

Classroom Collaboration Analytics: Designing and Building Automated Systems for Collaboration Monitoring in Classroom Settings

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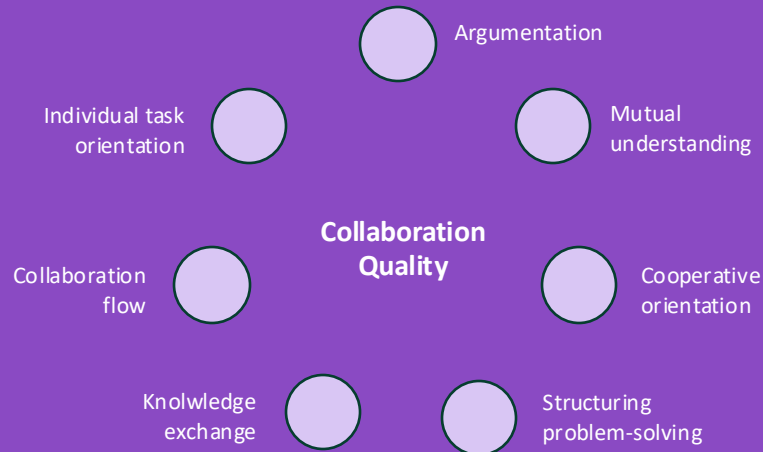
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COLLABORATION

Difficult for teachers to monitor and detect problems (Chounta & Avouris, 2016)

Collaboration is a complex construct (Rummel et al., 2011).

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MULTIMODAL LEARNING ANALYTICS

Captures multimodality of students' interactions.

Uses sensors along with log data (Ochoa et al., 2017).



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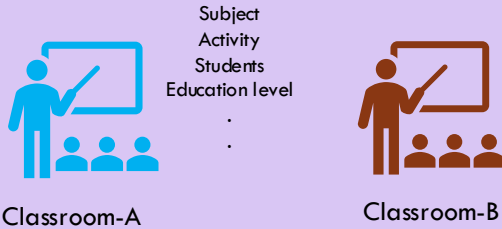
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GENERALIZABILITY

Ability of machine learning models to perform well on unseen data (Raschka, 2018).

Example: a engagement model developed on class A's data applied in class B (across-context).



RESEARCH GAPS

1

Lack of systematization in generalizability evaluation of MMLA based solutions

Reilly & Schneider, 2019

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Lack of knowledge over building generalizable collaboration quality estimation models

Grover et al., 2016

Bassiou et al., 2016

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Lack of knowledge over extent of generalizability of collaboration estimation models in classroom settings

Viswanathan & Vanlehn, 2018

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

NEW

How to build and assess **across-context generalizable machine learning models** for the estimation of collaboration quality and its dimensions in small groups in authentic classroom face-to-face settings?

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How can we systematically assess and report the generalizability of collaboration quality models?

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NEW

How to build **across-context** generalizable collaboration quality estimation models?

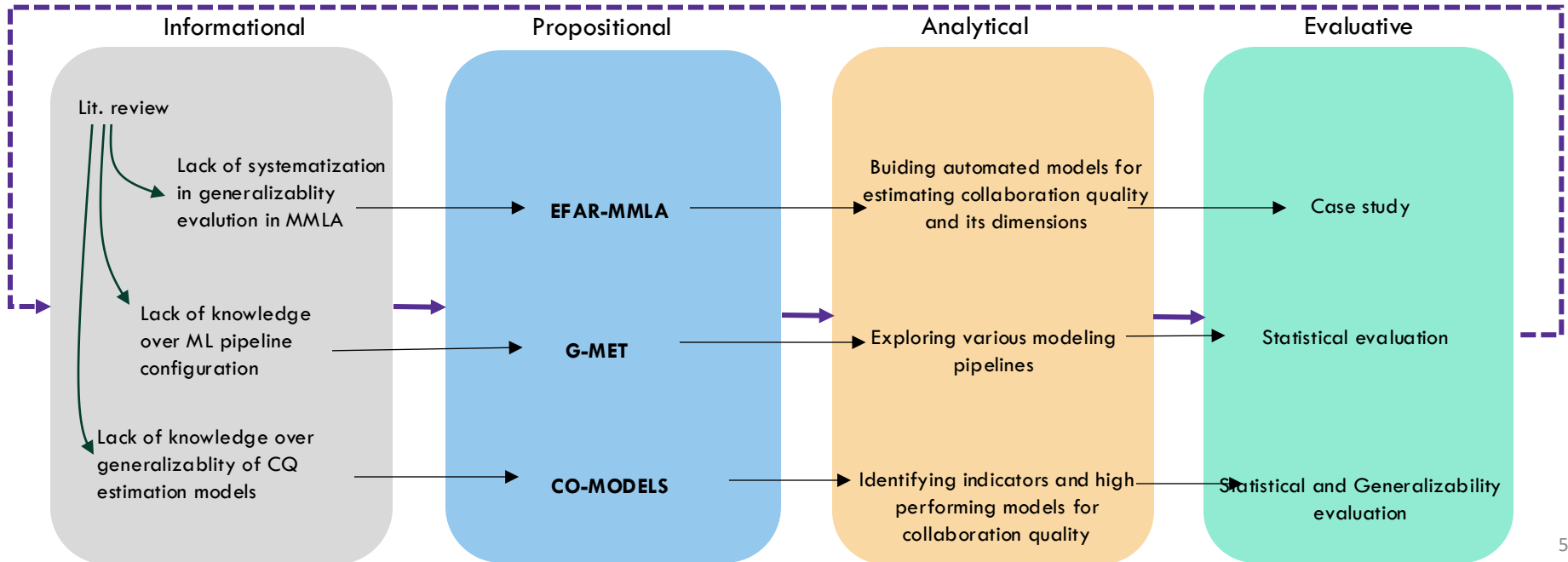
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How well do estimation models for collaboration quality perform across contexts?

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Engineering Method

(Basili et al., 1993)



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EFAR-MMLA

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CO-MODELS

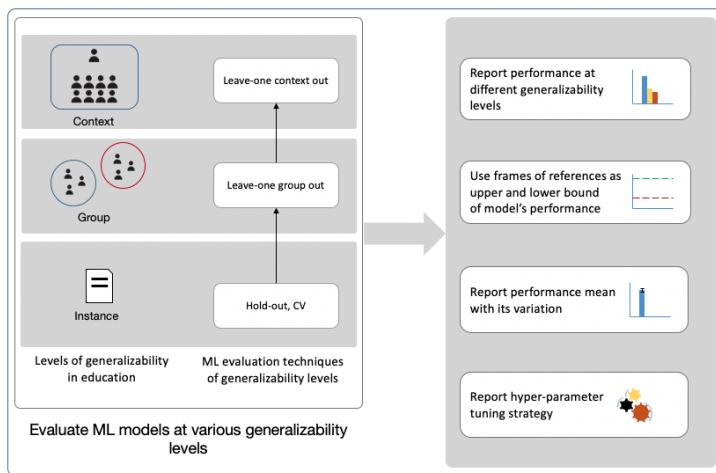
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EFAR-MMLA: Evaluation framework for assessing and reporting generalizability



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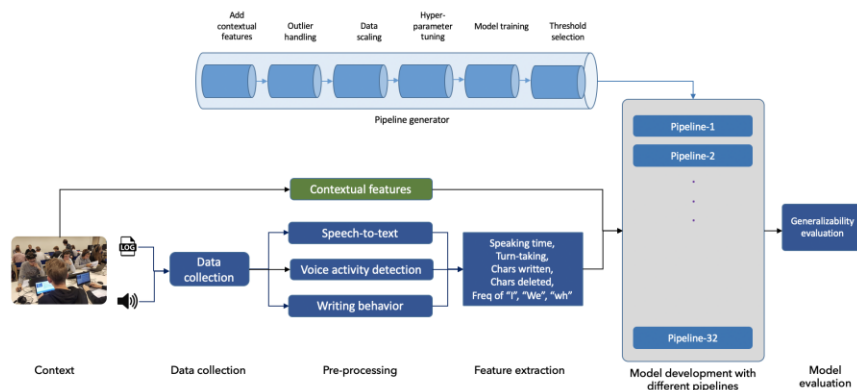
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G-MET: Methodology for building more generalizable collaboration estimation models



