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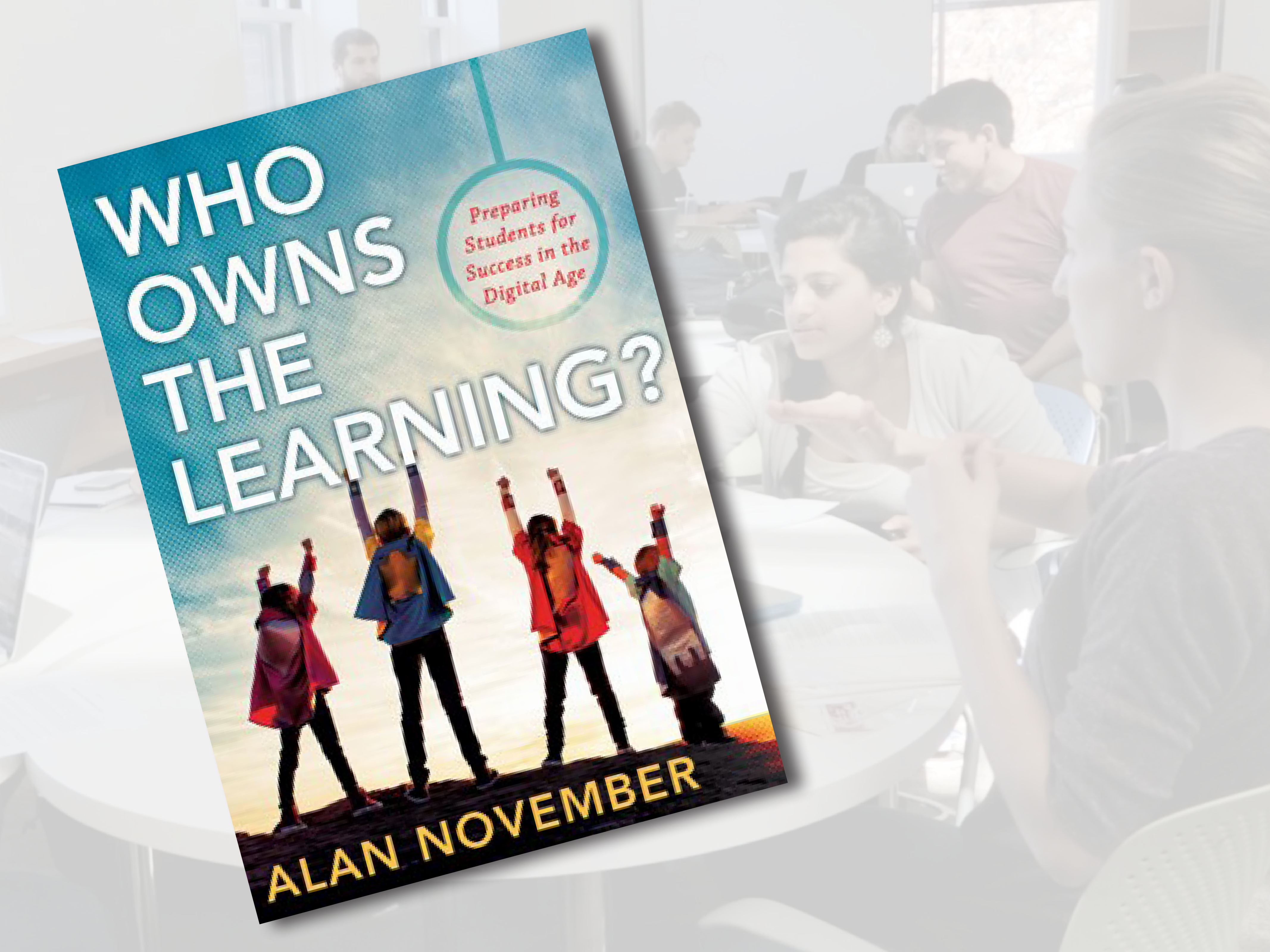
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Preparing Students for Success in the Digital Age
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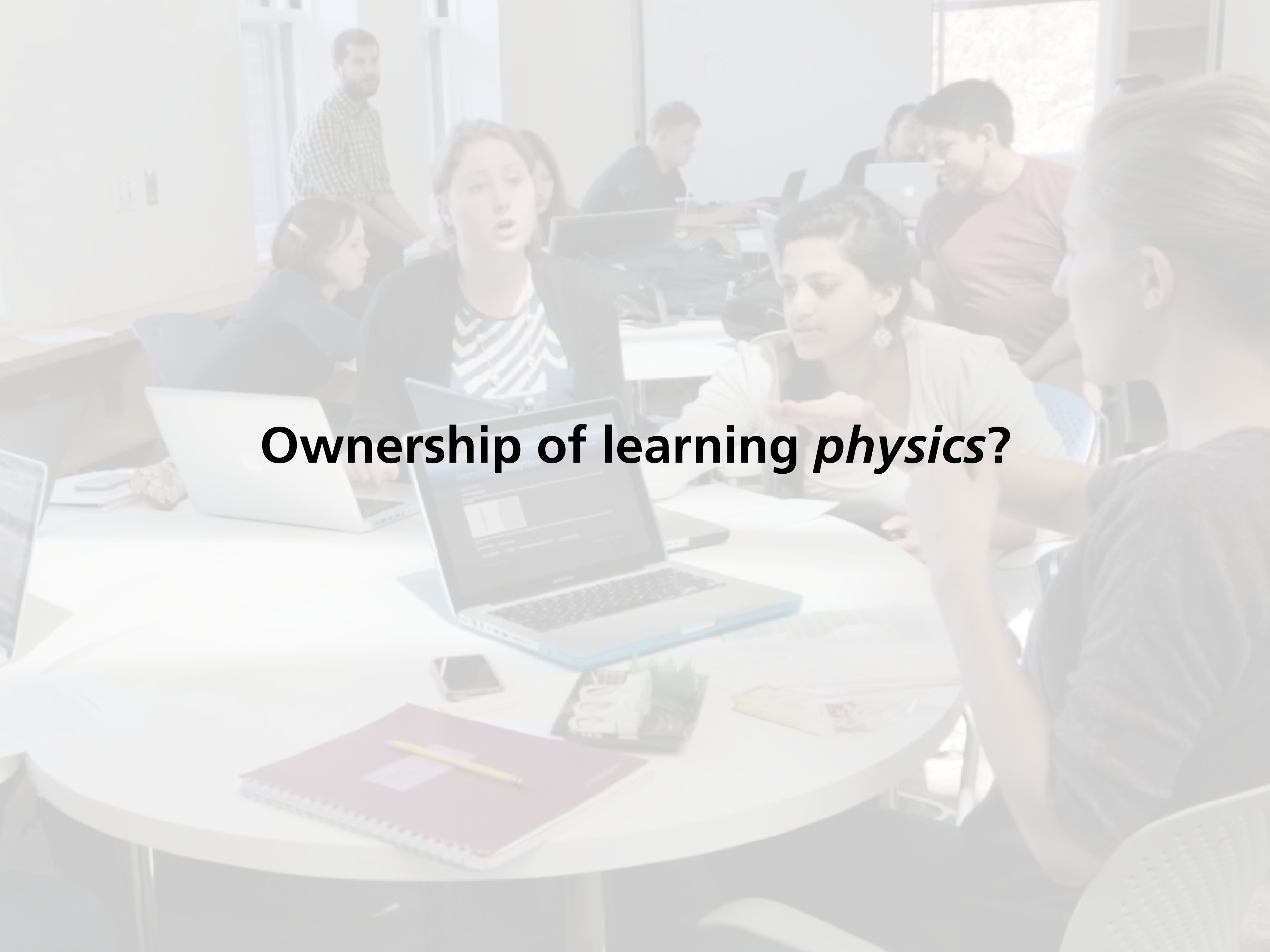
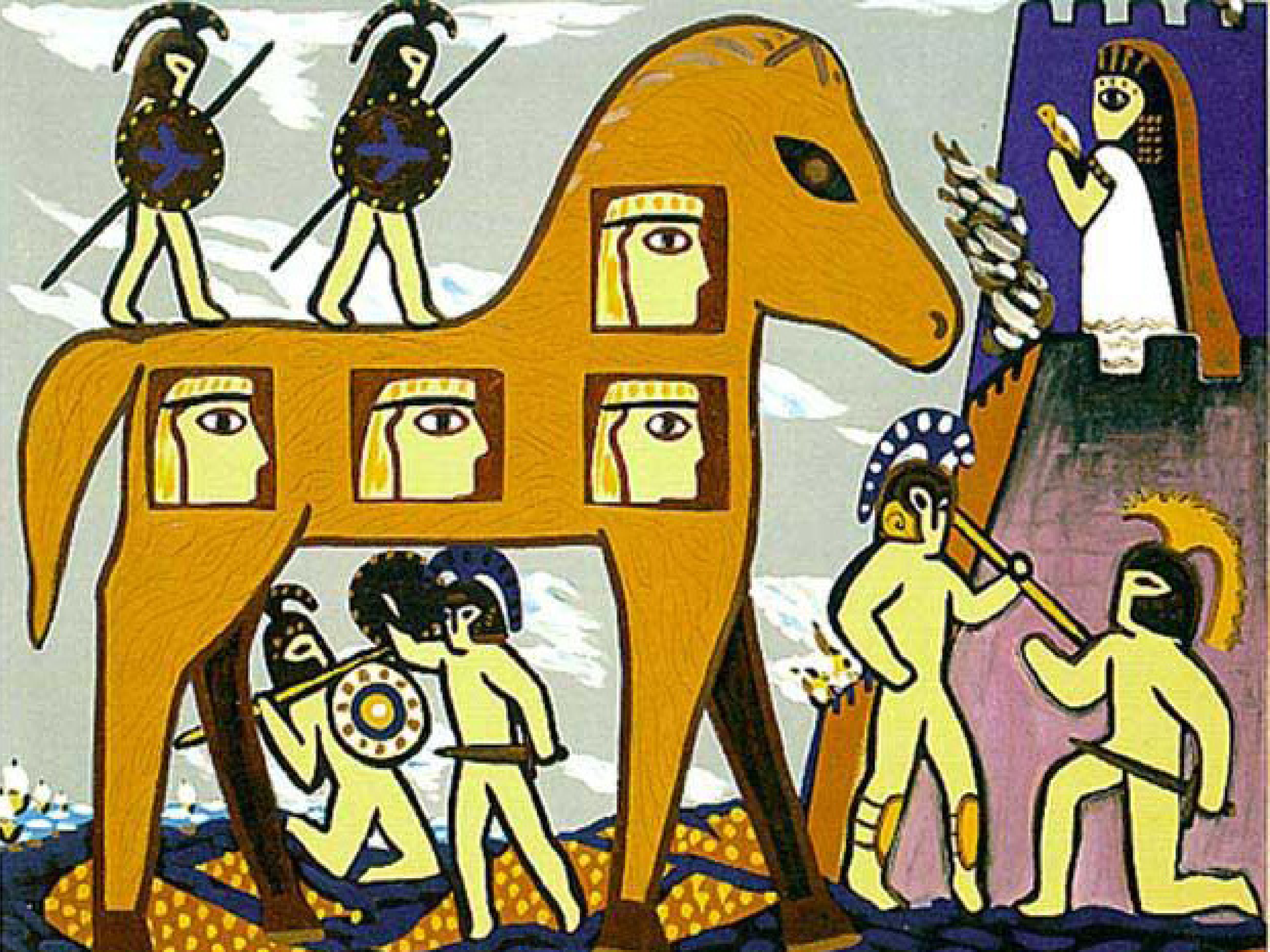


Ownership of learning *physics*?



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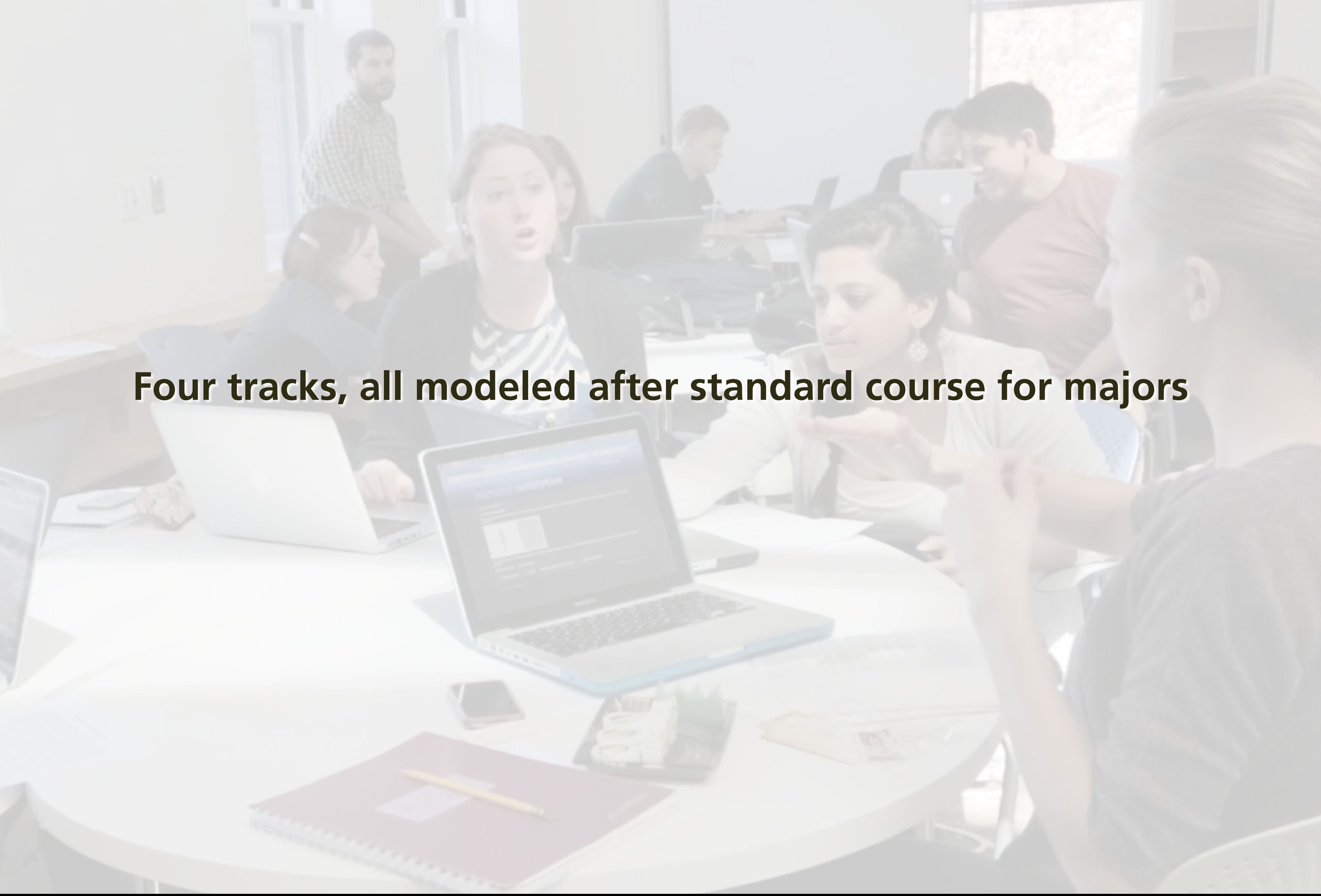

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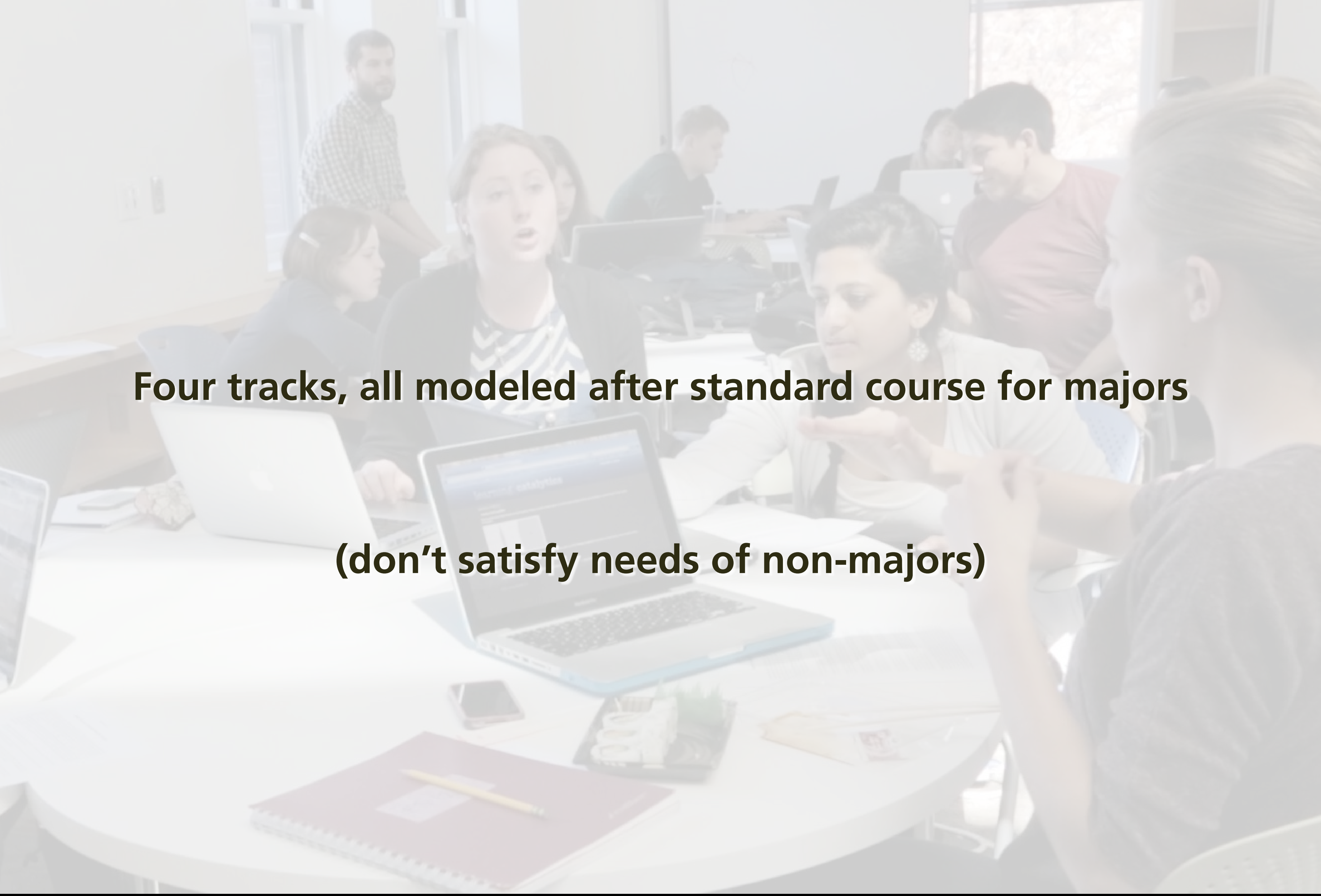

