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Keynote:

The power of learning analytics  
to visualise evidence of learning

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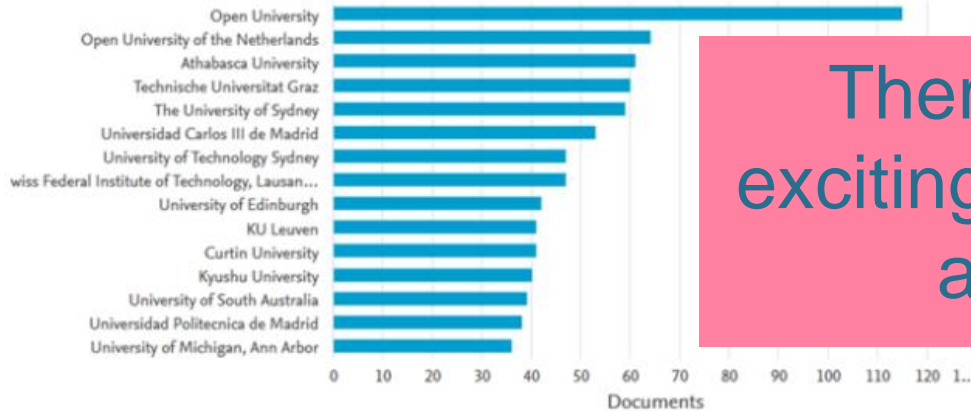
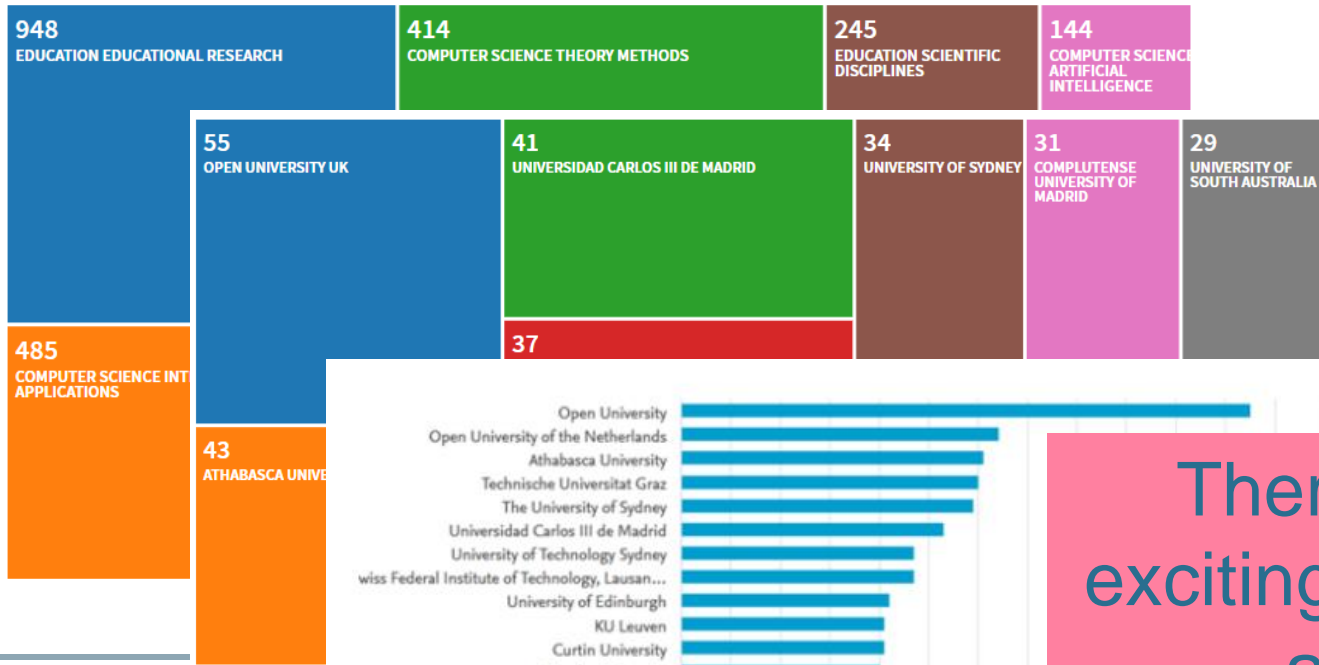
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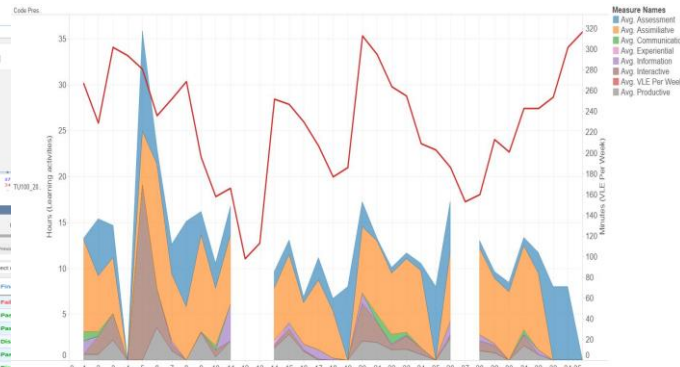
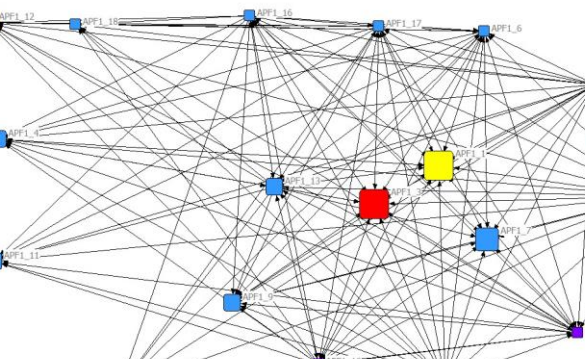


There is too much exciting stuff happening at the OU!!!



# Agenda

1. What is learning analytics?
2. Exemplar 1: How do we know that people have learned from Learning From Incidents?
3. Exemplar 2: Can we track how good learners are in search-skills?
4. Exemplar 3: Can we predict what is a good learning design?
5. What are the main affordances and limitations of Ed Tech in terms of data?



