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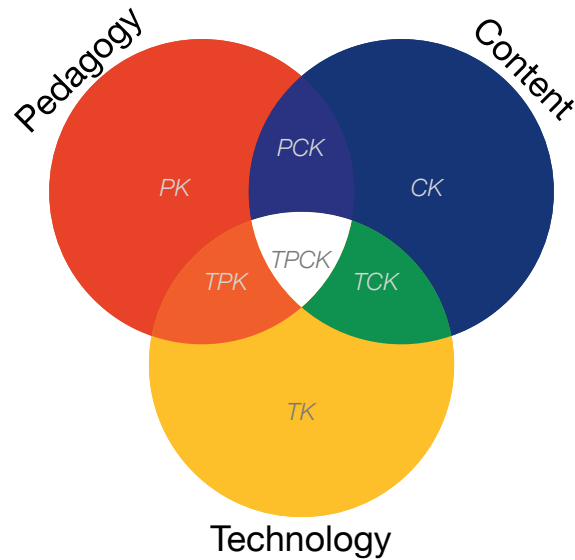
An Introduction to Educational Gaming

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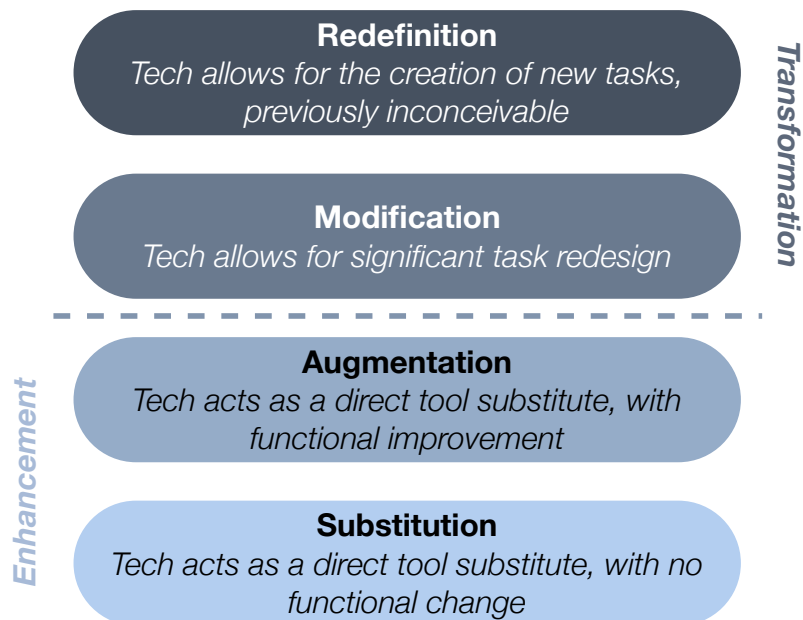
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The Models

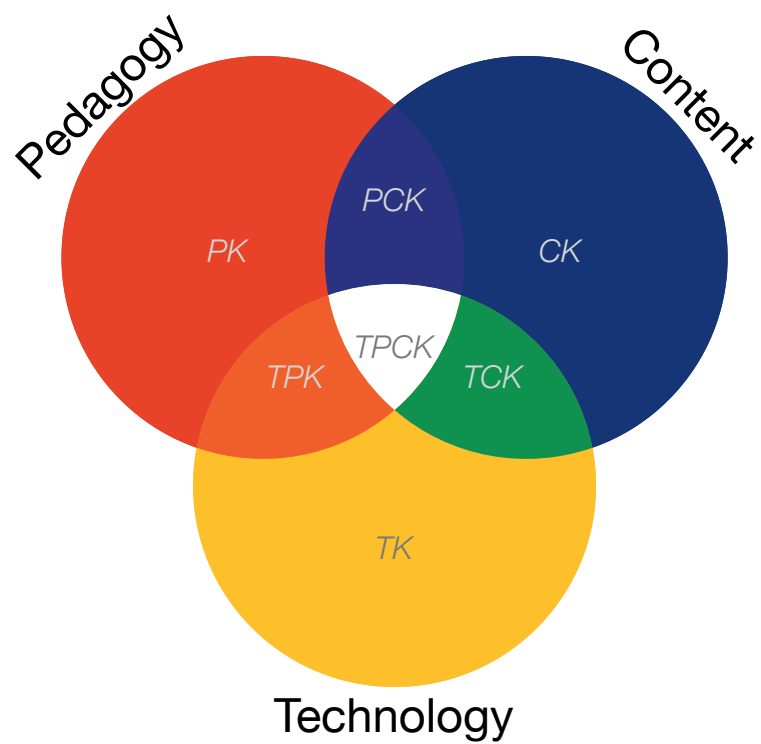
