





# Can Machine Learning Empower Learning ?

A quick review - Edtech

- Technology as enabler for the changing learning needs
- Main stake holders

The opportunity in Edtech (as we see it)

- Market size
- Market Readiness

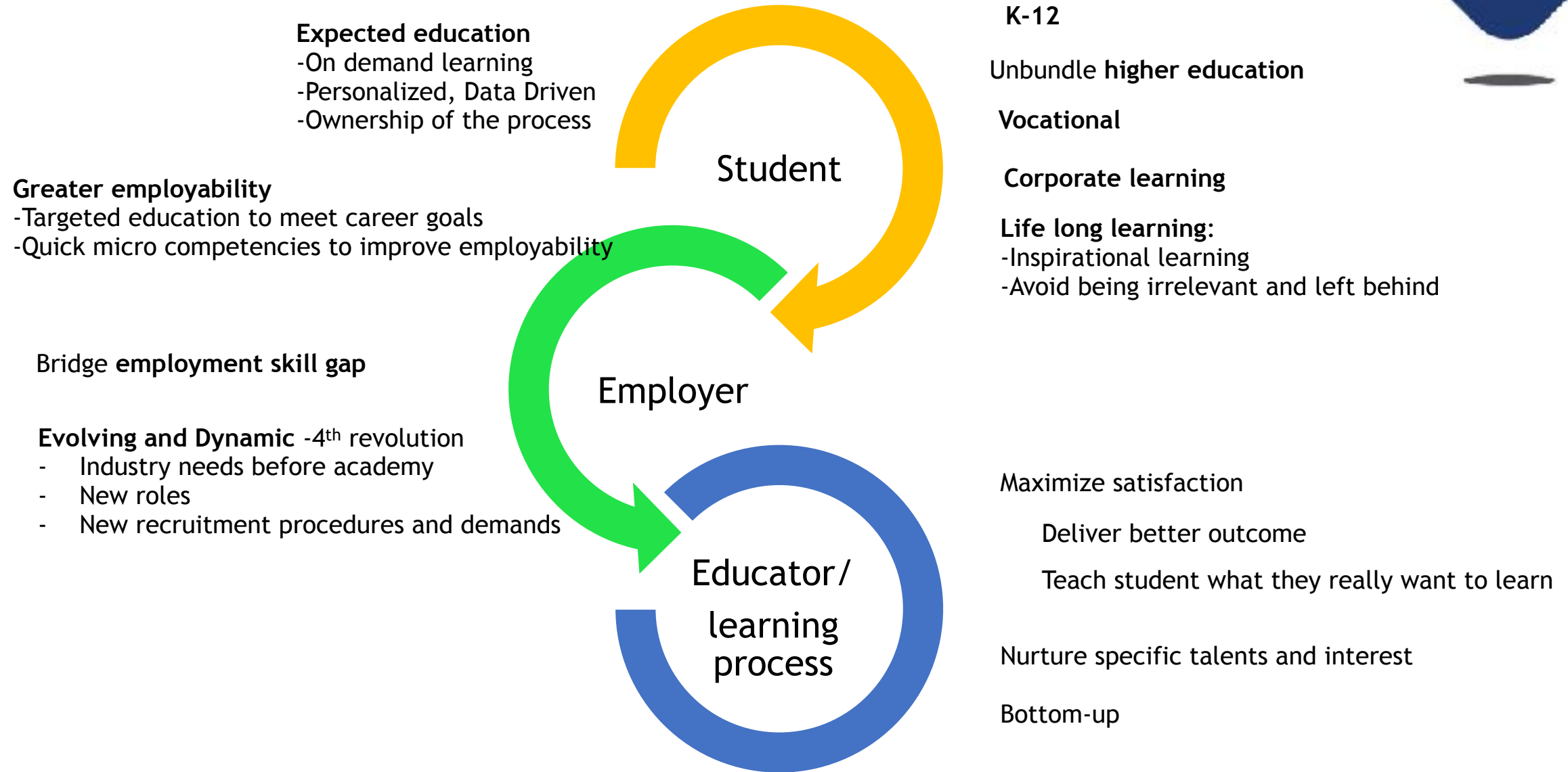


# Edtech – It's all about facilitate learning

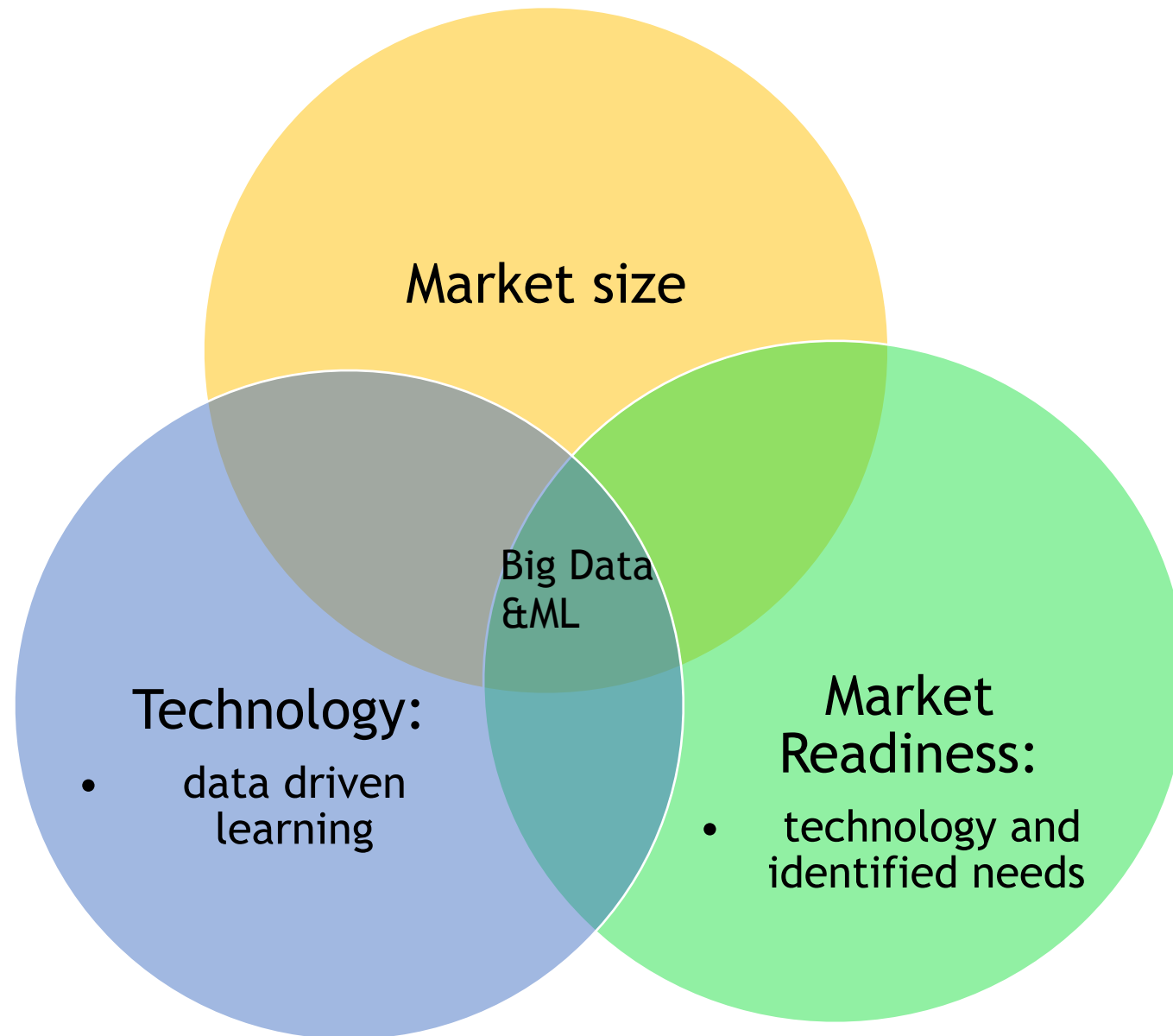
Learning anything ( or everything), anywhere, anytime by anyone



# The Learning process main stake holders' needs



# The Opportunity in Edtech





# Market Size

- Education Technology companies sell products and services in more than **\$1.3T** yearly
- There are **740M** students that are using Edtech product and services
- **30M** world wide are purchasing Edtech products and services



