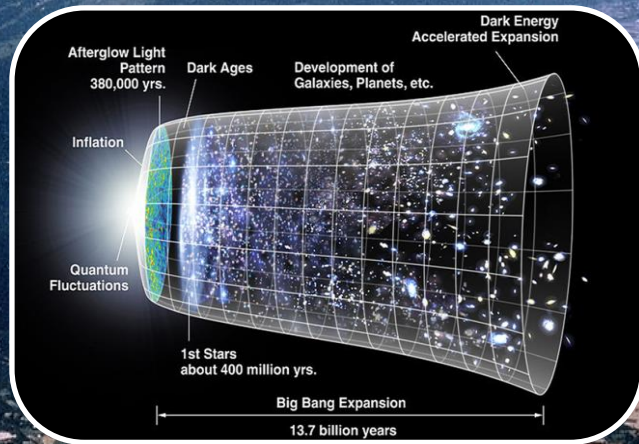


## Bringing CERN to the School Classroom

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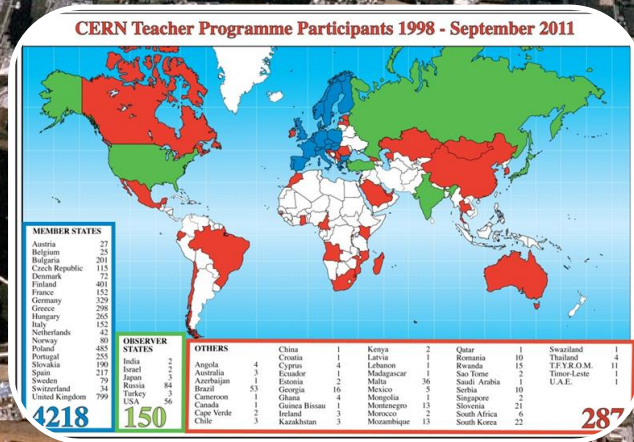
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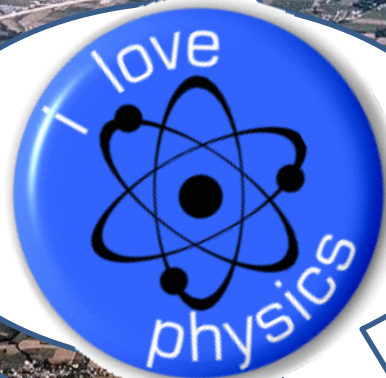
Technology



Collaboration

Education





Inspire my students & answer their questions

Share my enthusiasm & knowledge with my colleagues & students

Upgrade my enthusiasm & knowledge of Particle Physics

Why am I here?

