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## PANEL 4

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# GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- Improvement of quality of formal and informal teaching
- Integration of multiple resources (educational systems, scientists, companies, towns, regions, etc...)
- Initial and continuing education of teachers
- Equal opportunities for all, regardless of gender
- Rejuvenation of teaching methods
- Efforts to avoid lack of coordination as well as underutilization or waste of experience



# Integrated science and technology teaching

Enseignement intégré de science et de technologie (EIST)

## 1. Context and objectives of the project

French educational system

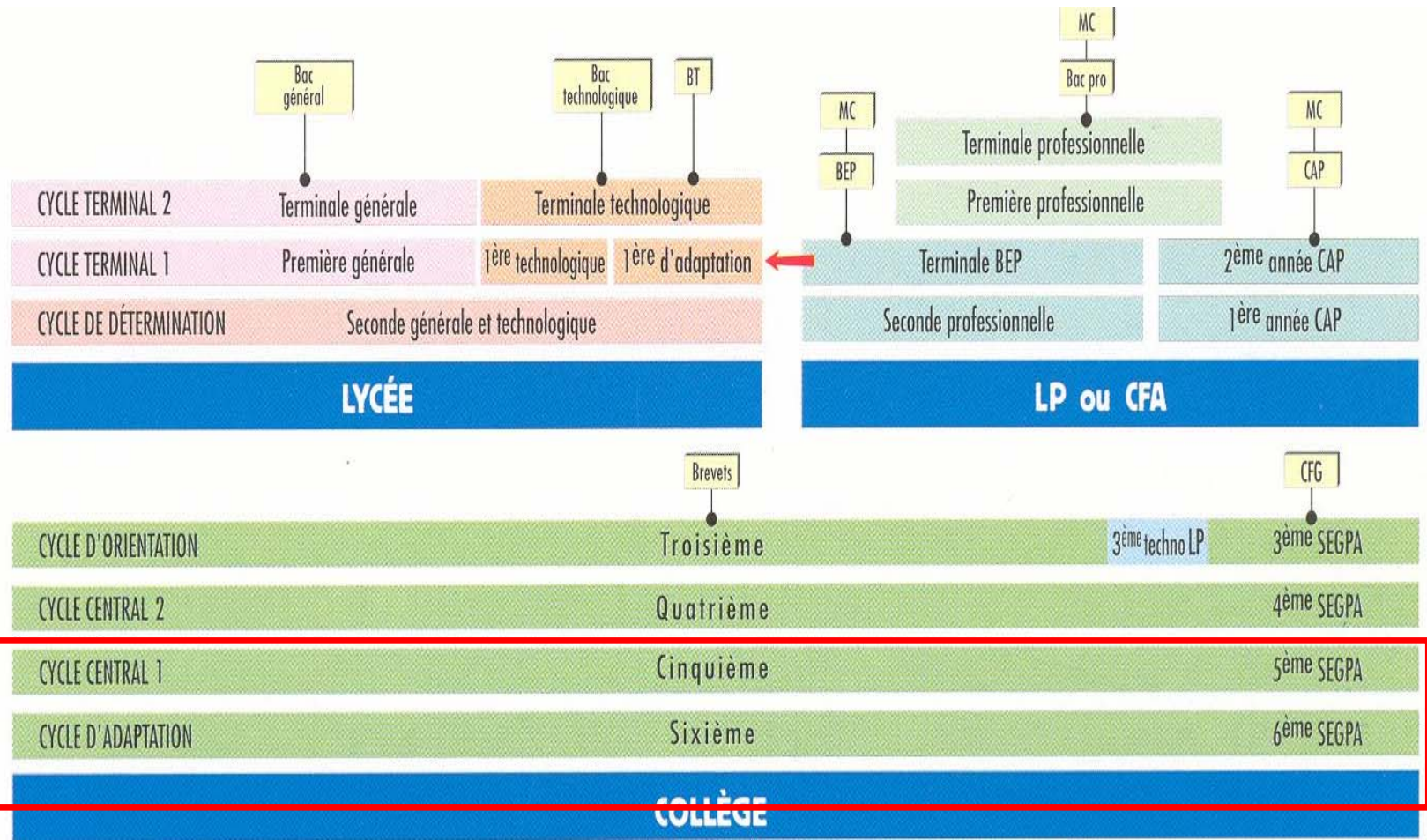
La Main à la Pâte

## 2. EIST in Practice

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- Link with primary school
- Children & Teachers

