

Role of technology in promoting formative assessment practices in science classes

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Presentation overview

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Raising Achievement through Formative Assessment in Science and Mathematics Education (FaSMEd)

This three year, €1.9M project, concluding 12/16

Working with partners across eight countries, researchers will look at how technology can be used in formative assessment by teachers to help raise attainment levels among students.

In each country this involves researchers working with a cluster of schools with a focus on the use of FA and technology to improve interactions in the classroom.

FaSMEd partners are:

- University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK -Coordinator
- The University of Nottingham, UK
- Ecole Normale Superieure De Lyon, France
- Maynooth University, Ireland
- University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany
- University of Turin, Italy
- University of Utrecht, The Netherlands
- African Institute for Mathematical Sciences Schools Enrichment Centre, South Africa
- University College of Trondheim, Norway

Framework for analysis

- Formative assessment is considered as a teaching method where:
- "evidence about student achievement is elicited, interpreted, and used by teachers, learners, or their peers, to make decisions about the next steps in instruction that are likely to be better, or better founded, than the decisions they would have taken in the absence of the evidence that was elicited." (Black & Wiliam, 2009, p. 7)

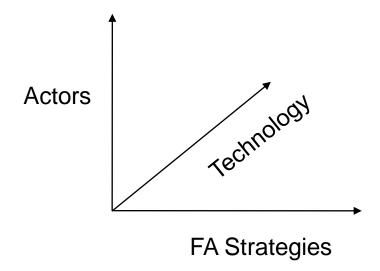
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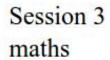
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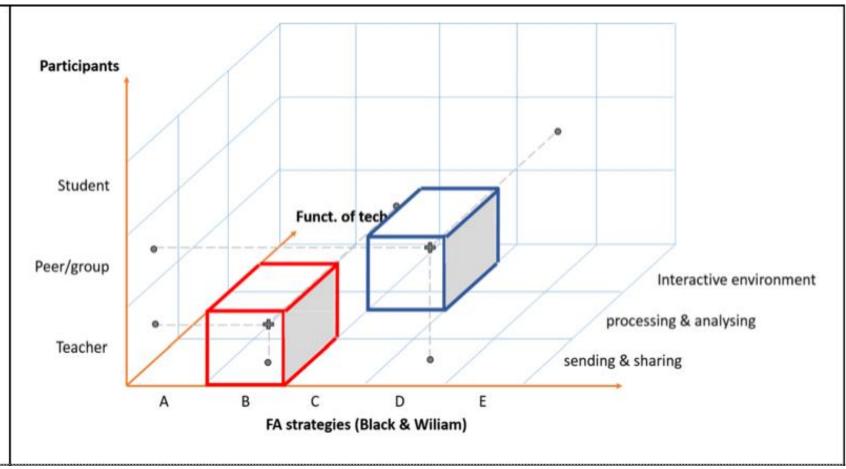
	Where the learner is going	Where the learner is right now	How to get there
Teacher	1 Clarifying learning intentions and criteria for success	2 Engineering effective class- room discussions and other learning tasks that elicit evidence of student understanding	3 Providing feedback that moves learners forward
Peer	Understanding and sharing learning intentions and criteria for success	4 Activating students as instructional resources for one another	
Learner	Understanding learning intentions and criteria for success	5 Activating students as the owners of their own learning	