Make science more attractive to my students

Prepare citizens to make decisions about science

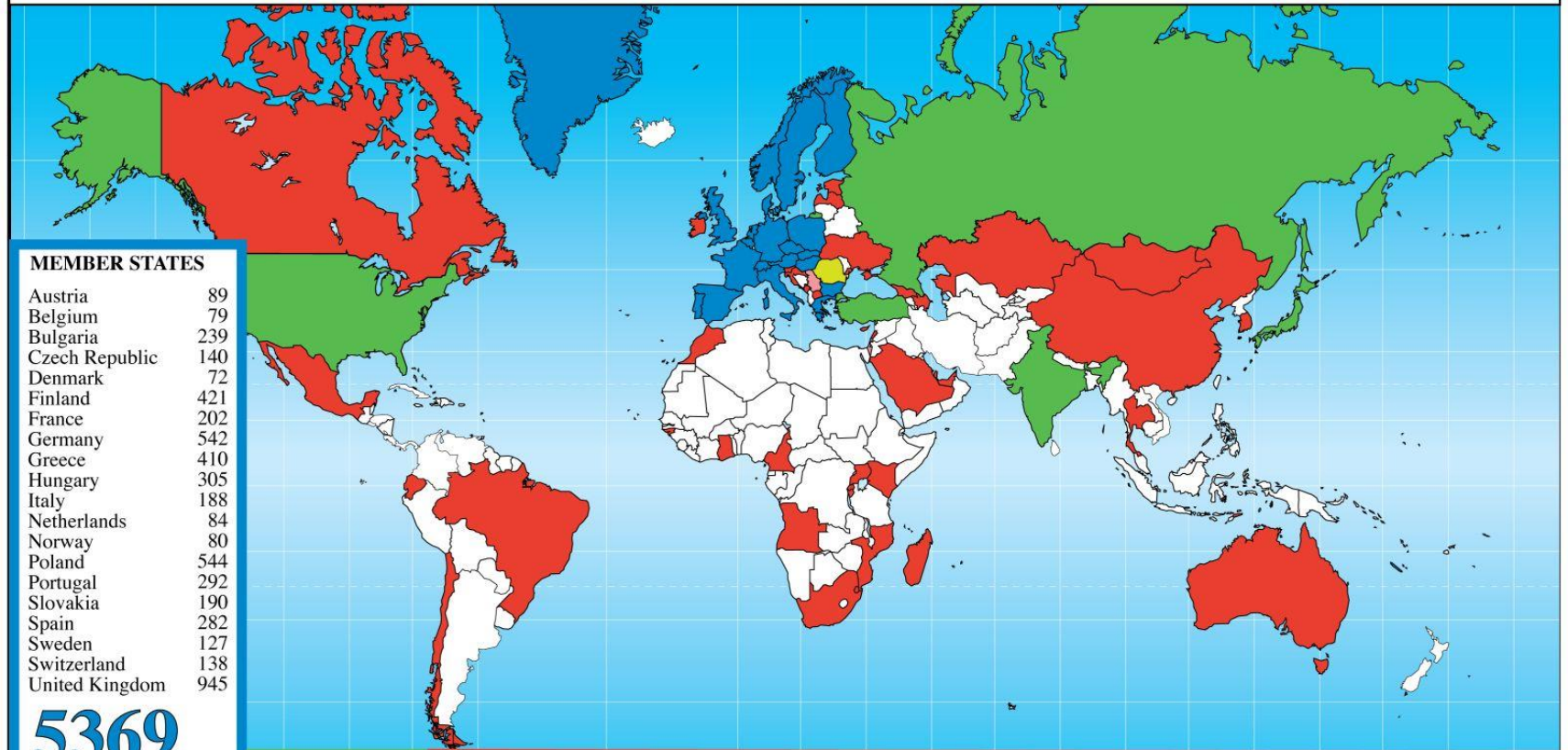
Learn a method for teaching physics to my students that is not boring

Science is not dead



# Teachers @ CERN

## Teacher Programme Participants 1998 - 2012



### MEMBER STATES

Austria	89
Belgium	79
Bulgaria	239
Czech Republic	140
Denmark	72
Finland	421
France	202
Germany	542
Greece	410
Hungary	305
Italy	188
Netherlands	84
Norway	80
Poland	544
Portugal	292
Slovakia	190
Spain	282
Sweden	127
Switzerland	138
United Kingdom	945

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### CANDIDATE FOR ACCESSION

Romania	11
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### ASSOCIATE MEMBER IN THE PRE-STAGE TO MEMBERSHIP

Israel	4
Serbia	12

### OBSERVER STATES

India	2
Japan	4
Russia	163
Turkey	3
USA	61

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### OTHERS

Angola	4	Chile	3	Kazakhstan	3	Mozambique	17	Thailand	6
Australia	3	China	1	Kenya	2	Qatar	1	T.F.Y.R.O.M.	11
Azerbaijan	1	Croatia	1	Latvia	1	Rwanda	15	Timor-Leste	4
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Burundi	1	Ecuador	2	Madagascar	2	Saudi Arabia	1	Ukraine	57
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Canada	2	Georgia	55	Mexico	5	Slovenia	21		
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		Ireland	3	Morocco	2	Swaziland	1		

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# CERN Teacher Programmes

## 2011 – 2012

- >60 3-day workshops
- 2150 participants from 76 countries
  - *86% from 20 member states (1747)*
  - *14% from 56 non-member states*
- Lectures, visits, hands-on activities, knowledge sharing and networking
- All materials and archived video recordings are publicly available
- All workshops incl. “Building a Cloud Chamber” and some “HYPATIA”
- Workshops are validated internally and externally





