

A couple quick
announcements

Colloquium Tomorrow: Nonthermal particle acceleration by magnetic pumping in pulsating plasmas

Giuseppe Arrò (U. of Wisconsin - Madison), 2:30 in G09

The origin of high-energy particles in astrophysical sources is still debated, especially in high-beta plasmas, where magnetic energy is insufficient to cause nonthermal particle acceleration. However, high-beta plasmas are often embedded in large-scale compressible flows that could accelerate particles via magnetic pumping (MP), a mechanism where the plasma is energized by instabilities driven through cyclic compression and expansion (pulsation). In this work, we investigate particle acceleration by MP in high-beta "pulsating" plasmas, showing for the first time that MP efficiently accelerates particles, producing nonthermal distributions with high-energy power-law tails. Our results are relevant for understanding particle acceleration in high-beta astrophysical plasmas, including planetary magnetosheaths, the intracluster medium of galaxy clusters, and accretion disks of compact objects.

While not every speaker does well at this, colloquium are supposed to be mostly understandable by freshmen.



STEM Career Fair Thursday

Consider going after class

- It ends at 3pm
- Located at the student rec center



Friday, September 25 at 10:00 AM

- **Mike Snodgrass, AI Specialist at Google, and Ola Adekunle, Senior Patent Counsel at Google**
- **The Future of AI at WVU: How Google Thinks About the Changing AI Landscape**
45-minute presentation and live demos + Q&A
- A significant part of the session will consist of live demonstrations of AI applied to different tasks and applications.
- This is an opportunity to see what current AI tools can do, how they can be used, and where they may help. The speakers will also discuss AI literacy, data and intellectual property, governance, and the development of custom AI tools.
- **The talk is open to everyone, including students.**
<https://wvu.zoom.us/j/94180487824?pwd=8cklQgRFBgKraVhalQxgSgGcfQEhP0.1>

Get in these late assignments if you haven't yet!

Important Papers (2-5)
1-2 sentence summary
and why relevant to
your work? (Discuss
later)

Upcoming:
Thursday: Discussing
your projects in class
(not formally graded)

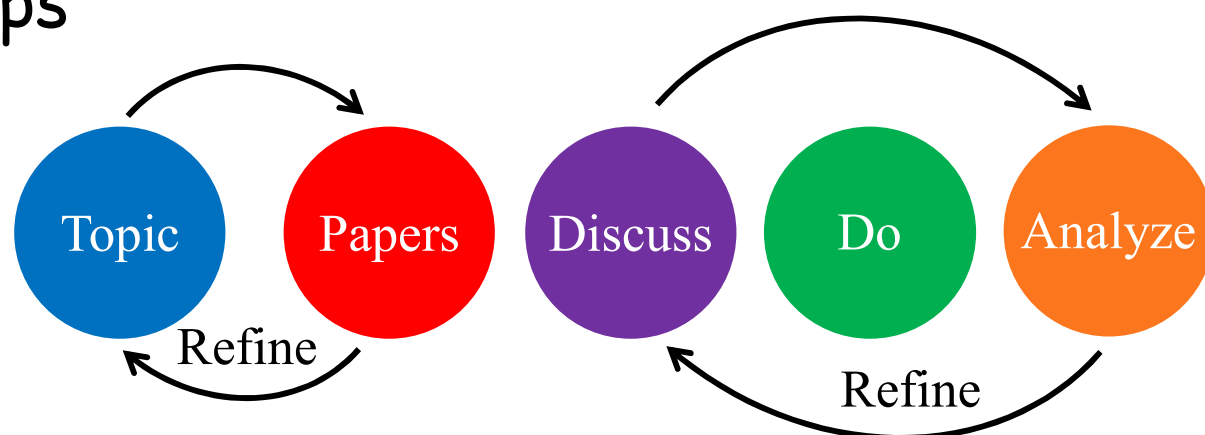
Next Tuesday:
Reading on Perusall
about other
characterization
methods

Following Thursday:
Project Proposal!!!

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Phase 1: Me teaching you enough to start to work within groups

Phase 2: Working within your group to plan, do, analyze results and communicate them