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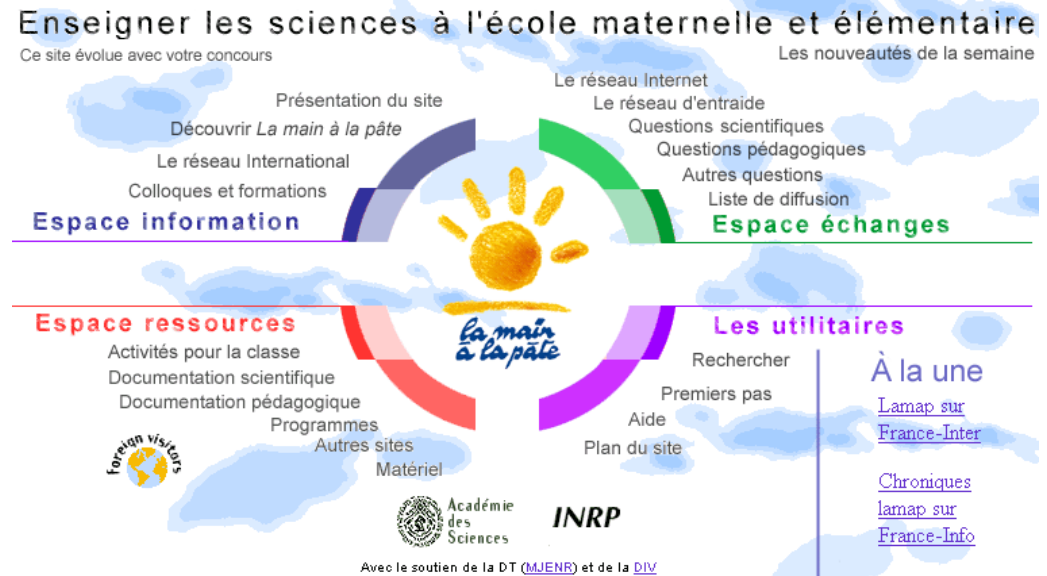
Primary school



la main  
à la pâte

# Le site Internet *La main à la pâte*

- Date de création : 1998.
- Sous la responsabilité de :
  - l'Académie des sciences ;
  - l'INRP.
- Avec le soutien financier de :  
la DIV et de la DT du MJENR.
- Des centaines d'activités pour la classe, des milliers de documents (7 000 pages).
- Des réseaux pour relier enseignants, formateurs et scientifiques.
- Un ensemble de ressources librement accessibles.





## POLLEN PARTNERS MAP



**Pollen gathers 12  
« Seed cities for  
science » from 12  
European countries.**

**National partners : *École Normale Supérieure* – FRANCE (coordination) ; *Université libre de Bruxelles* – BELGIUM ; *University of Tartu* – ESTONIA ; *Freie Universität of Berlin* – GERMANY ; *Consortium Innovation Training Educational Inquiry* – ITALY ; *Universiteit van Amsterdam* – THE NETHERLANDS ; *Ciência Viva* – Agencia Nacional para a Cultura Científica e Tecnológica – Portugal ; *P.A.U. Education* – SPAIN ; *Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences* – SWEDEN ; *University of Leicester* – UNITED KINGDOM ; *Apor Vilmos Catholic College* – HUNGARY ; *University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Education* – SLOVENIA.**

# Integrated science and technology teaching (grade 6 - 7)

Enseignement Intégré de Science et Technologie

**EIST**

***Beyond La main à la pâte...***



INSTITUT DE FRANCE  
Académie des sciences



# Enseignement Intégré de Science et Technologie **EIST**

- General presentation of the project.
- Objectives.
- Feedback from the first 2 years and orientations for the coming years