# Students @ CERN



Polish high school students at CERN

# The Challenge

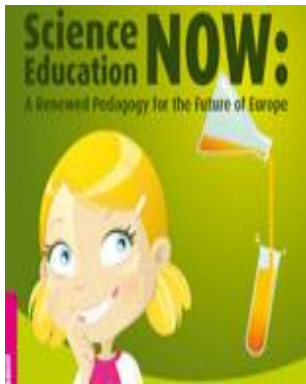


**What** can I bring back to my school from CERN & **how** can I do it best?

# Science Education in Europe: Challenges & Opportunities



Rocard et al. 2007



Osborne & Dillon 2008

- **Reverse** declining student interest in Science
- **Re-imagine** the science classroom of tomorrow
- **Realise** the potential of eScience for engaging students in scientific inquiry



# Change of Mindsets & Mindsets of Change



“Smart people don’t learn...because they have too much invested in proving what they know and avoiding being seen as not knowing”

Chris Argyris  
[Business theorist]

“I didn’t really want to be the coach who wins but the coach who educates. I want to keep preparing them for the future”

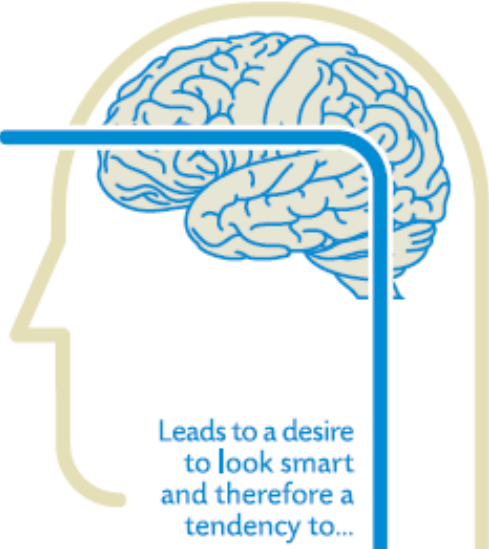
Vincente del Bosque  
[Spain’s football team coach]





# The “Fixed” Mindset (Dweck, 2008)

**Fixed Mind-set**  
Intelligence is static



Leads to a desire to look smart and therefore a tendency to...

A Fixed Mindset saying:  
“I don’t do physics (or maths or...science)”

Holmes, N. (n.d) Mindset graphic  
[http://www.stanfordalumni.org/news/magazine/2007/marapr/images/features/dweck/dweck\\_mindset.pdf](http://www.stanfordalumni.org/news/magazine/2007/marapr/images/features/dweck/dweck_mindset.pdf)  
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## CHALLENGES

...avoid challenges



## OBSTACLES

...give up easily



## EFFORT

...see effort as fruitless or worse



## SUCCESS OF OTHERS

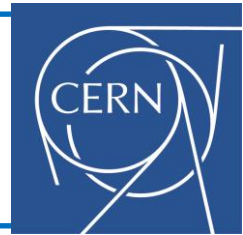
...feel threatened by the success of others



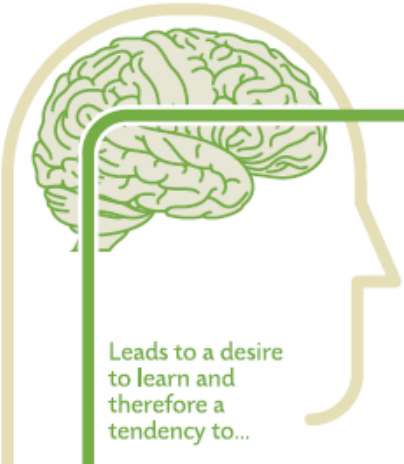
As a result, they may plateau early and achieve less than their full potential.

