

Building a Universe from Scratch

An Introduction to Particle Physics

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Matter

Matter - Stuff which has weight

Almost everything you can touch, smell, and see is made of matter. (Solids, liquids, and gasses).

E.g. Rocks, frogs, and soup



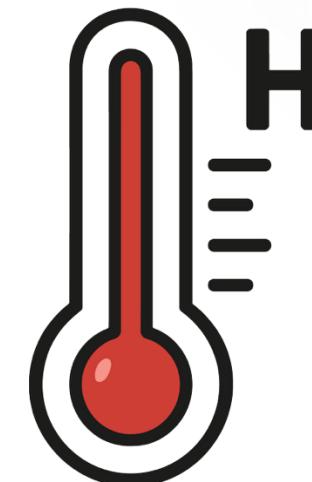
Question: Can you think of anything you can feel or see that *isn't* matter?

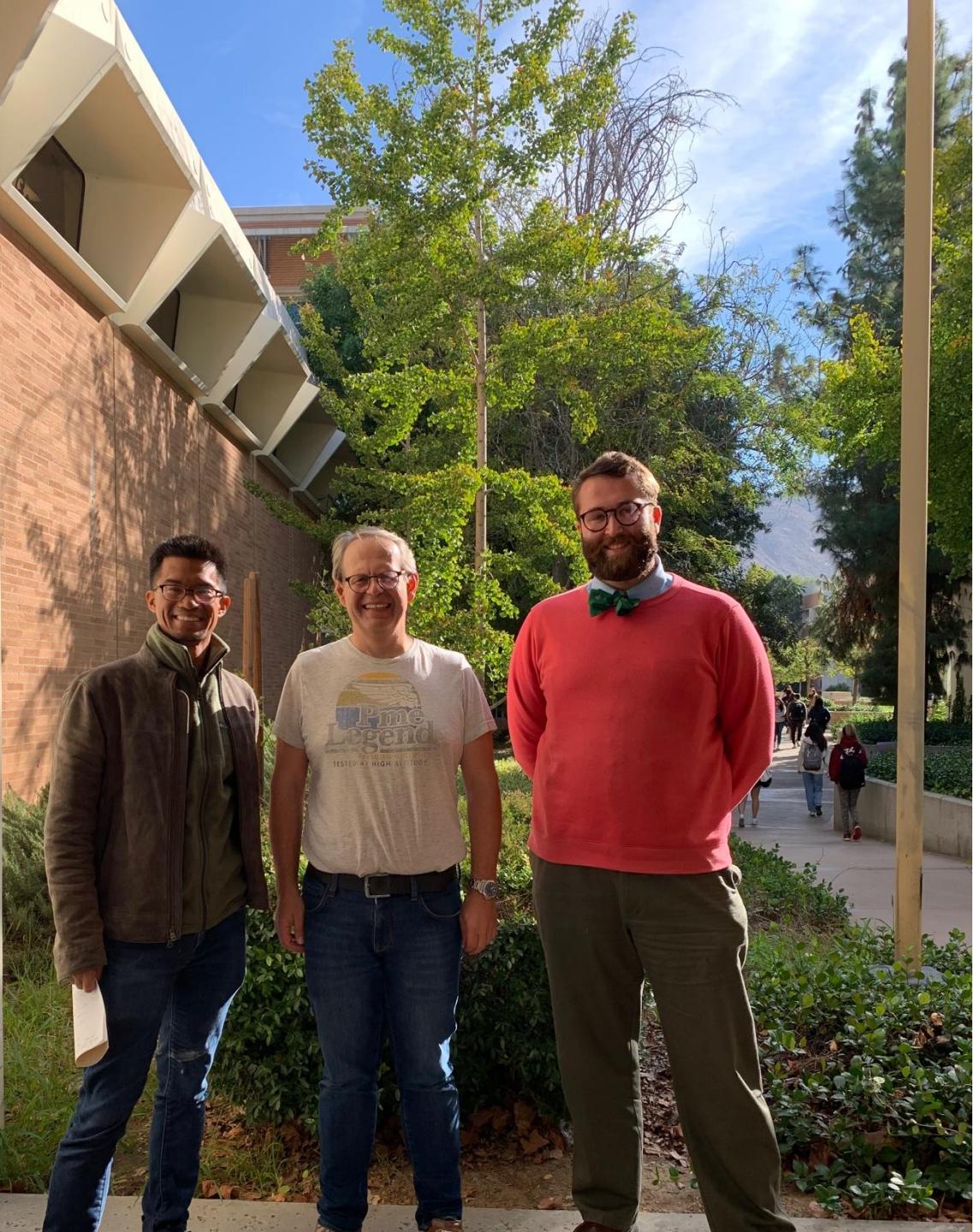
Energy

Energy - Something that makes matter move or change

Light and heat are types of energy. We can feel heat and see light.

E.g. Light, heat, motion





Looking Closer at Matter...

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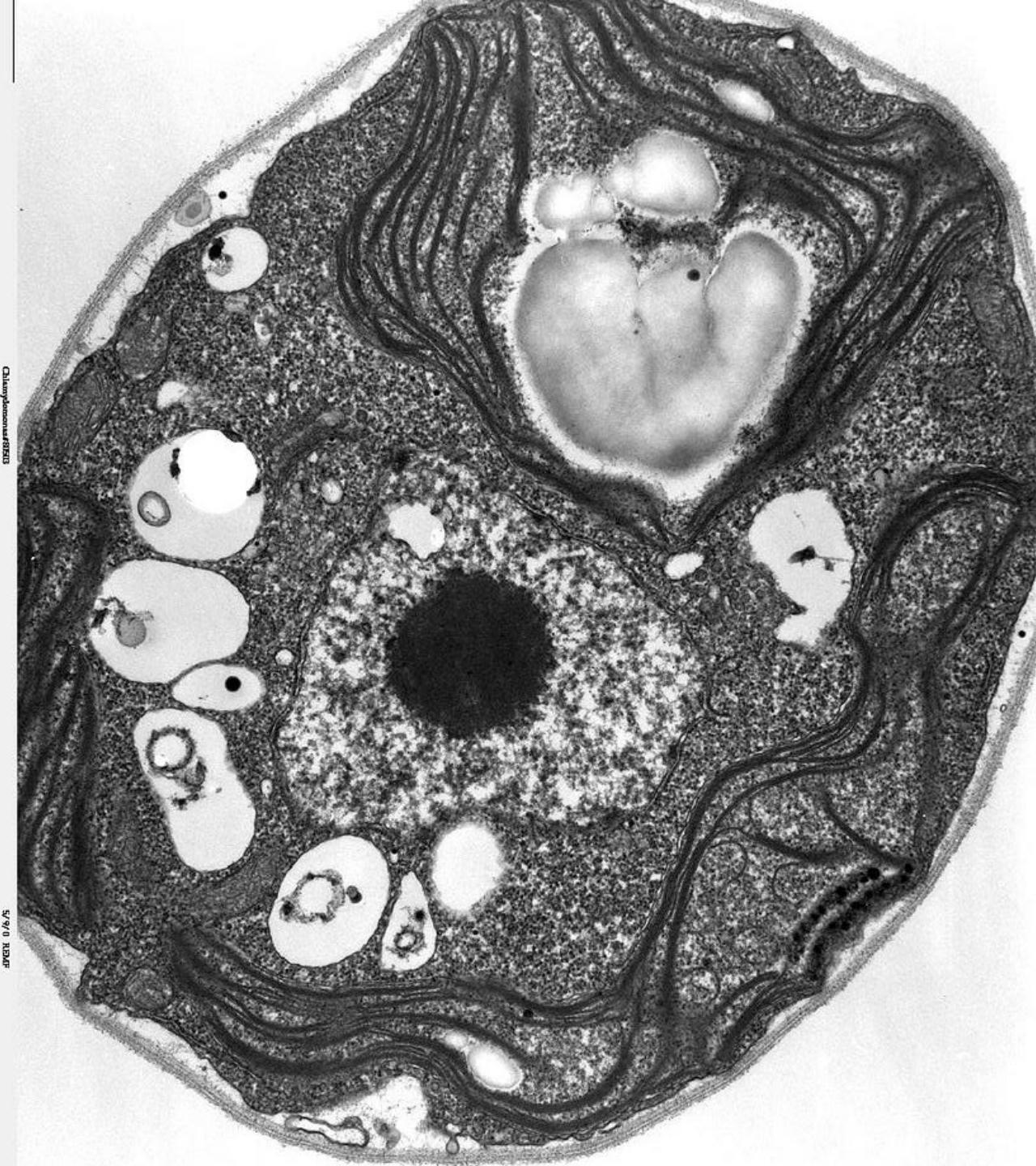