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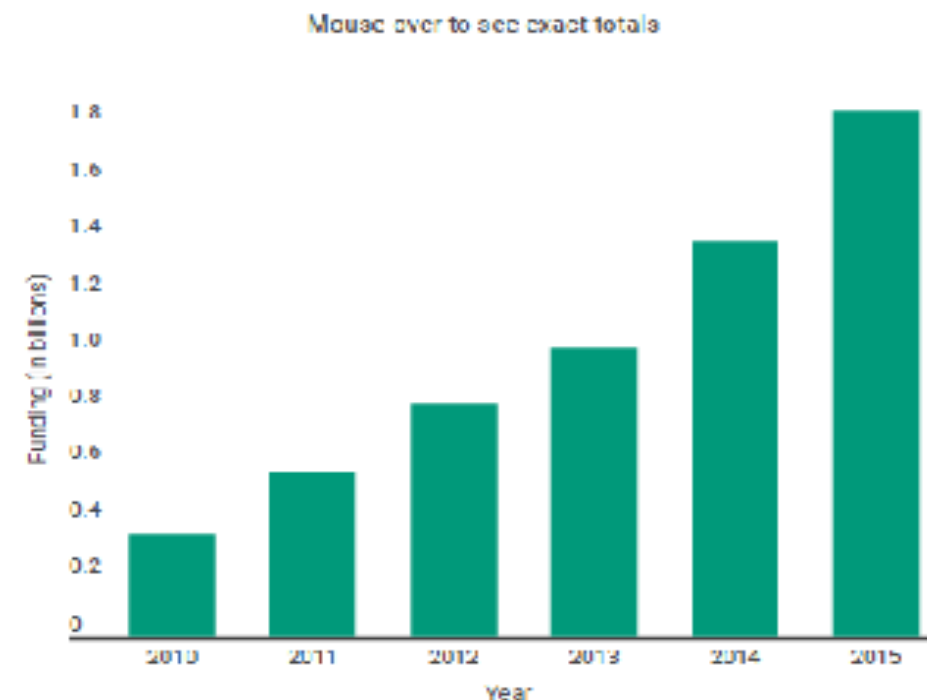
Investment peaked in 2015

over 500 deals worth nearly

**\$3.3B\*** in aggregate

Edtech goes global,  
driven mainly by activity in India and China  
US from 80% in 2011 to 60% in 2015

Total US Edtech Funding (in billions)

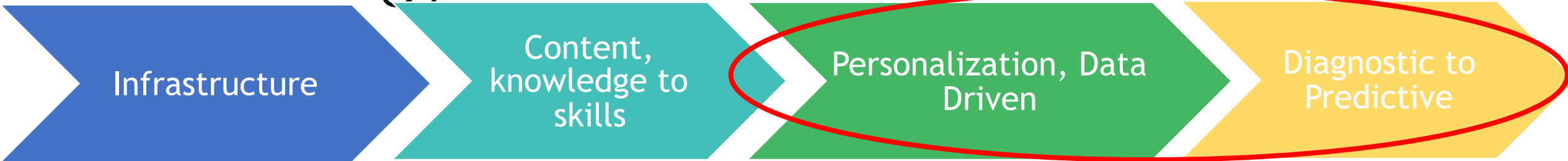


\* source: CBinsights

\*\* EdSurge counts all investments in technology companies whose primary purpose is to improve outcomes for all learners, regardless of age there fore indicates a number of \$2.8B



# Market Readiness: Technology and identified needs

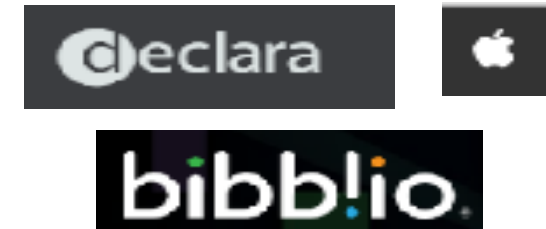


- Focus on HW
- Infrastructure & Devices, BYOD
- Mobile
- Cloud
- IoT, VR

- OER
- Digitized content
- Simple UX, easy to navigate
- Engagement - games, interactive
- MOOCs
- “One solution fits all”

