

# A Computer Science Perspective on Learning and Knowledge Building

*H. Ulrich Hoppe* Universität Duisburg-Essen / COLLIDE http://www.collide.info







# **University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE)**

#### founded by merger in 2013 11 Faculties

- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Educational Sciences
- Economics
- Business Administration
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Engineering
- Medicine



- 39,343 students
  - 442 professors
- 2,691 academic staff
- 1,375 employees technical support and administrative services (excluding Faculty of Medicine)

# **Our Department**

... of Computer Science and Applied Cognitive Science in the Engineering Faculty (Duisburg)

17 professorships / groups (13 in CompSci)

Focus on Interactive Media and "Human-oriented Computing"

*3 B.Sc./M.Sc. Study Programmes with approx. 1500 students* 

# **Research Group COLLIDE**

#### http://www.collide.info



#### Welcome to the Collide Portal

C O L laborative L earning in I ntelligent D istributed E nvironments University Duisburg-Essen Faculty of Engineering Department of Computational and Cognitive Sciences Building LF Lotharstr. 63/65 47048 Duisburg, Germany Fax +49 - 203 - 379 3557

#### Upcoming Events

- ICCS 2014 (10.06.14)
- ICLS 2014 (23.06.14)
- · ICALT (07.07.14)
- ASONAM 2014 (17.08.14)
- CRIWG 2014 (07.09.14)

More...

#### **Project History I**

- COLDEX ("Collaborative Learning and Distributed Experimentation", 2002-05, coord. by Collide): collaborative modelling tools for various areas of science learning; creation of a globally accessible repository of learner-created models ("emerging learning objects").
- SCY ("Science Created by You", 2008-12, U. Twente): SCY-Lab environment facilitates learner experience through larger "missions"; sharing of emerging learning objects.

#### **Project History II**

• Go-Lab (2012-16, U. Twente):

uniform access to a variety of remote laboratories, both virtual and physical; customisable web-based learning environments and learning analytics components.

 JuxtaLearn (2012-15, Open Univ. Milton Keynes): fostering understanding of core science concepts through video creation on the part of the students; collaborative production and discussion around videos.

#### **Project COLDEX** ("Collaborative Learning and Distributed Experimentation", 2002-05)



The space planting scenario enables students to experiment with computer and robotic controlled plant growth chambers in the context of Advanced Life Support Systems

#### BioTube and Seismo Scenarios

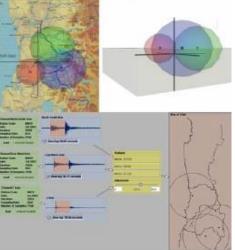
# Collaborative Learning and Distributed Experimentation

Chemistry, biodiversity, seismology, astronomy ... these are the scientific topics which are combined in the COLDEX project

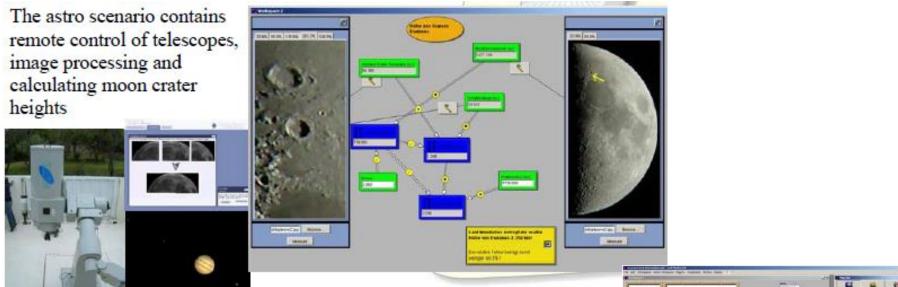
Originating from the pedagogical idea of "challenge based learning", we support student groups – from face-to-face groups up to international learning communities; they can have a realistic look inside scientific work. Various "digital experimentation toolkits" containing virtual and physical tools enable open-ended learning activities.

By using a synchronised "learning object repository" (LOR) learners can find people with similar interests. The LOR supports retrieval in a big pool of models and data, reuse of learning objects and building of learning communities between Europe and South-America.

Finding epicenter and hypocenter of earthquakes is the main task in the seismo scenario