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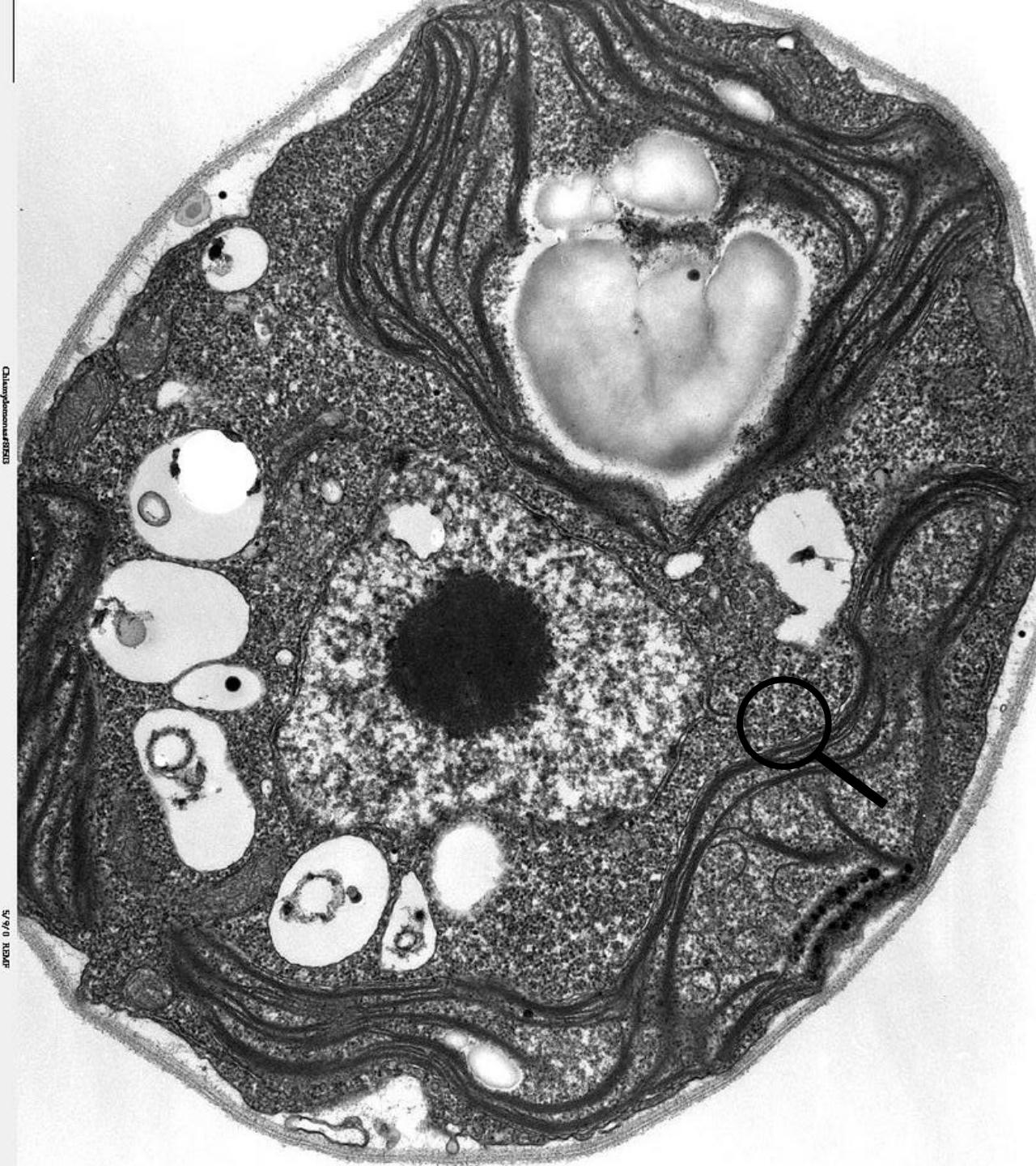
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Human Cells

All living matter is made of up 'cells'

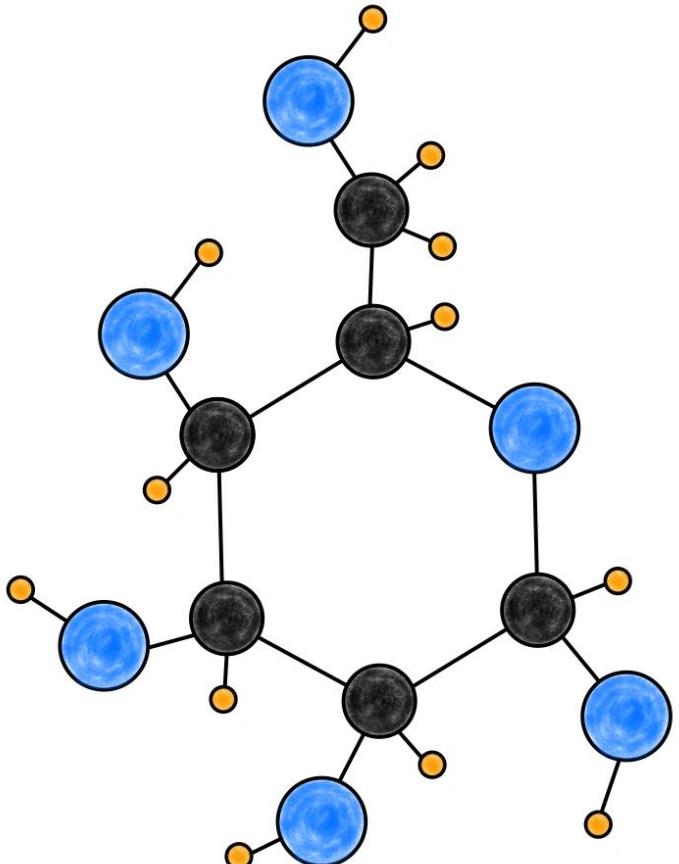
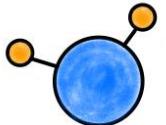


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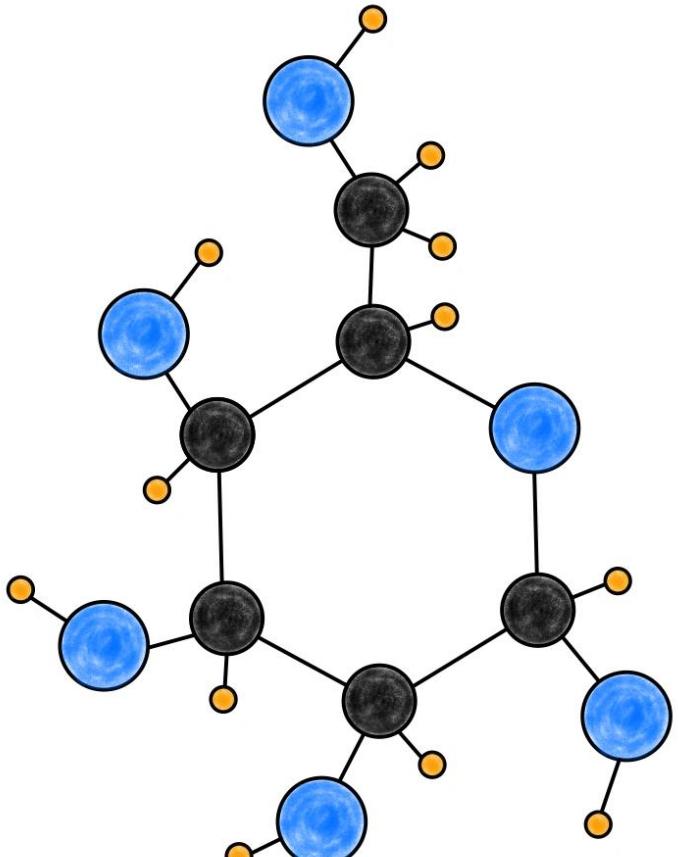
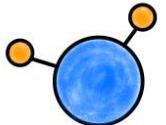
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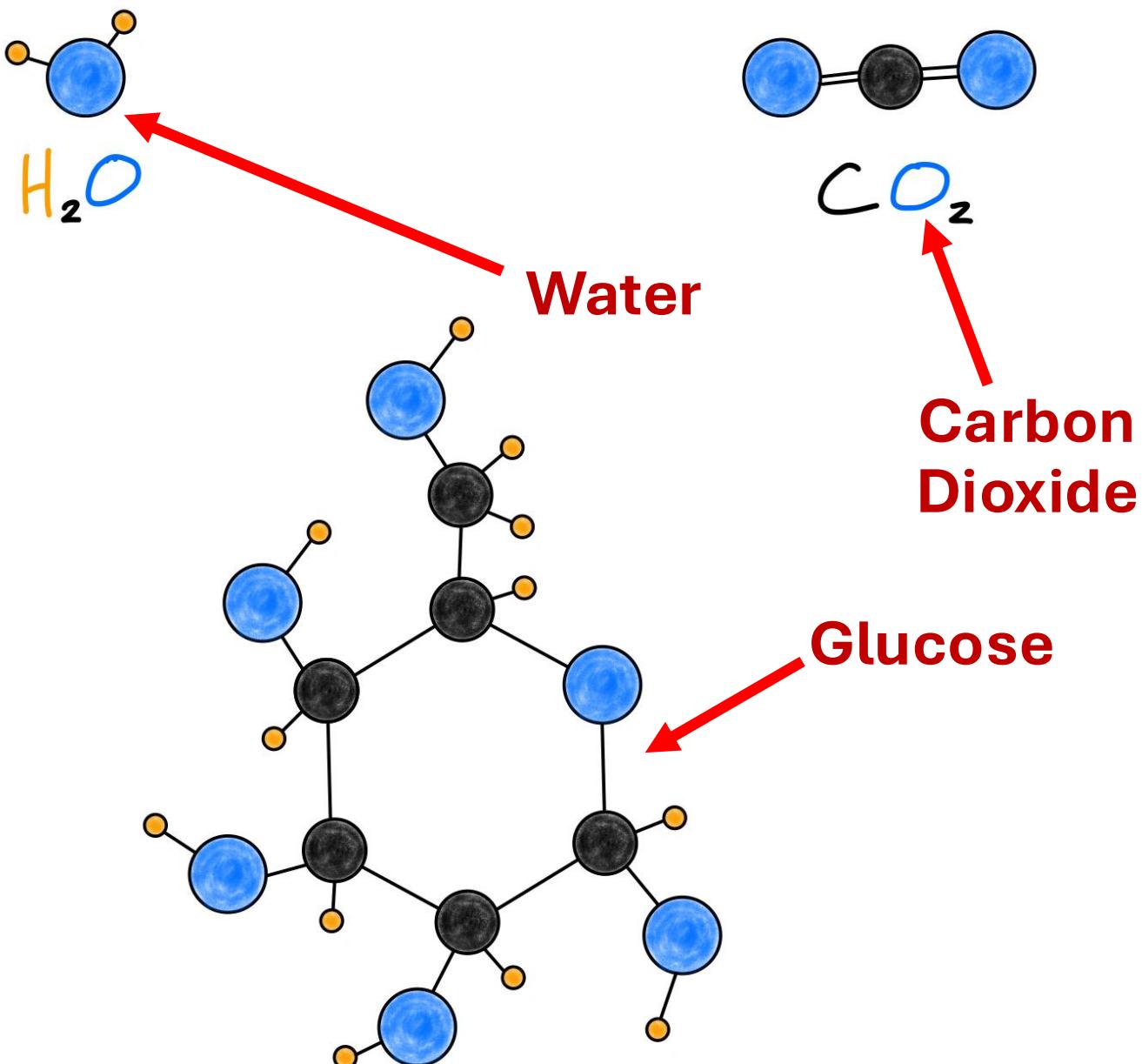


