# Harnessing Multimodal Learning Analytics in Computer-Supported-Collaborative-Learning (CSCL)

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#### (Computer-Supported) Collaborative Learning

## Visible and invisible dynamics of interaction and collaboration





Who is (not) learning?

How to assess learning?

Where does learning take place?

### Why Multimodal Learning Analytics?

We need to ...

- Capture learning traces in several modalities;
- Assess learning; and
- Provide (real time or post-hoc) feedback in a multimodal way.

#### **Session Outline**

Research Plan & Research Objectives

MMLA: Dispositional & Discourse Analytics

Demo 1: Speech to Text

Demo 2: OpenPose

Demo 3: Visualization of Feedback

### **Research Plan & Objectives**

Two phases over a 3-year period (Sept 2019 – Sept 2022)

#### Phase I: Design, Enact and Analyse

- Identify collaborative activities in Knowledge Building classroom.
- Design research to employ multimodal technology to uncover visible and invisible dynamics of collaboration and interaction patterns.
- Enact across primary to secondary to tertiary classrooms.

#### Phase II: Engage and Sustain

- Engage practitioners through a series of teachers' professional development & training.
- Design and enact a series of teachers' professional development courses to engage teachers in sustained CSCL practice with MMLA for formative assessment.

## Collaborative Knowledge Building knowledge is socially constructed ...



Idea connection

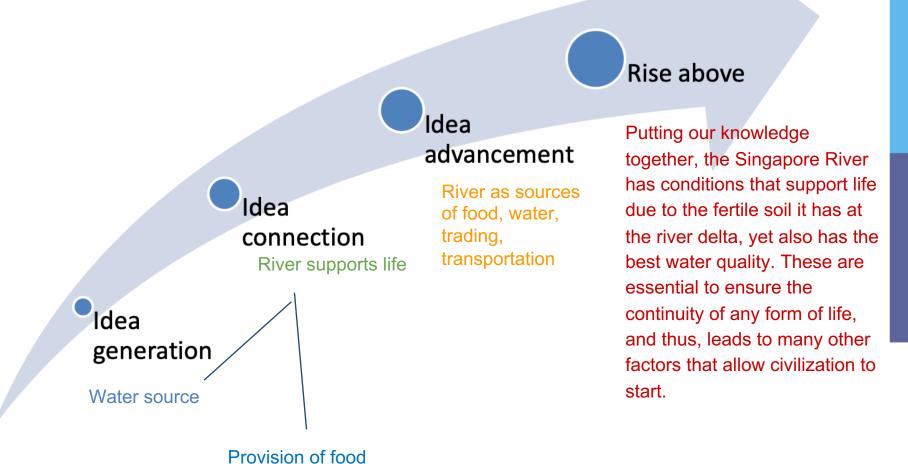
Idea generation



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## Collaborative Knowledge Building Why does civilisation start at river mouth?



### MMLA: What, Why & How?











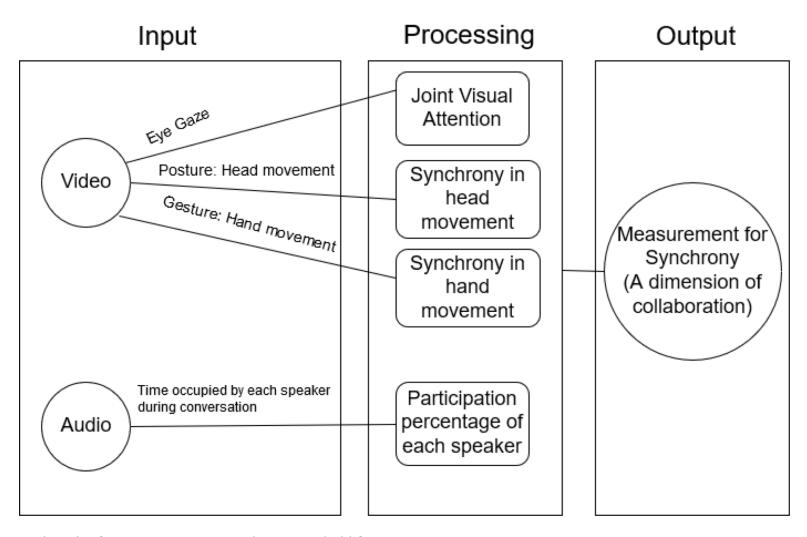




#### MMLA ...

- Enrich the semantics with learners activity traces from dispositional & discourse analytics (Cukurova et al., 2017; Cukurova et al., 2018; Davidsen & Ryberg, 2017)
- Enable triangulation of indicators of collaboration from multiple data sources (such as text, video, data logs, audio, physiological) (Tausch et al., 2014; Cukurova et al., 2017; Cukurova et al., 2018)