#### **Project COLDEX** ("Collaborative Learning and Distributed Experimentation", 2002-05)

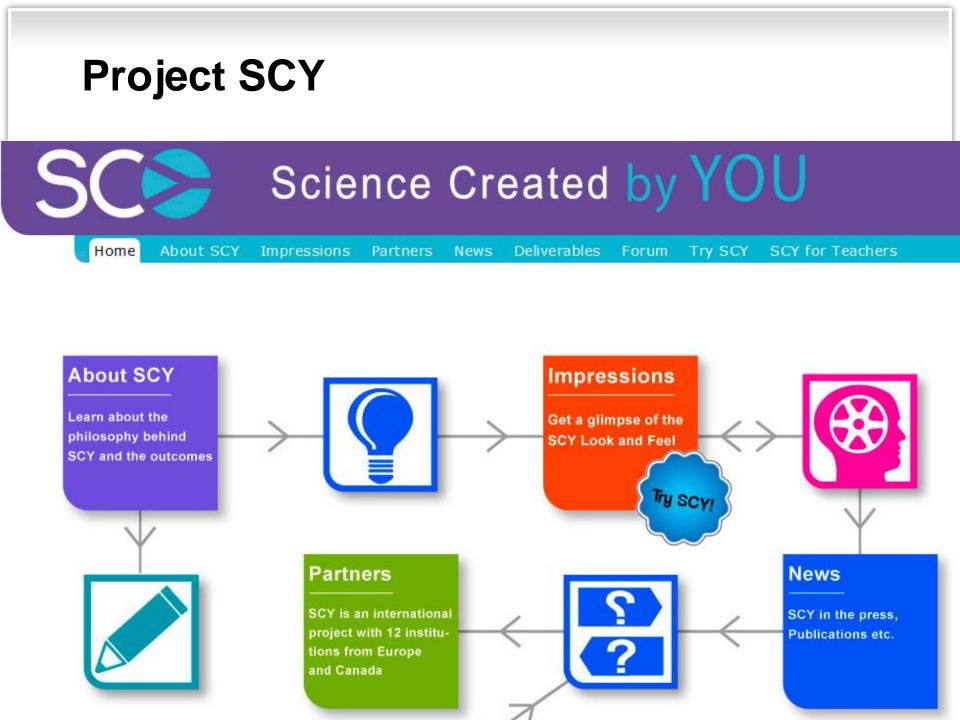


Astro and Maze Scenarios

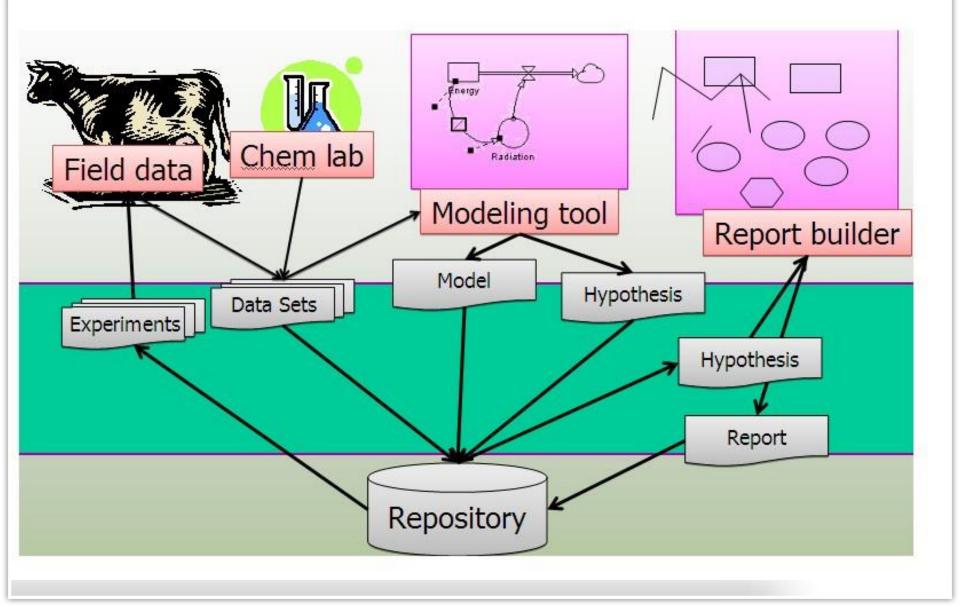


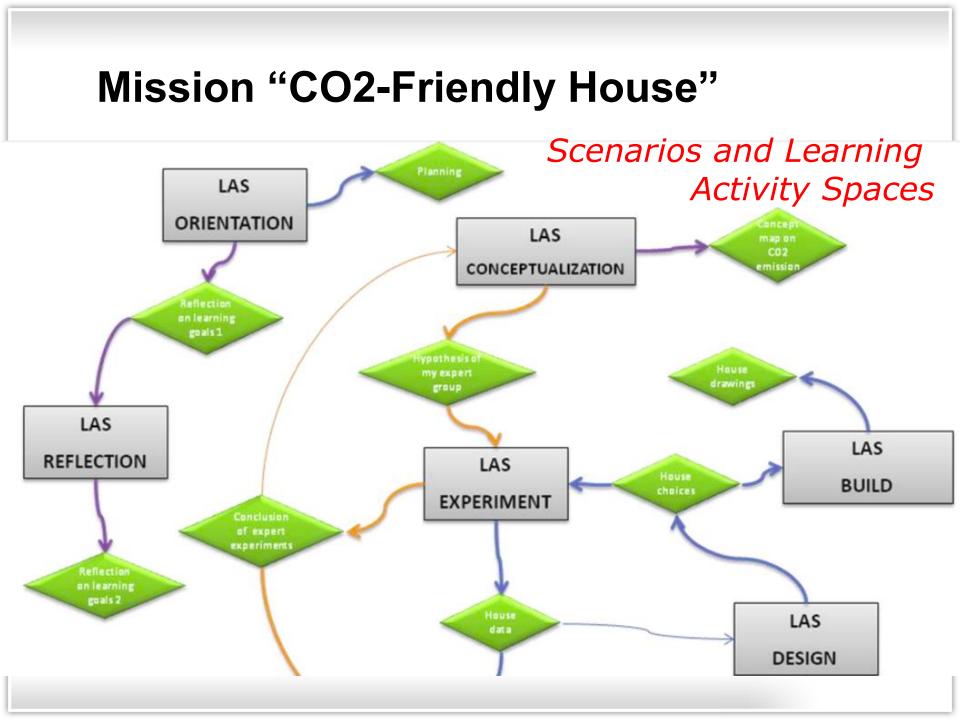
#### **COLDEX – Results and "Lessons Learned"**

- Notion of "emerging learning objects" (ELOs)
- Provision of a general purpose modelling environment (CoolModes / FreeStyler) with different "palettes" for various modelling languages (e.g., System Dynamics, Petri Nets) and special applications
- Support for sharing ELOs in larger communities through similarity based search
- Resistance of teachers against "open production"