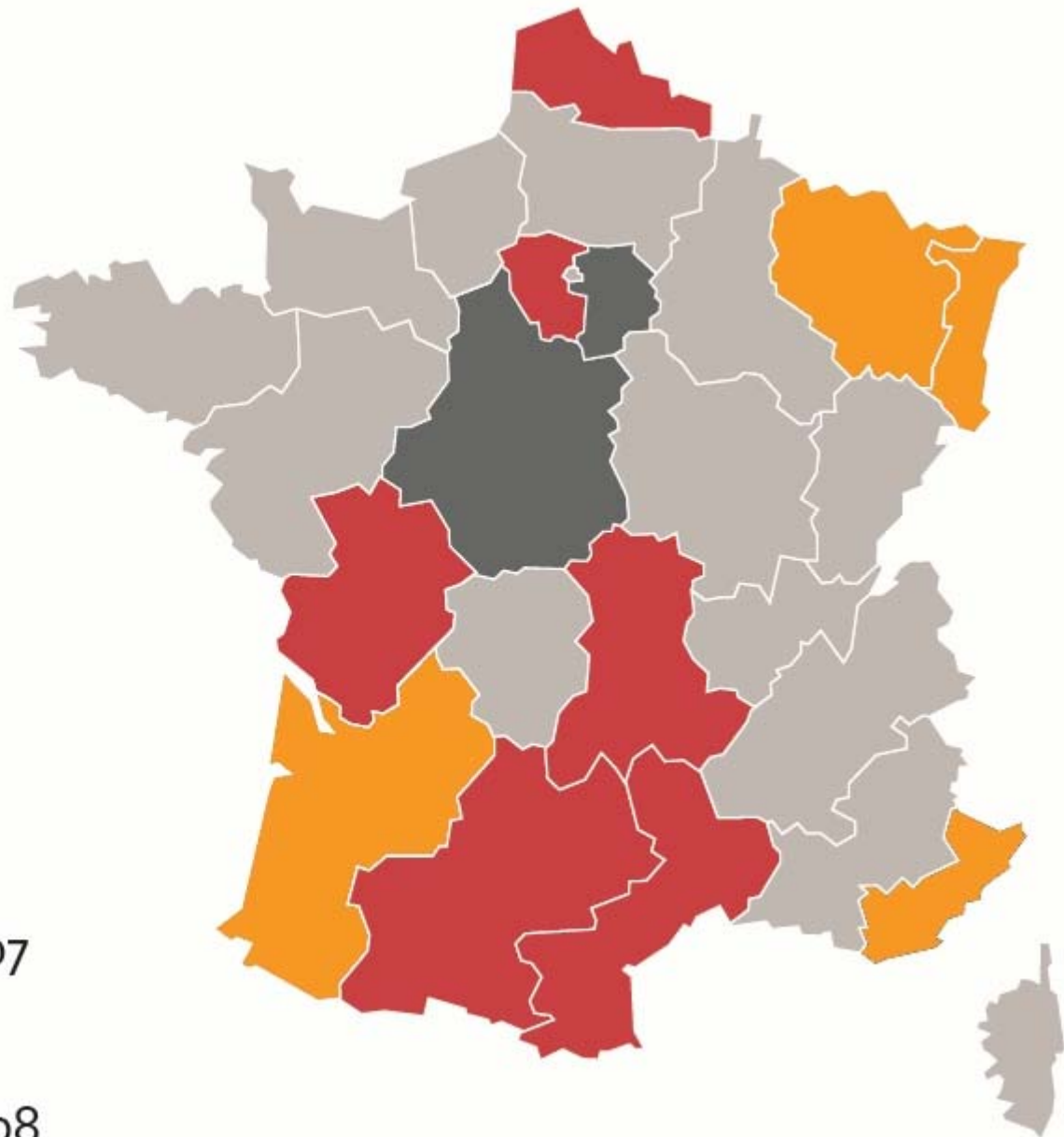
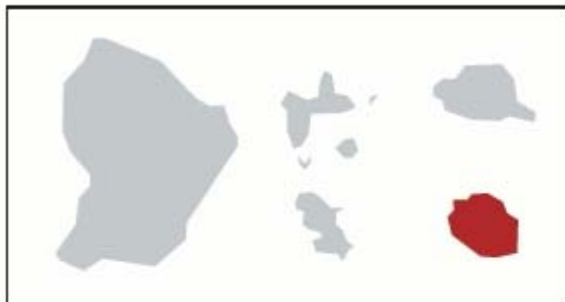
# Objectives

- Smooth the transition from primary to secondary schools
- Develop curiosity and aspiration for experimental science and technology
- Enquiry-based learning, put into practice
- Build an integrated teaching of science and technology
- Interdisciplinary link with other subjects: language and mathematics



# Who and Where?

- DGESCO proposals
  - 19 secondary schools in 2006 -2007
  - 29 secondary schools in 2007-2008
  - 46 secondary schools in 2008-2009
  - Several secondary schools inspire their teaching from the resources of the experimental program
- In each secondary schools, at least 3 teachers engaged:
  - Biology-geology teachers
  - Physics-chemistry teachers
  - Technology teachers



