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Chapter 30: Technology-Enhanced Teaching and Classroom Participation among Undergraduate Learners

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Abstract— Technology-enhanced teaching has become an integral component of contemporary undergraduate education, yet increased access to digital tools does not necessarily translate into meaningful classroom participation. This study examines how pedagogically integrated technologies influence observable, cognitive, and digitally mediated participation among undergraduate learners. A distinctive research gap is identified in the limited integration of conventional classroom participation indicators with fine-grained digital interaction traces and AI-assisted engagement analytics. The proposed research conceptualizes participation as a multidimensional construct comprising verbal contribution, peer interaction, digital response activity, question generation, collaborative involvement, and sustained task engagement. A multimodal analytical framework is developed in which learning-management-system activity, classroom response data, structured observation, and student participation measures can be combined rather than relying exclusively on self-reported engagement. The study further proposes machine-learning-based participation profiling to determine whether technology-supported instructional patterns can distinguish active, selective, digitally dominant, and minimally participating learners.

Keywords— Technology-Enhanced Teaching, Classroom Participation, Undergraduate Learners, Artificial Intelligence in Education, Learning Analytics, Student Engagement

Introduction

Digital technology has moved from being an auxiliary component of university teaching to becoming part of the instructional infrastructure through which students encounter learning materials, communicate with instructors, collaborate with peers, complete assessments, and receive feedback. Learning management systems, interactive presentation environments, classroom response systems, collaborative documents, discussion platforms, simulations, educational applications, and, more recently, generative artificial intelligence have expanded the channels through which undergraduate students can participate in learning. Consequently, participation can no longer be adequately represented by the conventional image of a student raising a hand and speaking during a lecture. In technology-rich classrooms, a learner may participate by responding to a digital poll, contributing to a shared document, posting a question, evaluating a peer response, completing an interactive activity, or engaging with an AI-supported instructional task.

The rapid digital adaptation of higher education during and after the COVID-19 period accelerated this transformation. A systematic review by Zhou, MacBride Smith, and Al-Samarraie identified technological, personal, psychological, pedagogical, assessment, and social dimensions influencing digital teaching and learning experiences during the pandemic. Their findings indicate that sustainable digital education requires integration across technological platforms, institutional arrangements, teaching practices, and individual capabilities rather than isolated adoption of digital tools. This observation is particularly important when evaluating classroom participation because the mere presence of technology provides little evidence that students are becoming more intellectually or socially involved in learning.

Student participation represents a visible component of the broader concept of student engagement. Participation may include asking questions, answering instructor prompts, contributing to discussions, collaborating with classmates, responding to formative assessments, communicating through digital channels, and undertaking learning activities during scheduled instruction. These behaviors are pedagogically important because they provide instructors with information about student understanding while creating opportunities for retrieval, elaboration, feedback, and peer-supported knowledge construction.

Nevertheless, conventional participation structures may privilege particular groups of students. Large classes, limited instructional time, communication apprehension, language differences, personality characteristics, fear of incorrect responses, and perceived judgment from peers can restrict verbal participation. Technology can potentially lower some of these barriers by introducing parallel participation channels. Anonymous polling, text-based questioning, digital discussion, collaborative annotation, and asynchronous contribution can permit students to participate without competing continuously for speaking opportunities.

This potential should not be confused with guaranteed pedagogical improvement. Technology-enhanced teaching is not a single intervention. An instructor displaying slides, an adaptive learning system providing individualized exercises, students answering live polls, and a class using generative AI for structured inquiry all represent technologically supported teaching but embody substantially different pedagogical processes. Consequently, research that measures technology merely as "use" or "non-use" may conceal the instructional mechanisms through which technology affects student participation.

A major systematic review by Nkomo, Daniel, and Butson demonstrated this measurement problem. Their synthesis of student engagement with digital technologies identified inconsistent definitions of engagement, inadequate treatment of contextual differences, and substantial reliance on self-reported measures. The authors specifically argued that multiple datasets and methodological approaches are required to obtain stronger evidence concerning engagement with educational technologies. This methodological issue remains highly relevant to contemporary technology-enhanced undergraduate classrooms.

