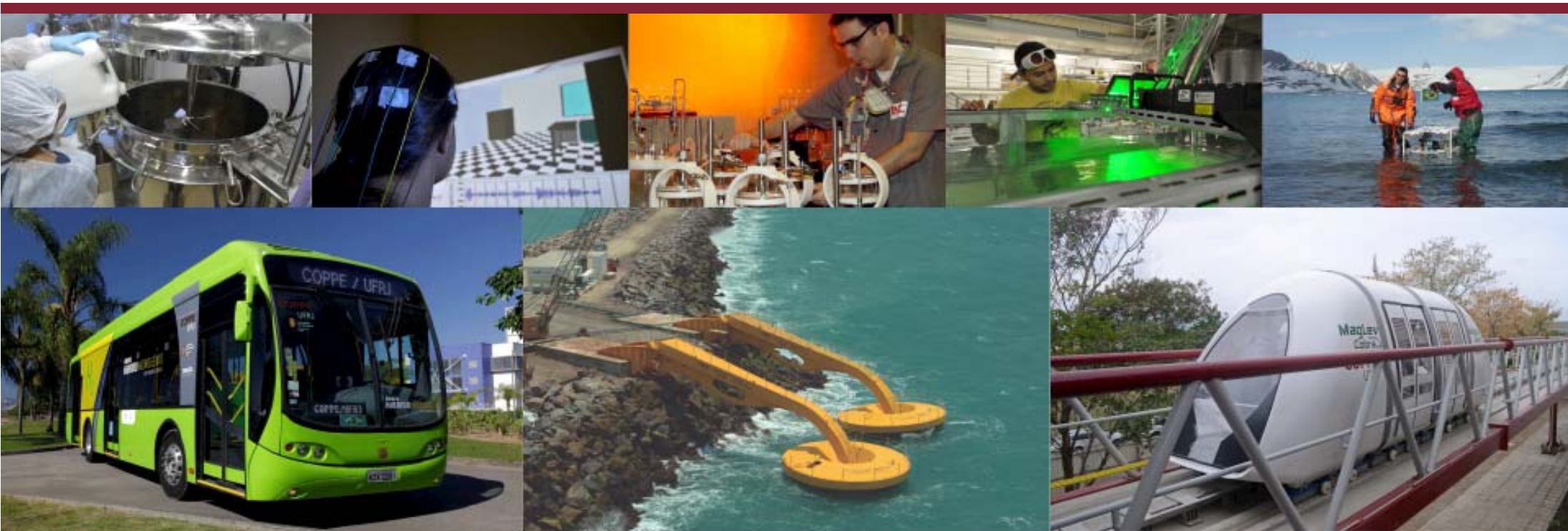


Some basic concepts on creativity and innovation

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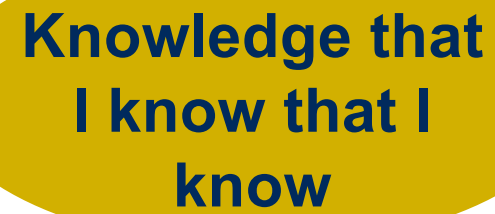
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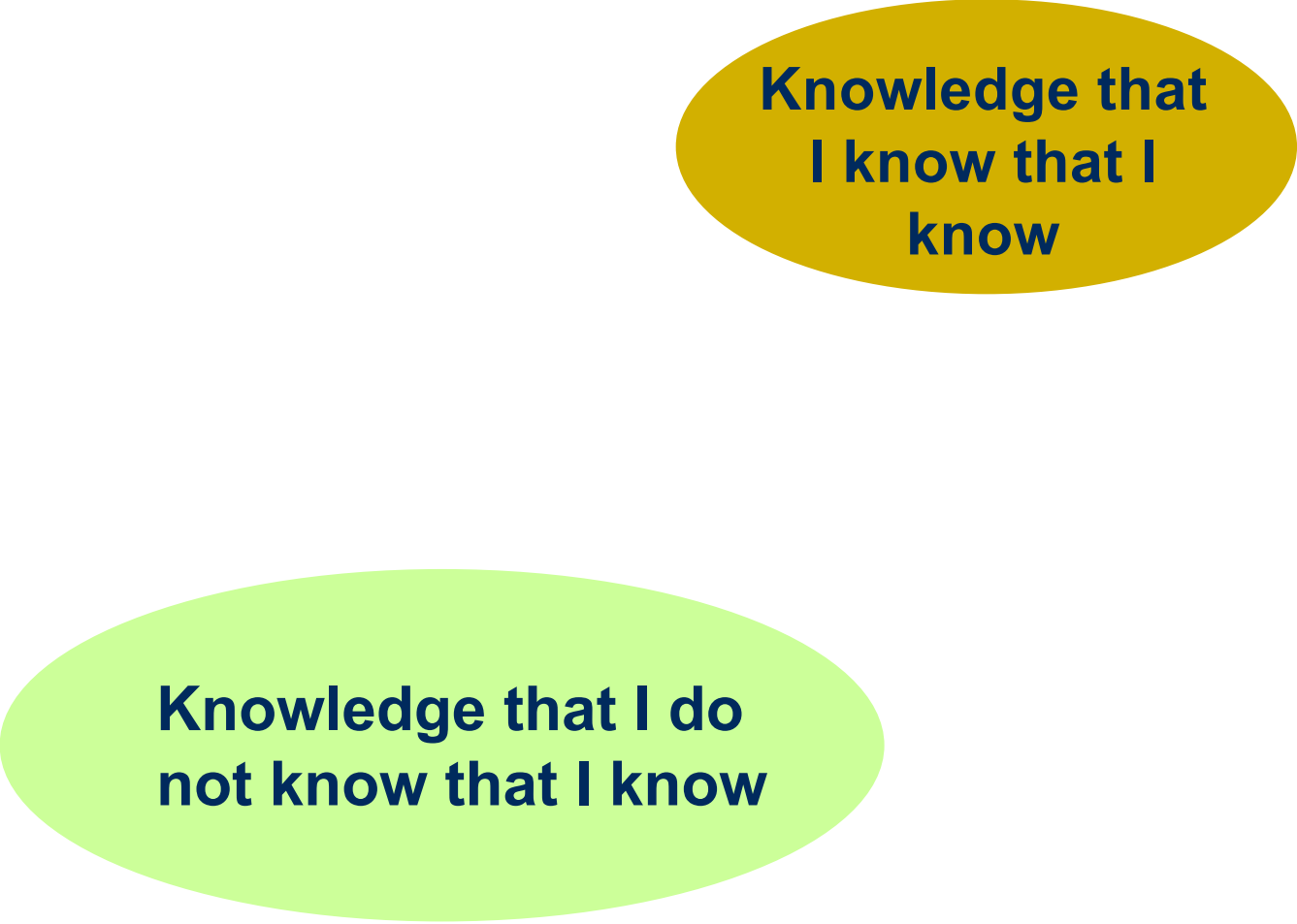
To be create it is important to know the
“Knowledge Sets”