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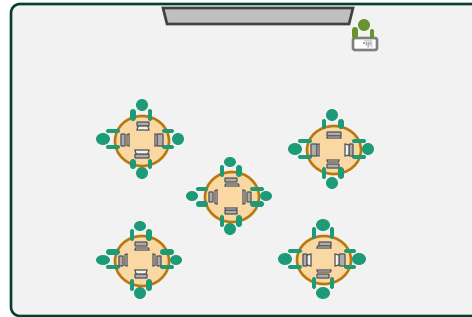
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CO-MODELS: Machine learning models for estimating collaboration quality using multimodal data



Multimodal
data



Machine
learning

Co-models



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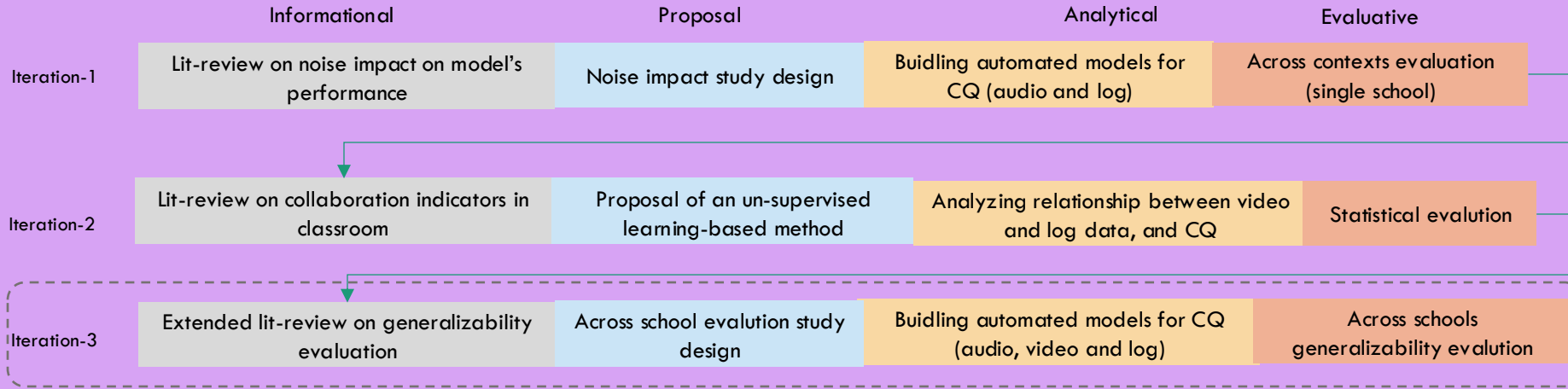
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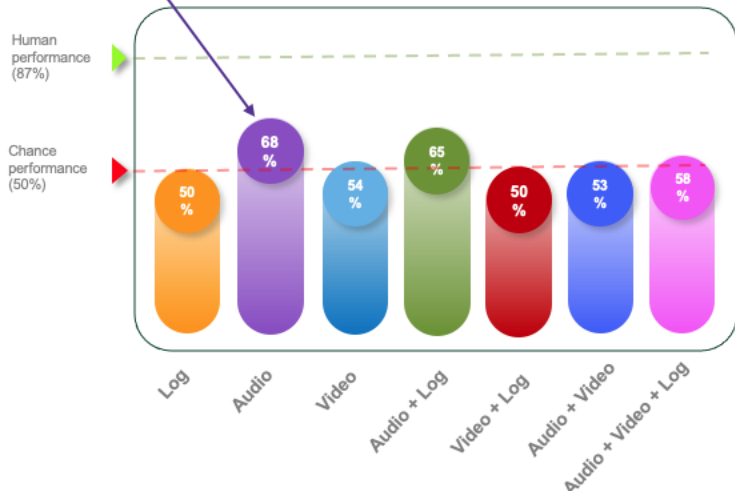


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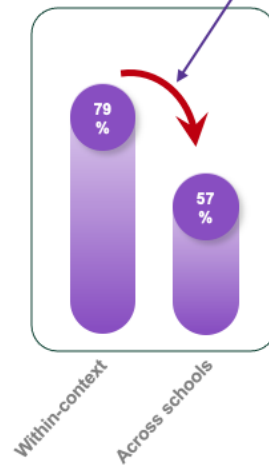
Audio data alone enabled the development of context generalizable models

Balanced accuracy of models built using different modalities across different group-discussion tasks



Model experienced a **loss of 22%** in balanced accuracy when performing across different schools

Balanced accuracy of models built using audio within and across contexts



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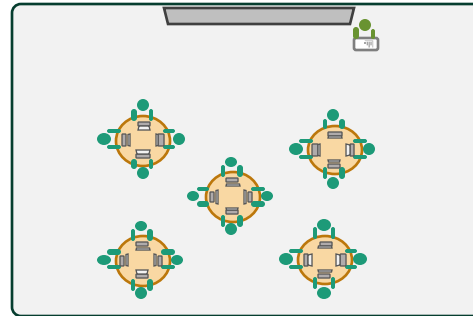
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Multimodal
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Machine
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Automated models for collaboration
quality and its dimensions

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BEST DEMO AWARD
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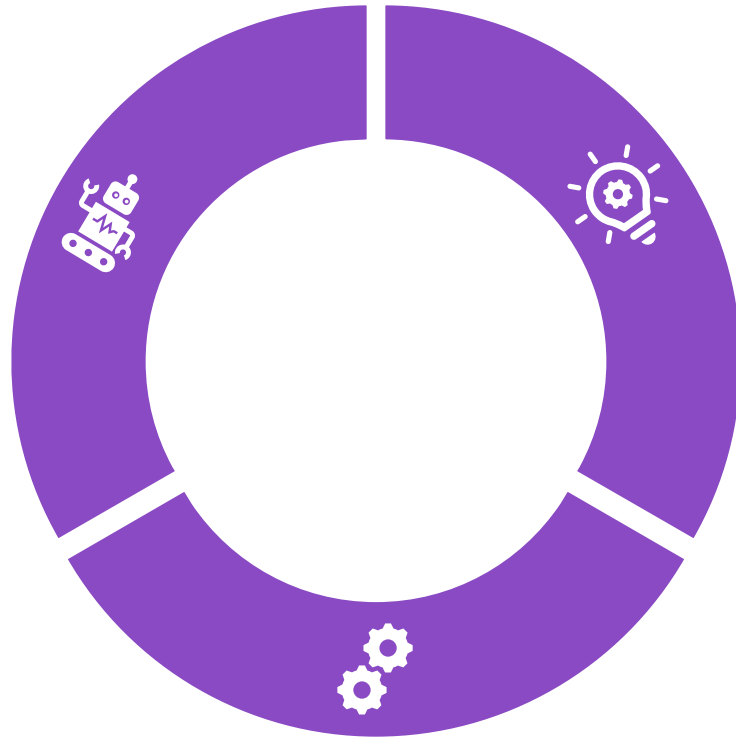
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600 Students

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DISCUSSION



GAP #1: Lack of systematization in generalizability evaluation of MMLA based solutions



DISCUSSION

EFAR-MMLA

- ... brings another perspective of bias identification
- ... complements MMLA conceptual tools (e.g., MLeaM, M-DVC)

Di Mitri et al., 2018

Shankar et al., 2020

GAP #2: Lack of knowledge over building generalizable collaboration quality estimation models



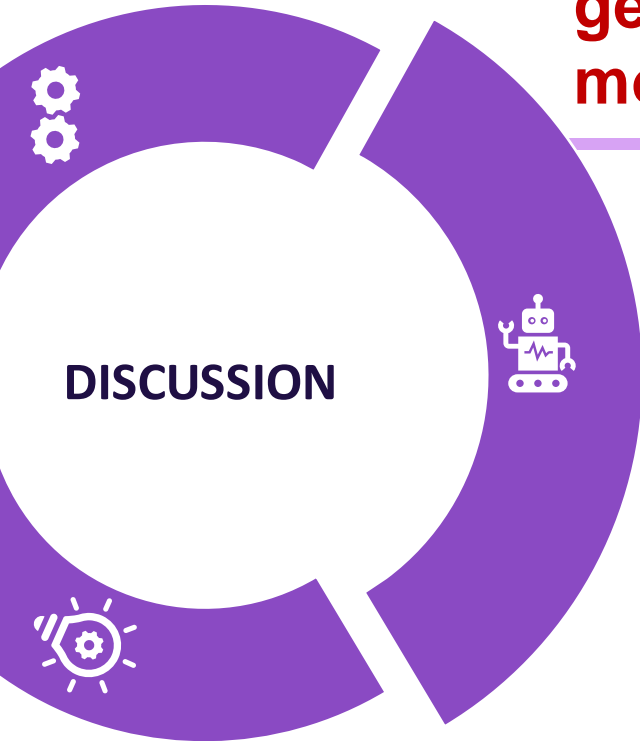
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G-MET