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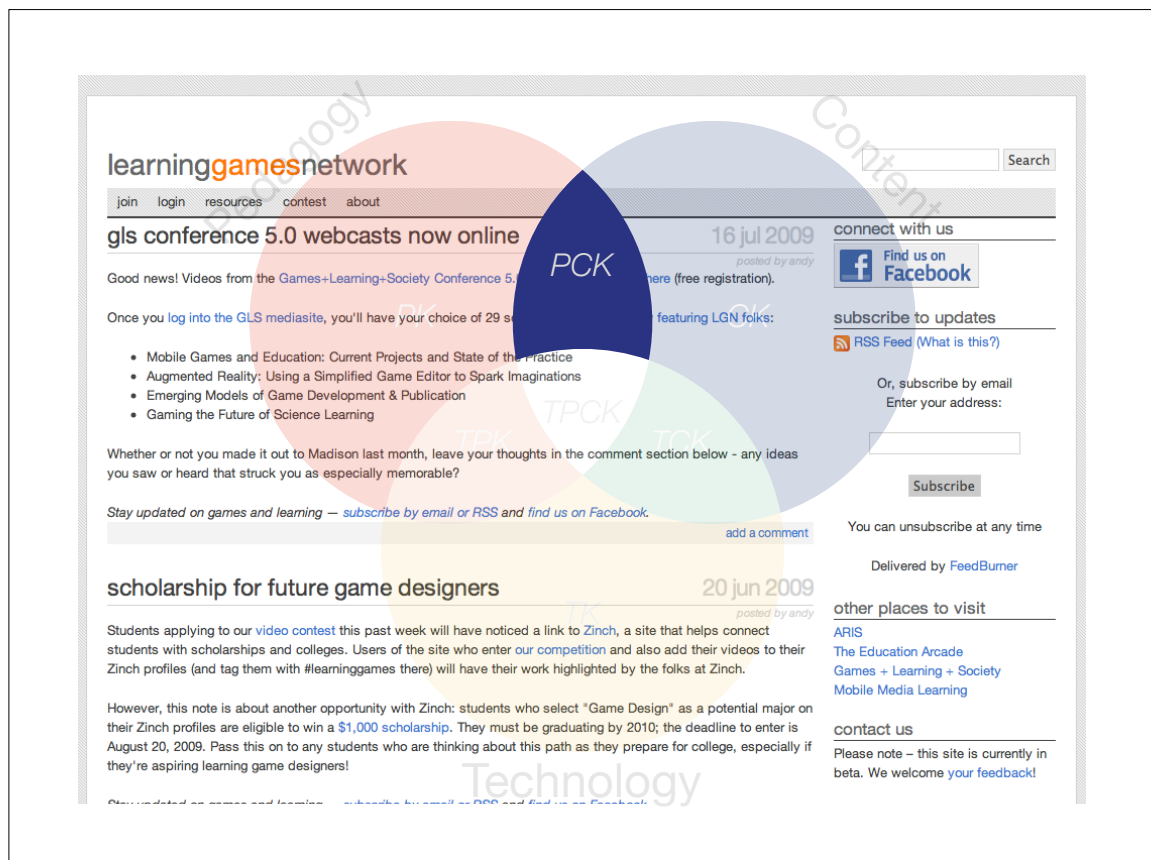
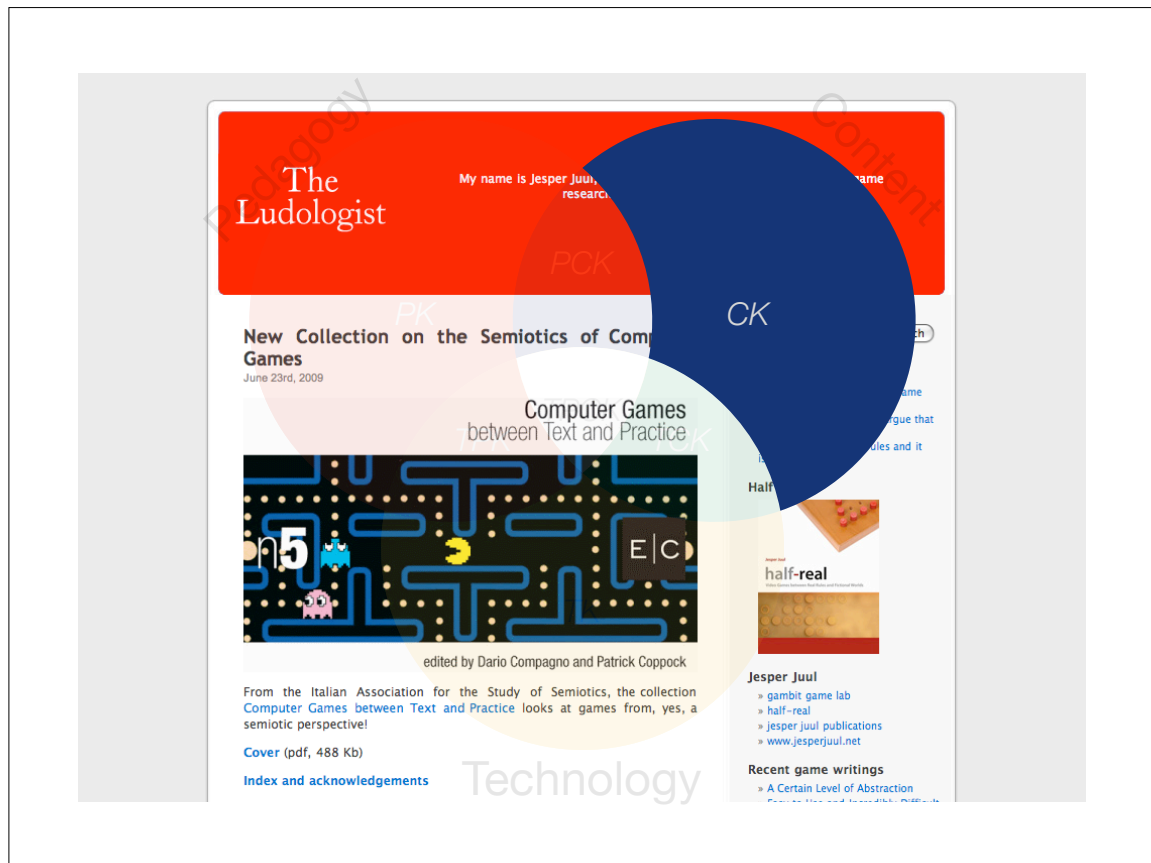


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The MacArthur Foundation launched its five-year, \$50 million digital media and learning initiative in 2006 to help determine how digital technologies are changing the way young people learn, play, socialize, and participate in civic life. Answers are critical to developing educational and other social institutions that can meet the needs of this and future generations. The initiative is both marshaling what is already known about the field and seeding innovation for continued growth.