# Reflection



feedback on group performance  
choose indicators

# Monitoring Visualization-Dashboard



## Learning Analytics:

e.g. time spent, areas of interest, usage of resources, participation rates, correlation with grades

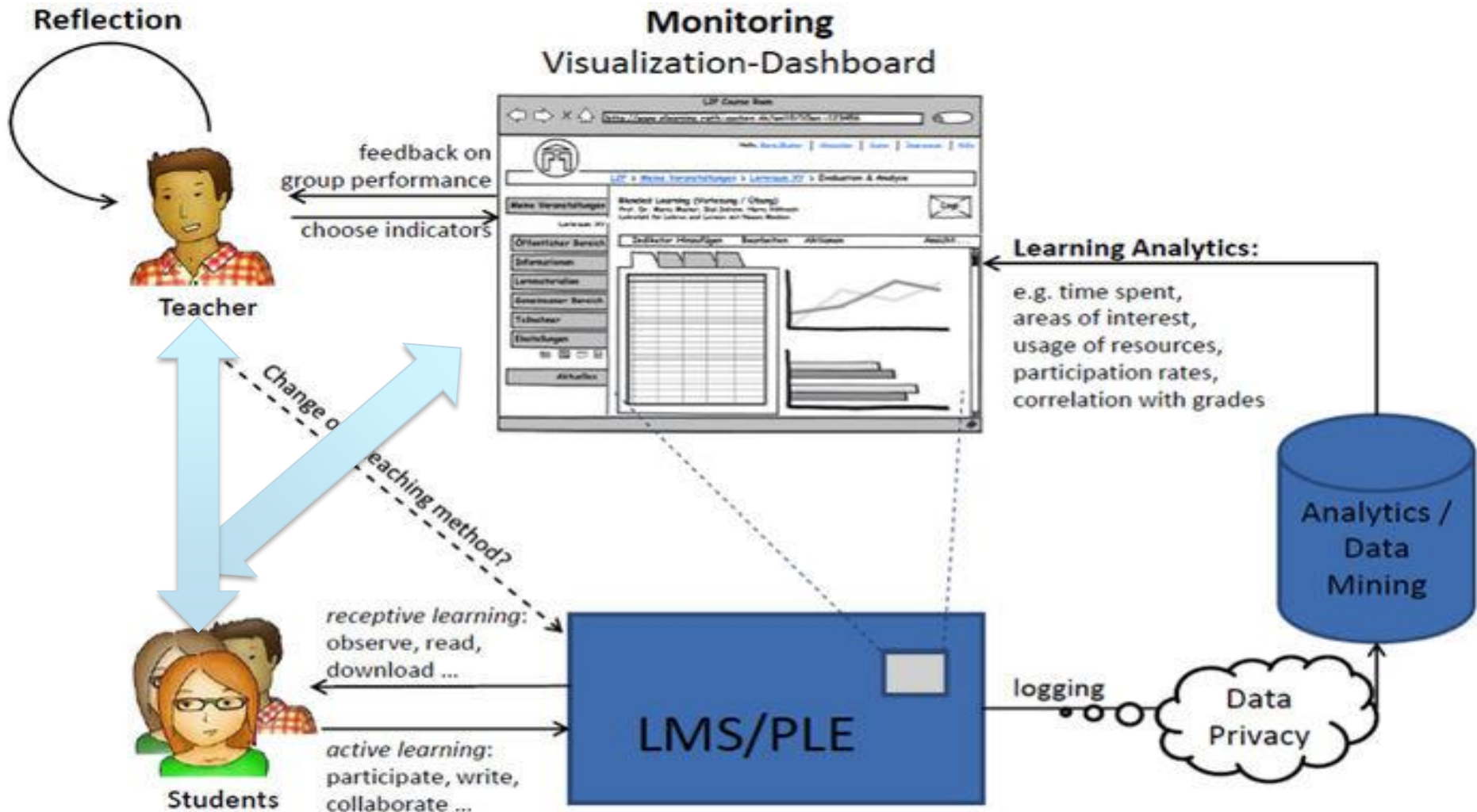
Change of e-teaching method?

receptive learning: observe, read, download ...  
active learning: participate, write, collaborate ...

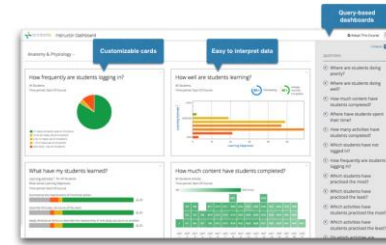
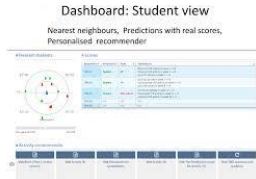


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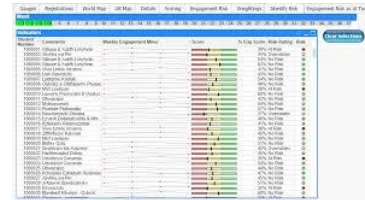
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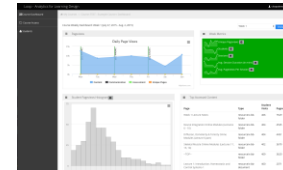
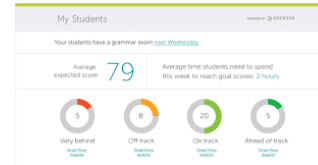
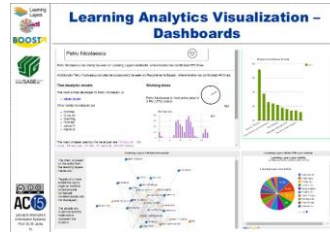
## Learning Analytics Dashboards



## STUDENT ACTIVITY METER



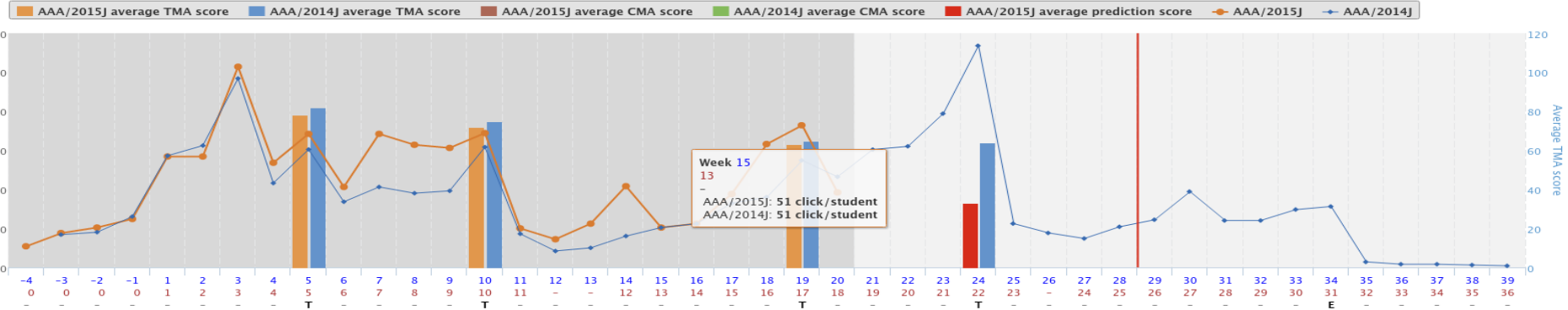
## Course Signal



# AAA 2015J - Week 20

Time machine (choose week):