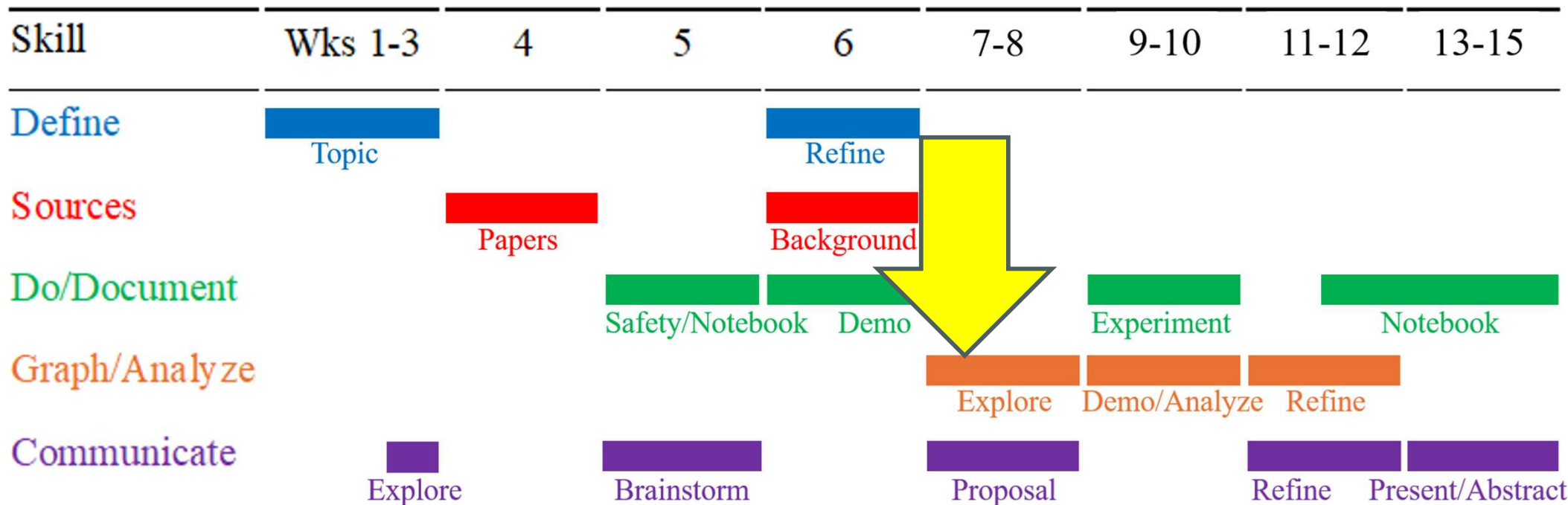
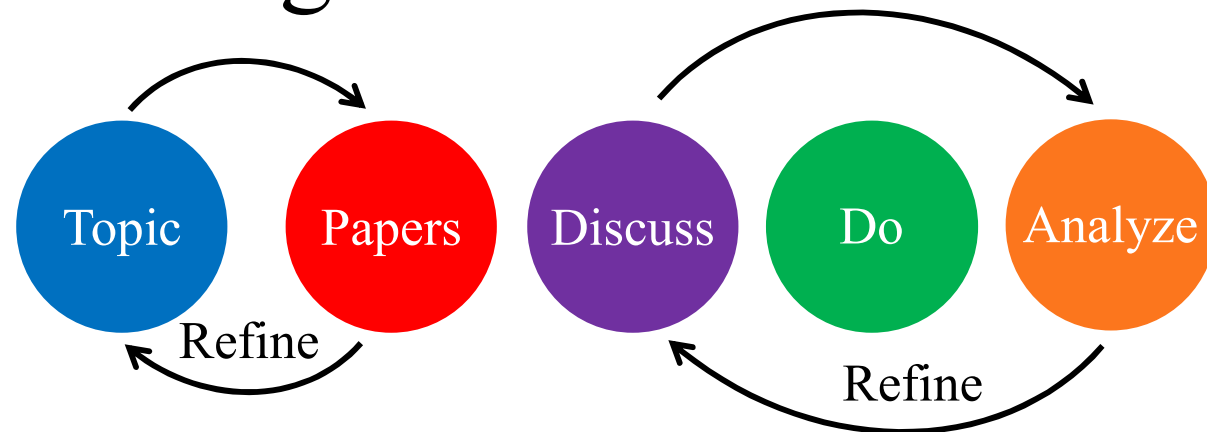
Simplified course workflow

You are allowed to iterate on the experiments too if you have time, but don't have to.