On this website you can find:

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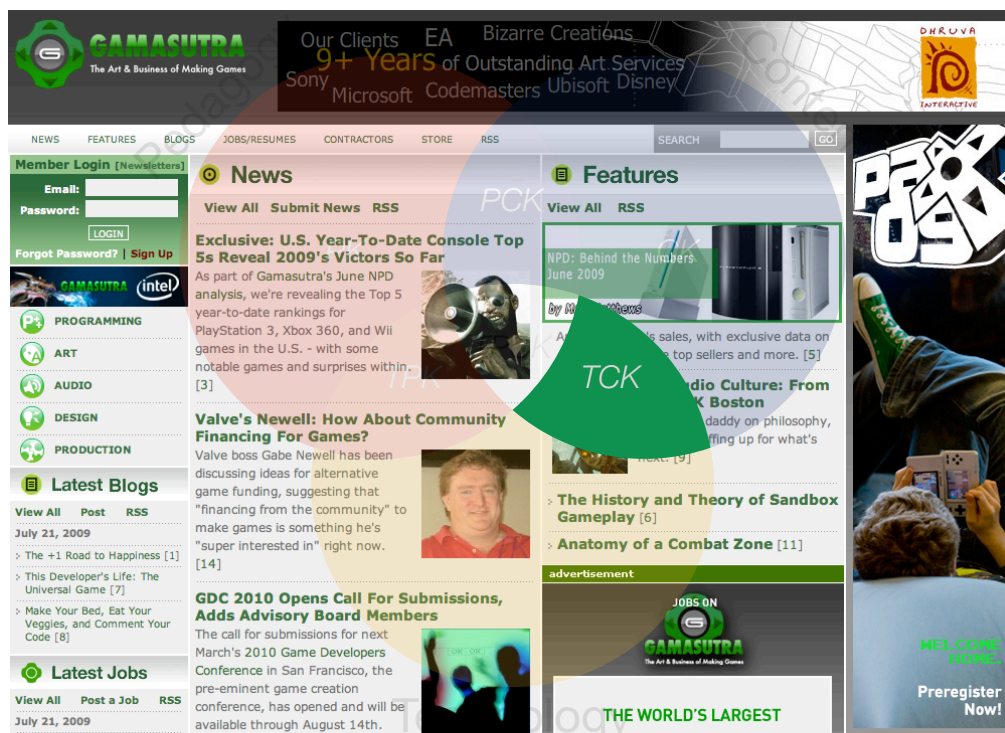
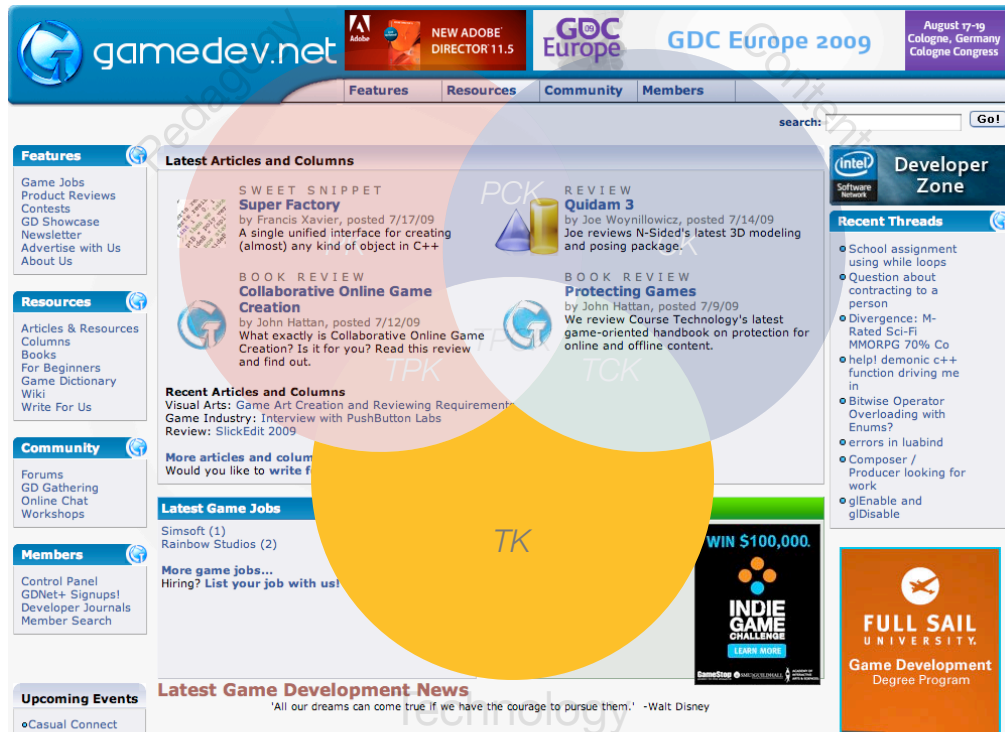
Teaching Materials

Alice is a teaching tool designed as a revolutionary approach to teaching and learning introductory programming concepts. The Alice team has developed instructional materials to support students and teachers in using this new approach. Resources include textbooks, lessons, sample syllabuses, test banks, and more. Other authors have generously joined our efforts, creating additional textbooks.