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Student PI	Name	TMA	Risk of non-submission	Next TMA prediction	Next TMA grade prediction	Risk of Failure	Final result prediction	Final result
A0000194	Flores Joseph	71 NS NS	Not submit	Not Submit	Fail	Fail: no resit		
A0000251	Taylor Raymond	76 84 72	Submit	Fail	At risk	Pass		
A0000305	Thomas George	98 98 90	Not submit	Not Submit	At risk	Pass		
A0000511	Allen Patrick	97 97 95	Submit	Fail	Pass	Distinction		
A0000653	Jones Robert	95 94 88	Submit	Fail	Pass	Pass		
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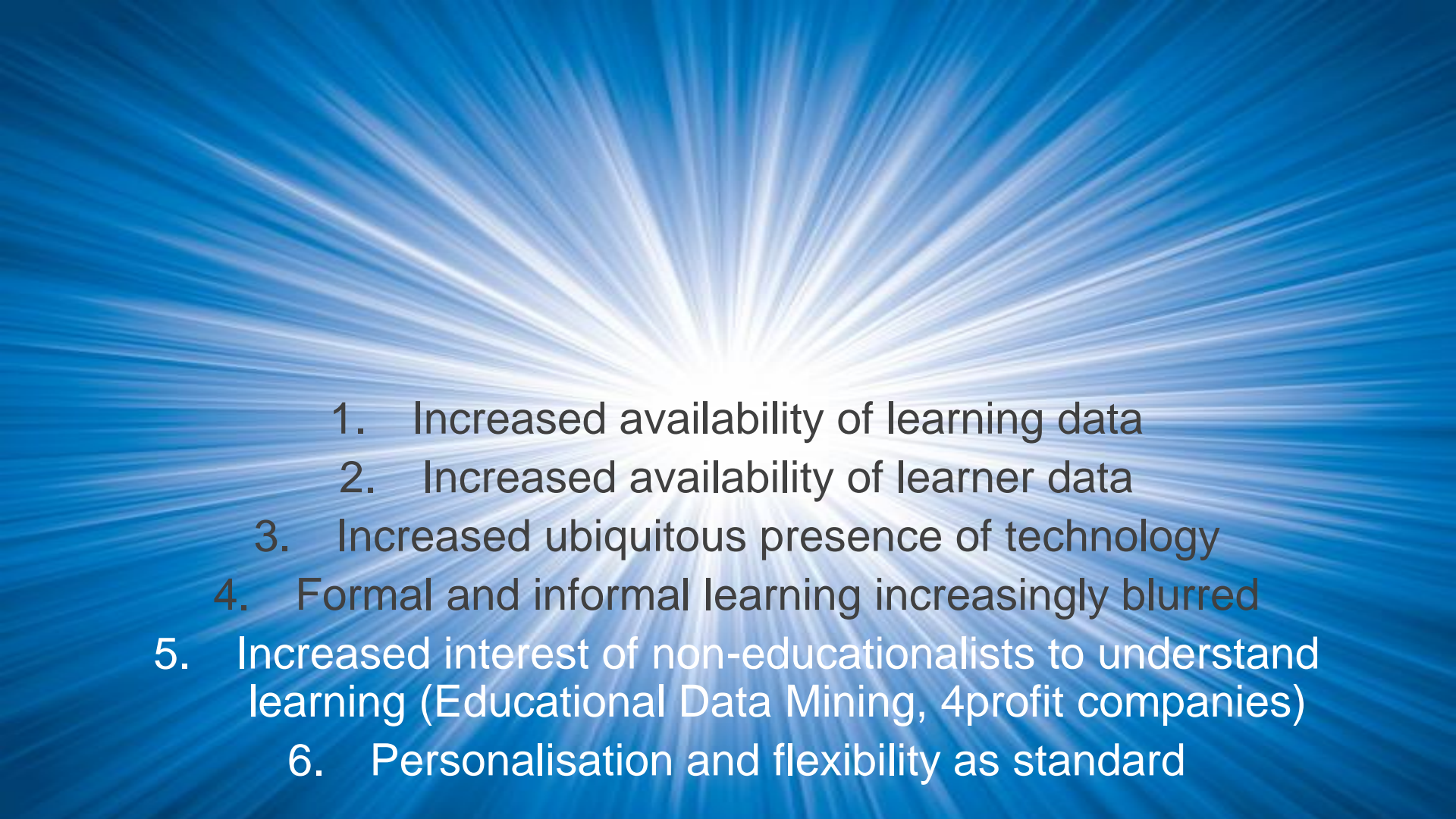
Prof Paul Kirschner (OU NL)