Today: The Class Focus Shifts

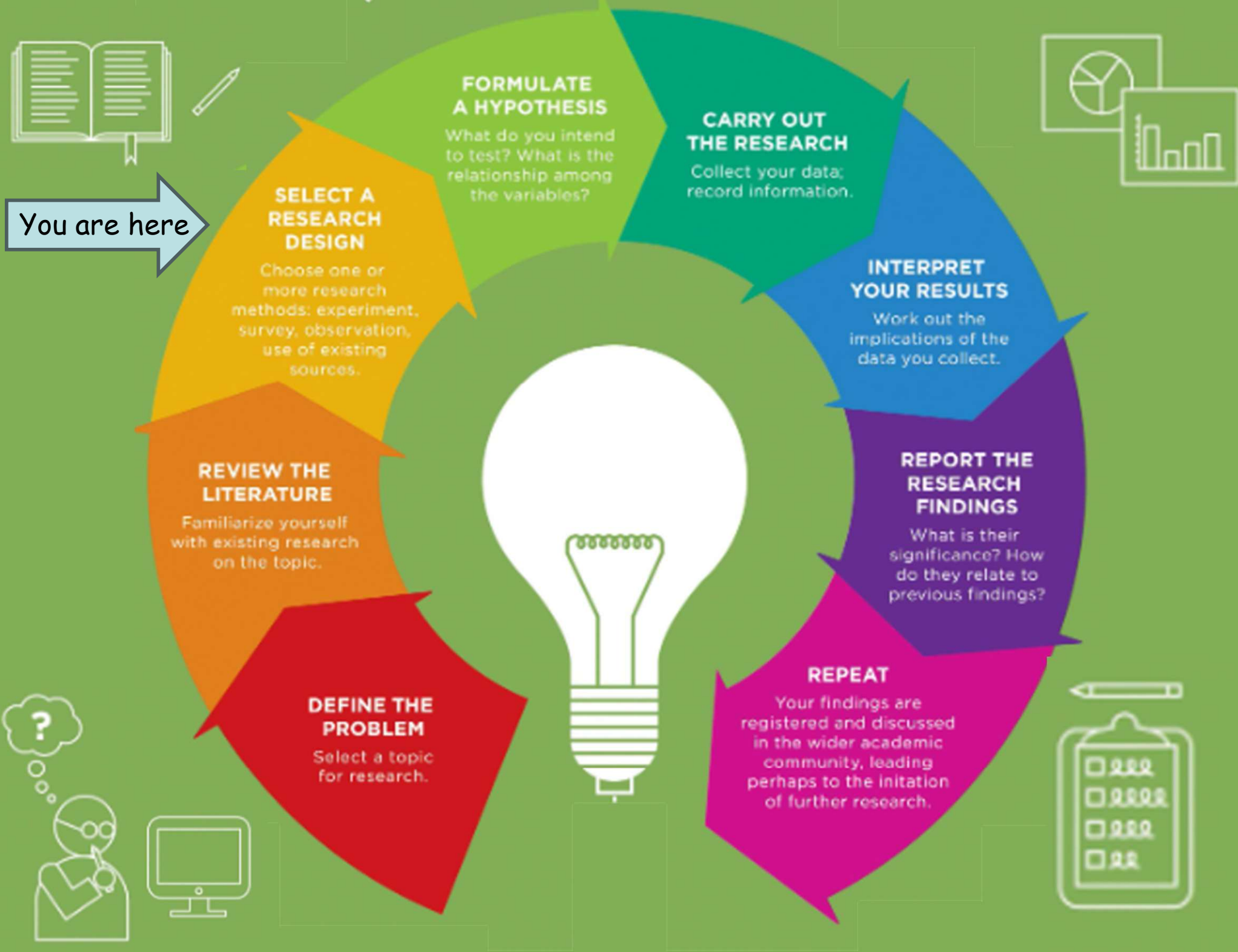
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This class is based off of feedback. Your ideas right now probably still need work. That's what we are doing over the next two weeks.