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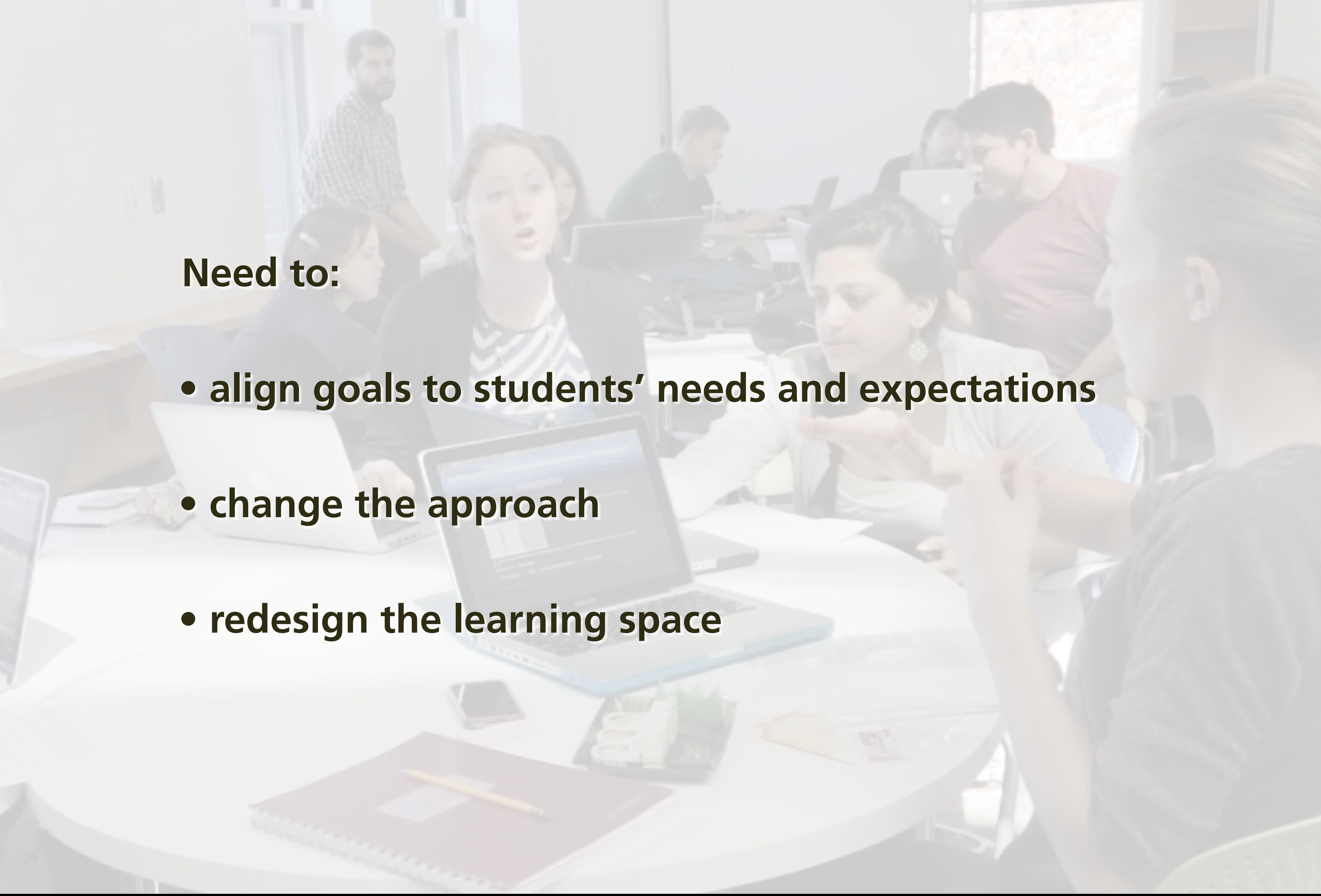

Need to:

- align goals to students' needs and expectations
- change the approach
- redesign the learning space

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competencies

COURSE GOALS

After successful completion of this course, you will be able to... (with

- Use independent study and research to tackle a problem
- Apply the scientific method to advance your knowledge and to desi
- Use a variety of techniques to get a handle on problems: repres
  perform order of magnitude estimates, use dimensional analysi
  symmetries, evaluate limits, and/or relate the problem to cases
- Set up, solve, and interpret relevant equations
- Know how to evaluate the correctness of a solution
- Explain assumptions made in a model and know how to justify
- Analyze a system, explain why it works, and how to optimize
- Use information to build a case for a specific design or measu
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course goals

content-specific goals

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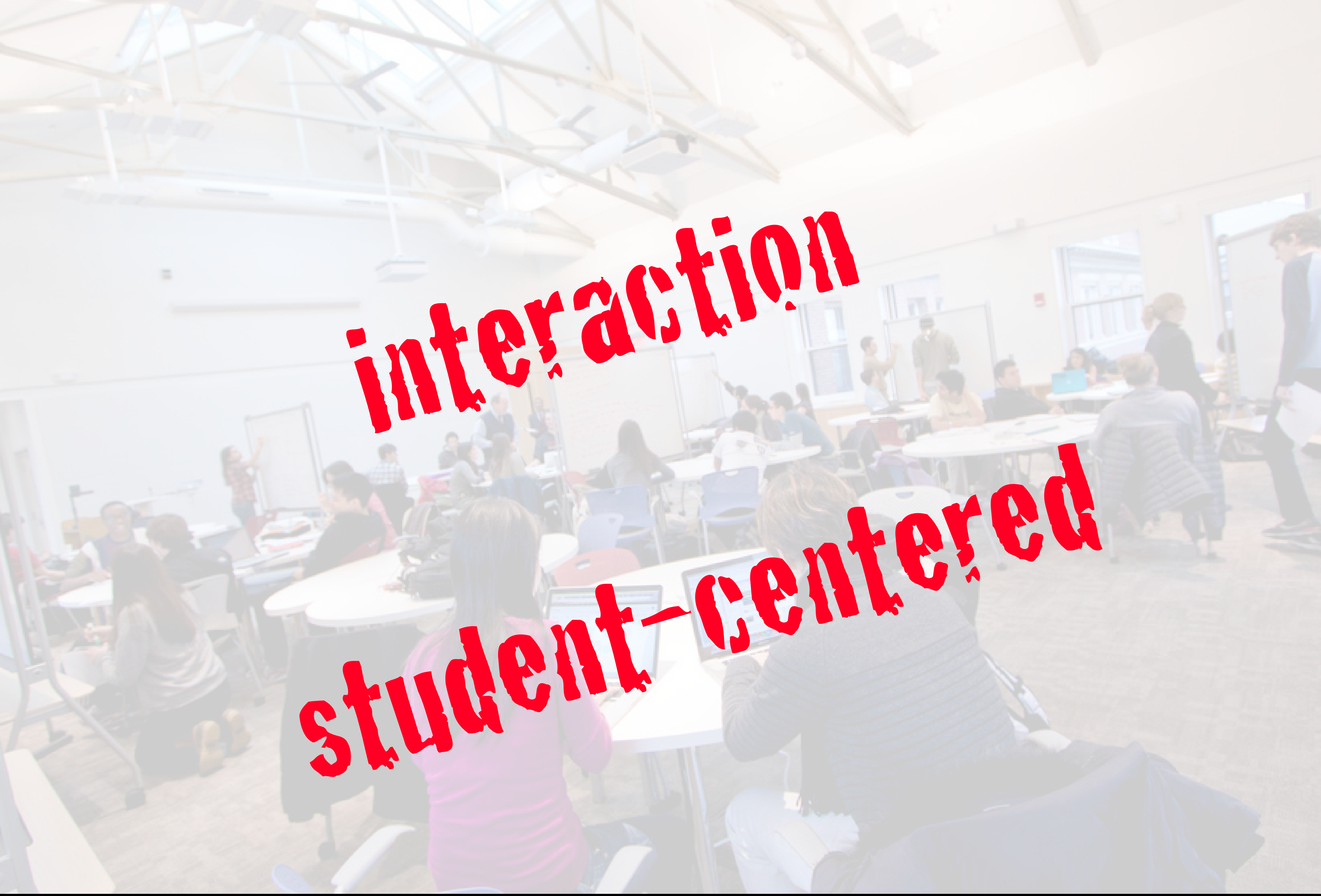

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CLASS → **ROOM**

1st exposure — deeper understanding

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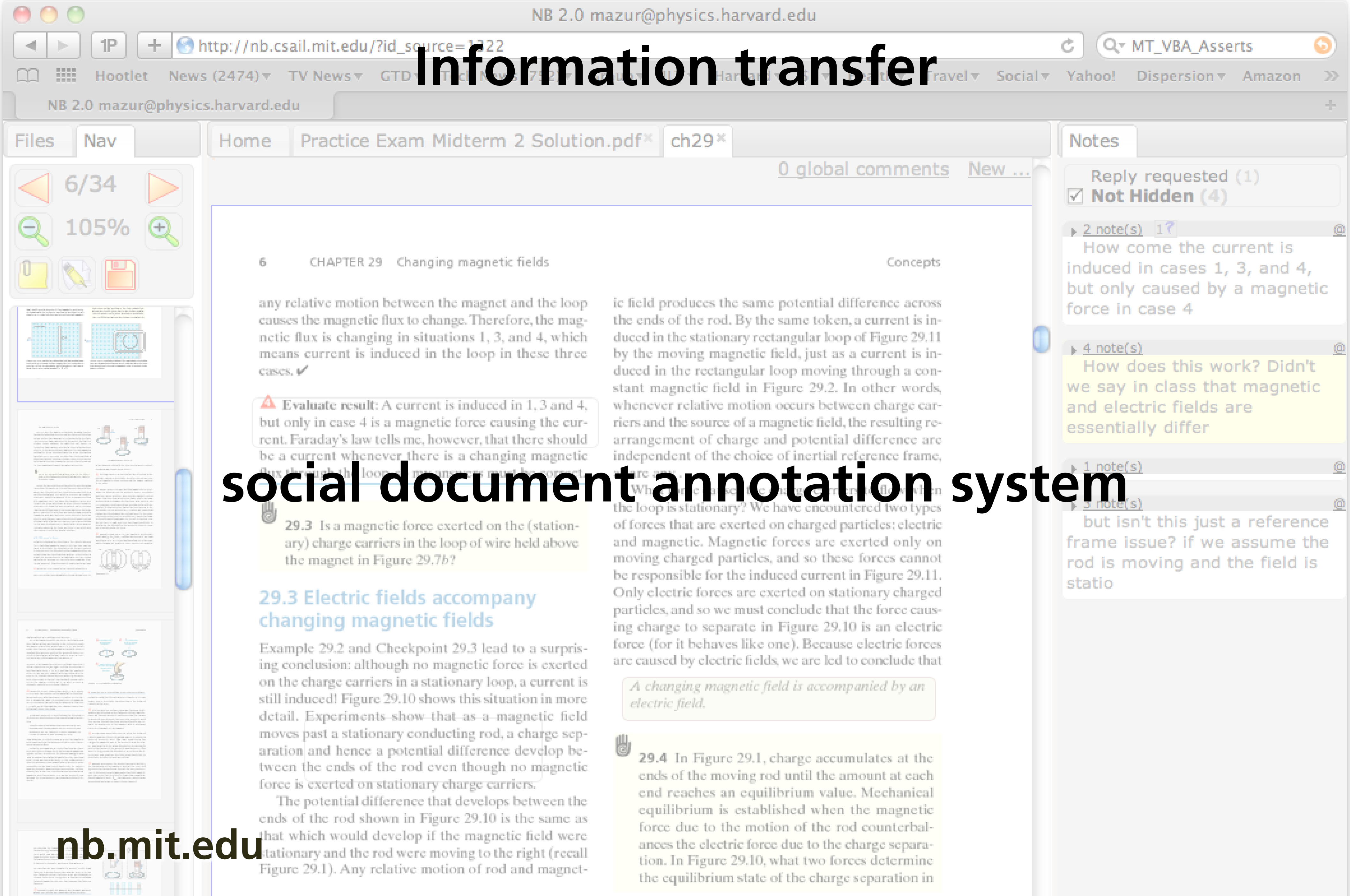
Three major components:

- information transfer (out of class)
- in-class activities
- projects

Information transfer



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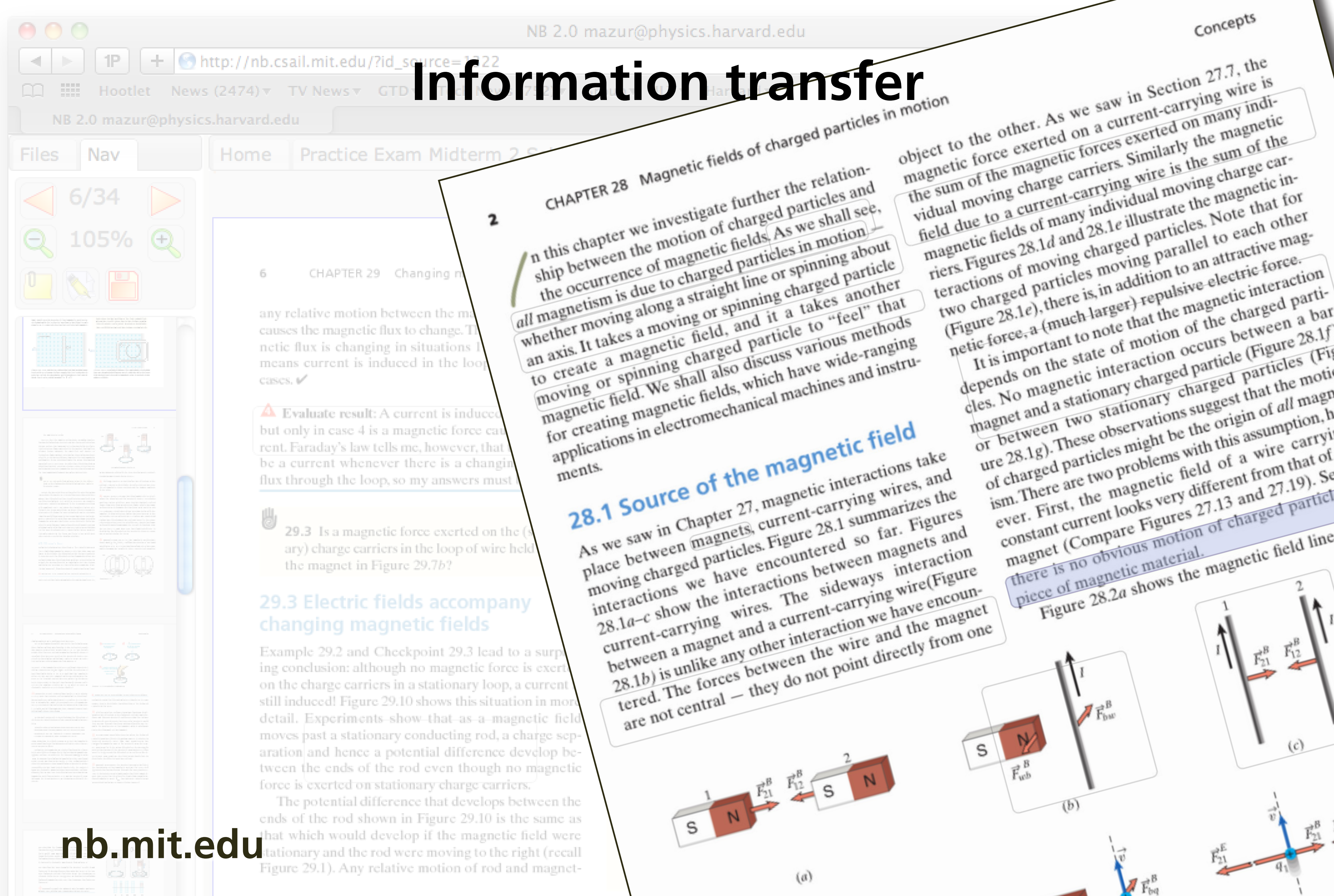

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Information transfer

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Student 3 – 2 Mar, 09:00AM
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Student 2 – 2 Mar, 11:37AM
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Student 4 – 4 Mar, 01:05PM
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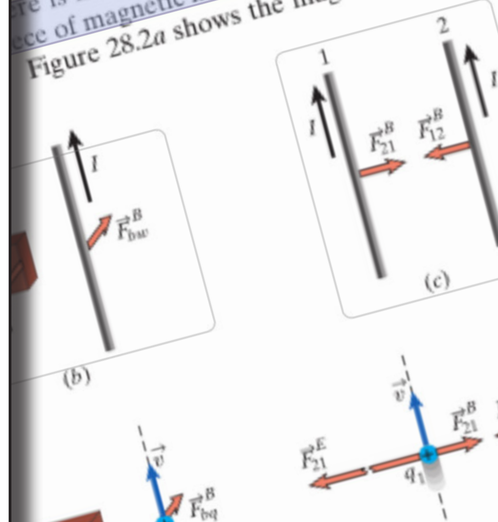

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over 1,000 annotations in one lecture!

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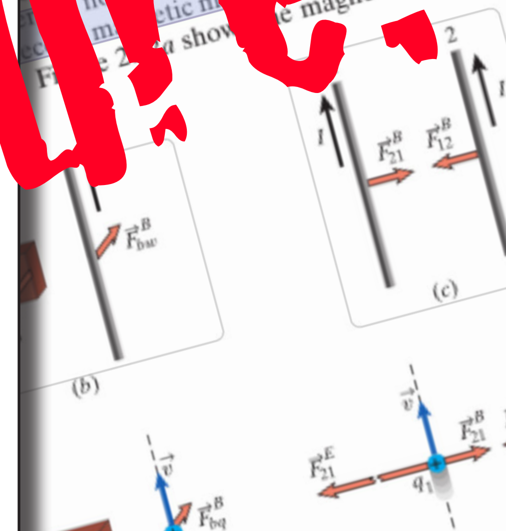

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In-class activities

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lectures (3h/wk)

discussion section (1h/wk)

laboratory (2h/wk)

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laboratory (2h/wk)

In-class activities

blend of best practices

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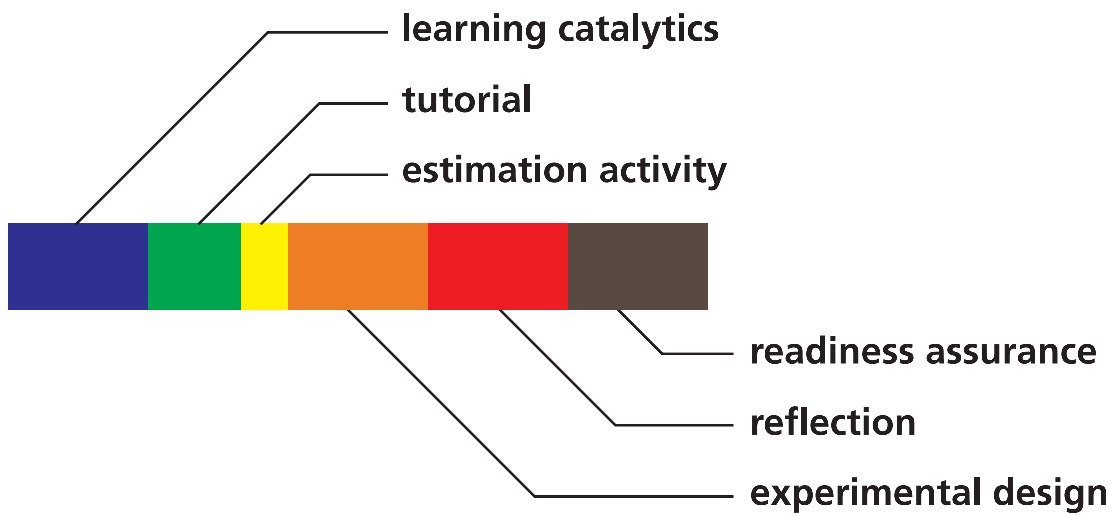
arranged in 3 blocks of 1 months