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Community Forums

Share and gather knowledge about Alice through our community forums. Students, teachers and enthusiasts are all welcome! If you have a question or



Electromagnetism Supercharged! Learning Physics with Digital Simulation Games

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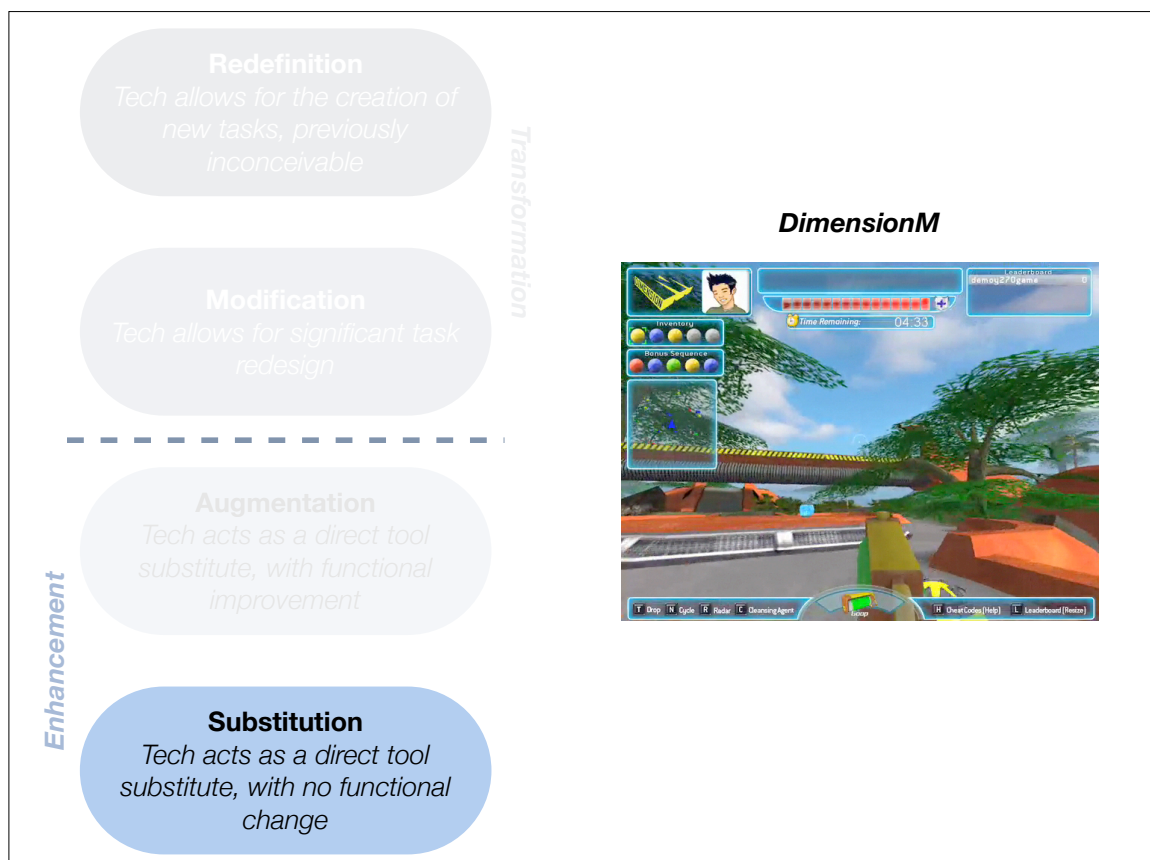
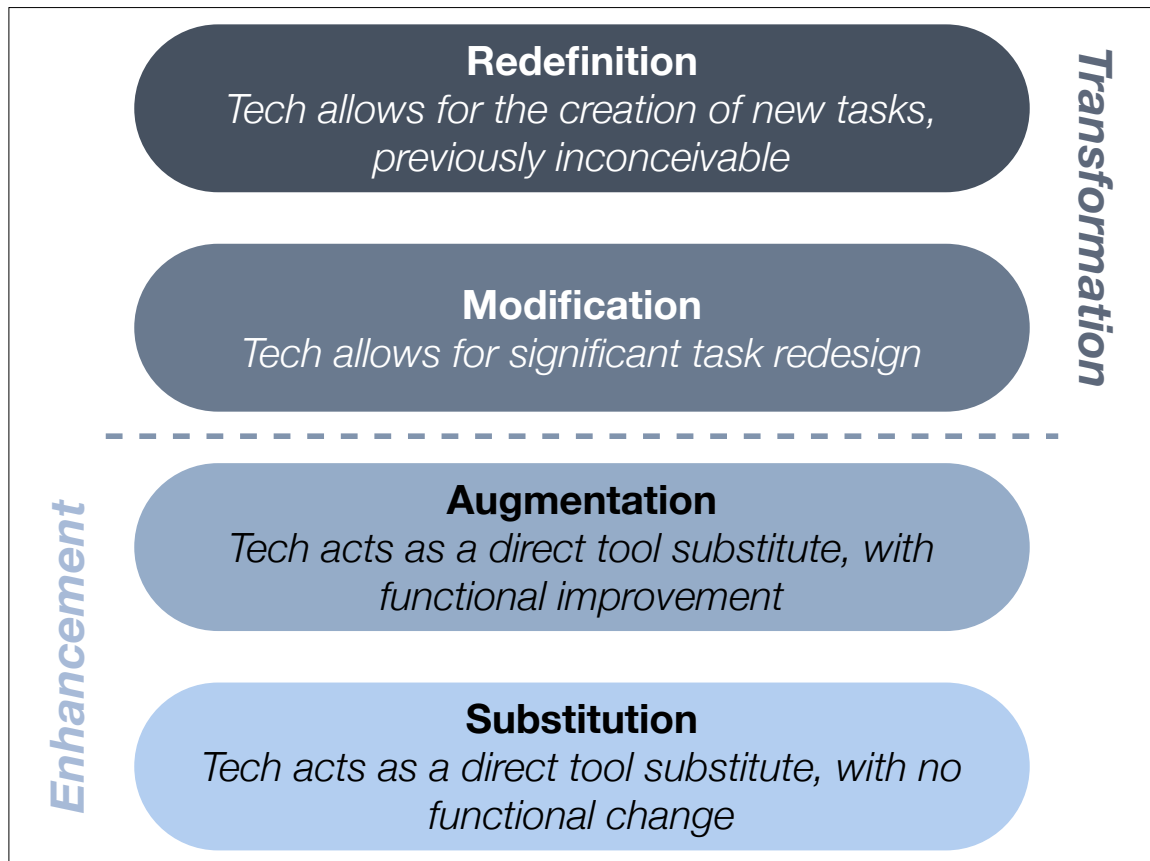
Abstract: Learning scientists are increasingly turning to computer and video games as tools for learning. Simulation might not only motivate learners, but provide accessible ways for students to develop intuitive understandings of abstract physics phenomena. This study examines what learning occurs when an electromagnetism simulation game is used in a school for underserved students. Students in the experimental group (guided discovery-based science) on a TPACK understanding. Game mechanics enabled students to confront weaknesses in understanding physics representations became tools for understanding problems. Implications for use of educational digital media are discussed. Yet, it was also these very same game mechanics posed significant challenges in terms of student engagement, motivation, and learning of physics concepts.