Less simplified course workflow

You are here



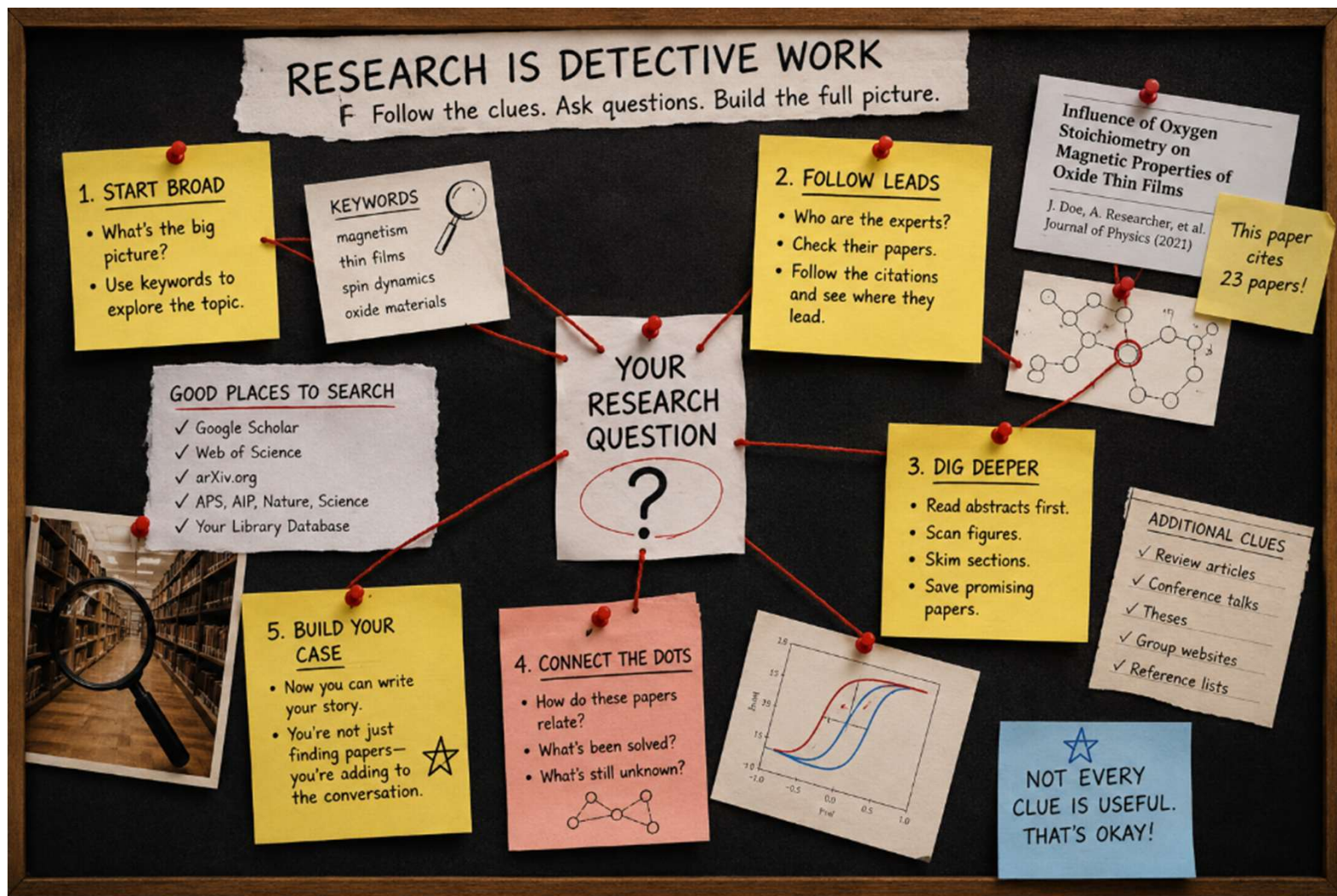
Training wheels are allowed

It's okay if you need help defining why a project matters or how to get started.

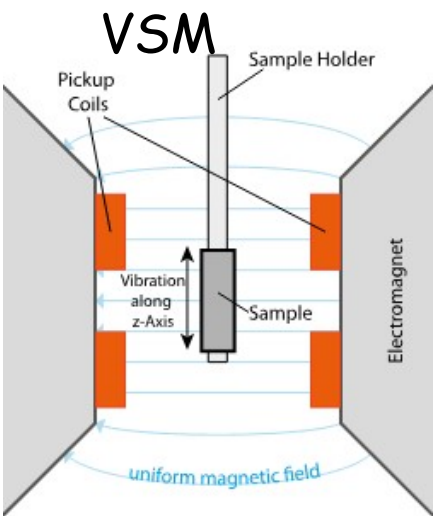
By the end of the semester, I want you to be confident talking about what you're studying, why it matters, and how you're investigating it.

Brainstorm with your team. Learning how to work through ideas as a team is an important part of doing science. Explaining your ideas to others is one of the best ways to understand them better yourself.

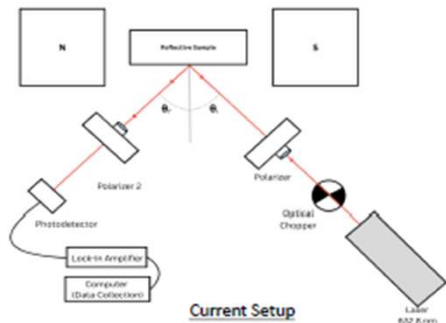
Helpers: Professor, TAs, team, other peers, past 293 students, librarians



Except you get to pick your case
(from a subset of case files)



Two measurement options

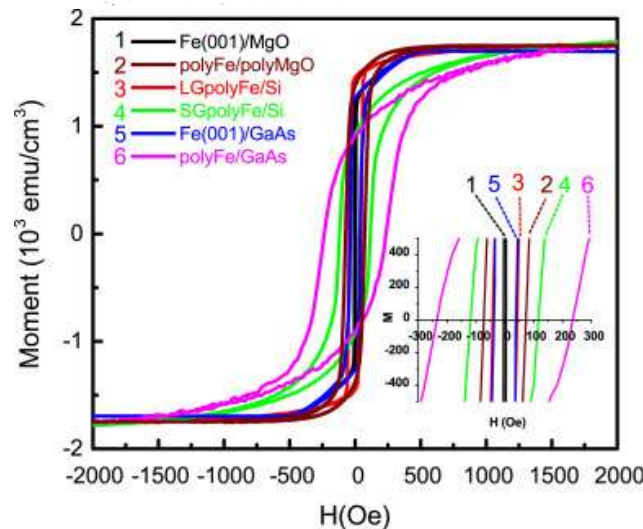


MOKE
(not for powders)