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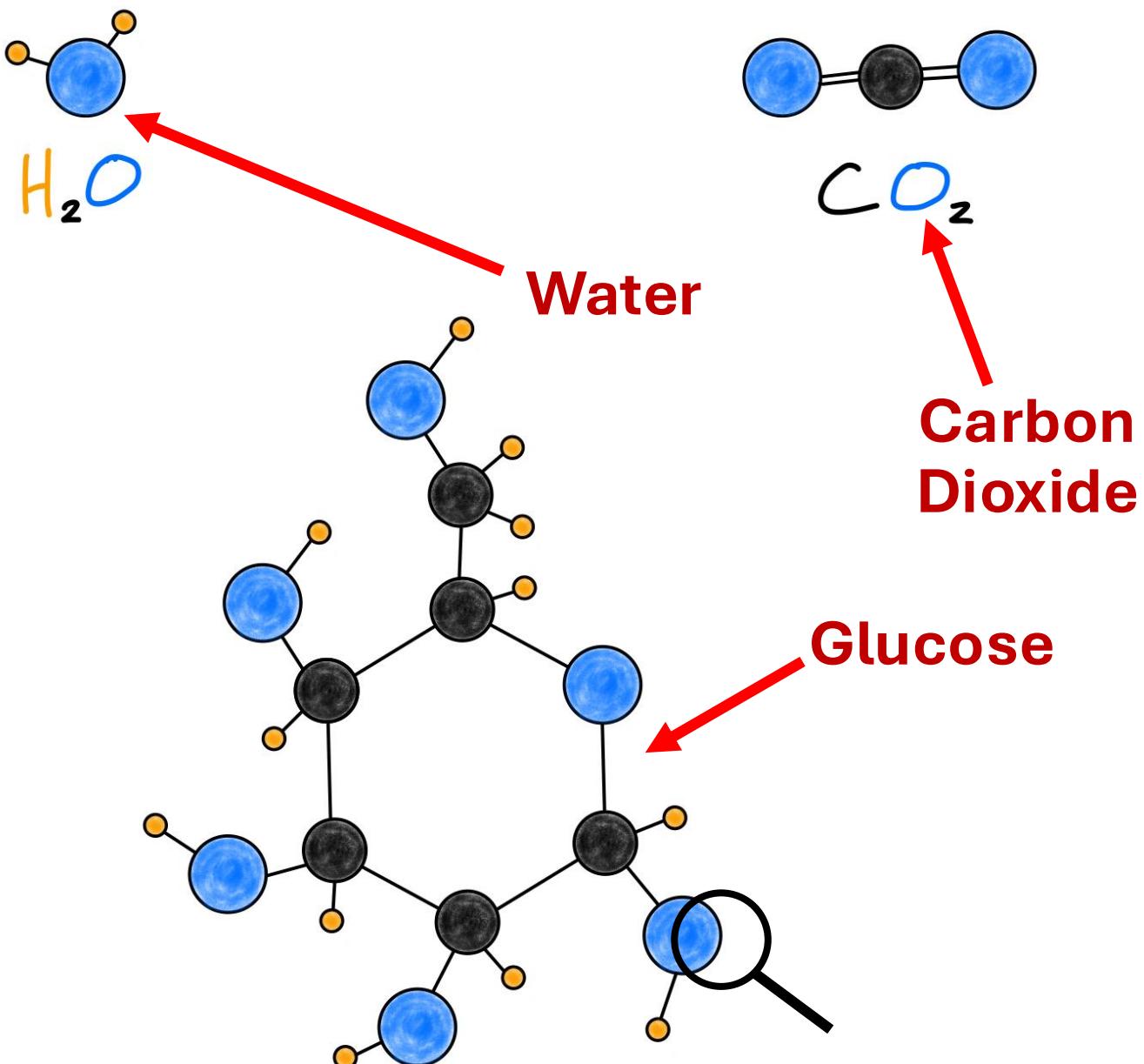
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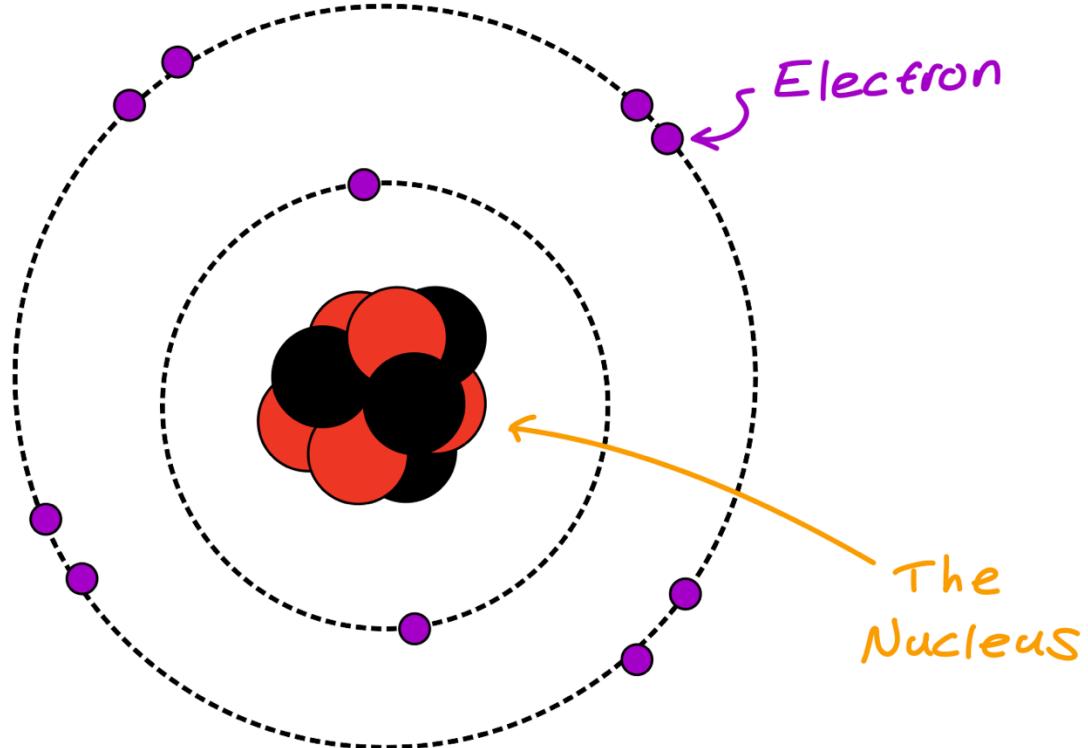
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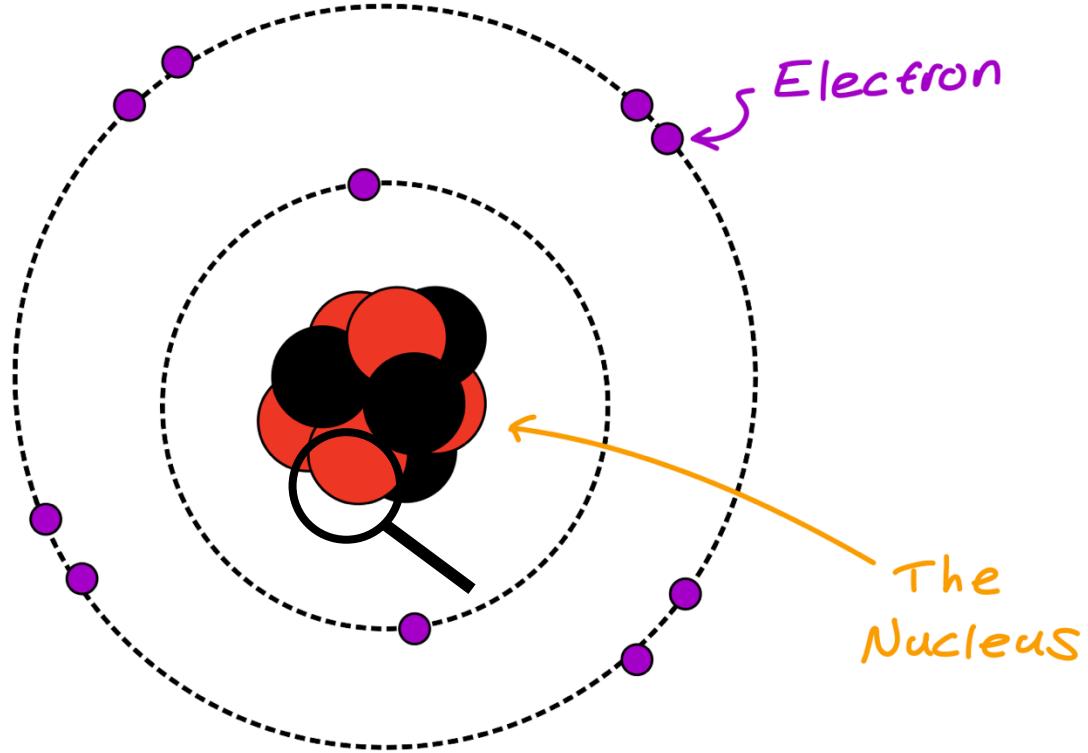
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Atoms

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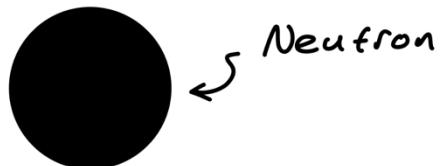


