

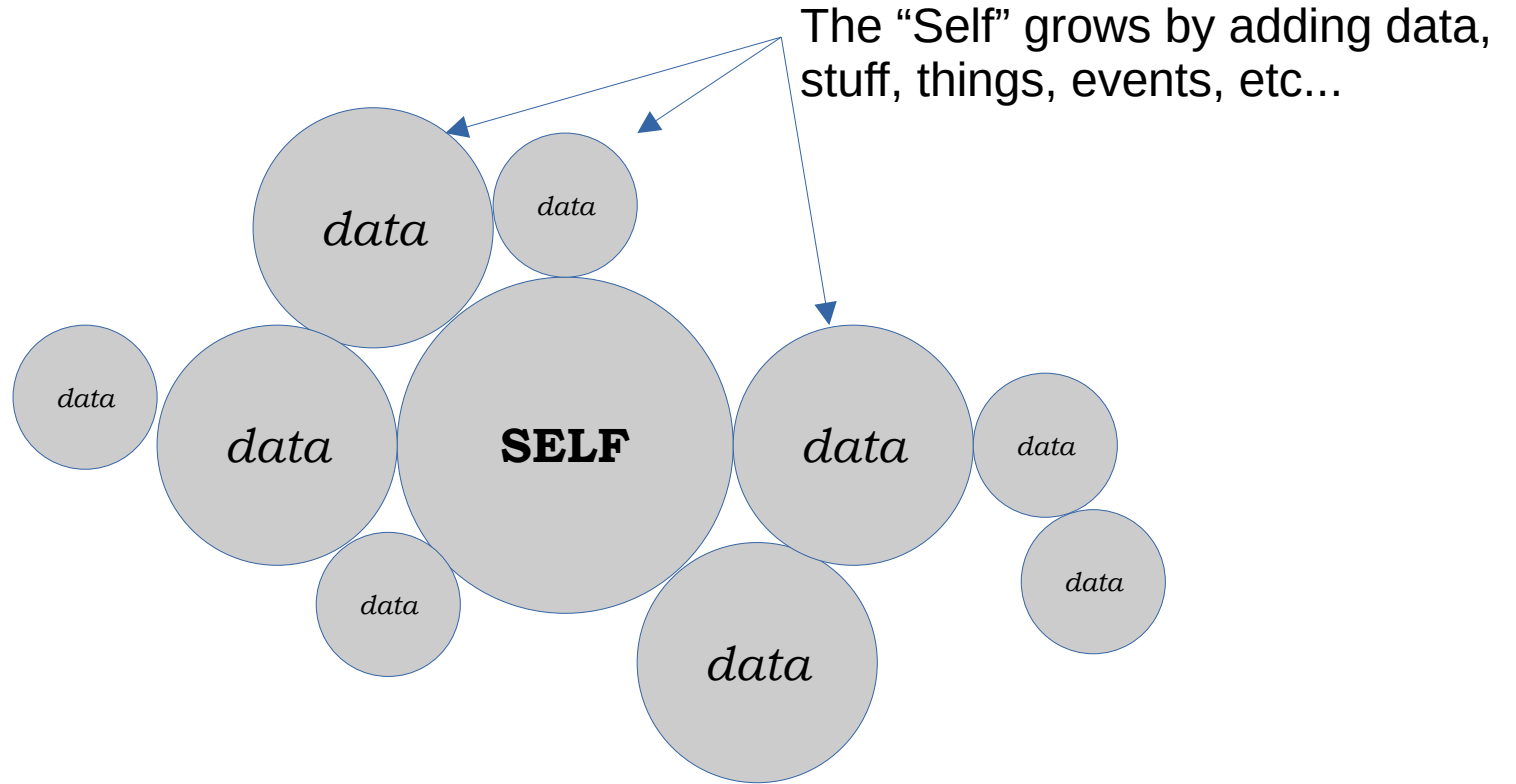
SELF

The Samsaric (*materialist*) Self
Versus
The Buddhist (*dynamic*) Self

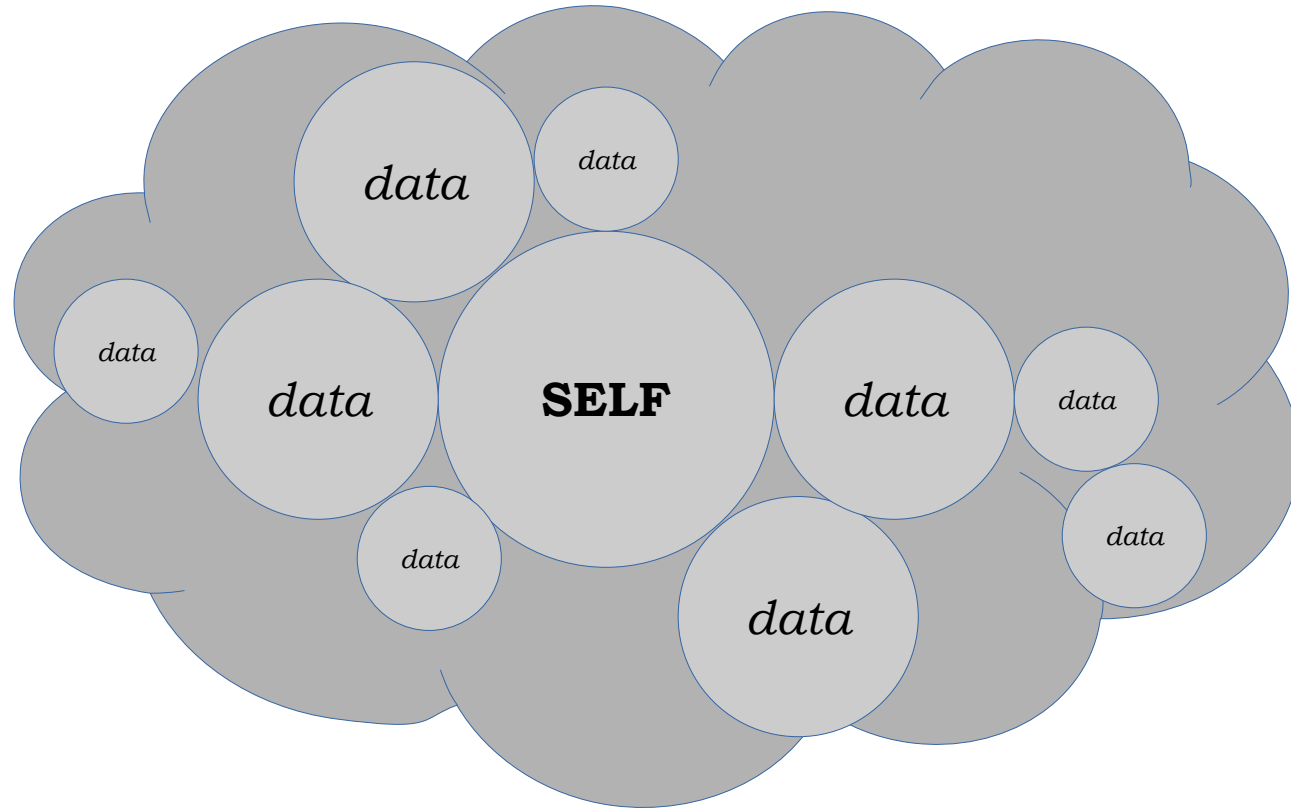
Samsaric Self

- The Samsaric self accrues data for identification as an ever growing self.
- This is a self that things happen to or are taken from and always leave a “mark”.
- These “marks”, additions, losses, etc. build the growing Identity.

- Samsaric Self



- This Samsaric Self becomes the Samsaric “Identity”



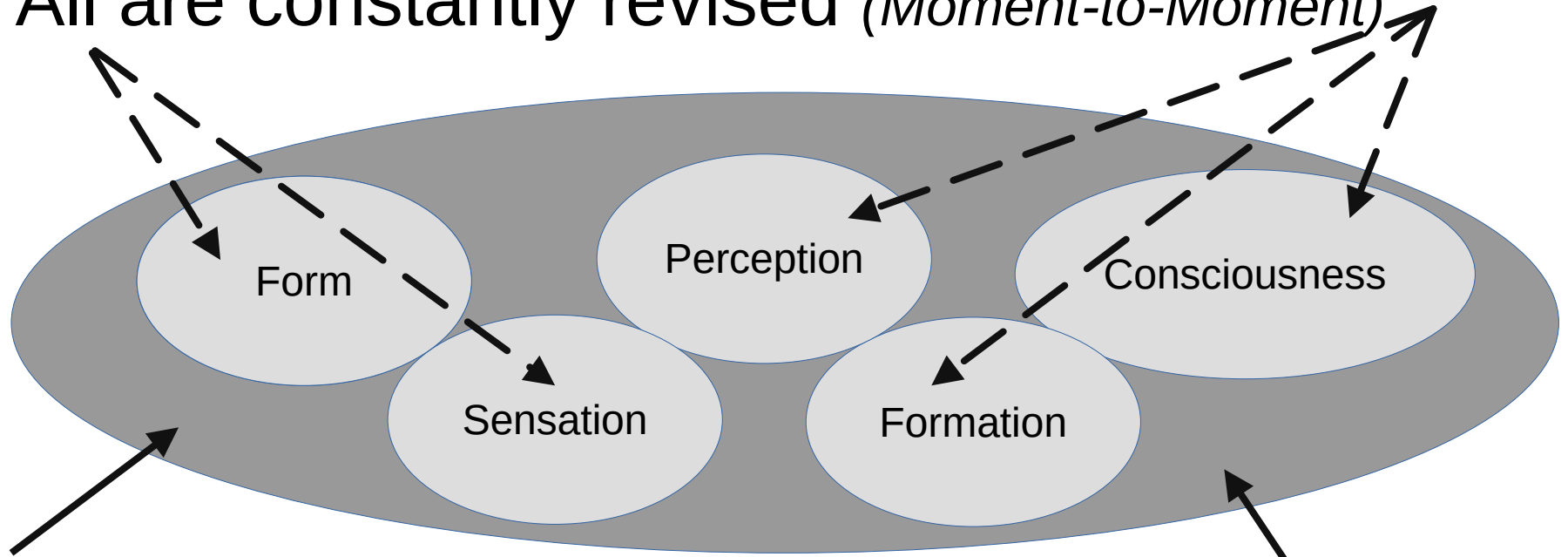
- Buddhist Self is *Dynamic*
- The “self” is constructed of **tendencies** (Skandhas) in constant change.

The five aggregates (skandhas) or heaps of clinging are:

- 1) **form** (or material image, impression) (rupa)
- 2) **sensations** (or feelings, received from form) (vedana)
- 3) **perceptions** (samjna)
- 4) mental activity or **formations** (sankhara)
- 5) **consciousness** (vijnana)

- This “Self” does not accrue stuff. The dynamic self does not grow identity, but is altered by events.
- These tendencies evolve and change in each moment-to-moment of experience in constant change.

- Dynamic Buddhist “Self”
- All are constantly revised (*Moment-to-Moment*)



- This Identity evolves as a single M-t-M “Self”-ing
- This Identity grows only in **awareness** and not in *materialism*