TIWI: Multiplier Event

Inquiry Based Learning for science education in primary and secondary school.

The Go-Lab ecosystem for innovative STEM education

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Roadmap / outline

- TIWI Project briefly
- Inquiry learning as active learning
- How to make inquiry effective
- The Go-Lab ecosystem at a glance





MAIN IDEA:

Structure of STEAM career (present + future):

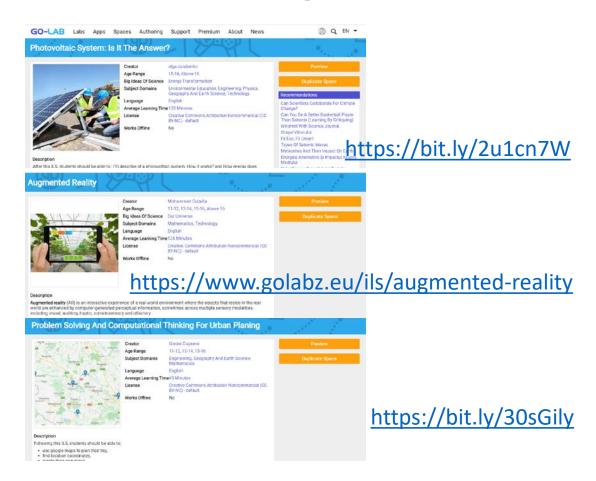
a composition of the science and ICT:

Science: Inquiry-based Learning approach (Go-Lab ecosystem)

ICT: coding languages (Scratch, Python, and Excel)



TIWI using Go-Lab ecosystem





http://tiwi.eun.org/

Inquiry learning as active learning



The discourse

- ➤ The problem for STEM education
 - Students often do not reach (deep) conceptual knowledge
 - Students often lack motivation

- ➤ The solution
 - Introduce active learning
 - Technology to foster and enable the transition between traditional and active learning



What is an Active Learning?

Active learning is any learning exercise in which a student is actively engaged, i.e. participates or interacts, with the learning process, as opposed to passively taking in the information.



Active Learning (evidence 1)

- 62 introductory courses
- 6542 students
- Standardized conceptual knowledge survey of pre/post-test data using the Halloun-Hestenes Mechanics Diagnostic test or more recent concept Inventory is reported for 62 introductory physics courses enrolling a total number of
- test, pre- and post
- 14 traditional (T) courses (N = 2084 tractive-engagement (IE) methods achieved an average gain $\langle g \rangle_{T-ave} = 0.23 \pm 0.04$ (std dev). In traditional (T) courses (N = 4458) which made substantial use of IE methods achieved an
- 48 interactive engagement (IE)
- courses (N = 4458)

Interactive-engagement versus traditional methods: A six-thousand-student survey of mechanics test data for introductory physics courses

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students N=6542. A consistent analysis over diverse student populations in high schools, colleges, and universities is obtained if a rough measure of the average effectiveness of a course in promoting conceptual understanding is taken to be the average normalized gain $\langle g \rangle$. The latter is defined as the ratio of the actual average gain (%(post)-%(pre)) to the maximum possible average gain (100 -%(pre)). Fourteen "traditional" (T) courses (N=2084) which made little or no use of average gain $\langle g \rangle_{\text{IE-ave}} = 0.48 \pm 0.14$ (std dev), almost two standard deviations of $\langle g \rangle_{\text{IE-ave}}$ above that of the traditional courses. Results for 30 (N = 3259) of the above 62 courses on the problem-solving Mechanics Baseline test of Hestenes-Wells imply that IE strategies enhance problem-solving ability. The conceptual and problem-solving test results strongly suggest that the classroom use of IE methods can increase mechanics-course effectiveness well beyond that obtained in traditional practice. © 1998 American Association of Physics Teachers.

I. INTRODUCTION

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Active Learning (evidence 2)

- "The active learning interventions varied widely in intensity and implementation, and included approaches as diverse as occasional group problem-solving, worksheets or tutorials completed during class, use of personal response systems with or without peer instruction, and studio or workshop course designs." (p. 8410)
- Meta-analysis of 225 studies
 - Active learning increases performance by 0.47 SD
 - Students in traditional lectures were 1.5 times more like to fail in final exam than students in active learning classes
- "If the experiments analyzed here had been conducted as randomized controlled trials of medical interventions, they may have been stopped for benefit meaning that enrolling patients in the control condition might be discontinued because the treatment being tested was clearly more beneficial" (p. 8413)