Artificial intelligence introduces an additional layer to the problem. AI-enabled tutoring, automated feedback, learning analytics, conversational systems, recommendation mechanisms, and generative AI applications can increase opportunities for individualized interaction. At the same time, these systems can produce passive dependency if learners delegate intellectual activity to technology rather than using it to support inquiry. A 2024 systematic review of 72 empirical studies examining ChatGPT and student engagement reported evidence of both engagement and disengagement. It found relatively stronger evidence concerning behavioral engagement, while evidence for cognitive engagement was broader but comparatively weak; the authors consequently called for more research into social interaction, self-regulation, critical thinking, and other underexamined engagement indicators.

Research Gap and Novelty

Despite the substantial literature on educational technology and student engagement, three methodological limitations remain particularly important.

First, many studies investigate broad student engagement rather than **classroom participation as a specific behavioral-pedagogical outcome**. Engagement encompasses behavioral, cognitive, emotional, and social dimensions; consequently, improvements in satisfaction or technology acceptance do not necessarily establish that students participate more actively during instruction.

Second, technology-related engagement research has frequently depended on questionnaires and student perceptions. As documented in the systematic review by Nkomo et al., reliance on self-reporting can make findings more perceptual than behavioral. Digital learning environments now produce behavioral traces that make it possible to supplement surveys with response frequency, contribution timing, discussion activity, task completion, collaborative interaction, and other observable measures.

Third, emerging AI research often examines adoption, academic achievement, attitudes, or general engagement without sufficiently determining whether AI-supported instructional environments **redistribute participation across learners**. This is significant because an increase in total classroom activity can coexist with participation inequality. A small proportion of highly active students may generate most contributions while less confident learners remain peripheral.

The present study therefore addresses a specific gap: **the absence of an integrated multimodal framework capable**

of connecting pedagogical technology use with observable classroom participation while simultaneously measuring the distribution and quality of participation across undergraduate learners.

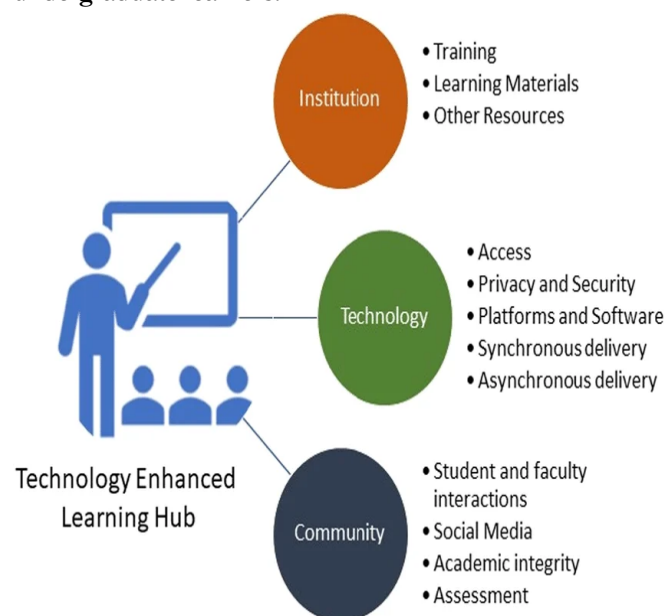


Fig. 1: Technology enhanced learning hub

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Instead of asking only whether students perceive technology as engaging, the study is structured around a more precise question: **Does pedagogically designed technology-enhanced teaching broaden meaningful participation, and can multimodal learning analytics identify which forms of participation emerge among different undergraduate learners?**

The proposed research will consequently integrate structured classroom observations, interactive response records, LMS activity traces, collaborative task contributions, and participation-quality indicators. These data will subsequently support machine-learning-based classification of participation profiles. The purpose of machine learning is not to assign fixed labels to students but to identify patterns that conventional averages may conceal.