- **Personalized=** Pace & performance driven
- Personalized = different level of content
- Personalized = Discovery

- Personalized = Ownership of the learning process
- Learning paths
- Predictive
- More to come





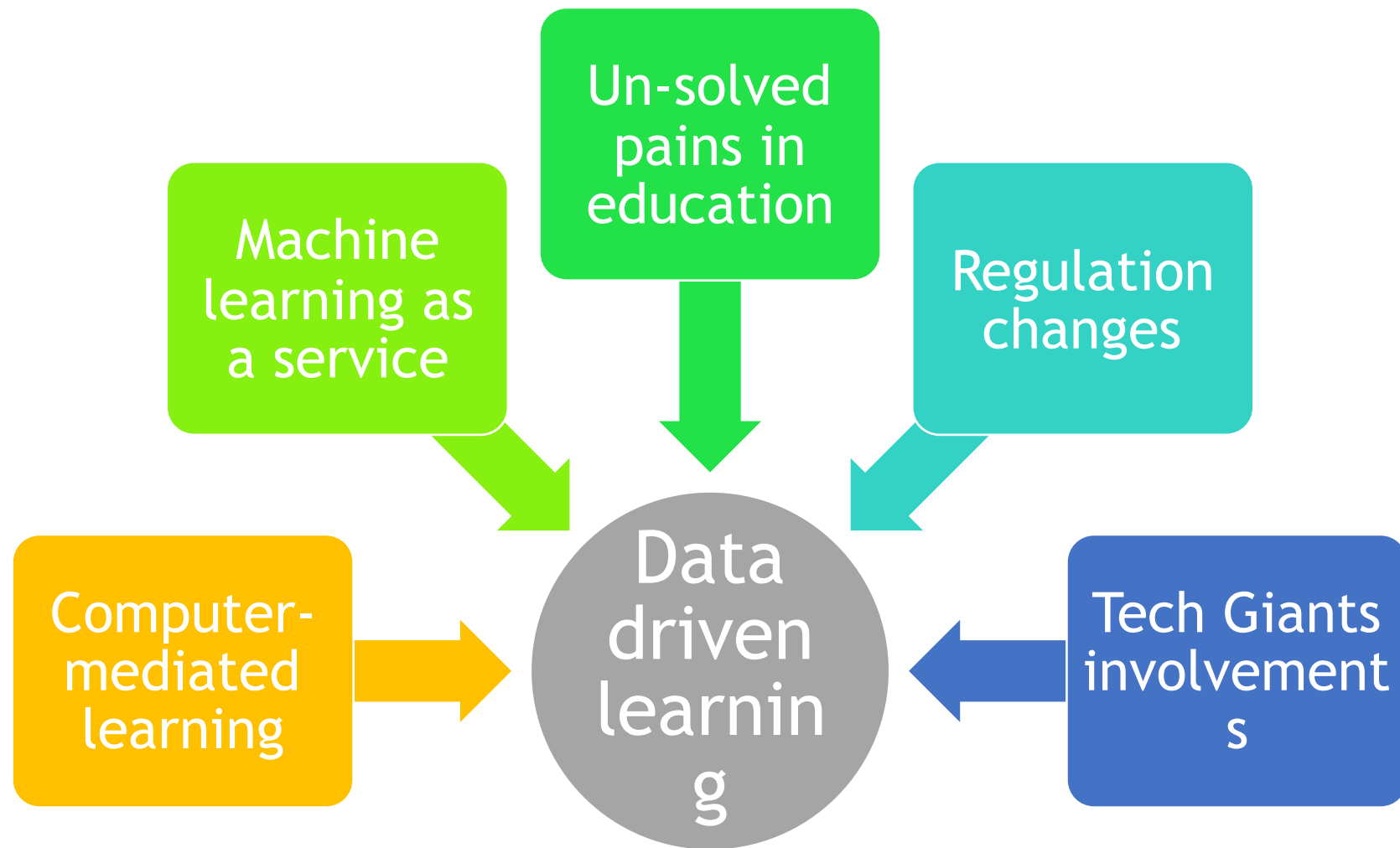


# 5 phases of Evolution

- From Print to Digital
- From Knowledge to Skills
- From one fits all to Personalized and Data Driven
- From Distribution to Discovery
- From Diagnostic to Predictive