engagement depuis 2006



engagement à partir de 2007

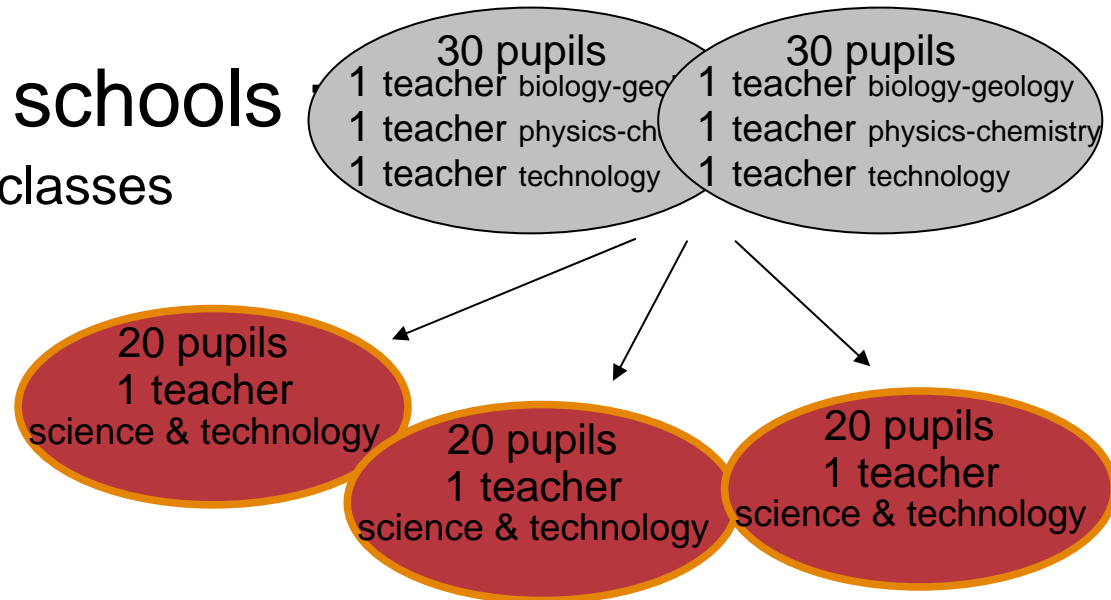


engagement à partir de 2008

# In practice

- In each secondary schools

- 3 groups formed from 3 classes
- < 20 pupils per group



- A single teacher (biology-geology, physics-chemistry or technology) is following 1 group

- Support given by the schools headmasters

- 3.5 hours of « Science and technology » per week

# Meetings

- Regular visits to schools
- National seminar every year



# Website:

<http://science-techno-college.net>

- scientific and pedagogic resources, interactive cooperative tools
- Network of scientific and pedagogic consultants



The screenshot shows the website interface with a red header containing the logo and navigation icons. The main content area features an article titled 'Editorial : Quelles relations entre science et autres disciplines?' with text about Lavoisier and Baudelaire. A sidebar on the left contains a navigation menu with items like 'Présentation', 'Guides pour la classe', and 'Espace Membre'. On the right, there are sections for 'Partenaires' (listing Institut de France and Académie des sciences) and 'Dernières infos' (listing dates for a 2008 seminar and project).



**Cette expérimentation vous intéresse?**

Poursuivant la recherche d'un enseignement scientifique et technologique renouvelé, se situant dans le sillage de La main à la pâte, des collèges volontaires, accompagnés par l'Académie des sciences et l'Académie des technologies, en

Les conditions de mise en place pour l'année 2007-2008 sont



Each team is adapting and enriching a resource guide book proposed by the « Académie des Sciences »

Grade 6

- « What is the world made of ? **Matter and materials** »

Grade 7

- « How does the world work ? **Energy and energies** »

Scientific pluridisciplinary background



- « Entrées en matières »

Un document d'accompagnement de l'expérimentation  
Premier trimestre de la classe de sixième

Dans le sillage de La main à la pâte...  
**De quoi est fait le monde ?**  
Matière et matériaux



"Je n'ai pas d'obligation plus singulière, que celle d'être passionnément curieux."

Publié sous la direction de Béatrice Salviat  
Un partenariat



et l'enseignement et de la recherche

Document d'accompagnement de l'expérimentation

préparé par le groupe d'accompagnement collège de l'Académie des sciences avec de nombreux concours.  
Un trimestre de la classe de cinquième dans le sillage de La main à la pâte...

Comment se transforme le monde ?  
**Énergie et énergies**

(Version 1.01 du 27 mars 2007)



"Je n'ai pas d'obligation plus singulière, que celle d'être passionnément curieux."

Ce document donne son fil directeur personnel aux enseignants d'établir des séquences d'enseignement intégré en classe de cinquième de collège.

Un partenariat  
Académie des sciences, Académie des technologies  
Ministère de l'éducation nationale, de l'enseignement supérieur et de la recherche



Peigne en galalithe

Collège des Gâtines,  
Savigny-sur-Orge, Académie de Versailles

## *Link Physics - Chemistry – Biology & Technology*

Les transformations d'une matière première en objets techniques :  
exemple de **la galalithe**

- Etude de la composition du lait et des besoins nutritifs des hommes
- Etude des transformations du lait en galalithe : coagulation de la caséine du lait en milieu acide à 40°C
- **Fabrication** d'un objet technique en **galalithe**



Char à voile

Collège Henri IV, Poitiers

## *Link Physics - Chemistry - Technology*

Participation au défi **char à voile** – Course en fin d'année

Etudier et **fabriquer** un **char** télécommandé (70 x 60 x 130 cm)

- Matériaux
- Energie
- Réalisation pratique
- Relations avec ENSMA (soufflerie)

# In practice

# What does it mean for teachers ?

- They are no longer teaching alone the subject they detain the knowledge of
  - they have to accept they might not be able to answer directly pupils questions
  - with their colleagues, there are placed in the situation of learners
  - more than 90% of them feel they gained new knowledge and ask questions they never thought of asking before
- They have to rethink their discipline
  - vocabulary
  - curriculum
  - interfaces
- They have to open their classrooms and practices

## Link with primary school ?

- The experimentation follows the same approach than « La main à la pâte » in primary schools.