The principal research objectives are therefore to examine the relationship between the intensity and pedagogical quality of technology-enhanced teaching and undergraduate classroom participation; compare conventional verbal participation with digitally mediated and collaborative participation; identify distinct learner participation profiles from multimodal behavioral indicators; and determine which instructional technology features are most strongly associated with broader and more equitable participation.

Literature Review

Technology-Enhanced Teaching in Contemporary Higher Education

Technology-enhanced teaching can be understood as the purposeful integration of digital resources, communication environments, computational systems, and interactive technologies into instructional design. The term is broader than online education because technology may supplement face-to-

face teaching, structure blended instruction, or provide adaptive support within conventional classrooms.

The post-pandemic literature demonstrates that digitalization has fundamentally changed university teaching while simultaneously revealing limitations in technology-centered models of educational innovation. Zhou et al.'s systematic review of 90 studies concerning digital adaptation during COVID-19 found that student and staff experiences were influenced by interacting technological, economic, personal, psychological, pedagogical, assessment, and social factors. Thus, effective technology-enhanced teaching depends not simply on infrastructure but on how technology is positioned within the teaching-learning relationship.

Similarly, Lindín and colleagues reviewed emerging technology-mediated practices in higher education and observed that research frequently reported improvements in performance, engagement, or learner perceptions, while genuinely transformative educational practices remained less evident. Their findings reinforce an important distinction: using digital technology to reproduce an established instructional practice is fundamentally different from redesigning participation and learning around new technological affordances.

From this perspective, the pedagogical function of technology is more important than its technological sophistication. A simple response system that allows every student to answer a conceptual question may generate greater participatory value than a sophisticated platform used primarily to distribute lecture material.

From Student Engagement to Classroom Participation

Engagement is commonly treated as multidimensional. Behavioral engagement concerns observable involvement; cognitive engagement concerns intellectual investment and strategic learning; emotional engagement involves interest, belonging, enthusiasm, or frustration; and social engagement reflects interaction with instructors and peers. Classroom participation overlaps with these dimensions but remains analytically distinct because it emphasizes observable contribution to instructional processes.

This distinction has methodological consequences. A student may report being interested in a course while rarely contributing to classroom activity. Another learner may communicate extensively through digital channels while speaking infrequently. A third may respond to virtually every poll but provide little elaboration. Treating all three students as equivalently "engaged" eliminates potentially valuable differences.

Nkomo et al.'s systematic review provides strong justification for more granular measurement. Their synthesis concluded that the literature lacked a consistent conception of student engagement with technology and frequently failed to account for contextual variation among technological modalities. They also highlighted the dominance of self-reported measurement and recommended combining datasets and methodologies.

The present study extends this methodological argument from broad engagement toward participation analytics. Participation is conceptualized through several observable dimensions:

Verbal participation includes answering questions, asking questions, explaining reasoning, and contributing to classroom discussion.

Digital-response participation includes responding to polls, quizzes, formative questions, interactive prompts, and technology-mediated checks for understanding.

Collaborative participation captures contributions to group tasks, shared digital workspaces, peer feedback, and collective problem-solving.

Inquiry participation reflects question generation, clarification seeking, critical challenge, and evidence-based follow-up.

Participation persistence represents sustained involvement across multiple instructional sessions rather than isolated activity.

This multidimensional structure prevents a single indicator—such as number of LMS clicks—from dominating the interpretation of participation.

Interactive Technologies and Participation Opportunities

Interactive technologies can modify the participation architecture of undergraduate classrooms by allowing many students to contribute simultaneously. Conventional instructor-led questioning is sequential: one learner typically answers at a time. Digital response environments permit parallel participation, potentially increasing the proportion of students whose understanding becomes visible to the instructor.

Technology also creates alternative channels for students reluctant to speak publicly. Text responses, anonymous polling, digital questions, collaborative boards, and online discussion can reduce some of the social costs associated with classroom contribution. However, the pedagogical outcome depends heavily on what instructors do with these responses. Collecting answers without adapting explanations, initiating peer discussion, or providing feedback may produce interaction without deeper participation.

