



**Seeding energy sustainability through  
transformative teaching: any way  
forward for sub-Saharan Africa?**

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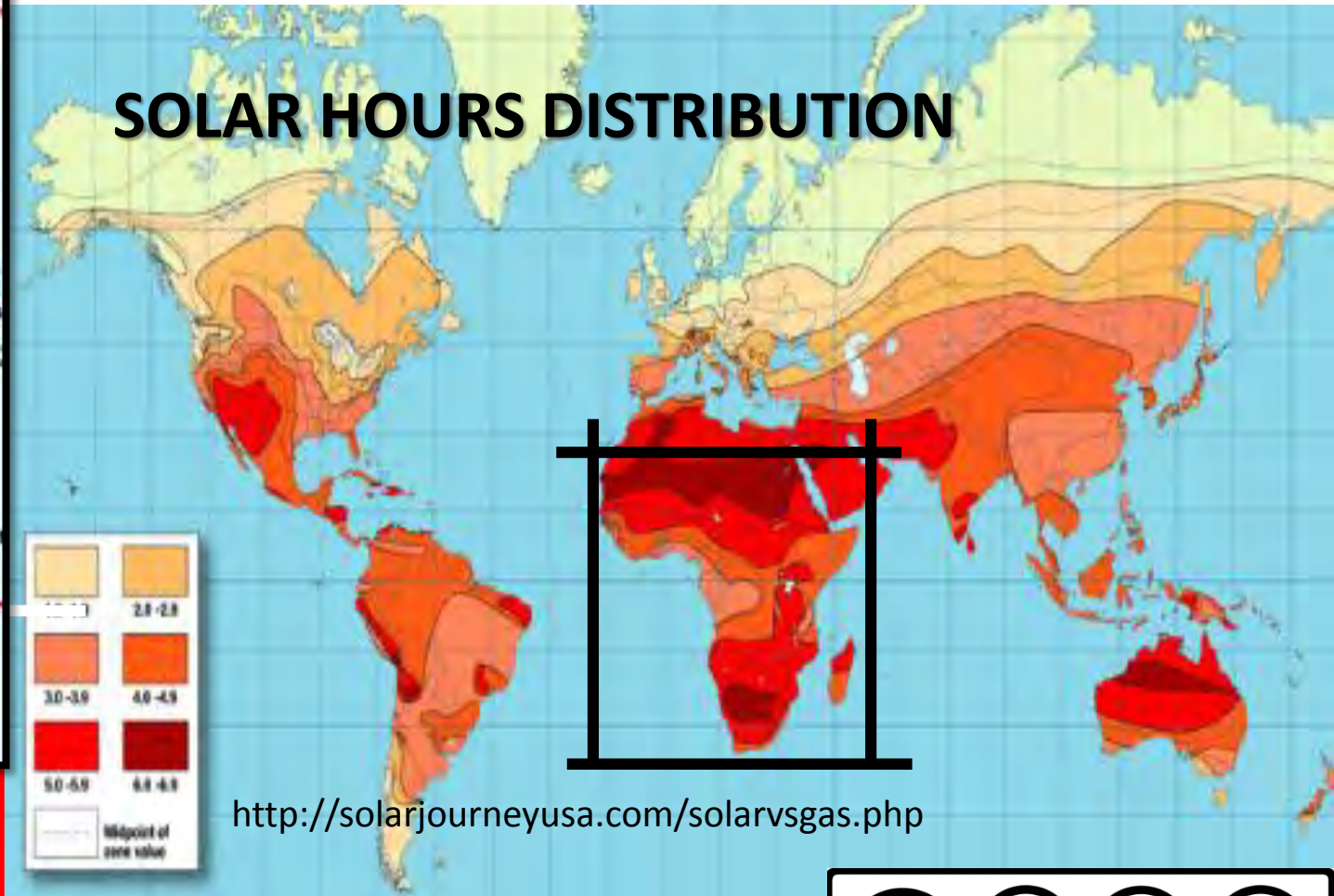
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# HIGHLIGHTS

- MEETING SOME SSA HOME ENERGY NEEDS SUSTAINABLY
- SEEDING SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH PRACADEMIA
- TRANSFORMATIVE TEACHING
- PrBL EXAMPLES TO MEET SSA ENERGY & EE CHALLENGES



# SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA – ENERGY PROBLEM



( $\approx 4781$  - SA; 150 - others cf. 10 000 for DEVELOPED WORLD)

