
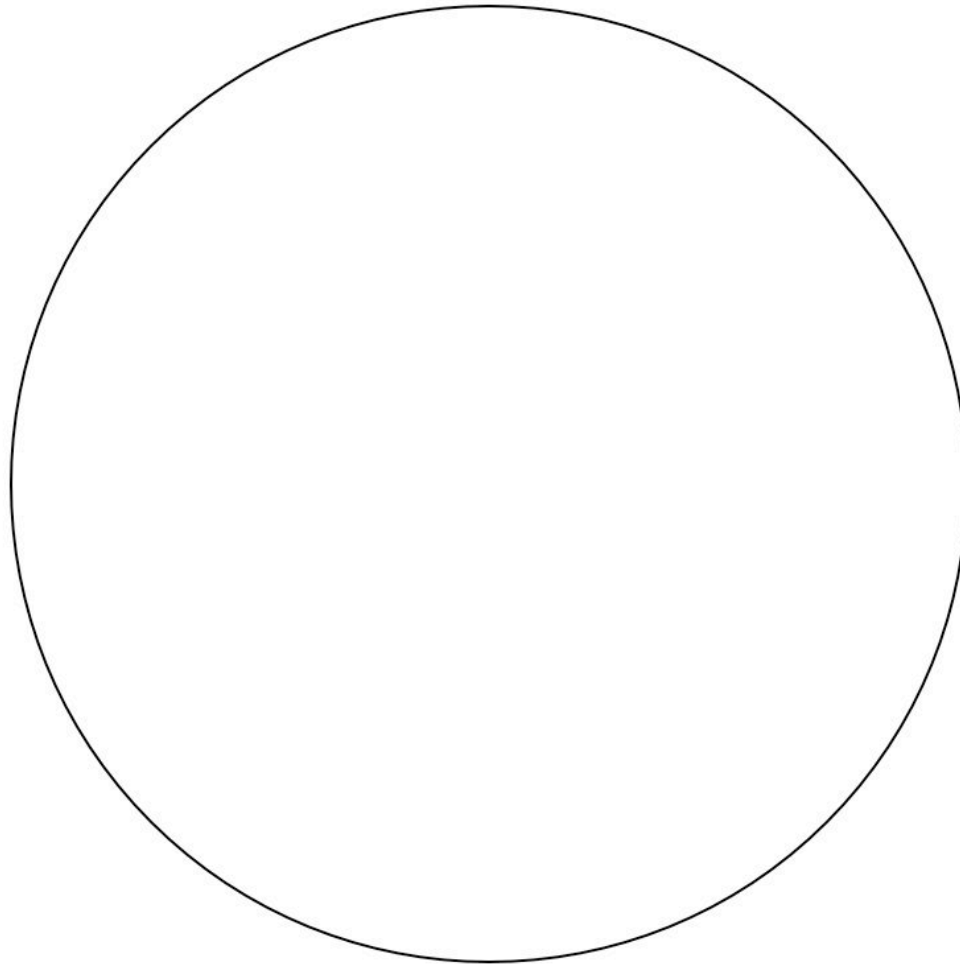


Illustrated guide to a Ph.D.

