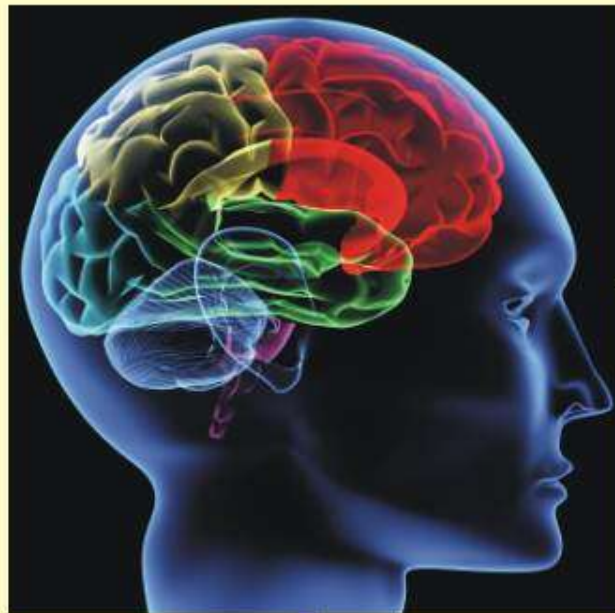
**Dose  
must be  
increased  
to  
reduce noise.**



# Conclusion

## Using Knowledge For

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**Evaluate**



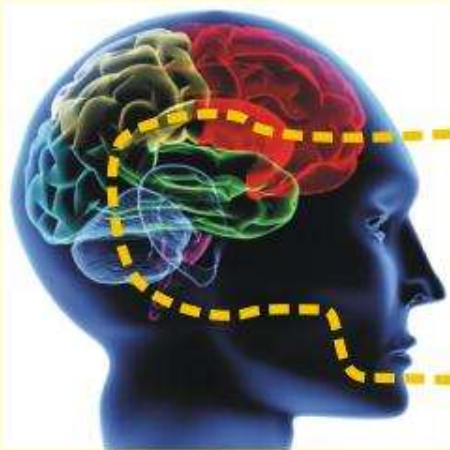
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## The Brain



## Follow Up

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## The Physical Universe (Physics of Medical Imaging)



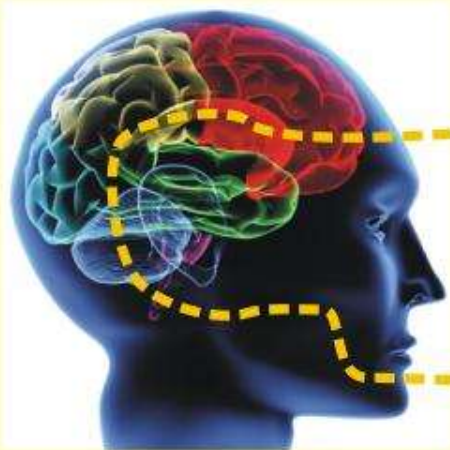
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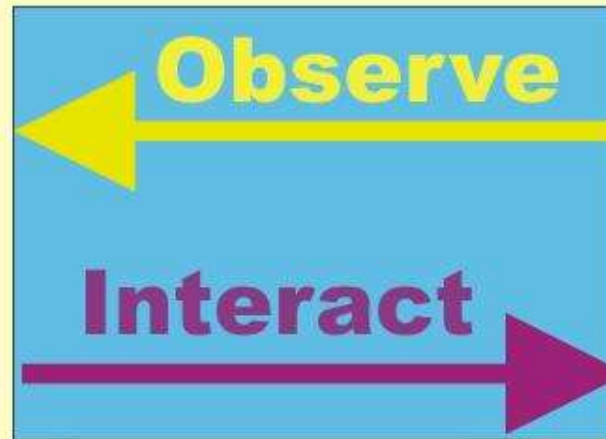


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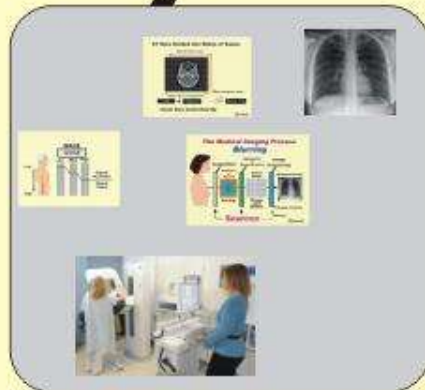
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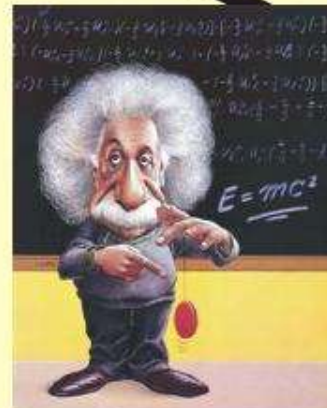
**Connection**



**The Physical Universe**  
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**“Window”**



**Teacher  
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**What is my contribution to  
effective medical physics education?**



**I do windows.**

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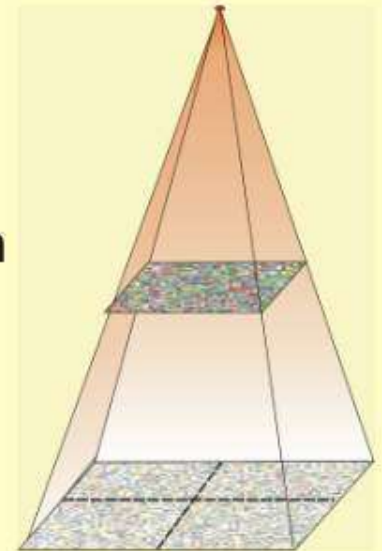


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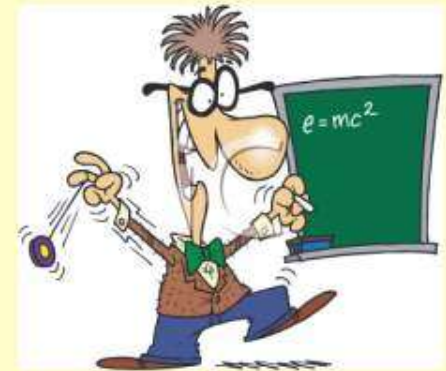
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