All this confirms a **deterministic view of the world.**





# The "Growth" Mindset (Dweck, 2008)

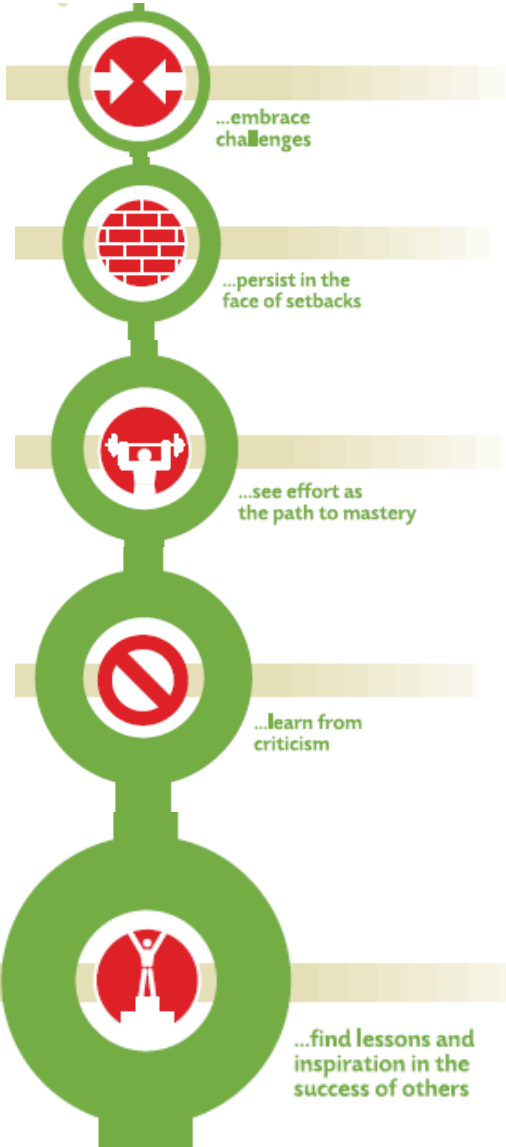


**Growth Mind-set**  
Intelligence can be developed

Leads to a desire to learn and therefore a tendency to...

**As a result, they reach ever-higher levels of achievement.**

**All this gives them a greater sense of free will.**



Holmes, N. (n.d) Mindset graphic  
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# Learning Objectives of Science Education



→ Students need to:

- learn the principles and concepts of science
- acquire the reasoning and procedural skills of scientists
- understand the nature of science as a particular form of human effort







# Inquiry-based Science Education (IBSE)

- The **learning activities** in which students develop:
- knowledge and skills (i.e. abilities) to do scientific inquiry
  - an understanding of how scientists study the natural world

**Inquiry** can be defined as *“the intentional process of diagnosing problems, critiquing experiments, and distinguishing alternatives, planning investigations, researching conjectures, searching for information, constructing models, debating with peers, and forming coherent arguments”*

(Linn, Davis & Bell, 2004: 4)



# Why Inquiry-based Learning?

## → Engagement

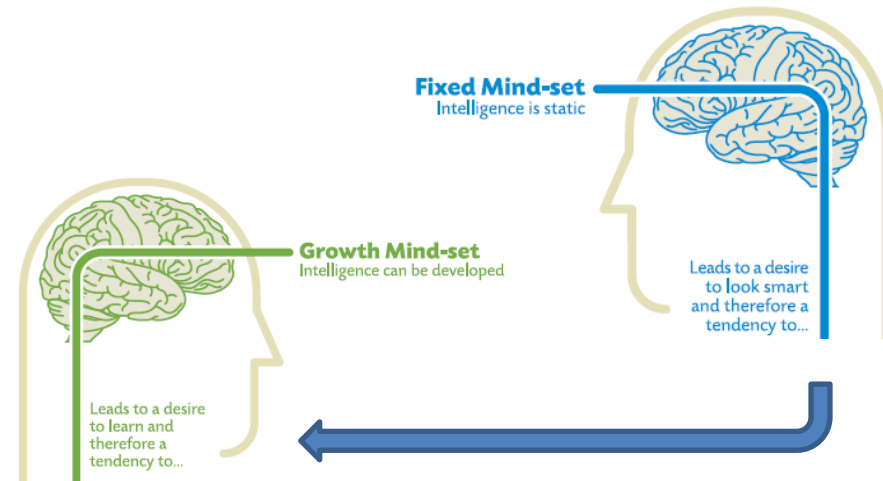
- Students work together
- Students choose which areas to explore and which questions to answer
- Students are active in the learning process