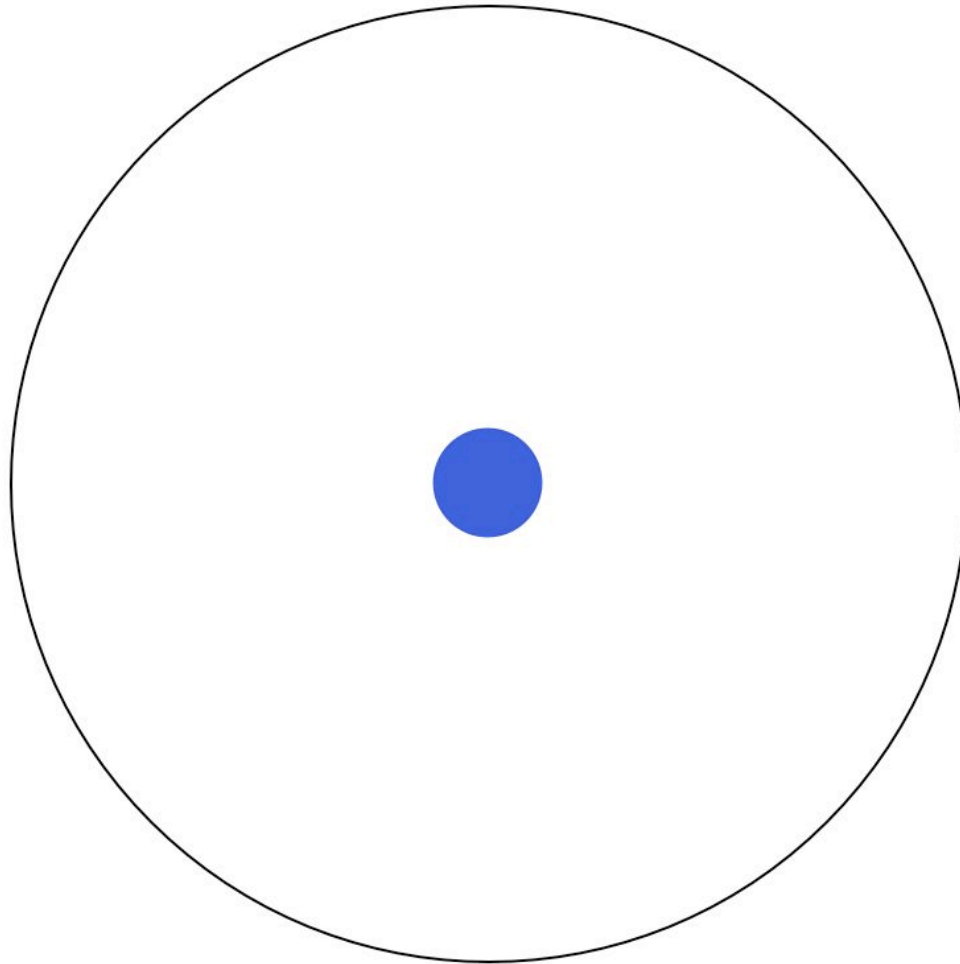
The illustrated guide to a Ph.D.

- Professor [Matt Might](#), CS, University of Utah has a good way of explaining what it means to do a Ph.D.
 - It is also applicable to doing MS research
 - and probably your life after graduation
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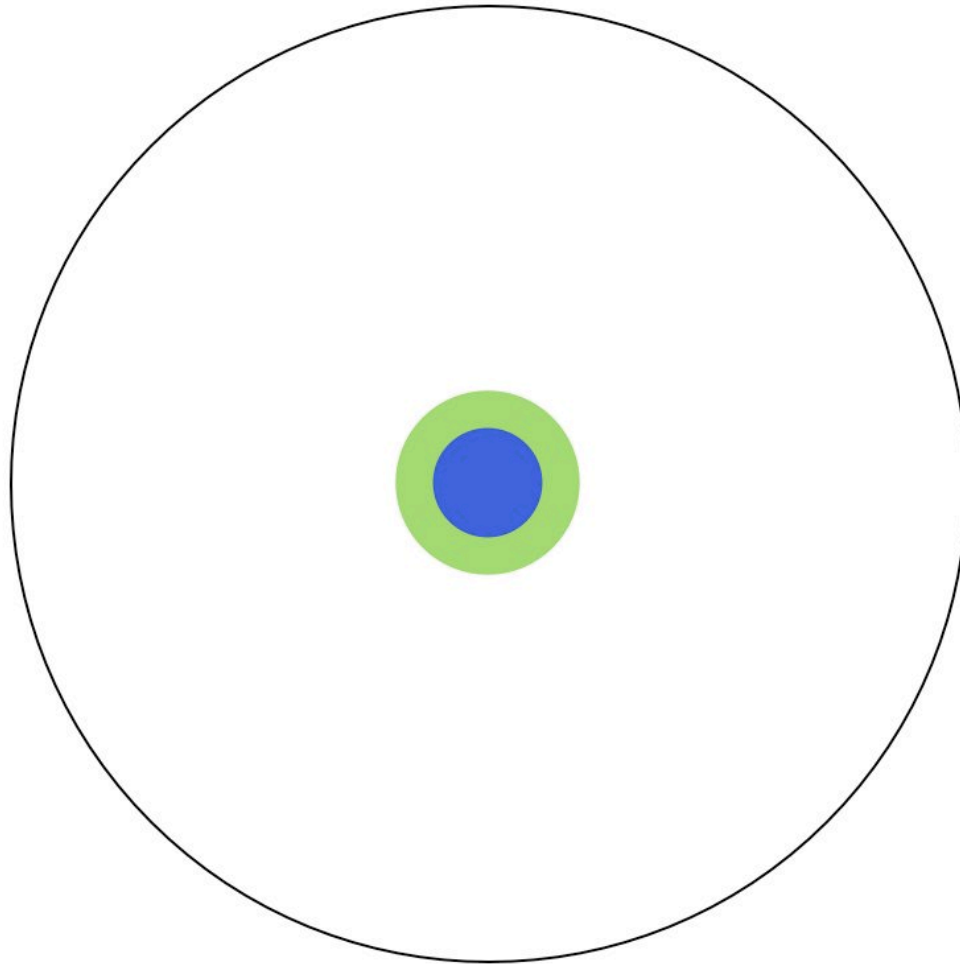
**imagine a circle that contains
all of human knowledge**