The First Knowledge Set



**Knowledge that
I know that I
know**

The Second Knowledge Set



**Knowledge that
I know that I
know**

**Knowledge that I do
not know that I know**

The Third Knowledge Set

I know that I do not know

**I know that I
know**

I do not know that I know

This red background makes us remember anxiety, nervousness,... and we tend to put this set as the most important knowledge set, but it is not.

The Fourth Knowledge Set

I know that I don't know

**I know that I
know**

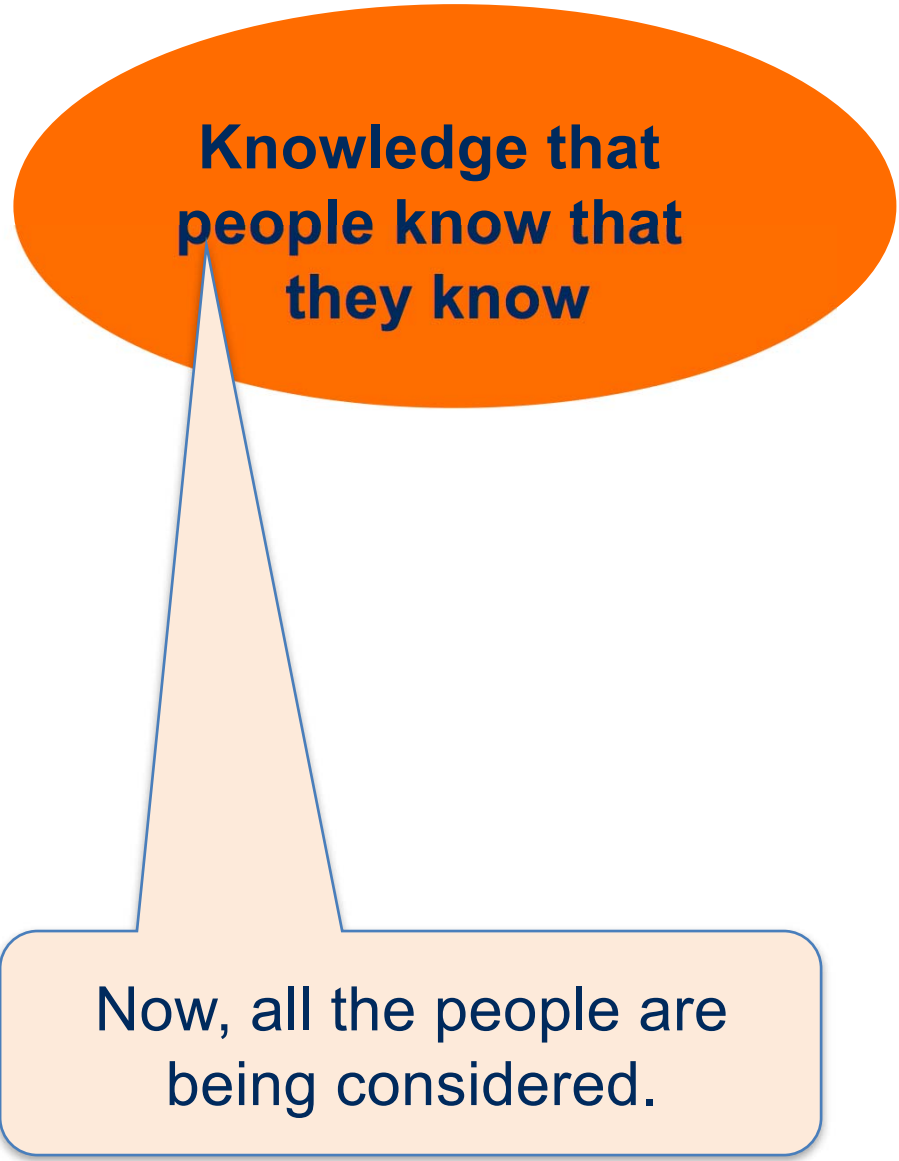
I don't know that I know

I don't know that I don't know

Question:

How the knowledge move between these sets?

Under Graduation Course



**Knowledge that
people know that
they know**

Now, all the people are
being considered.