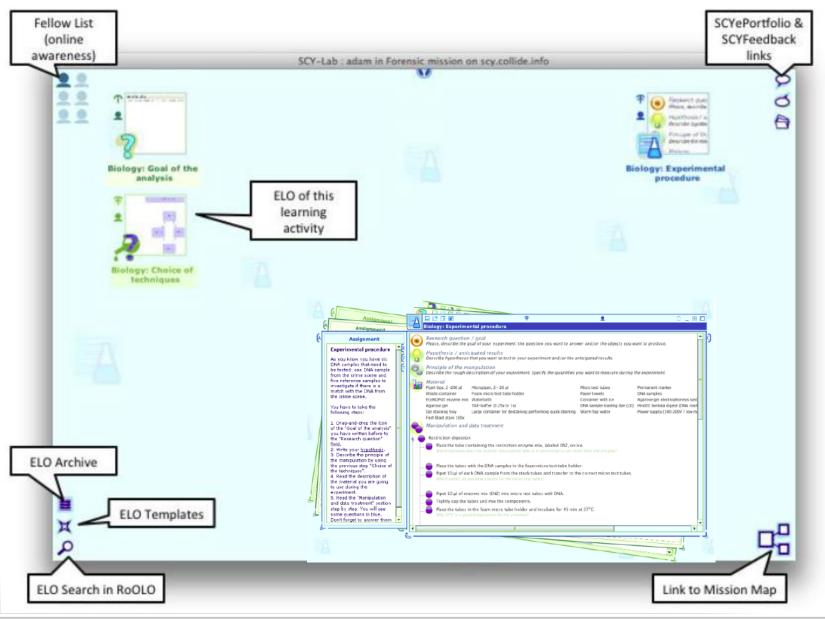


#### **SCY – Tools and Architecture**





#### **SCY-Lab Environment**



### SCY – Results and "Lessons Learned"

- SCY-Lab as a powerful environment (yet – might be better delivered as a web application)
- Integration of feedback/scaffolding facilitated through multi-agent architecture
- "Mission Maps" as navigation aids guide learners through complex inquiry processes
- "Complexity overkill" with big socially relevant learning challenges

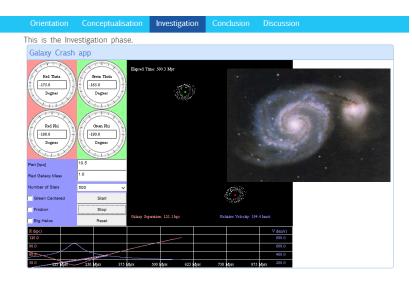
#### **The Go-Lab Project**

#### http://www.go-lab-project.eu/



- Large scale use of online labs in education.
- The Go-Lab Portal offers students the opportunity to perform personalized scientific experiments.
- Teachers enhance their classroom activities with a personalized web-based environment.

# Experimentation with Remote and Virtual Laboratories



Remote lab: Students control real physical laboratories using a web-interface.

Create electrical circuits and measure voltages and currents. The circuits are limited to static situations.

Orientation Conceptualisation Inv	stigation Conclusion Discussio
-----------------------------------	--------------------------------

This is the Investigation phase Circuit Similator Components Meters 0.000 V 0.000 µA A (A) amp 1 0.000 µV V -Ð Θ volt 1 0.000 µW (W) (A)  $\bigotimes$ power 1 INF Ω  $(\Omega)$ ohm Ω Circuits Power supply (top element in the Meters section) Predefined Click on the power supply icon, to turn the power on or off. The Category: test circuits V color of the "light" in the power supply icon shows the state of Circuit: the power supply (blue: off, orange: on and red: short circuit Shift the slider to increase/decrease the voltage. Sensors 1 ß Import Open New The little round things on the meters are the sensors. You can drag them to the circuit board. \* Save Export Removing things

Virtual lab: Simulation of realworld processes.

### **Inquiry Learning at School**

• Mapping of the inquiry cycle to virtual inquiry learning spaces.

#### The Faulkes Telescope Project

IF THEN Increases

Drop and arrange your items here

floats sinks

force

equilibriu

Type your own!

68+

Hello Axel

The Faulkas Telescope Project is an education partner of Las Cumbres Obsenatory Global Telescope Network (LCOGTN). Our aim is to provide free access to robotic telescopes and a fully supported education programme to encourage teachers and students to engage in research-based science education. Access to our resources and those of our partners is provided at no charge to teachers and students. We provide access to the robotic telescope for all schools in the UK and leand and limited access to telescope time for schools outside of this region. All users have unlimited access to the data and image archives, from where they can download data LCOGTN operates a network of research class robotic telescopes. Currently there are two telescopes, one in Hawaii and the other in Australia. These telescopes are available to teachers for them to use as part of their curricular or extra-curricular activities and are fully supported by a range of educational materials and a team of educators and professional astronomers. (A hefs-http://www.faulkes-telescope.com/resources/ideos/theogrin/Meucinor\_...

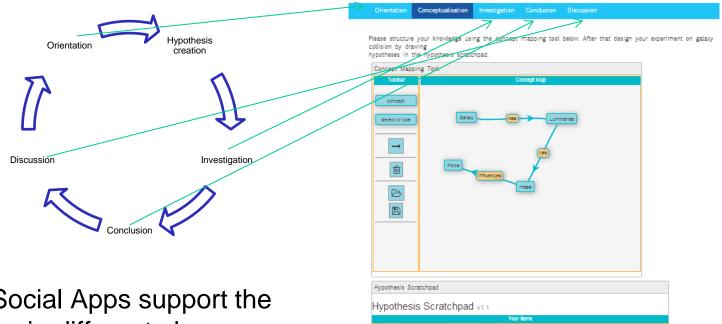
decreases is larger than is smaller than is equal to remains

Immersed object

pressure

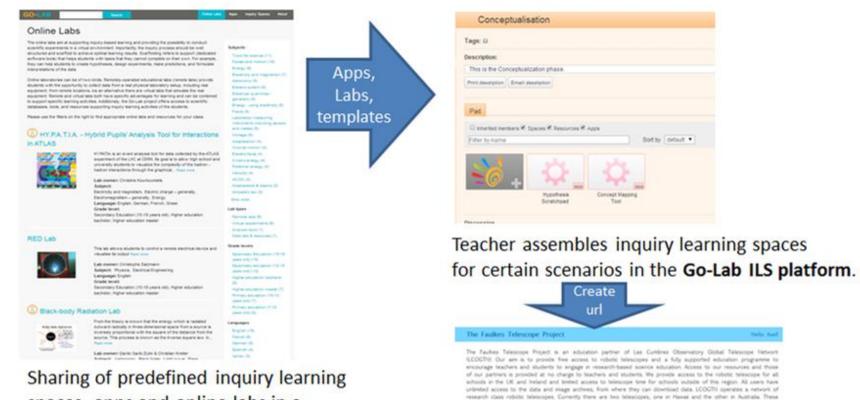
匬

displacement



• Open Social Apps support the activities in different phases.