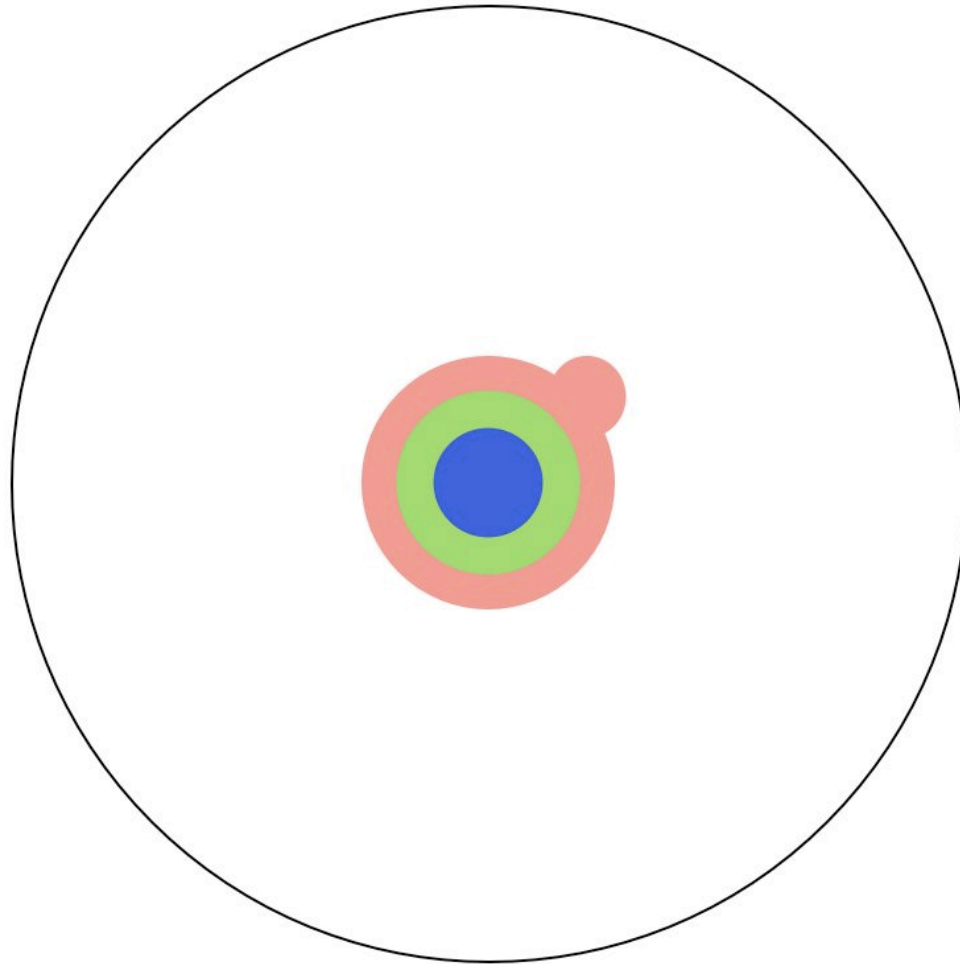
By the time you finish elementary school, you know a little