1 project/block

In-class activities



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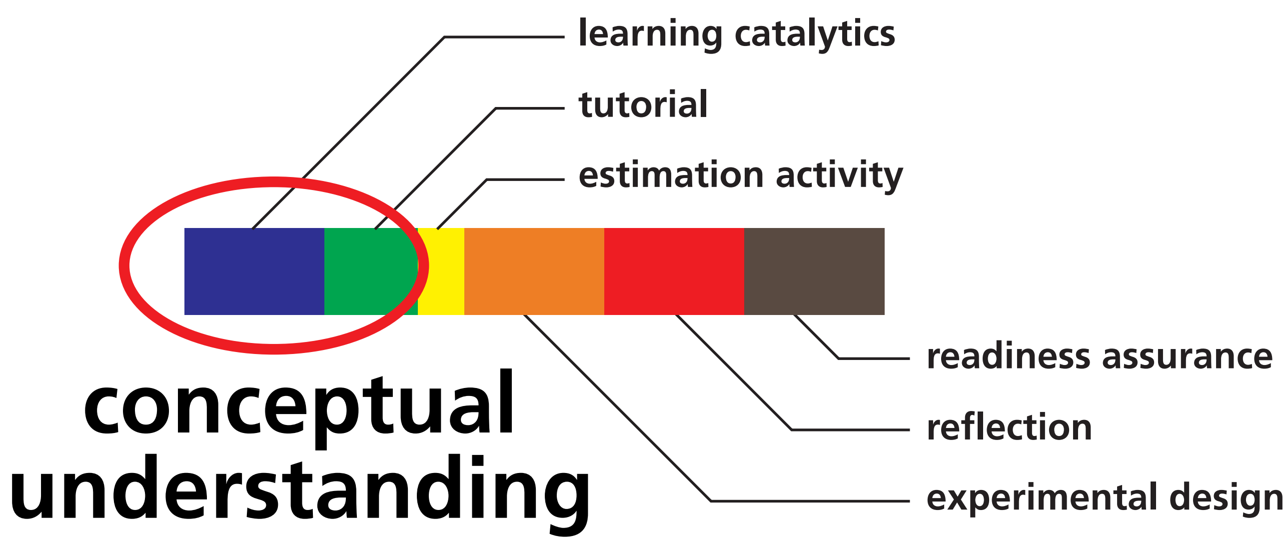

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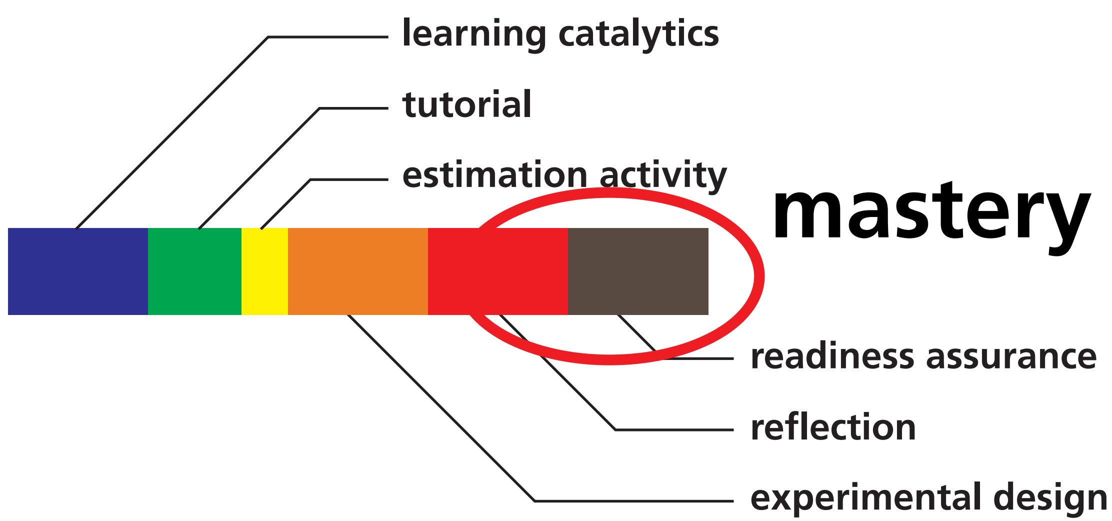

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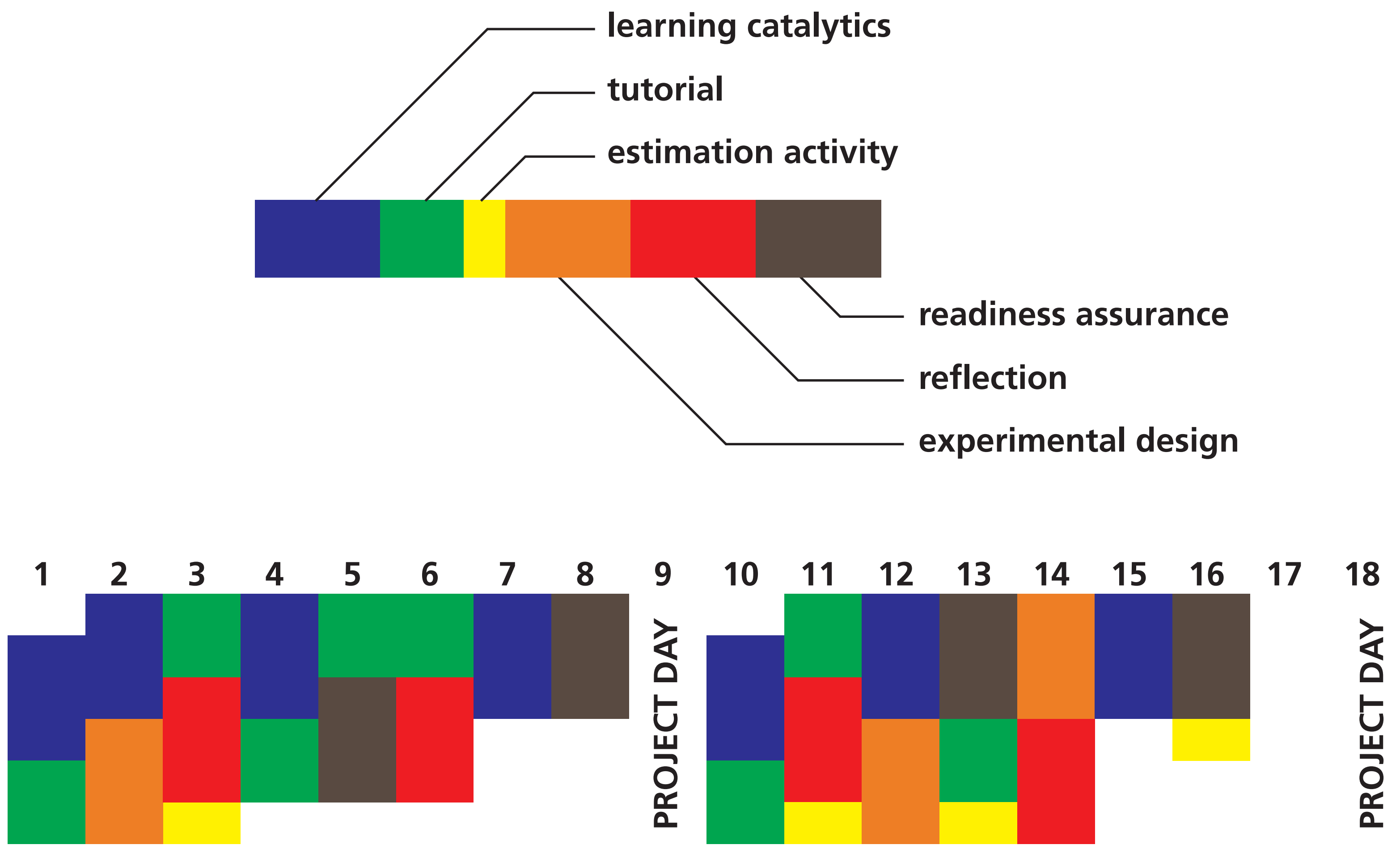

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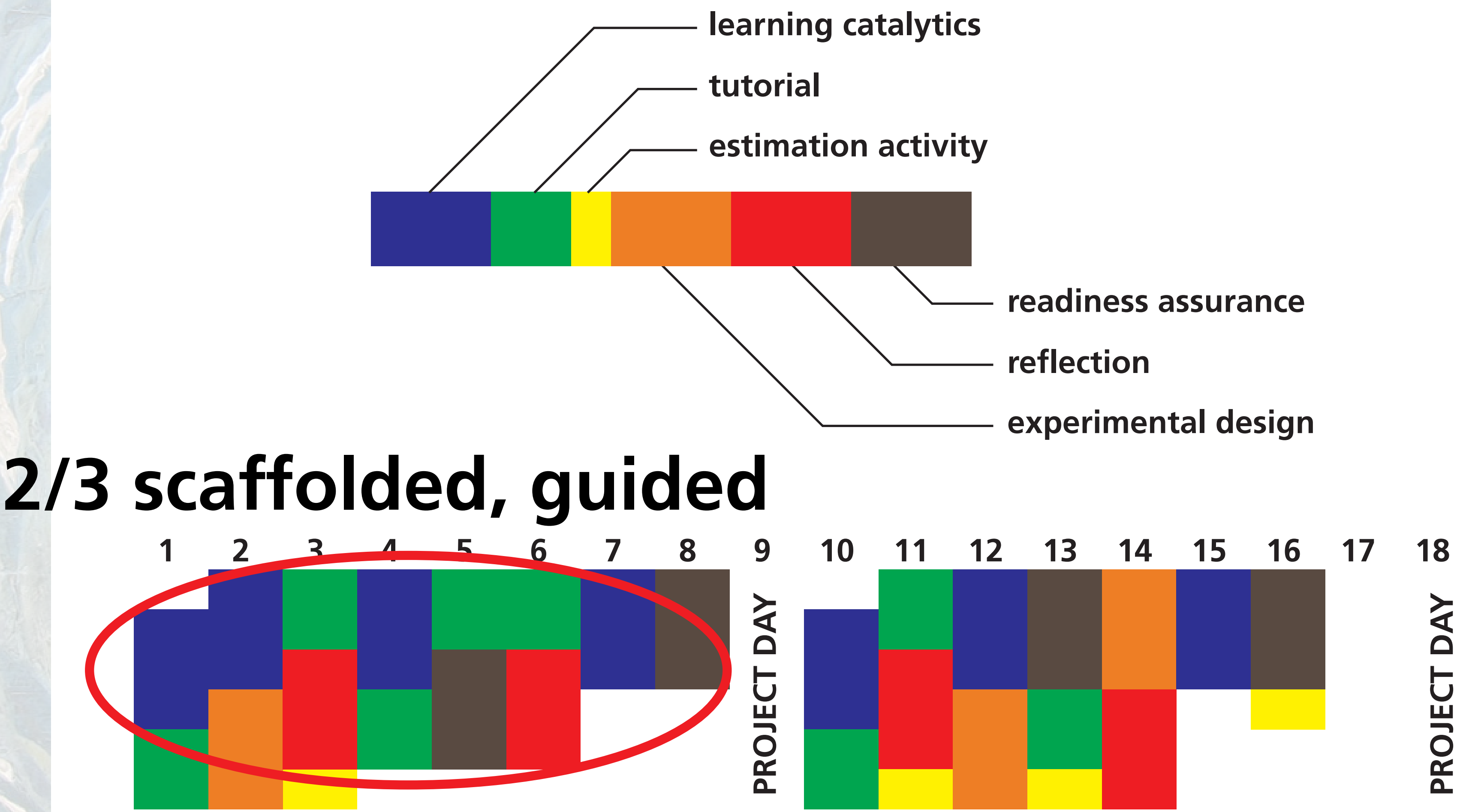

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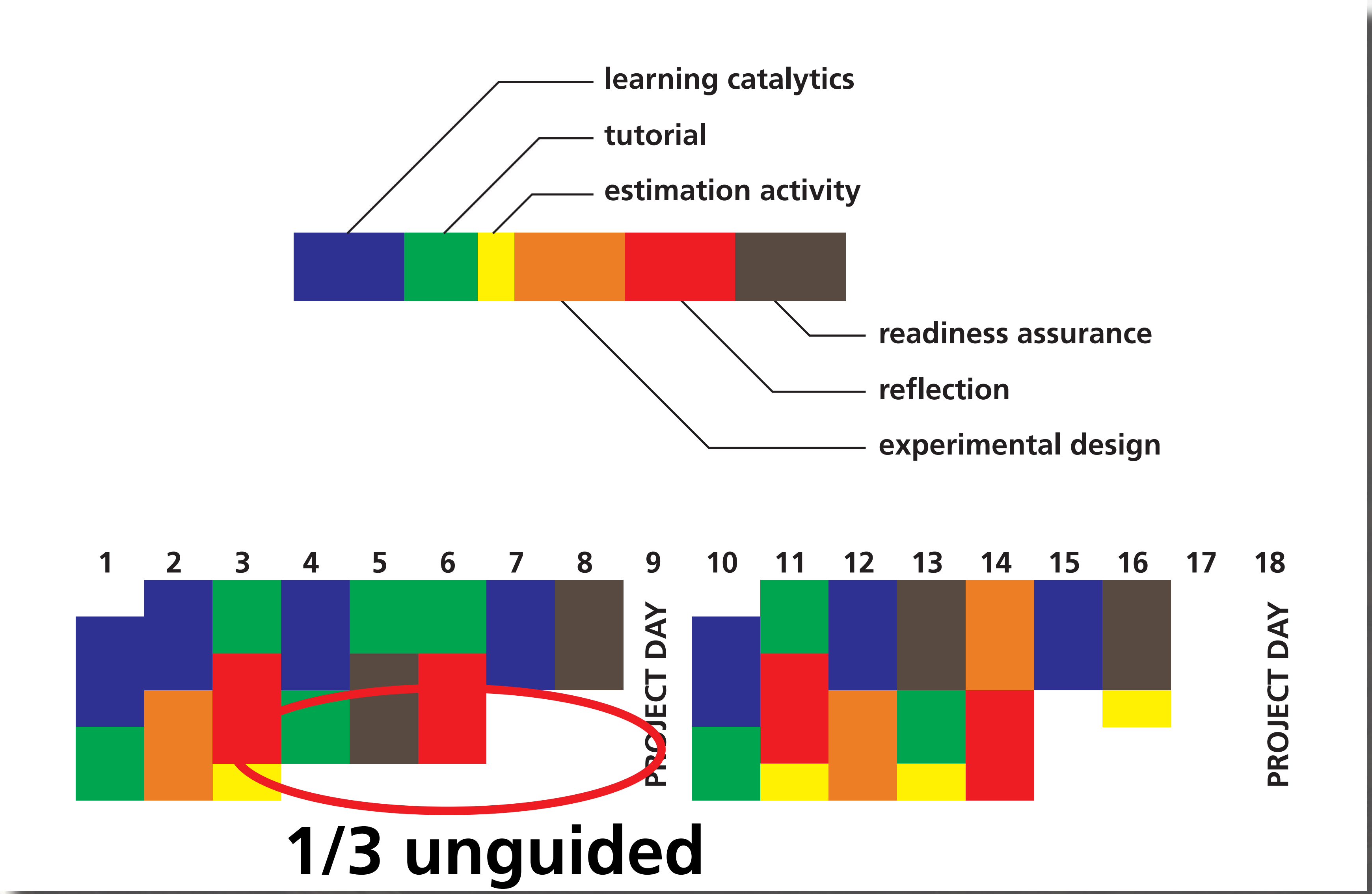

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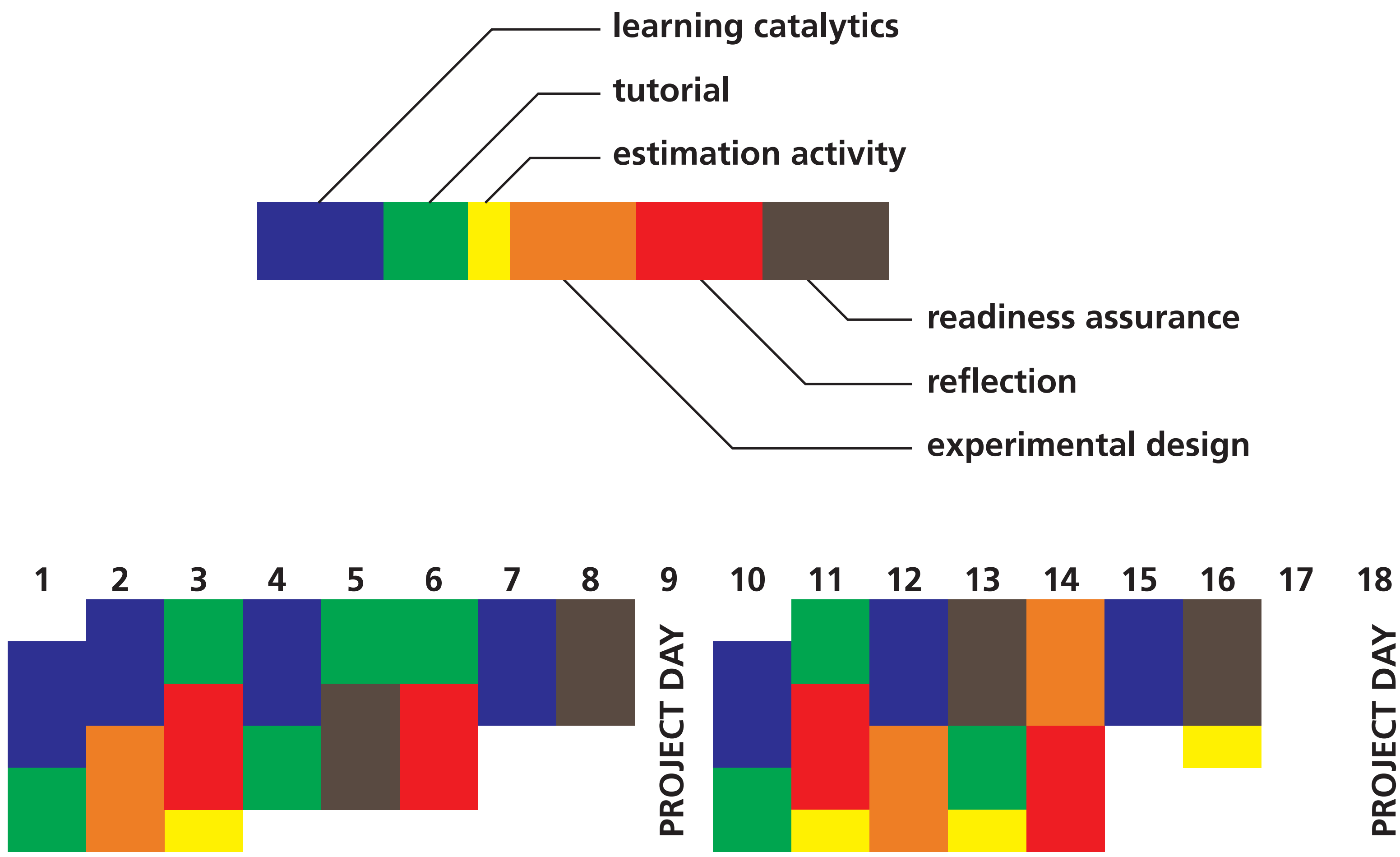

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goal: develop conceptual understanding

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4. direction Light enters horizontally into the combination of two perpendicular mirrors as shown below.