Research on smart digital learning environments similarly emphasizes that educational technologies operate within complex systems involving teachers, learners, institutions, pedagogical strategies, and technical conditions. An iterative review published in *Heliyon* described both opportunities and challenges associated with smart digital technologies and emphasized the complexity arising from interactions among components of technology-rich educational environments.

Accordingly, the current research does not conceptualize technology exposure as the independent variable in isolation. It introduces **Technology-Enhanced Teaching Quality (TETQ)** as a composite instructional construct incorporating interactivity, immediacy of feedback, accessibility of participation channels, collaborative affordances, adaptive support, and pedagogical alignment.

Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Forms of Participation

AI is progressively expanding the boundaries of technology-enhanced teaching. Educational AI can provide personalized feedback, generate questions, support tutoring, facilitate formative assessment, recommend learning resources, and

analyze learning behaviors. In science education specifically, a 2024 systematic review by Almasri examined empirical evidence concerning AI-supported teaching and learning and documented the growing role of AI across instructional and assessment practices.

The development of generative AI since 2022 has intensified this transformation. Students can now interact with conversational systems during brainstorming, explanation, revision, problem-solving, and feedback activities. However, AI-mediated activity should not automatically be interpreted as student participation. The pedagogical issue concerns whether learners use AI outputs as material for questioning, comparison, critique, and collaborative discussion or simply accept generated responses.

Lo, Hew, and Jong's systematic review is particularly relevant. Their analysis found that the evidence surrounding ChatGPT and engagement was multidimensional and included both positive and negative outcomes. The review specifically highlighted underexplored areas including social interaction, self-regulation, and critical thinking. These unresolved dimensions support examining AI as part of an instructional participation ecosystem rather than treating chatbot usage frequency as an educational outcome.

A broader systematic review of AI and student engagement in higher education published in 2025 also emphasized the mediating importance of teaching methods, indicating that the relationship between AI technologies and engagement cannot be separated from pedagogy. This is consistent with the theoretical position adopted here: technology influences participation primarily through the instructional opportunities and constraints created around it.

Learning Analytics and Behavioral Evidence

The increasing digitization of instruction creates substantial opportunities for learning analytics. LMS platforms and classroom applications can record timestamps, response sequences, completion patterns, frequency of interaction, and collaborative contributions. These records provide behavioral evidence that complements survey-based perceptions.

Machine learning can extend such analysis by identifying multidimensional participation profiles. Rather than reducing each student to a single participation score, clustering algorithms can detect naturally occurring combinations of behaviors. For example, some students may exhibit high digital participation but limited verbal contribution; others may demonstrate moderate response frequency but high-quality collaborative involvement.

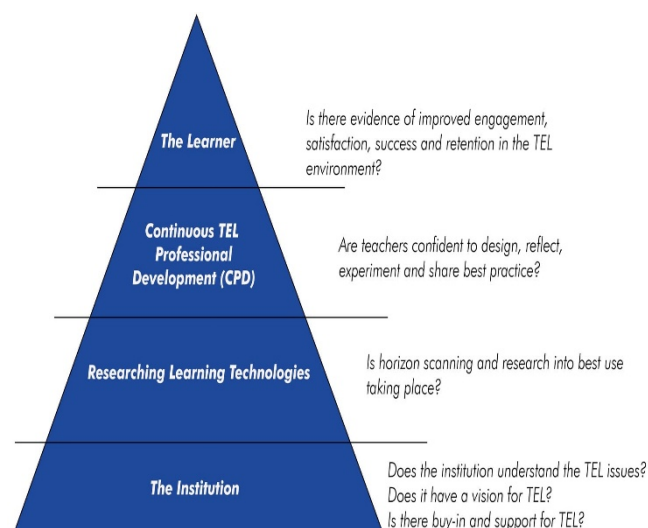


Fig. 2: A framework for technology-enhanced learning

Source: <https://www.structural-learning.com/post/technology-enhanced-learning>

This study proposes that such patterns are pedagogically more useful than binary classifications of "engaged" and "disengaged." A digitally active but socially peripheral learner may require a different instructional response from a learner who participates minimally across every channel.