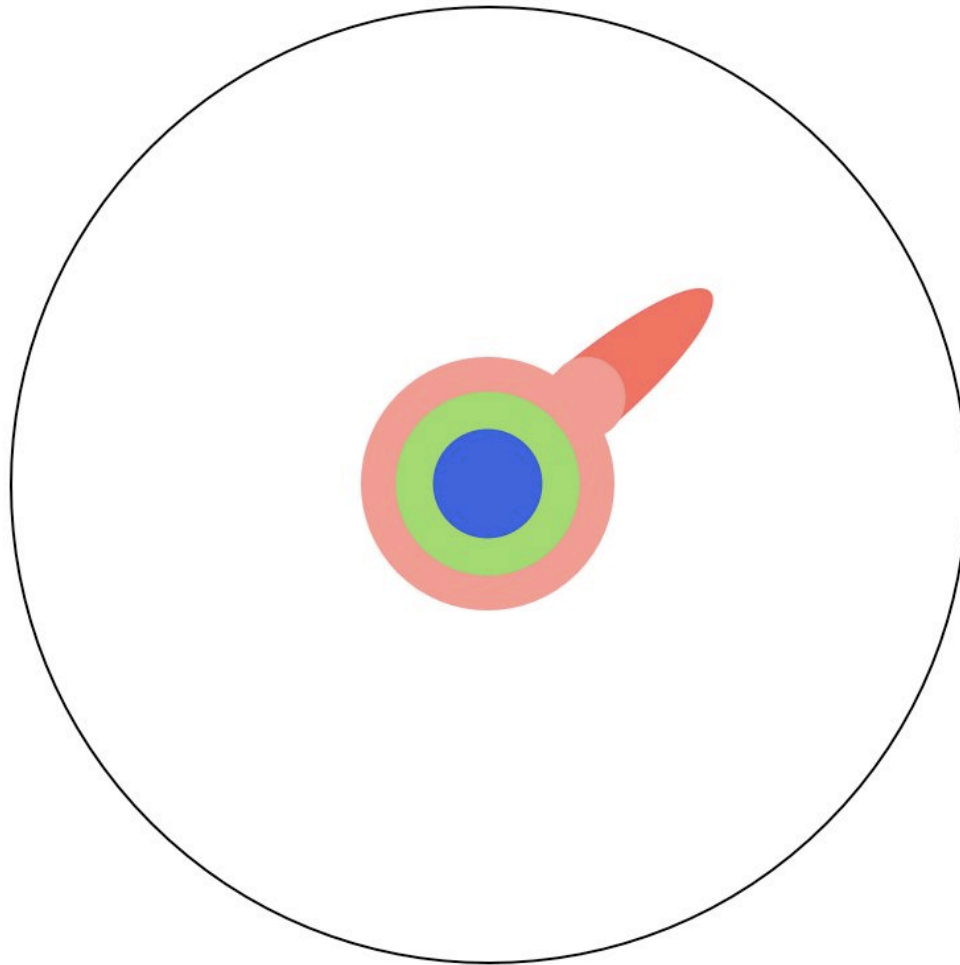
**By the time you finish high school,
you know a bit more**