### **MMLA** in Collaborative Learning Setting



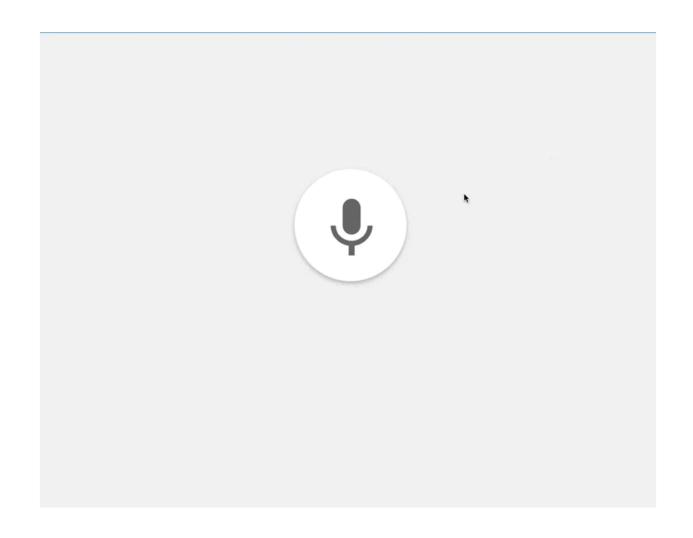
## Harnessing the potential of MMLA for feedback provision (real time & post-hoc)



Figure 2. Different states of the group mirror: a) Status of the group mirror in the beginning of a brainstorming session with three participants, b) possible visualization during a brainstorming session, c) extremely unbalanced brainstorming session, d) balanced brainstorming session, e) individual warning, f) group warning and g) the control interface.

(Bachour et al., 2010; Praharaj et al., 2018; Tausch et al., 2014)

### **Speech to Text**



### **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**

Topic modelling using LDA

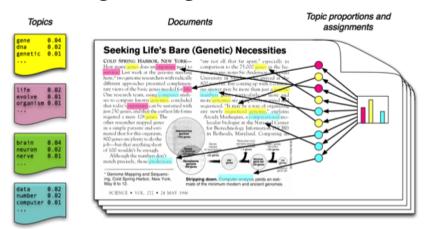


Figure source: Blei, D. M. (2012). Probabilistic topic models. Communications of the ACM, 55(4), 77-84.

 Word cloud to find the cluster of mostly discussed words in the Knowledge Forum



### Besides the audio modality...

- Need of other modalities like video or physiological signals
- Multiple modalities can help in the semantic enrichment
- For e.g., speaking time alone cannot be a good indicator of collaboration but combined with some gestures like pointing or typing in the laptop can help in understanding collaboration quality

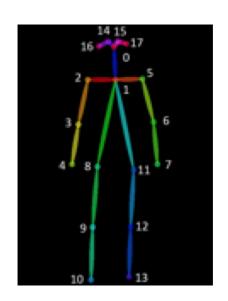
Research shows that **spontaneous body movements and actions** (micro-gestures) can reveal the **emotions and inner activities**.



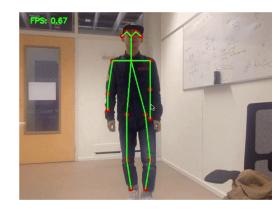
It can be utilized as **indicators** for assessing: **KB** collaborative level



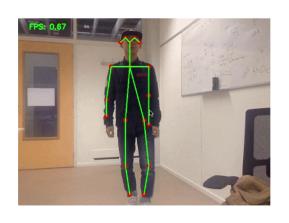
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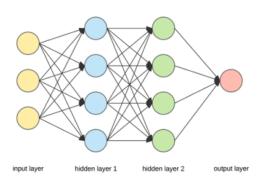
Real-time detection of Openpose



