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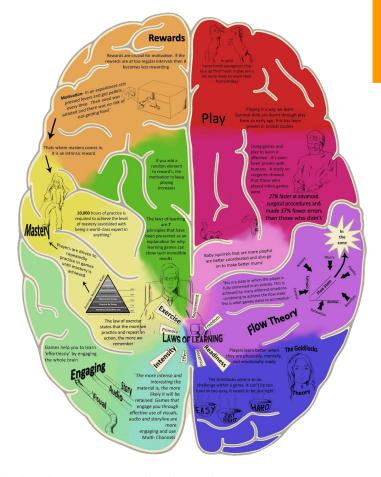
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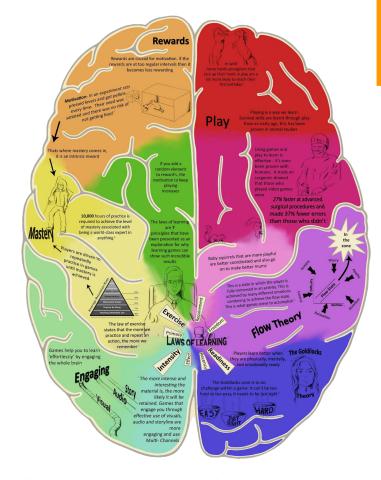
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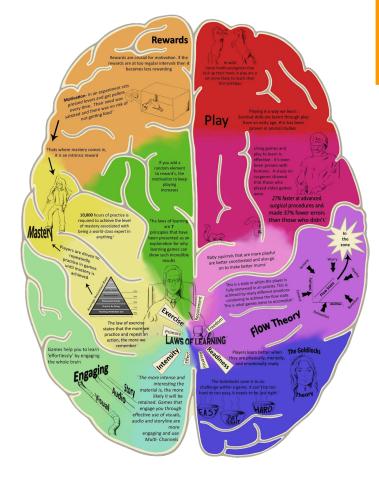
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Assessment over designing: Assessment of game-based outcomes is very crucial to understanding its effect on **cognitive** and **affective** outcomes.

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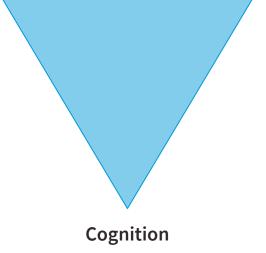
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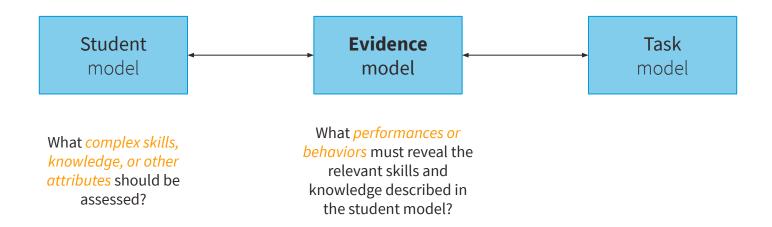


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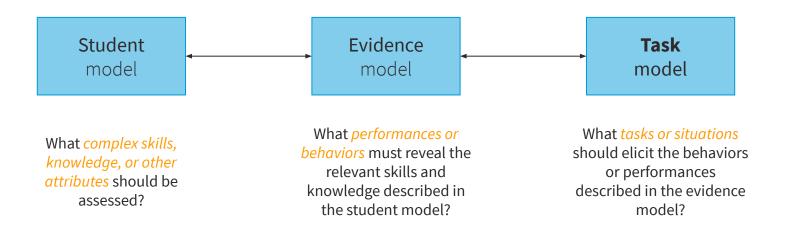
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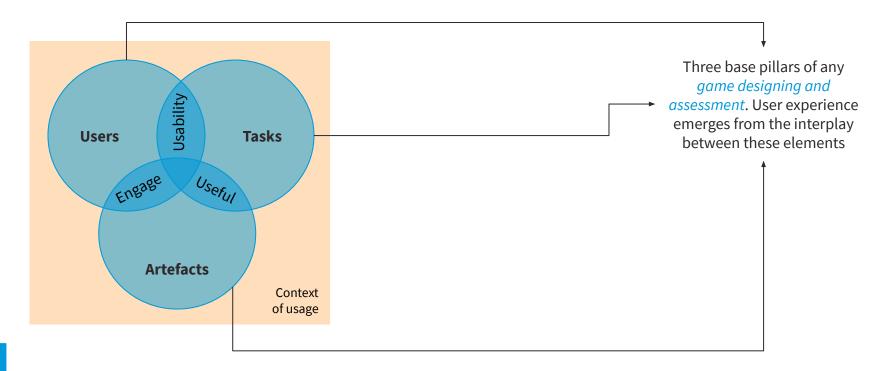
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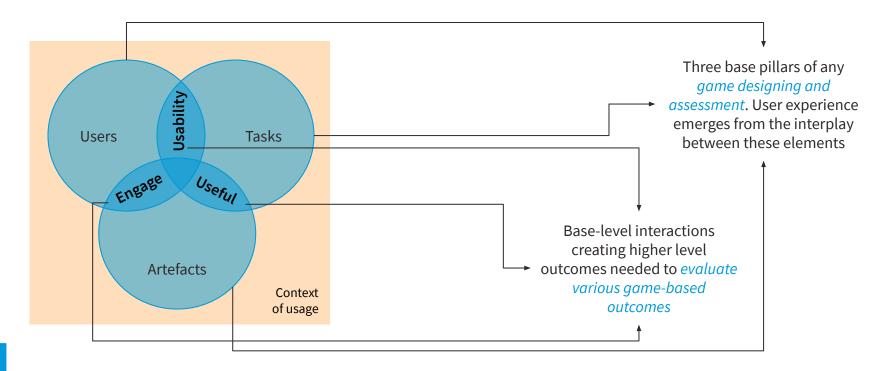
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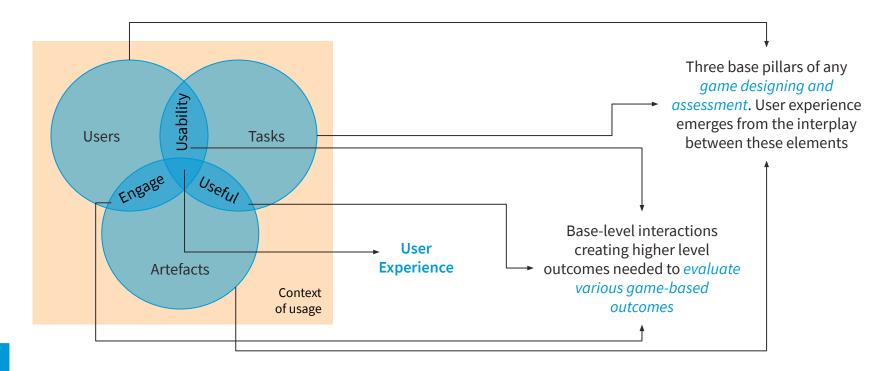
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- One game in one assessment context is this sufficient to establish the credibility of the proposed system (framework and assessment)?

In games with principles of reward-based learning, it is essential to ensure a constant feedback loop between the human and the computer is maintained

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