Deliver · Show all results

Indicate the direction of the incident light after it reflects off of both mirrors.

feedback & support

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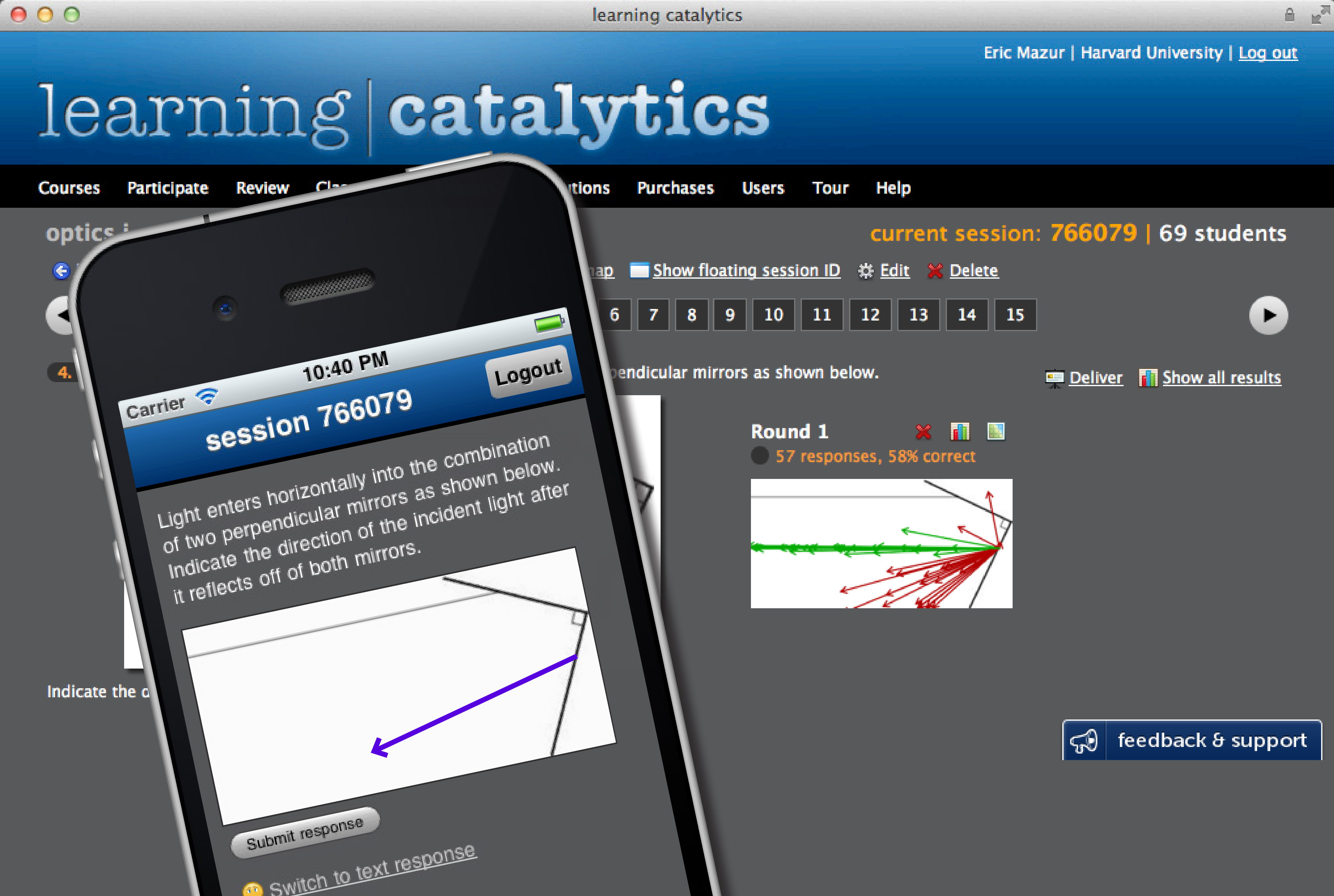

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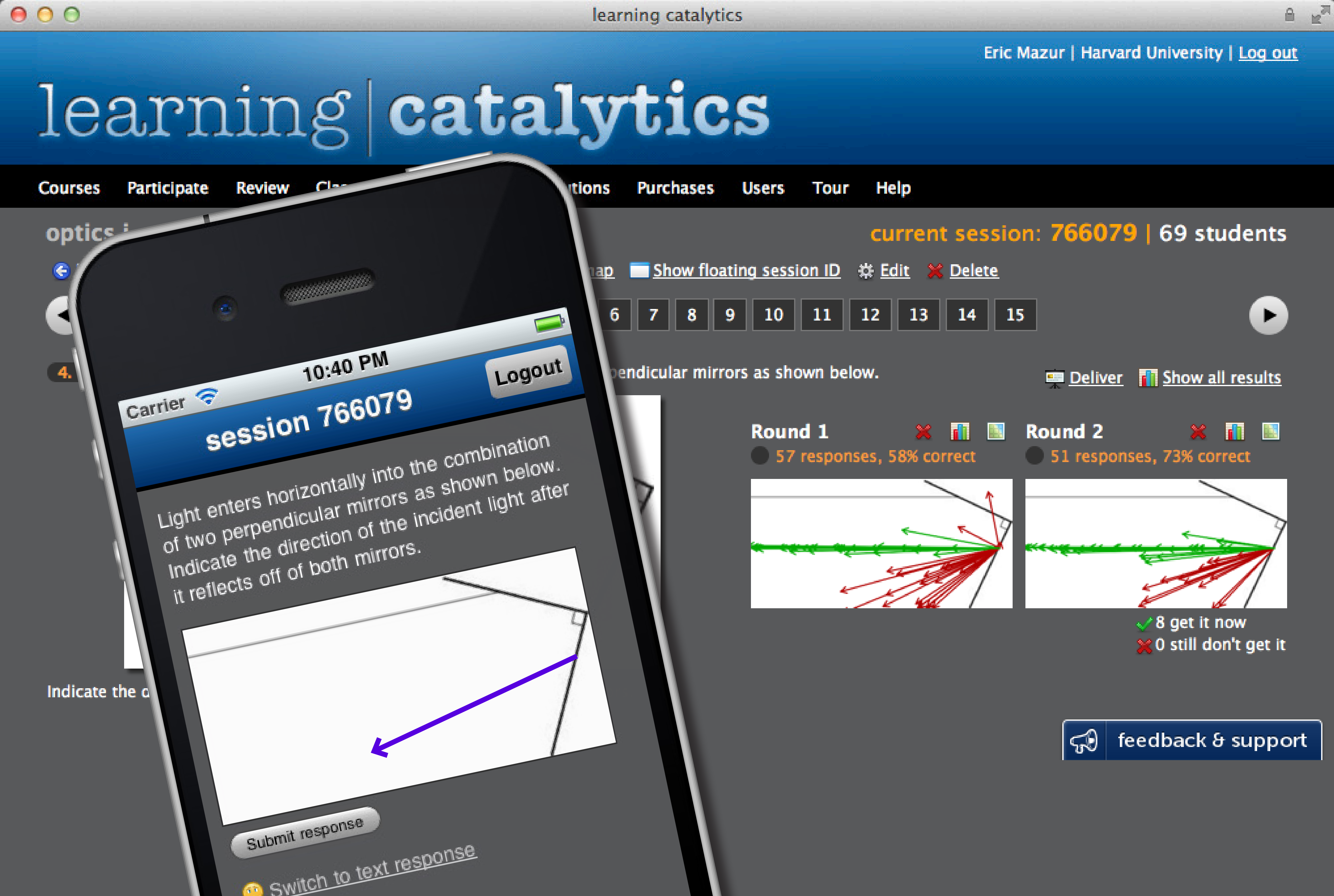

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tutorials

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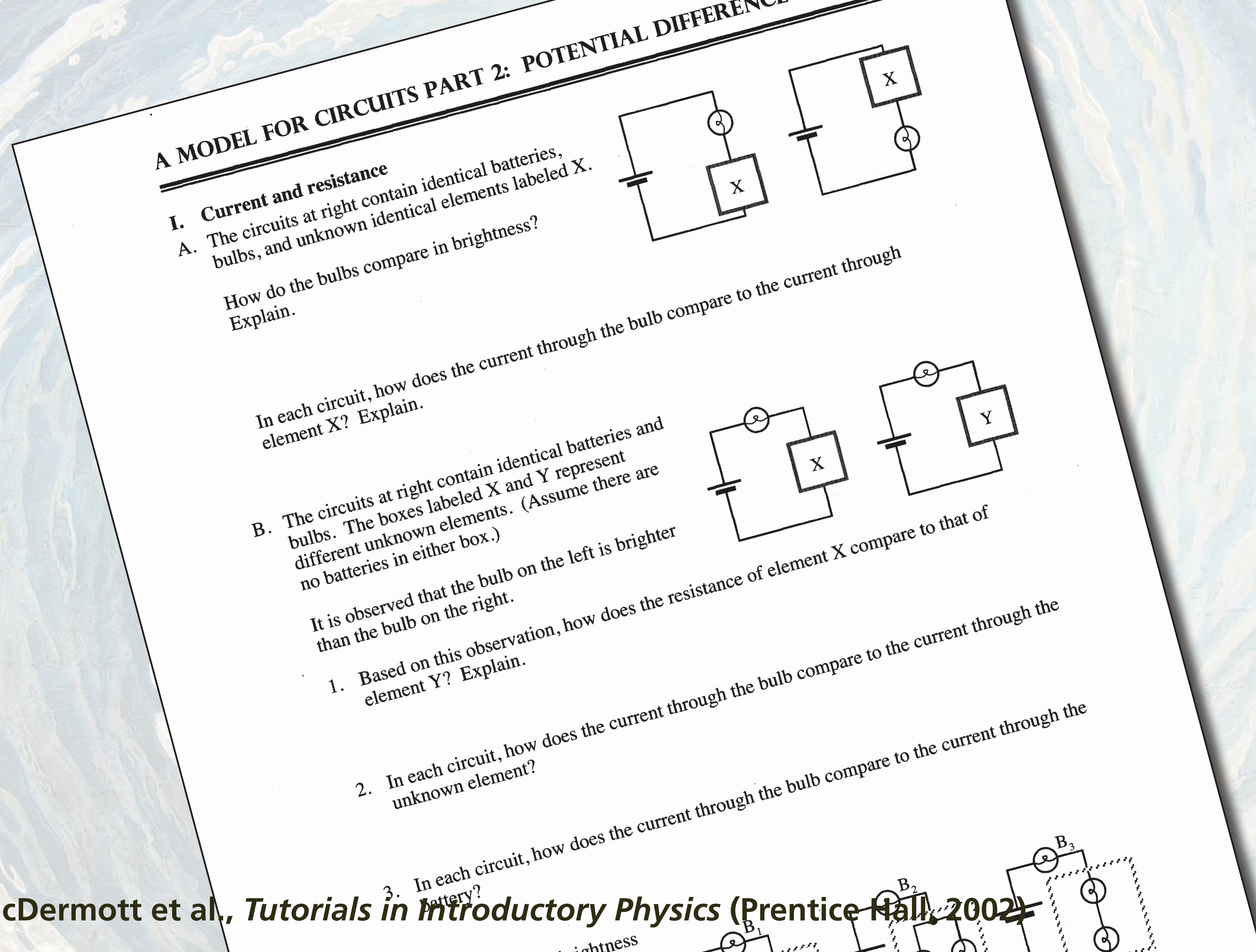
goal: address documented misconceptions


A MODEL FOR CIRCUITS PART 2: POTENTIAL DIFFERENC[E]

I. Current and resistance

A. The circuits at right contain identical batteries, bulbs, and unknown identical elements labeled X.

How do the bulbs compare in brightness? Explain.

In each circuit, how does the current through the bulb compare to the current through element X? Explain.

B. The circuits at right contain identical batteries and bulbs. The boxes labeled X and Y represent different unknown elements. (Assume there are no batteries in either box.)

It is observed that the bulb on the left is brighter than the bulb on the right.

1. Based on this observation, how does the resistance of element X compare to that of element Y? Explain.

2. In each circuit, how does the current through the bulb compare to the current through the unknown element?

3. In each circuit, how does the current through the bulb compare to the current through the battery?

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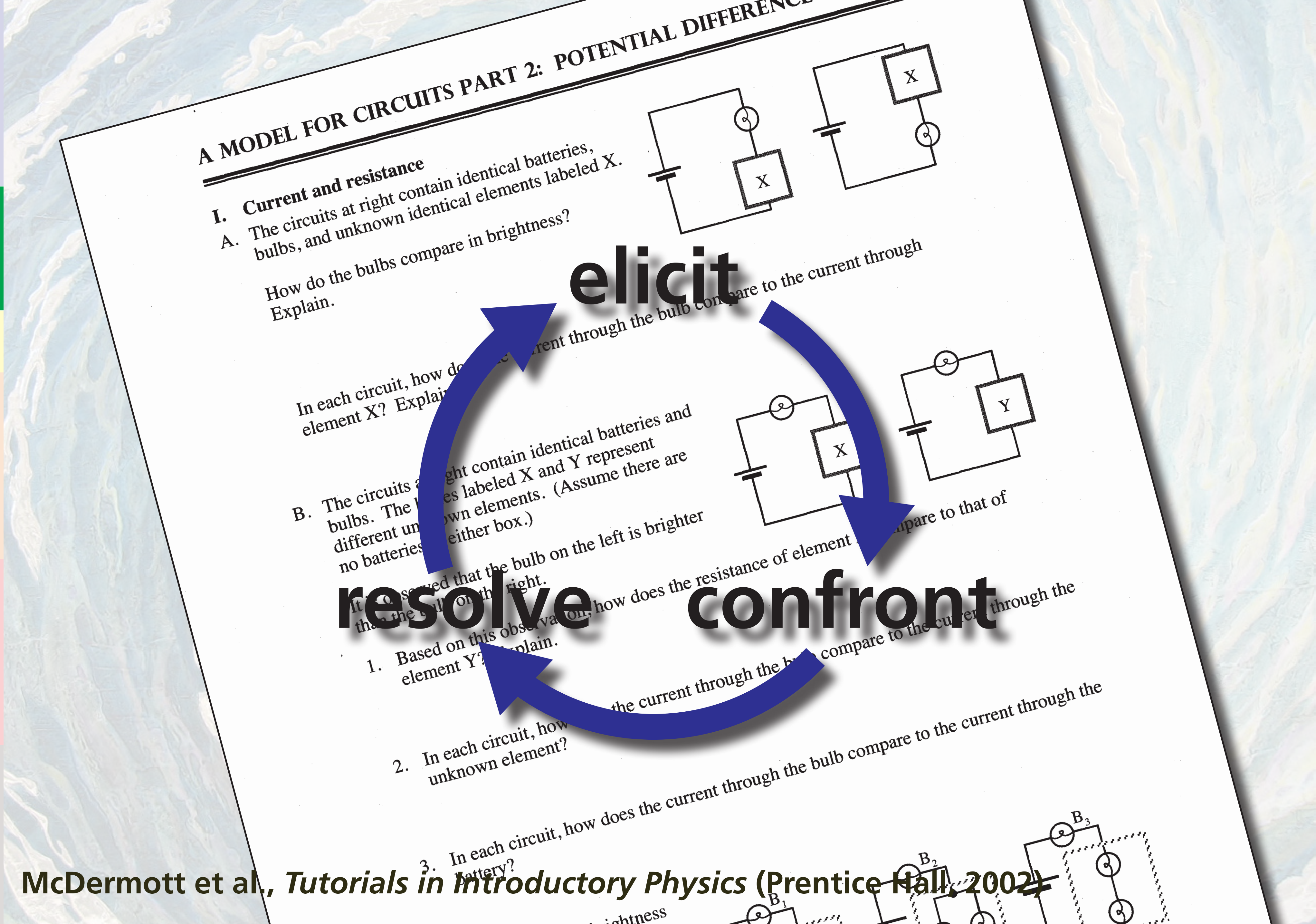

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estimation activity

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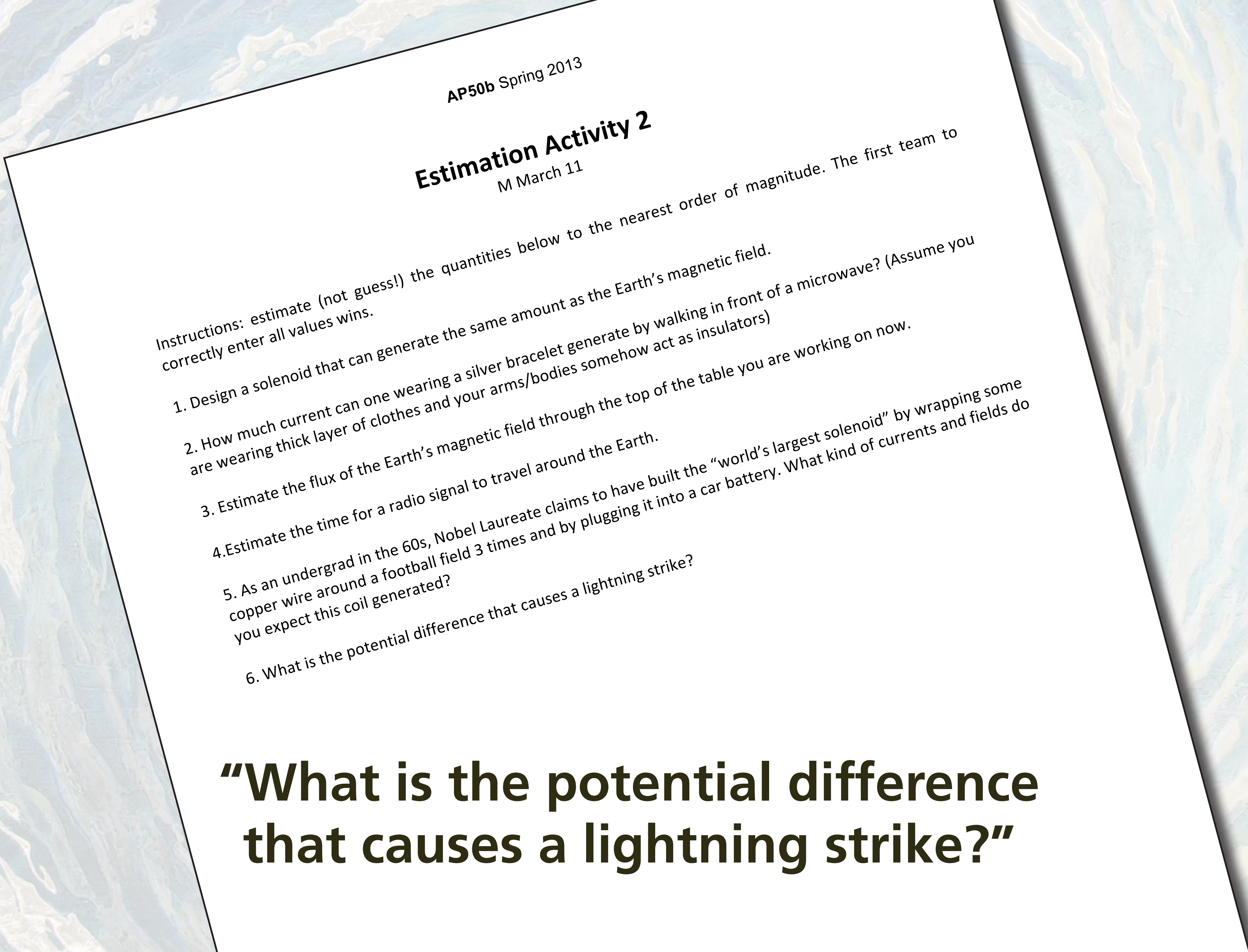
goal: develop qualitative reasoning skills



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Estimation Activity 2

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Instructions: estimate (not guess!) the quantities below to the nearest order of magnitude. The first team to correctly enter all values wins.

