

# Educating the innovators of the 21st century



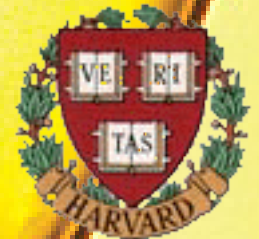
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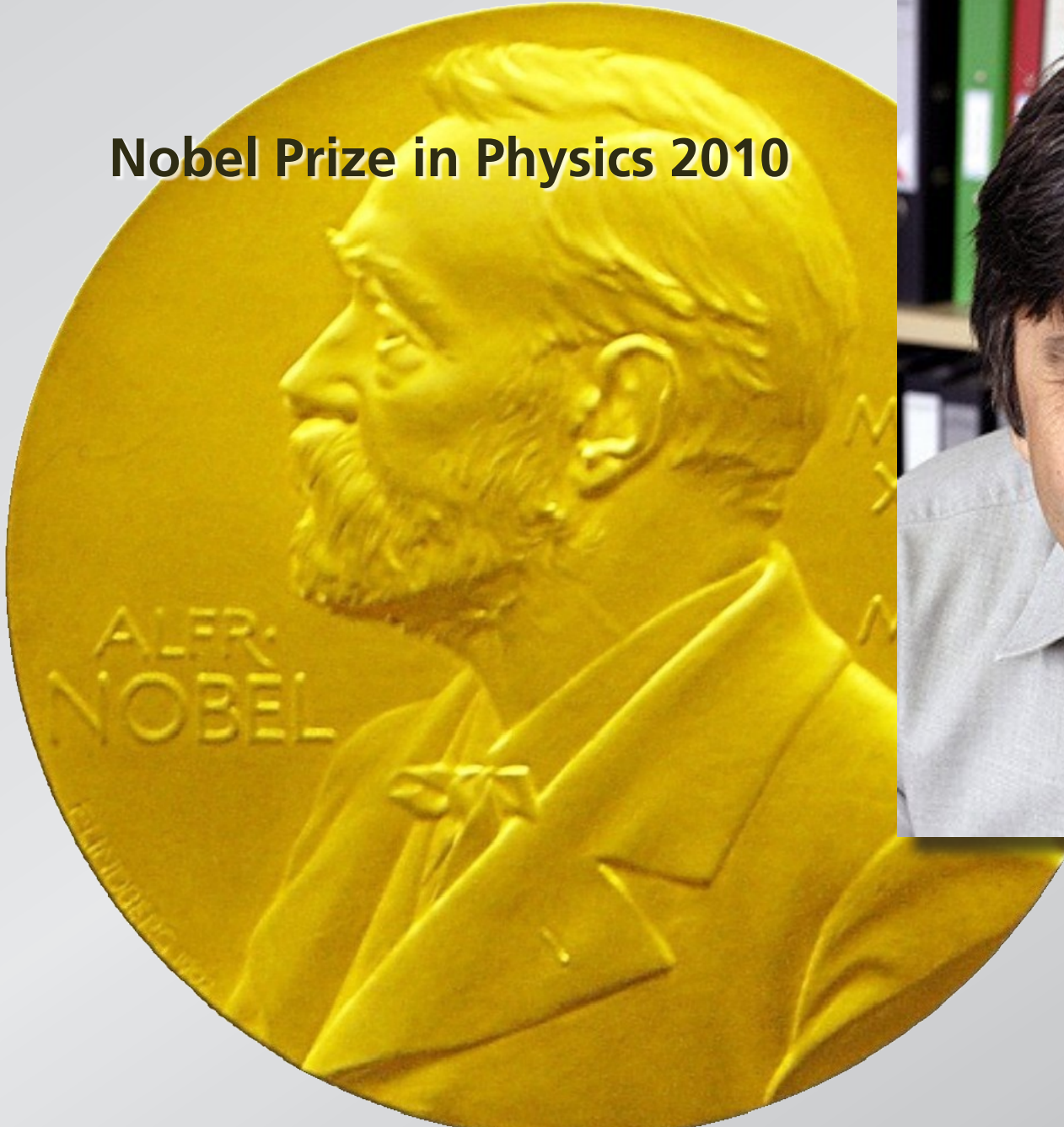
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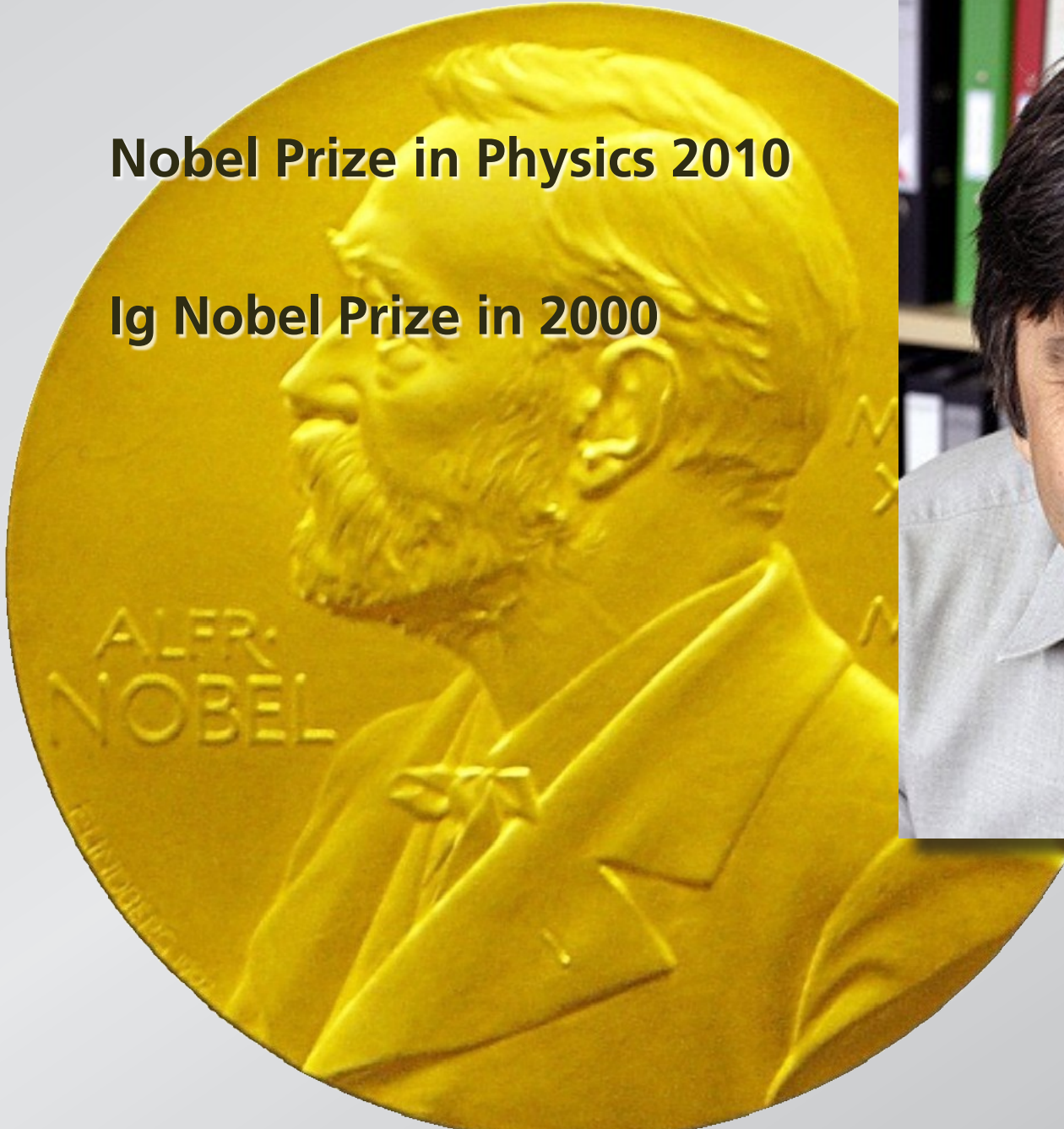