In a secondary school where all the pupils studied science in primary school, 67% found that what they did in primary school helped them for secondary school in the experimentation, against 45% for the others

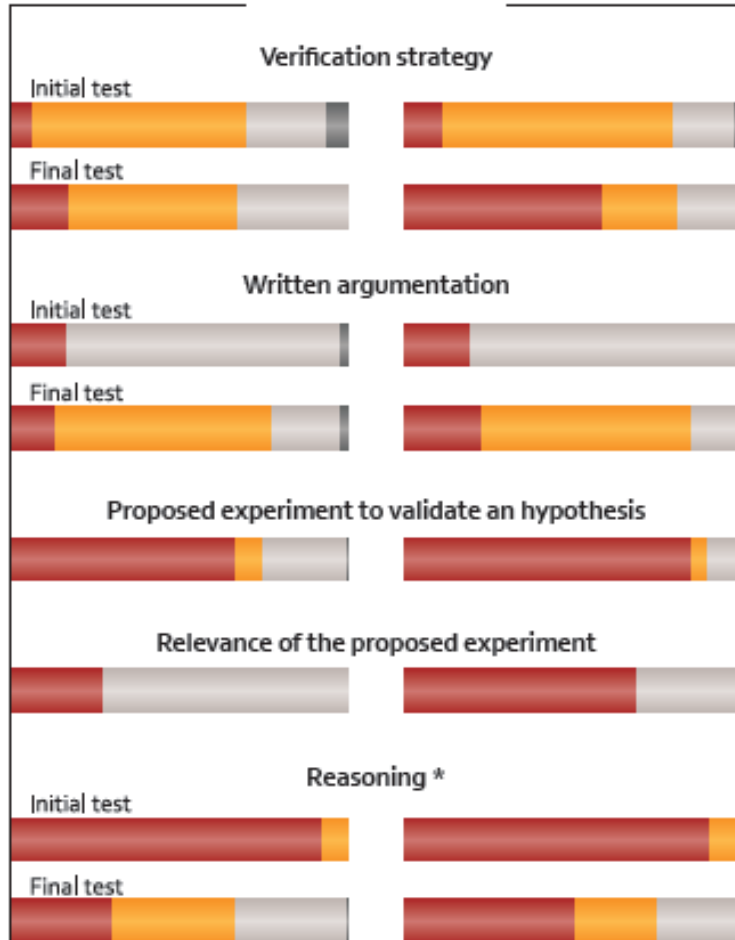
- The link still in question ?
  - How to make a bridge between teachers from primary schools and secondary schools ?
  - How to take into account the knowledge acquired in primary schools when less than 50% of pupils have not benefited an enquiry-based learning ?

# What does it mean for children ?

## Pupils evaluation in the region of Poitiers

Witness group: 90 pupils

Experimental group: 141 pupils



\* Initial reasoning test of elementary level at the beginning of the year. Final test of higher level at the end of the year.

In 2006 – 2007, teams engaged in the project have assessed the project and compared their results with those of a traditional teaching.

In a school, to the word “**science**”, **68%** of pupils receiving an integrated teaching associate the word “**experiment**”, against **40%** of the pupils in a traditional class.

In general teachers, pupils and parents are satisfied with the project.

Pupils tend to talk more about science and suggest an enquiry-based approach as a way to solve problems. Their attitude changes, in other subjects, or toward their learning difficulties.



Source: F. Dujardin, J.-P. Fabien, P. Potier, IPR



<http://science-techno-college.net/>





# GENERAL OBJECTIVES

## PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

- Improvement of quality of formal and **informal** teaching
- Integration of **multiple** resources (educational systems, scientists, **companies**, towns, **regions**, etc...)
- Initial and continuing education of teachers —→ **specific to each country – Interdisciplinary with excellence in a given field**
- Equal opportunities for all **regardless of gender**
- **Rejuvenation** of teaching methods —→ **4 examples given**
- Efforts to **avoid lack of coordination** as well as underutilization or waste of experience —→ **Widely different experiences – See Northern Europe**

# Science and technology - what interactions? The English perspective

Conference on science education in the Europe of knowledge  
Grenoble October 9 2008

Dr. David Barlex  
Brunel University  
Nuffield Curriculum Centre

# Presentation overview

- Differences in intention
- Coordination, collaboration or integration?
- Designing in technology education
- A cautionary tale
- Current developments
- Taking technology education seriously
- Useful references

# Differences in intention



Marc deVries

Science is primarily concerned with exploration and explanation of what exists developing and using declarative knowledge whereas **design & technology** is concerned with the conception of what does not yet exist and how it might be brought into existence requiring and developing normative knowledge.