1. Design a solenoid that can generate the same amount as the Earth's magnetic field.

2. How much current can one wearing a silver bracelet generate by walking in front of a microwave? (Assume you are wearing thick layer of clothes and your arms/bodies somehow act as insulators)

3. Estimate the flux of the Earth's magnetic field through the top of the table you are working on now.

4.Estimate the time for a radio signal to travel around the Earth.

5. As an undergrad in the 60s, Nobel Laureate claims to have built the "world's largest solenoid" by wrapping some copper wire around a football field 3 times and by plugging it into a car battery. What kind of currents and fields do you expect this coil generated?

6. What is the potential difference that causes a lightning strike?

"What is the potential difference that causes a lightning strike?"

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experimental design activity

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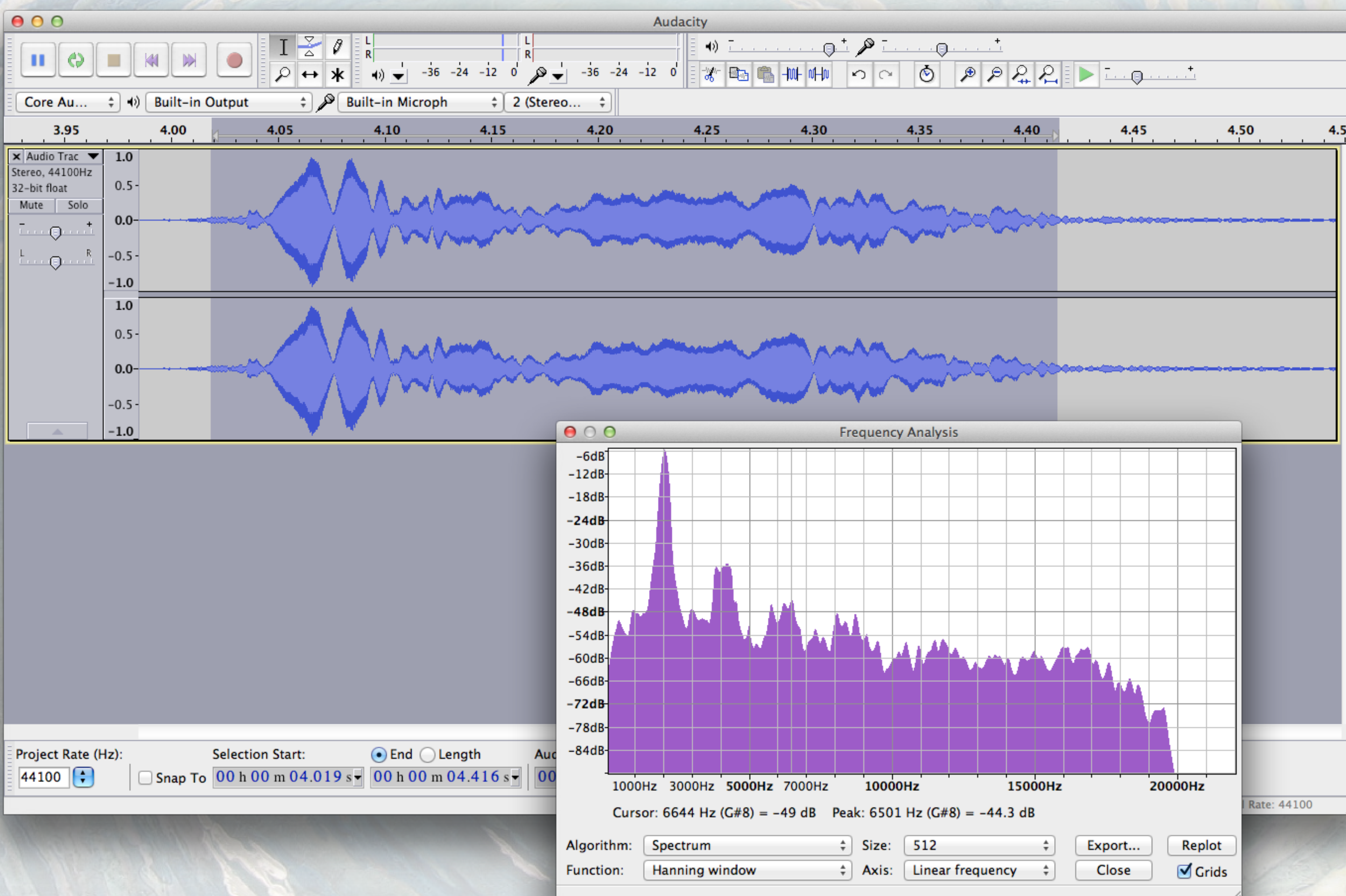
goal: develop experimental skills



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homework reflection

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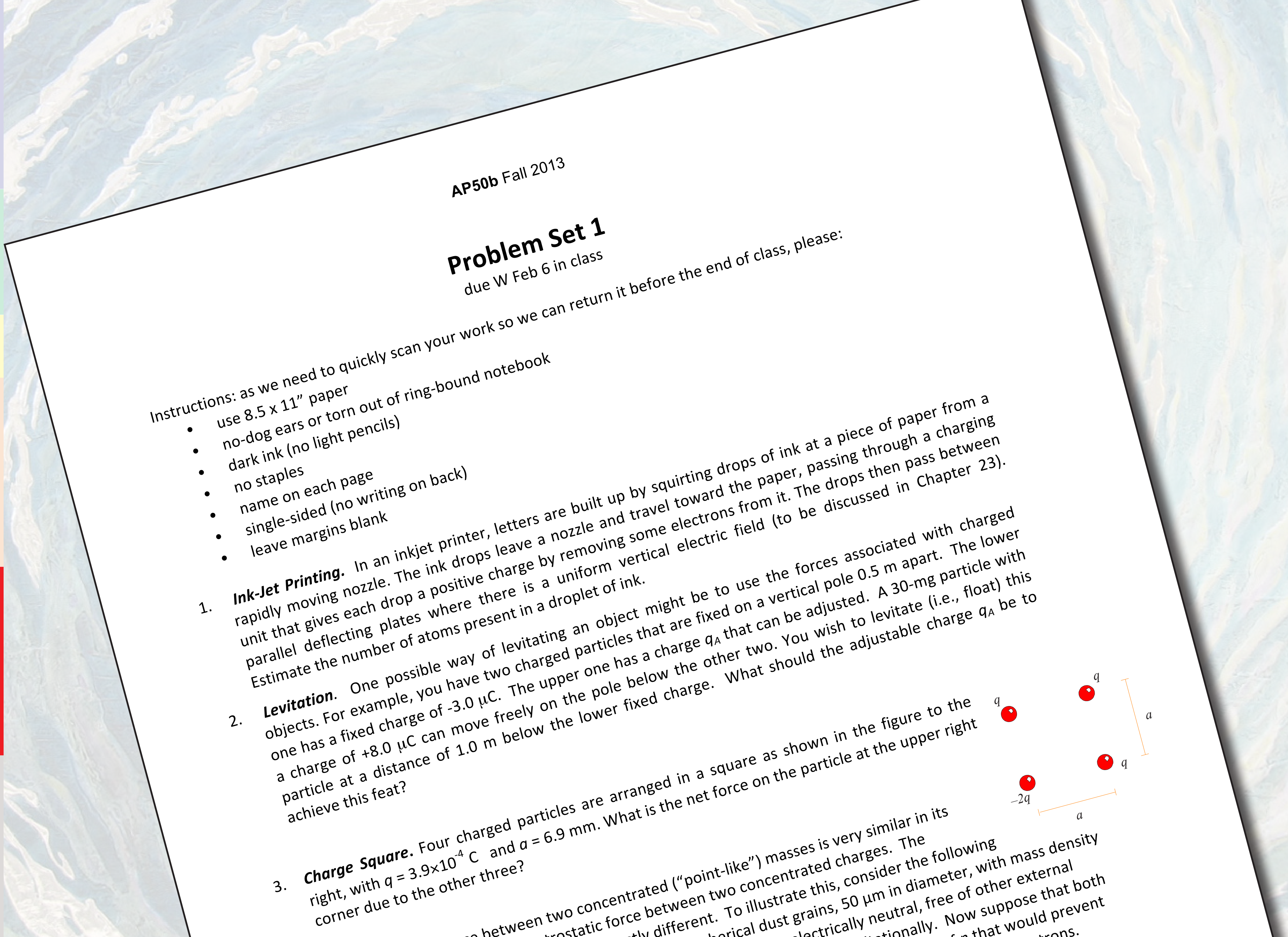
goal: develop problem solving

and metacognitive skills

homework reflection



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Problem Set 1

due W Feb 6 in class

Instructions: as we need to quickly scan your work so we can return it before the end of class, please:

- use 8.5 x 11" paper
- no-dog ears or torn out of ring-bound notebook
- dark ink (no light pencils)
- no staples
- name on each page
- single-sided (no writing on back)
- leave margins blank

1. ***Ink-Jet Printing.*** In an inkjet printer, letters are built up by squirting drops of ink at a piece of paper from a rapidly moving nozzle. The ink drops leave a nozzle and travel toward the paper, passing through a charging unit that gives each drop a positive charge by removing some electrons from it. The drops then pass between parallel deflecting plates where there is a uniform vertical electric field (to be discussed in Chapter 23). Estimate the number of atoms present in a droplet of ink.

2. ***Levitation***. One possible way of levitating an object might be to use the forces associated with charged objects. For example, you have two charged particles that are fixed on a vertical pole 0.5 m apart. The lower one has a fixed charge of -3.0 μC. The upper one has a charge q_A that can be adjusted. A 30-mg particle with a charge of +8.0 μC can move freely on the pole below the other two. You wish to levitate (i.e., float) this particle at a distance of 1.0 m below the lower fixed charge. What should the adjustable charge q_A be to achieve this feat?

3. ***Charge Square.*** Four charged particles are arranged in a square as shown in the figure to the right, with $q = 3.9\times10^{-4}$ C and $a = 6.9$ mm. What is the net force on the particle at the upper right corner due to the other three?

...force between two concentrated ("point-like") masses is very similar in its
...electrostatic force between two concentrated charges. The
...vastly different. To illustrate this, consider the following
...spherical dust grains, 50 μm in diameter, with mass density
...are electrically neutral, free of other external
...gravitationally. Now suppose that both
...of n that would prevent
...neutrons.

1 design **2** approach

phase	goal
solve (at home/individual)	skills development
reflect (in class/team)	metacognition

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2 approach

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Problem Set Rubric

The goal of the problem sets is to develop problem-solving skills, not just to test your ability to obtain the right answer. You will receive the problem sets a week before they are due. Each problem sets involves both individual and team work. The rubric mirrors the 4-step procedure used in all Worked Examples in the textbook (see also Section 1.8).

Individual phase (at home): From the time you receive a problem set to the time it is due in class at 10 am, you are to work on the problem set **alone**. You can consult the textbook and online resources, but you may not consult other people, nor collaborate with your peers. Treat this stage of the problem-solving process as an open-book/open-notes exam (except that your work done at home is not evaluated on correctness—see below). It's ok to try hard and not succeed at first, but you must attempt every problem. If you get stuck, try to describe your thought process so you are prepared for a discussion with your team in class. You may only use **blue or black ink**.

Team phase (in class): On the due date of the problem set, you will work with your team in class to complete, improve, and/or correct your solutions, and plan what you need to review (if anything). During this stage, you may only use **red ink** to write on your problem sets (pens will be provided in class). After the first 45 minutes, your team will be provided with a solution set which you may use to confirm your solutions. After an additional 45 minutes, your team must submit the team's corrected problem sets together with each team member's self-evaluation and indication which problems need to be reviewed in a Learning Clinic.

Important: It is the team's responsibility to ensure that *all* team members provide complete solutions, because your team's submitted problem sets will result in a shared team score. Therefore it is your responsibility to ensure that your entire team understands the material.

Scoring

Your problem set will be evaluated on the five domains below, using the standard 0–3 scale (3 = all problems; 2 = more than 70% of the problems, 1 = more than 50% of the problems, 0 = 50% or fewer of the problems). For the first two domains we will only evaluate the work you did **before coming to class** (anything not written in red).

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Execute Plan Carry out your plan, explaining each step... Articulate your thought proc... clearly defined, and ... can co...

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Reflection Clearly identify and explain any conceptual errors yo
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4-step procedure

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team evaluation

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social responsibility

team evaluation

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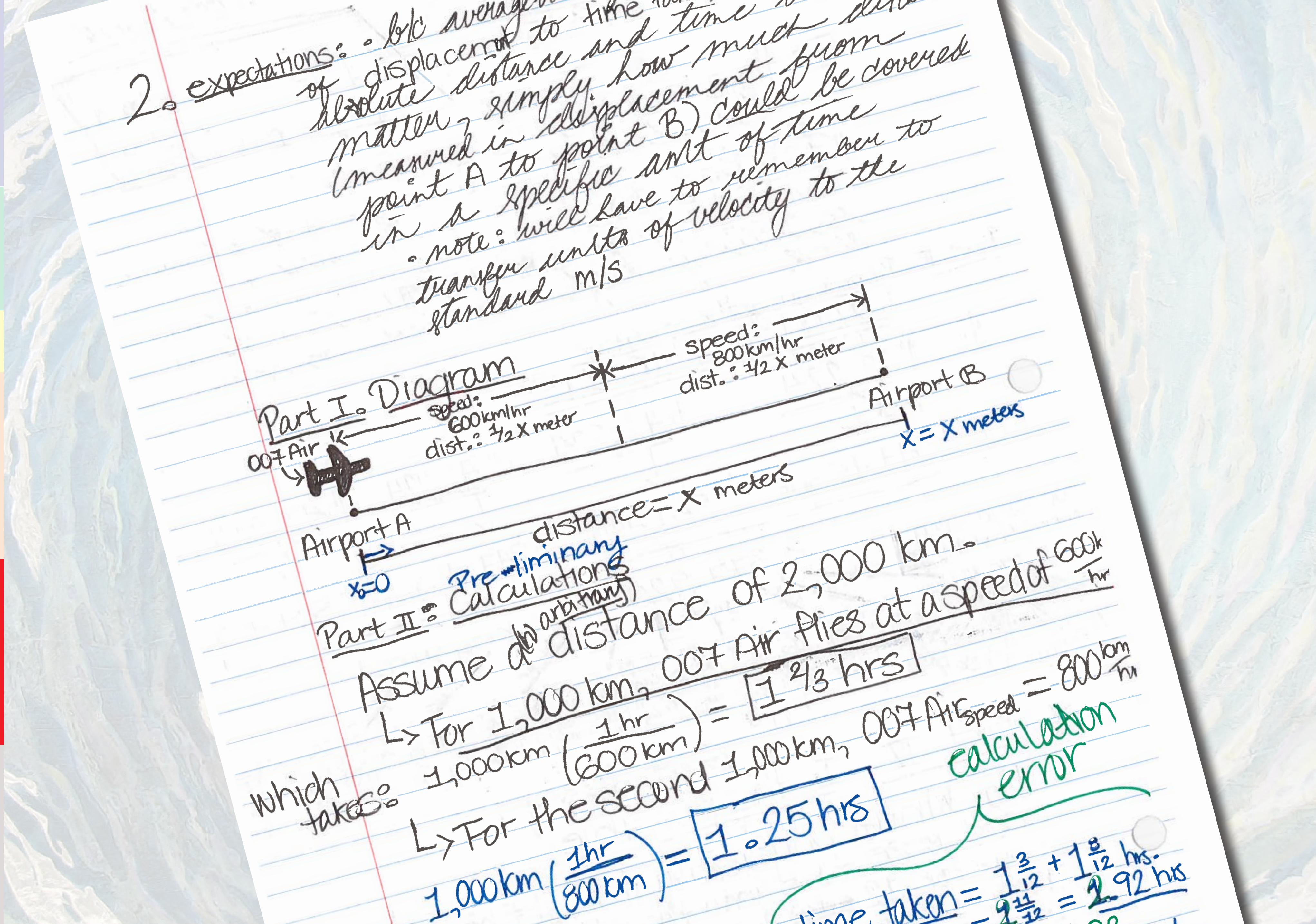

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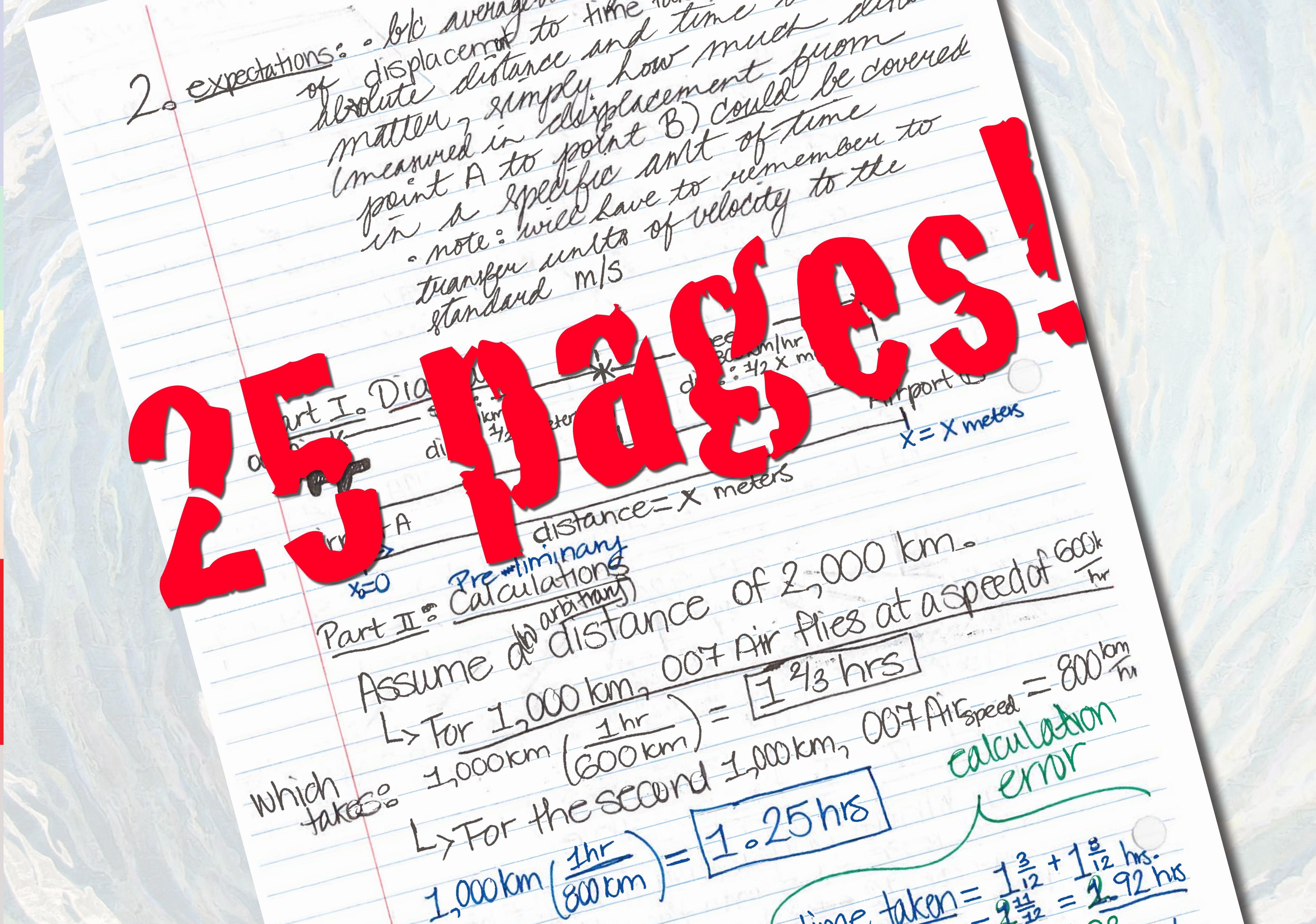