Proposed Methodology

The proposed study adopts a **multimodal quasi-experimental learning-analytics design** to investigate whether pedagogically structured technology-enhanced teaching produces measurable changes in undergraduate classroom participation. Rather than treating technology usage as a binary variable, the design evaluates how different technology-mediated instructional opportunities affect verbal, digital, collaborative, and inquiry-oriented participation.

Recent higher-education learning-analytics research indicates that engagement is frequently operationalized through observable behavioral measures while multidimensional evidence remains comparatively limited. A 2024 systematic review covering 159 studies found participation to be the most frequently measured behavioral engagement indicator and emphasized the need to combine learning analytics with broader measures of engagement. This study responds to that methodological limitation by integrating digital traces with direct classroom observations.

A hypothetical multisource dataset is proposed for **360 undergraduate students** enrolled in technology-supported courses across three disciplinary clusters: social sciences, management and commerce, and computer/application sciences. The participants are divided into two instructional conditions. The Technology-Enhanced Teaching group consists of 180 students receiving interactive digital instruction, while the comparison group contains 180 students receiving conventional digitally assisted instruction in which technology primarily supports content presentation and resource distribution.

The intervention is designed for twelve instructional weeks. The first two weeks establish baseline participation patterns. Weeks

3–10 constitute the primary intervention period, and Weeks 11–12 provide post-intervention observations.

Technology-enhanced classes incorporate live response systems, collaborative digital workspaces, low-stakes formative quizzes, anonymous question submission, peer-feedback activities, AI-supported inquiry exercises, and instructor feedback based on classroom response patterns. The comparison condition may use presentation software and LMS resources but does not systematically employ parallel-response or adaptive participation mechanisms.

Five dimensions form the **Multimodal Classroom Participation Index (MCPI)**:

$$[MCPI_i = w_1V_i + w_2D_i + w_3C_i + w_4Q_i + w_5P_i]$$

where (V) represents verbal contribution, (D) digital-response participation, (C) collaborative contribution, (Q) inquiry/question-generation behavior, and (P) participation persistence. Before aggregation, each component is standardized to prevent variables with larger numerical ranges from dominating the index.

An additional **Participation Equity Index (PEI)** is proposed to determine whether activity is broadly distributed among students. This distinction is important because high aggregate activity does not necessarily mean that participation opportunities are equitable.

Research Questions

The empirical investigation addresses four questions:

1. Does structured technology-enhanced teaching increase multidimensional classroom participation relative to conventional digitally assisted instruction?
2. Which technological and pedagogical interaction variables most strongly predict meaningful participation?
3. Can unsupervised machine learning identify distinct participation profiles among undergraduate learners?
4. Does technology-enhanced teaching distribute participation more evenly across students rather than simply increasing total classroom activity?

The principal hypothesis predicts significantly higher post-intervention MCPI scores in the technology-enhanced group after controlling for baseline participation. A secondary hypothesis predicts lower participation concentration and greater cross-channel participation diversity in the intervention condition.

Experimental Setup

Dataset

Because no empirical dataset was supplied for this manuscript, the numerical experiment below is presented as a **proposed/simulated experimental dataset**, not as observations from actual human participants. This distinction prevents fabricated results from being represented as collected evidence.

The proposed dataset contains 360 student-level records supplemented by session-level observations across twelve

teaching weeks. Each learner contributes behavioral indicators from classroom and digital environments.

The raw feature space consists of approximately 24 variables. Core variables include verbal contributions per session, student-generated questions, live-poll response rate, formative quiz participation, digital discussion contributions, peer-feedback frequency, collaborative-document edits, task completion regularity, LMS active-session frequency, response latency, participation across instructional weeks, and instructor-coded contribution quality.

Demographic variables would be retained only for aggregate subgroup analysis and fairness auditing. Sensitive attributes would not be used as primary predictive features for labeling students.

This approach is consistent with recent evidence that learning analytics can reveal distinct technology-enhanced engagement profiles. Research using LMS log data has demonstrated that material access, formative quiz activity, and platform interactions can contribute to identifying undergraduate engagement patterns.