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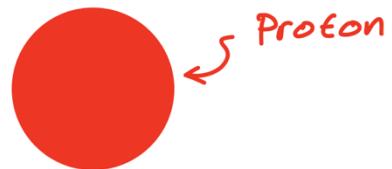
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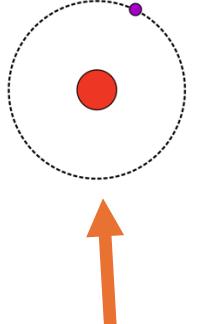
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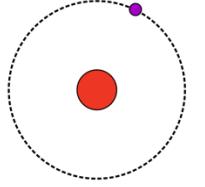
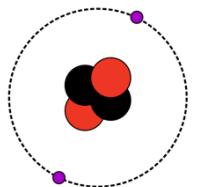


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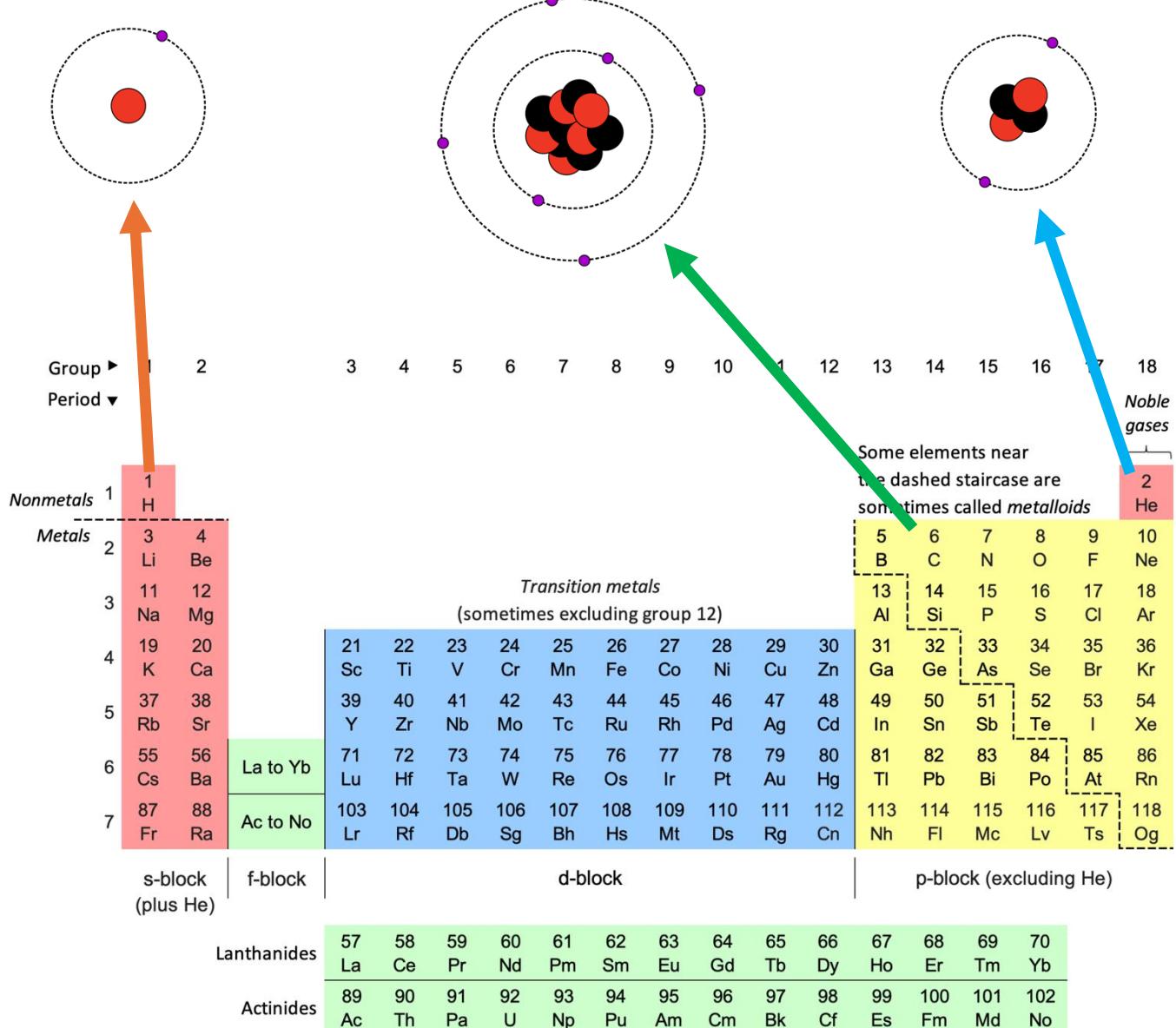
Some elements near the dashed staircase are sometimes called **metalloids**

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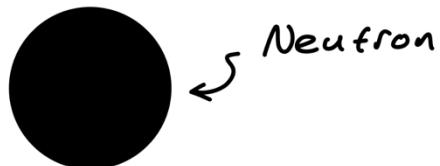
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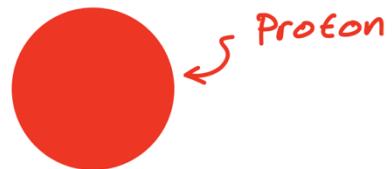
Carbon atoms are six electrons orbiting six protons and six neutrons

Back to zooming!....

Looking Closer at Matter...

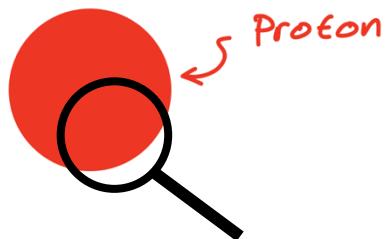
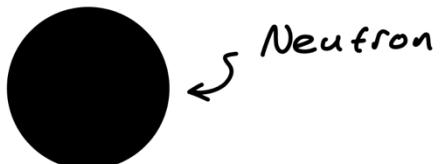


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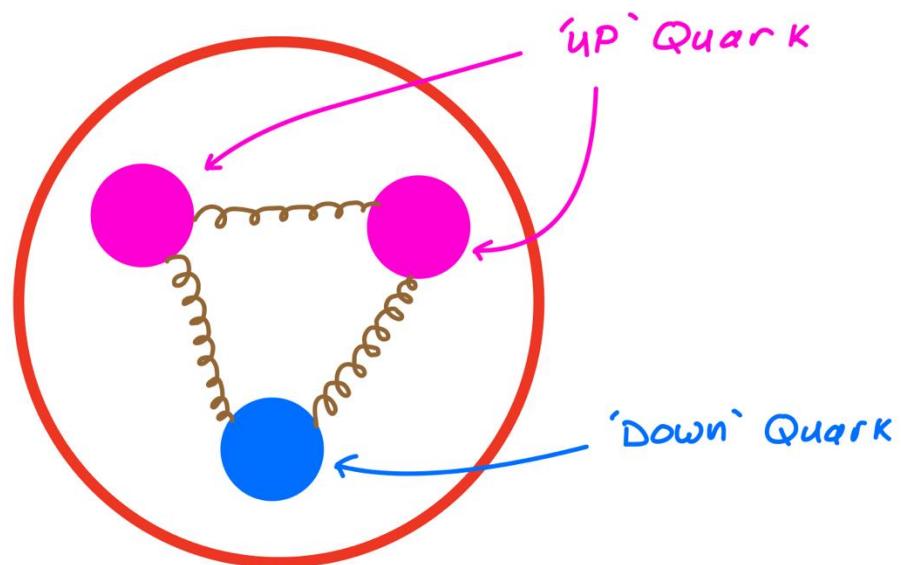


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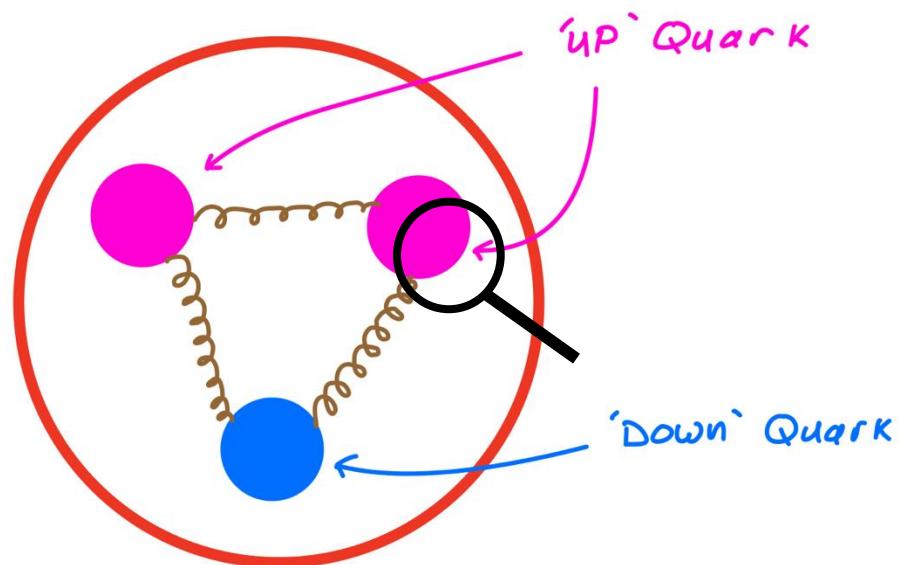
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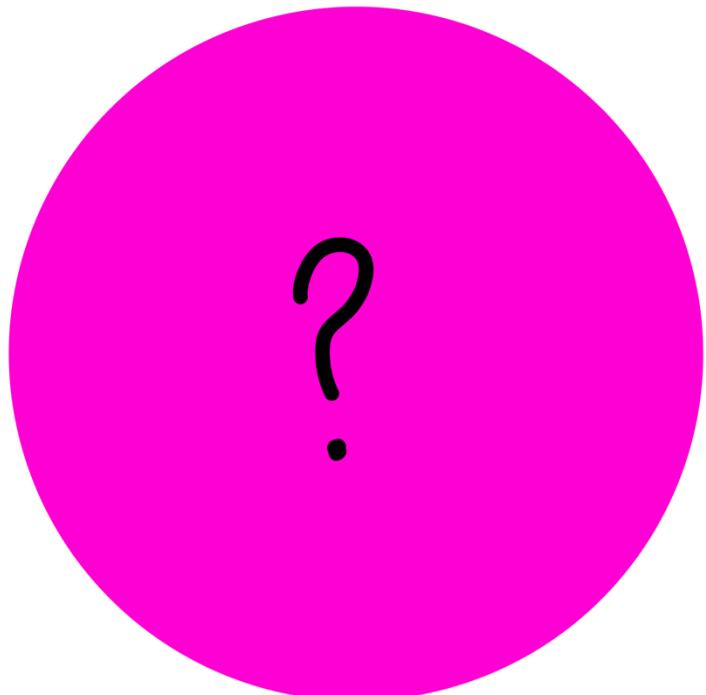


Quarks

Protons and Neutrons are made up of 'quarks'.