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“I was inspired and encouraged to do these problems on my own with the promise of collaborative work [the next day]”

"I felt less pressure to find the right answer and more freedom to explore"

readiness assurance activity

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goal: formative assessment

collaborative learning

readiness assurance activity

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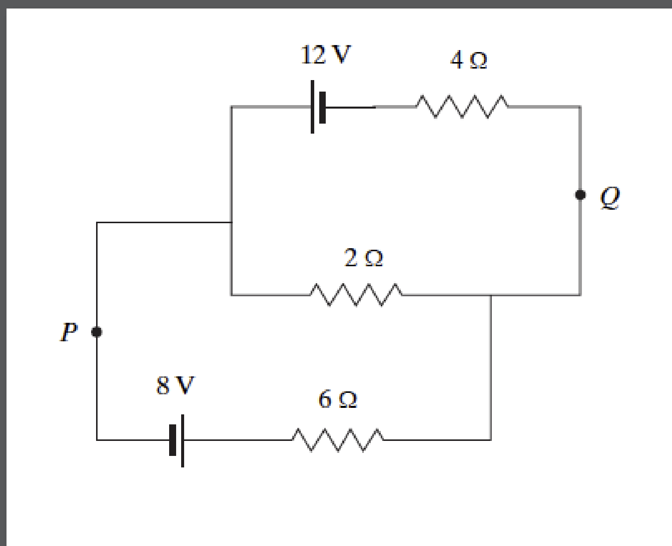

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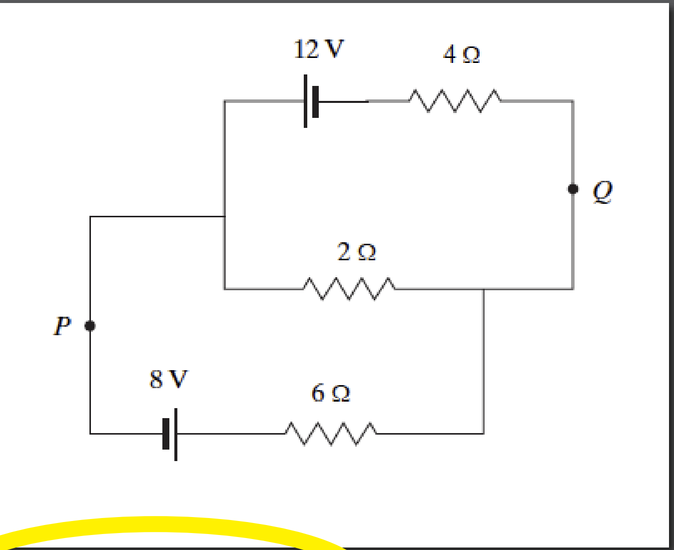

9 V Submit response

Change team Current seat: A1 Change seat Send a message to the instructor Join another session

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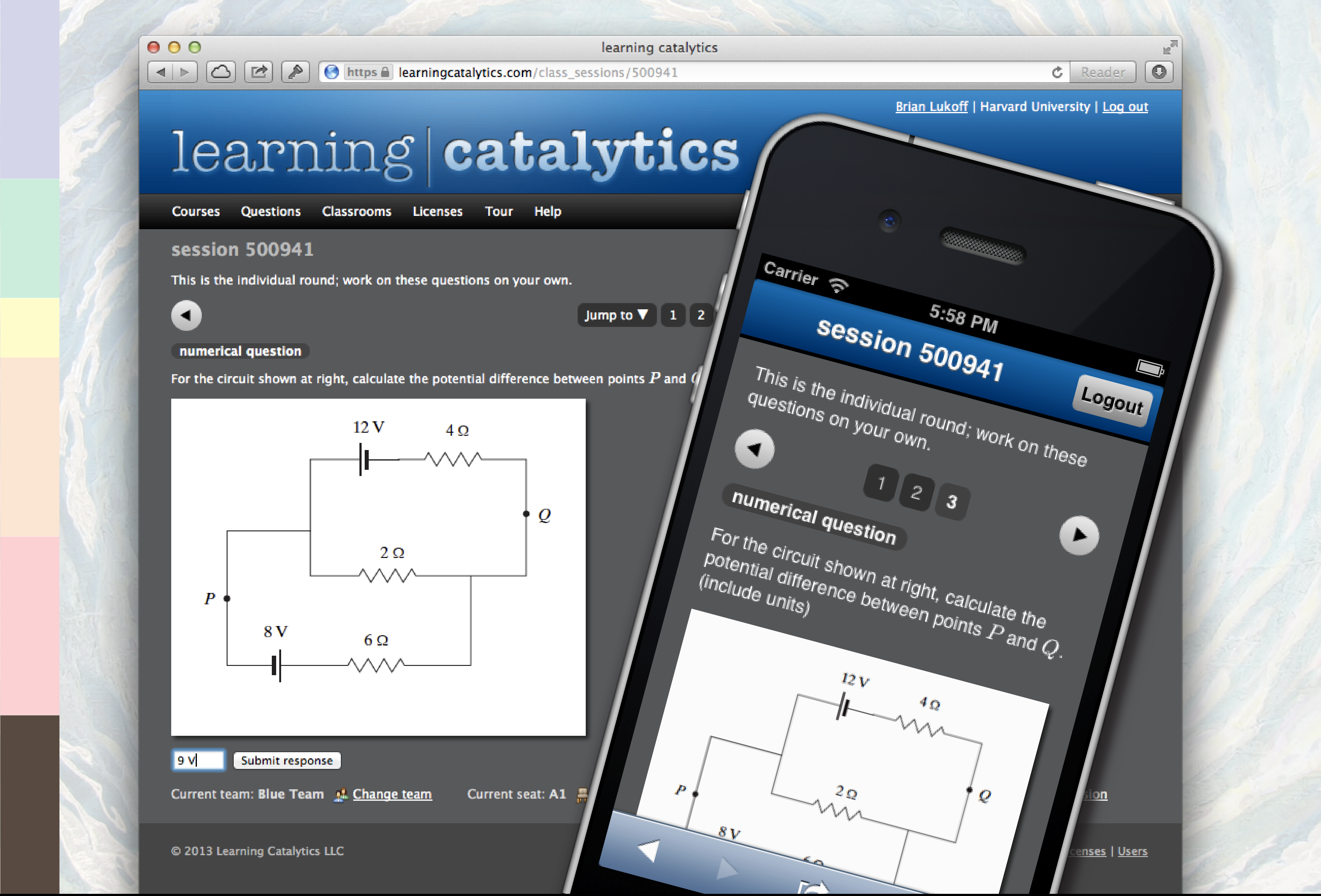

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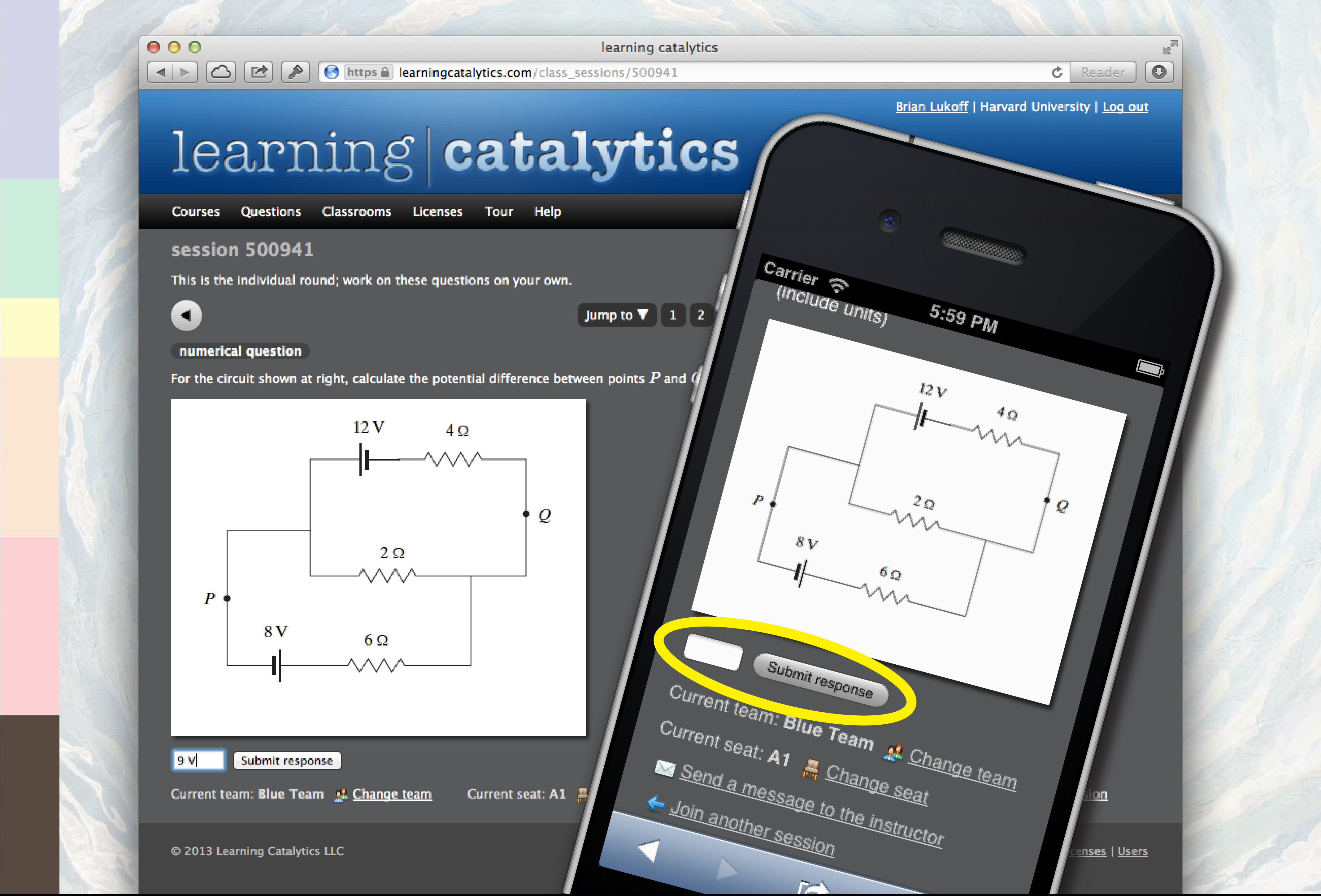

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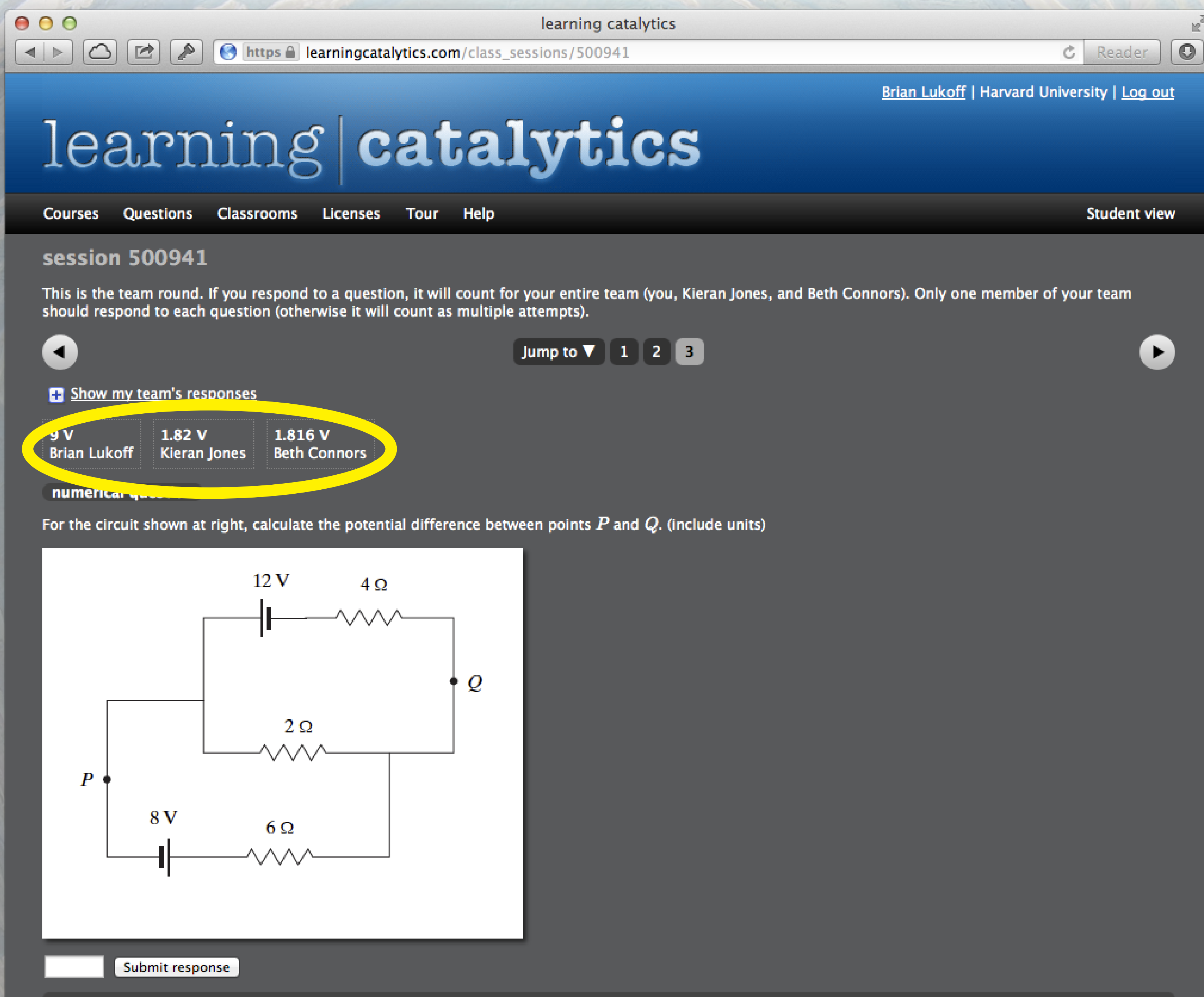

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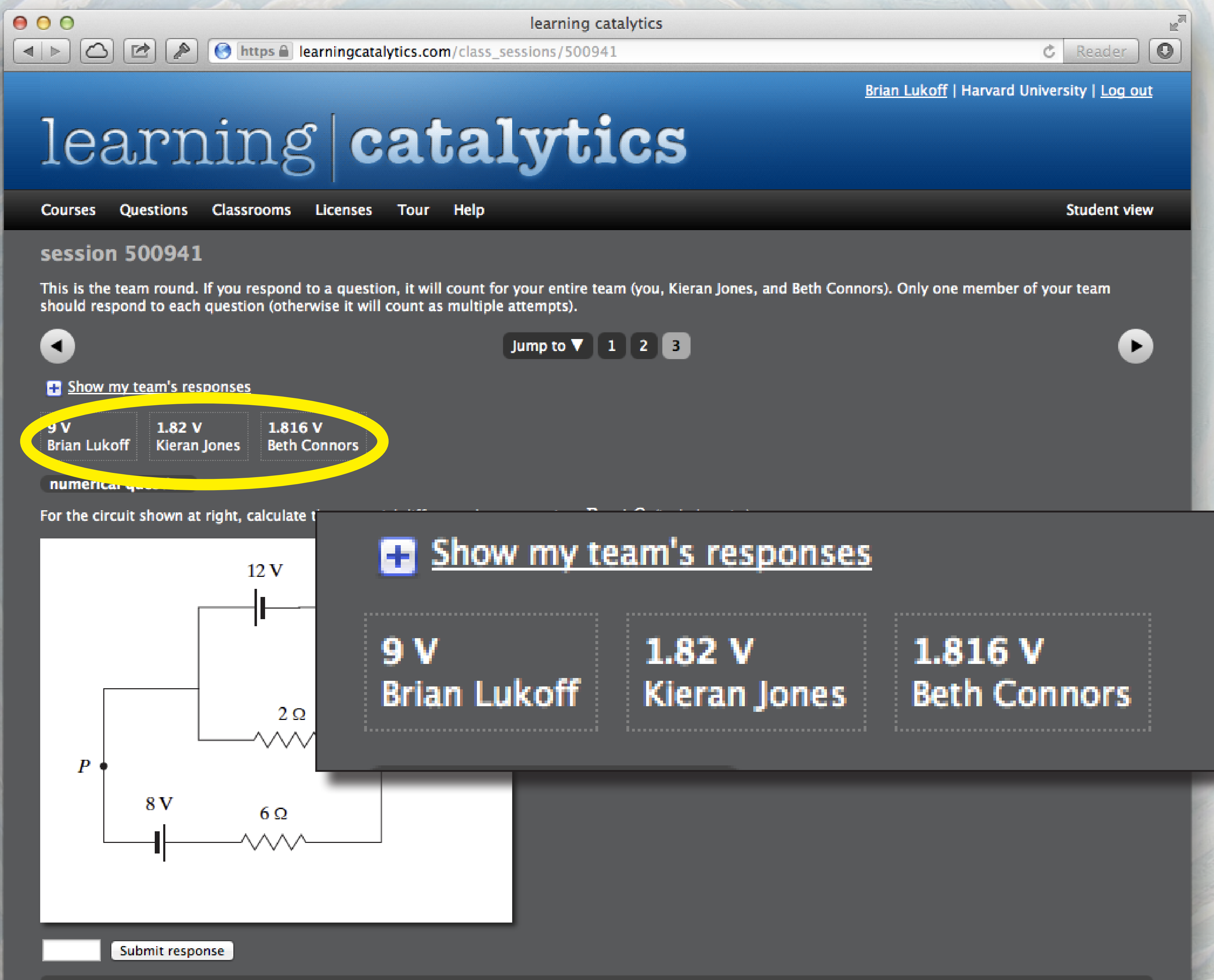

