Difficult Concepts

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How to introduce really difficult concepts: spectra, polarization, interference etc? or is it a losing cause?

1. How do we extract the most information from the stream of photons sent to us by objects throughout the universe?

2. How do we explain to people what we just did in a way they will understand.

Is this a lost cause? Can ‘pseudo-explanations’ be useful? To which degree can analogies be stretched?