- ... suggests 60s time window for building models for collaboration quality
- ... illustrates that contextual data improves performance across contexts
- ... recommends the use of Random Forest for modeling

Chounta et al., 2015

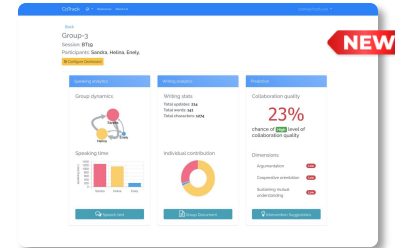
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CO-MODELS

- ... identify indicators for collaboration quality in authentic settings (e.g., verticle head movement)
- ... achieve across-context generalizability in authentic settings with ~25% degradation
- ... can help with closing the learning analytics loop

Pugh et al., 2022



GAP #3: Lack of knowledge over extent of intervention estimation



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Speaking time

Group dynamics

Individual contribution

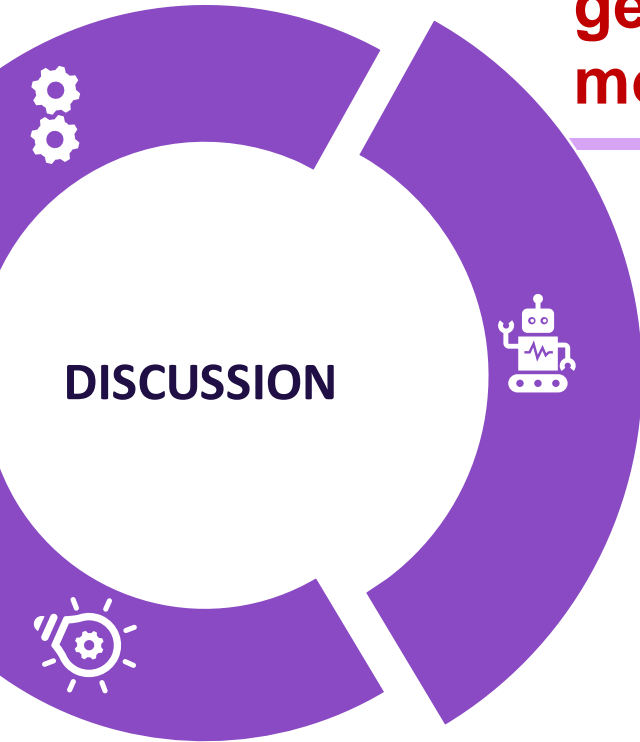
Dimensions

Intervention Suggestions

Dimension	Current state	Suggestions
Argumentation	Low	Make sure there is someone in the group with the role of orienting (raising questions with the direction of discussion)
Cooperative orientation	Low	Go and talk to the group about the issue, guide them to solve their own problem. Ask about the role divisions, if possible assign a leader whose task is to make sure everyone has shared their thoughts and feelings.
Sustaining mutual understanding	Low	To promote, specify common rewards for the group, such as group marks

(vertical head movement)
% degradation

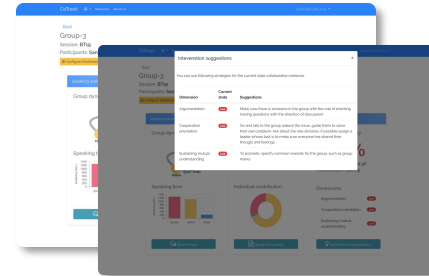
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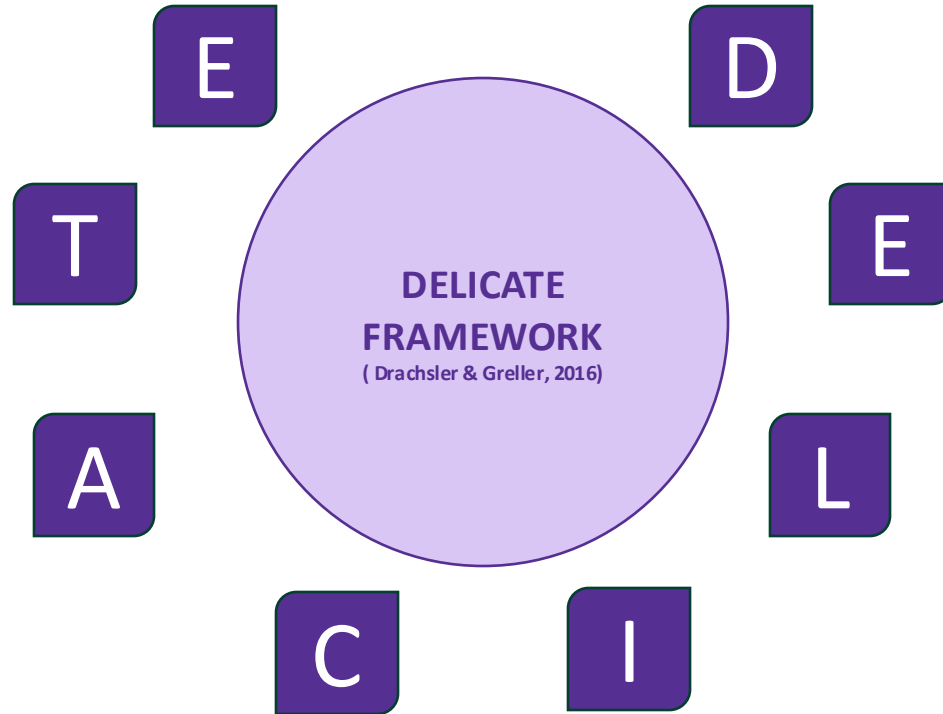
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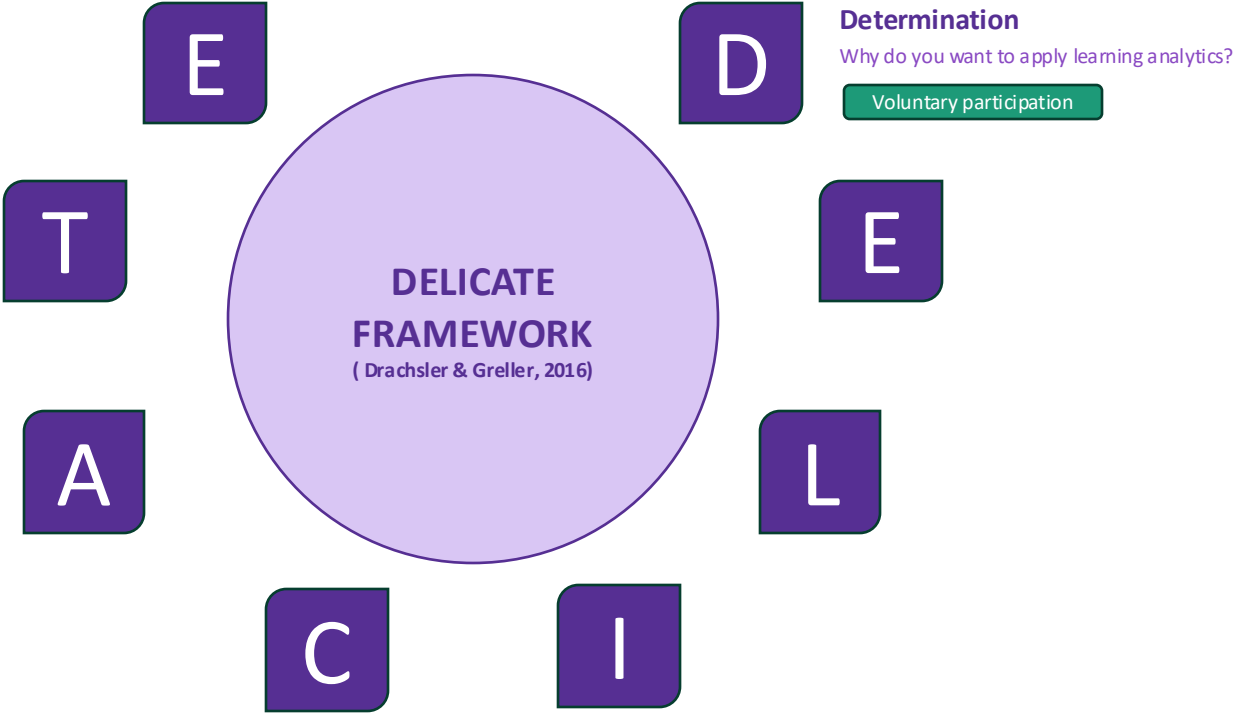


