

How AI supports teachers and students in science learning?

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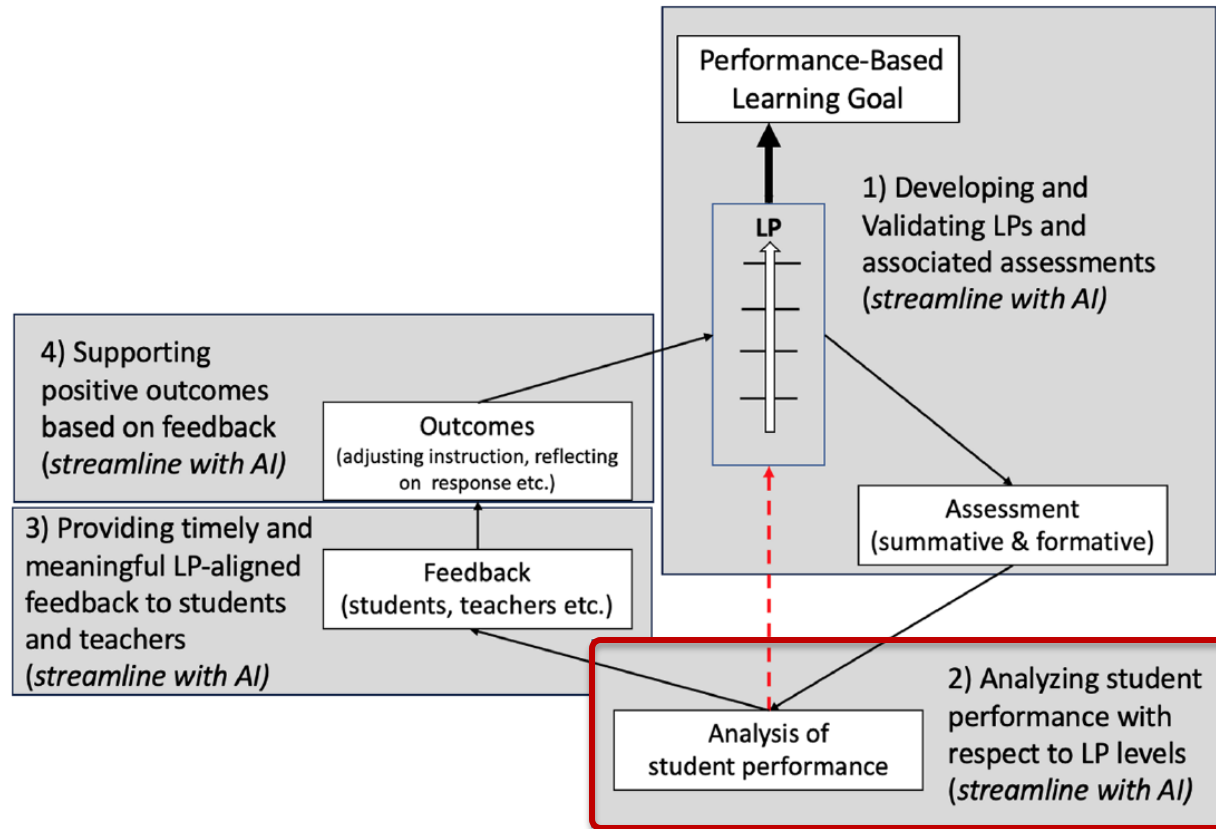
The Role of AI in Science Classroom

- **Analyzing student performance**
 - Assessing students' generated model by Machine Learning
- **Providing Feedbacks**
 - Generating meaningful feedback by Generative AI