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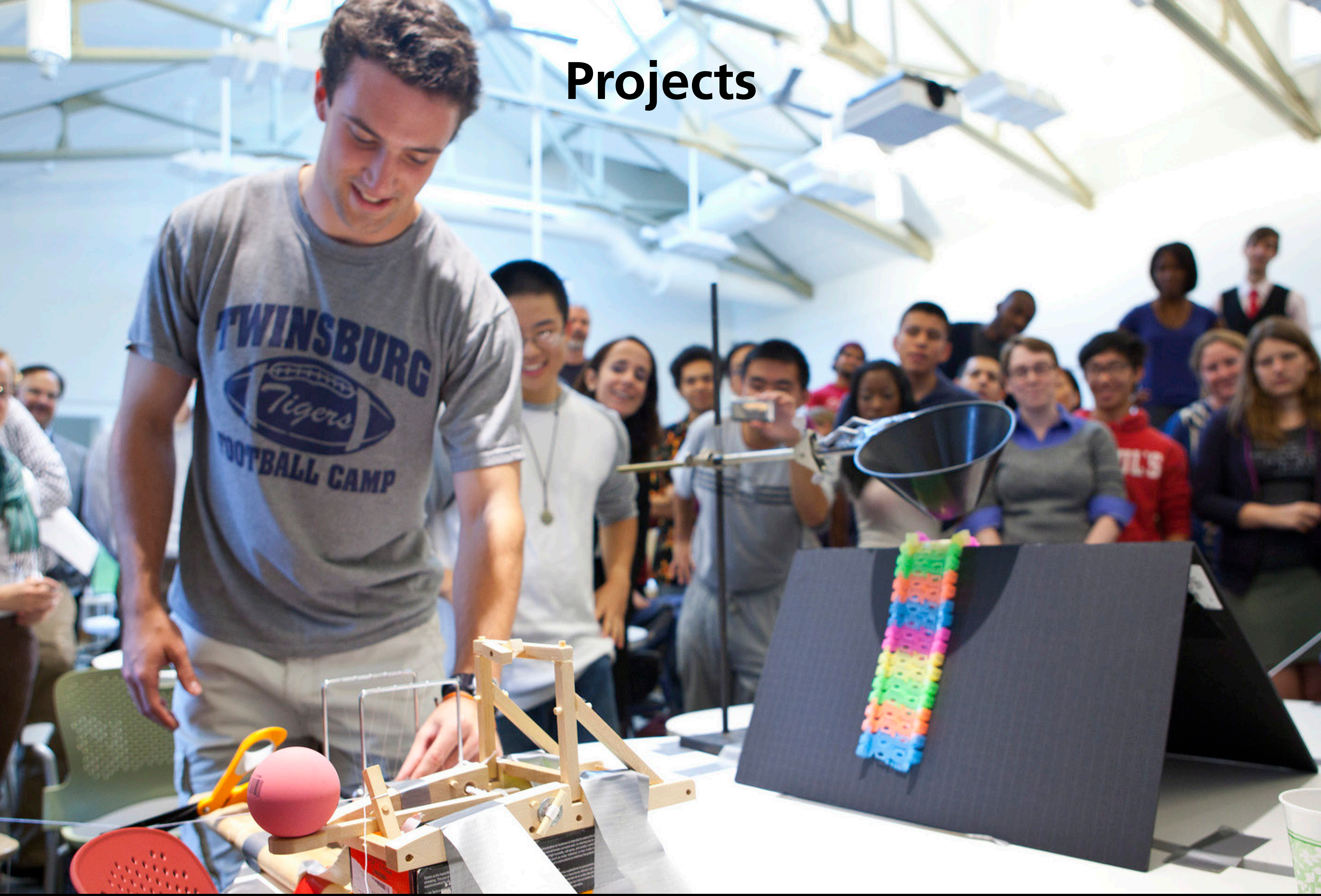
Projects



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Projects

- 3 projects/semester
- each project roughly one month long
- different team formation for each project
- projects not prescriptive, but open-ended
- 3 types of project “fairs”

Projects

Project fair types:

- design competition
- oral presentation
- poster presentation

Projects

To be successful, the projects must

- **require practical application of skills**
- **be linked to real world problems**
- **have compelling narrative (help/do good)**

Projects

Fall	Spring
Rube Goldberg	Environment
Mission to Mars	Safe cracking
Musical Instrument	SpectraFair

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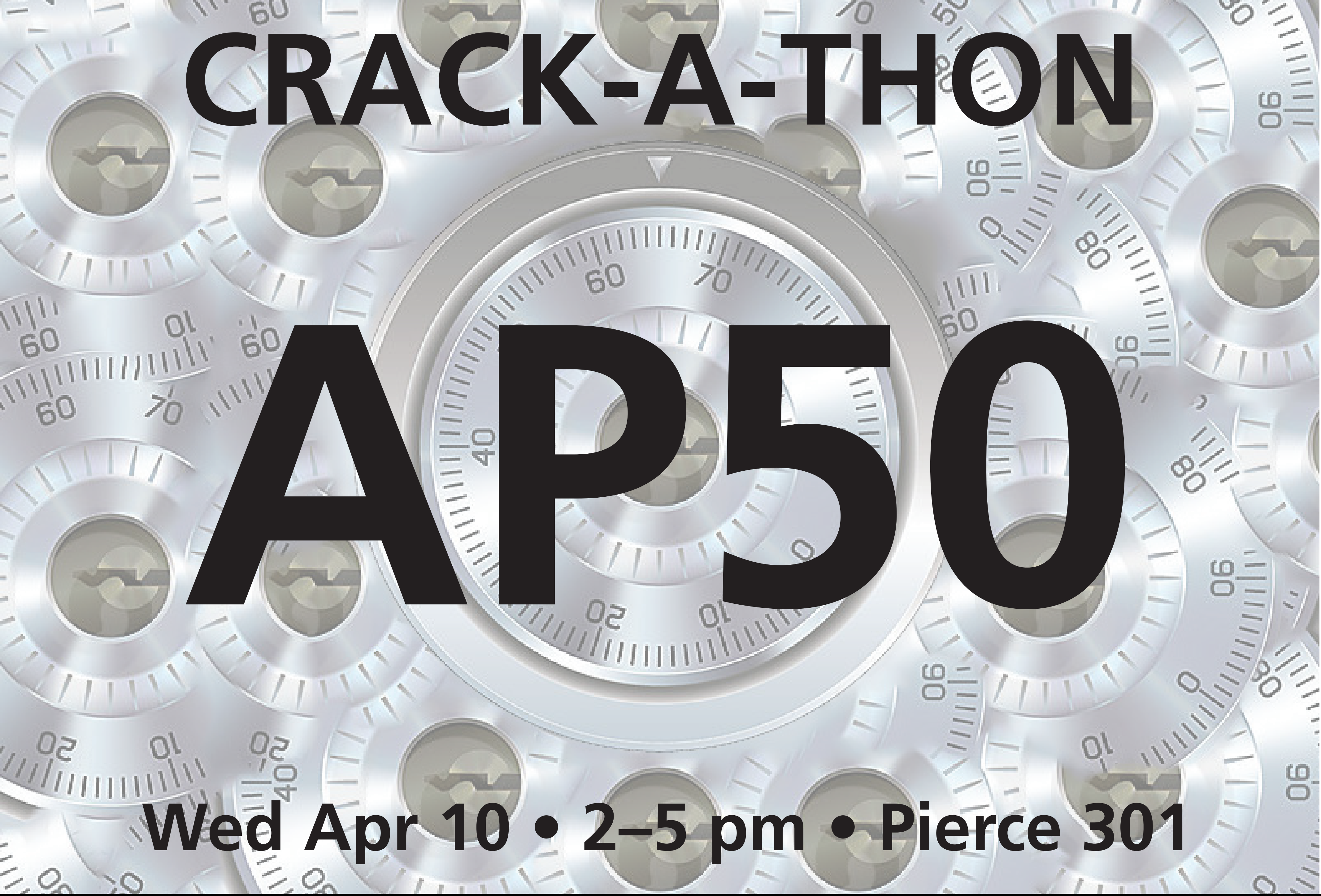
Week

Week 3

Week 4



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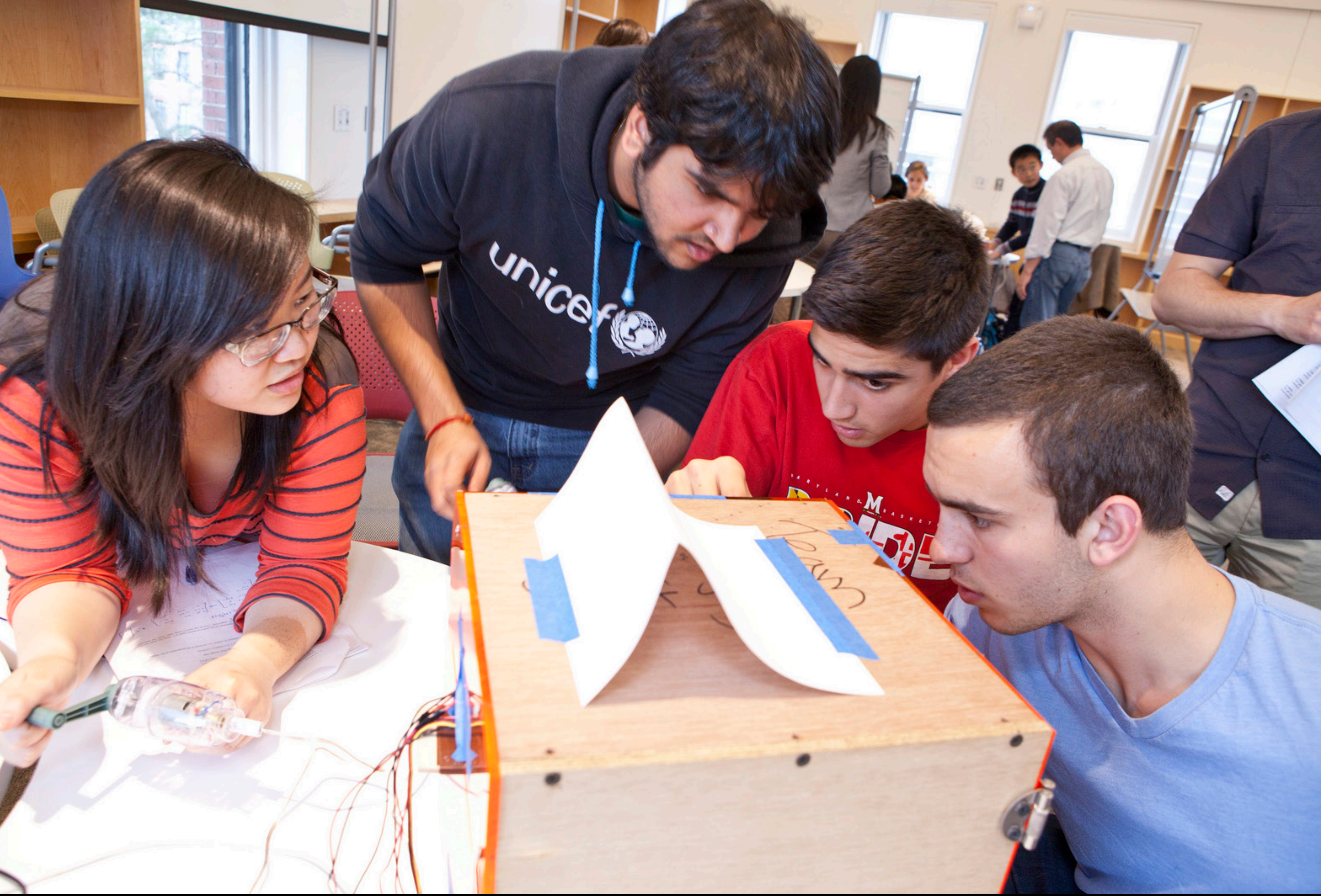

1 **design**

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1 design

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Peer Assessment

Team work is central in your projects and it is important to provide positive feedback to people who truly worked hard for the good of the team and to also make suggestions to those you perceived not to be working as effectively on team tasks. You may want to review the sections entitled on Teamwork and Peer Assessment in the syllabus to refresh your memory on why we stress teamwork and how to maximize the benefit from work together. Please complete the form below to assess your own contributions and those of your team members.

Complete the paper based form, then enter the data online at: http://bit.ly/AP50Teameval

How we will use your evaluation: In computing the (multiplicative) weight we give to your team scores, we will take into account:

1. Your team members' assessment of your contributions,
2. the quality of your self assessment (that is, how well it matches that of your team members' evaluation of your contribution), and
3. the quality of your assessment of your team members (that is, how well it matches the evaluations of that team member's contribution by the remainder of the team).

Please first complete the individual forms for each team member (including yourself), then complete the table below. When completing the table below, be sure that the **total of all relative contributions must be zero**.

		RELATIVE CONTRIBUTION Total must equal **ZERO**						
		Below Average			Average	Above average		
	Name	−3	−2	−1	0	1	2	3
Me								
Member 1								
Member 2								
Member 3								
Member 4								

1 design 2 approach

Assessment

- reading — quality of NB contribution
- problem solving — effort & self-assessment
- readiness assurance — indiv. & team scores
- projects — meeting project criteria

1 design 2 approach 3 results

Ownership

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Course evaluation: 4.2/5

Ownership

"The structure of the class made what was my least-favorite subject into one of my favorites.

Ownership

"The structure of the class made what was my least-favorite subject into one of my favorites. I was worried that people, including myself, would just slack off and do the bare minimum, but you really need to be on top of your readings and concepts in order to contribute to your team. GREAT CLASS!!!!!!"

Ownership

"Dear Harvard students, this class will be unlike any class you've taken at Harvard, and it will, hopefully, shift the entire foundation upon which you've based your education. I truly believe everyone should take this course; prepare to take full ownership of your learning."

Ownership

Attendance: 94% (AP50a), 97% (AP50b)

Ownership

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3 hours and they don't *leave*!

Ownership

"I don't think I am well enough to make it through class. I feel terrible because I don't want to let my team down by not being there, but I don't think I'd be very helpful in my current state."

(via email)

Self-efficacy

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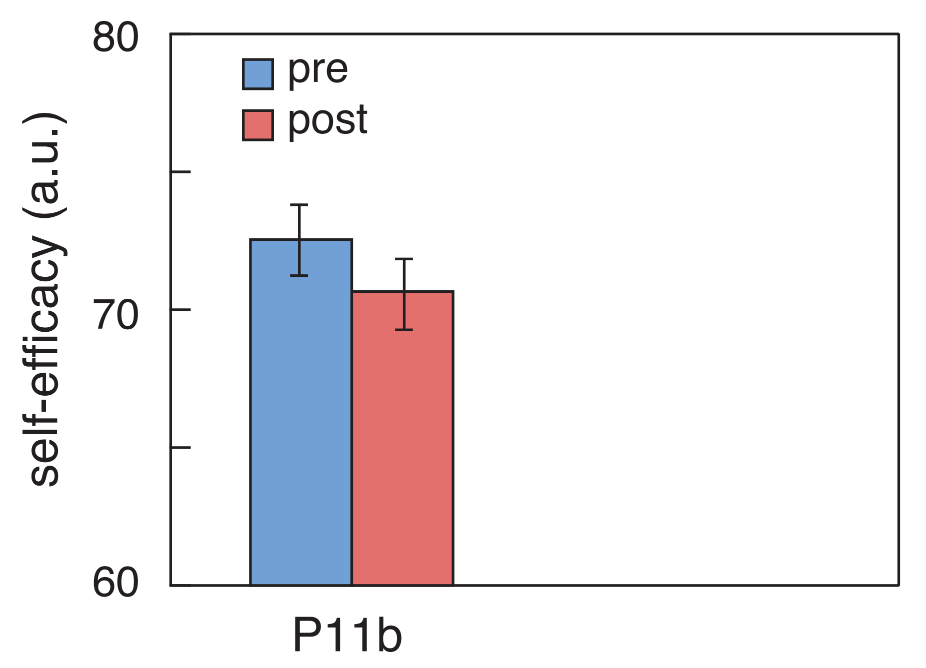
(students' belief in their ability to succeed)

Self-efficacy



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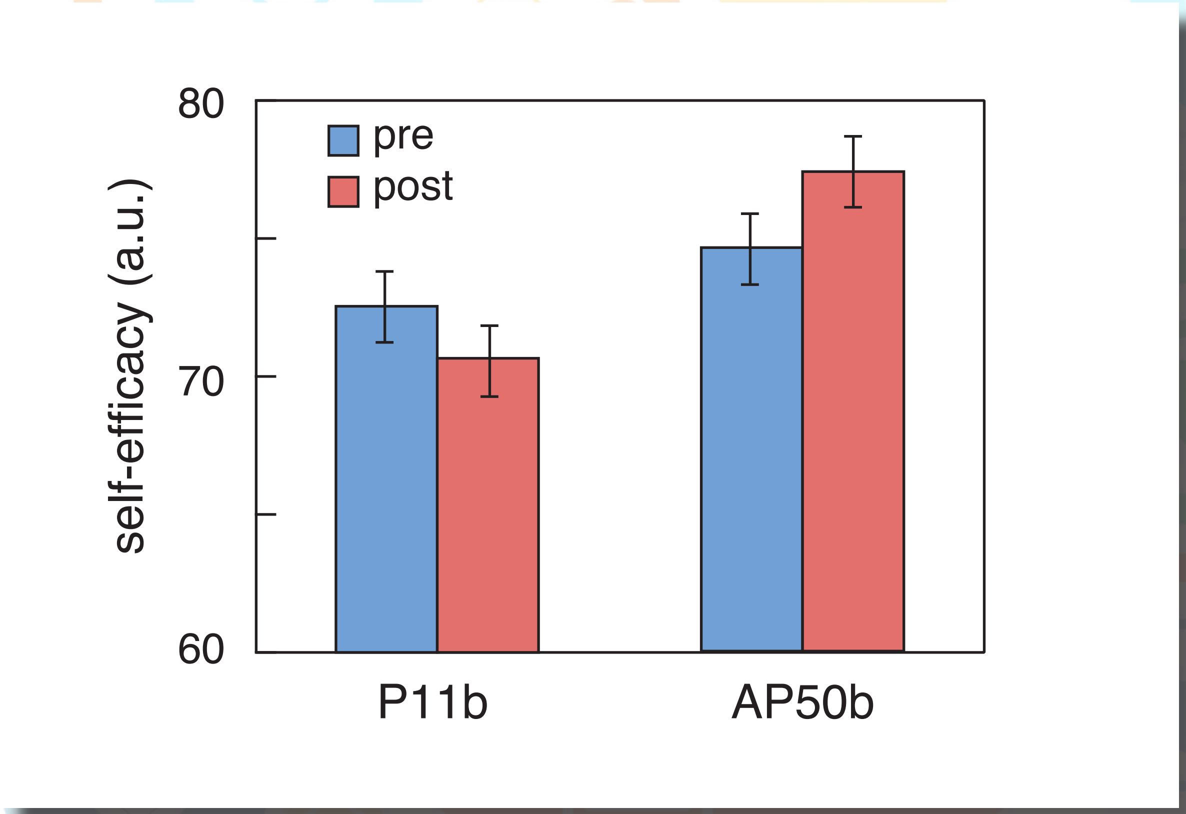