#### Federation of Labs and Apps



spaces, apps and online labs in a lab repository.

> Student view distributed by url.



heads "http://www.faulters-telescope.com/"resources/wdews/"H.kogt, etcoducte



telescopes are available to teachers for them to use as part of their curricular or editarcurricular activities and are fully isoportied by a range of educatorial materials and a team of educators and professional astronomers. Fa

# **Intelligent Student Support**

• Supporting self-reflection through student dashboards.

ntation Conceptualization Investig	ation Conclusion Discussion	Performance dashbo
Total time spent in phases	Learning Success	Helpful Comments
30 min	Quality of your Concept Map	Watch the video in the orientation phase. X Use "Select or Type" in the Concept Map to X
20 min	get u	get useful hints.
	100%	Use Concept "xy" to get better Hypothesis. X
OCICD	02% One 5mm 10mm 15mm 25mm 25mm 30mm	Go back to the Investigation - you might get x a better idea of the theory.
Your Rating		Recommendations
Hypothesis: When I get five stars I feel better	Number of mistakes	This video might be interesting: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqETXdq 68vY
		Further exercises according your knowledge can be found here: https://graasp.epfl.ch/#item=space_2345
Something $\bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$	Q Smin 10min 15min 20min 25min 30min	Read further articles: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Learning
		http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Training http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knowledge

# **Intelligent Student Support**

Intelligent feedback mechanisms.

	₩ Space - LA test ILS ×	
	← → C □ graasp.epfl.ch/metawidget/1/8f55c8308061522059441360416c91a65da49a79	
🗅 shindig.epfl.ch/gadg ×	🚻 Apps 🗅 HareScript's SQ 💟 IMS Basic Learn 🚺 shepard fairey 📊 Homerecording 🐠 Adding LDAP a »	
	LA test ILS Hello Lars!	
III Apps 🗋 HareScript's SQ 💟 IMS Basic Learn ଃ shepard fairey	Ovientation Concentralization Investigation Construction Discussion	
LA test ILS	Orientation Conceptualisation Investigation Conclusion Discussion	
Orientation Conceptualisation Investigation C		
Conceptualisation investigation C	Hypothesis tool	
Concept Mapper	Hypothesis Scratchpathering Notification	
Toolbar Con	Check your concept map for this hypothesis. In your concept	
	IF THEN Inc map mass and density are related differently. It to remains	
concept	floats sinks pressure	
	Type your own!	
select or type	force gravity acceleration Archimedes' principle submerge float displacement	
mass	equilibrium	
	Your hypotheses	
<u>ل</u>		
B		
L L		

#### **Learning Analytics**

Learning Analytics - a common denominator for all types of measurement, collection, analysis and reporting of data about learners and their learning contexts with the aim of understanding and optimising learning and learning environments.

*big data?* (MOOCs?) *interest in algorithms & computational methods* 

relation to educational data mining?

#### Spectrum of Learning Analytics Topics and Applications

- Prediction of students at risk from academic records
- Monitoring of course participation on learning platforms (e.g. Moodle)
- "Open Learner Modeling" as a tool for reflection support
- Discourse and argumentation analysis

# The Methodological "Trinity" of LA

# Activity analysis:

process-oriented

-

#### Artefact analysis:

- product-oriented
- information / text mining "semantic richness"
- sequence analys (e.g. "proc Network analysis:

- /SIS
- action pat social or actor-artefact relations

network measures (centrality, cohesion, ...) - no inherent time

## Enhancing LMS with analytics: LeMo \*

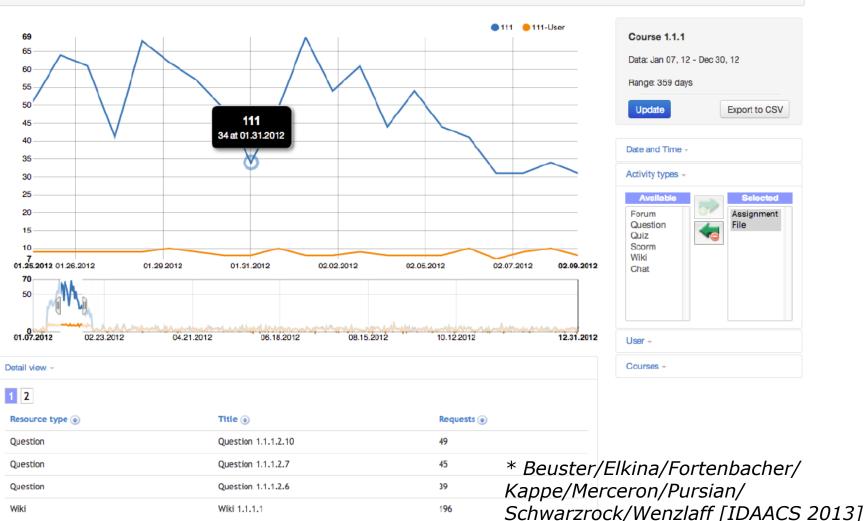
Dashboard My courses My favorites -

Search

Q

Ö

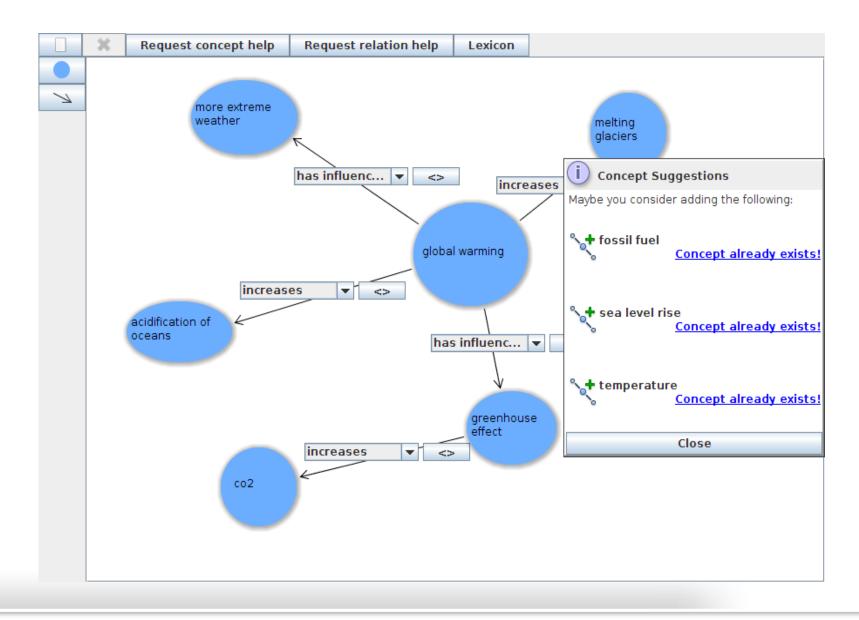
Dashboard / My courses / Activity - time