AI Support Across Stages of LP-Based Assessment

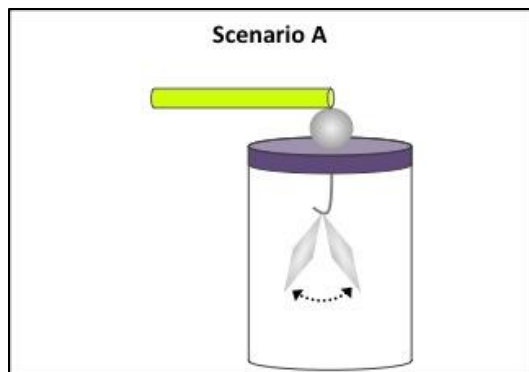


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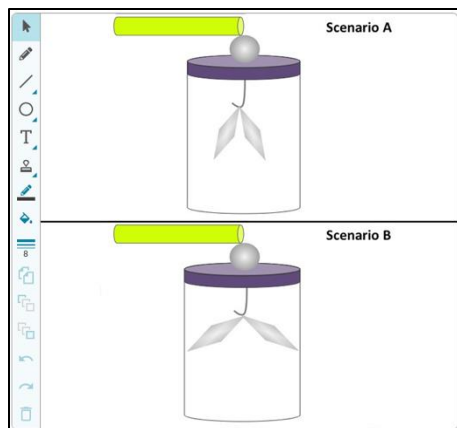
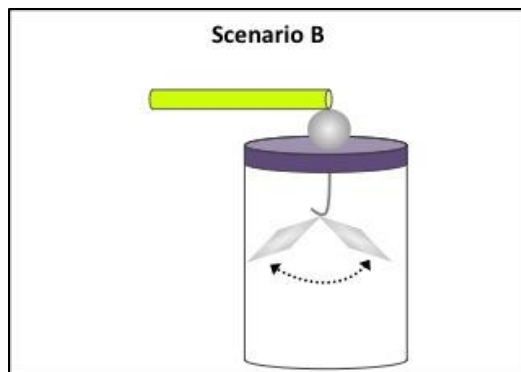


Electroscope Task

Scenario A below shows a diagram of what occurred in the video when a charged rod touched the ball.



In Scenario B, a rod touches the ball and makes the leaves move much further apart.



Task 1: Modeling

Draw a model to show what the differences are in the rod and foil leaves in the two scenarios.

Task 2: Justification

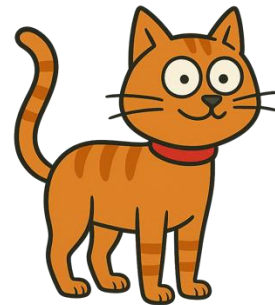
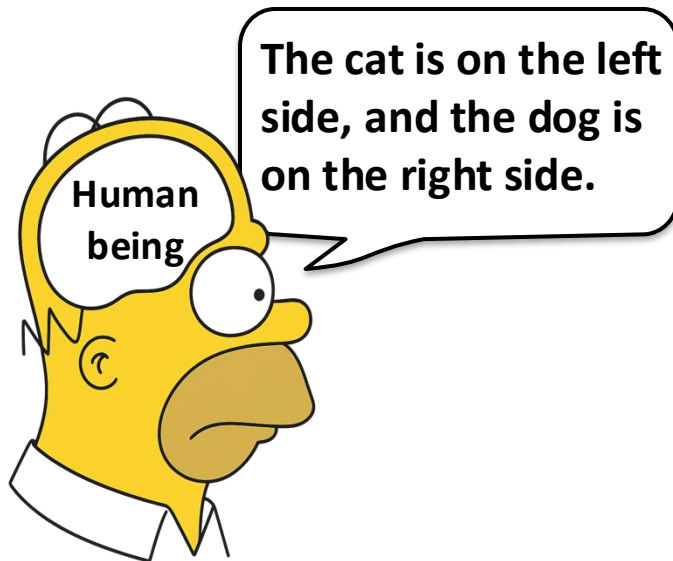
What is different about Scenario A and Scenario B? Justify your answer.