Under Graduation Course

The diagram consists of an orange oval at the top containing the text 'Knowledge that people know that they know'. A small yellow dot is at the top of this oval. A blue arrow points from this dot to a blue box containing the text 'Each individual set of knowledge that "he knows that he knows"'. A light orange arrow points from the bottom of the orange oval to a light orange box containing the text 'Now, all the people are being considered.'.

**Knowledge that
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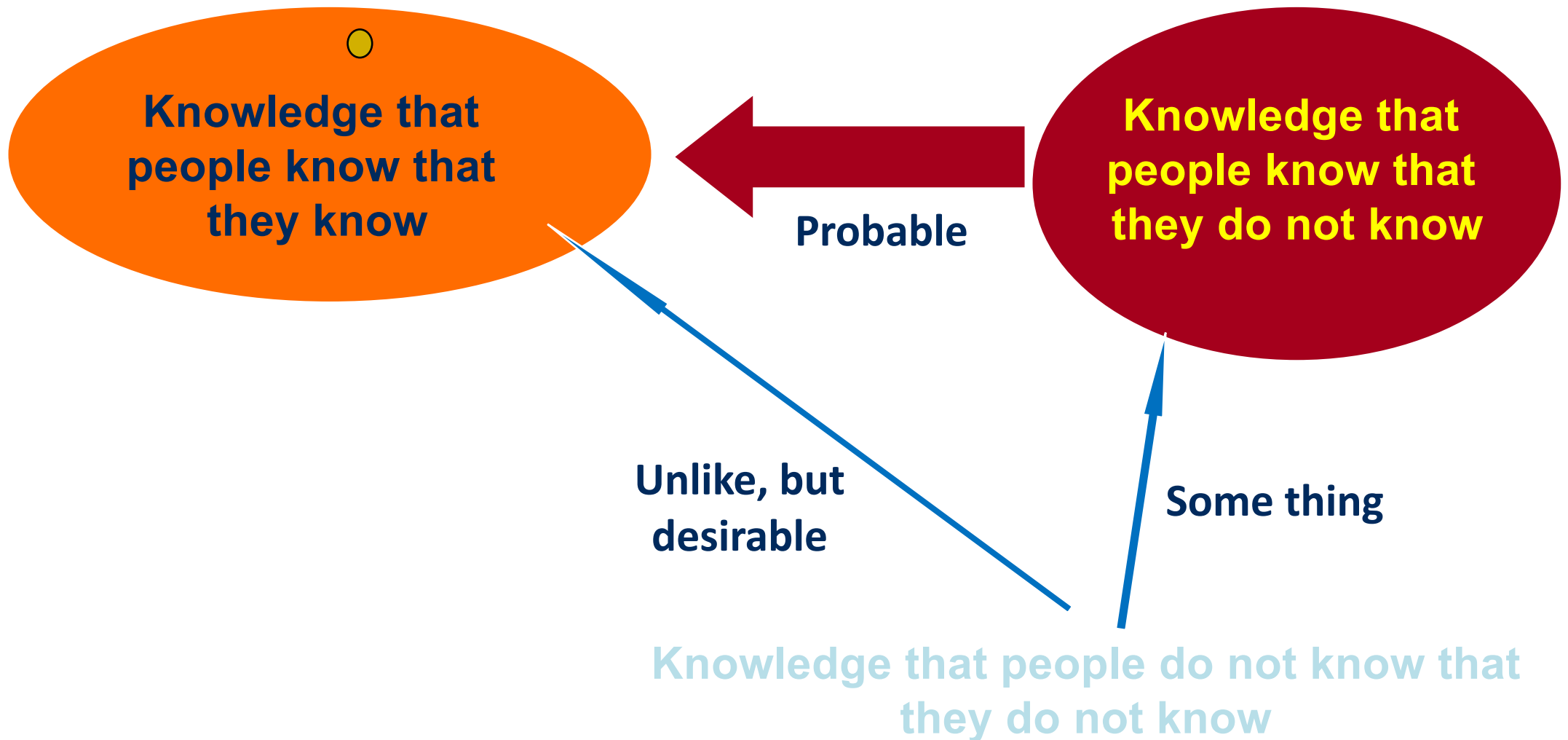
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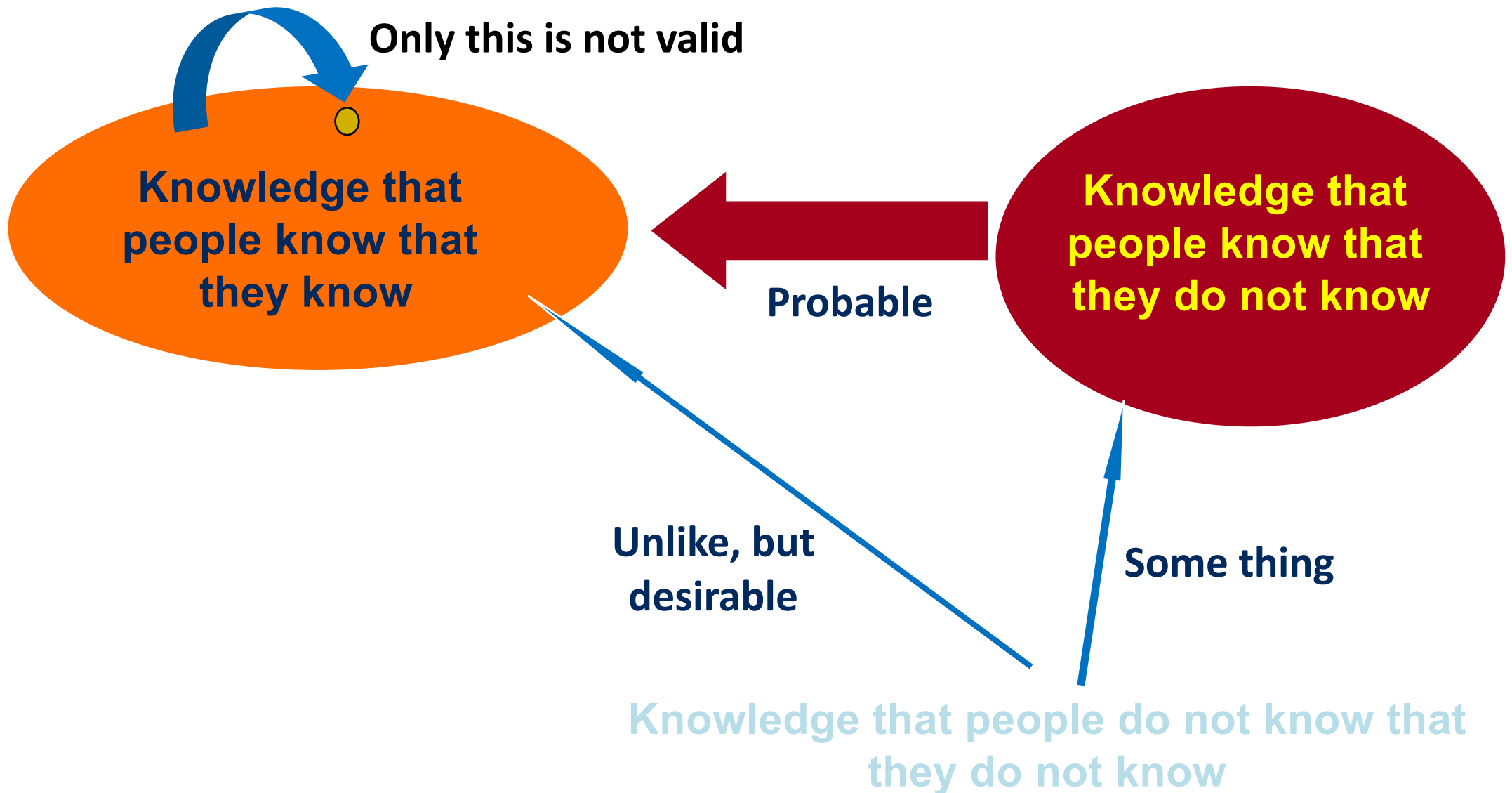