## The importance of science

The study of science fires pupils' curiosity about phenomena in the world around them and offers opportunities to find explanations.

They discover how scientific ideas contribute to technological change - affecting industry, business and medicine and improving quality of life.

## The importance of design & technology

In design and technology pupils combine practical and technological skills with creative thinking to design and make products and systems that meet human needs.

They learn to use current technologies and consider the impact of future technological developments.

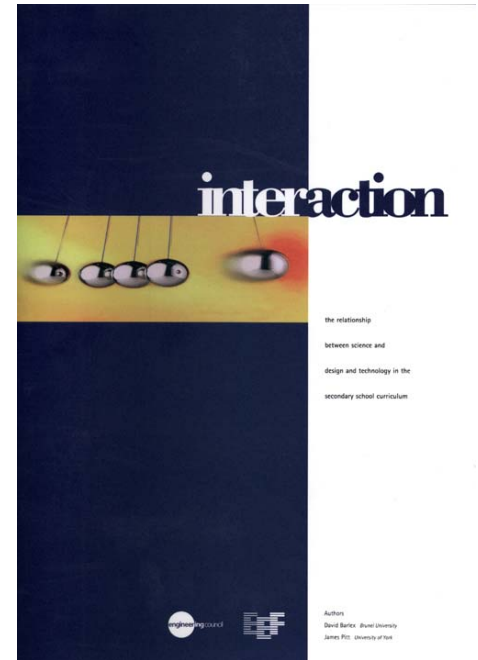
# Coordination, collaboration or integration?

While we recognize the integrity of the disciplines, we also believe their current state of splendid isolation gives students a narrow and even skewed vision of both knowledge and the realities of the world. (USA 1983)