Self-directed learning

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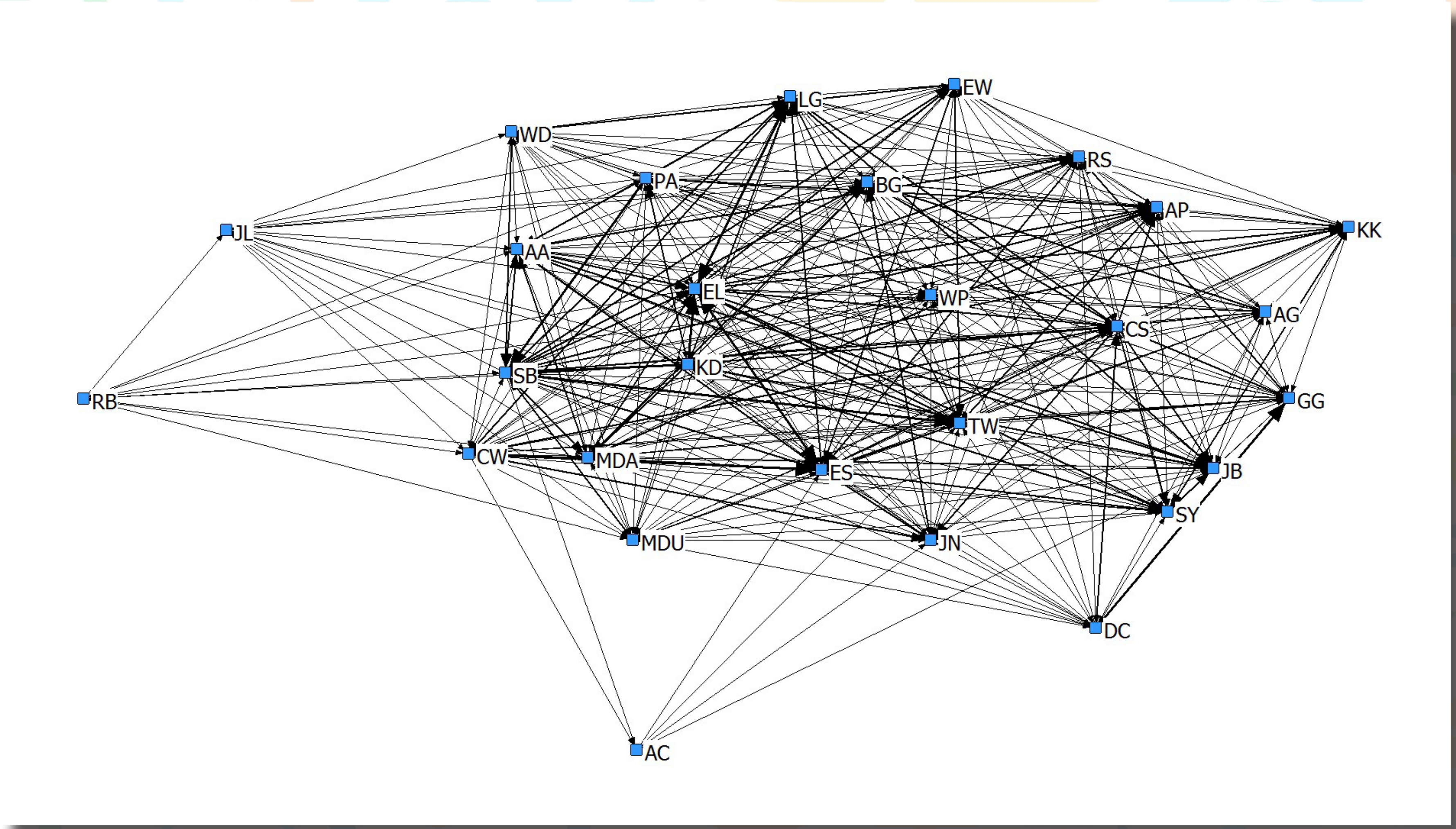
Self-directed learning

NB data shows:

- student spend on average 2.3 hrs/chapter
- 160–230 annotations/chapter (5–7/stu)

Self-directed learning



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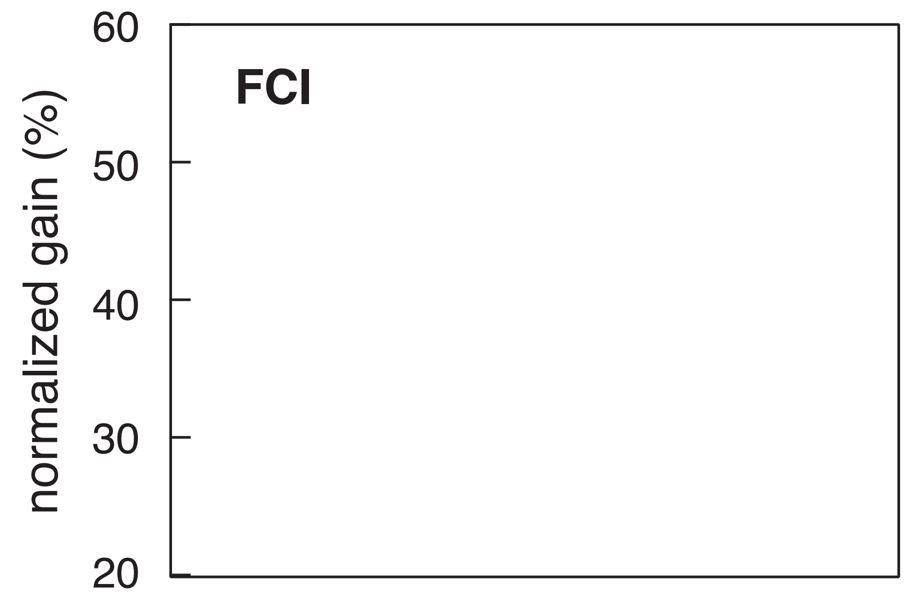

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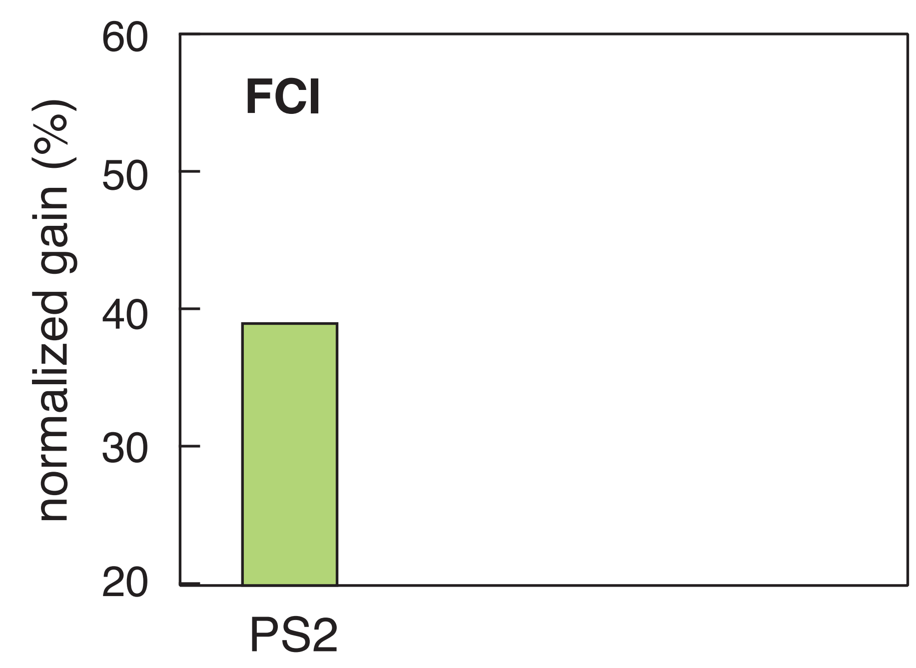

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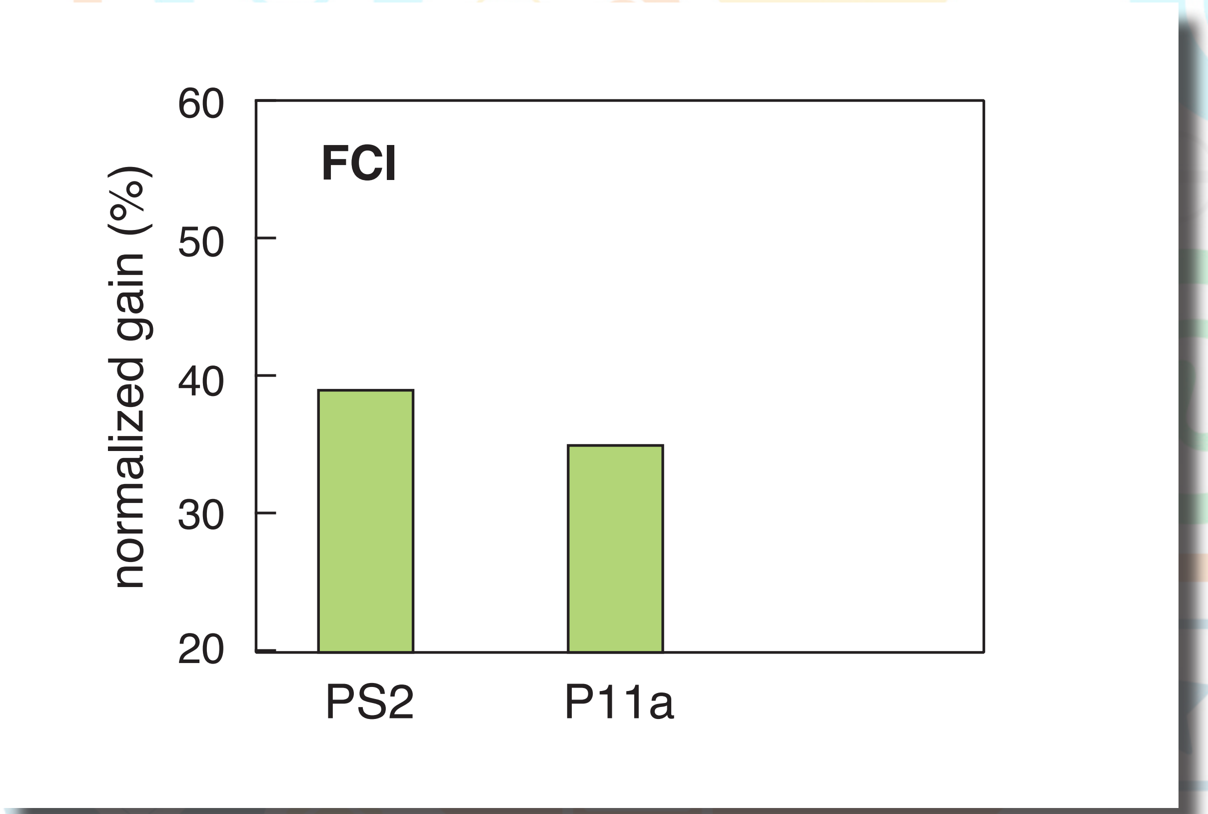

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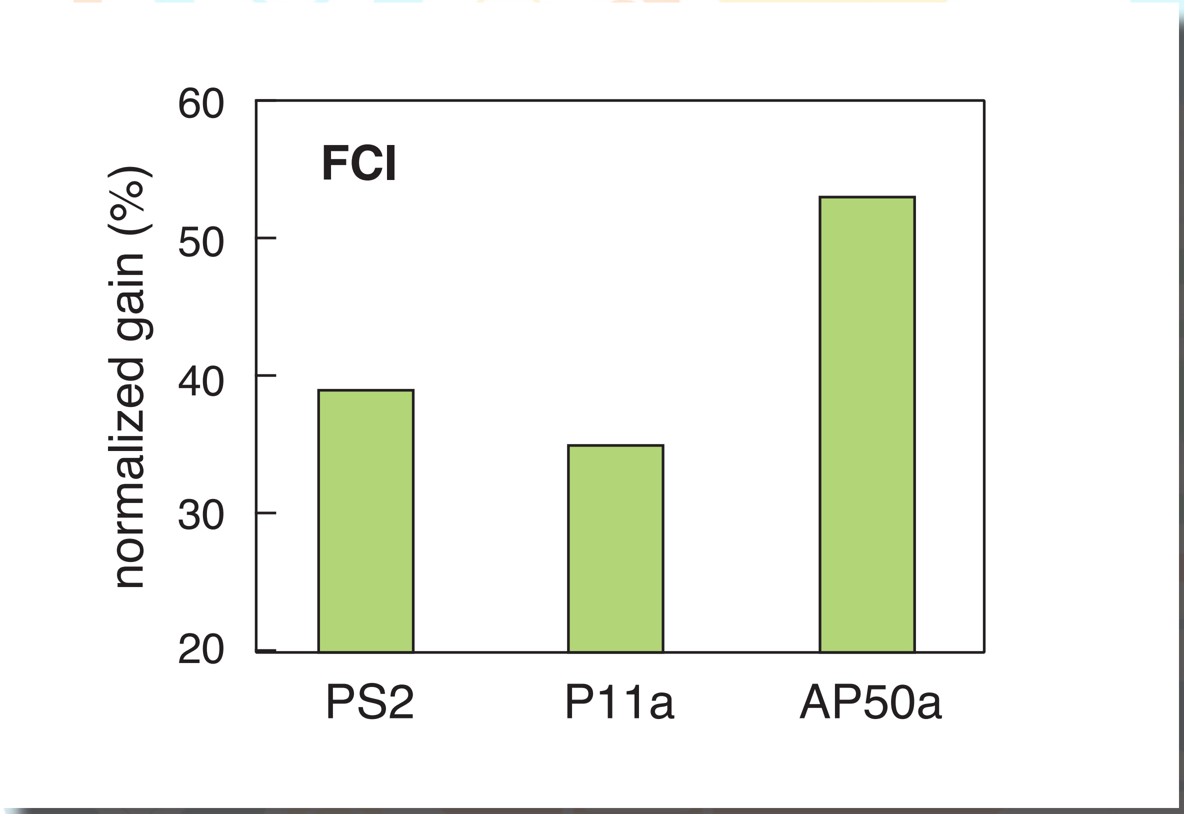

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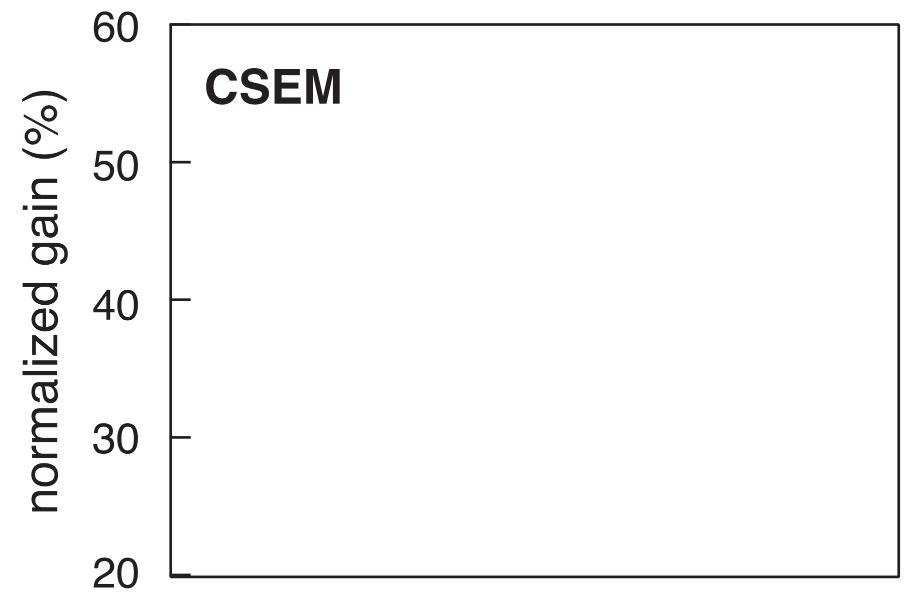

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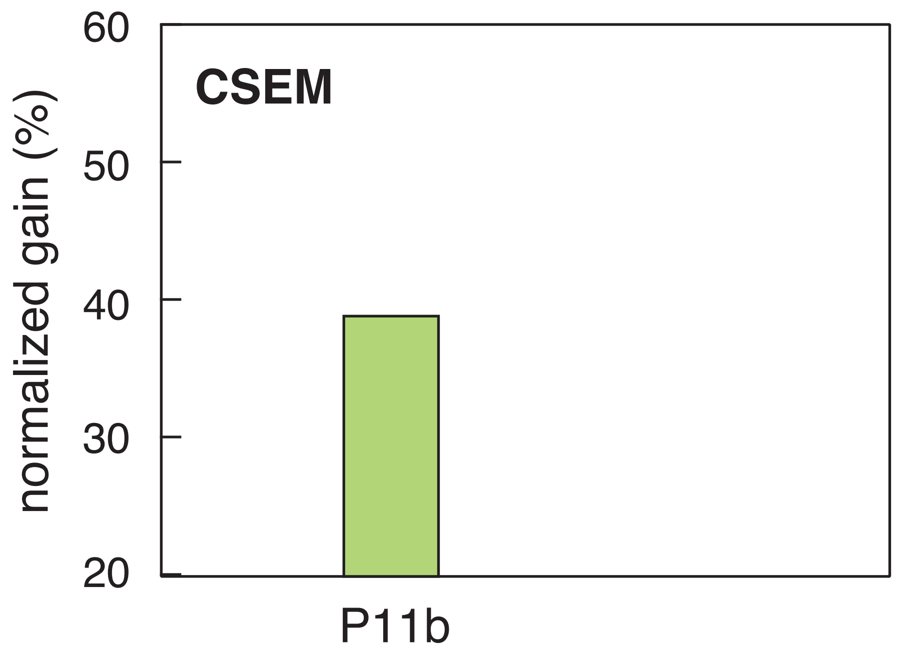

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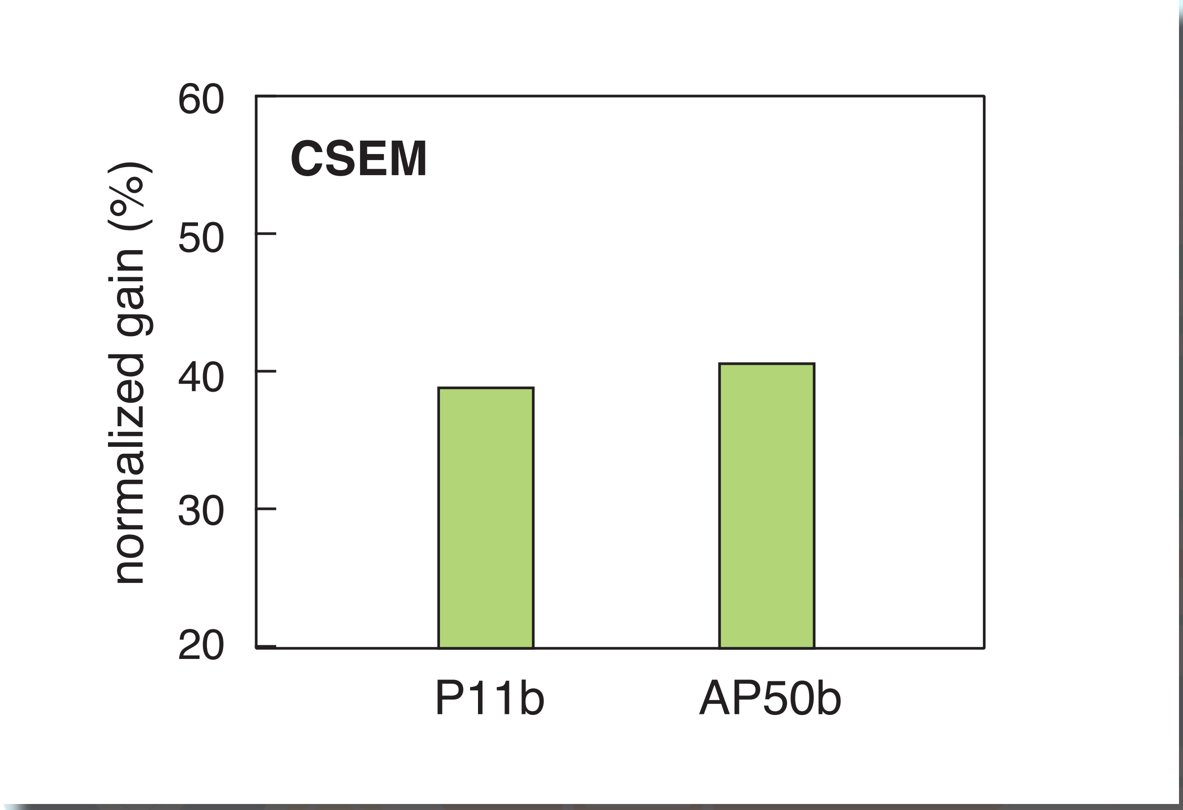

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“Problem-solving” ability

1 design

2 approach

3 results

“Problem-solving” ability

(very preliminary)

1 design 2 approach 3 results

"Problem-solving" ability

(very preliminary)

AP50b students do *twice as well* as Phys11b!

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Can create ownership of learning physics!

fun!

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"you come out with so much know-ledge and experience and fun"

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