- The objective is to teach the students some **already consolidated knowledge**: they can be found in **books, magazines, journals, internet, teacher's mind**, etc.

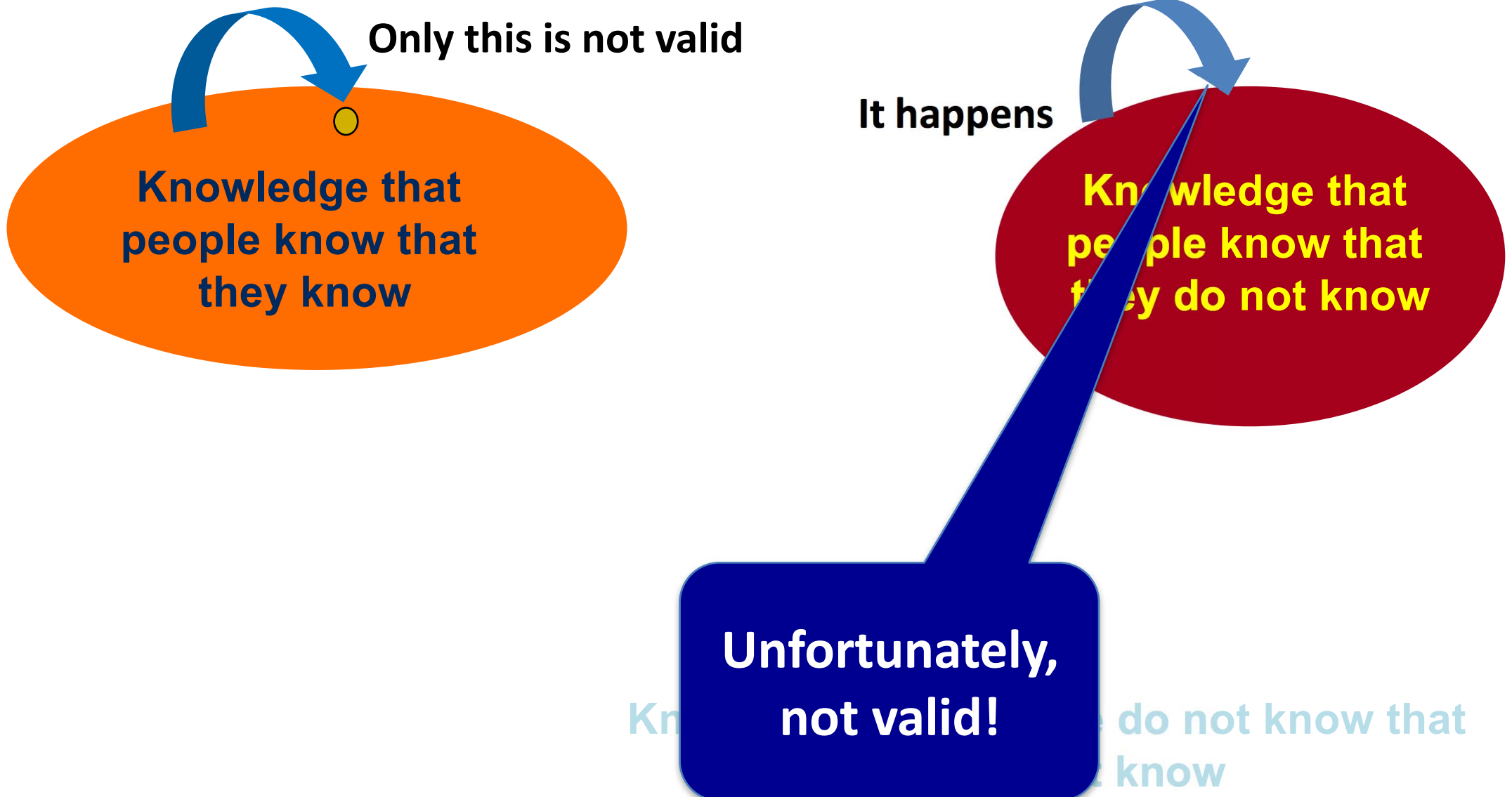