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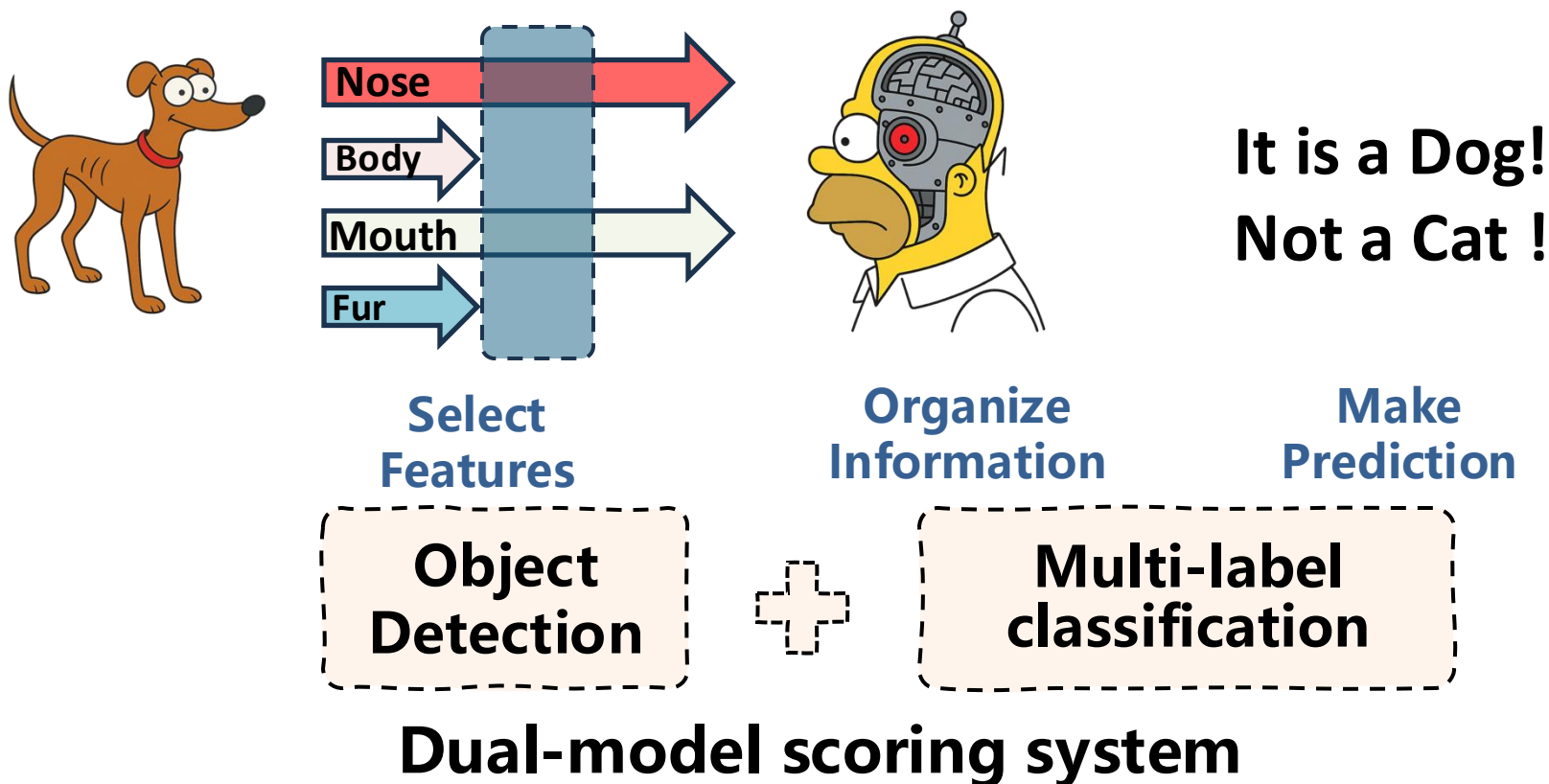
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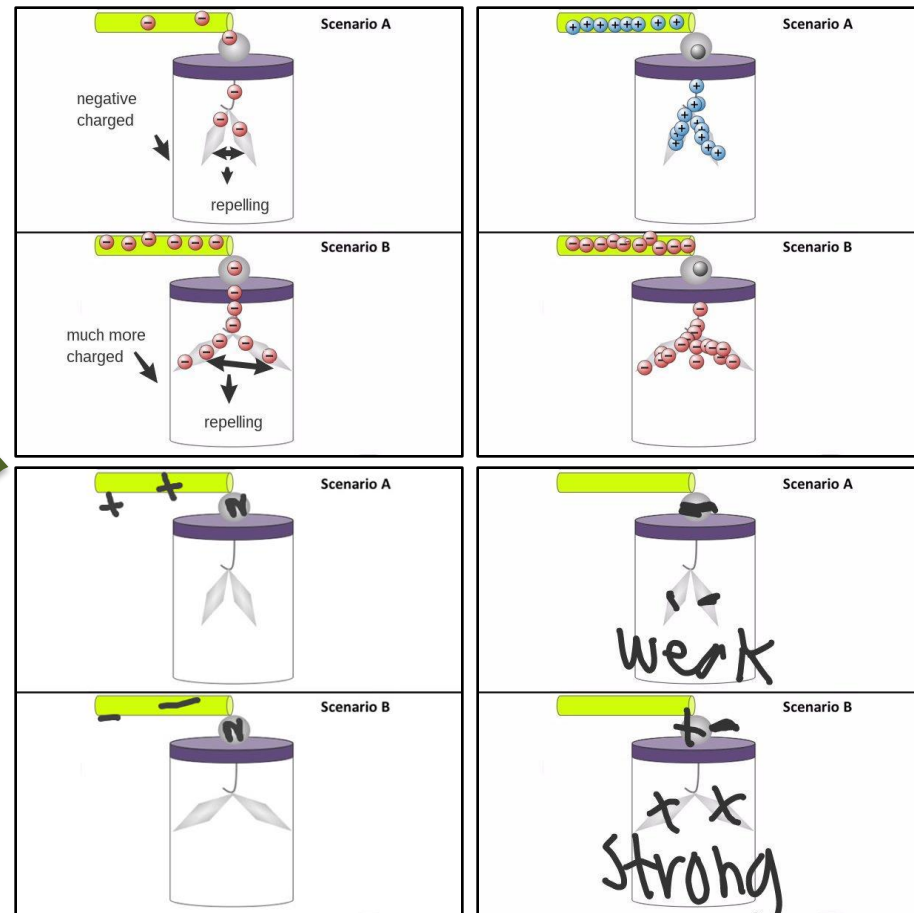
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Students' generated model