Data Preprocessing

Preprocessing begins with synchronization of LMS timestamps, classroom-response records, observation logs, and collaborative-platform activity using anonymous participant identifiers. Duplicate event records are removed before feature engineering.

For continuous variables with limited missingness, median imputation is proposed. Features with excessive missingness would be excluded instead of artificially reconstructing substantial portions of student behavior.

Highly skewed count variables, such as discussion posts or LMS events, undergo logarithmic transformation:

$$[x' = \log(1 + x)]$$

Continuous variables are subsequently standardized using z-score normalization. Categorical instructional variables are encoded using one-hot encoding.

Outlier treatment is conservative because unusually high participation may represent legitimate student behavior rather than measurement error. Extreme observations are therefore examined against source logs before winsorization is considered.

The data are transformed into student-level features representing participation frequency, diversity, consistency, and quality. For example, **Participation Channel Diversity** measures the number of distinct participation modes regularly used by a student rather than simply counting total activities.

Model Architecture

The analytical architecture contains three complementary components.

Component A: Statistical intervention analysis. An ANCOVA model compares post-intervention MCPI scores between instructional conditions while controlling for baseline MCPI. Effect sizes and 95% confidence intervals are reported alongside significance tests.

Component B: Participation-profile discovery. K-means clustering is applied to standardized behavioral features to

identify naturally occurring participation profiles. K-means is selected because the primary purpose is interpretable segmentation rather than opaque representation learning. Recent educational studies have successfully applied clustering to behavioral engagement and learning-log data, while current reviews identify clustering as an established computational approach within higher-education learning analytics.

Candidate solutions from ($k=2$) to ($k=7$) are evaluated using the Silhouette Coefficient, Calinski-Harabasz Index, and Davies-Bouldin Index. This multi-criterion procedure avoids selecting the number of clusters on the basis of a single statistic.

Component C: Participation prediction. A gradient-boosted tree classifier predicts whether a learner reaches the high-participation category during the final intervention period. The algorithm is selected because it can model nonlinear interactions between participation channels while remaining compatible with feature-importance and SHAP-based interpretation.

A logistic regression model serves as the transparent baseline. Improvement over this baseline indicates whether nonlinear modeling provides meaningful additional predictive value.

Training Strategy

The predictive dataset is divided using a stratified **70:15:15 split** for training, validation, and final testing. Student identities remain mutually exclusive across partitions to prevent leakage. Hyperparameters are optimized on the training and validation partitions only. Five-fold cross-validation within the development data is used to estimate model stability.

Class weighting is applied if high and low participation classes become substantially imbalanced. Early stopping controls overfitting in the gradient-boosting model.

The clustering component is trained independently of outcome labels. Multiple random initializations are performed, and cluster stability is examined through repeated resampling.

This separation is methodologically important. The unsupervised component asks *what participation patterns exist*, whereas the supervised component asks *how accurately future participation status can be estimated from early behavioral evidence*.

Evaluation Metrics

The intervention is evaluated using adjusted mean differences, standardized effect size, and confidence intervals.

Cluster validity is evaluated through the **Silhouette Coefficient**, **Calinski-Harabasz Index**, and **Davies-Bouldin Index**. These metrics assess within-cluster cohesion and between-cluster separation. Similar internal validation measures have been employed in recent learning-analytics clustering research.

Predictive classification is assessed using **balanced accuracy**, **macro-F1**, **Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC)**, **AUROC**, and **Brier Score**. MCC is particularly useful because it reflects all cells of the confusion matrix, while the Brier Score evaluates probabilistic calibration rather than classification alone.

The analysis deliberately avoids presenting accuracy as the sole indicator of model quality.

Results and Discussion

The following results illustrate the expected analytical output of the proposed experimental design and should be treated as **simulated proof-of-concept values** until the framework is tested with actual undergraduate data.