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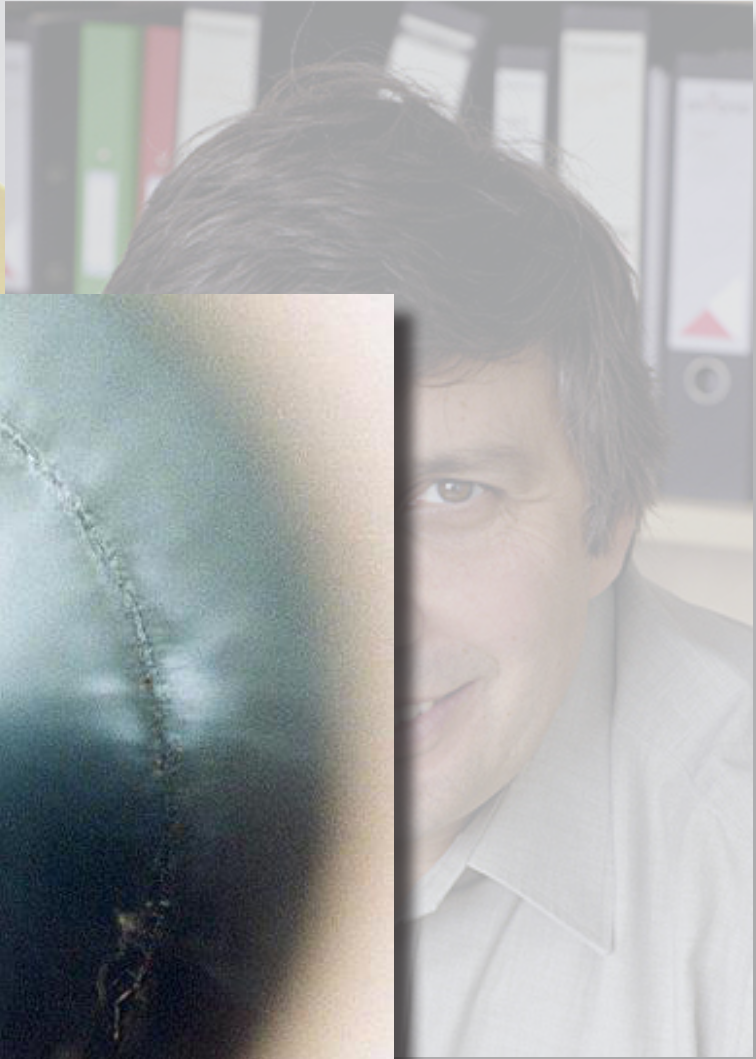
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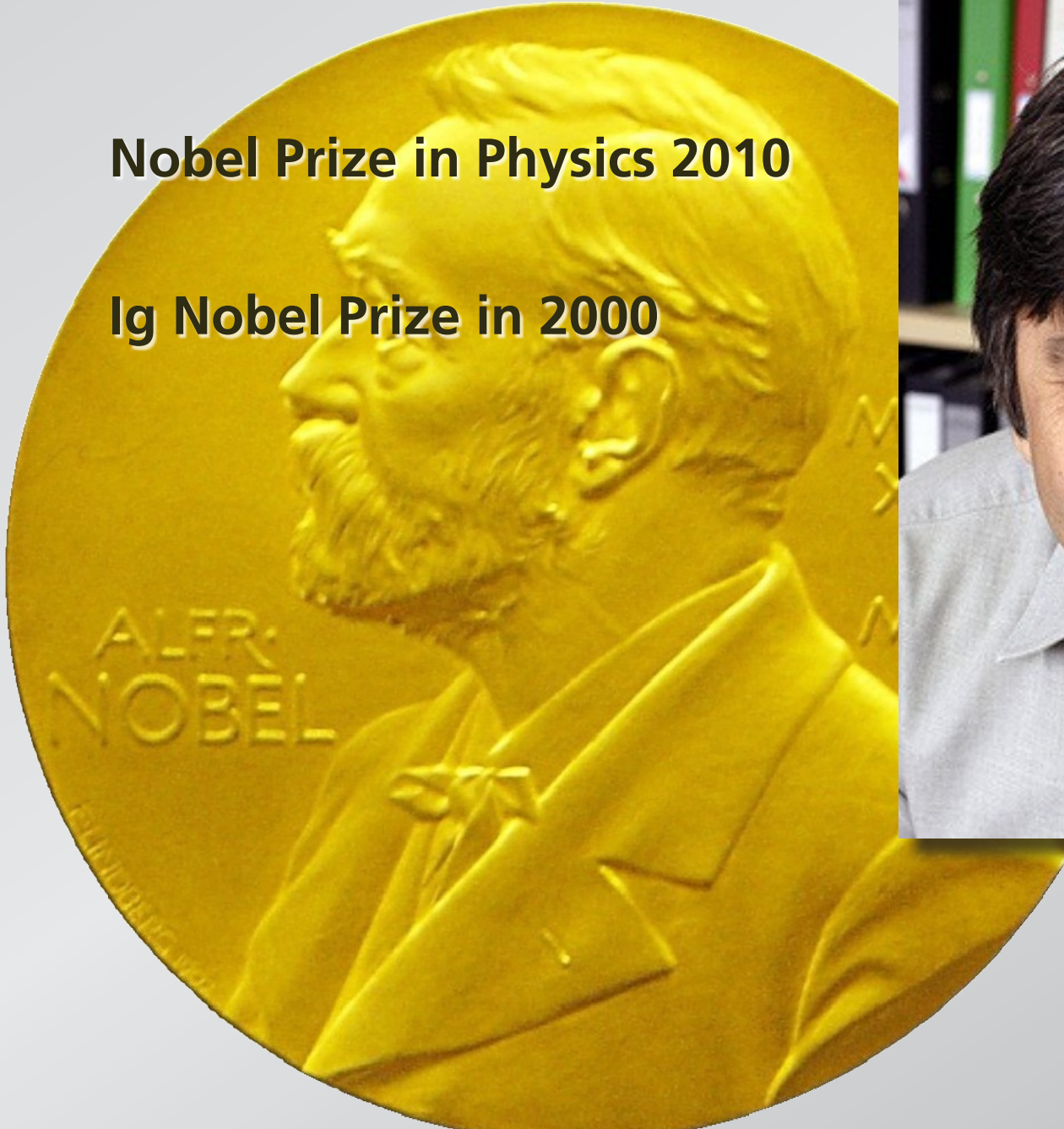
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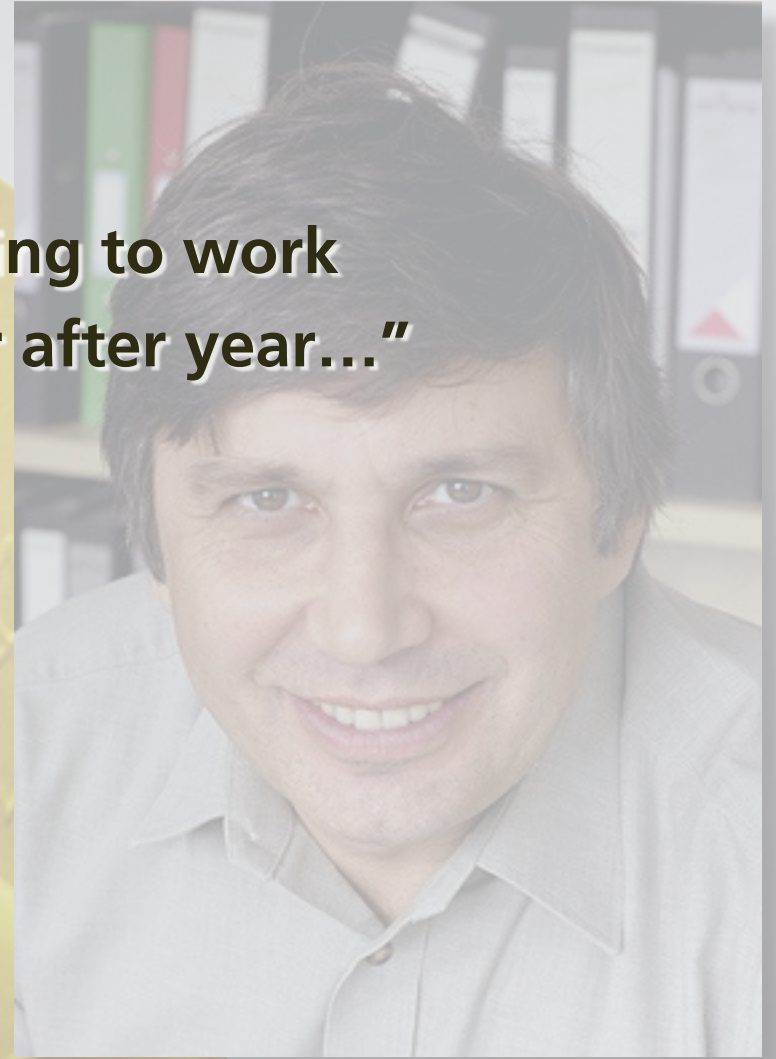