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What are the features of the students' generated model?



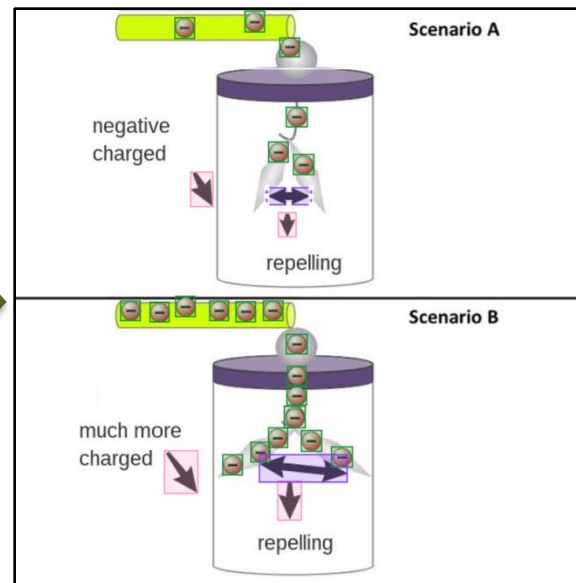
Object detection task

- Select features
- Provide the feature's Label and Location

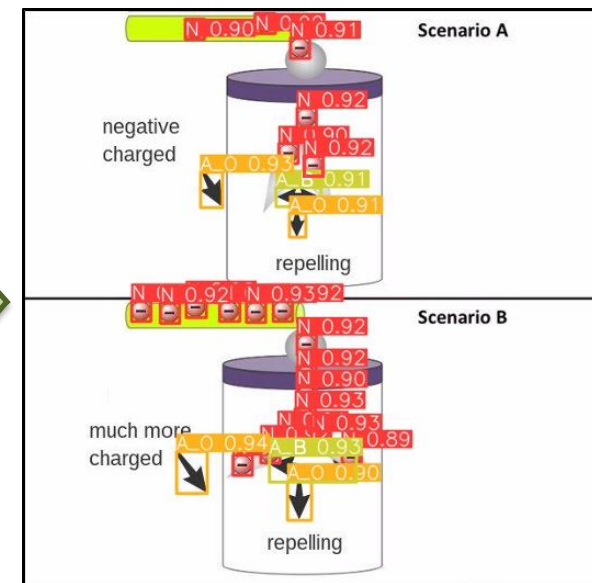
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Rubric



