

Time management

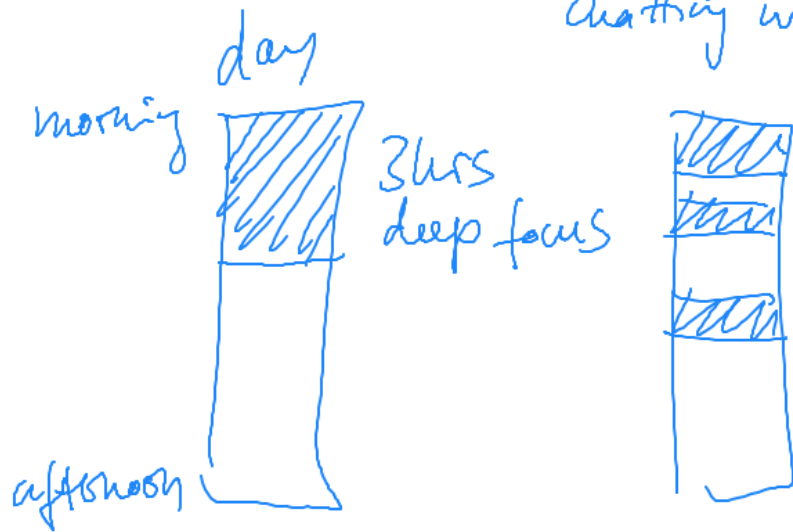
≤ 40 hrs/week, 5 days a week

deep focus activities: coding, writing, thinking, calculating, supervision of early-career students

moderate focus: supervision of advanced students, teaching, teaching prep, listening to most talks, planning

shallow focus: paperwork, emails, colloquia outside my specialty, meetings (administrative type), chatting with colleagues, group meetings

morning
reading papers



long/medium term planning

- paper: learning techniques, analysis, what is the result?
learning to write well,

if proficient: 1 paper \approx 1 year

does not apply to first paper!!! (\sim 2 years or more)

- 1 year has 10 months. (work-months)

Freetime is super important!

Postdoc prep

- postdoc position should not be with PhD group
 - ↳ publish a few papers (at least 1) without your PhD supervisor
 - ↳ some funders make that a requirement!
- Learn something new in postdoc
also: hone your skills from PhD
- conferences, info from supervisor
- make contact → give a seminar?
 - supervisor invites one of the other group at current institute?
 - research visit?
- application cycle → fall (US-based)
 - ask ~~that~~ groups that you have made contact with

Conference interactions

- specific person / talk of interest
 - email ca. 1 week beforehand, suggest a short chat
- question after a talk → online: send direct message ~~of~~ on Slack
→ real life: send email,
- real life / online poster sessions with avatars (gather town)
poster interaction: "could you walk me through your poster"
- real life small talk: "Hi, I think we haven't met; I'm XYZ from ABC university, nice to meet you"
 - what do you work on? → not your field: say so, ask about the current big questions
 - ask about their home institute.