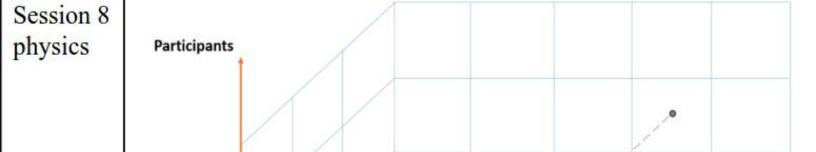
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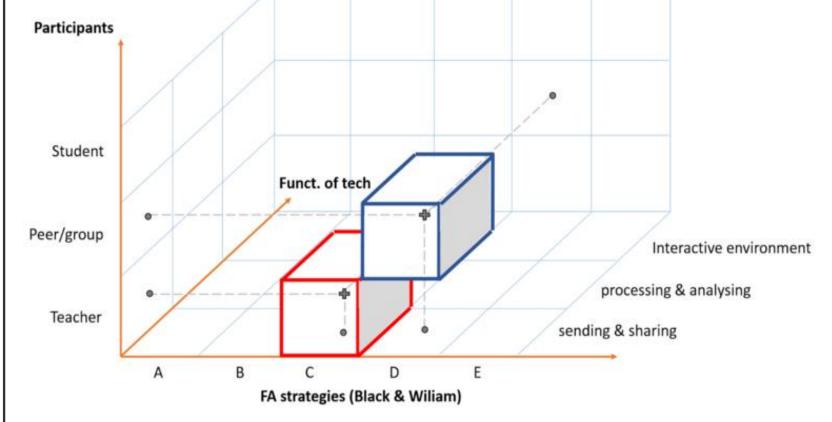
- ... to a 3D model:
 - The actors (teacher, student, class or peers)
 - The formative assessment strategies
 - The properties of technology

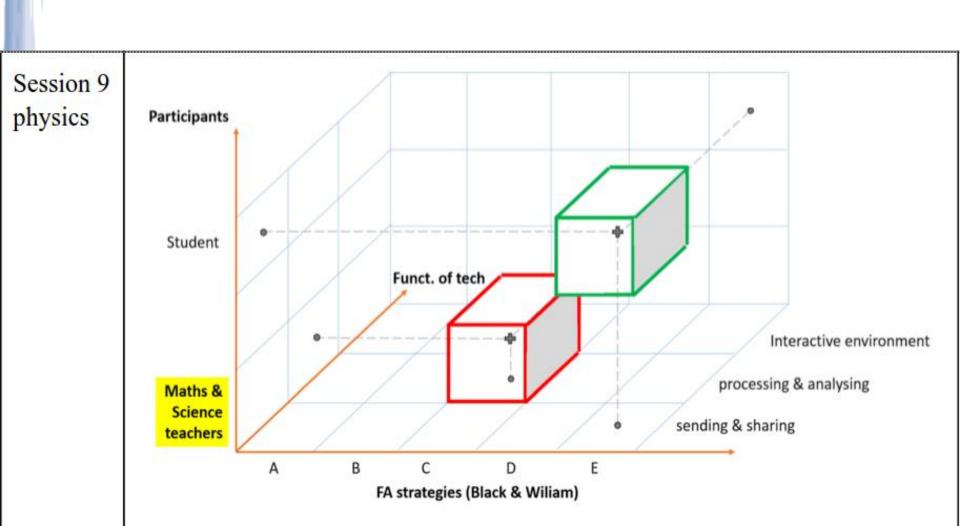












Formative assessment and technology in France



Clickers (Student response system)

Beamer

Tablets One Note

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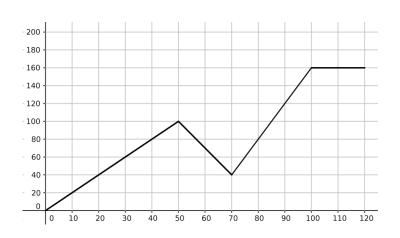


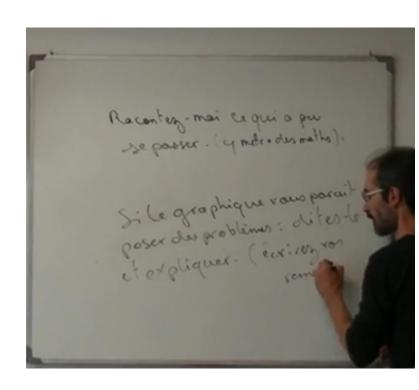
Interactions with teachers

- -Different contexts : one school is 200km far from Lyon, the others are in the suburbs
 - Several 3-4 days visits following the class
 - Short meetings with teachers
- Journal
- Interviews after the lessons
- Questionnaire about teachers' background
- -Observations: videos and pictures (all videos available for research use on demand https://ife.ens-lyon.fr/fasmed/)

Case study 1: Thomas and his grade 9 maths class

- School context : low secondary school of a small town in South-East of France (Gap)
- -Grade 9 class (students' age: 13-14),
- -composed of 22 students
- with an average school level