“Learning analytics: Utopia or dystopia”, LAK 2016 conference



*“I’m searching for my keys.”*

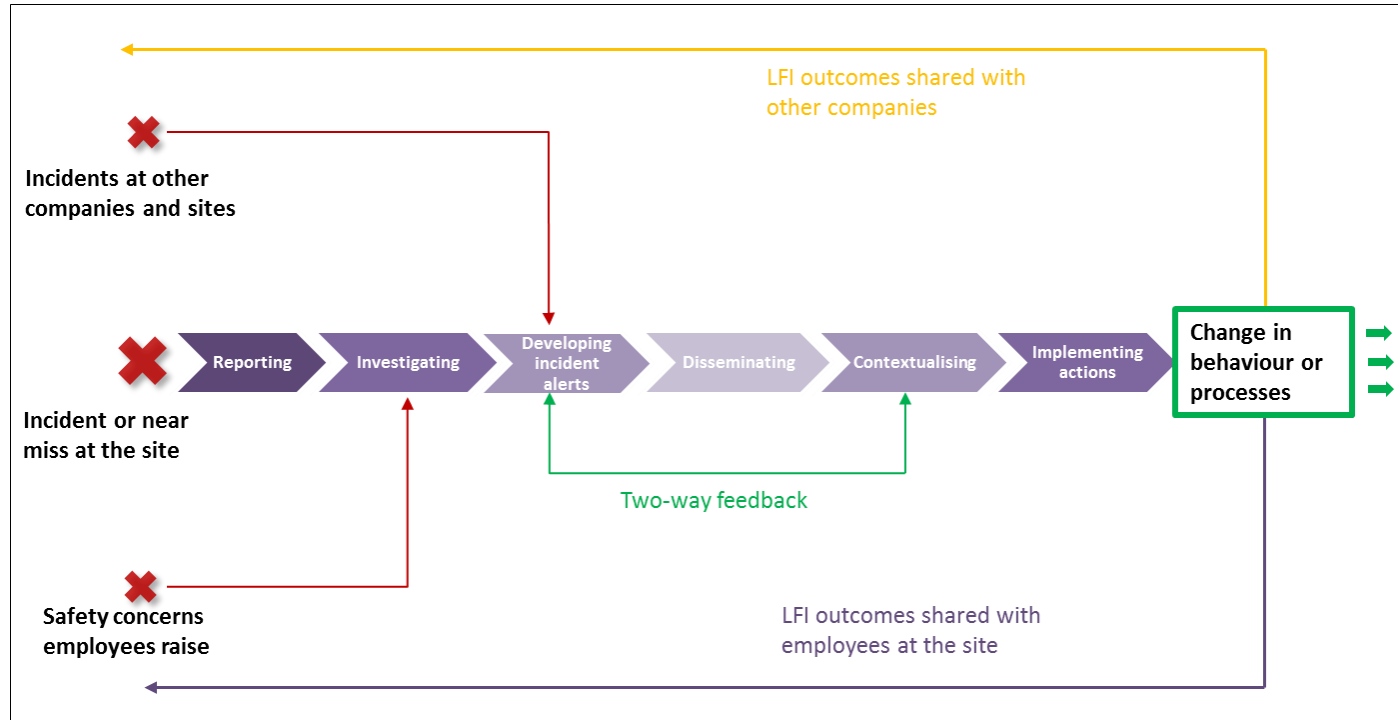


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1. Increased availability of learning data
  2. Increased availability of learner data
  3. Increased ubiquitous presence of technology
  4. Formal and informal learning increasingly blurred
  5. Increased interest of non-educationalists to understand learning (Educational Data Mining, 4profit companies)
  6. Personalisation and flexibility as standard

# Exemplar 1: How do we know that people have learned from Learning From Incidents?



# The Learning from Incidents (LFI) Process

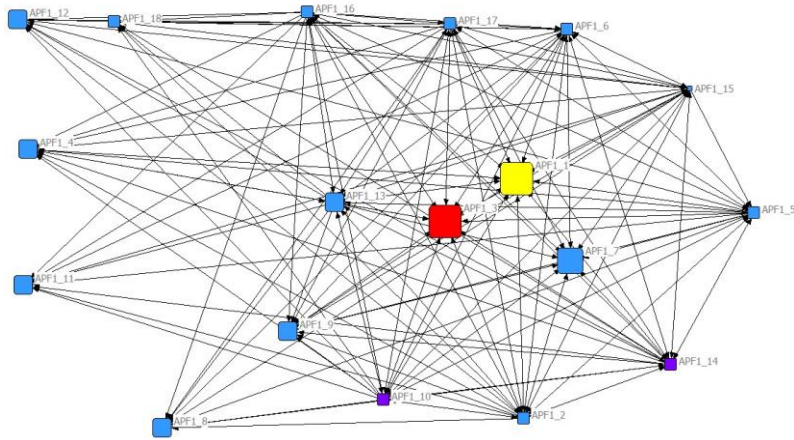


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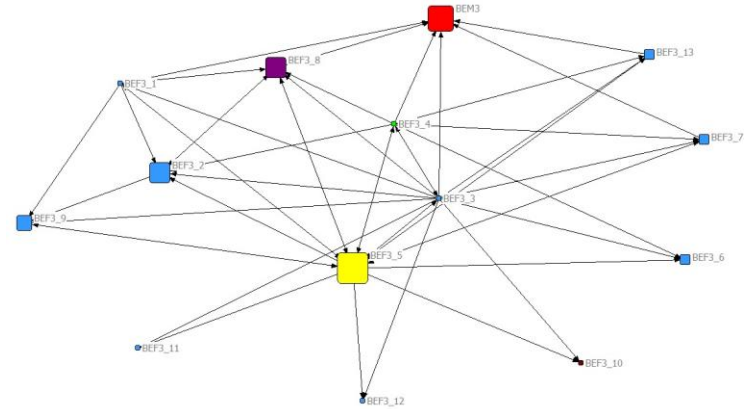
# Networks in LFI: Disseminating and contextualising information



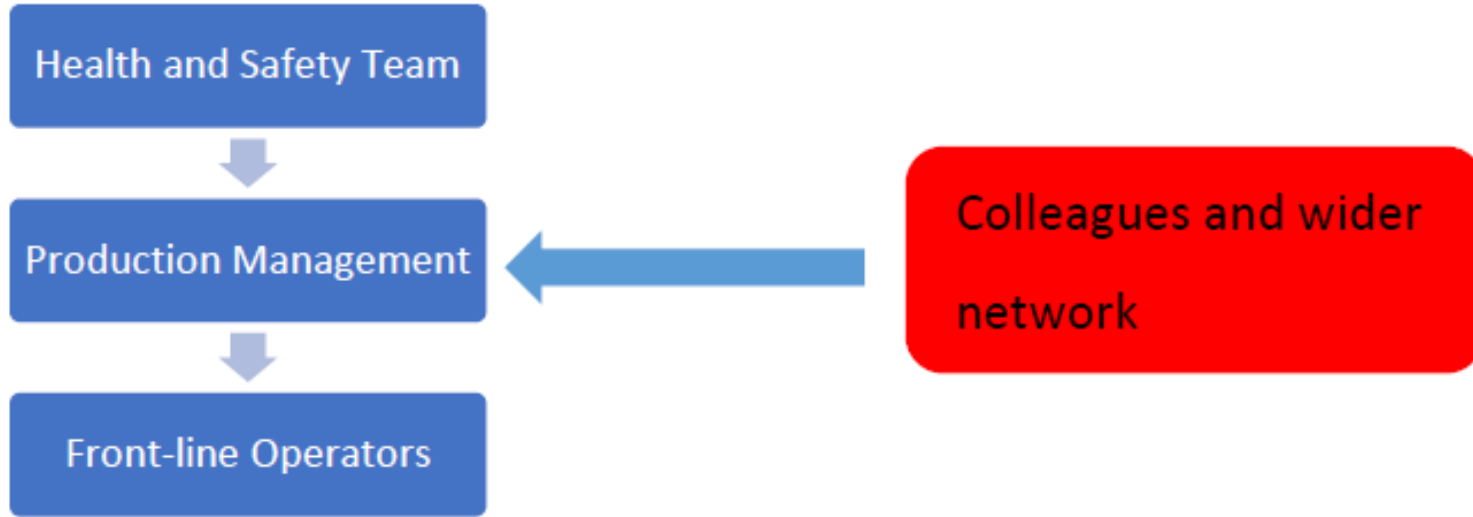
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# Barriers to Learning: Receiving irrelevant information