## → Focus

- Towards the student
- Towards the subject
- Towards the learning process

## → But

- Requires preparation
- Requires confidence to allow students to explore

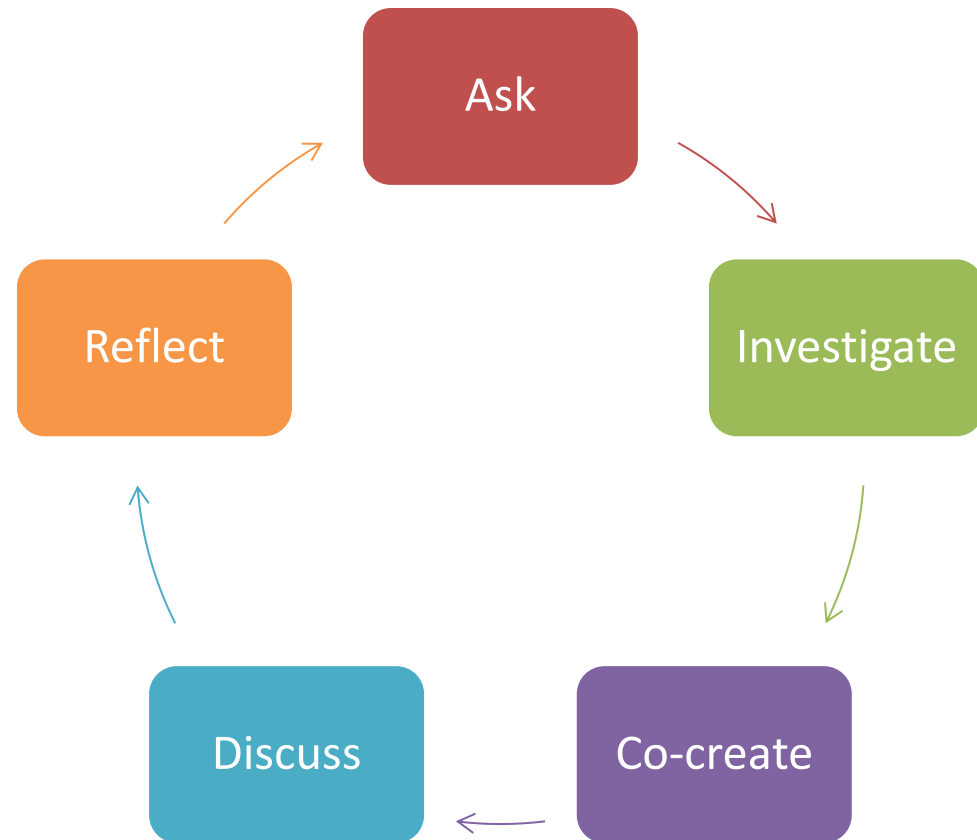






# Five Features of Inquiry Learning & Teaching

- i. Students engage with a scientific question, event or phenomenon.
- ii. Students explore ideas through hands-on observations and create explanations of what they observe.
- iii. Students gather evidence from observations and clarify concepts and explanations.
- iv. Students extend their understanding and identify applications of their findings to other situations.
- v. Students reflect on what they have learned and how they have learned it.





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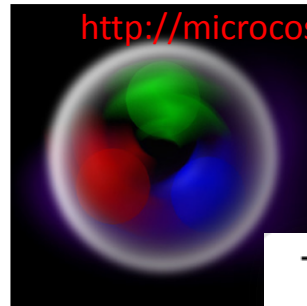
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Protonen und Neutronen im Kern bestehen aus jeweils drei Quarks. Im CERN werden die Wechselwirkungen der Quarks untersucht, um zu ergründen, wie bei der Geburt des Universums die elementaren Teilchen entstanden sind.