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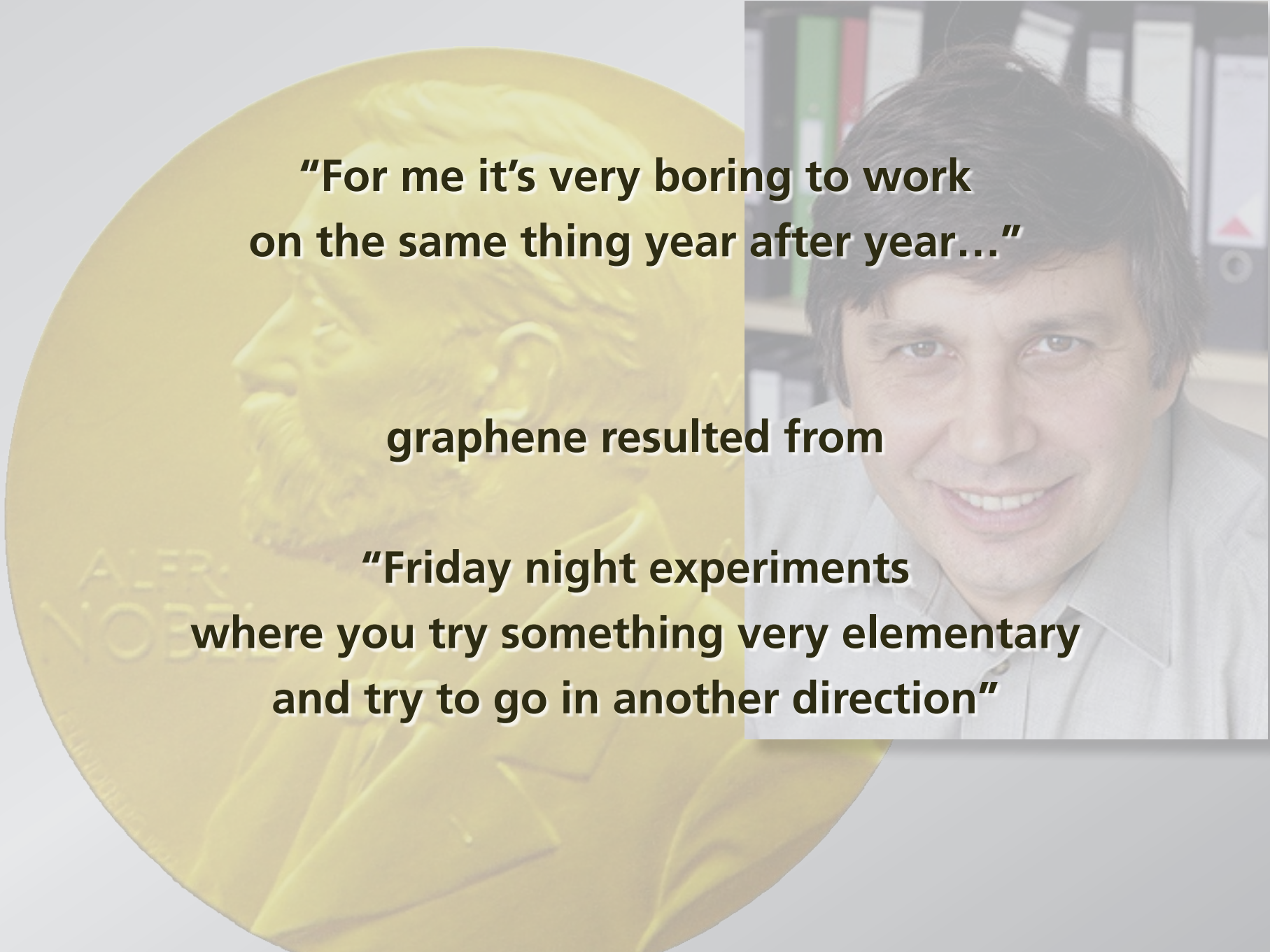
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**“For me it’s very boring to work  
on the same thing year after year...”**







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**graphene resulted from**

**“Friday night experiments  
where you try something very elementary  
and try to go in another direction”**

A glowing lightbulb with a filament, symbolizing an idea or innovation. The lightbulb is the central focus, with a warm, yellow glow emanating from it. The filament is visible, and the glass of the bulb is slightly textured. The background is a soft, gradient yellow, matching the light from the bulb.

**how can we foster/teach innovation?**



**Need to...**

- **teach *problem* solving**
- **encourage risk taking**



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**Think of something you are good at**

**EDUCACION**

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***How did you become good at this?***

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**Became good at it by:**

- 1. trial and error**
- 2. lectures**
- 3. practicing**
- 4. apprenticeship**
- 5. other**

**EDUCACION**





What are the factors that determine the rate of...  
A chemical reaction...  
The rate of a chemical reaction...  
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Rate of reaction...  
Factors affecting the rate of reaction...  
Temperature...  
Concentration...  
Surface area...  
Catalysis...