Fingerprint powders

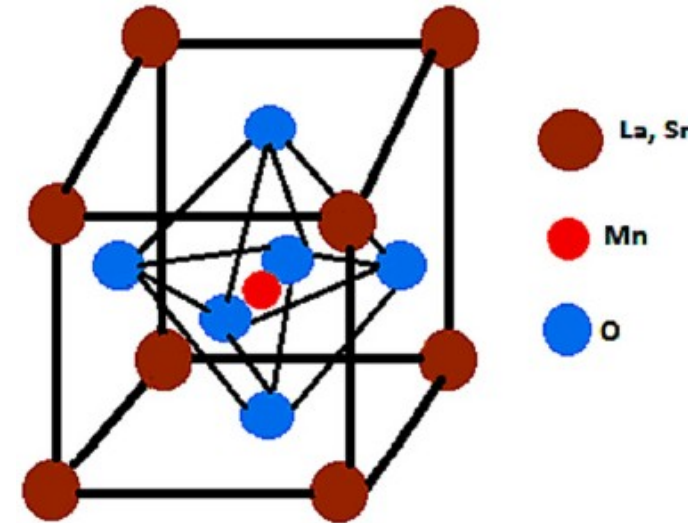


Do magnetization affect print quality?



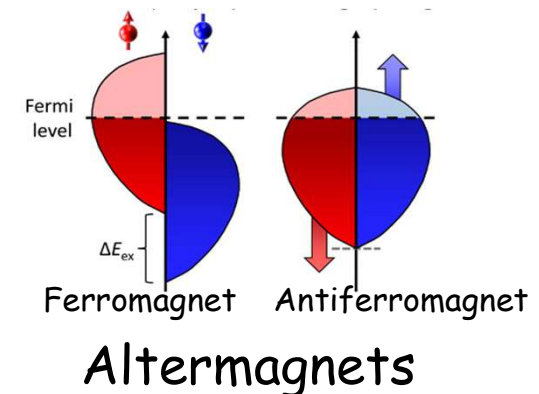
Fe thin film (good MOKE calibration, thickness dependence, cap layers, exchange bias with cycling)

Reminder: Your Case File Selection



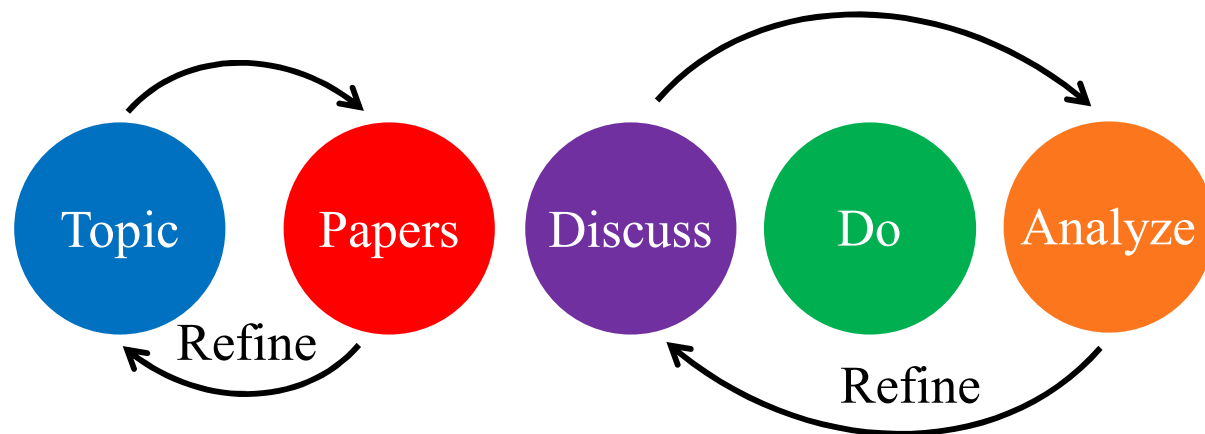
LSMO for PMA and/or spontaneous magnetization reversal

Matt Brahlek @ Oak Ridge: Old MnBi₂Te₄ with Te cap, MnTe-Bi₂(Te or Se)₃ interfaces, or YIG



In a few minutes you will brainstorm with your groups.