Time-distance activity

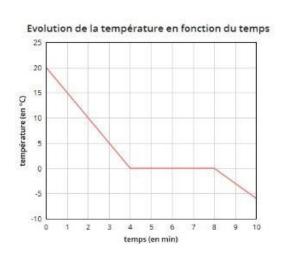
Case study 2: Lisbeth and Thomas and their Physics and maths grade 7 class



School context: located in a disadvantaged area of the suburbs of Lyon

Grade 7 class of students (11-12 years old) with an average school level in the context of this school and a great heterogeneity

Time – temperature activity



Irish case studies



Interactions with teachers and students

Professional development sessions to plan and review lessons

Lesson observation - video and field notes

Interview with teachers pre and post intervention (December 2014 and May 2015)

Interview with students pre and post intervention (December 2014 and May 2015) including a Q-Sort activity

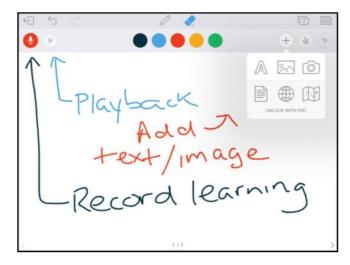
Student questionnaires distrubuted to all participating students in May 2015

Formative assessment and technology

Online Learning Community



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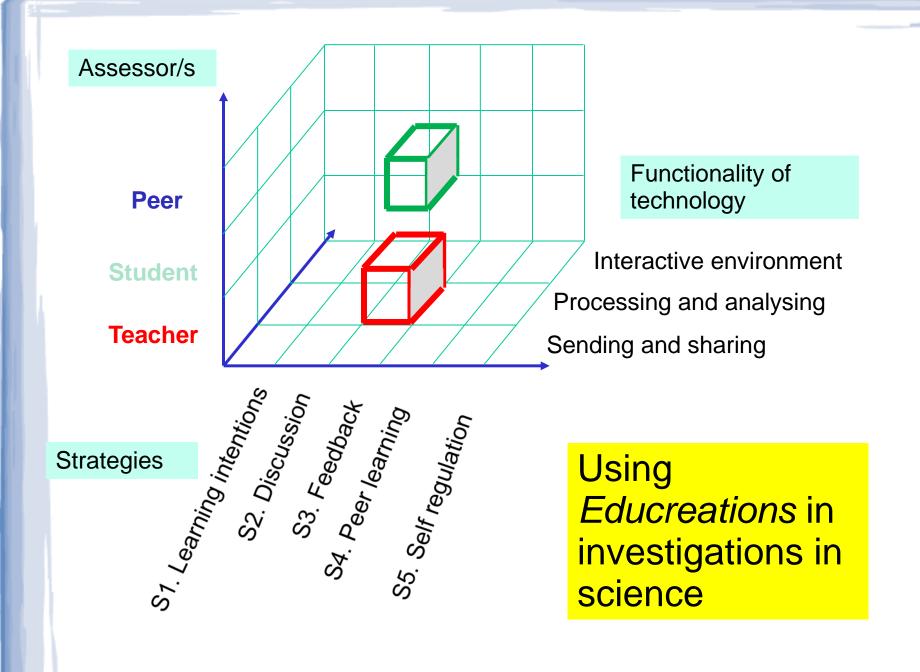


Logger Software



Popplet

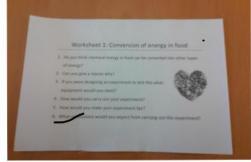




Using Educreations in investigations in science

Worksheet 2

- Log in to educreations
 - msmooneympps@gmail.com
 - Science
- Complete worksheet 2
 - A's read the questions
 - C's login and save the video
 - B's and D's write the answers