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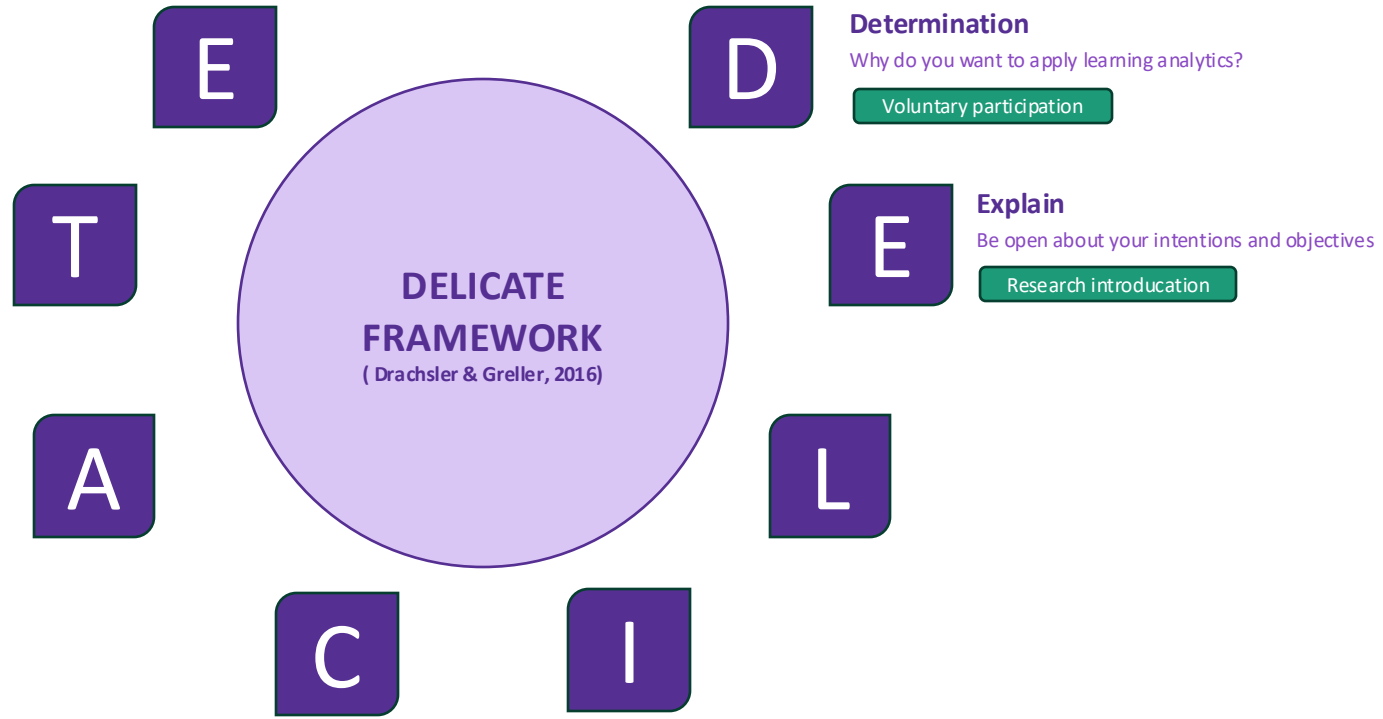
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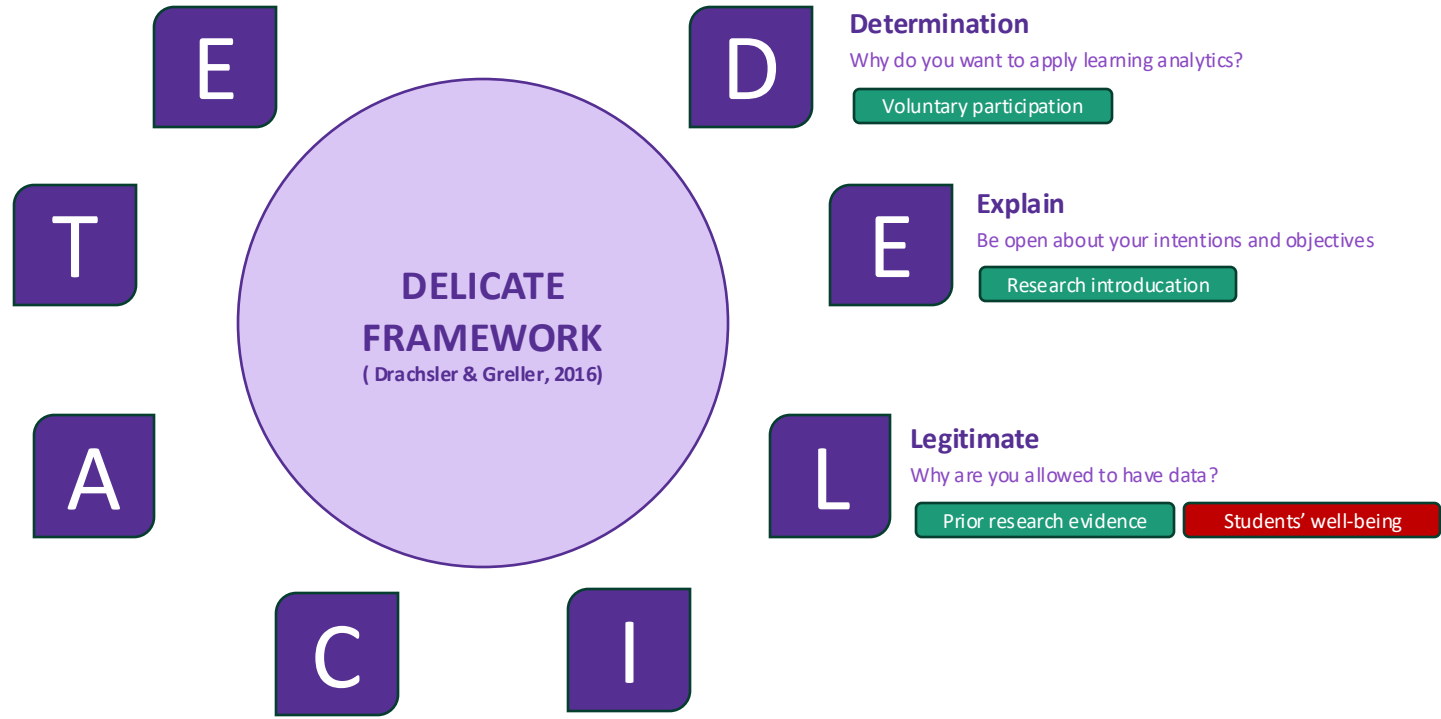
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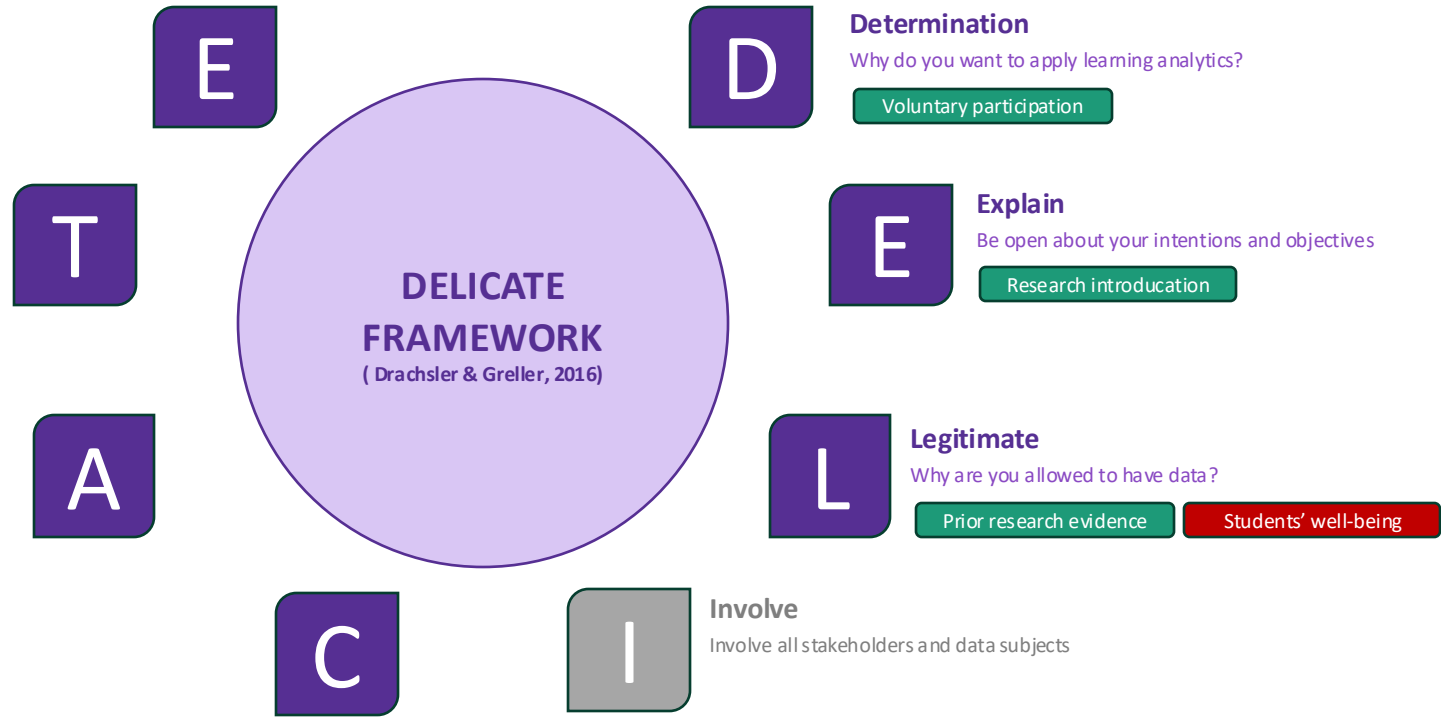