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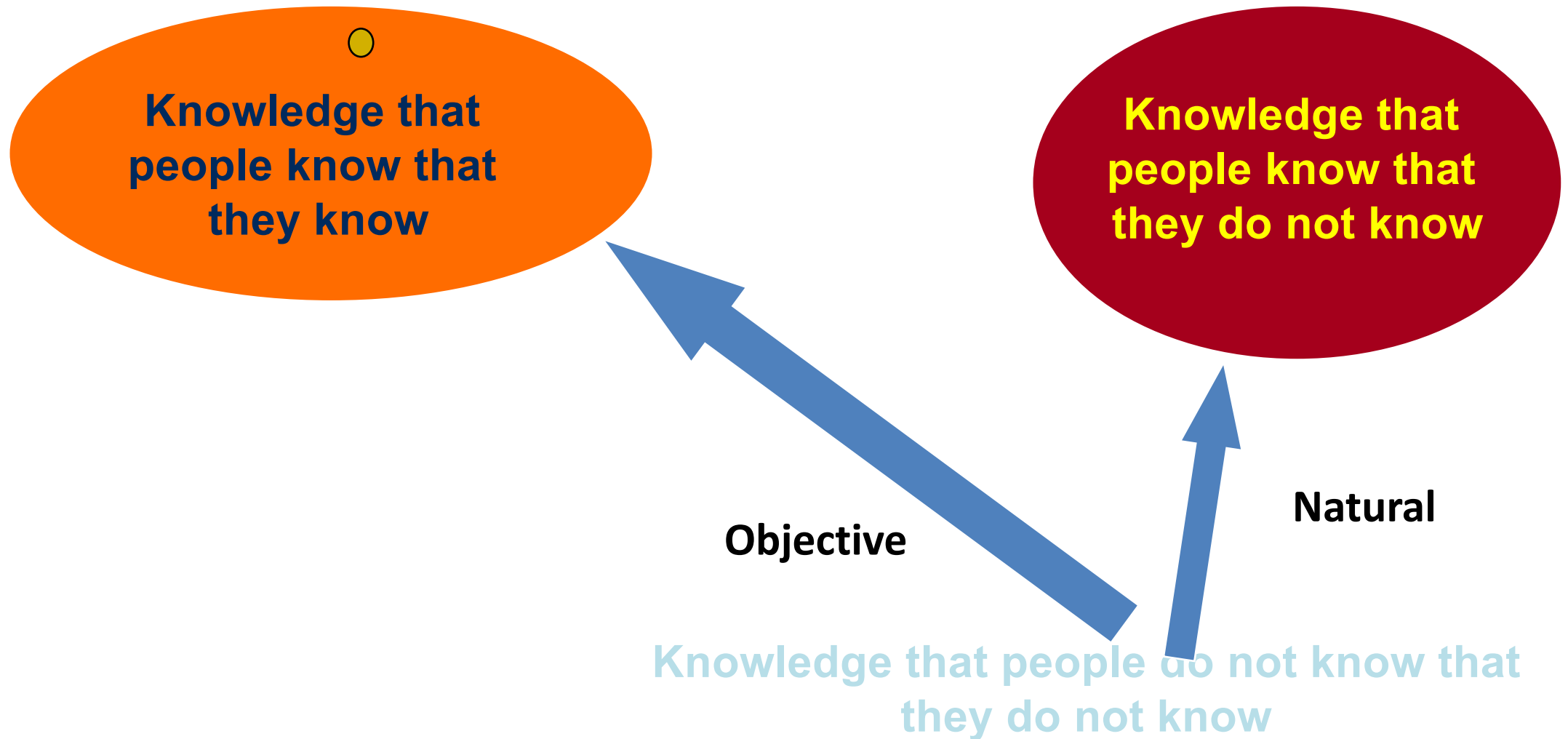
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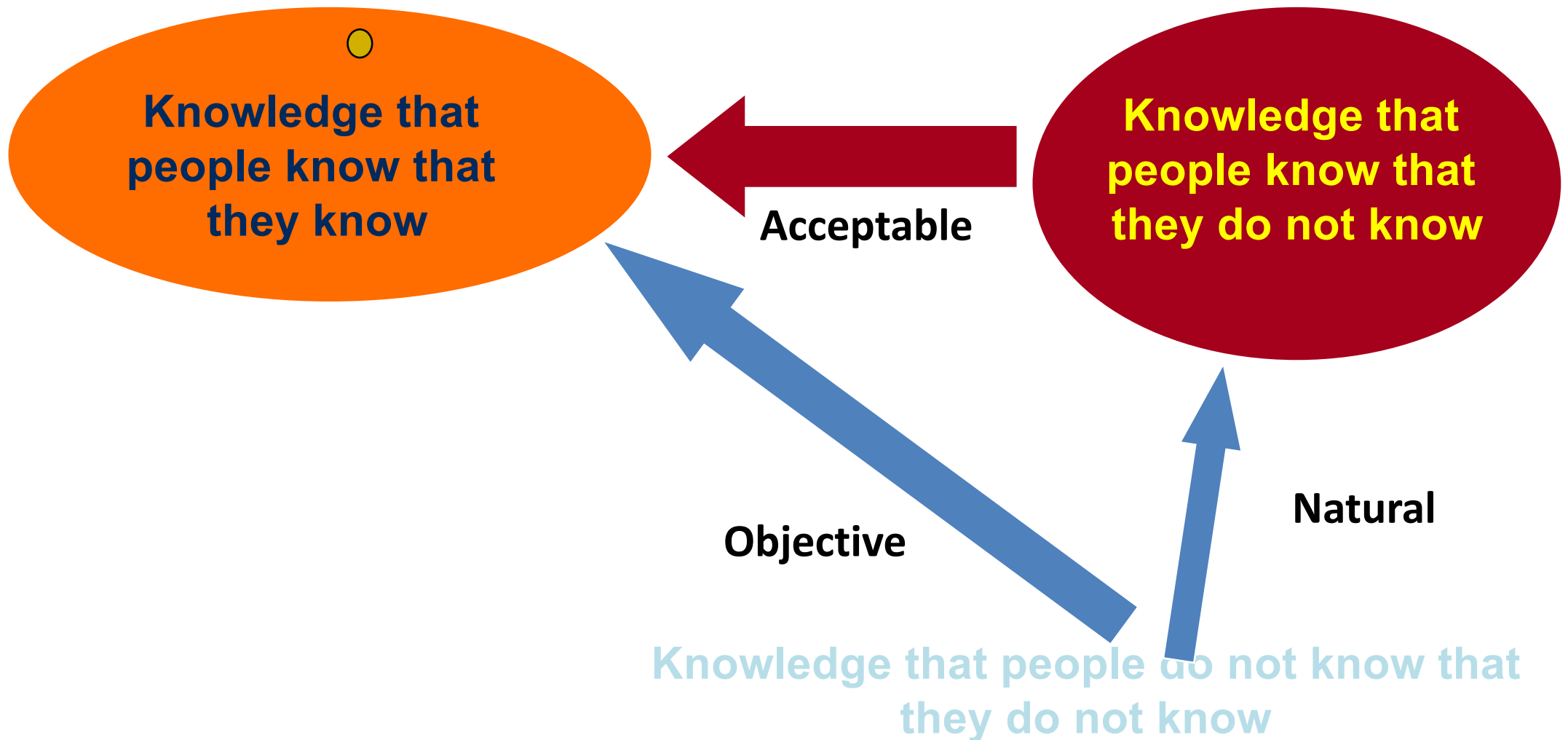
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Doctor Course