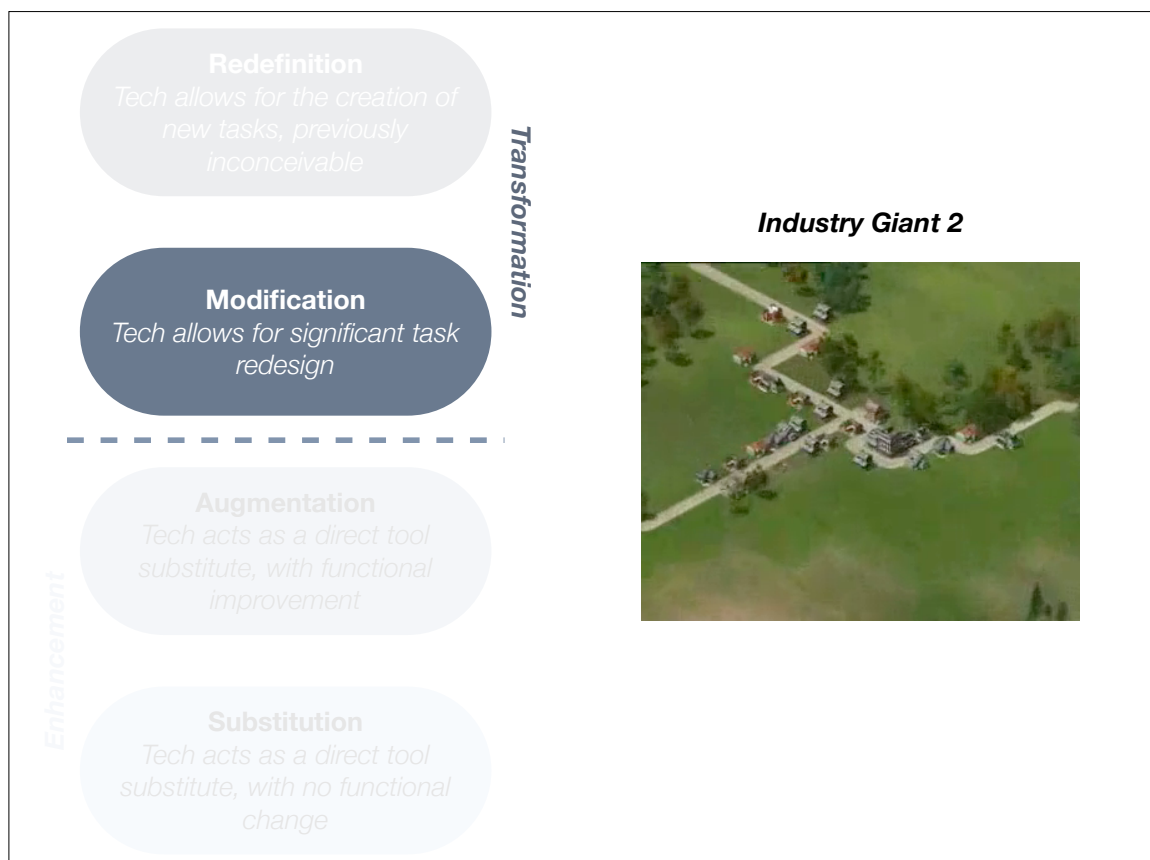
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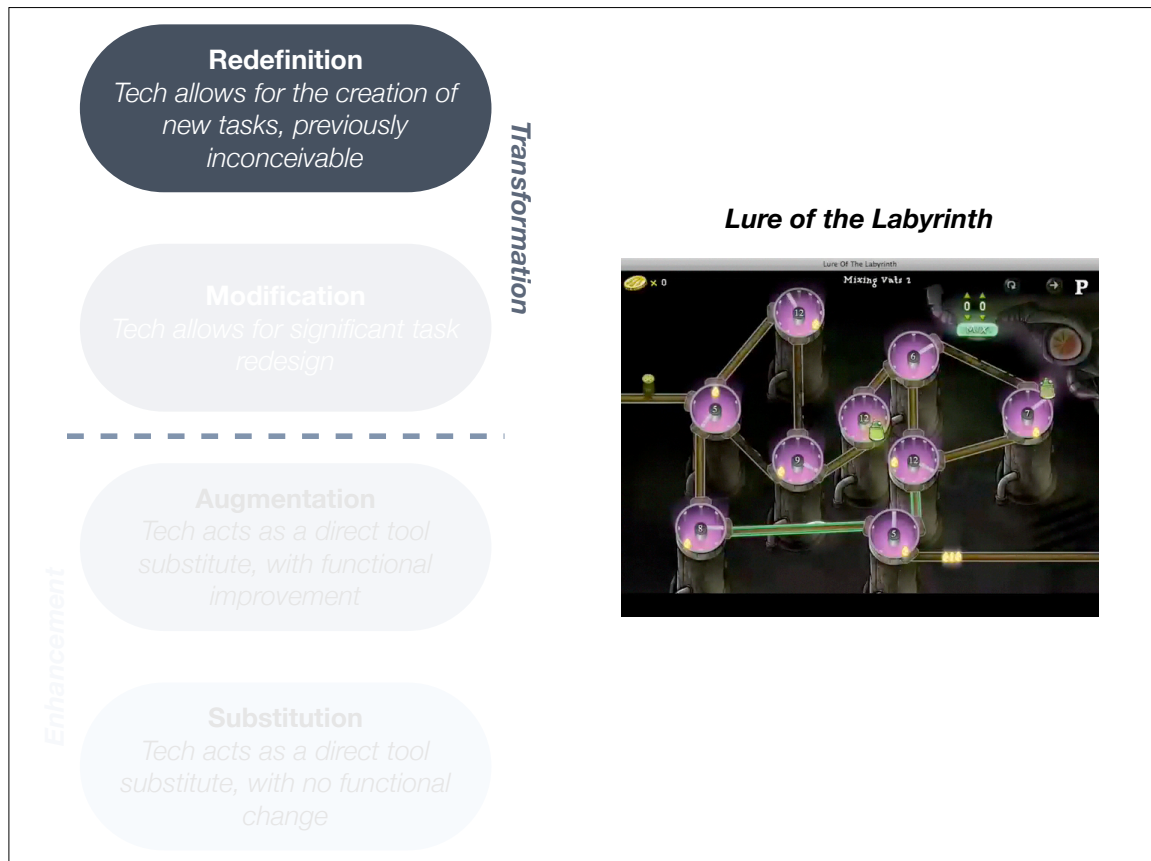
Introduction

Many science educators advocate conceptual or qualitative physics, the notion that physics is best taught not by mathematical formulae, but rather through experiments, labs, demonstrations, and visualizations which help students understand physical phenomena conceptually (diSessa, 2000; Forbus, 1997; Hewitt, 2002). Consistent with the *Physics First* curricular movement, this perspective maintains that a deep, fundamental understanding of physics provides a solid basis for future science learning. How to engage younger students in complex physics thinking is a challenge, but computer simulations provide one intriguing way to engage students in the study of abstract, complex physical phenomena (diSessa, 2000; Dede et al., 1999). Digital technologies can immerse the learner in worlds that not only represent scientific phenomena, but behave according to the rules of physics. Simulated worlds can be programmed to behave by Newtonian or Maxwellian rules (Dede et al., 1999). By representing the simulation through digital gaming conventions, educators can potentially increase engagement while also fostering deeper learning, as learners engage in critical and recursive game play, whereby they generate hypotheses about the game system, develop plans and strategies, observe their results and adjust their hypotheses about the game system (Cordova & Lepper, 1996; Gee, 2003; Squire, 2003). Experiences in game worlds become experiences that students

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