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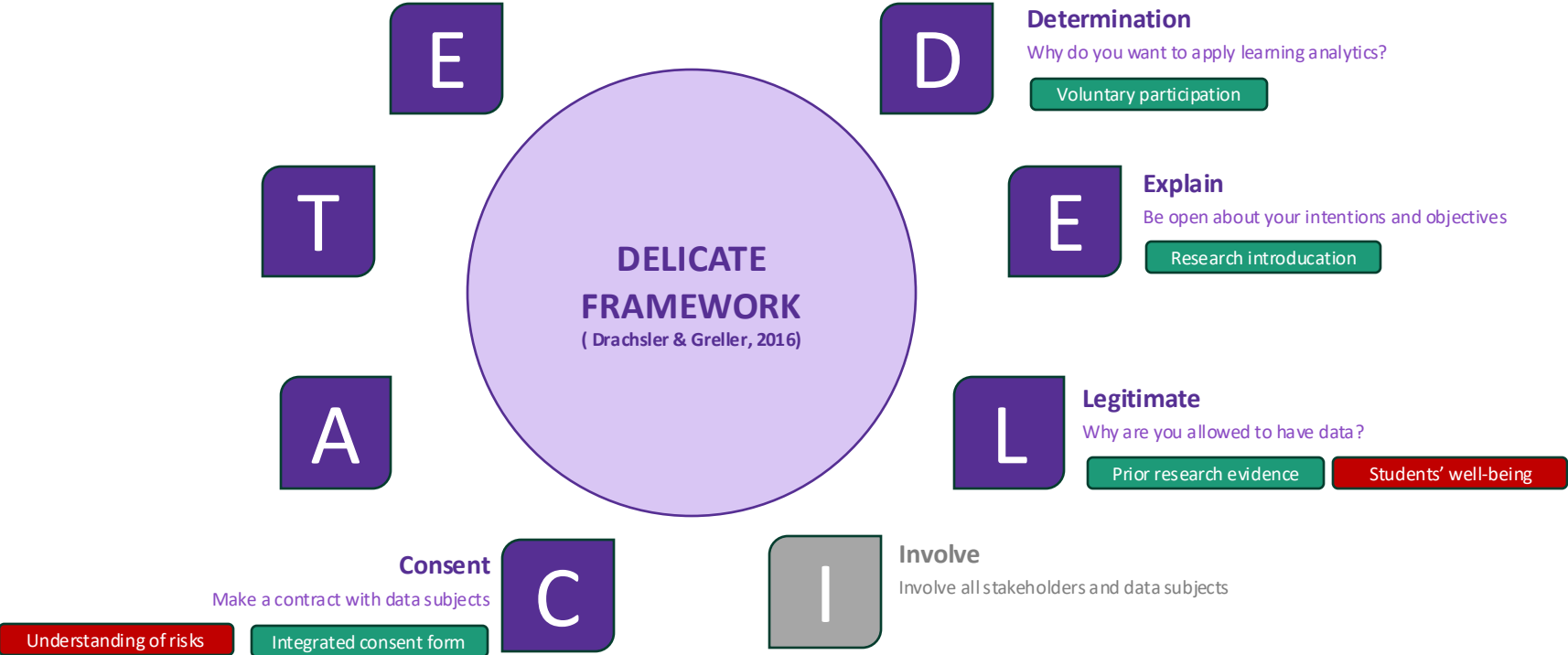
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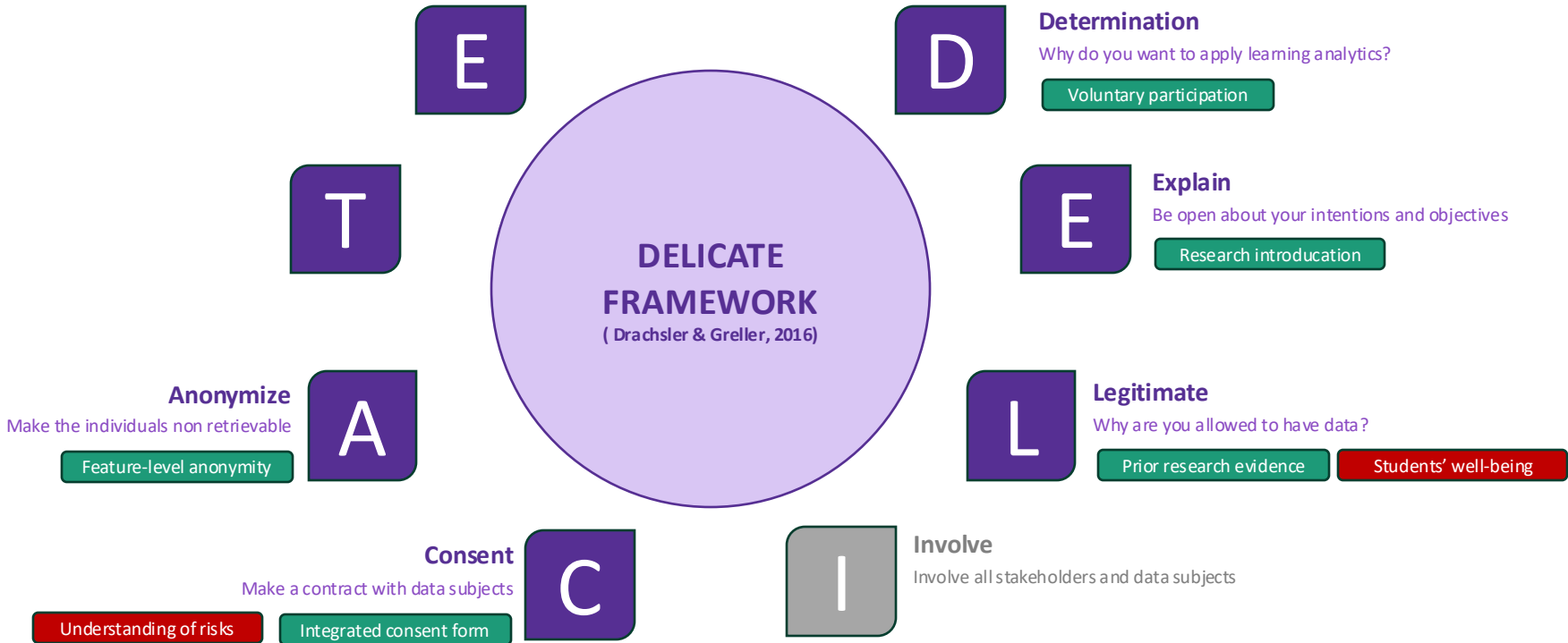