Models & Strategies of Active Learning



Inquiry Learning (Inquiry Based Learning)

- > Expository methods (traditional teaching)
 - Teacher explains students do exercises (ready made science)
 - First: presentation of scientific principles (lecture)
 - Then: experiment to verify (confirm) the principle (laboratory)
- >Inquiry methods (learning)
 - Students are researchers: do explorations first and design concepts and laws together with their teachers (science-in-the making)
 - Students construct (not only confirm) meaning
 - No clear separation between the lecture and the lab

Schuster, D., Cobern, W. W., Adams, B. A. J., Undreiu, A., & Pleasants, B. (2018). Learning of core disciplinary ideas: Efficacy comparison of two contrasting modes of science instruction. *Research in Science Education, 48,* 389-435.



Main features of inquiry learning

- Learners try to formulate hypotheses and scientifically oriented questions and get answer on them
- Learners collect evidence by actively performing experiments
- Learners formulate explanations from evidence
- Learners evaluate their explanations in light of alternative explanations
- Learners communicate and justify their proposed explanations



Four Forms of Inquiry (instructional settings)

• Confirmation inquiry

Learners are given a question, as well as a method, to which the end result is already known. The goal is to confirm the results.

Structured inquiry

Learners are given the question and the method of achieving the result, but the goal is to provide an explanation that is already supported by the evidence gathered during and through the investigative process.

Guided inquiry

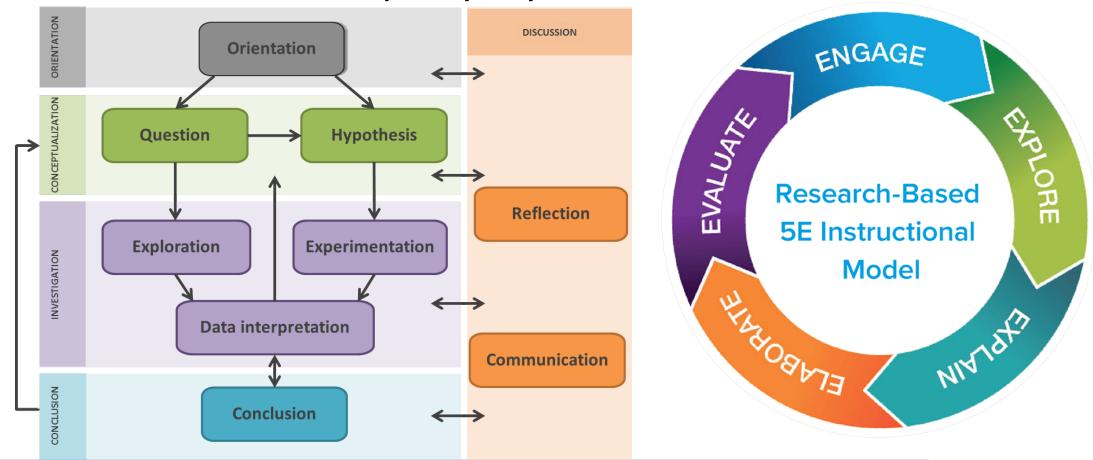
Learners are only given a question. The main goal is to design the method of investigation and then test the question itself. This type of inquiry is not typically as structured as the previously mentioned forms.

Open inquiry

Learners must form their own questions, design investigative methods, and then carry out the inquiry itself. They must present their results at the end of the process.



The Go-Lab inquiry cycle & 5E



Pedaste, M. Mäeots, M. Siiman L. A., de Jong, T., van Riesen, S. A. N., Kamp, E. T., Manoli, C. C., Zachariac, Z. C., & Tsourlidaki, E. (2015). Phases of inquiry-based learning: definitions and the inquiry cycle. *Educational Research Review*, 14, 47-61.



Study: cultural differences in the business

FIGURE 3.1. PERSUADING

GO-LAB Inquiry Cycle





Conceptfirst

Individuals have been trained to first develop the theory or complex concept before presenting a fact, statement, or opinion. The preference is to begin a message or report by building up a theoretical argument before moving on to a conclusion. The conceptual principles underlying each situation are valued.

Applicationfirst Individuals are trained to begin with a fact, statement, or opinion and later add concepts to back up or explain the conclusion as necessary. The preference is to begin a message or report with an executive summary or bullet points. Discussions are approached in a practical, concrete manner. Theoretical or philosophical discussions are avoided in a business environment.