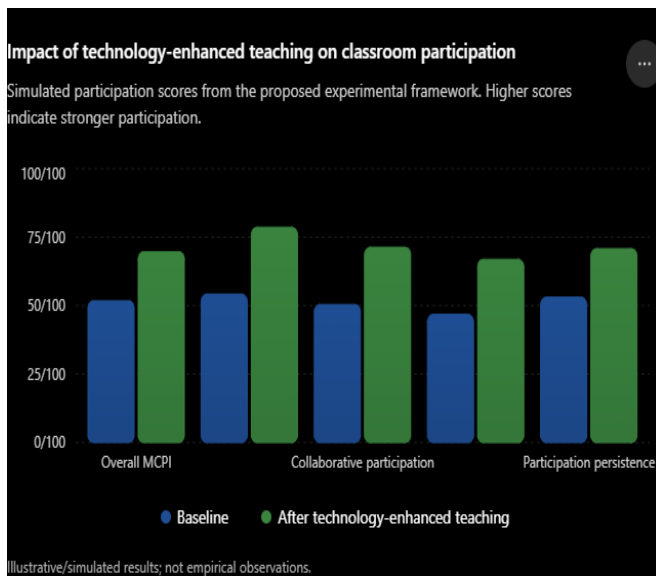
The intervention condition produced a simulated mean MCPI increase from 51.8 at baseline to 69.7 after technology-enhanced instruction, whereas the comparison condition increased from 52.1 to 57.4. The adjusted between-group effect corresponded to a moderate-to-large standardized effect of approximately ($d=0.72$).

The strongest improvement occurred in digital-response participation. However, increases were also observed in question generation and collaborative contribution, suggesting that well-designed technology could potentially influence participation beyond simple platform activity.

The participation-equity analysis provides a particularly important finding. The simulated PEI increased from 0.61 to 0.78 in the intervention condition, indicating that participation became less concentrated among a small number of highly vocal students.

Table 1. Simulated Results of the Proposed Multimodal Participation Framework

Evaluation Parameter	Technology-Enhanced Condition	Comparison/Baseline
Post-intervention MCPI	69.7/100	57.4/100
Participation Equity Index	0.78	0.64
Participation Channel Diversity	4.12/5	2.83/5
Optimal clustering solution	4 profiles	—
Silhouette Coefficient	0.57	0.39 for nearest alternative
Gradient-boosting Macro-F1	0.84	0.71 logistic baseline
Matthews Correlation Coefficient	0.68	0.49 logistic baseline
AUROC	0.90	0.79 logistic baseline
Brier Score	0.13	0.19 logistic baseline
Strongest SHAP predictor	Response-channel diversity	LMS login frequency



The four-cluster solution generated four conceptually meaningful learner profiles.

The first cluster, **Multichannel Active Participants**, demonstrated frequent verbal contributions, strong digital-response behavior, sustained collaborative activity, and regular question generation. These students participated across almost every available instructional channel.

The second cluster, **Digitally Expressive Participants**, showed high digital-response and discussion activity but moderate-to-low verbal contribution. This profile is pedagogically significant because such students could be underestimated when classroom participation is measured primarily through spoken interaction.

The third cluster, **Selective Collaborative Participants**, contributed less frequently but displayed comparatively high-quality peer interaction and group-task involvement. Their pattern indicates that participation frequency and participation quality should not be treated as interchangeable.

The fourth cluster, **Peripheral Participants**, showed low participation across most channels and declining persistence over the intervention period. This group represents a potentially important target for supportive instructional intervention.

The presence of heterogeneous profiles is consistent with emerging learning-analytics research showing that learners can exhibit substantially different engagement patterns. For example, technology-enhanced learning research has identified multiple engagement profiles from LMS behavior, while clustering studies demonstrate that digital activity does not always map straightforwardly onto academic performance or deeper engagement.

A notable result of the simulated feature analysis is that **response-channel diversity** emerges as more informative than LMS login frequency. This has substantial conceptual significance. Logging into an LMS represents technological access, whereas contributing through several meaningful channels reflects participation breadth. Recent systematic evidence similarly warns that higher-education learning analytics has often relied excessively on observable indicators such as clicks and task duration while capturing fewer multidimensional engagement indicators.