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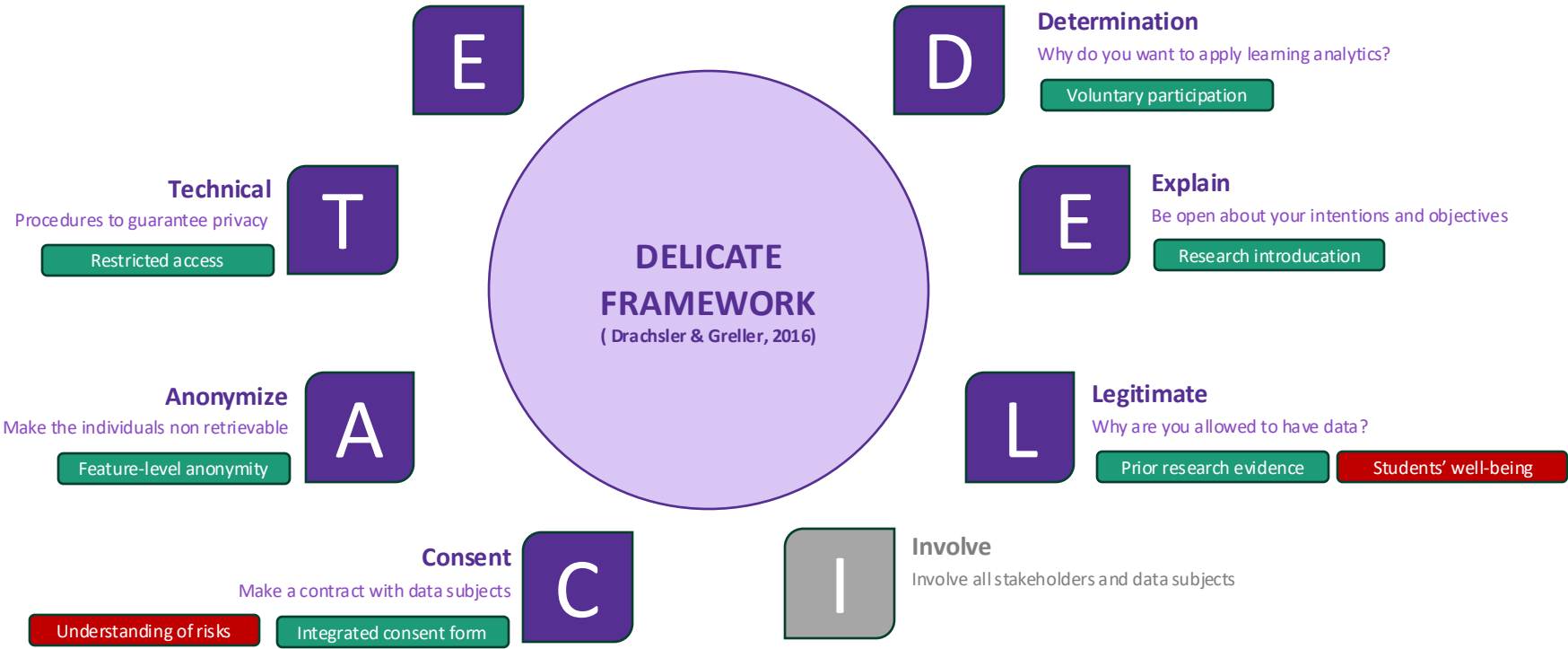
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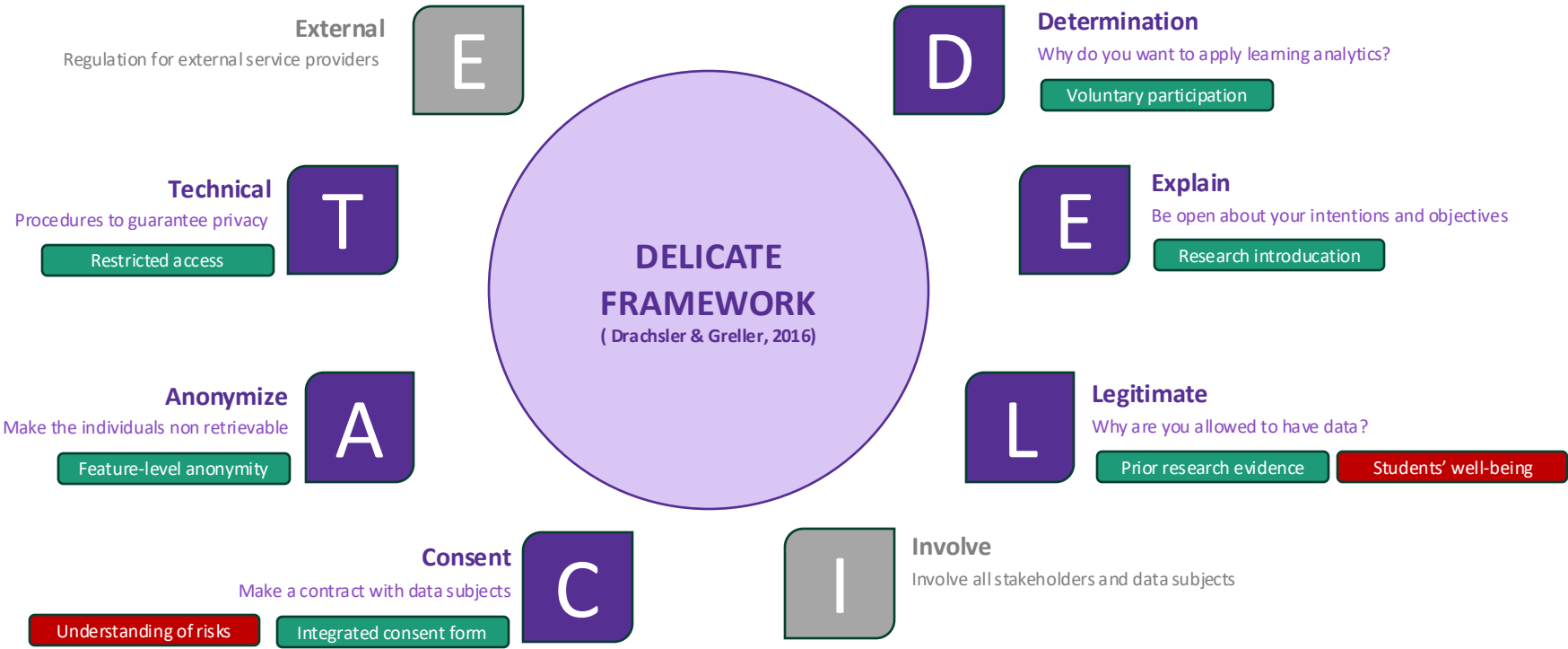
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“SOME” LIMITATIONS & FUTURE WORK