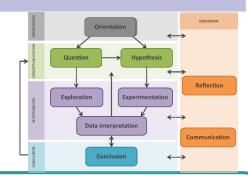


Hands-on Inquiry Activity

Floating and sinking 1. Explore the materials Materials: bowl, water, paper, aluminium foil and several objects. Look at the materials and create a boat. Play with the boat and try to put on it as many objects as you can. 1.a Can you think of examples where you yourself deal with floating and sinking? 1.b When does an object float or sink?

2. Research Qu	estion	
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2.a Write down you	ur research question.	
2.b What do you th	nink the answer is to your question? (Write down what you think will happen or question)	en when

3. Research Plan	
There are a few things you can change about the floating and sinking; we call these things variables. When you investigate your question, you might want to change some variables, but not some other variables.	a ===
3.a Which variables can you identify?	CIM
3.b Write down for each variable whether you want to change it or not.	
4. Experimentation	
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i. Results
When you are done with experimenting and measuring, you will write down your esults.
.a Write down below what you have found and how your findings relate to your uestion.
.b Is the result in line with what you expected would happen?

6. Outlo	K				
5. Can you	hink of a new researc	h question abou	ıt floating and sir	king based on your	findings?

How to make inquiry effective



Inquiry needs to be supported

- ➤ How to support students?
 - By balancing instruction and inquiry
 - By providing students with an overall strategy (inquiry cycle)
 - By giving students the right level of control
 - By providing students with scaffolds (apps)
- The trick is to give just enough domain knowledge and just enough structure (in strategy, control, and scaffolds).



Guiding inquiry with scaffolds (tools/apps)

- ➤ Enable to perform tasks a student could not do without the scaffold
- ➤ Geared towards specific difficulties that students experience
- ➤ Possibility of fading (spend more time on the some exercises)





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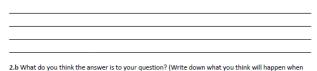
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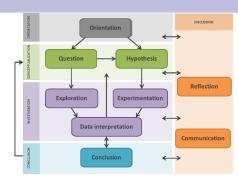
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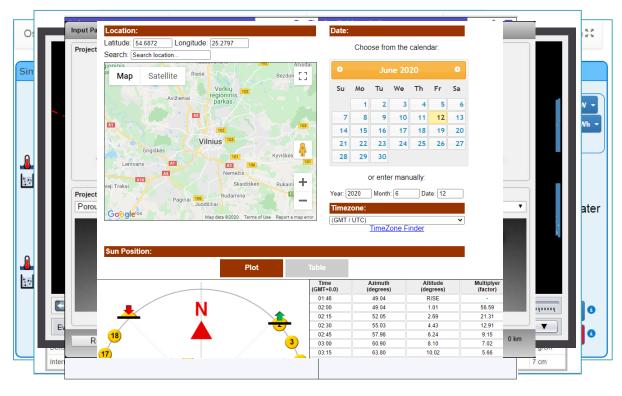
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Research Tool (Online labs) - golabz.eu



- 600+ labs
- STEM subject domains
- Types: virtual, remote and datasets
- Age range 6+
- 38 Languages



Scaffolds (apps) in Go-Lab (45+)- golabz.eu

- Concept map
- Hypothesis scratchpad
- Question scratchpad
- Experiment design tool
- Observation tool
- Data viewer

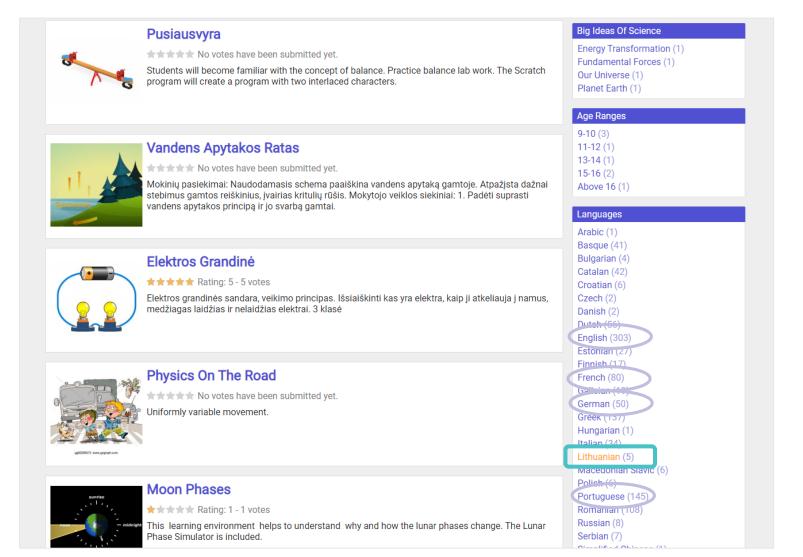
- Conclusion tool
- Reflection tool(s)
- Quiz tool
- Reporting tool