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1 education

2 PI



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2 PI

3 test



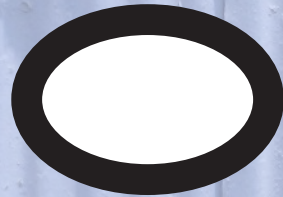
**better pay  
attention!**

**1** education

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**3** test

**What happens  
in a lecture?**

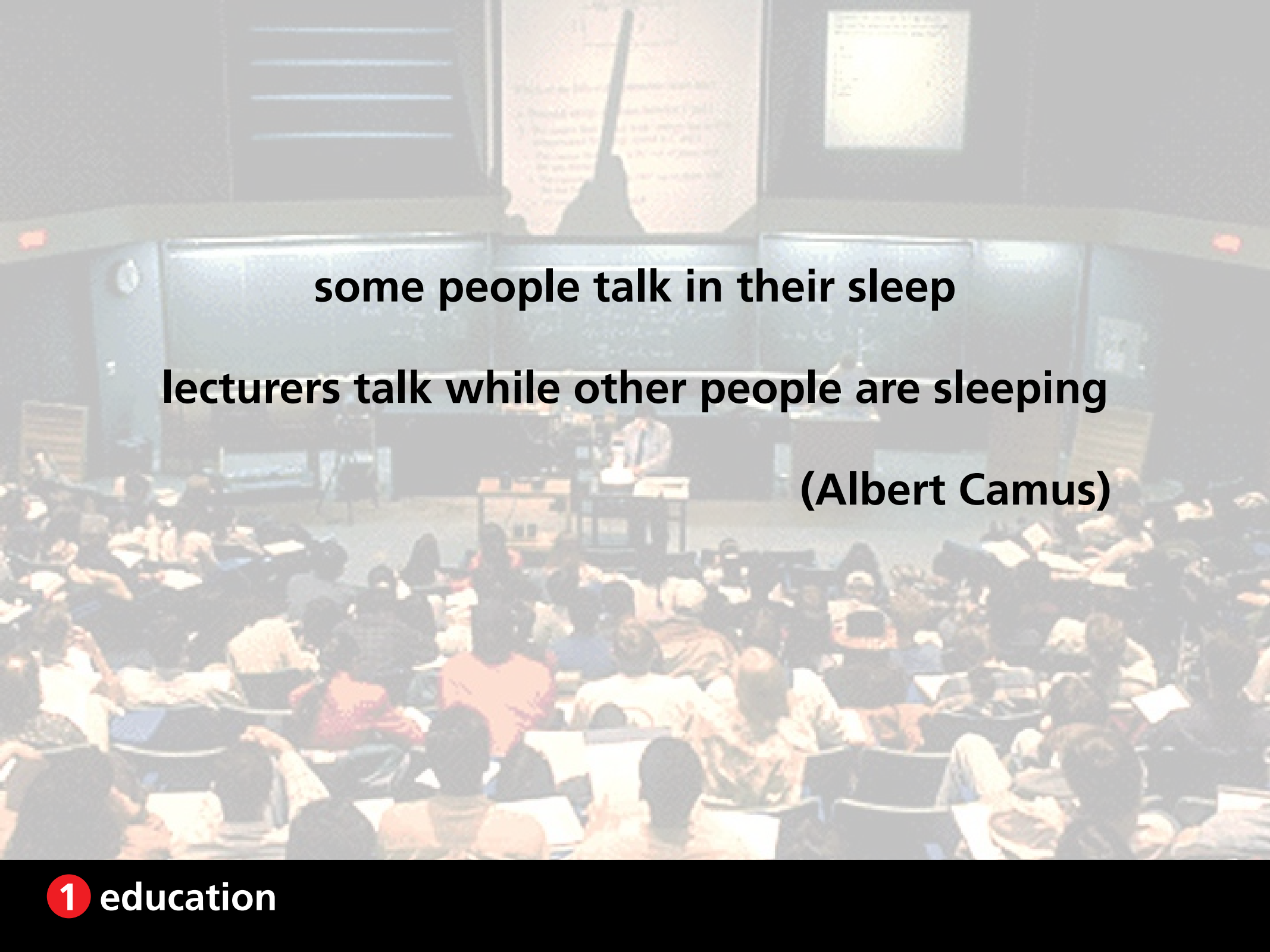






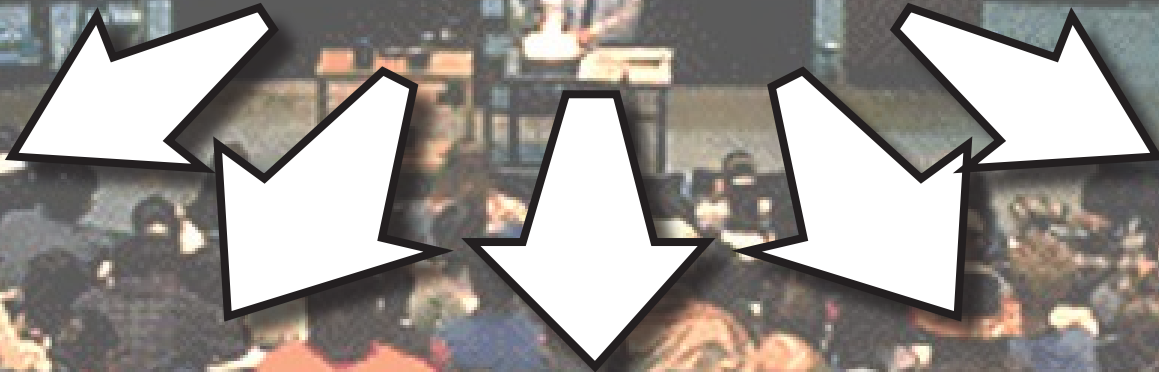
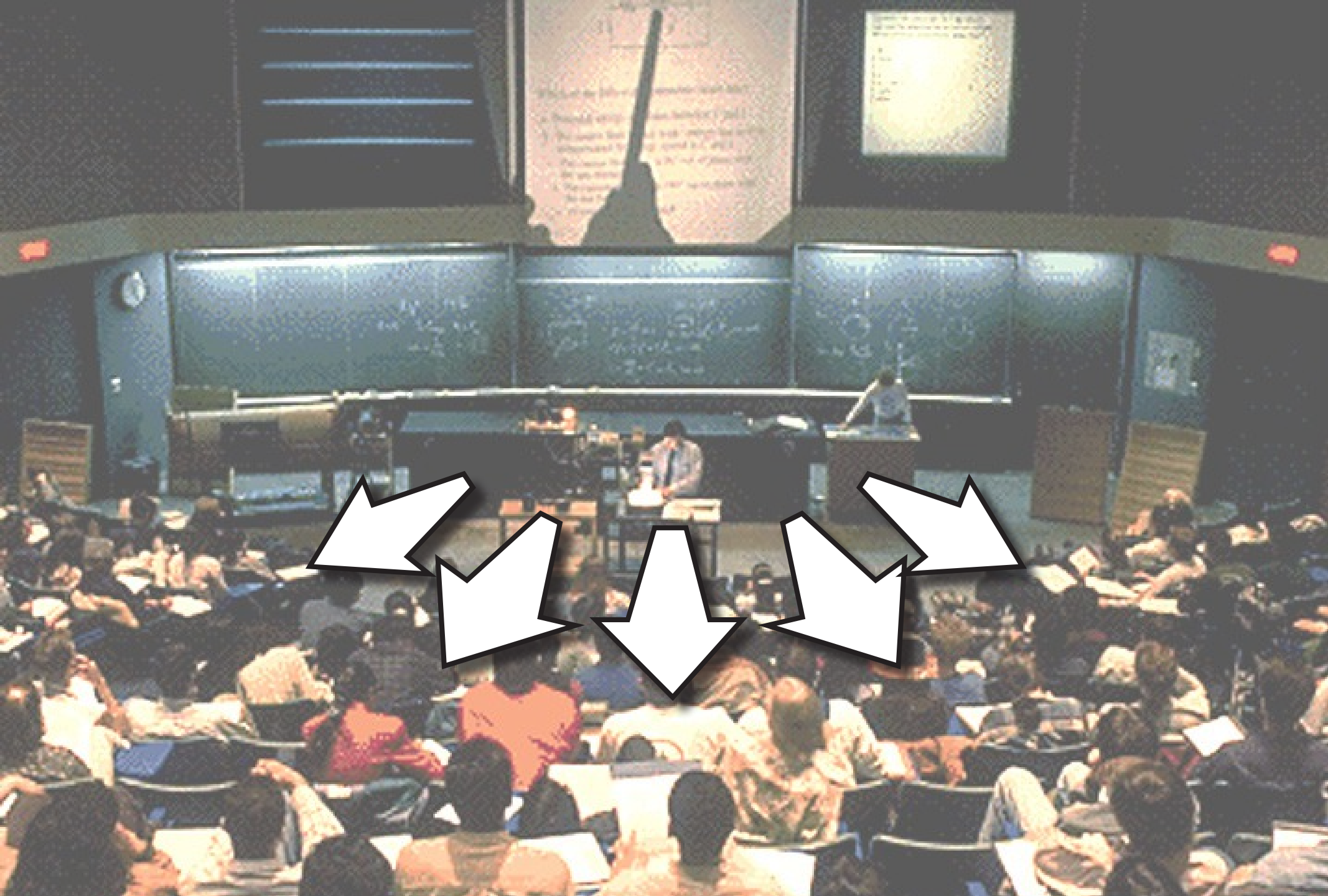
A large lecture hall with a professor at a podium and students in the audience. The professor is standing at a podium in the center of the stage, facing the audience. The audience is seated in rows of chairs, filling the foreground and middle ground. The stage is lit, and there are several large screens or whiteboards in the background. The overall atmosphere is that of a formal academic setting.

**some people talk in their sleep**

A large lecture hall with a lecturer at a podium and an audience of students. The room is filled with people, many of whom appear to be sleeping or resting. The lecturer is standing at a podium in the center of the stage, facing the audience. The audience is seated in rows of chairs, and many people have their heads down or are looking away from the lecturer. The room has a high ceiling and large windows. The text is overlaid on the image.

