

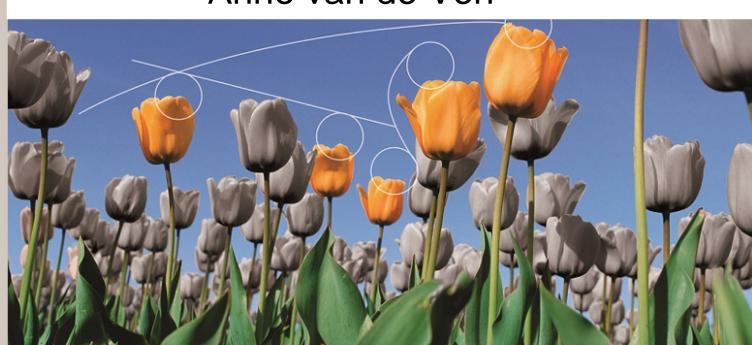
Investigating Interdisciplinary Engineering Education

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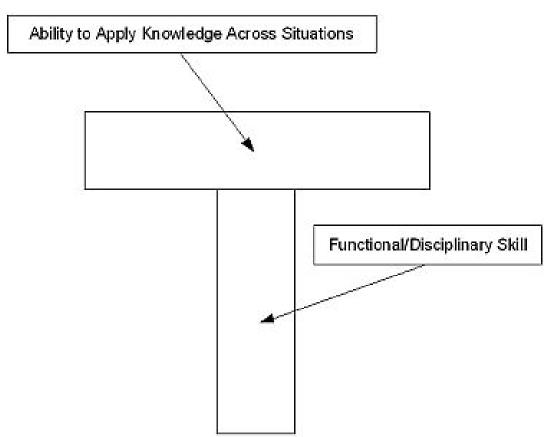
Context and Practice

- Engineers of the future
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- University culture



Context and Practice

T-shape approach



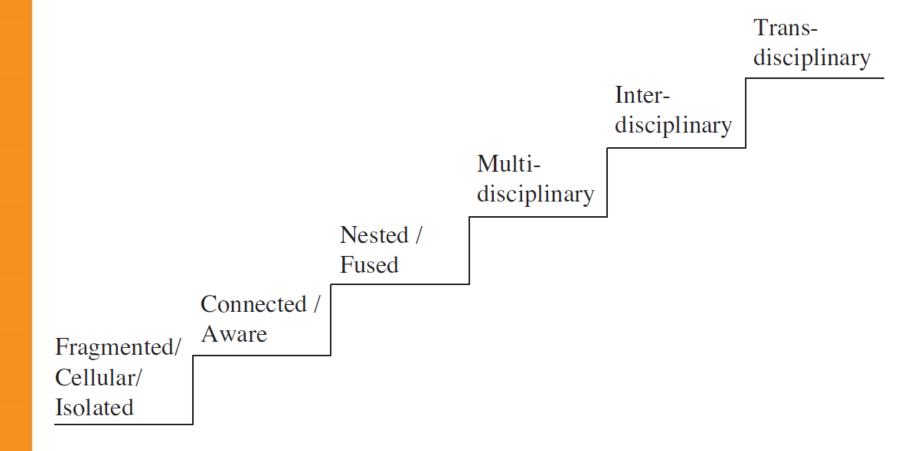


Context and Practice

- 3TU project
- Literature review
- Case studies

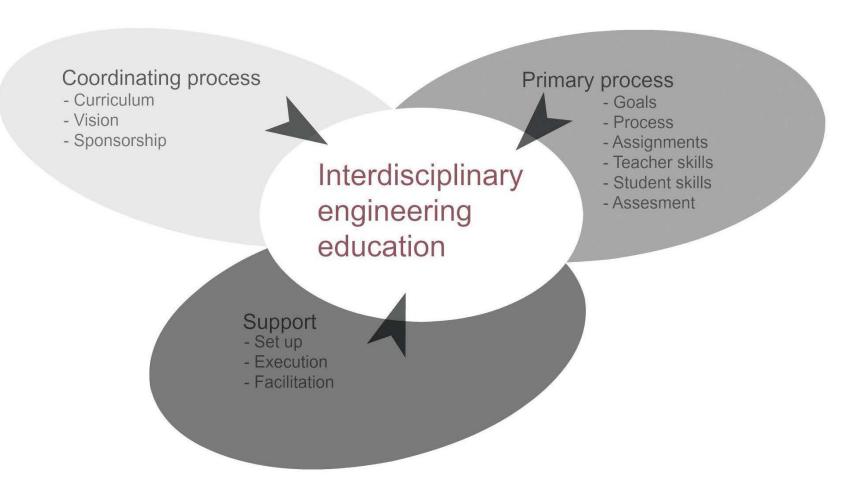


Definitions





Framework





- Differentiation: multi-disciplinary
- Collaboration: intra-disciplinary vs heterogeneous groups
- Student skills: system thinking, collaboration, organization, analytic skills, communication
- Assessment: little evaluation of interdisc. skills, reflection, personal development



- Practical implications:
 - organization difficult,
 - traditional programme vs new paradigm,
 - joint language,
 - level of expertise within teams



Group discussion

- Discuss issues of IEE based on your own experience/situation
- Formulate challenges and success factors
- The framework as reference point



- Success factors:
 - role based learning,
 - development of generic attributes,
 - contextual understanding of concepts and problems,
 - system approach,
 - teacher collaboration on course building



Challenges:

- ambiguity among students and teachers,
- mono-disciplinary nature of academia,
- learning objectives in relation to problem/assignment,
- consensus about boundaries of disciplinary content,
- heterogenity of groups,
- teacher support for students



Thank you!

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