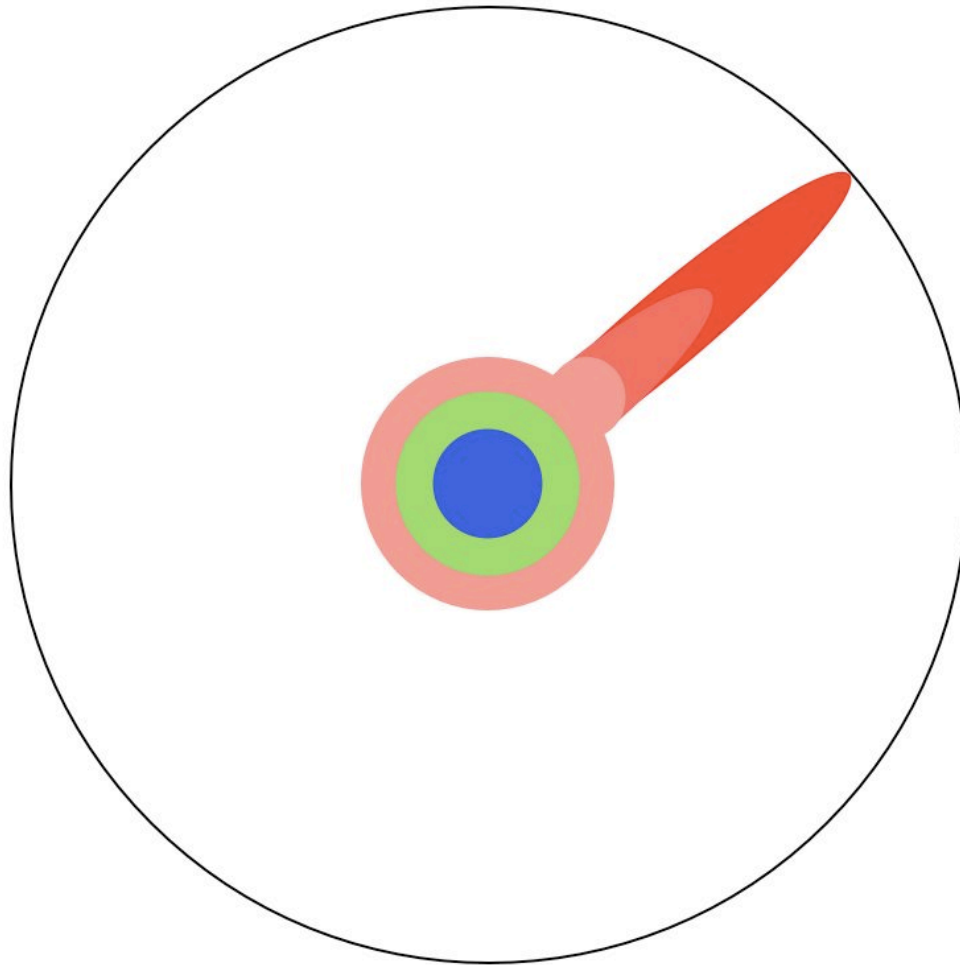
**With a bachelor's degree,
you gain a specialty**



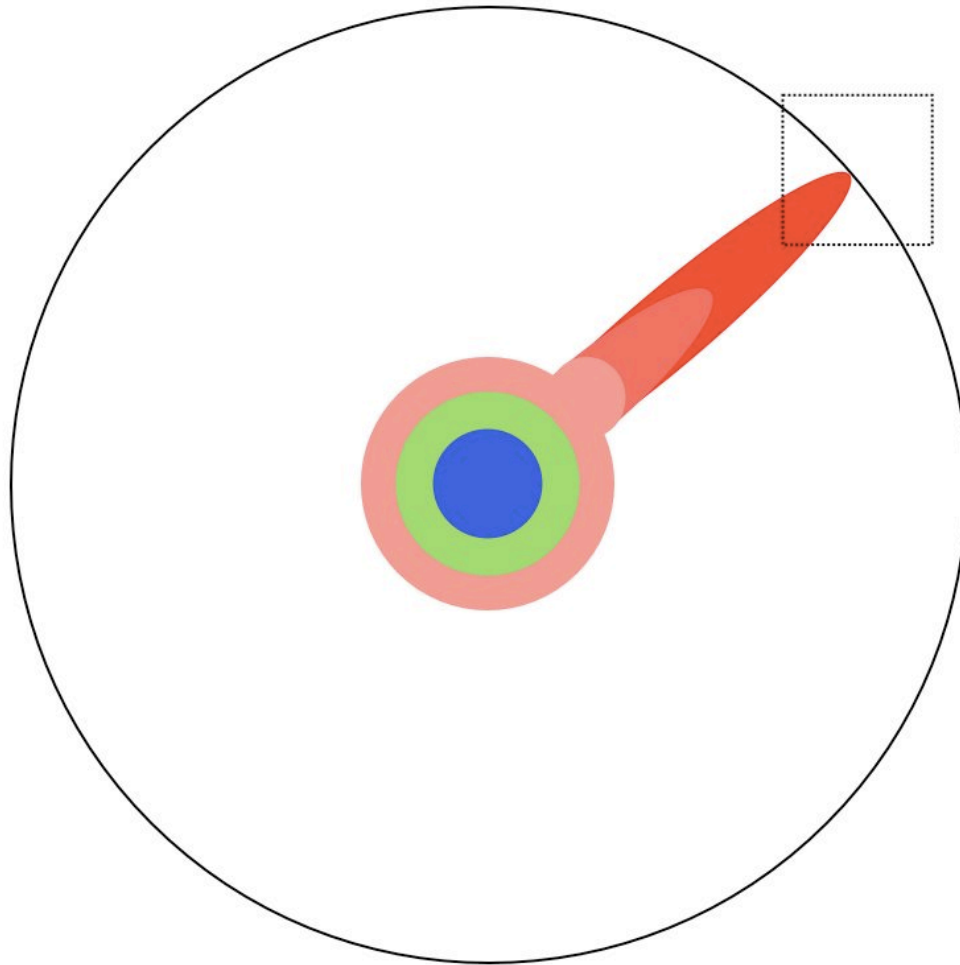
A master's degree deepens that specialty