# The Times They Are a-Changin'...





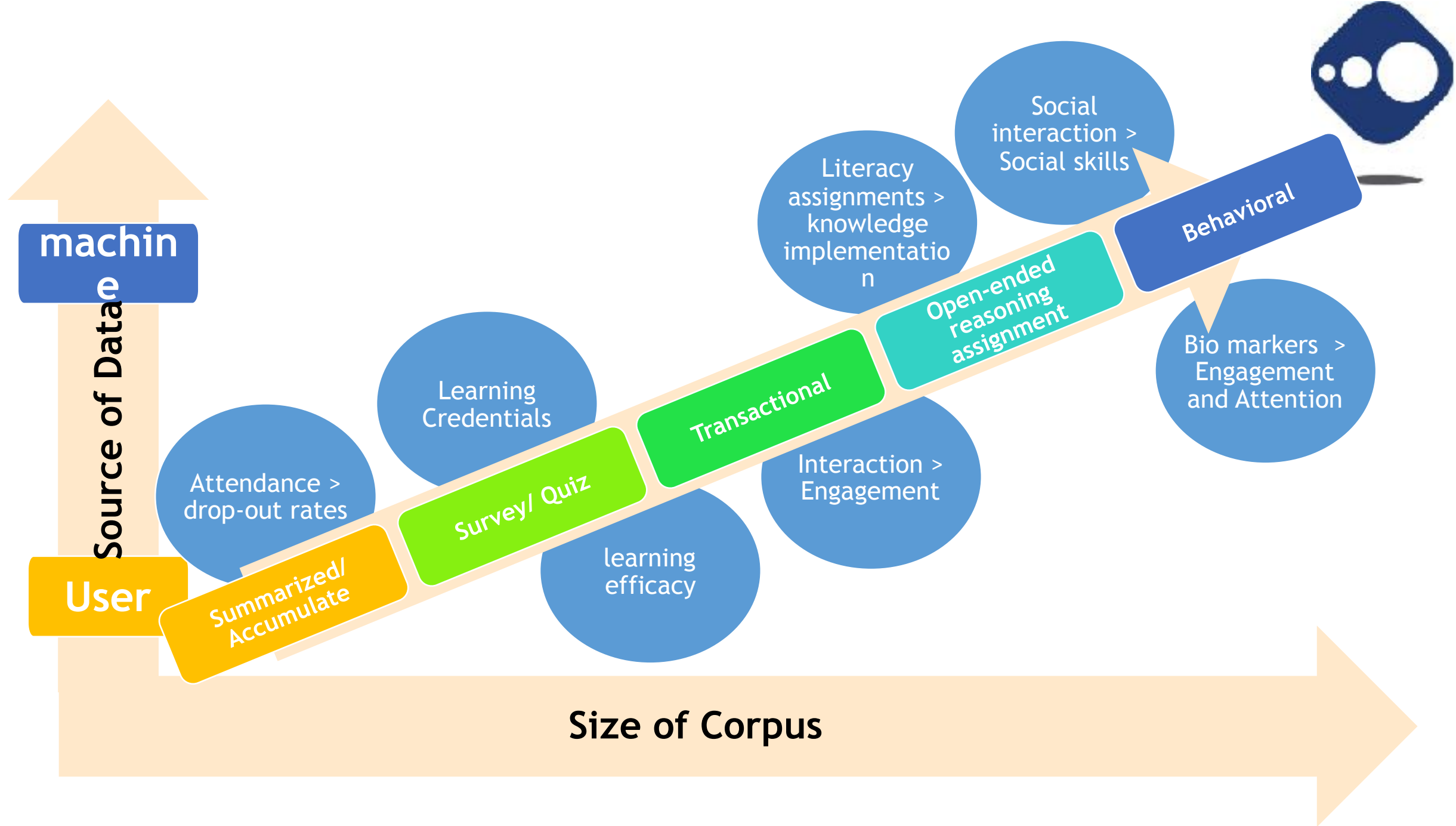
# Big Data and Machine Learning - Challenges

## Cultural Challenges

- Skepticism - does technology will fulfilled the promise ?
- Teachers' new role
- Fear of even more test-driven teaching
- Tension between didactic/ pedagogy theories and practice results driven out of data