## Barriers to Learning: Team supervisor as a facilitator

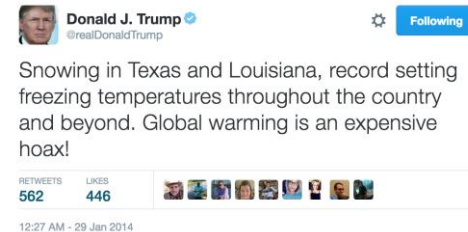
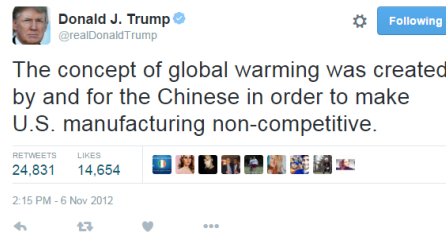


*“Well the general format is the manager will stand there and I'd say read directly off a slide on a screen and then say right I just gave you that brief... Not that there is any understanding there.”*

# Exemplar 2: Are students well skilled in..... searching the internet?



- Across the globe people are assumed to have good internet searching skills
- However, recently there is a debate whether this is actually the case?
- In particular, some have raised concerns about a widely used self-report instrument called Internet-Specific Epistemic Questionnaire (ISEQ)?
- Are students well skilled in searching the internet?
- (How would you set up a design to test this?)



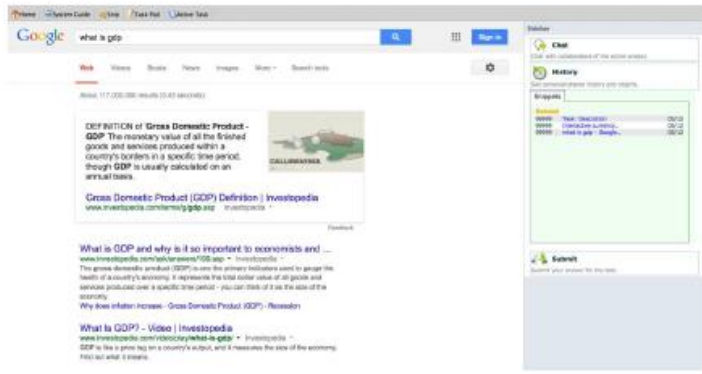
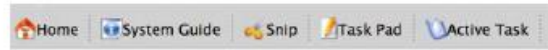


Figure 8.1:

Figure 8.2:



Figures 8.3 (left):

Figure 8.4 (right):



- Lab study whereby 269 students worked in dyads on complex red yeast rice case
- We monitored which websites they visited (and which they did not)
- We analysed chat data and final dyad answer to government advice





**Table 4**  
Illustrative examples of pages used and visited.

rank	url	project count	% visited	% used	used rank	Website type
1	<a href="http://www.medicinenet.com/red_yeast_rice_and_cholesterol/article.htm">http://www.medicinenet.com/red_yeast_rice_and_cholesterol/article.htm</a>	138	89.61	62.99	1	Lay health advice
2	<a href="http://www.webmd.com/cholesterol-management/red-yeast-rice">http://www.webmd.com/cholesterol-management/red-yeast-rice</a>	99	64.29	43.51	4	Lay health advice
3	<a href="http://umm.edu/health/medical/altmed/supplement/red-yeast-rice">http://umm.edu/health/medical/altmed/supplement/red-yeast-rice</a>	90	58.44	56.49	2	
4	<a href="http://www.webmd.com/vitamins-supplements/ingredientmono-925-red%20yeast%20rice%20(%20red%20yeast.aspx?activeingredientid=925&amp;activeingredientname=red%20yeast%20rice%20(%20red%20yeast">http://www.webmd.com/vitamins-supplements/ingredientmono-925-red%20yeast%20rice%20(%20red%20yeast.aspx?activeingredientid=925&amp;activeingredientname=red%20yeast%20rice%20(%20red%20yeast</a>	85	55.19	33.12	6	
5	<a href="http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2009/09/10/why-you-should-avoid-red-rice-yeast.aspx">http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2009/09/10/why-you-should-avoid-red-rice-yeast.aspx</a>	79	51.30	29.22	8	Alternative medicine
6	<a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_yeast_rice">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_yeast_rice</a>	79	51.30	22.08	12	Encyclopedia
7	<a href="http://www.medicinenet.com/red_yeast_rice_and_cholesterol/page4.htm">http://www.medicinenet.com/red_yeast_rice_and_cholesterol/page4.htm</a>	64	41.56	43.51 <sup>2</sup>	3	Lay health advice
8	<a href="http://nccam.nih.gov/health/redyeastrice">http://nccam.nih.gov/health/redyeastrice</a>	63	40.91	36.36	5	Alternative medicine
9	<a href="http://www.mayoclinic.org/drugs-supplements/red-yeast-rice/safety/hrb-20059910">http://www.mayoclinic.org/drugs-supplements/red-yeast-rice/safety/hrb-20059910</a>	59	38.31	24.03	10	Lay health advice
10	<a href="http://www.emedicinehealth.com/drug-red_yeast_rice/article_em.htm">http://www.emedicinehealth.com/drug-red_yeast_rice/article_em.htm</a>	57	37.01	18.83	13	Lay health advice
11	<a href="http://www.medicinenet.com/red_yeast_rice_and_cholesterol/page4.htm#how_safe_are_red_yeast_rice_products">http://www.medicinenet.com/red_yeast_rice_and_cholesterol/page4.htm#how_safe_are_red_yeast_rice_products</a>	57	37.01	25.97	9	
12	<a href="http://www.reuters.com/article/2008/07/09/us-contamination-common-idUSCOL97022820080709">http://www.reuters.com/article/2008/07/09/us-contamination-common-idUSCOL97022820080709</a>	54	35.06	31.17	7	News
13	<a href="http://www.drugs.com/mtm/red-yeast-rice.html">http://www.drugs.com/mtm/red-yeast-rice.html</a>	46	29.87	16.88	14	Lay health advice
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16	<a href="http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginfo/natural/925.html">http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginfo/natural/925.html</a>	35	22.73	23.38 <sup>2</sup>	11	Government advice
17	<a href="http://www.medicinenet.com/red_yeast_rice_and_cholesterol/article.htm#what_is_red_yeast_rice">http://www.medicinenet.com/red_yeast_rice_and_cholesterol/article.htm#what_is_red_yeast_rice</a>	33	21.43	11.69	17	Lay health advice
18	<a href="http://www.webmd.boots.com/cholesterol-management/guide/red-yeast-rice">http://www.webmd.boots.com/cholesterol-management/guide/red-yeast-rice</a>	31	20.13	11.69	18	Lay health advice
19	<a href="http://www.medicinenet.com/red_yeast_rice_and_cholesterol/page5.htm">http://www.medicinenet.com/red_yeast_rice_and_cholesterol/page5.htm</a>	30	19.48	6.49	25	
20	<a href="http://www.nutraingredients-usa.com/Suppliers2/Red-rice-yeast-supplements-raise-contamination-issues">http://www.nutraingredients-usa.com/Suppliers2/Red-rice-yeast-supplements-raise-contamination-issues</a>	29	18.83	11.04	19	Nutrition news