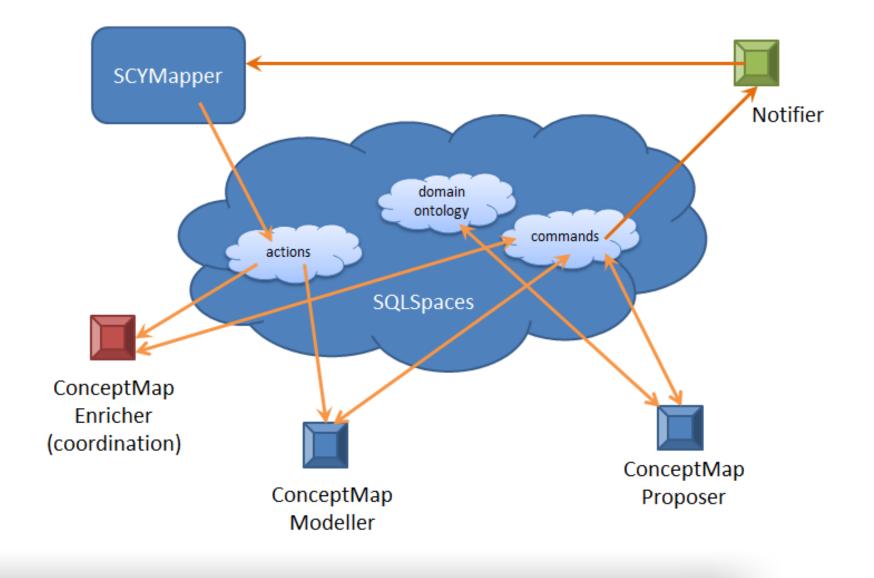
#### Example #1:

# Analyzing student created concept maps (from project SCY)

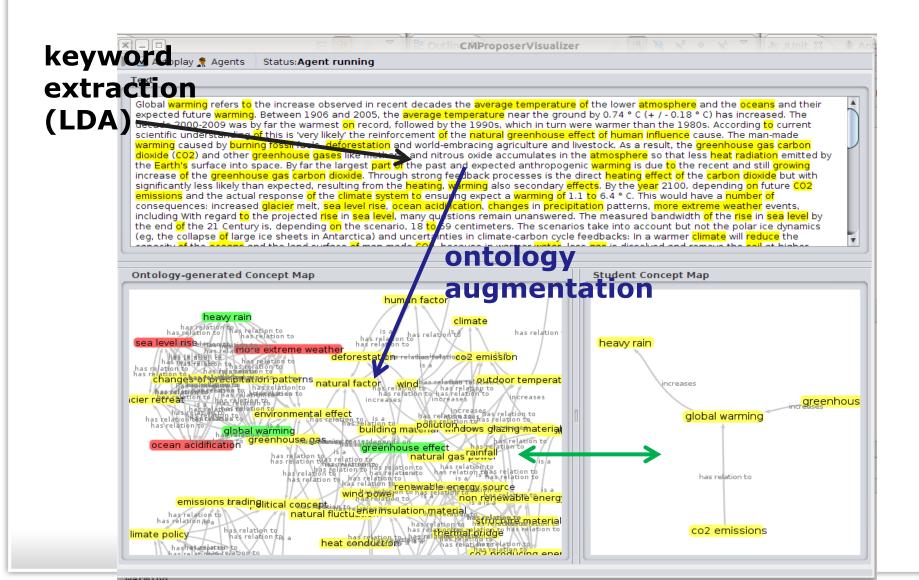
# **Scaffolding of CM Construction**



#### **Agent Architecture**



### **Ontology-based Support / Matching**



### **Quality Assessment of CMs**

#### Comparison to expert map(s)

Conlon, T.: 'Please argue, I could be wrong': a reasonable fallible analyser for student concept maps. Proc. of Ed-Media 2004.

Gouli, E., Gogoulou, A., Papanikolaou, K., Griggoriadou, M.: How to qualitatively + quantitatively assess concepts maps: the case of COMPASS. Proc. of AIED 2005.

Generic approach using *background knowledge* (a domain ontology) and *information extraction* (LDA) + *structural (graph-theoretical) measures* 

# **Concept Mapping Study**

#### Participants:

37 high school students aged between 16-18

#### Procedure:

45 min - introduction to concept mapping (+ tool "SCY Mapper")
45 min - reading/highlighting of a two page text on global warming followed by CM construction

experimental group received adaptive suggestions control group could only access a dictionary

#### **Expert Assessment**

Four experts assessed the concept maps produced by the students ...

based on two criteria (inspired by Marra, 2002): *completeness* regarding the concepts used *connectedness* regarding the relations introduced (adequacy, missing rel's)

#### **First Results**

No significant differences between scaffolded and non-scaffolded conditions.

Predictive power of simple structural measures cannot be much improved by including of semantic features (ontology).