## Technical Challenges

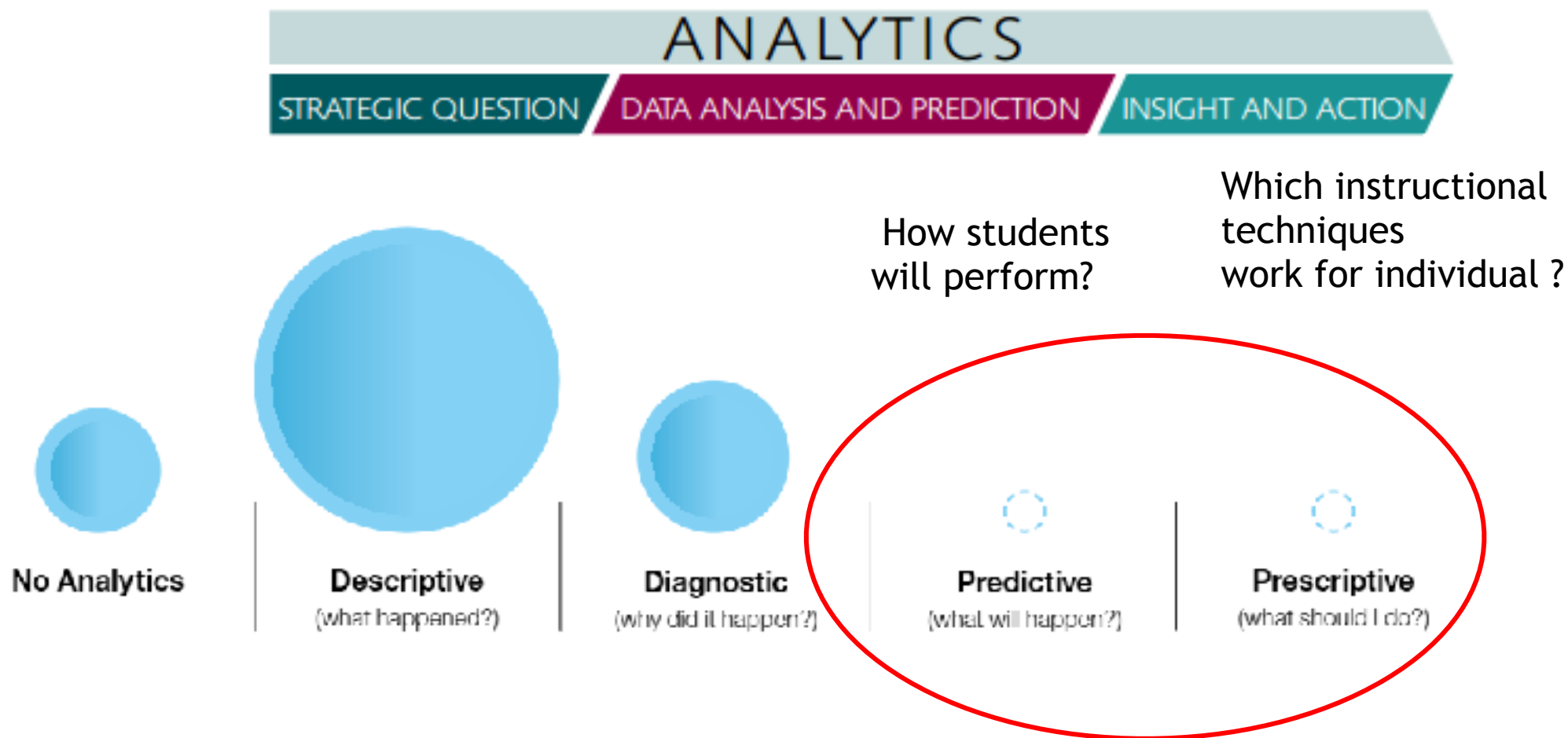
- Need to Redesign content - micro chunks, multi learning paths, open sources
- Data - Quality, Ownership, Accessibility, Standardization and Interoperability, Privacy (COPPA)
- Training phase





# Where are we now?

## limited analytics capabilities





Where are we going?

# Data- driven cognitive systems

- Learner predictive
  - Better candidate selection
  - Predict and reduce drop-out rates and students at-risk
  - Career enhancements & career advisers systems



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Where are we going?

