



# Digital learning in higher education - why collaboration is key

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# Can we improve learning with digital media?

Positive effect on knowledge and competences, including digital competences

But the effect is quite small!

(Evidence: 25 meta-analyses, >1000 primary studies; Schmid et al., 2013; Tamin et al., 2011)



# How can we improve learning with digital media? Meta-analytic evidence



- Presentation media: "Overdosis" of ppt possible (Tamin et al., 2011); dynamic visualisations with medium sized positive effects on learning (z.B. Höffler & Leutner, 2007)
- Flipped Classroom: increased student activity with relatively small positive effects that increase with student preparation (<u>Låg</u> & <u>Grøm Sæle</u>, 2019)
- MOOCS: success in quantity; effects on learning relatively small; self-regulation strategies often not spontaneously employed (Broadbent & Poon, 2015)
- Game-based learning: Small to medium sized effects on knowledge and competences (Wouters et al., 2013); short term effects on motivation (Wouters et al., 2013)



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- Medium to large effects of individualized practicing of problem-solving with feedback on knowledge and competences (e.g., VanLehn, 2011; Chernikova et al., 2020 meta-analyses)
- Guided inquiry and design tasks with medium to large effects (e.g., Clark, Tanner-Smith & Killingsworth, 2016; Wouters et al, 2013)
- Medium to large effects for structured collaboration around simulations, representation tools, discussion forums (Jeong & Hmelo-Silver, 2019; Vogel et al., 2017)



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see Chi (2009); Chi & Wiley (2014)



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#### Unterrichtsfall





Bitte verfassen Sie eine Analyse zu der gezeigten Unterrichtssequenz unter Berücksichtigung möglichst unterschiedlicher Perspektiven.

Stellen Sie die zentralen Aspekte des Lehr-Lerngeschehens in dieser Unterrichtsszene vor dem Hintergrund einer Theorie (z.B. Osers "Choreographien unterrichtlichen Lernens") dar.

Zeigen Sie ausgehend von einer Theorie (z.B. Oser) alternative Möglichkeiten auf, wie der Unterricht an dieser Stelle hätte gestaltet werden können.

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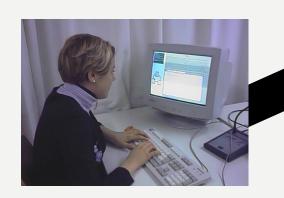
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Ausspracheübung

Audiolinguale

Methode

Constructive activities facilitated through **Scaffolding** 







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## Simulation course with video-based debriefing to learn Crisis Resource Management Skills

- The issue: overwhelmed observers
- Scaffolding focusing observation, distributing roles and stimulating discussion improved processes of reflection and discussion (Zottmann et al., 2019)

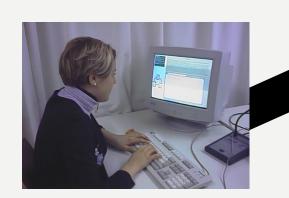




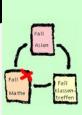
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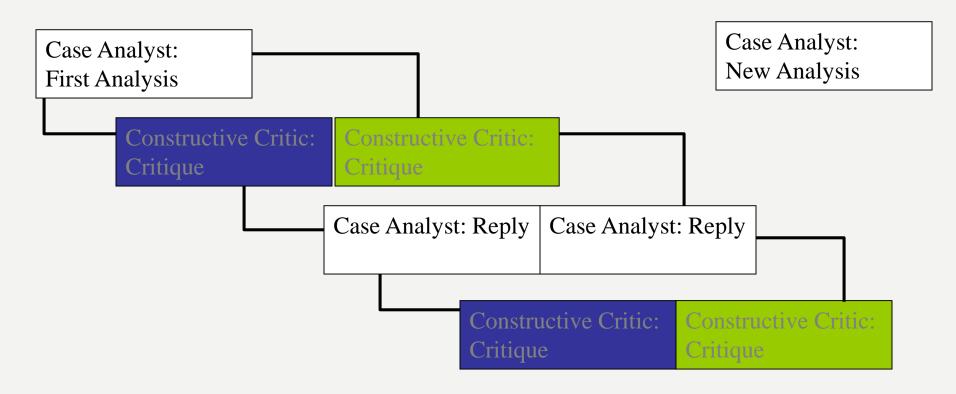




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## A collaboration script for peer feedback



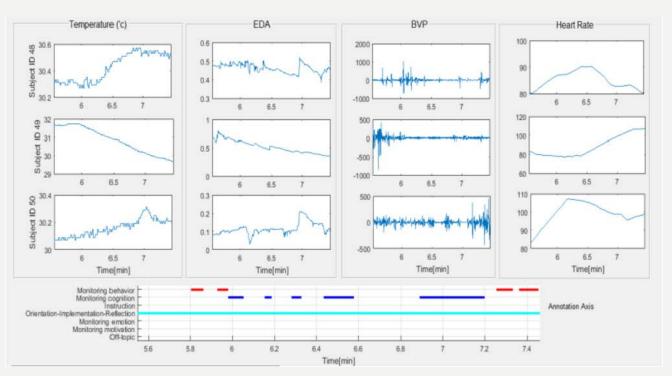


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## Learning Analytics in support of university teachers?

## Example "Teacher Dashboards"



SLAM-KIT Noroozi et al. (2019)



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### recent study involving >450 university teachers

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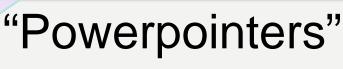
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# Factors related to being a powerpointer, clickerer, or digital pro



- Strategy of the higher education institution
- Technology-related teaching skills
- Basic digital skills
- Technology equipment
- Technical and pedagogical support

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## Conclusion



- No surplus of digital media per se effects depend on student learning activities
- Should we use digital media for constructive and socialinteractive forms for learning when the answer is not known?
- Goals AND prerequisites: Competences of self-regulated learning, collaborative learning and digital competences
- Scaffolding for complex activities greatly enhances the effectiveness of learning environments
- Many more "clickerers" through covid19 how can we help them becoming digital pros?
- An explicit strategy of the institution, professional digital teaching skills, basic digital skills – but also support and equipment