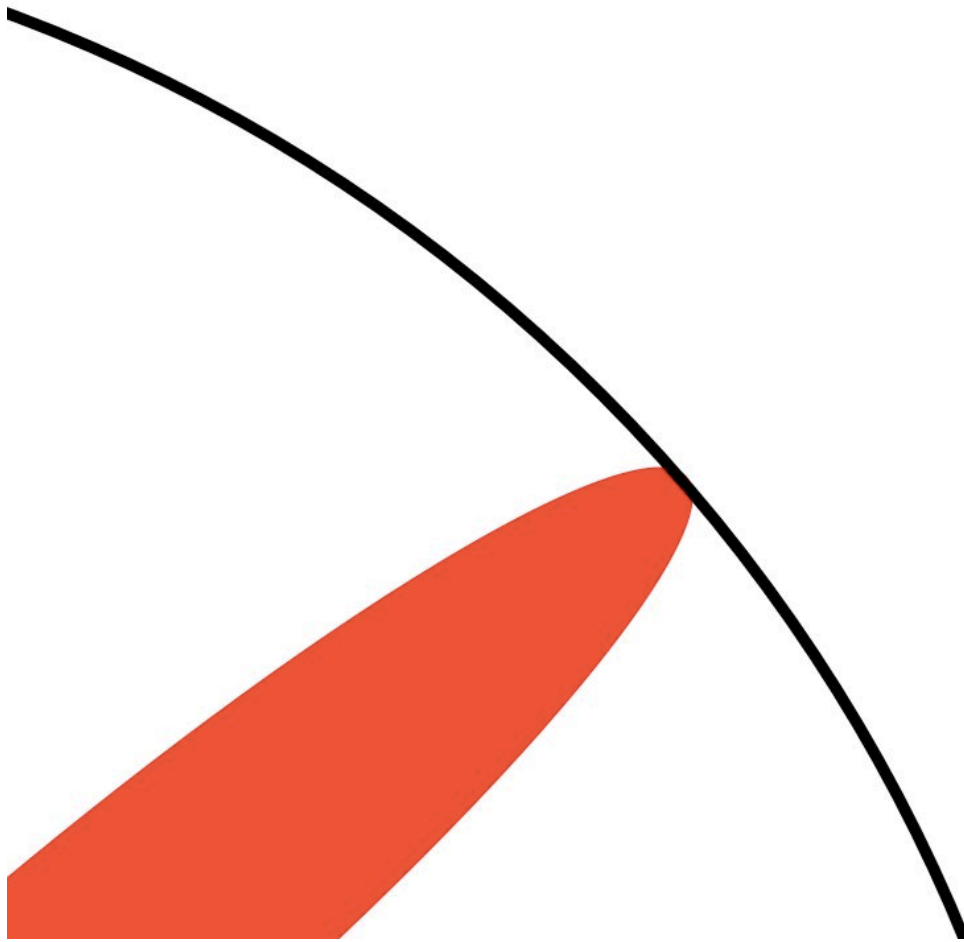
Reading research papers takes you to the edge of human knowledge