# Data- driven cognitive systems

- Personalize learning

- Personal learning curve/ learning sequences/ learning path
- Automatic feedback (hints, mastery validation, motivation)
- Identify skills gaps and improve performances - competency based education
  - communication, leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, critical thinking
- Adaptive engagement
- Personality based learning







Where are we going?

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- Content improvement

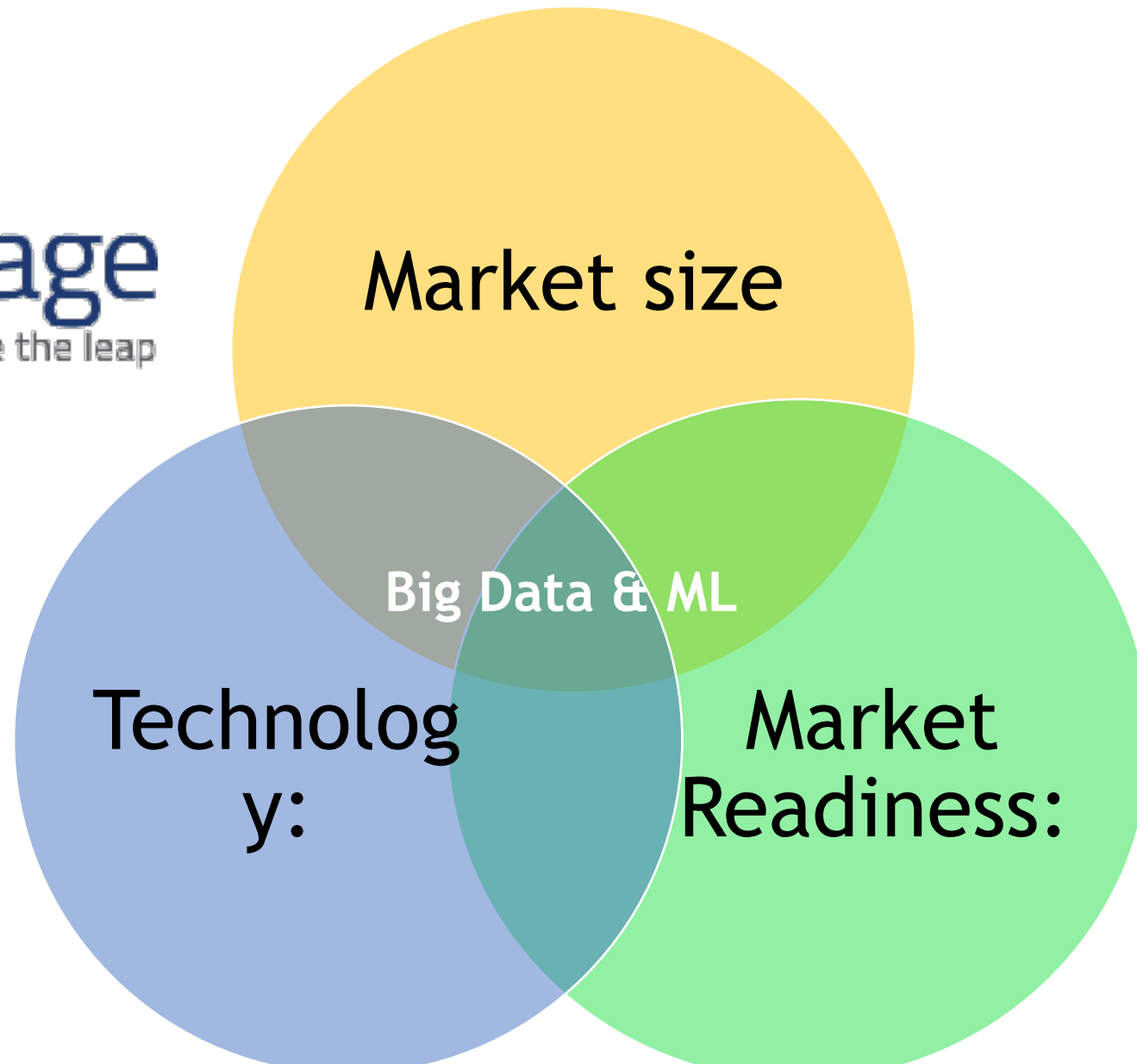
- Automatic Metadata extraction
- Engagement
- Content adjustments