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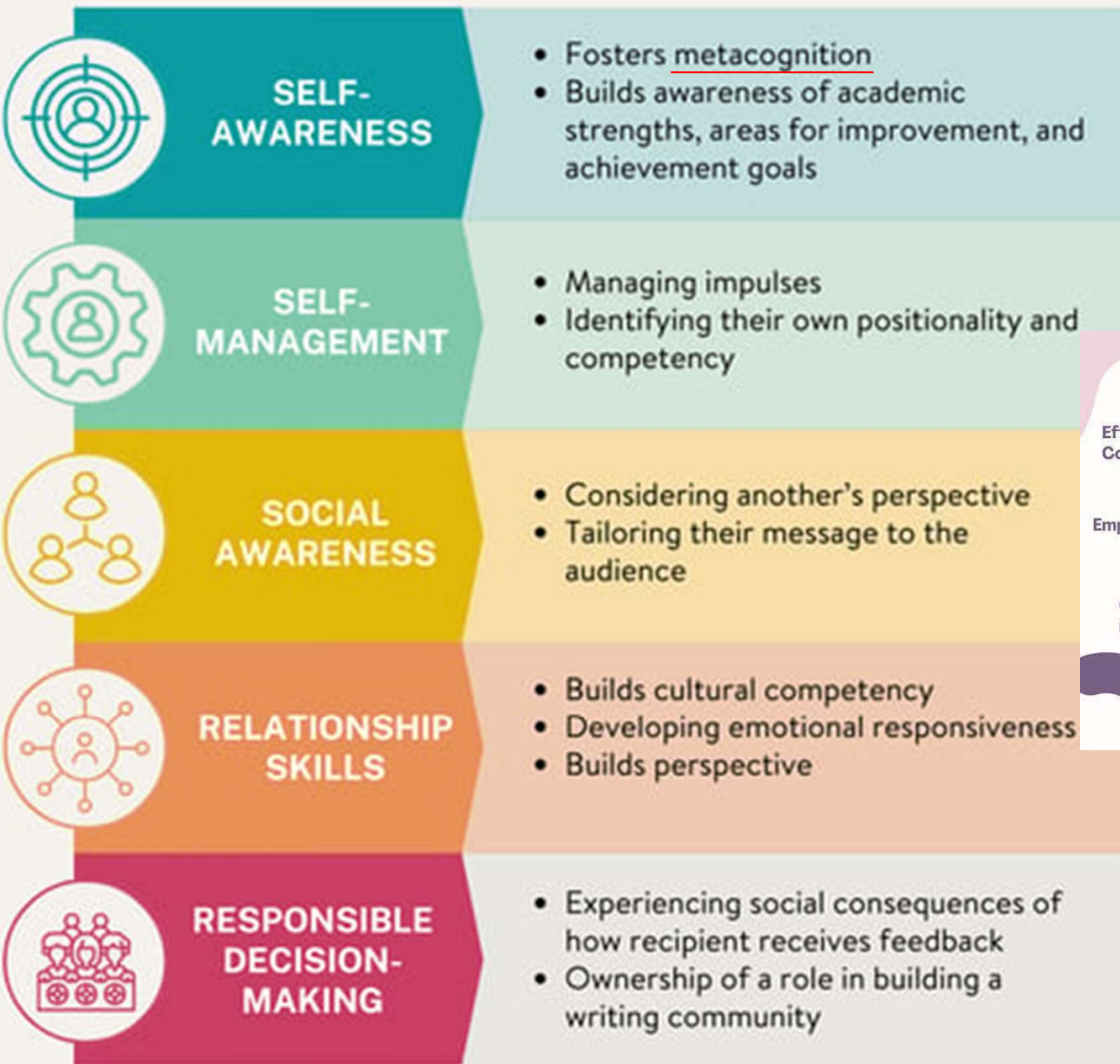
Next time you will discuss these questions with classmates not in your group to get feedback.

Thus, let's spend a few minutes on how to give good peer feedback.

Both sides
important



THE BENEFITS OF PEER REVIEW



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Science is full of peer review on posters, papers, proposals and teaching, so best to get practice!

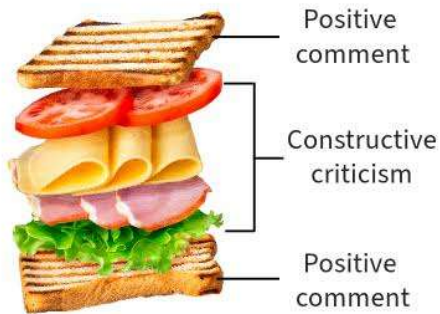


Critiquing others helps you better critique yourself.

Giving Good Peer Feedback

- “It’s terrible” *even if true* is not helpful.
- But neither is “it’s great.”