**some people talk in their sleep**  
**lecturers talk while other people are sleeping**  
**(Albert Camus)**





The result?

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**Lack of learning**

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**Lack of learning**

**Lack of retention**

**not transfer but assimilation of information is key**

**EDUCACION**





**assessment promotes memorization and stifles creativity**

**EDUCACION**

**problem**

**EDUCACION**

**problem**

**outcome**

**EDUCACION**

**problem**

**solution**

**outcome**

**EDUCACION**

problem

solution

outcome

**KNOWN**

EDUCACION

problem

solution

outcome

UNKNOWN

KNOWN

EDUCACION

problem

solution

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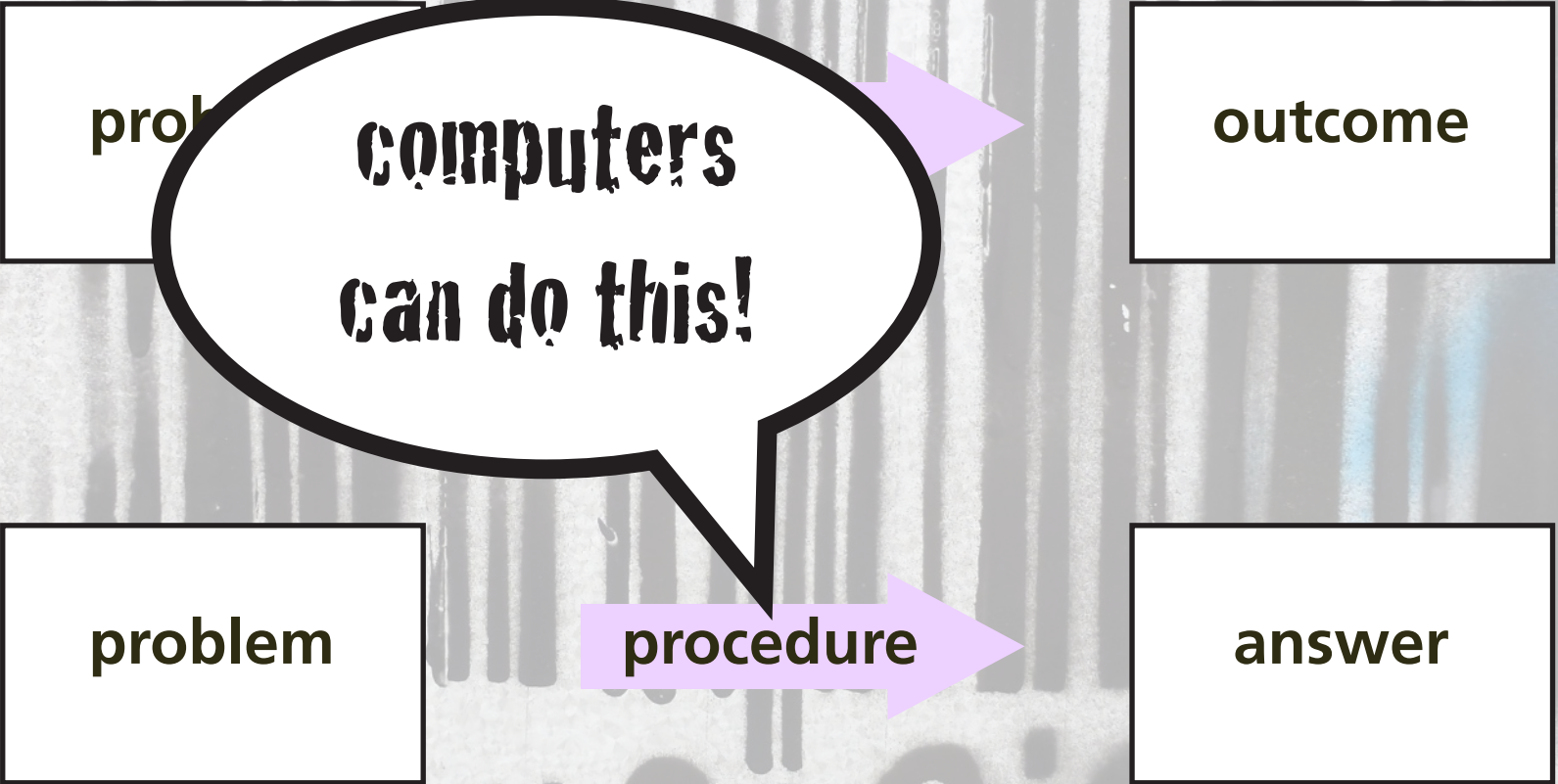
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**REAL**  
**problem solving**

**problem**

**approach 1**

**approach 3**

**approach 2**

**outcome**

**EDUCACION**

**problem**

**approach 1**

**approach 3**

**approach 2**

**outcome**

**assessment incompatible with real problem solving**

**EDUCACION**



## Traditional assesement

- focuses on outcome, not process

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- focuses on outcome, not process
- discourages risk taking
- focuses on individual, not group
- does not mirror future work environment



1 education

2 PI



# 1. transfer of information



**1. transfer of information**

**2. assimilation of that information**


- 
- 1. transfer of information (in class)**
  2. assimilation of that information





1. transfer of information (in class)

2. assimilation of that information (out of class)



**Should focus  
on THIS!**

1. transfer of information (in class)

**2. assimilation of that information (out of class)**

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- 1. transfer of information (in class)**
  - 2. assimilation of that information (out of class)**



**1. transfer of information (out of class)**

**2. assimilation of that information (in class)**

# Peer



**1. transfer of information (out of class)**

**2. assimilation of that information (in class)**

INSTRUCTION

question

1 education

2 PI

question



think

question



think



poll



**question**



**think**



**poll**



**discuss**

**question**



**think**



**poll**



**discuss**



**repoll**

**question**



**think**



**poll**



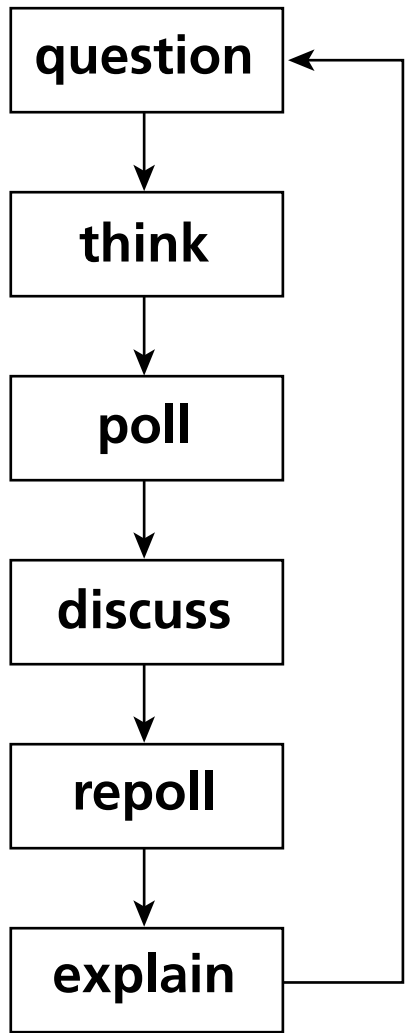
**discuss**

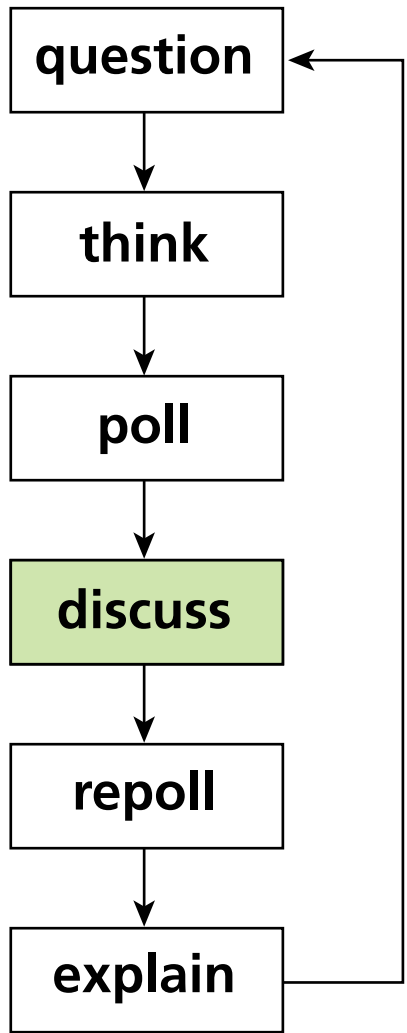


**repoll**



**explain**





**1** lecture

**2** PI

Let's try it!