Doctor Course



Under Graduation and Graduated Courses

Under Graduation Courses:

- Teach **already consolidated knowledge**

Graduated Courses:

- Prepare the student to **discover problems**
- **Find solutions or explanations**
- Be **daring and creative**
- Be **undisciplined** (do not follow the discipline:
be **interdisciplinary** or **multidisciplinary**)
- The doctor student should “**surprise the supervisor**”

Student curiosity:

Could you tell me what is in the set of knowledge that

“People do not know that they do not know”?

An classical problem example that we did not know we did not know:



Isaac Newton
1643-1727

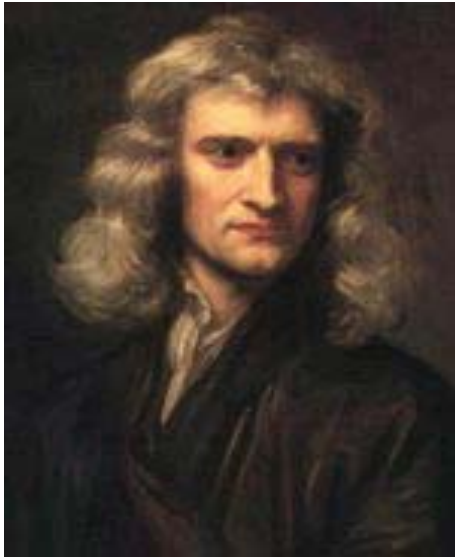


Imagine an apple falling on
Newton.



Newton (version 2018)

An classical problem example that we did not know we did not know:



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An falling apple...

Is this phenomenon a
problem?

A problem that deserves to be
solved?



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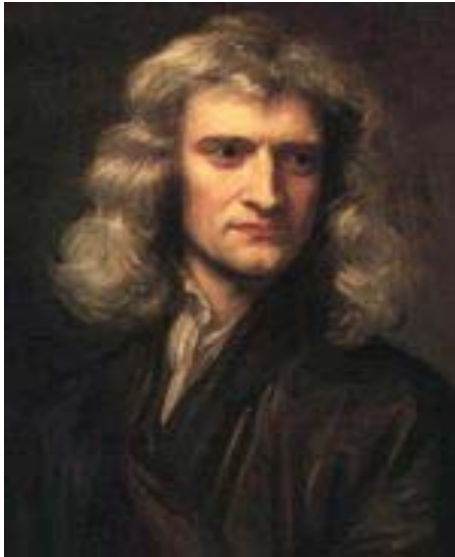


Is this phenomenon a problem?
How about if it were a jackfruit?