But what are quarks made of?!

Looking Closer at Matter...



Beyond Quarks?

“But what are quarks made of?!”

We don't know!

Quarks, '*just are*'!

What other things 'just are'?

QUARKS

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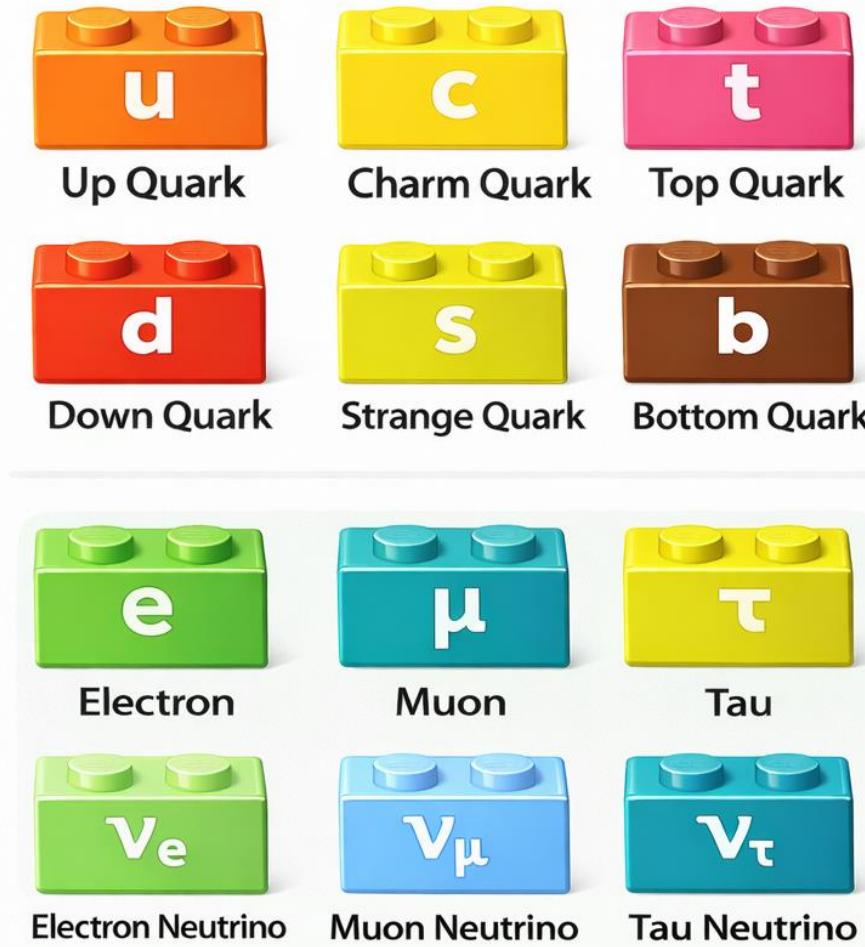
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'The Standard Model of Elementary Particles'

If you were cooking up a Universe from scratch, this would be you list of ingredients.

The Particle Physicists Mantra:

“To discover the basic building blocks of all the matter in the Universe, and to understand how these building blocks fit together.”



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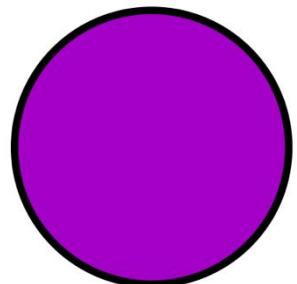
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Does '*The Standard Model*' tell us about all the different kinds of matter in the Universe?

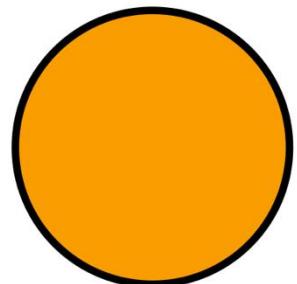
Question: Is that everything? Can you name a kind of matter not shown here?

Not even nearly!

Anti-matter

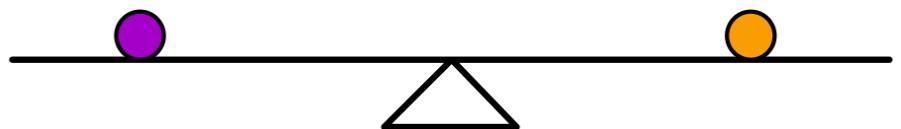


Electron



Anti-Electron
"Positron"

Anti-matter weighs the same as normal matter, but some properties are reversed.



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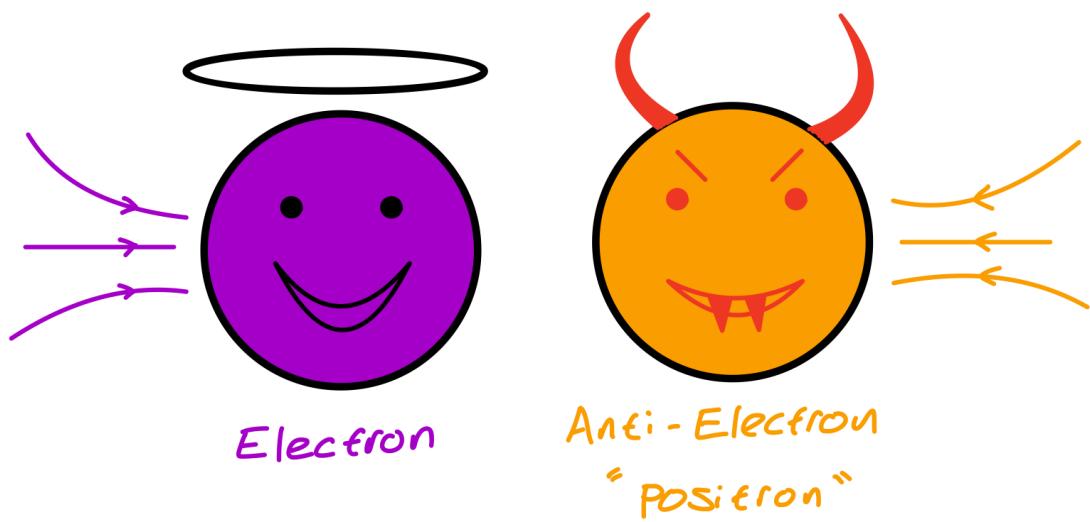
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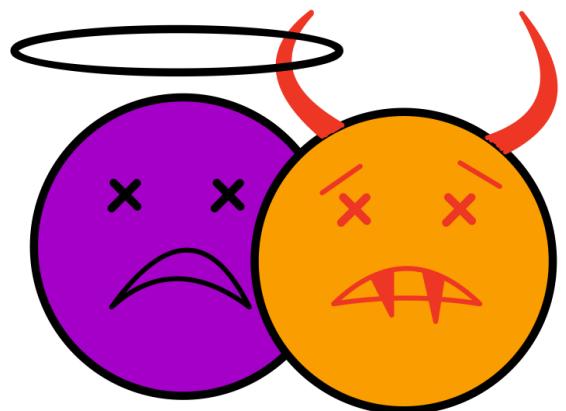
Anti-matter is a bit like matter's evil twin!

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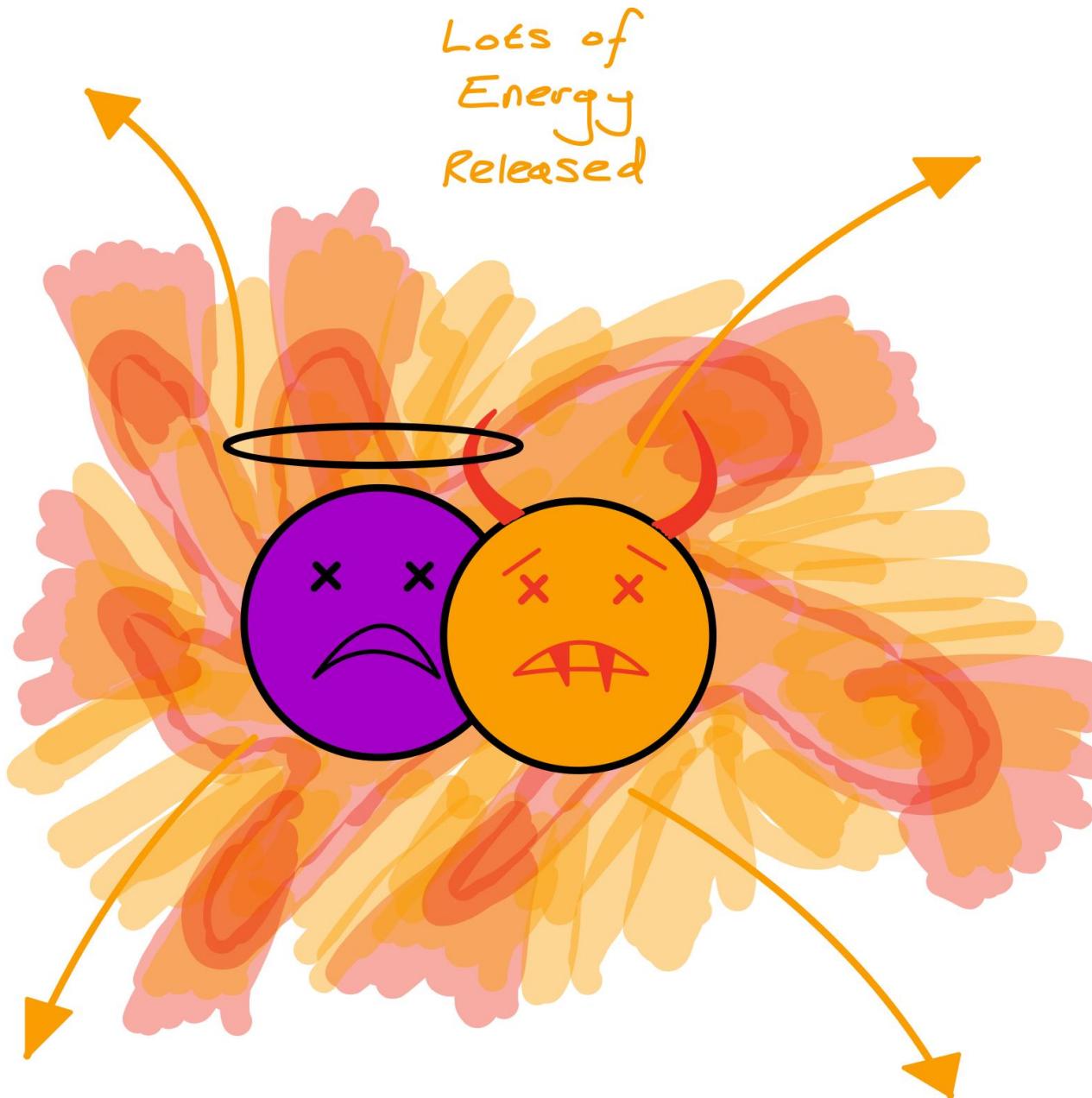