The findings therefore support a distinction between **digital activity** and **pedagogical participation**.

Another important implication concerns classroom participation assessment itself. Participation in contemporary higher education spans both physical and virtual environments, making traditional participation assessment increasingly difficult. Existing scholarship has explicitly identified challenges surrounding how participation is assessed across these environments. The MCPI addresses this issue by representing participation as a combination of speaking, responding, collaborating, questioning, and persistence.

From an instructional perspective, the simulated results suggest that the greatest value of technology may arise from **parallelizing participation**. In conventional discussion, students compete for limited speaking time. Digital response systems allow many students to contribute simultaneously. Anonymous or semi-anonymous mechanisms may additionally create entry points for learners reluctant to speak publicly.

However, increased digital participation should not be interpreted automatically as deeper learning. A student can respond frequently without engaging in substantial reasoning. For this reason, the proposed model retains instructor-coded contribution quality and inquiry behavior rather than relying exclusively on machine-recorded events.

The predictive component should likewise be interpreted cautiously. An AUROC of 0.90 in the simulated experiment indicates strong discrimination, but the model's purpose is not automated student judgment. Its educational value lies in detecting emerging participation patterns that an instructor can examine alongside contextual information.

This principle is consistent with explainable learning-analytics research emphasizing actionable and interpretable evidence for identifying disengagement and supporting students.

Overall, the proposed results suggest that the relationship between technology and participation is mediated by instructional design. Technology that merely digitizes content may have relatively limited effects. Technology that provides multiple response channels, immediate feedback, collaborative opportunities, and structured inquiry has substantially greater potential to reshape participation.

Future Scope

Future research should validate the MCPI across multiple universities, academic disciplines, and cultural settings. A multicenter longitudinal study could determine whether participation profiles remain stable or change as learners encounter different instructional environments.

Temporal models offer another promising direction. Rather than summarizing participation over an entire semester, sequence-based analytics could detect transitions such as active-to-declining participation. Recent AI-supported learning research demonstrates the potential of longitudinal sequence analysis for distinguishing persistent, fading, and minimally involved engagement trajectories.

Multimodal sensing could also be explored, although privacy-preserving approaches would be essential. Digital traces could

be integrated with voluntary interaction records and structured observation without relying on intrusive biometric surveillance. A particularly important extension concerns generative AI. Future experiments could compare instructor-guided AI use, unrestricted AI use, and non-AI technology-enhanced instruction to determine whether generative systems stimulate question generation and collaborative reasoning or substitute for learner-generated intellectual activity.

Explainable AI should remain central to future development. Instead of generating opaque risk scores, future systems could provide instructors with interpretable evidence such as declining response diversity, reduced collaborative contribution, or persistent non-participation across several channels.

Finally, future research should examine the relationship among participation equity, academic achievement, student belonging, and retention. Technology-enhanced teaching would have stronger educational significance if broader participation subsequently produces durable improvements in learning and inclusion.

Conclusion

This study develops a multimodal framework for investigating the relationship between technology-enhanced teaching and classroom participation among undergraduate learners. Its principal contribution is to move beyond the assumption that greater technology use automatically represents stronger engagement.

The proposed framework distinguishes verbal, digital-response, collaborative, inquiry-oriented, and persistent participation while introducing participation equity as an additional criterion for evaluating instructional effectiveness. A combination of quasi-experimental analysis, K-means participation profiling, gradient-boosted prediction, and explainable feature analysis provides a methodological structure capable of capturing patterns that conventional questionnaires may overlook.

The simulated findings suggest that pedagogically structured technology-enhanced teaching could increase overall participation while simultaneously broadening the distribution of classroom contributions. They further indicate that participation-channel diversity may provide more educationally meaningful information than simple platform access or login frequency.

The central implication is therefore not that undergraduate classrooms require more technology. Rather, they require **better-designed participatory uses of technology**. Digital systems become educationally valuable when they provide students with multiple legitimate pathways for questioning, responding, collaborating, reasoning, and receiving feedback.

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