#### Correlations

### Correlation of **structural measures** with expert judgments

	Criterion 1 (completeness)	Criterion 2 (connectedness)
# nodes	r = 0.79, p = 0.000	-
# edges	r = 0.74, p = 0.000	r = 0.63, p = 0.000
density	r = -0.53, p = 0.001	r = -0.26, p = 0.11

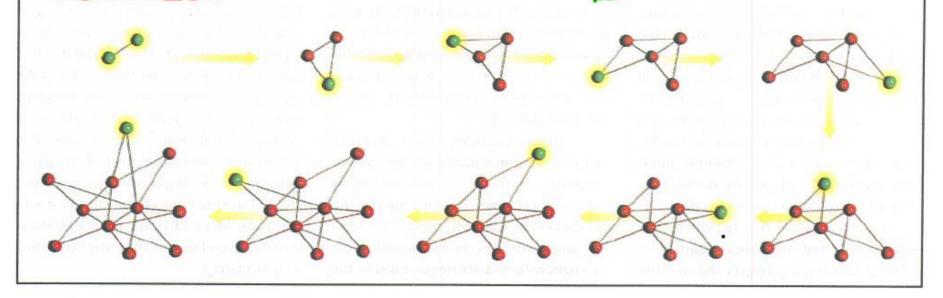
### A mathematical explanation ....

- In any graph *density* is *average degree* divided by #nodes.
- Problem: What is the average degree d(G) for a given density? |V| = N  $d(G) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{v \in V} k(v)$   $S = \frac{1}{N(N-A)}$   $S = \frac{1}{N(N-A)}$
- In "scale-free networks" the *average degree* tends to be stable.
- Hence: If CMs evolve like SFNs the density is highest for the *smallest maps* !

# The Evolution of Scale-free Networks: *Preferential Attachment*

### BIRTH OF A SCALE-FREE NETWORK

A SCALE-FREE NETWORK grows incrementally from two to 11 nodes in this example. When deciding where to establish a link, a new node (green) prefers to attach to an existing node (red) that already has many other connections. These two basic mechanisms—growth and preferential attachment—will eventually lead to the system's being dominated by hubs, nodes having an enormous number of links.



Barabási, Albert-László, Bonabeau, Eric (May 2003). "Scale-Free Networks". *Scientific American* **288** (5): 60–9.

# **A Network Perspective on Concept Maps**

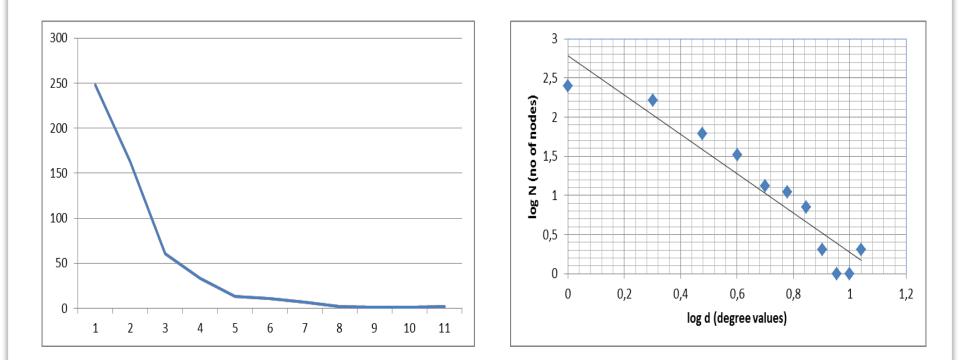
**Concept maps are scale-free networks!** 

=> evolution of concept maps is governed by "preferential attachment";

density decreases with growing networks

M. Jacobson & M. Kapur (2010): "Ontologies as scale free networks – implications for theories of conceptual change" (panel paper at ICLS 2010)

# The Litmus test



Aggregated degree distribution (from 37 maps) left: number of nodes per degree value, right: log-log graph

# **Related empirical work**

Ifenthaler, Masduki and Seel (*Instructional Science, vol. 39, 2011*) compare a number of general graph theoretic measures to identify changes in cognitive structures using concept maps from five consecutive stages of a learning process

Table 4 Average scores (standard deviations in parenthesis) of graph theory based measures (organization) for measurement points 1-5 (N = 25)

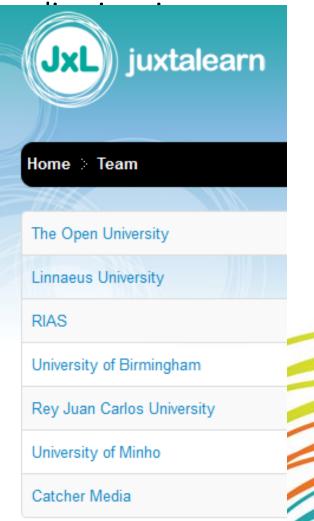
		MP1	MP2	MP3	MP4	MP5
Surface structure	<i>M</i> (SD)	14.64 (7.99)	27.34 (14.13)	45.84 (23.85)	67.72 (48.94)	71.80 (46.71)
Graphical structure	<i>M</i> (SD)	5.52 (2.83)	7.62 (3.57)	9.48 (3.42)	12.08 (4.91)	11.72 (4.19)
Connectedness	<i>M</i> (SD)	.68 (.48)	.80 (.41)	.44 (.51)	.44 (.51)	.36 (.49)
Ruggedness	<i>M</i> (SD)	1.44 (.71)	1.32 (.74)	2.12 (1.42)	2.28 (1.49)	2.72 (2.01)
Average degree of vertices	<i>M</i> (SD)	1.93 (.43)	2.06 (.53)	2.12 (.39)	2.11 (.24)	2.09 (.26)
Number of cycles	<i>M</i> (SD)	2.52 (2.37)	3.38 (2.59)	4.12 (2.68)	4.76 (3.95)	4.48 (3.00)
Number of vertices	M (SD)	14.40 (6.69)	24.65 (11.76)	42.24 (22.60)	63.96 (45.85)	68.16 (44.33)

# Example #2:

Extraction of semantic networks from textual artefacts created by students (from ongoing project JuxtaLearn)

# Background: EU Project JuxtaLearn (2012-2015)

- Provoking student curiosity and unders and technology through creative perfor (concretely: film making – editing – sha
- Teaching and learning support is guided concepts
- First step: identifying such concepts and by conducting face-to-face workshops v students
  - → Learning Analytics techniques are to extract representations of the un conceptual relations