Feedback Sandwich



What works?
What is unclear?
What could make it better?

Useful feedback helps someone take the next step.



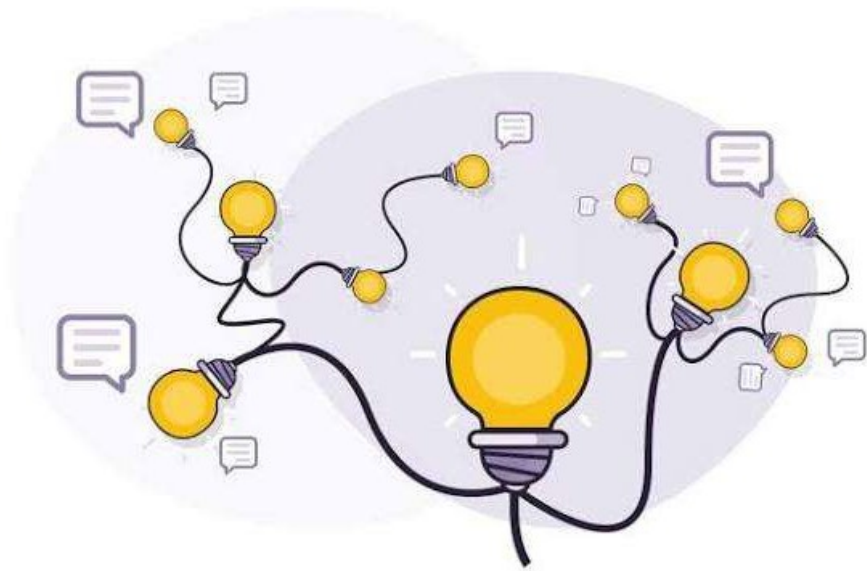
While these tips may be more helpful next time, you should still keep them in mind within your groups too.



Keep in mind

None of you knew any of this stuff 6 weeks ago.

Don't be too harsh. You are still learning, but **how can you make the most of the next 10 weeks?**



Science is teamwork!

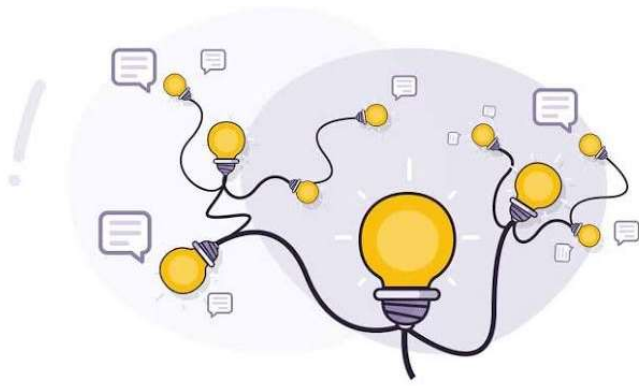


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Idea Workshopping

Let's Get Examples.

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More Brainstorming with Groupmates (Ask me questions!)

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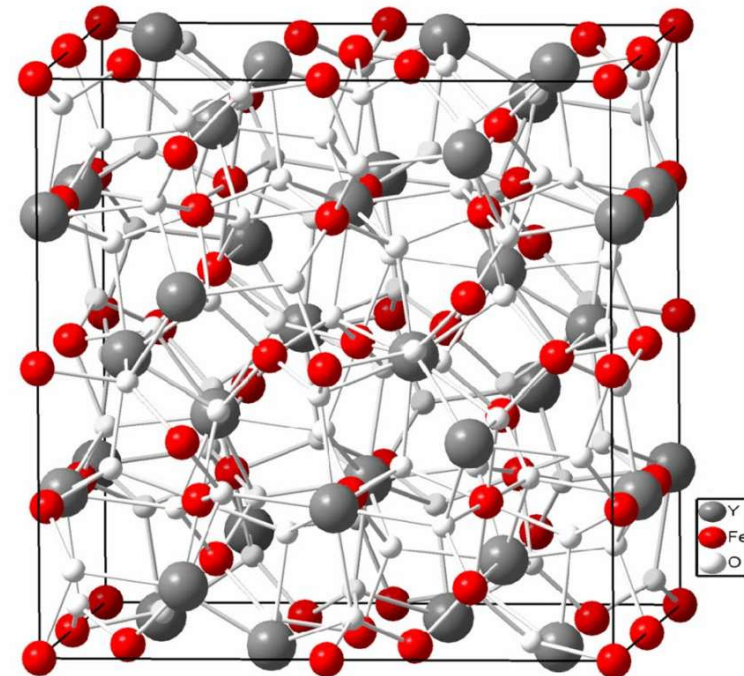
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MnTe-Bi₂(Te or Se)₃ Topological Insulators

- What happens when electricity flows through a normal copper wire. The wire gets warm because electrons bump into atoms—this is electrical resistance.
- **The Problem:** This is a waste of energy.
- **A Solution? Topological Insulators** are completely insulating on the inside, but they have a "perfect highway" on their outside surfaces where electrons can travel completely unimpeded, with zero resistance. Additional spin benefits!!!