Newton (version 2018)

Um exemplo clássico de um problema que nem sabíamos que não sabíamos:



Isaac Newton
1643-1727



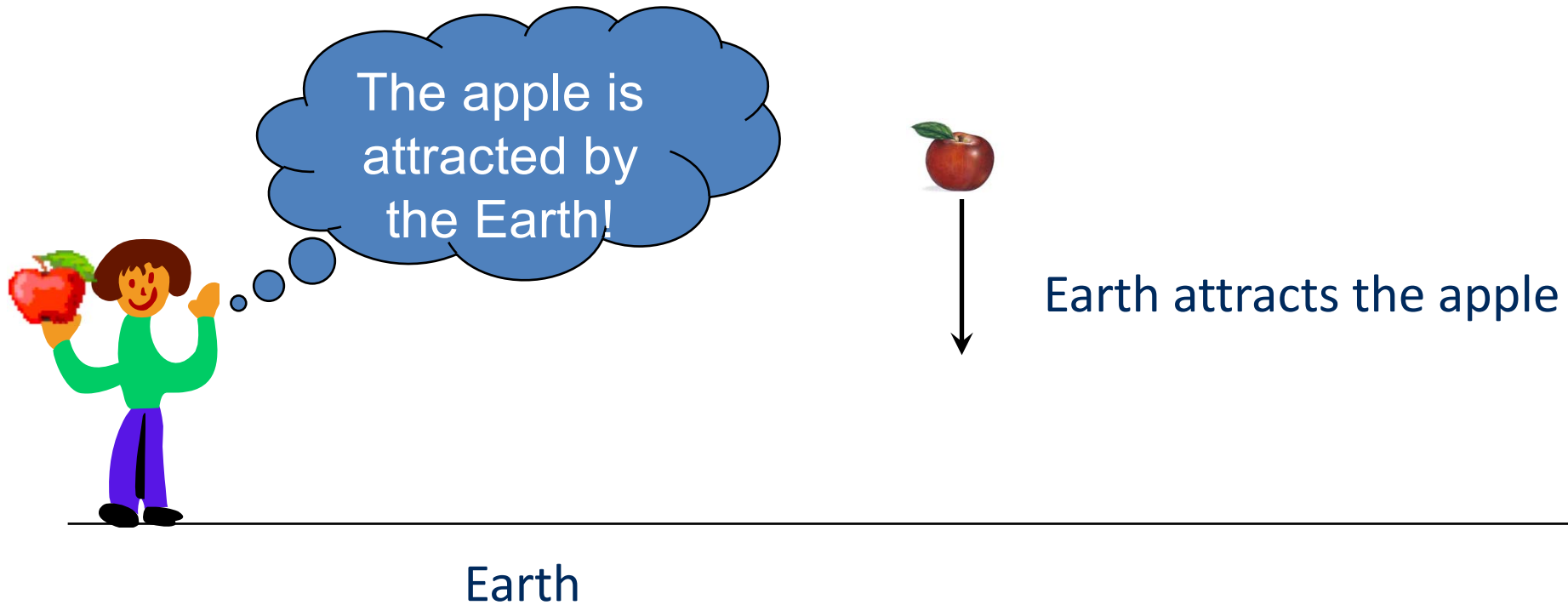
For the majority, this phenomenon is not a problem.

But, for Newton it was.

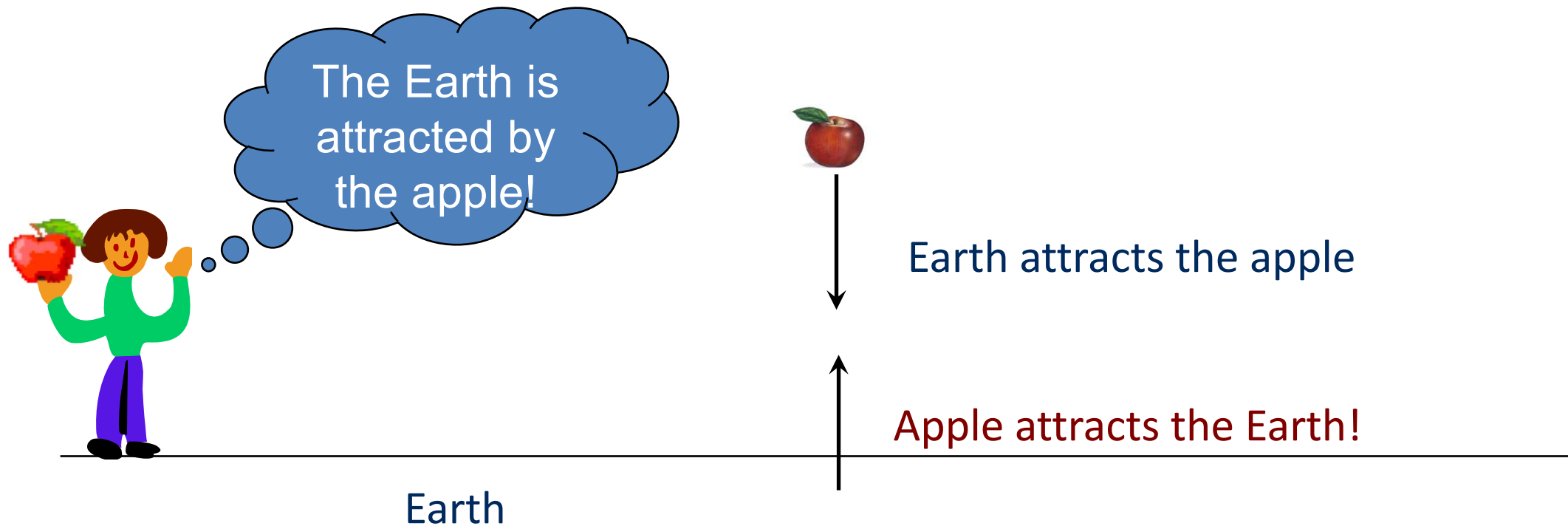


Newton (version 2014)

A Genius Vision 1



A Genius Vision 2



And, from this, Newton proposed the Law of the Universal Gravitation.
He started all this at the age of 21 years!