# **Initial Workshops**

- Teacher-student workshop
- Six A-level students
- Role reversal: students teach the teachers
- Topics: Chemistry moles, Biology - alleles, Physics - potential energy
  - → transcripts and summaries analysed using the AutoMap/ORA toolset for Network Text Analysis

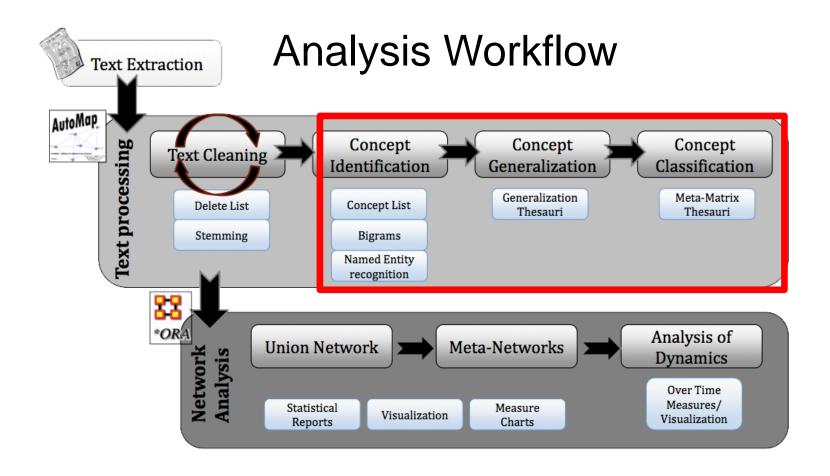


# **Network Text Analysis**

- Use of the AutoMap and ORA software tools for "network text analysis" developed by the CASOS group at CMU
- Workflow:
  - collection of workshop transcripts (textual artefacts)
  - pre-processing and analysing with AutoMap<sup>1</sup>
  - visualization through ORA-Netscenes<sup>2</sup>
- Result:

generation of multi-modal concept maps (with categories: actor, domain concepts, pedag. concepts ...)

## **Network Text Analysis - Process**



#### **Concept generalization**

#### Concept Generalization -> Generalization Thesaurus

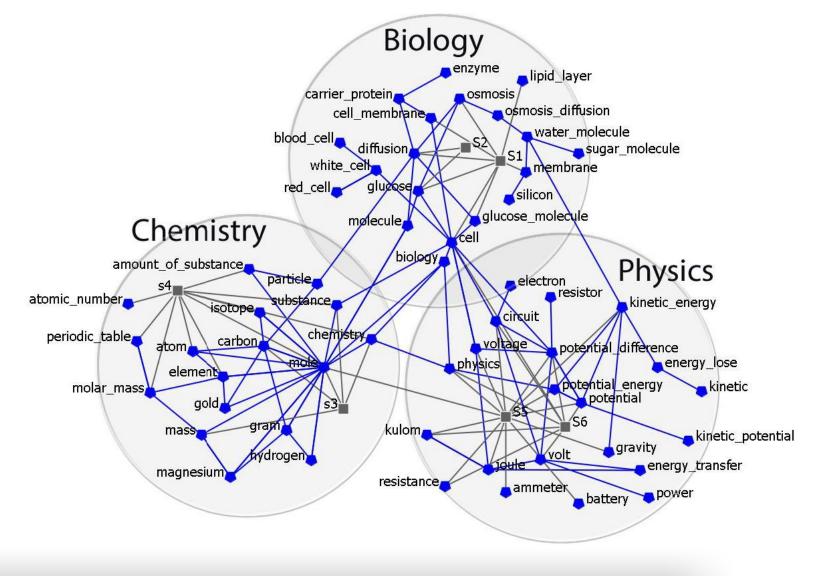
	А	В
2	Teachers	teacher
3	Teacher	teacher
4	teachers	teacher
5	teacher	teacher
6	Head of Technology	head_of_technology
7	Head of technology	head_of_technology
8	head of technology	head_of_technology
9	Head Technology	head_of_technology
10	Head technology	head_of_technology
11	head technology	head_of_technology
12	Head of science	head_of_science
13	Head of science	head_of_science
14	head of science	head_of_science
15	Head Science	head_of_science
16	Head science	head_of_science
17	head science	head_of_science

🛞 AutoMap				
File Edit Extractors Preprocess Generate Procedures Tools Help				
Image: Apply Thesaurus (8)				
work_package Radcliffe_School teacher workshop document description meeting workshop Radcliffe_School UK goal meeting school identification threshold_concept a_level science student concept taxonomy pedagogy taxonomy concept_map table taxonomy pedagogic_requirements pedagogic_requirements system teacher development work work_package work_package work_package work_package teacher workshop work_package output workshop work_package teacher workshop work_package output workshop work_package area glass_cube school meeting november initial meeting wednesday october threshold_concept workshop november school workshop workshop november initial meeting october attendee Liggins_Stuart technology Radcliffe_School Jakeman_Will science Radcliffe_School Adams_Anne JuxtaLearn principle_investigator Clough_Gill JuxtaLearn project_manager				

#### **Concept Classification**

- actor
- country
- general\_concept
- (domain) knowledge
- pedagogical\_concept
- role
- technical\_concept
- tools \_and\_technologies
- -> Meta Thesaurus

#### **Teacher-Student Workshops - Results**



## "External" Learning Analytics in JuxtaLearn

Extraction of information from *video comments* about:

- associations of concepts
   (adequate or inadequate from a scientific point of view)
- identification of concepts that are frequently addressed in questions as indicators of possible origins of comprehension problems
- associations between concepts often used in answers as indicators for missing relations in students' mental models ( => misconceptions or "stumbling blocks")

## **Case study: Khan Academy**

## Scaffolded questions & answers

Questions Tips & Fe	edback
---------------------	--------

Top Recent

Ask a question...

I understand the process, but I don't see why the water has a better chance of going IN than going OUT. I mean, if the sugar molecule is blocking from the inside, doesn't that mean the water from outside won't be able to squeeze in either? Why is it any different from either side of the membrane? Either way, the sugar is blocking...