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Powers of Ten takes us on an adventure in magnitudes. Starting at a picnic by the lakeside in Chicago, this famous film transports us to the outer edges of the universe. Every ten seconds we view the starting point from ten times farther out until our own galaxy is visible only a speck of light among





# From Telescopes to Accelerators

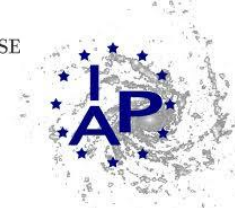


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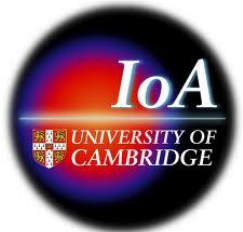
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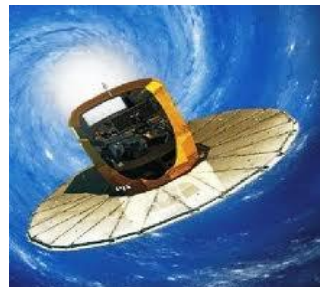


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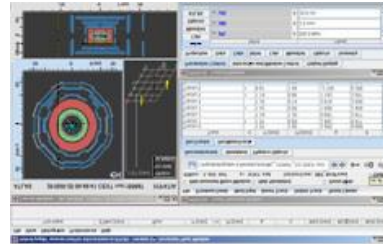
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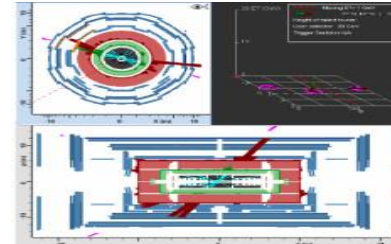
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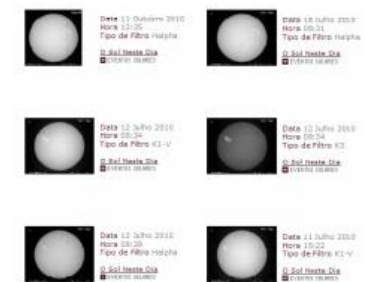
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# We need engaging science instruction



# Attractive science instruction

- Constructive (inquiry) learning
  - Computer simulations/games
  - Virtual laboratories
  - Modeling (design) environments
  
- Collaborative learning
  - Shared objects
  - Chats, video conferencing
  
- Situated learning
  - Remote/virtual laboratories
  - Simulators (e.g., medicine)

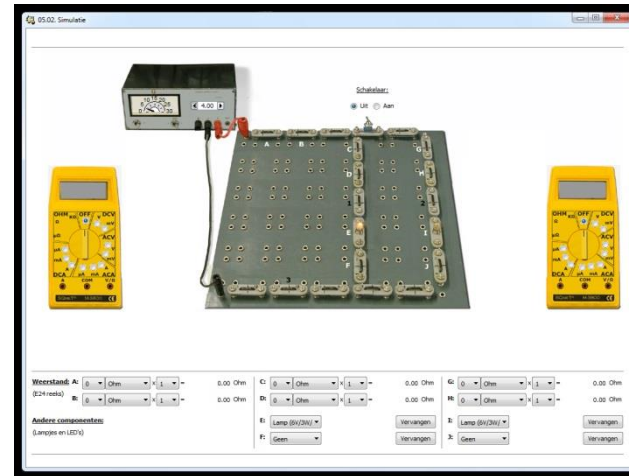


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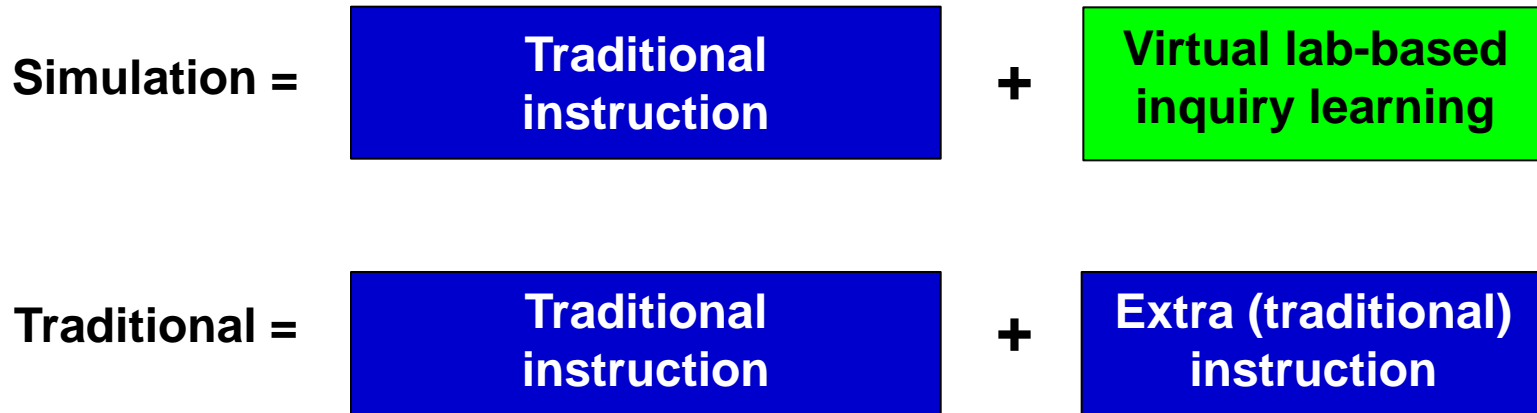
- Students learning in a sequence (parallel or sequential) of simulation and real laboratory outperform the simulation and/or laboratory
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  - Jaakkola, Nurmi, & Veermans, 2011
  - Zacharia & de Jong, submitted