What happens when matter and anti-matter meet?

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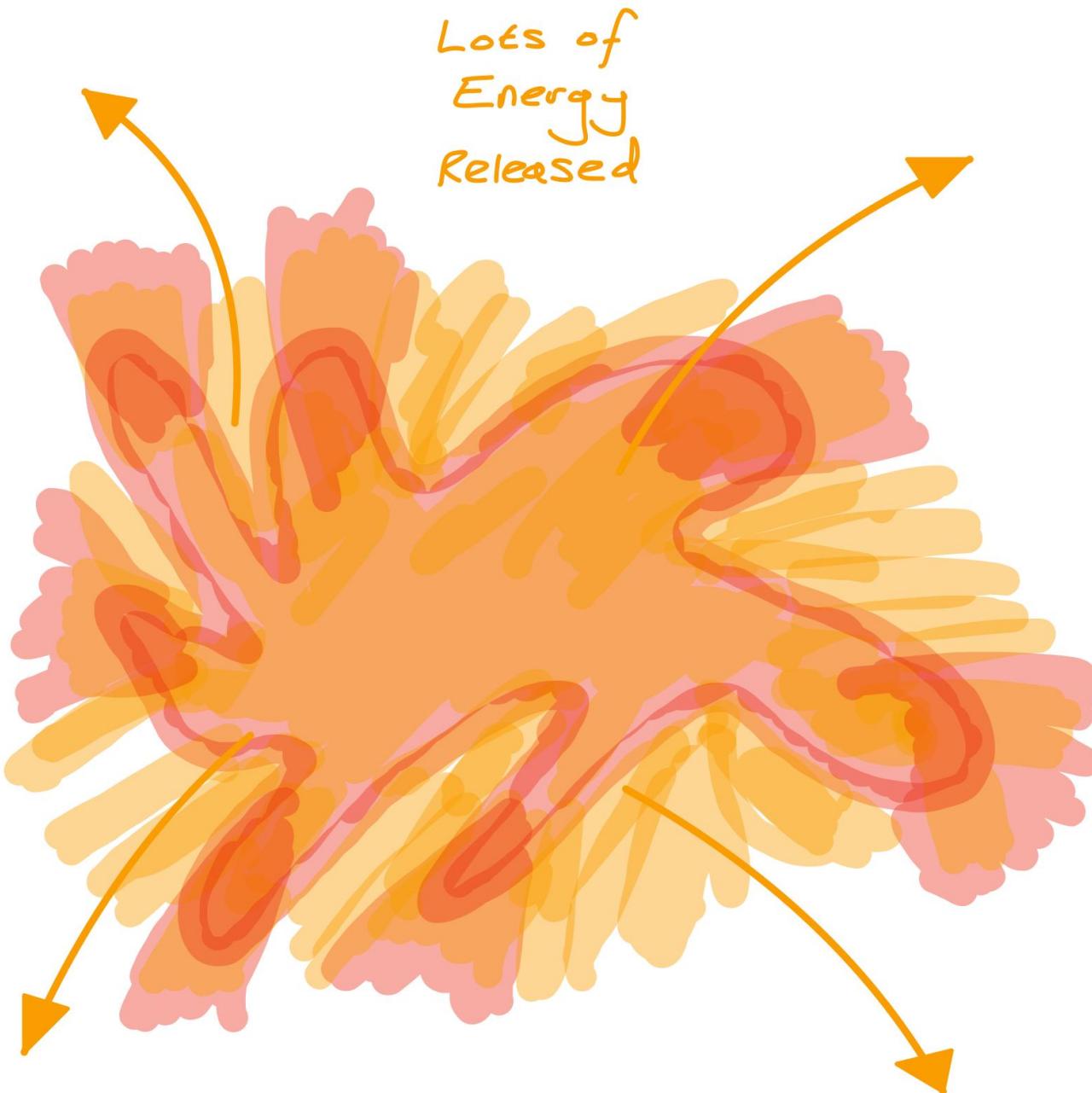


When matter and anti-matter touch,
they **ANNIHILATE**.



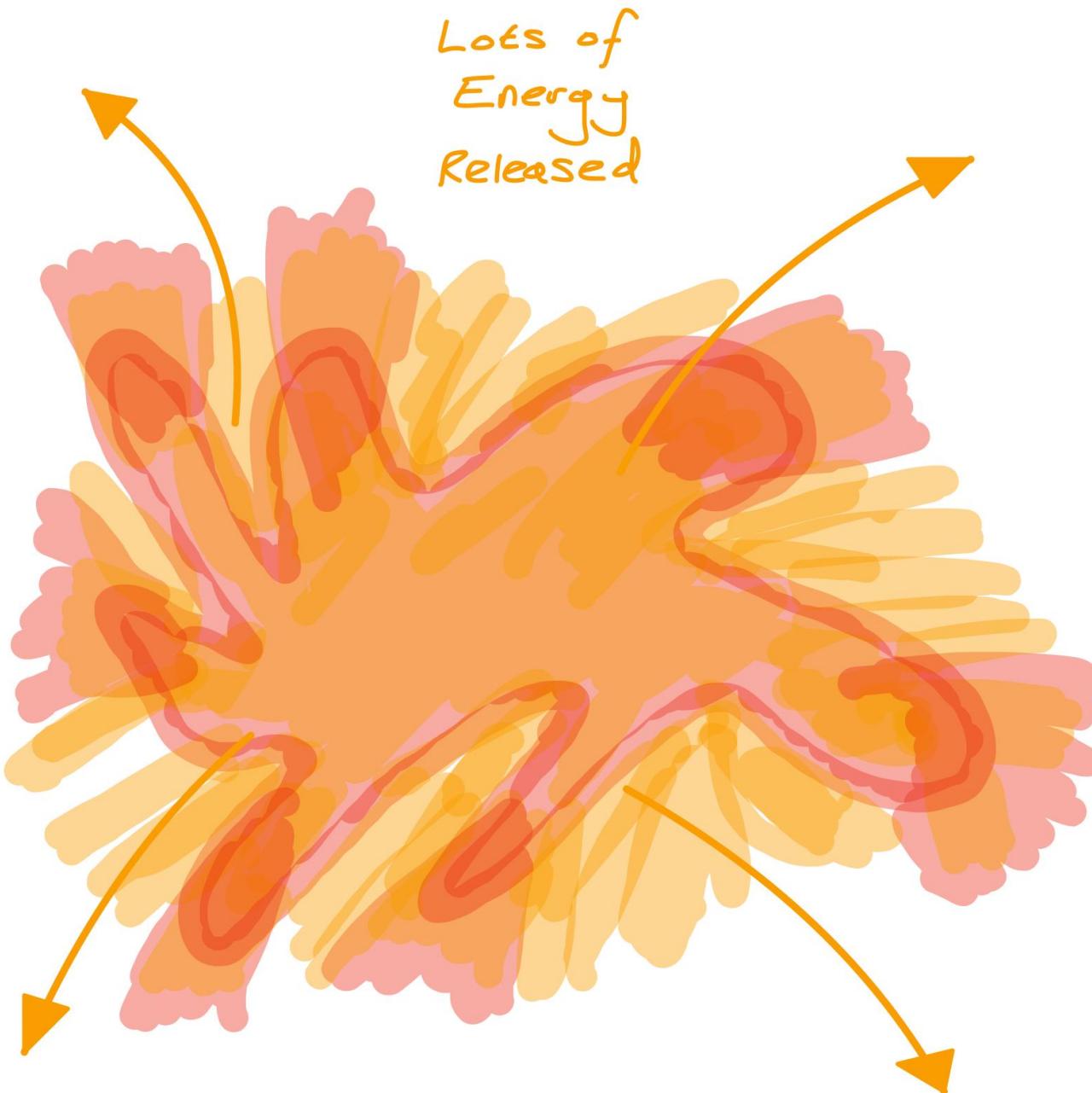
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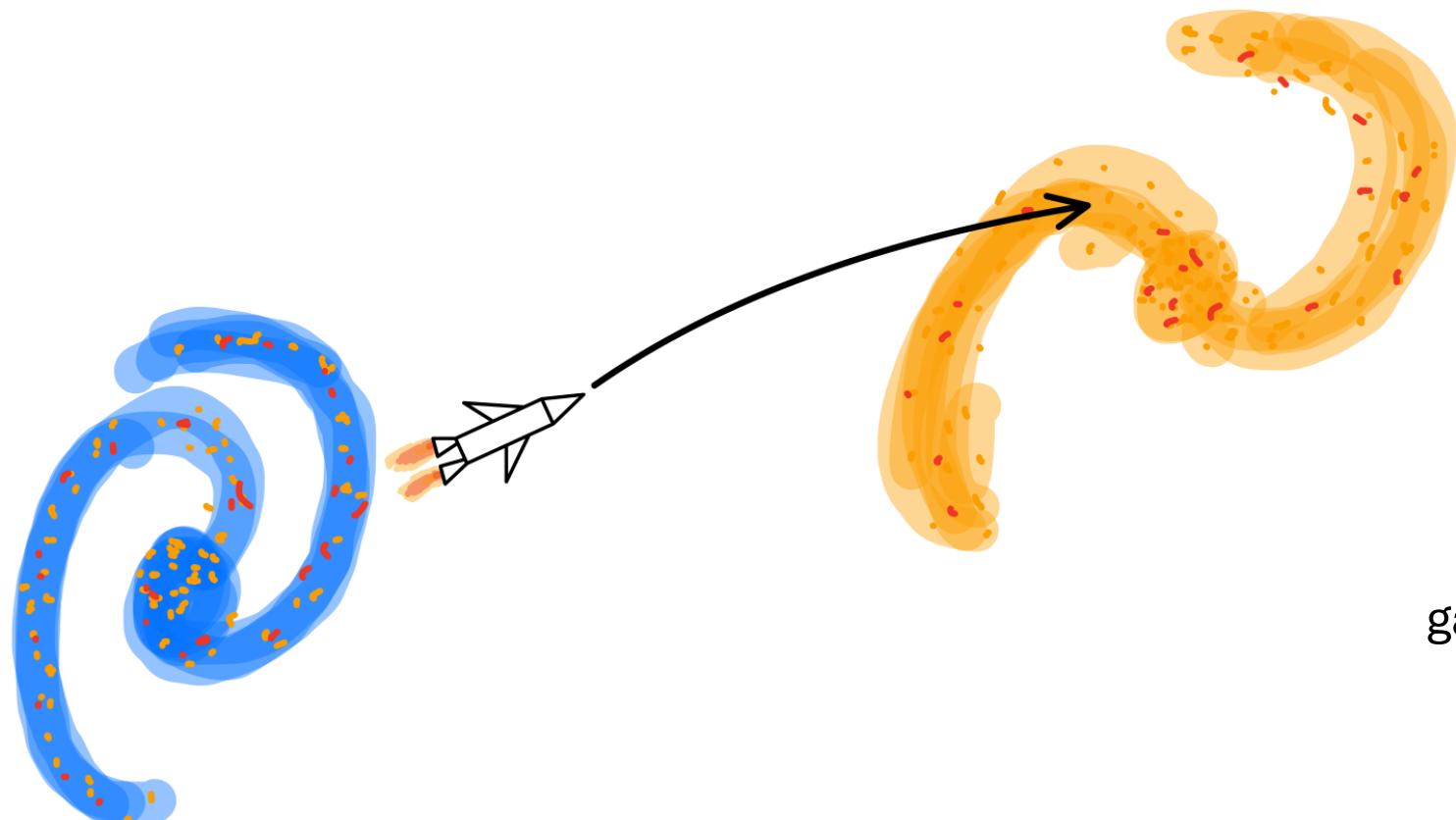
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How much Energy?