<sup>2</sup> Note, the higher level of 'use' than 'viewing' may be as a result of strings matching in the use case without having been viewed (for example, by manually typing 'page4' on the end of a url that has not, in fact been visited). This discrepancy may also be a result of errors in the log data. The 'website type' column provides the researcher's assessment of the kind of information and authorship of each given resource.

**Table 6**  
Correlation of trace and survey data.

	Unique Pages Viewed	Unique Pages Used	Unique queries	Messages exchanged	Query Vocabulary Richness	ISEQJust	ISEQGen	Search Experience
Unique Pages Viewed		0.45***	0.48***	-0.05	-0.18**	0.01	-0.01	0.08
Unique Pages Used			0.16*	-0.04	-0.10^	-0.01	0.00	0.03
Unique queries				0.02	-0.14*	0.03	-0.02	-0.03
Messages exchanged					0.03	-0.05	-0.01	0.03
Query Vocabulary Richness						0.09	-0.02	0.03
ISEQJust							0.22***	-0.19**
ISEQGen								0.22***
Search Experience								

<0.001 = \*\*\*; <0.01 = \*\*; <0.05 = \*; <0.1 = ^.

- No relation between ISEQ and what students actually do online ☹

# Exemplar 3: linking existing datasets

- Learning design data (>300 modules mapped)
- VLE data
  - >140 modules aggregated individual data weekly
  - >37 modules individual fine-grained data daily
- Student feedback data (>140)
- Academic Performance (>140)
- Predictive analytics data (>40)
- Data sets merged and cleaned
  - 111,256 students undertook these modules

## Hours spent undertaking each type of activity

### Design stages

Initial

Specification (REPO3)

Draft (D2)

Final

Copy and replace:

Initial → Specification

Specification → Draft

Draft → Final

Workload tool → Initial

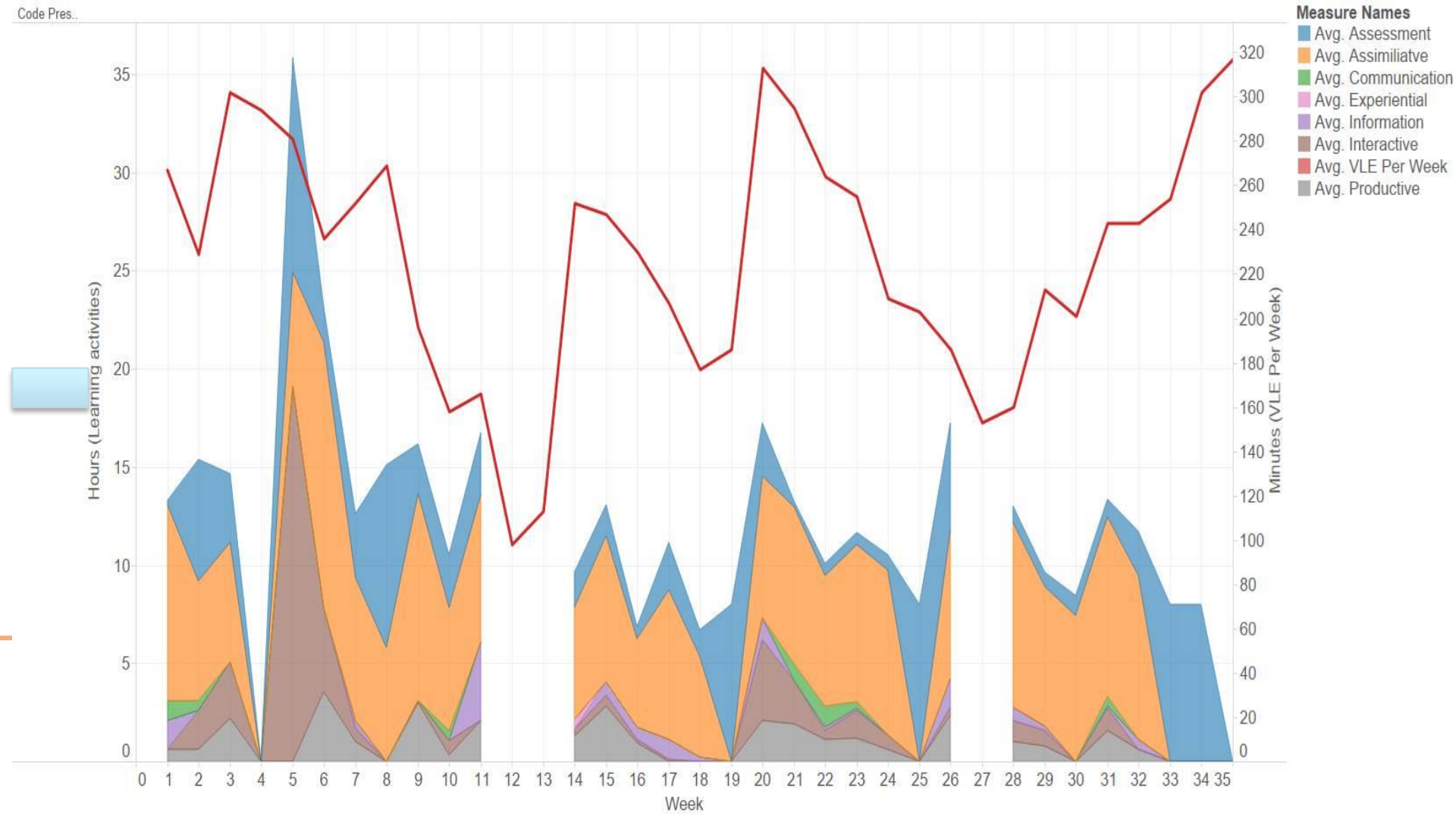
Workload tool → Specification

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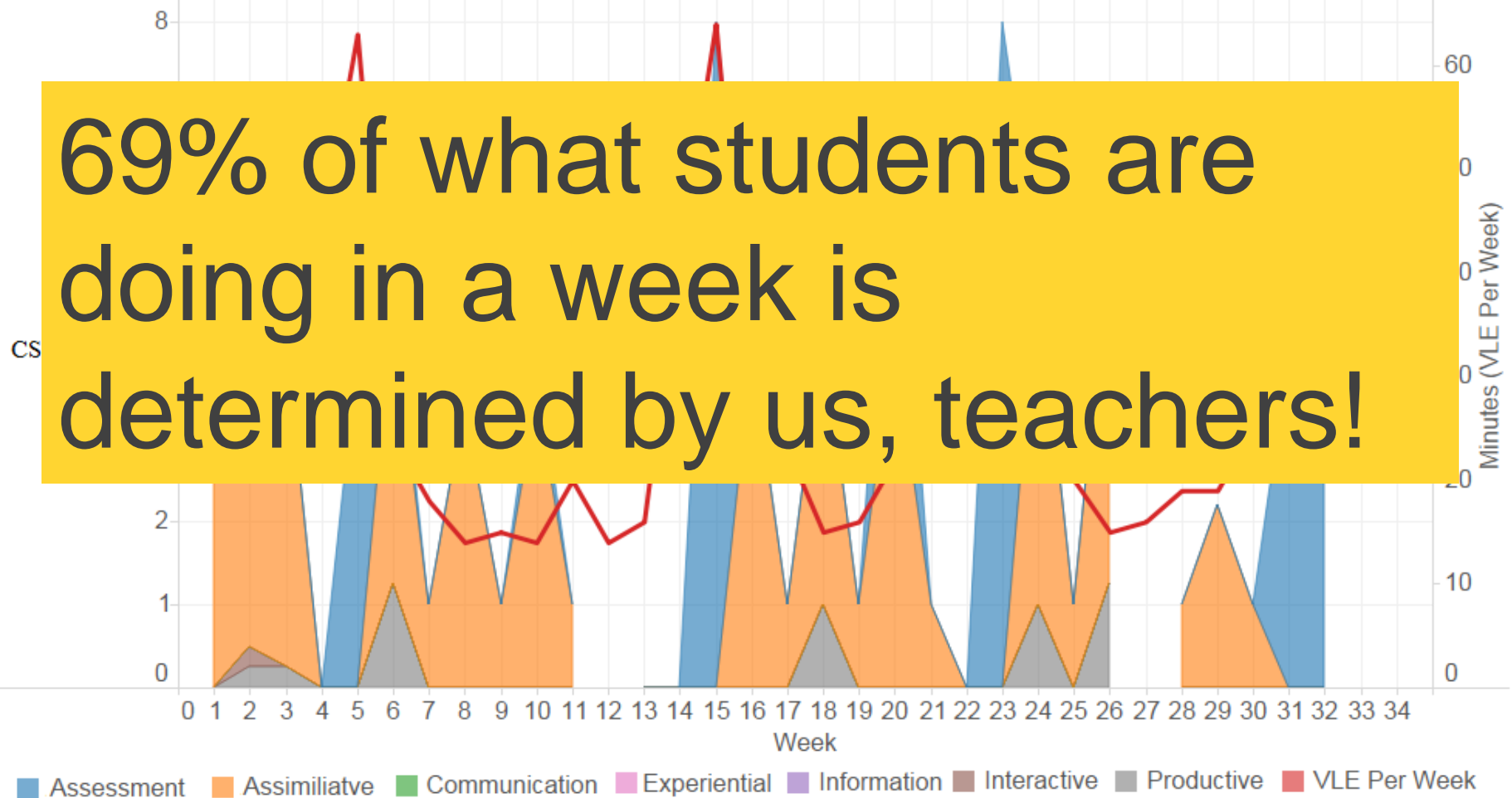
Workload tool → Final

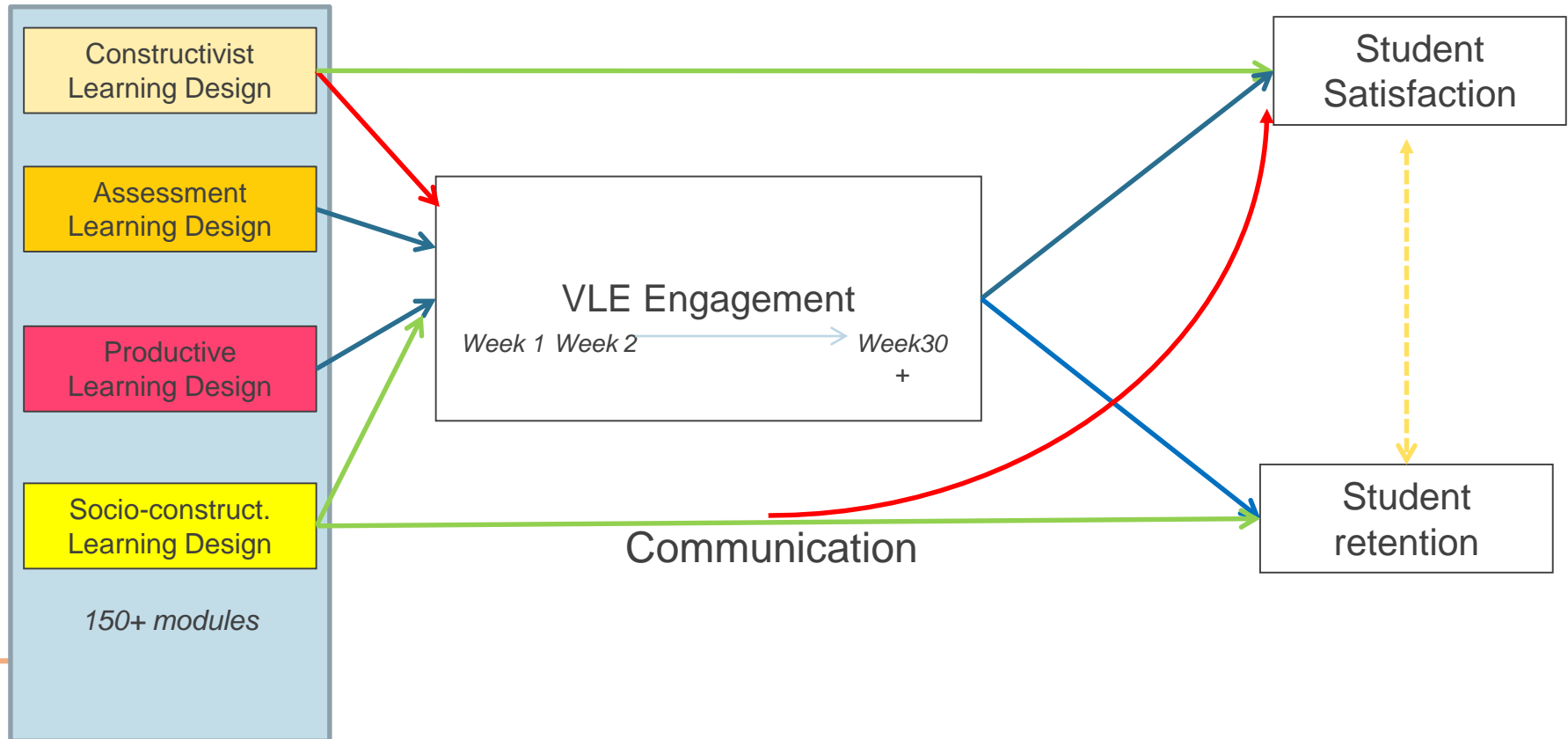
Week	Assimilative	Finding and handling information	Communication	Productive	Experiential	Interactive / Adaptive	Assessment	Total hours
Week 1	10	1.5	1	0.6	0	0	0.2	13.30
Week 2	6.1	0	0.5	0.6	2	0	6.2	15.40
Week 3	6.1	0	0	2.2	2.85	0	3.5	14.65
Week 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Week 5	5.8	0	0	0	19.1	0	10.9	35.85
Week 6	13.5	0	0	3.55	4.3	0	1.8	23.15
Week 7	7.25	0.4	0	1	0.7	0	3.3	12.65
Week 8	5.79	0	0	0	0	0	9.3	15.09
Week 9	10.5	0	0	3	0.1	0	2.5	16.16
Week 10	6.31	0	0.5	0.35	0.7	0	2.65	10.51
Week 11	7.46	4	0	2.1	0	0	3.2	16.76
Week 12	5.69	0	0	1.3	0.35	0.5	1.8	9.64
Week 13	7.43	0.65	0	2.8	0.6	0	1.6	13.08