QUESTION

think

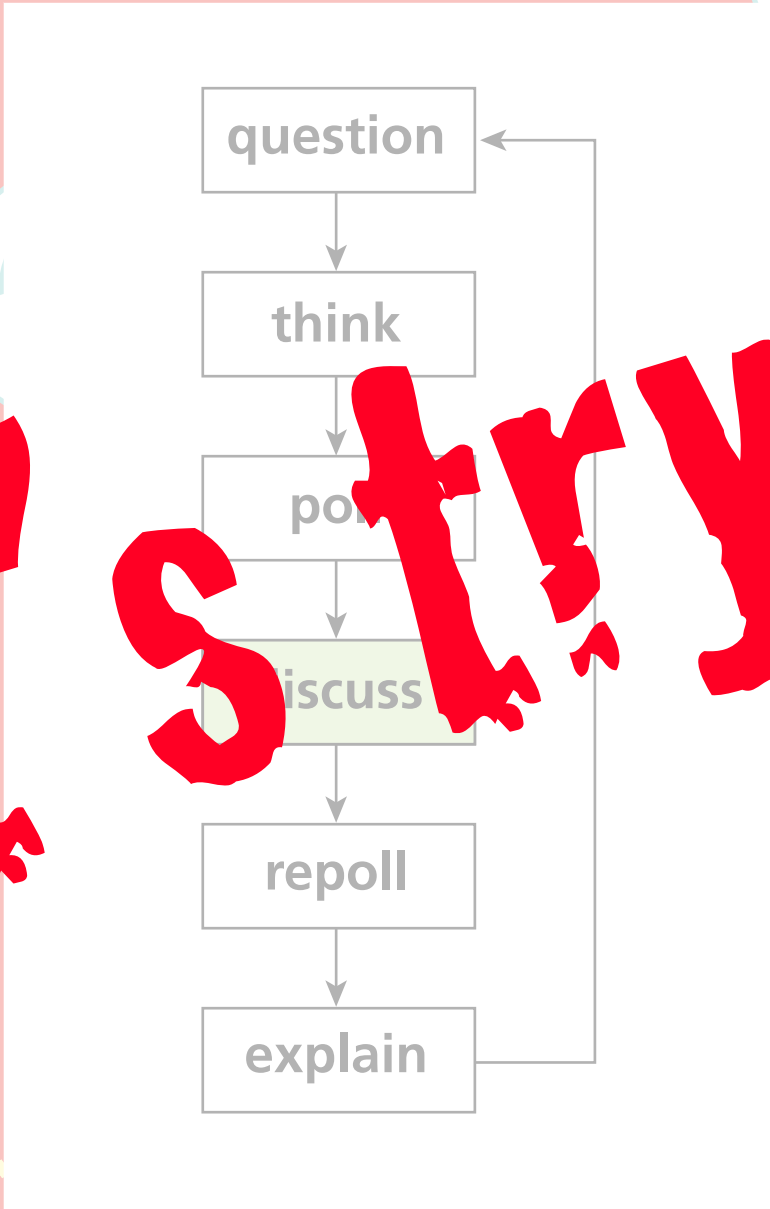
poll

discuss

repoll

explain

ACTION



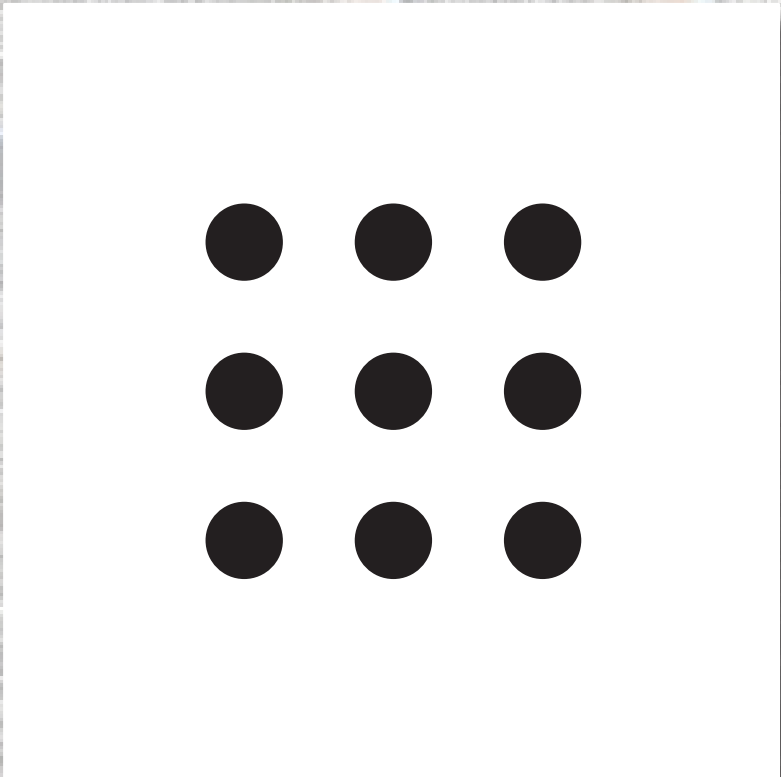
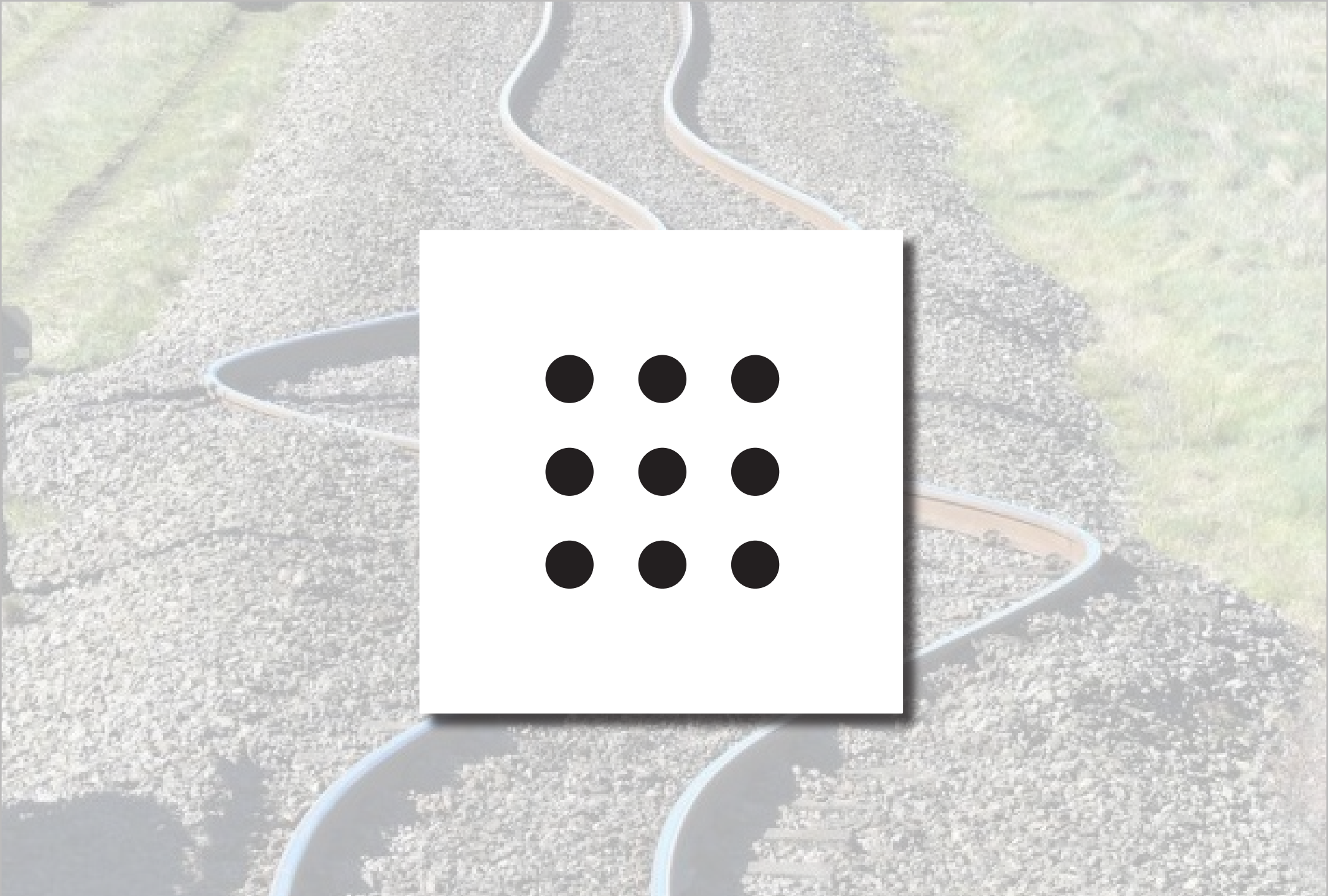
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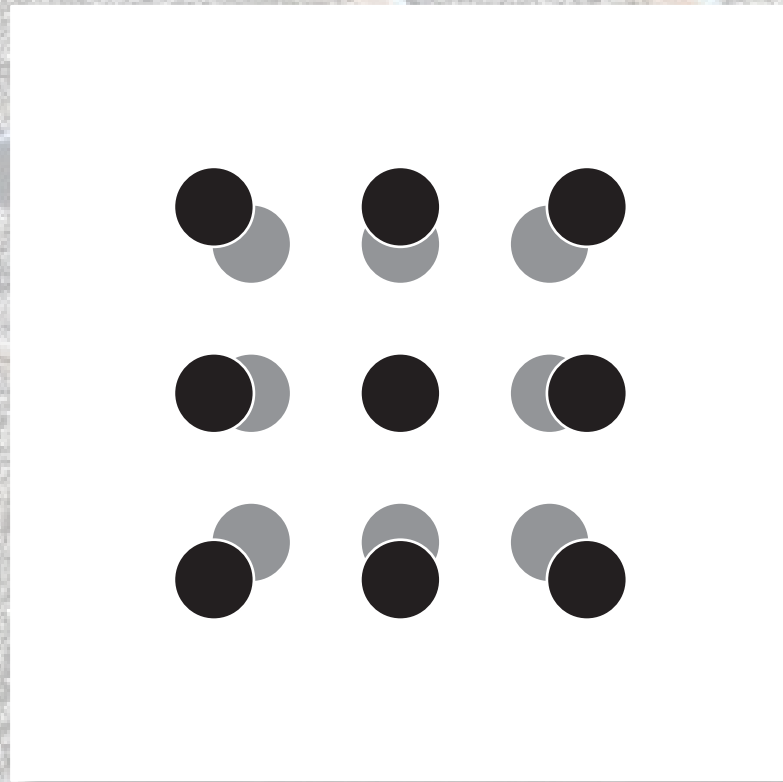
**thermal expansion**