Show all answers . Answer this question

# **Artefact Analysis - the JxL Approach**

- Textual annotations of videos as indicators for students' understanding and potential misconceptions
- In addition to domain concepts "signal concepts" (difference between X and Y, help on X needed, etc.) indicate special relations
- Benefits for...
  - Researchers: insight into patterns of learning
  - Teachers: monitoring learning processes around videos
  - Students: system recommends videos or peer helpers

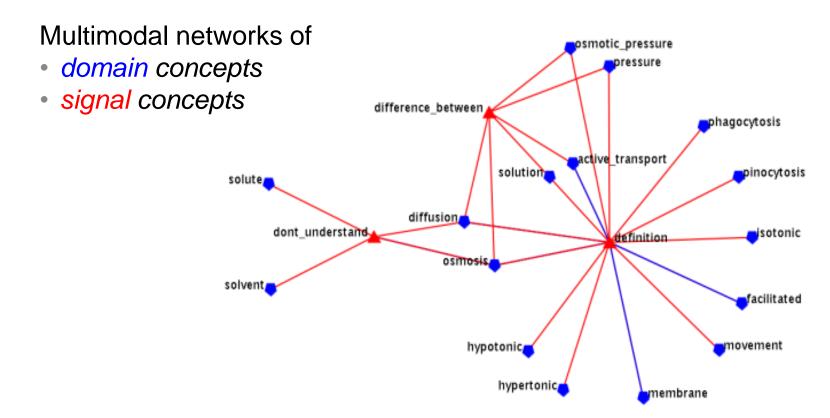
# **Data Selection / Extraction**

1.284 comments from educational videos

	chemistry	biology	physics
# users	328	309	86
# questions	279	184	70
# answers	362	312	77

- Video topics:
  - Chemistry: Mole and Avogadro's Number
  - Biology: *Diffusion* and *Osmosis*
  - Physics: Voltage and Electrical Potential

# **Resulting Multi-modal Network**

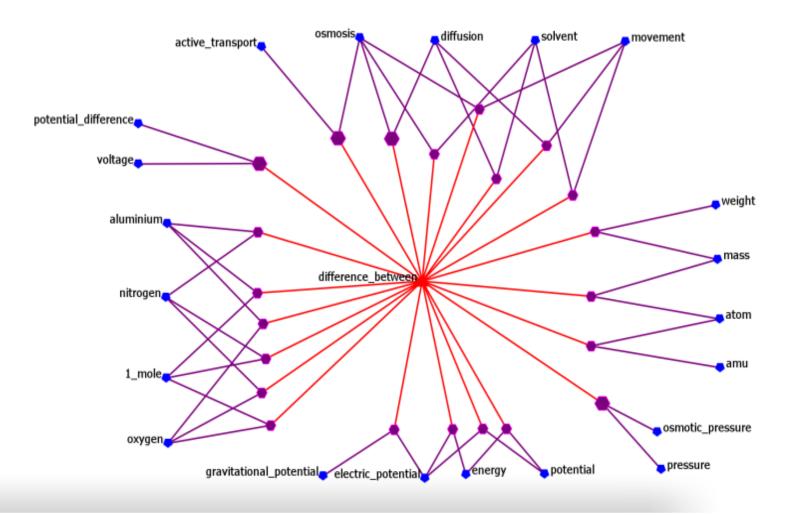


#### Examples:

- I don't\_understand diffusion, but ....
- What's the difference\_between osmotic\_pressure and solution??

## **Multimodal Analysis - disambiguated**

Introduction of *combination nodes between domain concepts* and *signal concepts* 



## **Highlighting Results in Context**

I finally understand osmosis. Thanks Khan!! 1: do\_understand osmosis thanks khan

how i know if the membrane will allow sugar to diffuse or not? plzany body reply. 1: explanation i know if membrane be allow sugar diffusion not plzany body reply

KhanAcademy helped me to review a unit on OSMOSIS AND DIFFUSION in my BIOLOGY class! 1: khan\_academy help review unit on osmosis\_diffusion in biology class

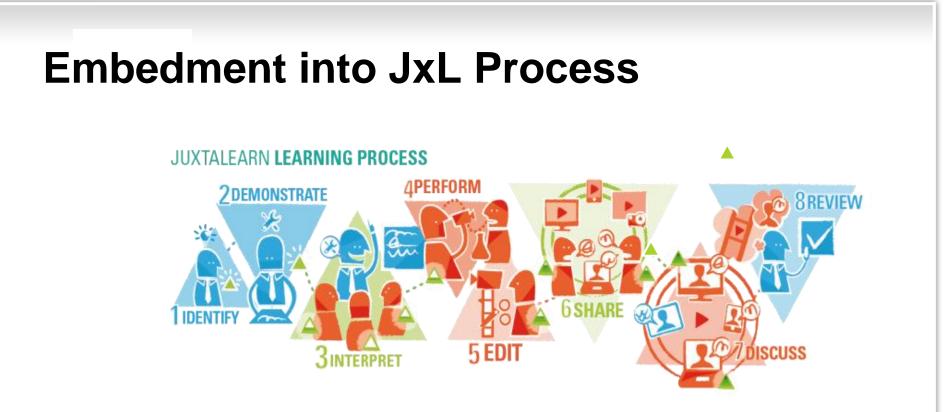
hey is it possible for you to create a video explaining the pressure flow theory of phloem transport? 1: hey be possible creation video explanation pressure flow theory phloem transport

Still confused about osmotic pressure :/ wasted a bit of time ..

1: still confusion about osmotic\_pressure/ waste bite time

how do the sugar molecules get out?

1: explanation sugar\_molecule get out



Stimulate and support reflection & feedback by

- providing awareness of one's own performance
- providing awareness about the learning process (students' progress, group structure)

# **Short Summary / Outlook**

- Artefact analysis can help to identify problems of understanding and misconceptions
- Network perspective on knowledge artefacts facilitates new theoretical approaches
- For learning analytics combinations of the perspectives (*artefact – activity – network*) are needed!

# QUESTIONS – COMMENTS ?

Raucher verboter