- Learning Analytics Apps
 - Online Users Visualisation
 - Time Planner, Spent and Checker
 - Timeline....
- Collaboration Apps
 - Chat
 - Ride Assessment App
 - Peer Assessment Tool
 - Collaboration Tool
 - Zoom...
- Programming Apps:
 - Scratch
 - Python



Organized in an inquiry cycle

Inquiry Learning Space (ILS) - golabz.eu



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Is inquiry learning with online labs effective?

- Inquiry-based learning with online labs (and simulations) shows an advantage over expository instruction
- Students in online labs gain the same level of knowledge or a more advanced level of knowledge than students who learn in a real laboratory
- Inquiry learning with online labs is only effective when well structured and designed, this is guidance, e.g., scaffolds included.

de Jong, T. (2006). Computer simulations - Technological advances in inquiry learning. Science, 312, 532-533.



The Go-Lab ecosystem at a glance



Why Go-Lab ecosystem?

- Go-Lab offers:
 - the world largest collection of online labs
 - a unique collection of apps to support the inquiry process
 - an authoring platform for teachers to create, adopt and adapt/tailor inquiry learning spaces
 - an authoring platform for teachers to personalize inquiry learning spaces
 - collaboration and sharing facilities



Why Go-Lab ecosystem?

st century skills applied skills

Problem solving
Critical thinking
Reflection
Collaboration
Communication

basic skills

Mathematics
Science
Writing & Reading
History
Art, etc.

Information, media and technology skills

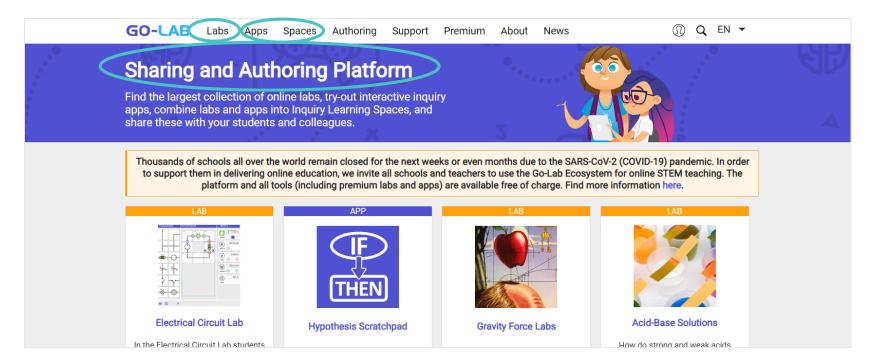


Go-Lab in one sentence

Federation of online labs

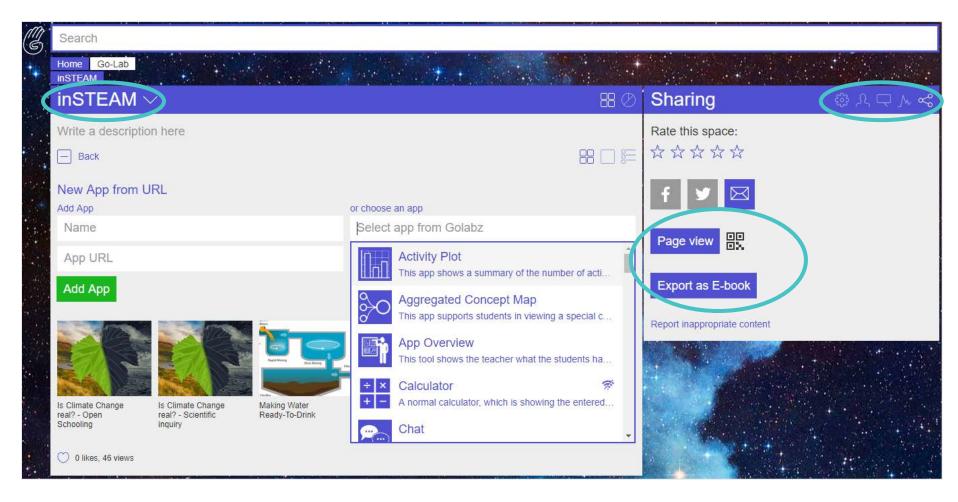
...Embedded into educational resources and guidance