**1** education

**2** PI

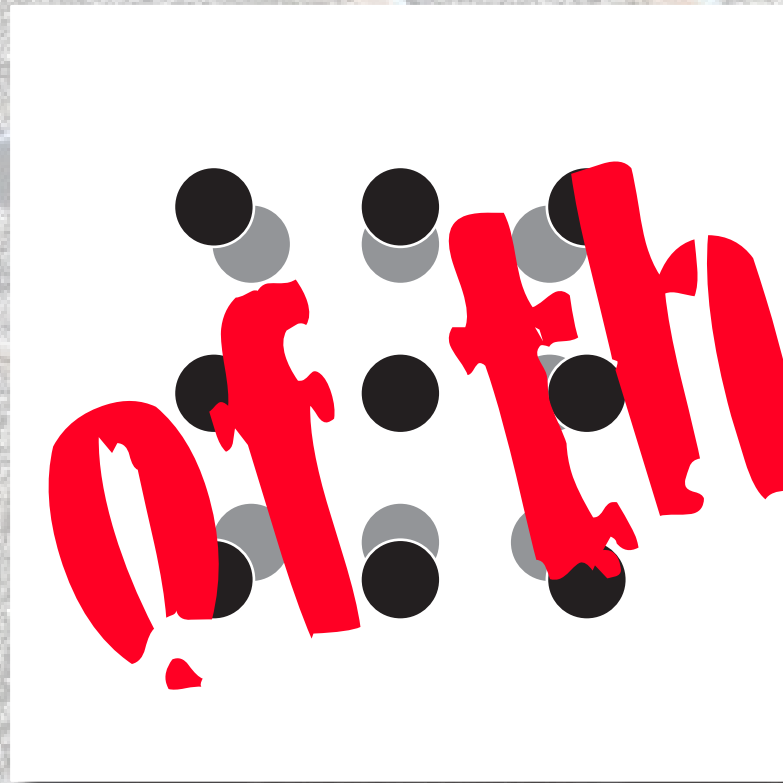


all of them

1 education

2 PI

**all of them!**

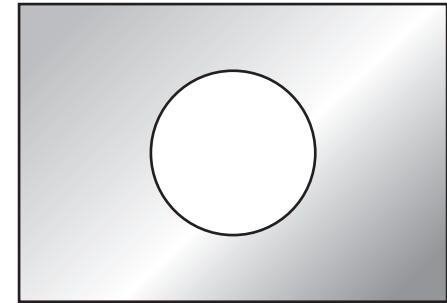


**1** education

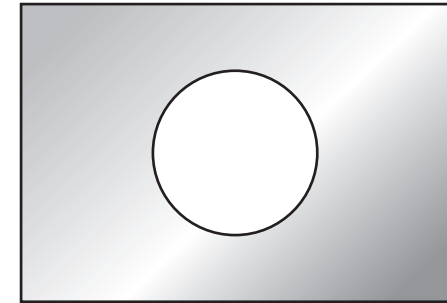
**2** PI

**3** test?

**Consider a rectangular metal plate  
with a circular hole in it.**



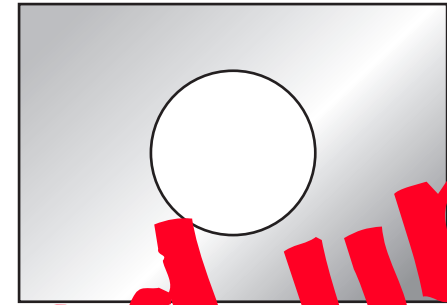
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**When the plate is uniformly heated, the diameter of the hole**

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- 2. stays the same.**
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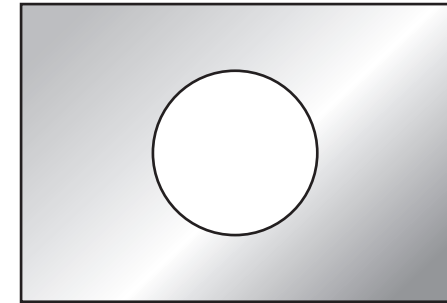


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**you got all fired up!**

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**Before I tell you the answer...**