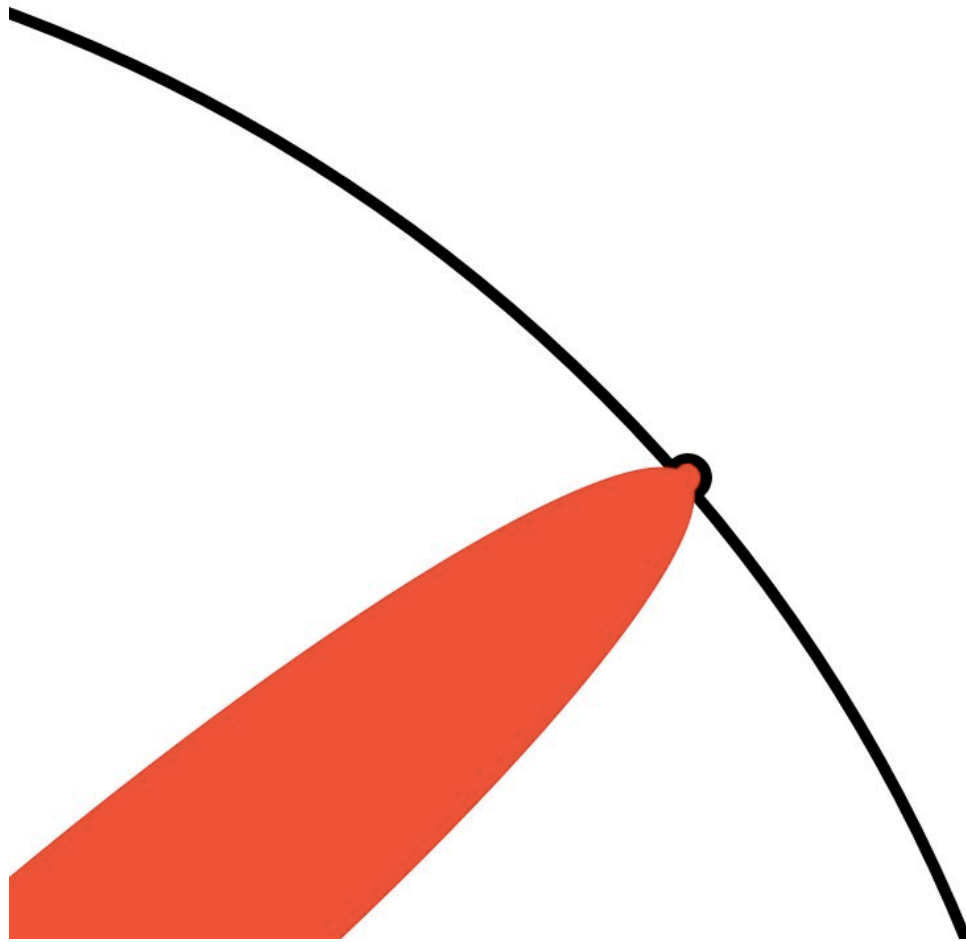
Once you're at the boundary, you focus



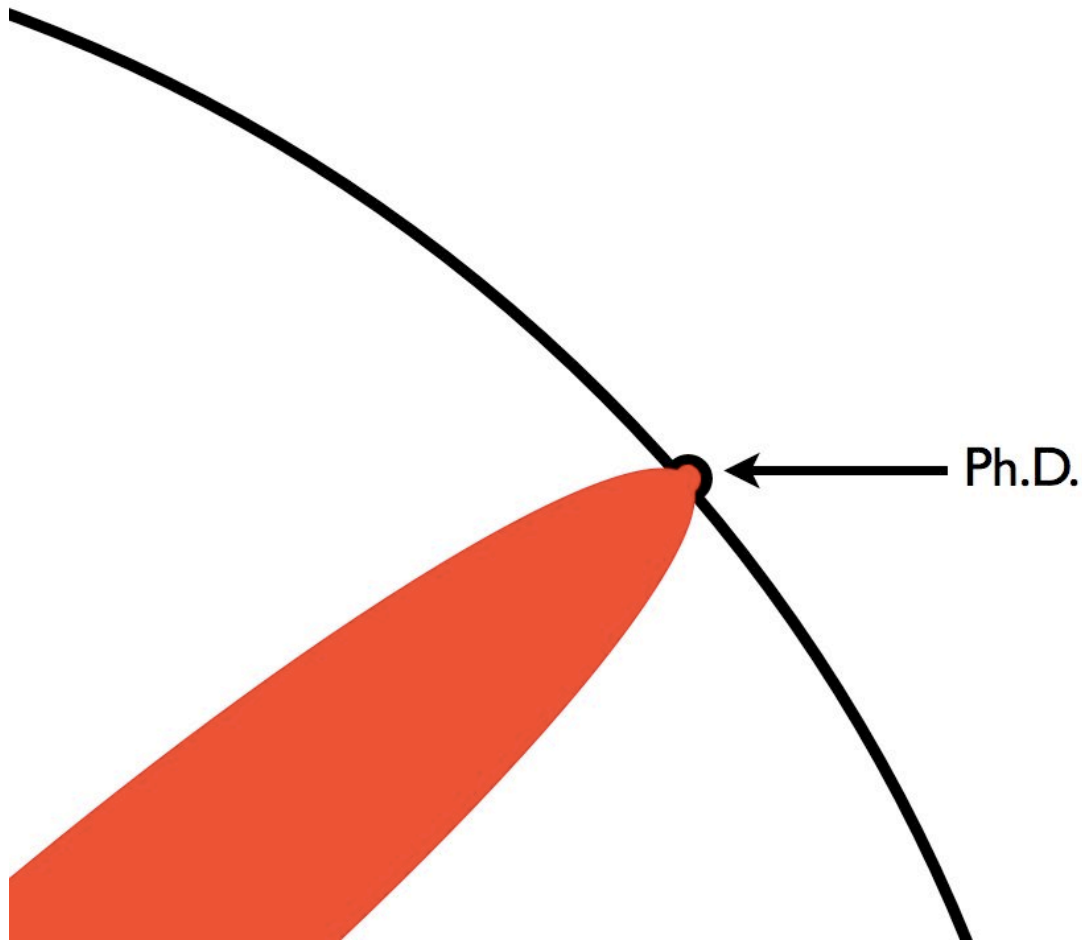
You push at the boundary for a few years