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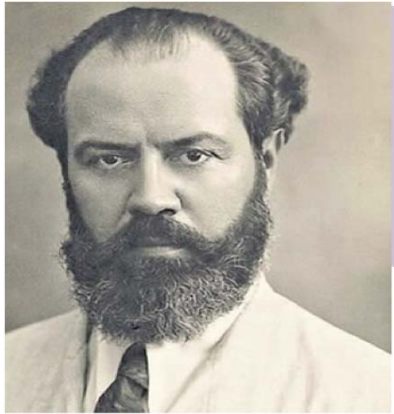
**“DE ONDE MENOS SE ESPERA É QUE
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**“From where we do not expect anything is from where nothing will
come out”**

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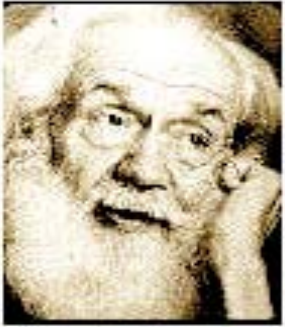


1895 - 1971

**“DE ONDE MENOS SE ESPERA É QUE
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Apparício Fernando de Brinkerhoff Torelly, who self proclaimed **Duke of Itararé**, in October 1930.

Baron of Itararé



Soon after he self proclaimed **Duke of Itararé**, he self degraded his title to **Baron of Itararé**.
(As a proof of modesty.)

It is important **to know the size of your ego** and **improve your curriculum**.

Conclusion

- There are things that we do not know that we do not know;
 - You should doubt everything (**Including professor**);
 - You should look for problems and solutions;
 - You should be convincing;
 - You should publish what you discover or discover what can be published to improve your curriculum.
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- These points should be good for a good professional life!

Curiosity

➤ Dunning–Kruger effect:

“**High ability** people mistakenly assess their ability as smaller than it is or **high ability people tend to be unconfident when facing a new problem.**”

“**Low ability** people mistakenly assess their ability as higher than it is or **low ability people tend to be confident when facing an old problem.**” (And ignore new problems).

Curiosity

➤ Scientific American (blog published 15 August 2018):

“Unknown Unknowns: The Problem of **Hypocognition**”

➤ “**Hypocognition** means the lack of a linguistic or cognitive representation for an object, category, or idea.”

➤ “**It is difficult to see the culture we inhabit from only within.**”

https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/unknown-unknowns-the-problem-of-hypocognition/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly-review&utm_content=link&utm_term=2018-08-15_featured-this-week

INNOVATION

*One of our objective should be to **transform science in product**, if possible, an **innovation**.*

So, what is innovation?

Science and Innovation

Innovation:

- It is not a good idea, a concept,...
- It is not a paper, a thesis,...
- Even a patent is not an innovation.

However, **innovation can be any of these things if it works and is approved by the market.** (Generally, it needs lot of sweat added).

Science and Innovation

Science transforms money in knowledge.

Innovation transforms knowledge in money.

Mario Borges, CNPq President

Innovator / Entrepreneur

**An innovator / entrepreneur has to learn:
how to make things happen.**

Requirement:

- **Courage**
- **Daring**
- **Flexible...**

Akio Morita (1926 – 1999)



He was an innovator (1950 - 1990)

- **Radio on battery that would fit in the pocket of the shirt (1957)**
- Transistor **TV** ('60)
- Betamax System for video ('80)
- **Walkman** ('80)
- **Discman** ('90)

*The value of thesis, papers, patents better appear if they are transformed in **innovation**.*

Are we doing it correctly?

*It is worth to remember the **TRL** concept or **Technology Readiness Level**.*

(Invention by NASA)

TRL Scale

Death Valley

Doctor Theses,
paper, patent...

TRL 9	"Flight proven" actual system in successful mission
TRL 8	Actual system tested and "flight qualified" through tests and demonstrations
TRL 7	Prototype demonstration in actual environment
TRL 6	System or subsystem or prototype demonstration in relevant environment
TRL 5	Prototype or component validation in relevant environment
TRL 4	Prototype or component validation in laboratorial environment
TRL 3	Analytical and experimental proof of the concepts
TRL 2	Technological concepts or application formulated
TRL 1	Basic principle observed and reported

TRL and Innovation

Death Valley

Doctor Theses

TRL 9

TRL 8

TRL 7

TRL 6

TRL 5

TRL 4

TRL 3

TRL 2

TRL 1

How to climb this scale?

Innovators

Scientists

What a difference S,T&I makes?

Product	US\$ / ton	
<i>Iron ore</i>	70	Low S,T&I content!
<i>Soy bean (Johana Dobereiner)</i>	350	
<i>Coffee (natural)</i>	2.000	
<i>Coffee (in capsules)</i>	200.000	With S,T&I
<i>iPhone</i>	5.000.000 (1 iPhone = US\$700)	
<i>Embraer 190 E2 (This one we export)</i>	2.000.000 (1 plane: US\$60.000.000)	

Inspired in a speech by Prof. Weber Figueiredo, CEFET

*Let us put some attention on **innovation**?*

Be alert to the set of knowledges that
we even know that we do not know.

Do not copy and paste!

Remember:

“Knowledge has no limit” (Workshop de PG de Botucatu)

Be an innovator!

Good luck!

Thank you!

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