→ Limitations

- Narrow educational context
- Non-temporal analysis
- Use of low-level features (content free)

→ Future work addressing limitations

- Research in wider range of contexts

→ Future work opened up by research

- Closing the loop (feedback)
- Teacher’s response

CONCLUSION

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RESEARCH GAPS

- 1 Lack of systematization in generalizability evaluation of MMLA based solutions
(Chetani et al., 2023) (Prieto & Rodríguez-Triana, 2023)
- 2 Lack of knowledge over building generalizable collaboration quality estimation models
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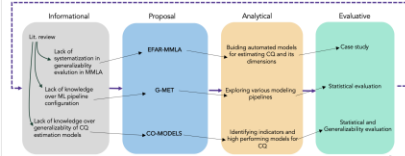
RESEARCH QUESTIONS

How to build and assess generalizable machine learning-based MMLA support for the estimation of collaboration quality and its dimensions in small groups in authentic face-to-face classroom settings?

- 1 How can we systematically assess and report the generalizability of collaboration quality models?
- 2 How to build more generalizable collaboration quality estimation models?
- 3 How well do estimation models for collaboration quality perform across contexts?

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Engineering Method
(Basili et al., 1993)



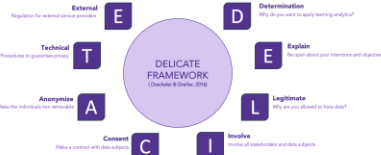
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- 1 EFAR-MMLA
- 2 G-MET
- 3 CO-MODELS
- 4 COTRACK

DISCUSSION



ETHICAL CONCERNS



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 - Use of quantitative features
- Future work addressing limitations
- Research in wider range of context
- Future work opened up by research
- AI deployment aspect
 - Teacher's response
 - Closing the loop

CONCLUSION

How to build and assess machine learning-based MMLA support for the estimation of collaboration quality and its dimensions in small groups across authentic face-to-face classroom settings?

- 1 Use of 10 seconds time window for modeling collaboration quality
 - 2 Use of contextual data to build more generalizable CO models
 - 3 Use of audio data alone enable development of across-contexts generalizable CO models
- 1 Community efforts needed to address issues related to dataset size, annotation, modeling
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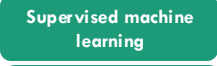

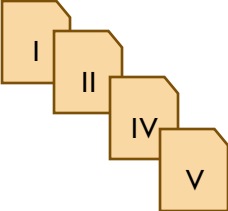




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Research Gaps	Research Questions	Research Objectives	Data	Analysis	Publications
<p>RG #1: There is a lack of systematization for the evaluation of automated machine learning models in MMLA and specifically MMLA for collaboration.</p>	<p>RQ #1: How to systematically assess and report generalizability of automated estimation models of collaboration quality and its dimensions in small groups in class?</p>	<p>OB #1. To <i>systematically assess and report generalizability of machine learning-based MMLA solutions of collaboration quality.</i></p>	 Audio  Log data		
<p>RG #2. There is a lack of knowledge over building generalizable collaboration quality estimation models for classroom settings.</p>	<p>RQ #2: How to build more generalizable automated estimation models of collaboration quality and its dimensions in small groups in classroom collaborative learning?</p>	<p>OB #2. To <i>identify machine learning pipeline configurations that enable the building of more generalizable collaboration quality estimation models.</i></p>	 Audio  Log data	  	
<p>RG #3. The field lacks knowledge on to what extent automated collaboration models can generalize in classroom settings.</p>	<p>RQ #3: How well do automated estimation models for collaboration quality and its dimensions perform across contexts (e.g., task contexts, task type contexts, school contexts) in authentic classroom settings?</p>	<p>OB #3. To <i>investigate the impact of attribute noise on the performance of collaboration quality models in authentic settings.</i></p> <p>OB #4. To <i>investigate generalizability of automated estimation models of collaboration quality at different levels (across different tasks, task-types, schools).</i></p>	 Audio  Log data		
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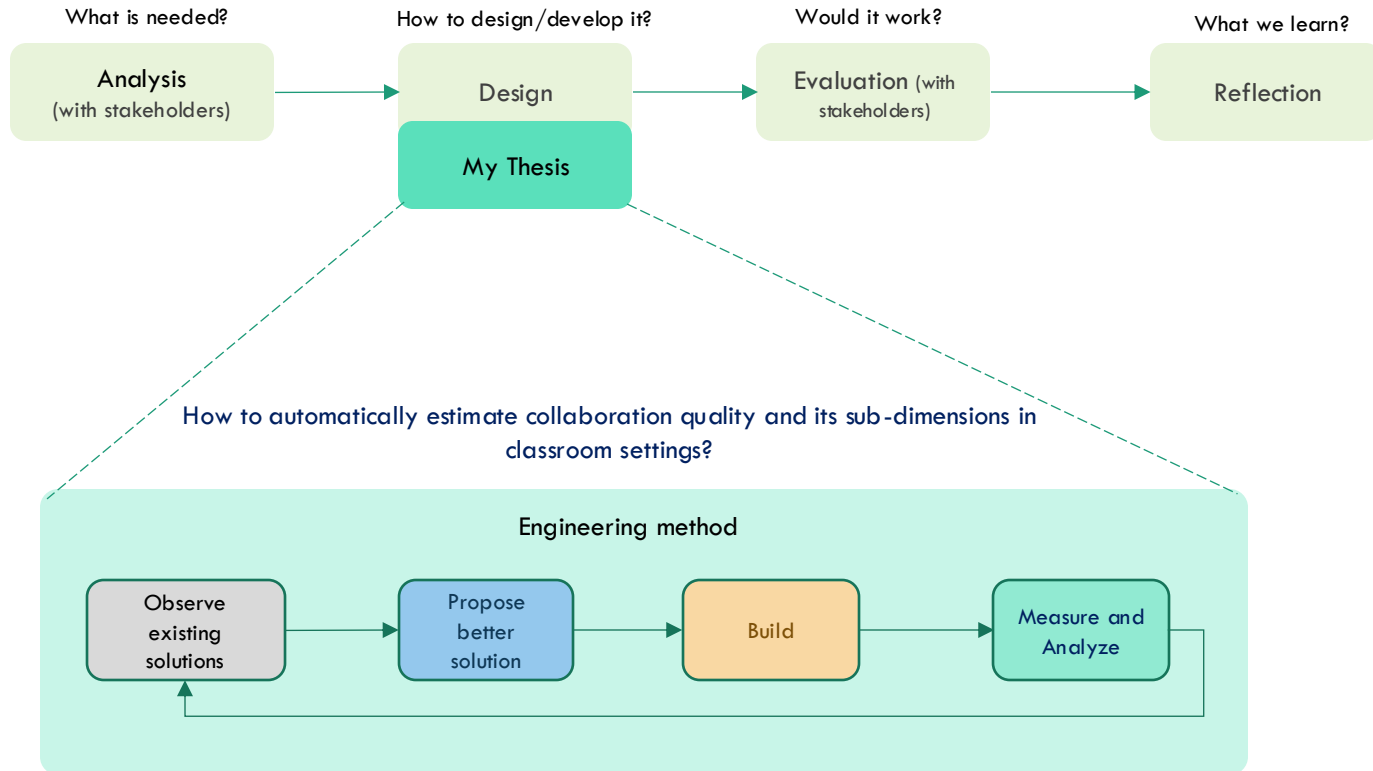
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EU AI Act: Educational & Vocational Training as High Risk Industry

Risk Classification	High Risk AI Systems		Requirements for High Risk Providers*	Predictions
Unacceptable Risk	<p>1. AI for Admissions</p> <p>Determine access or admission or to assign to educational and vocational training institutions</p>		<p>Risk and Quality Management System</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance requirements may be too complex and resources-intensive for smaller companies, hindering their ability to compete and innovate
<p>High Risk</p> <p>8 areas including Educational & Vocational Training</p>	<p>2. AI for Evaluation</p> <p>Evaluate learning outcomes, including when those are used to steer the learning process</p>		<p>Conduct Data Governance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrictions on how student data can be collected and used could limit the potential of personalised and adaptive tools, impeding the development of edtech solutions relying on customisation
Limited Risk	<p>3. AI for Assessment</p> <p>Assessing the appropriate level of education that individual will receive or will be able to access</p>		<p>Technical Documentation & Record Keeping</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complexity of regulation may induce fear of violation, discouraging companies from taking risks and innovating
Low and Minimal Risk	<p>4. AI for Proctoring</p> <p>Monitoring and detecting prohibited behaviour of students during tests</p>		<p>Instruction Guide</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complexity of regulation may induce fear of violation, discouraging companies from taking risks and innovating
			<p>Human Oversight</p>	<p>*Providers: those intending to place on the market/put into service high-risk AI systems in the EU.</p>
			<p>Appropriate level of Accuracy, Robustness, and Cybersecurity</p>	