We need Einstein's famous formula:

$$E = mc^2$$

“Energy = mass annihilated, times the speed-of-light squared”



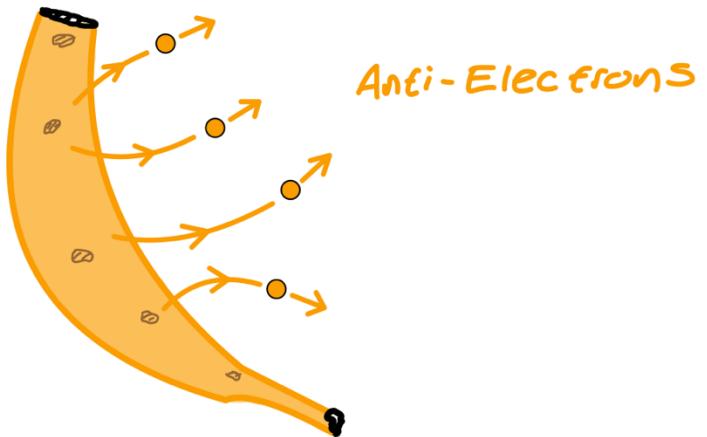
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If humans ever develop the technology to travel to other galaxies, we will probably need anti-matter to power our spacecraft.

Question: What is a galaxy?

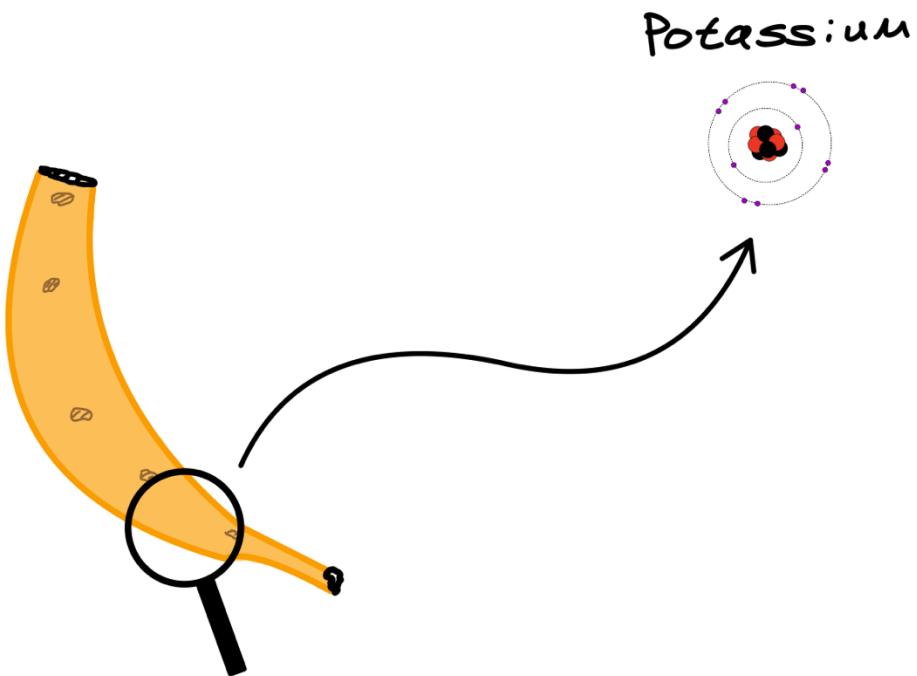
Anti-matter Generator

Who will volunteer to help me take out my anti-matter generator?



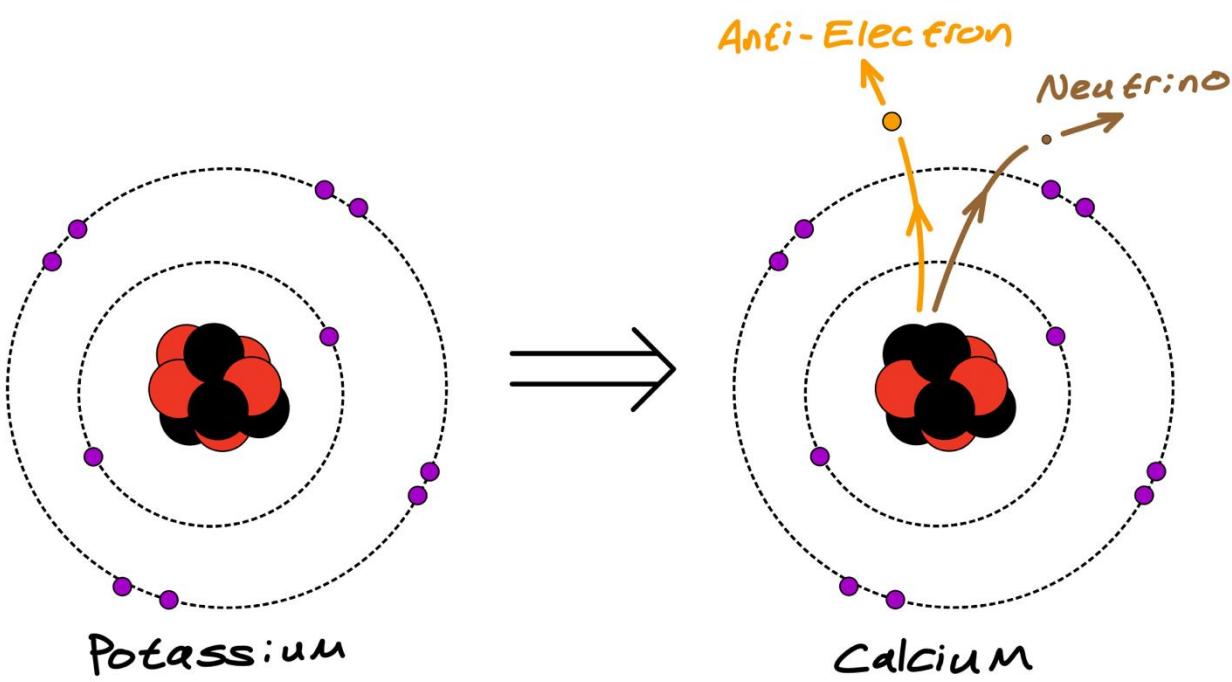
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The Science of our 'Anti-matter Generator'



Bananas emit **anti-electrons!**

This is because they contain potassium atoms, which are slightly radioactive.



Anti-matter

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The radioactive potassium atoms decay into calcium atoms.

In this process, they release a very tiny amount of anti-matter!