Manual labeling



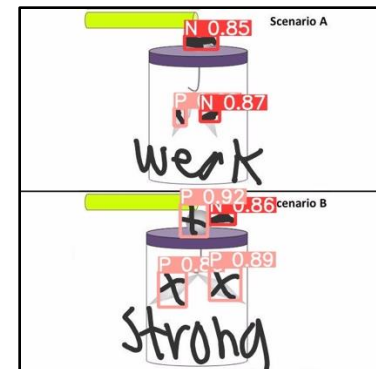
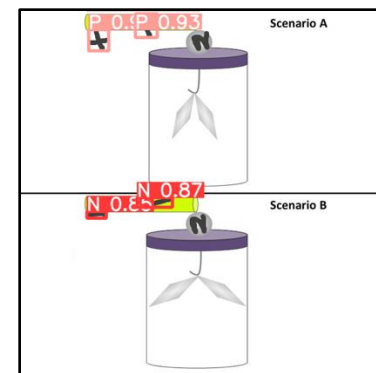
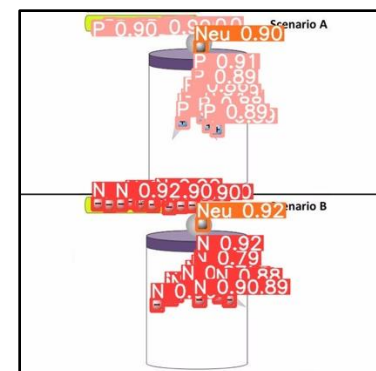
Machine detection the features



Object detection task

- We organized 496 images for training machine.
(training: 396 images, validation: 50 images, and testing: 50 images)
- Object detection model performed well across individual features.
 - ✓ most achieving high mAP(mean Average Precision) values (> 0.7).

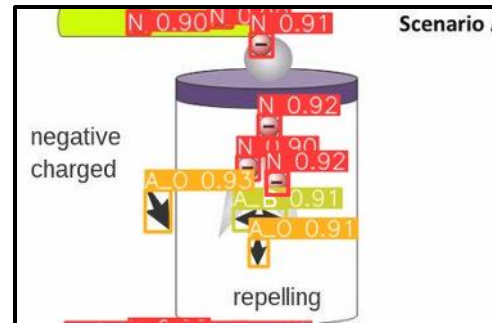
Features	Training stage		Testing stage	
	F1	mAP _{.50}	F1	mAP _{.50}
Overall performance	0.881	0.914	0.876	0.886
1. Negative charge	0.916	0.957	0.941	0.953
2. Positive charge	0.943	0.968	0.882	0.900
3. Neutral charge	0.769	0.808	1	0.995
4. One-directional arrow	0.823	0.877	0.637	0.650
5. Bidirectional arrow	0.921	0.959	0.915	0.931





Multi-label classification task

Rubric		Human scoring
Category	Statement	
1	Point charge (either + or –) on the rod in scenario A	1
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- Human scoring
- Type of Features
- Location

Category 1

Point charge (either + or –) on the rod in scenario A

Category	Training stage			Testing stage		
	F1	Accuracy	Kappa	F1	Accuracy	Kappa
1	0.943	0.941	0.882	0.916	0.930	0.856
2	0.886	0.933	0.838	0.815	0.950	0.786
3	0.870	0.950	0.838	0.778	0.960	0.756
4	0.907	0.941	0.864	0.889	0.960	0.865
5	0.959	0.975	0.941	0.966	0.980	0.951

- ✓ Train machine
- ✓ Make prediction



Takeaway

Dual-model scoring system

Enhanced Interpretability

- The system measures a student's performance by identifying specific, **meaningful symbols** in their models. This **symbol-level interpretability** helps educators understand the specific conceptual components students are demonstrating.

Robust Transparency

- The system aligns object detection and classification with the rubric to assign meaning to findings. This provides the necessary **transparency to build a robust validity argument for the AI-generated scores.**

Providing meaningful information for teachers

- It provides evidence-based information that helps teachers **reorganize their instruction and plan follow-up activities.**
- Automated scoring reduces teachers' workload, and AI-based scoring increases teachers' willingness to **adopt modeling practices** in science classroom.

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