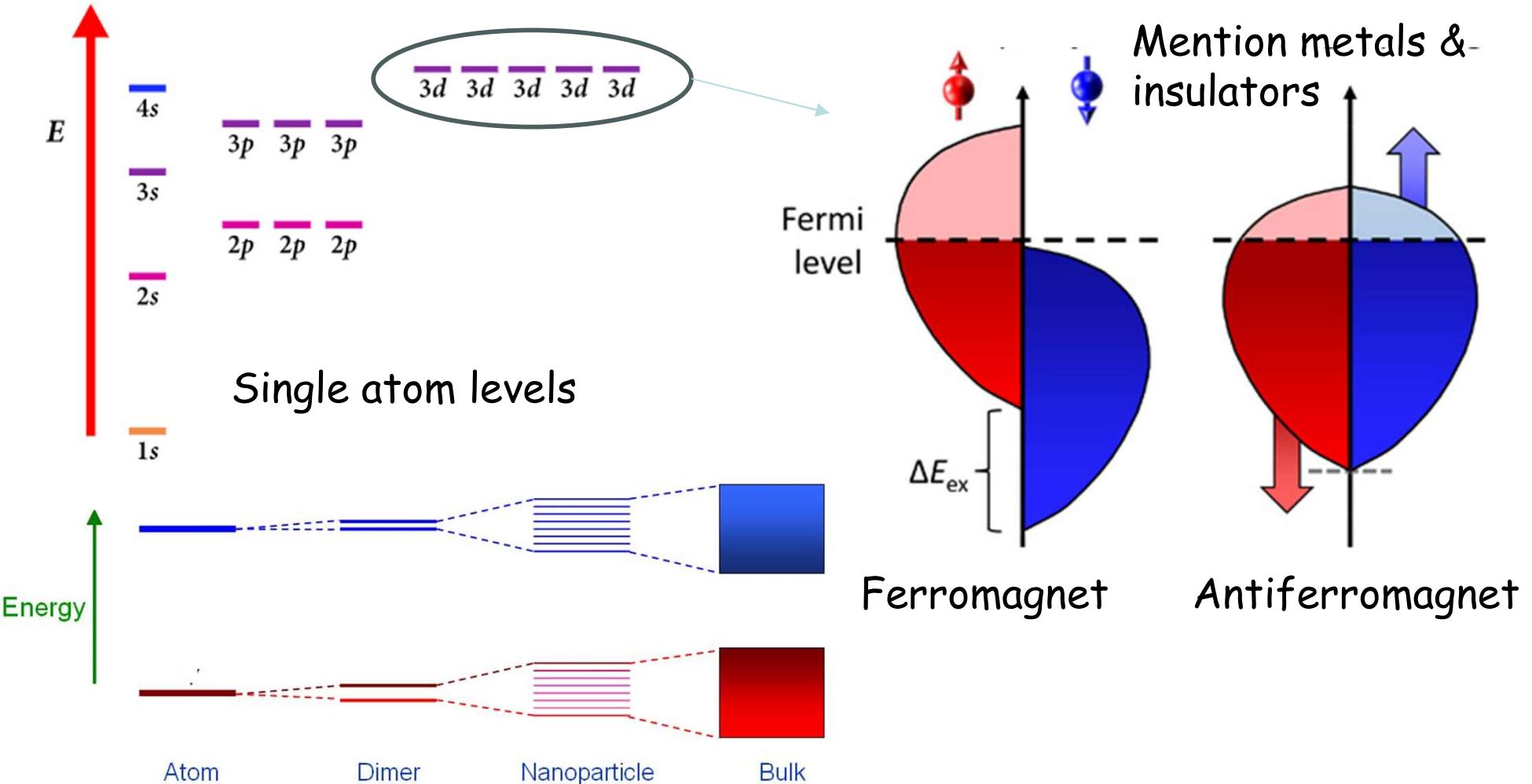
Yttrium iron garnet [YIG, $\text{Y}_3\text{Fe}_5\text{O}_{12}$]

- Ferrimagnetic insulator famous for its ultra-low magnetic energy loss and coherent spin-wave propagation
- High Curie temperature of approximately 560 K to 600 K



In materials these levels become bands of potential energies.

And these bands can be different for spin up/down.



My imperfect understanding of altermagnets is that they look like ferromagnets, BUT which directions is more energetically favorable (lower) depends on which way they are moving. This could be important for advanced circuits!