**1** education

**2** PI

**3** test

**Before I tell you the answer, let's analyze what happened.**

**1** education

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**You...**

**1. made a commitment**

**Before I tell you the answer, let's analyze what happened.**

**You...**

- 1. made a commitment**
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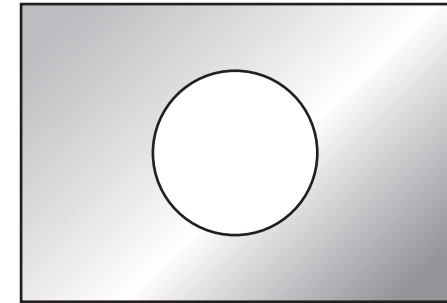
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**You...**

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- 4. became emotionally invested in the learning process**

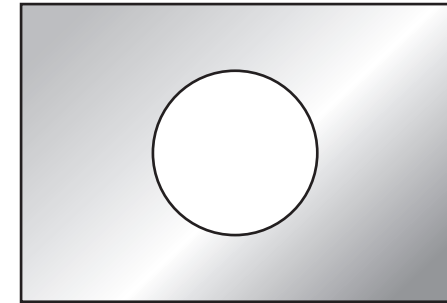
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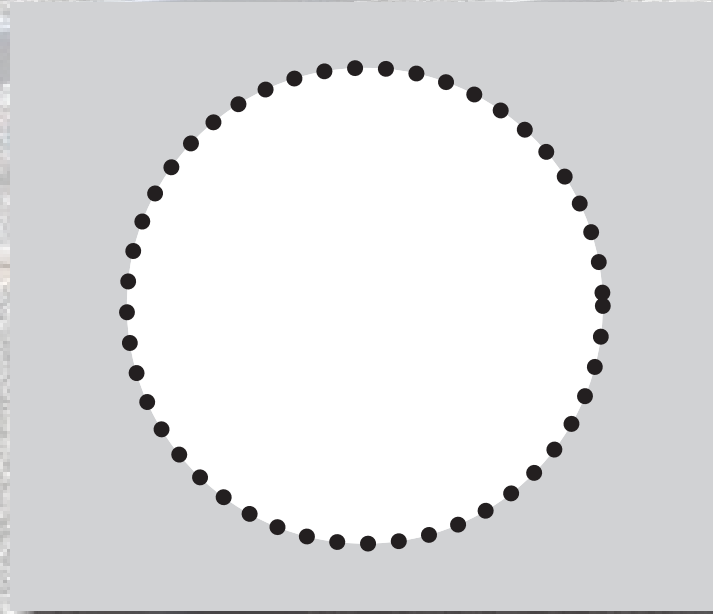


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consider atoms at rim of hole

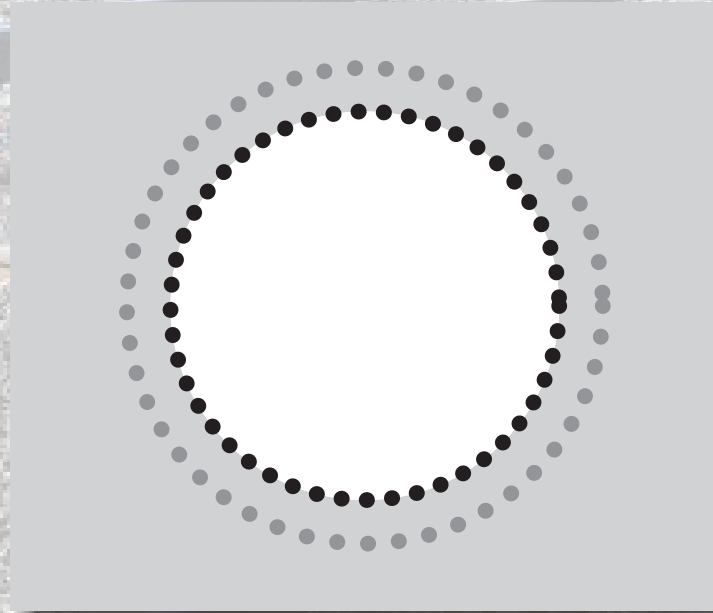


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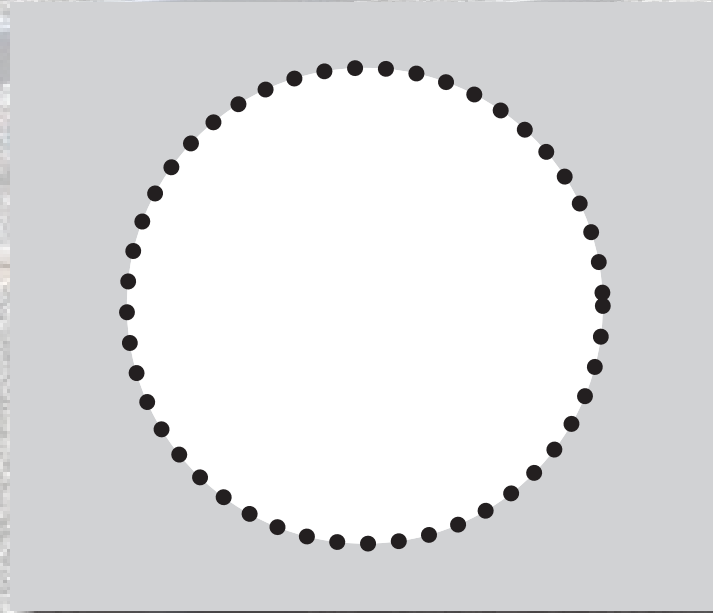


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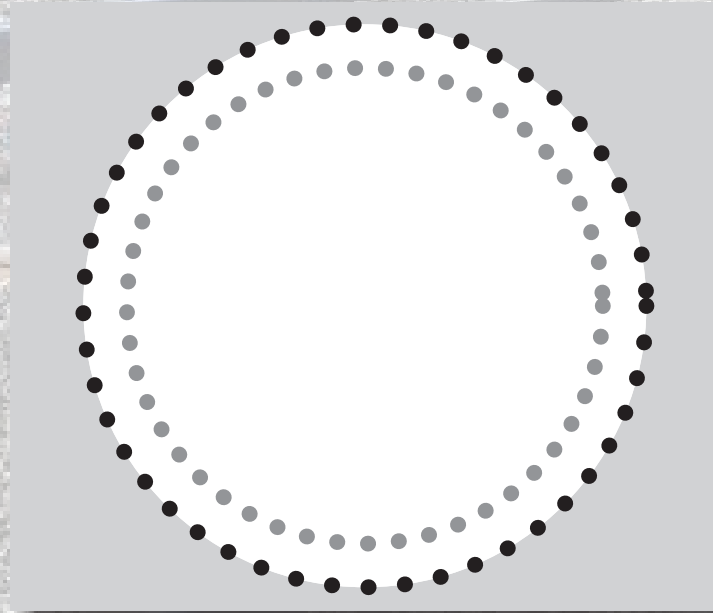


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1 education

2 PI

3 test

consider atoms at rim of hole

**you won't forget this**



**1** education

**2** PI

**3** test

# Peer

## back to pi

### INSTRUCTION

1 education

2 PI

3 test

Peer  
Higher learning & gains

INSTRUCTION

1 education

2 PI

3 test

**Higher learning gains**

**Better retention**

**INSTRUCTION**

**1 education**

**2 PI**

**3 test**





**1** education

**2** PI

**3** test

in a lecture, students...

**1** education

**2** PI

**3** test

**in a lecture, students...**

**1. don't pay utmost attention**

**in a lecture, students...**

- 1. don't pay utmost attention**
- 2. think they know it**

**in a lecture, students...**

- 1. don't pay utmost attention**
- 2. think they know it**
- 3. are not confronted with misconceptions**

in a lecture, students...

1. don't pay utmost attention

2. think they know it

3. are not confronted with misconceptions

**false**  
**sense of security**



**1** education

**2** PI

**3** test



**an illusion. . .**

**1** education

**2** PI

**3** test





**Education is not just about:**

- **transferring information**
- **getting students to do what we do**

**1** education

**2** PI

**3** test



**Education is not just about:**

- **transferring information**
- **getting students to do what we do**

**active participation a must!**



**With a simple change, Peer Instruction...**

- teaches *real* problem solving
- encourages risk taking

**1** education

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**3** test



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