Avg: 12.16, StDv: 6.28 [Hide guides](#)



69% of what students are doing in a week is determined by us, teachers!





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# Conclusions I

1. A lot of data is coming into (and out of) education: LFI???
2. A lot of “semi-standardised” data is gathered within and across institutions
3. Great opportunities to harvest fine-grained and longitudinal data



# Conclusions II

1. What about the ethics?
2. What can be standardised (and what not)?
3. Are we optimising the record player?





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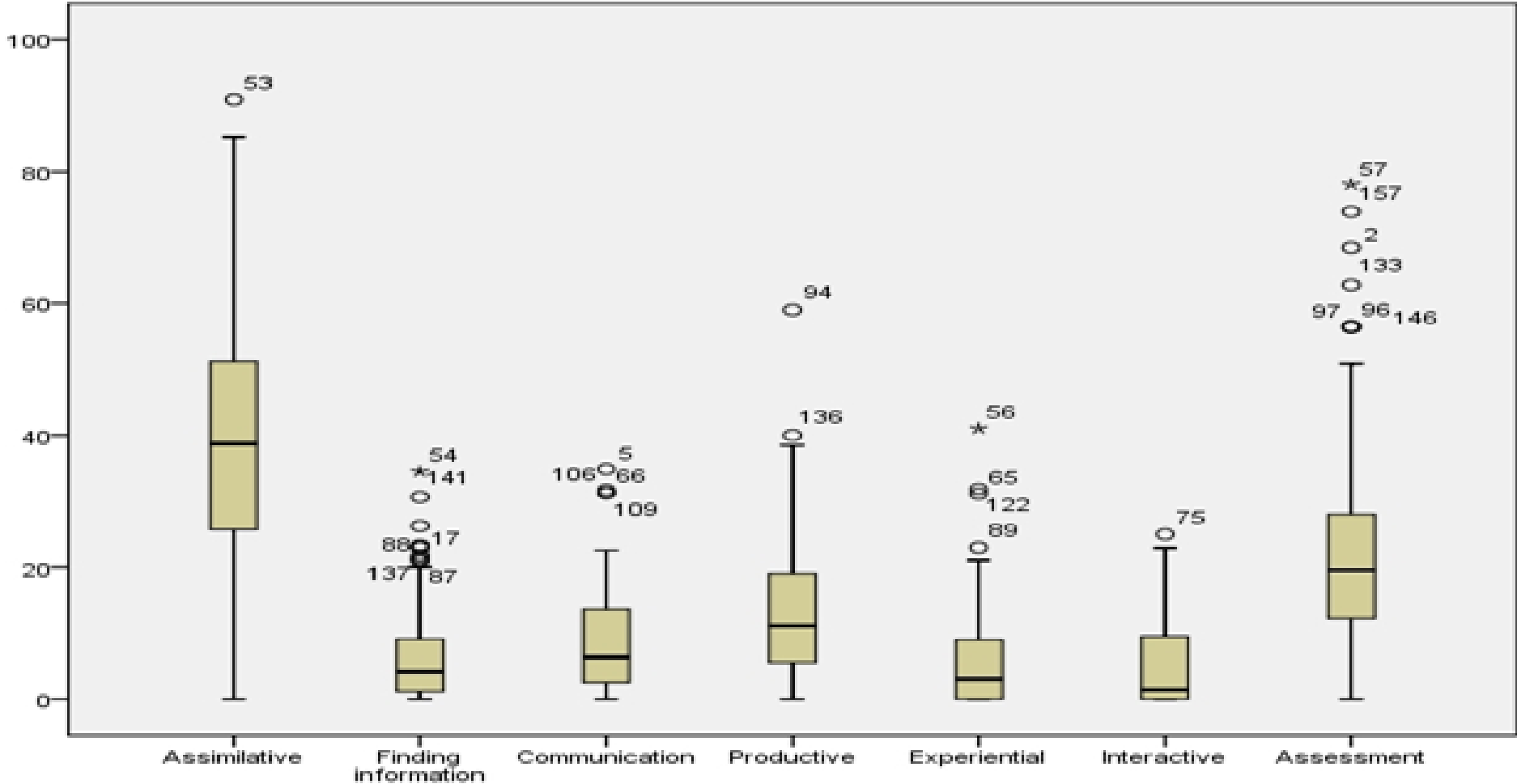
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