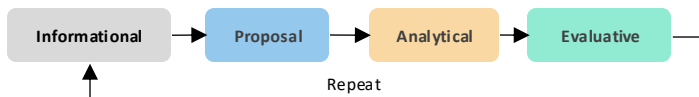
Supporting and guiding teachers during collaborative learning activities of small groups in classroom settings
(Reet Kasepalu)

Design-Based Research



CLASSROOM COLLABORATION ANALYTICS: DESIGNING AND BUILDING AUTOMATED SYSTEMS FOR MONITORING COLLABORATION IN CLASSROOM

Methodology:
Engineering Methods (Basili, 1993)



Contributions:

CoTrack

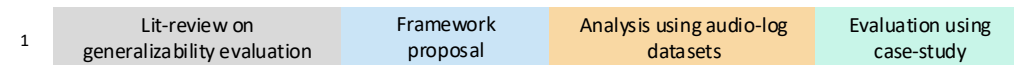
Multimodal data collection tool



EFAR-MMLA

An Evaluation Framework for Assessing and Reporting generalizability of ML models in MMLA

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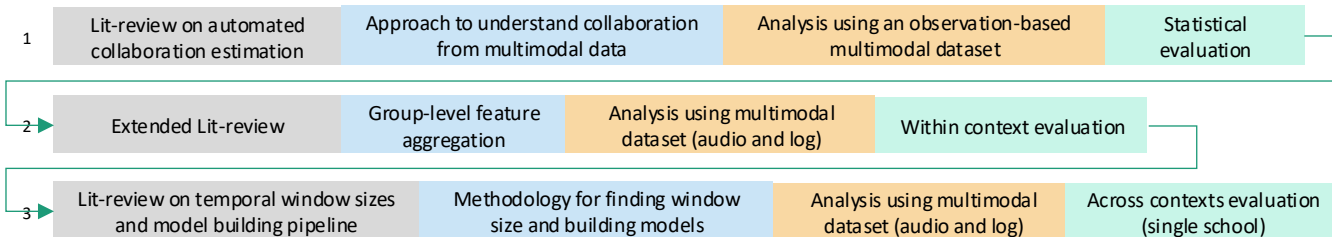
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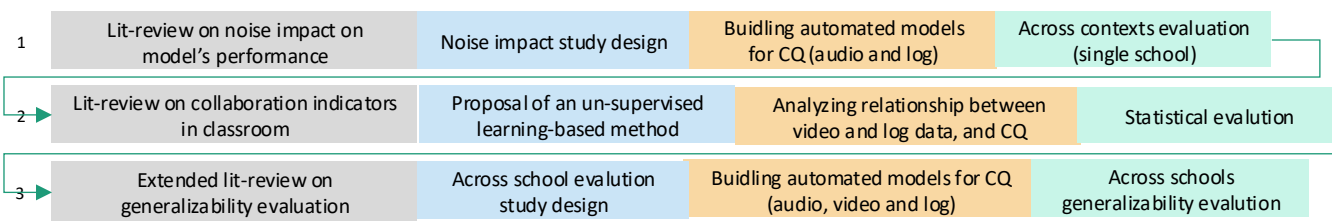
Co-Models

Collaboration quality indicators and machine learning models for authentic classroom settings

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AUTHENTIC FACE-TO-FACE CLASSROOM SETTINGS

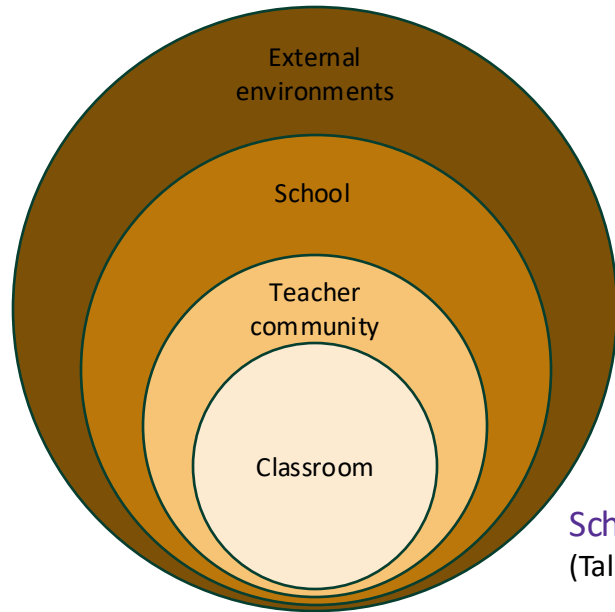
- Free-form collaboration
- Writing
- Synchronous interaction
- Laptop use

O 1.1: IMPORTANCE OF CONTEXT

- The need to consider students as being nested within classrooms and schools while assessing generalizability of students' achievement (Cronbach et al., 1997)
- Generalizability might not be desirable in every case.
- For example, a model which is performing well for a certain type of collaborative learning activity will not lose its worth if failed to generalize to another type of activity.

Cronbach, L. J., Linn, R. L., Brennan, R. L., & Haertel, E. H. (1997). Generalizability analysis for performance assessments of student achievement or school effectiveness. *Educational and Psychological Measurement*, 57(3), 373-399.

O 1.2: HOW TO PROVIDE CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION TO THE MODEL?



School context Model
(Talbert & McLaughlin, 1999)

Indicators Examples (Bascia, 2014)

Parental engagement in their children's education

Appropriate resources are available.

Teachers use data to support educational decision-making.

Social and emotional learning is valued.

Talbert, J. E., & McLaughlin, M. W. (1999). Assessing the school environment: Embedded contexts and bottom-up research strategies. In S. L. Friedman & T. D. Wachs (Eds.), *Measuring environment across the life span: Emerging methods and concepts* (pp. 197–227). American Psychological Association. <https://doi.org/10.1037/10317-007>

Bascia, N. (2014). The School Context Model: How School Environments Shape Students' Opportunities to Learn. In *Measuring What Matters*, People for Education. Toronto: November 8, 2014

O 1.5: CLARIFICATION OF SPEECH-TO-TEXT

- Frequency of particular words (e.g., “I”, “WE”, “Wh-words”) (briefly mentioned in the paper V)

O 1.7: PRACTICALITY OF MMLA SOLUTIONS

- Technical complexity
- Financial burden
- Noisy situations

Yan, L., Zhao, L., Gasevic, D., & Martinez-Maldonado, R. (2022, March). Scalability, sustainability, and ethicality of multimodal learning analytics. In *LAK22: 12th international learning analytics and knowledge conference* (pp. 13-23).

O 1.8: CLOSING THE LOOP

The screenshot displays the CoTrack interface for a group named "Group-3" during session "BT19". The participants are Sandra, Helina, and Enely. The dashboard is divided into two main sections: "Speaking analytics" and "Writing analytics".

Speaking analytics:

- Group dynamics:** A circular diagram showing interactions between Sandra, Helina, and Enely.
- Speaking time:** A bar chart showing speaking time in seconds for each participant. Sandra has the highest speaking time (approx. 1200s), followed by Helina (approx. 1000s) and Enely (approx. 200s).

Writing analytics:

- Writing stats:** Total updates: 214, Total words: 141, Total characters: 1.
- Individual contribution:** A donut chart showing the distribution of writing contributions.

An "Intervention suggestions" modal is open, displaying a table of strategies for the current state collaboration behavior:

Dimension	Current state	Suggestions
Argumentation	Low	Make sure there is someone in the group with the role of orienting (raising questions with the direction of discussion)
Cooperative orientation	Low	Go and talk to the group about the issue, guide them to solve their own problem. Ask about the role divisions, if possible assign a leader whose task is to make sure everyone has shared their thoughts and feelings.
Sustaining mutual understanding	Low	To promote, specify common rewards for the group, such as group marks

Kasepalu R, Prieto LP, Ley T and Chejara P (2022) Teacher Artificial Intelligence-Supported Pedagogical Actions in Collaborative Learning Coregulation: A Wizard-of-Oz Study. *Front. Educ.* 7:736194. doi: 10.3389/feduc.2022.736194