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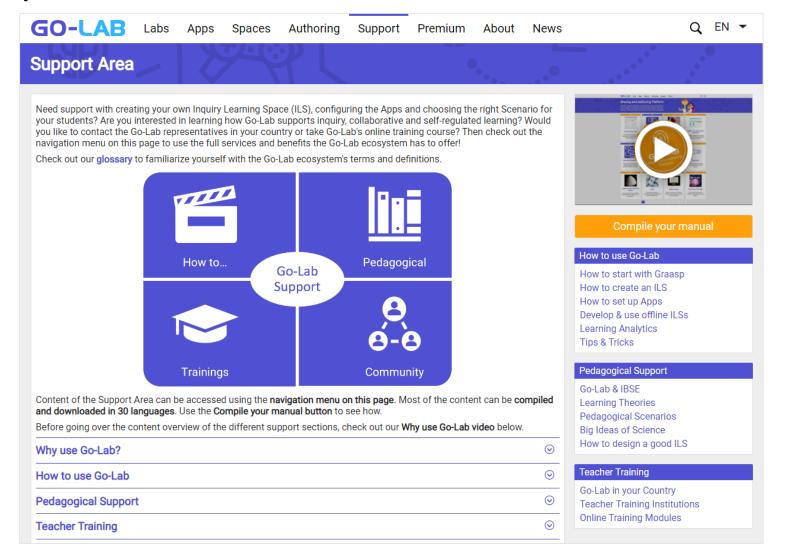


Authoring Platform - graasp.eu





Support Service







- FP7 EU project
- 19 partners
- 4 years (2013-2016)
- Collaborative project

nextlab

- H2020 EU project
- 12 partners
- 3 years (2017-2019)
- Innovation action



- H2020 EU project
- 8 partners
- 3 years (2018-2020)
- MI.TO. TECHNOLOGY SRL coordinator
- Innovation action



The future of Go-Lab ecosystem

- At the end of 2020 the EU funding of the Go-Lab ecosystem stops
- Go-Lab will continue!
- Two versions
 - I. <u>Current</u> version for free
 - II. <u>Premium version</u> with extra facilities (in the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) pandemic time the platform and all tools including premium labs and apps are available free of charge)
- Professional training courses (Inquiry approach and Go-Lab ecosystem)
- Premium contracts with schools, governments etc.



Training courses set

Go-Lab Teacher Training

The Go-Lab Initiative team offers teachers, educators and school leaders a set of courses to help introduce Inquiry Learning with Go-Lab in the classroom. Ministries of Education, Teacher Training Institutes, and other stakeholders are also invited to book courses for their teachers!

Basic course (4 hours)

In this course, participants will learn in an interactive and playful way the basic principles of inquiry learning and how Go-Lab can help to introduce inquiry learning in the classroom. This course is suited for larger groups of teachers who would like to have a first and basic overview of the principles of inquiry learning and the technologies that can be used to support the inquiry process.

Advanced course 1 (4 hours)

In this course, the knowledge of inquiry processes is deepened, and characteristic problems of students are highlighted. Scientific evidence underlying inquiry learning is presented. During this course, participants will create their first and initial digital lesson or inquiry learning space (ILS) with the Go-Lab ecosystem. This is done in pairs or larger groups of teachers collaboratively creating an ILS.

Advanced course 2 (4 hours)

In the second part of the advanced course, advanced design elements of Inquiry Learning Spaces (ILSs) will be discussed and practiced. The topics include how to design an ILS based on principles of cognitive load theory, the use of learning analytics apps for teachers and learners, and inquiry learning and flipping the classroom with Go-Lab. Feedback on the initial ILS designs from the participants is given.

Dedicated course

If you have specific requirements, it is always possible to offer a tailor-made course. This can be an adaptation of an existing course or a newly designed course. All courses are given in an interactive way by instructors who have a solid background in inquiry learning and who have deep knowledge of the Go-Lab ecosystem. Topics in each course are related to the latest scientific findings from educational research. Courses can be given in English or in your local language.





Project (Erasmus+)

- 25 inclusive Inquiry Learning Lessons, classroom-ready
- Social inclusion: cultural, socio-economic, learning styles, no gender differentiation
- Manual: UDL (Universal Design for Learning) + IBL + Design Thinking
- Primary and secondary schools
- Environmental Study: climate change, water management and renewable energy

PARTICIPATION: https://insteam.deusto.es/participate/





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