Coordination - **YES**

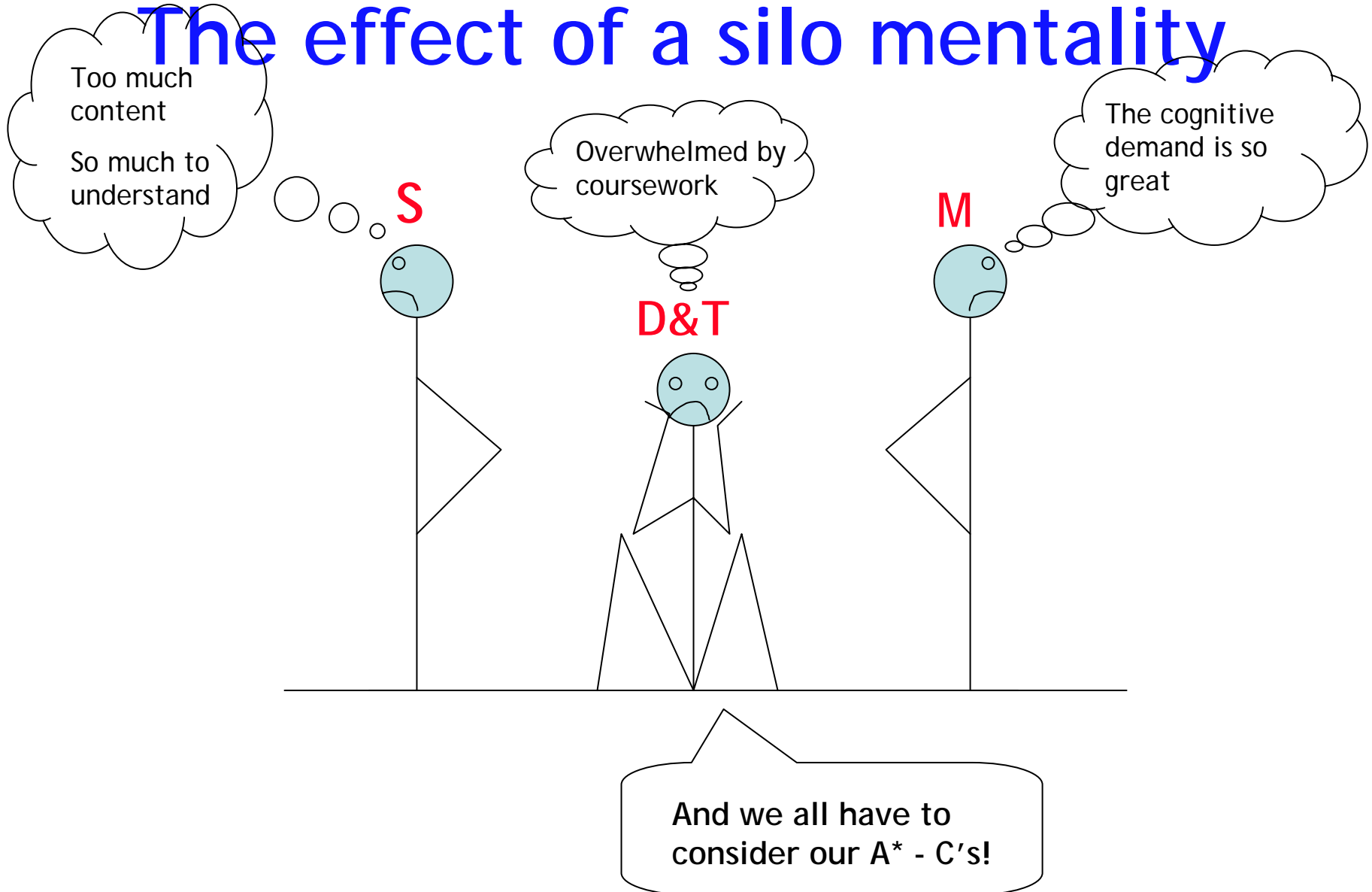
Collaboration - **YES**

Integration - **NO**



Interaction report 2000

# The effect of a silo mentality



# Designing in technology education

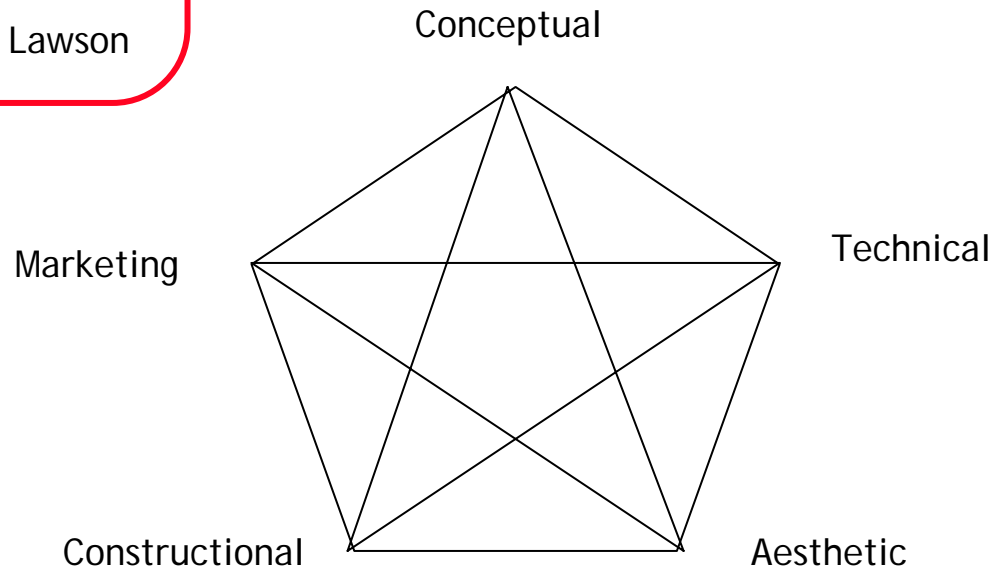
Designing then, in terms of chess, is rather like playing with a board that has no divisions into cells, has pieces that can be invented and redefined as the game proceeds and rules that change their effects as moves are made. Even the object of the game is not defined at the outset and may change as the game wears on.



Bryan Lawson

## Design decisions

**NB** Only some design decisions depend on science



# A cautionary tale concerning the design of toy boats

Real boats



Toy boats



Users





# Current developments

- Revision of national curriculum for pupils aged 11 - 14

See [www.qca.org.uk](http://www.qca.org.uk)

- Encouraging cross curricular work, engaging with overarching themes of significance for individuals and society, innovative use of time, links with the world outside school

- Introduction of specialist diplomas for pupils aged 14 - 19

See <http://yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas/>

- Including Engineering and Manufacturing

- National STEM Programme

See [www.stemforum.org.uk](http://www.stemforum.org.uk)

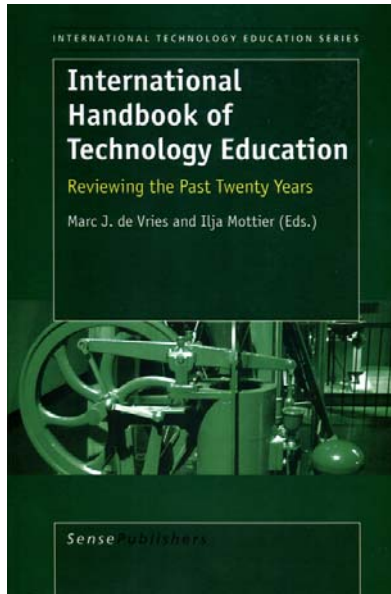
- Improving recruitment of teachers and lecturers in shortage subjects
- Providing continuing professional development
- Enhancing and enriching the curriculum to motivate pupils towards STEM
- Improving infrastructure and delivery structure