- Content discovery/content recommendation -  
enabler for move learning out of the classroom



# The Opportunity – Is your call for action!





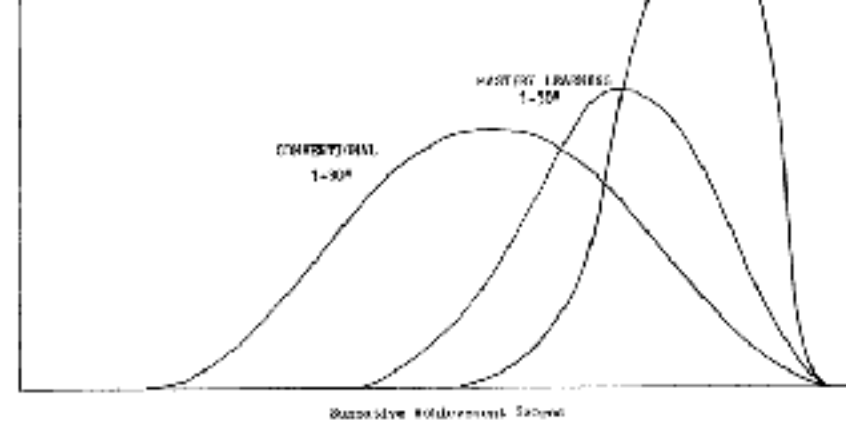
**Thank you !**



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# More quotes



- Bloom's Two Sigma finding (Conventional, Mastery Learning, one-on-one tutoring)
- Ericsson's framework of "Deliberate Practice" - elite performer on average takes 10 years or roughly 10,000 hours of sustained practice
  - Intentional Practice
  - Challenge Exceeds Skill
  - Immediate Feedback
  - Repetition to Automaticity
- One of the aims of data science research is to discover empirically the right insights that can make the insights **actionable**

We can derive conclusions from this. First, given that students are learning. Second...



# Benefits

- Arises to end the historical separation of instruction and assessment
- Quality learning at scale
- The learner as a self-educator -  
Technology Students to Take Charge of  
Their Own Learning Journeys
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# Data

- Data sources
  - #GoOpen and OER (open Educational resources)
  - Digital learning software
  - MOOCs and others online learning services
  - ELR (electronic learning records)
  - In the future - incentives for student records/academic certification
- Challenges - Quality, Ownership, Accesses, Standardization and I
  - Privacy and COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule (under 13 years of age)
  - access to data, ownership of data, clean data
  - intensification of didactic pedagogies
  - test-driven teaching
- Evolution of relevant data:
  - LMS based - attendance, test results, surveys, formative assessment,,
  - Online predictive assessments
  - Interaction with digital content - engagement, learning paste...
  - Digital exercising - learning efficacy
  - Social interaction while learning
  - Micro Credentials
  - Bio markers - eyes movements, pupil size, brain activity, facial expression
- Summarized/ Accumulate data
- Transactional data
- Survey/ Quiz data
- open-ended reasoning (e.g. wirting )
- Self generated behavioral data

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competency-based learning through a combination of big data and algorithms, which credit hour model allows the student to operate outside the traditional credit

incorporate school grades, test scores, extracurricular activities and even internships into a complex algorithm that can determine a student's chances of acceptance.

dynamic profile of what they know and how long they are proficient with



WriteLab combines machine learning and natural language processing with proven pedagogical principles to identify patterns in your writing, provide specific feedback, and



deliver the right content at the right time, so students can learn more and faster



Knewton makes recommendations in real time based on what that student knows, what they're struggling with, and what they are ready for, as well as the goals set for them by an

Collect & share knowledge from the web in simple playlists for learning. Curate a library for your team of articles, videos, presentations, Github Repos and truly everything



forming an interdisciplinary, cross-company team that will train [IBM] Watson to understand how kids learn that can engage and adapt to an individual child's skills and abilities

deep profiles of individuals to help employers match job vacancies

allows publishers, school districts, teachers to work together to deliver personalized learning while using classroom data to make content learning more effective



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