# Example study

- Participants:
  - Vocational education
  - $n = 43$
  - intermediate level vocational engineering training
  - boys; age 16-22 year ( $M = 19,17$ ;  $SD = 1,39$ )
  - High prevalence of dyslexia (34,9%)



# Method

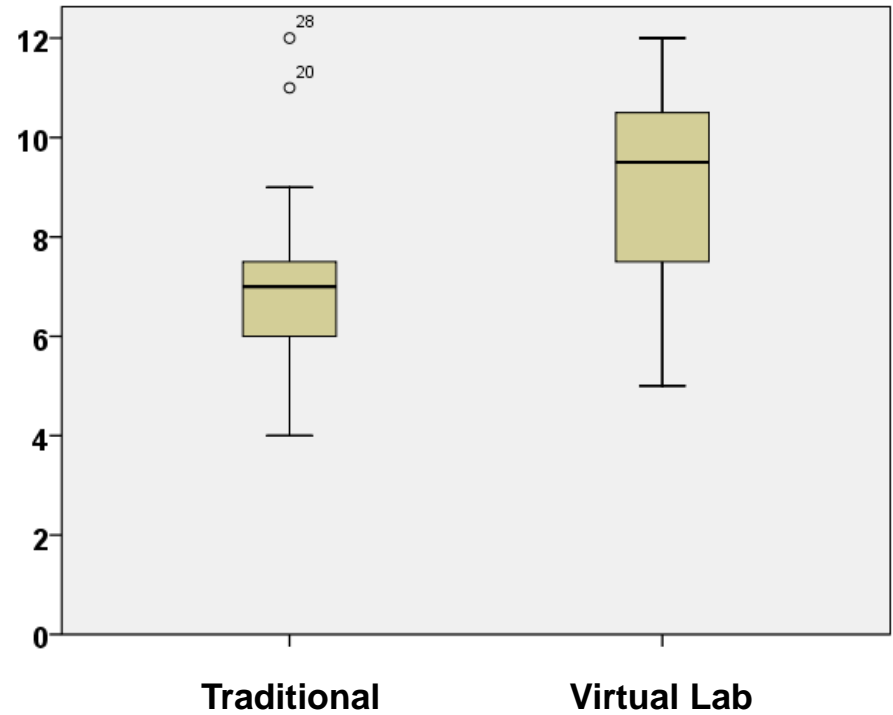




# Results

- Post-test:
  - Total score

( $p < .01$ ; Cohen's  $d = 0,98$ )