Until one day, the boundary gives way



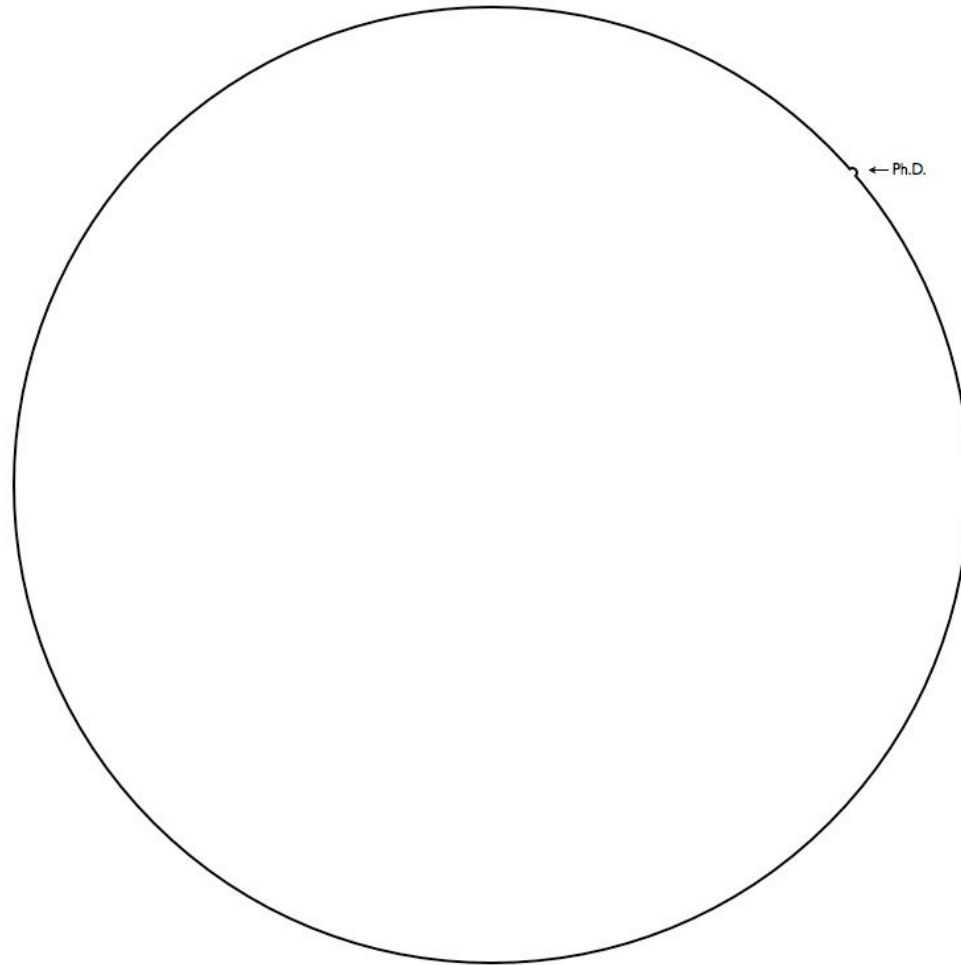
And, that dent you've made is called a Ph.D.



Of course, the world looks different to you now



So, don't forget the bigger picture



Keep pushing