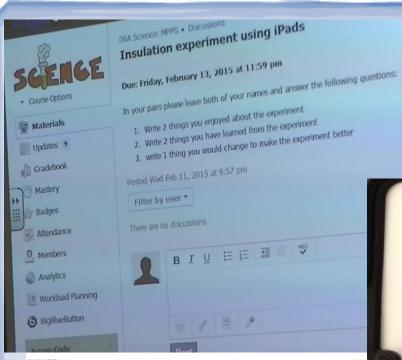
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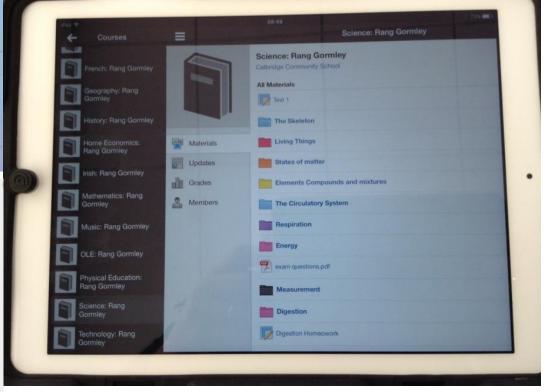
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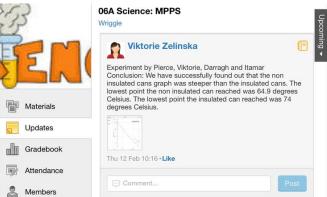
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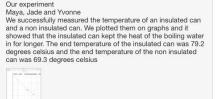








Yvonne Greavy





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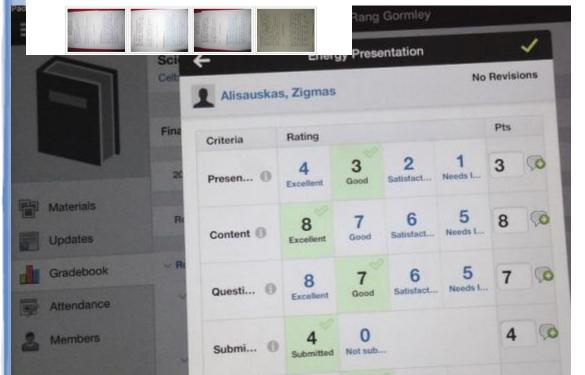


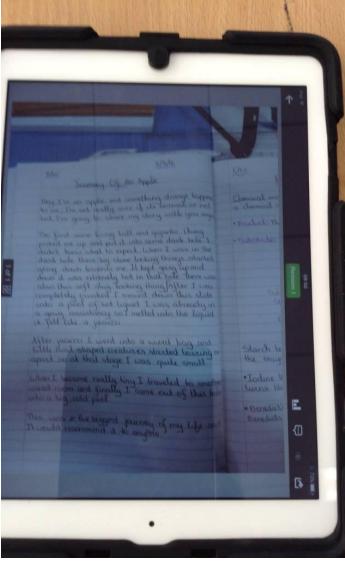
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Laura Guinan

Hi! I completed the Maths graph activity and here are some of the results. Before we started most of them saw the graph as a picture and if it went up Tom was walking fast and down was slow or else he was walking up and down a hill. Only one mentioned the distance from home on the axis when we discussed it initially. The kids responded well to the activity. They took a few minutes to get into...

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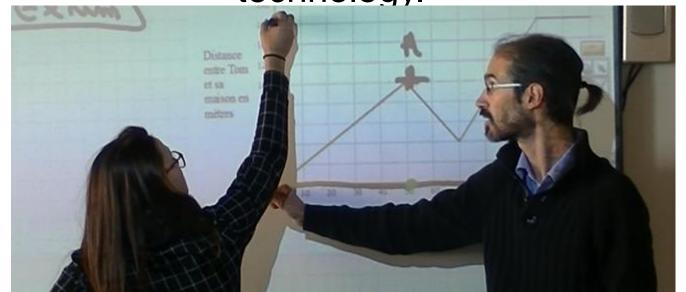




Evidences - findings

Both case studies highlighted that technology isn't a necessary condition for implementing FA strategies, but an astounding accelerator or amplifier of FA strategies.

Students had a very positive attitude to using technology.



Evidences

The dynamics within the three dimensional model show:

- the technological property of "sending and sharing" can be observed in four different FA strategies.
- "processing and analysing" data leads teachers to clarify and share their teaching intentions and the criteria for success as well as to activate students as instructional resources for one other.

Finally technology helped teachers to enroll in a complete FA process.

Evidences

The technology provided useful data and an efficient means of communication

The success of the FA strategies was largely dependent on the skills of the teacher in anticipating misconceptions, selecting appropriate topics for discussion and generating purposeful discussion through effective questioning.

Questions

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Toolkit will be available on the FaSMEd website....soon!