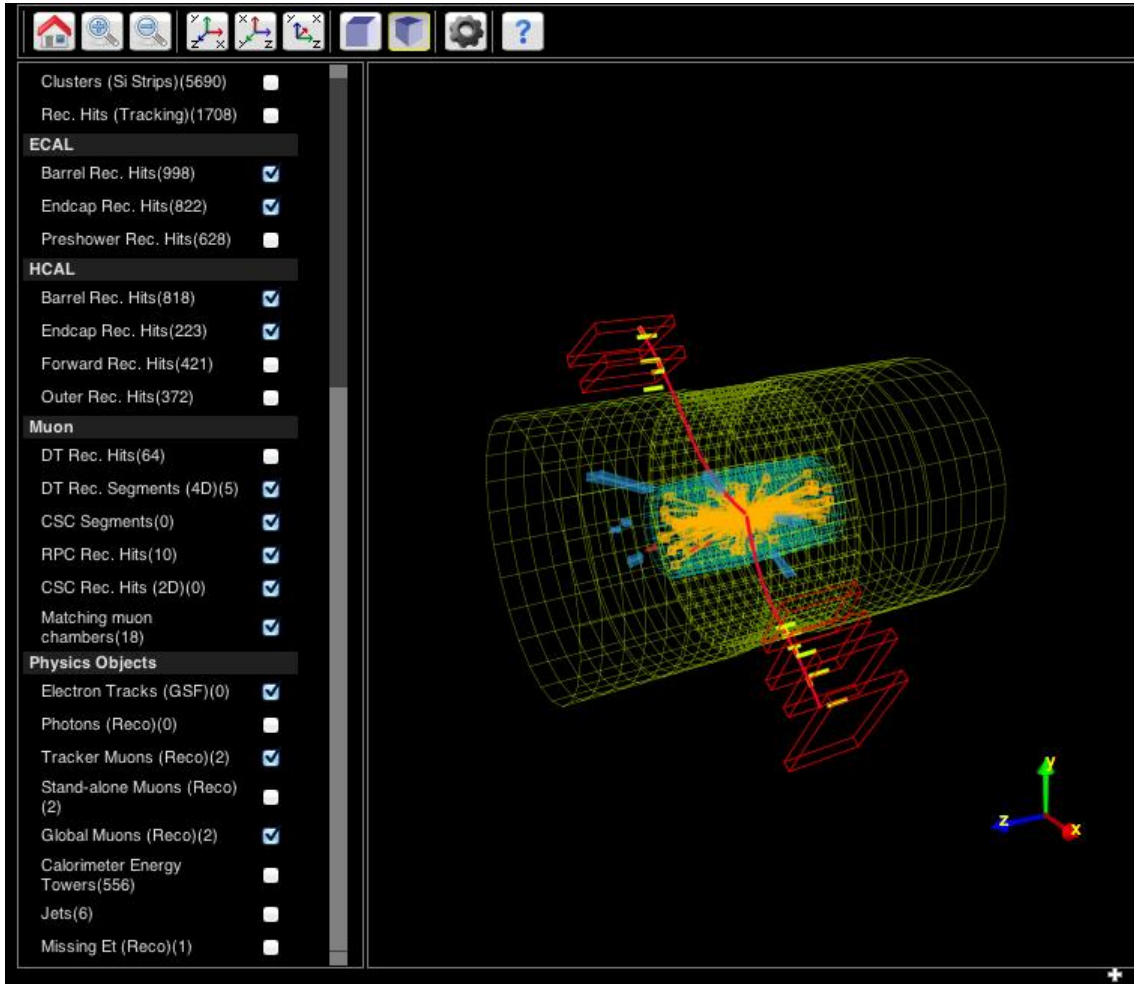
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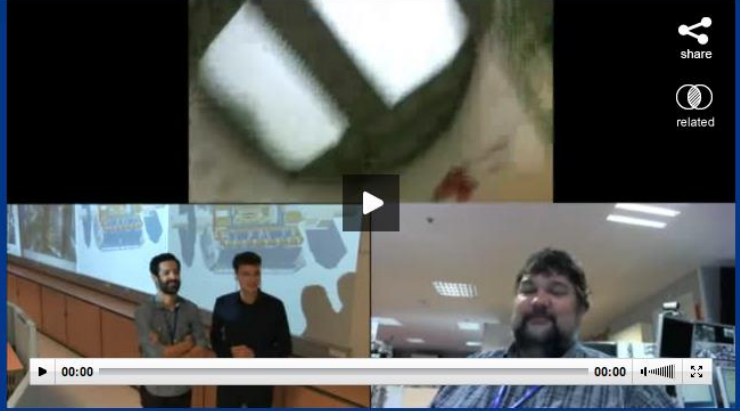
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