

EMPOWERING YOUNG SCIENTISTS AND PROMOTING A CREATIVE RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

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We all want to perform creative research! But what exactly is creativity? In what sorts of research environments does creativity thrive? What sort of leadership and management promotes creativity and synergistic interactions in a research group? How do we promote creativity in young scientists and help them develop into independent thinkers? There are no standard “right” answers to these questions.

In my presentation I will share some thoughts on these topics. They do not represent “a single truth”, but should be viewed as a source of inspiration and a starting point for discussions. I believe we need to think about these vital issues regularly, discuss them with our coworkers and constantly reevaluate how we work and interact. Thereby, we hopefully take a small step closer to research environments that stimulate and enthuse the next generation of scientists.