- Emergence of a digital design & technology curriculum

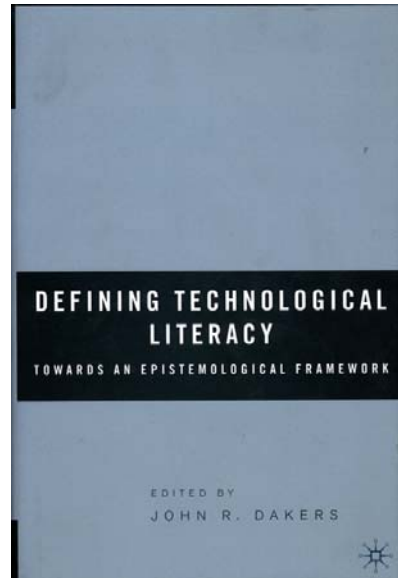
See [www.data.org.uk](http://www.data.org.uk)

- Developed by the Design & Technology Association in collaboration with the Department for Children, Schools and Families
- 36 support centres to work with the national network of science learning centres
- Concentrating on the use of CAD/CAM and PIC technology
- Engaging with the STEM programme e.g. School Science and Engineering Clubs
- Supporting joint in-service for science and design & technology teachers

# Taking technology education seriously



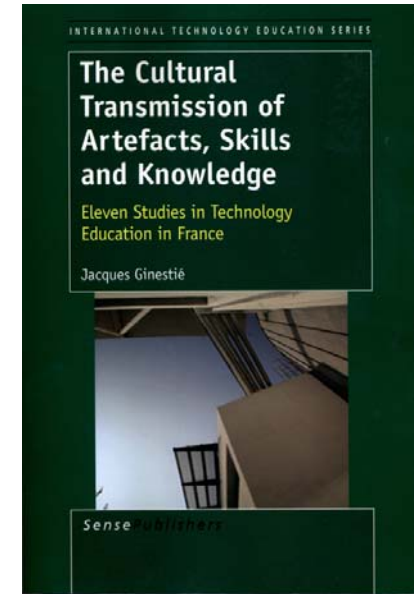
The first volume in the International Technology Education series  
Sense Publishers  
2006



Providing theoretical underpinning and teaching practice for technological literacy  
Palgrave  
2006



A collection of provocative pieces, written by experts in their field, to stimulate reflection and curriculum innovation  
Cliffeco Communications  
2007



Opens new opportunities for the Anglo-Saxon community to learn about French technology education  
Sense Publishers  
2008

**Thanks for listening**

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# Science and Technology Interaction

## Useful References

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Assessing capability in design & technology The case for a minimally invasive approach

Design and Technology Education: An International Journal, 12.2, 9 - 56  
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### Links with science

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An exploration of cross-curricular links

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The Design and Technology Association Education and  
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Design and technology for the next generation

A collection of provocative pieces, written by experts in their field, to stimulate reflection and curriculum innovation

Edited by David Barlex

CliffeCo, Shropshire England, 2007

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## **Science and technology – what interactions**

### **The English Perspective**

David Barlex

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Science and technology have different intentions. Science is primarily concerned with exploration and explanation of what exists developing and using declarative knowledge whereas technology is concerned with the conception of what does not yet exist and how it might be brought into existence requiring and developing normative knowledge. This difference is recognised in the importance statements for science and design & technology in the English National Curriculum although the interaction of science and technology in the world outside school is acknowledged.

Whilst coordination and collaboration are useful to both subjects in school integration is not as this inevitably leads to a situation in which the learning of science dominates and distorts the technological activities that are required reducing them in many cases to little more than model making to demonstrate scientific principles such that the learning of designing is severely compromised

There is as yet little interaction between the school subjects science, design & technology and mathematics.

Designing is a fundamental activity to design & technology. It is complex and heuristic in nature. For school pupils it may be thought of as requiring the making a range of interrelated design decisions.

A misunderstanding of the complexity of this process, particularly with regard to finding out about and meeting users' needs and wants may lead to an inappropriate, simplistic and erroneous view of "technology as applied science".

There is a range of current developments with regard to the school curriculum in England (see listed websites for details)

Technology education has developed a significant amount of research in its own right and it will be important for the science education community to become familiar with this as they enter into dialogue with technology education. Useful references are listed at the end of the presentation.