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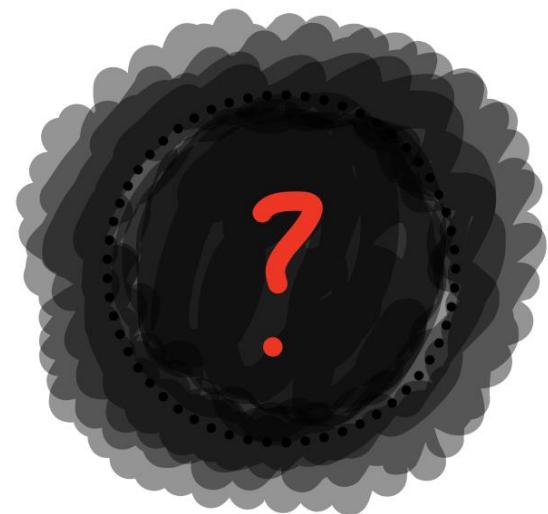
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Does the matter in the Standard Model + anti-matter cover everything there is in the Universe?

Question: Is there more 'stuff' in the Universe than we have discussed so far?

Still nowhere near!

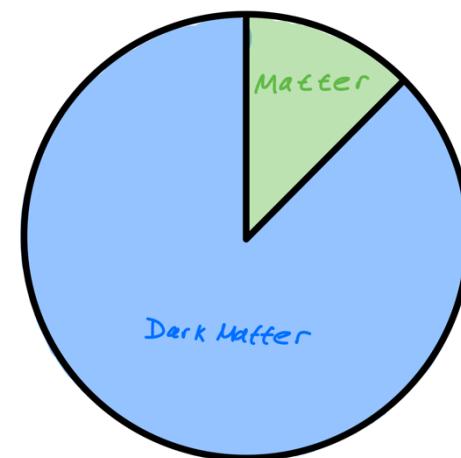
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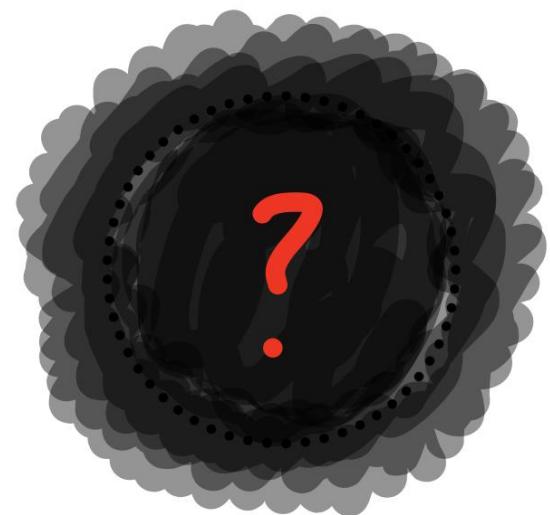
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About 85% of all of the matter in the Universe is totally mysterious, and completely invisible.

We call this '**Dark Matter**'.



Dark Matter



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If it's invisible, how do we know
it's there?

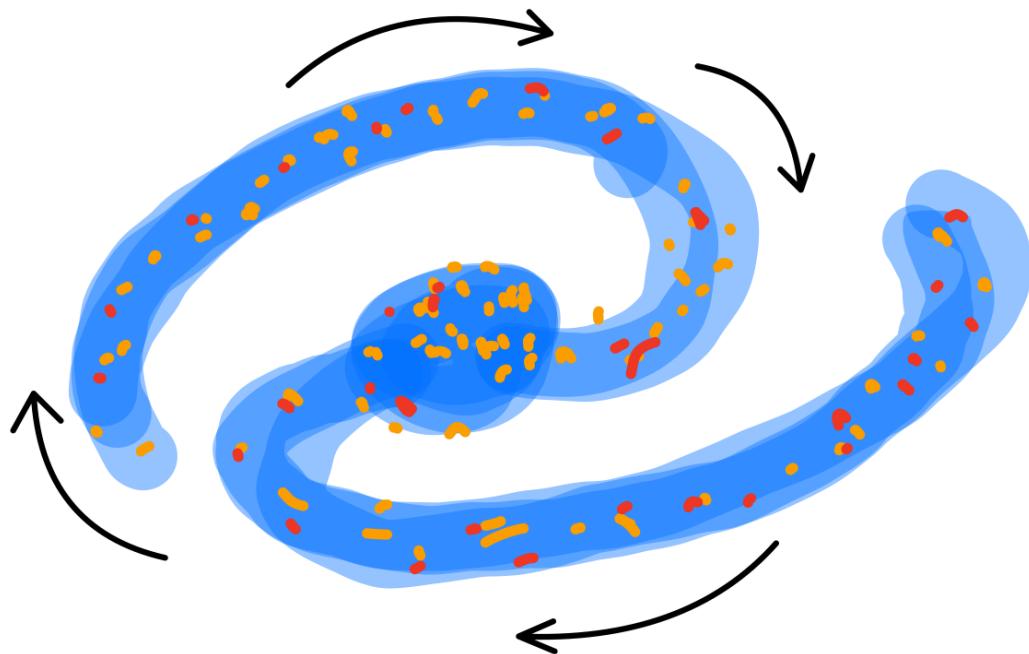


Dark Matter

We know from looking at all the galaxies in the night sky!

Question: What is the name of the galaxy we live in?

Dark Matter



The way galaxies spin means there is a lot of extra weight in addition to the stars and planets we can see.

This extra weight comes from
Dark Matter.

Some real galaxies!

Our galaxy contains over one hundred billion stars!

Question: How many galaxies are there in the Universe?

“How do I become a Particle Physicist?”

- Work hard in Science and Maths lessons.
- Be curious and ask questions.
- Learn to enjoy solving tough ‘*problems*’.
- Believe in yourself! Anyone can be a scientist!

Questions!

Ask me anything you like!

If you don't want to ask me a question right now, you can send me an email to my KES address

I really want to hear your questions about the Universe!

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(Bonus Slides)

Death by Black Hole

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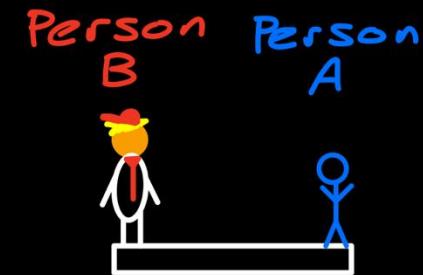
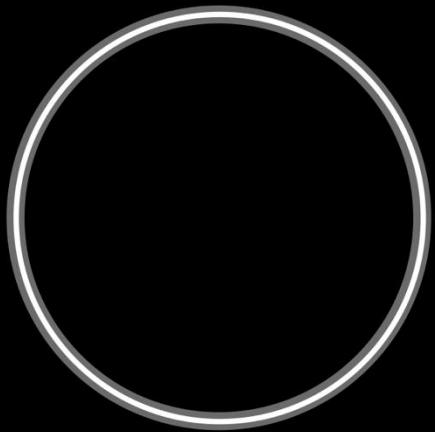
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Black Holes are also natural time machines...

Time passes more slowly for people trapped near the horizon of a Black Hole.

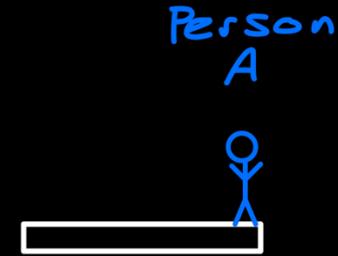
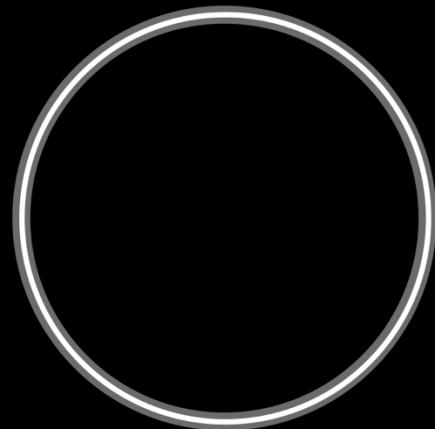
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Person A pushes Person B
into a black hole.



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Let's consider how this
looks to each person
involved...

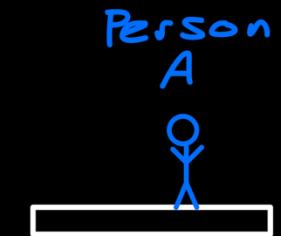
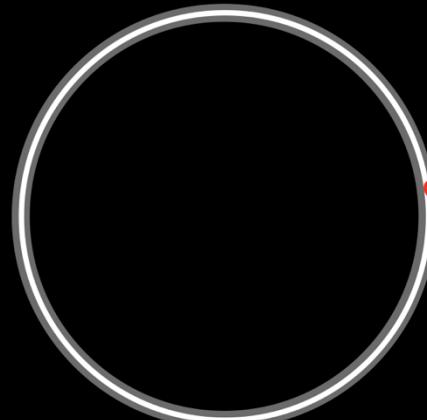
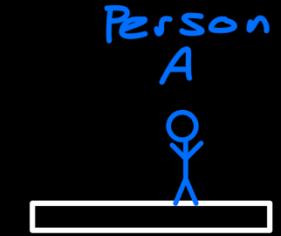
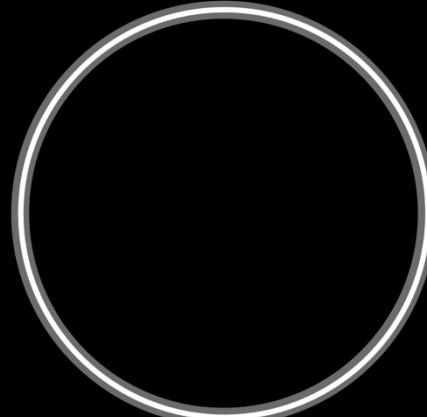
Death by Black Hole

Person A's POV

From Person A's POV,
person B never crosses
the event horizon.

Instead, Person B smears
along the horizon,
become flatter and flatter
over billions of years.

Person A's P.O.V



Death by Black Hole

Person B's POV

From Person B's POV, they pass through the horizon without much difficulty.

If the black hole is very small, they will be 'spaghettified' by the fall.

As Person B looks back at Person A, A begins to age rapidly.

Person B's P.O.V