Real-time detection in real world scenario



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Realtime action recognition

Different action patterns

Observed sequences  $X_{1:T}$   $A_{3}$   $A_{m}$   $A_{m}$ 

Different KB collaborative level

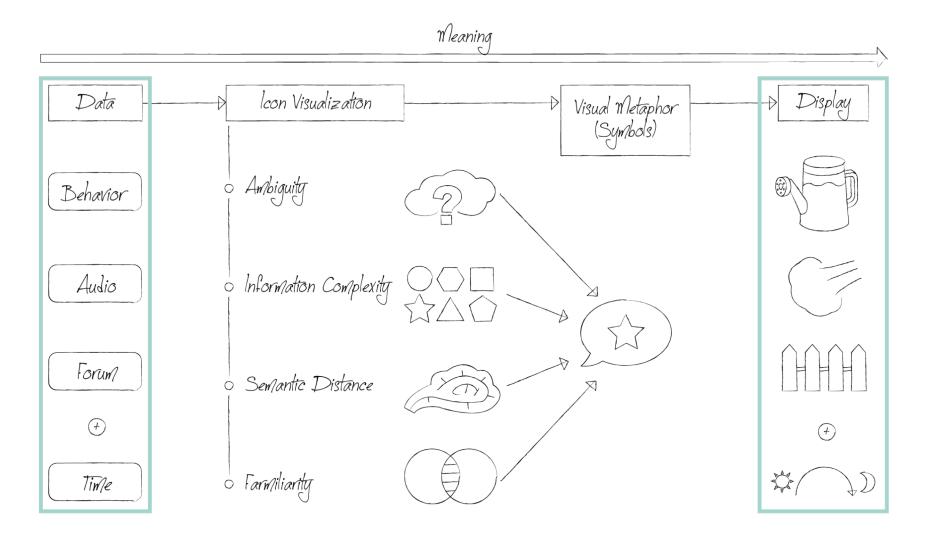
Using **Bayesian Neural networks** to infer the KB collaborative level.

#### **Visualisation of Feedback**



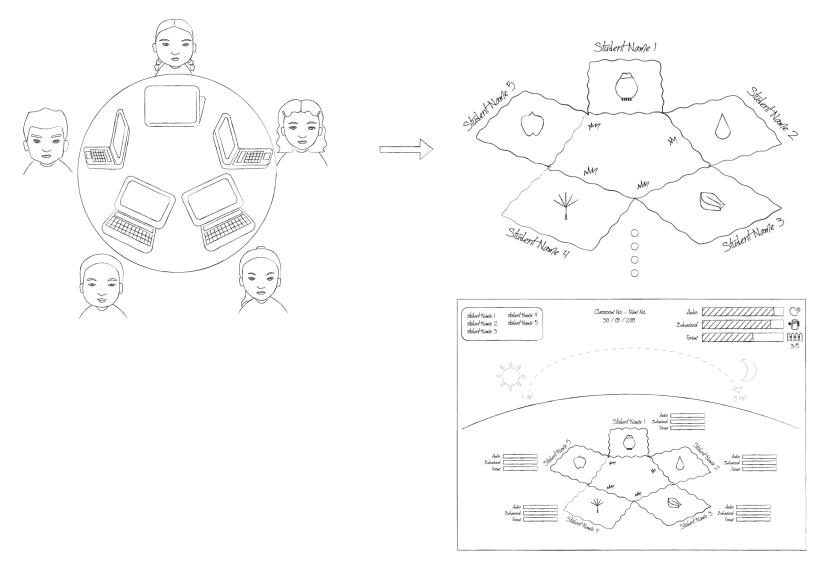
1. Concept: plant's growth following 4 stages of KB

#### **Visualisation of Feedback**



2. Icon Visualization (3 indicators+ time factor)

#### **Visualisation of Feedback**

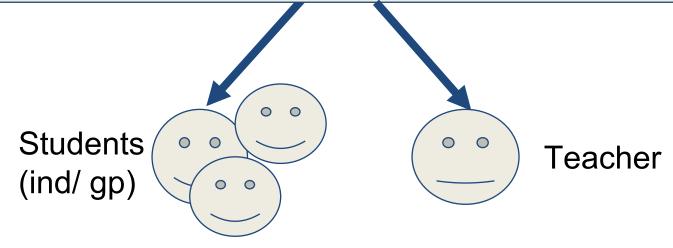


3. Interface Design for Student Collaboration

### Next steps ...

Pilot testing of prototype: across 3 different age group of learners (Pri, Sec & HE) to answer RQs.

Actionable feedback (what, when, for who & how?)



# Thank you for your participation. Q & A...