# ENERGY CHALLENGES

- **ENGINEERING**

- *GENERATION & TRANSMISSION*

- *MAINTENANCE*

- **ECONOMICS**

- *FINANCING*

- *DISTRIBUTION*

- *LOW INDUSTRIALISATION*

# ENG. EDUC. CHALLENGES

## FROM LITERATURE

- *FUNDING (Owolabi & Rafiu 2010, etc.)*
- *CURRICULA (Falade 2007, etc.)*
- *STUDENT COHORTS (Oryem-Origa 2010, etc.)*
- *SOCIETY EXPECTATIONS (Akintola 2002)*

## ADD

- *PREVAILING SOCIETY BELIEFS*
- *ATTITUDINAL ISSUES*

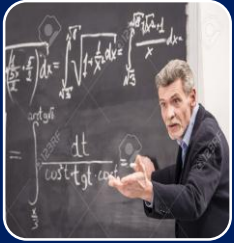


# THE PROBLEM

*Within limitations of an engineering academic, what can be done to sensitize and activate students' actions on SSA's Energy problems?*



# METHODOLOGY(1) – THE PRACADEMIC MODEL



## TEACHING & LEARNING (T)

- *CURRICULUM DELIVERY*
- *ASSESSMENTS*



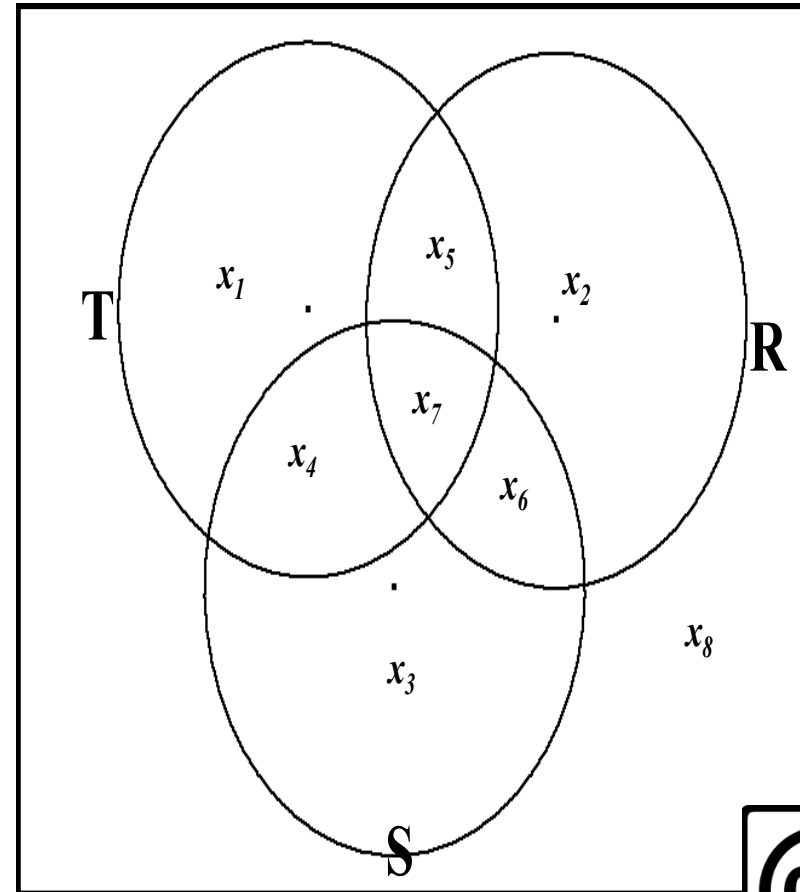
## RESEARCH (R)

- *PUBLICATIONS*
- *PG SUPERVISION*

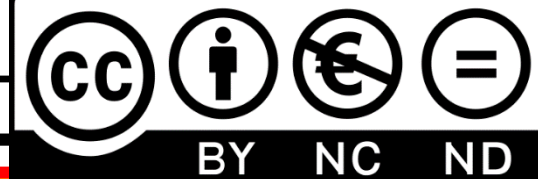


## SERVICE (S)

- *MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATION*
- *COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT*



- $x_1$  – Teaching alone
- $x_2$  – Research alone
- $x_3$  – Service alone
- $x_4$  – Teaching students using outside work
- $x_5$  – Teaching students using Research
- $x_6$  – Research for society outside campus
- $x_7$  – Teaching students through Research for society outside campus
- $x_8$  – Personal non academic or professional work

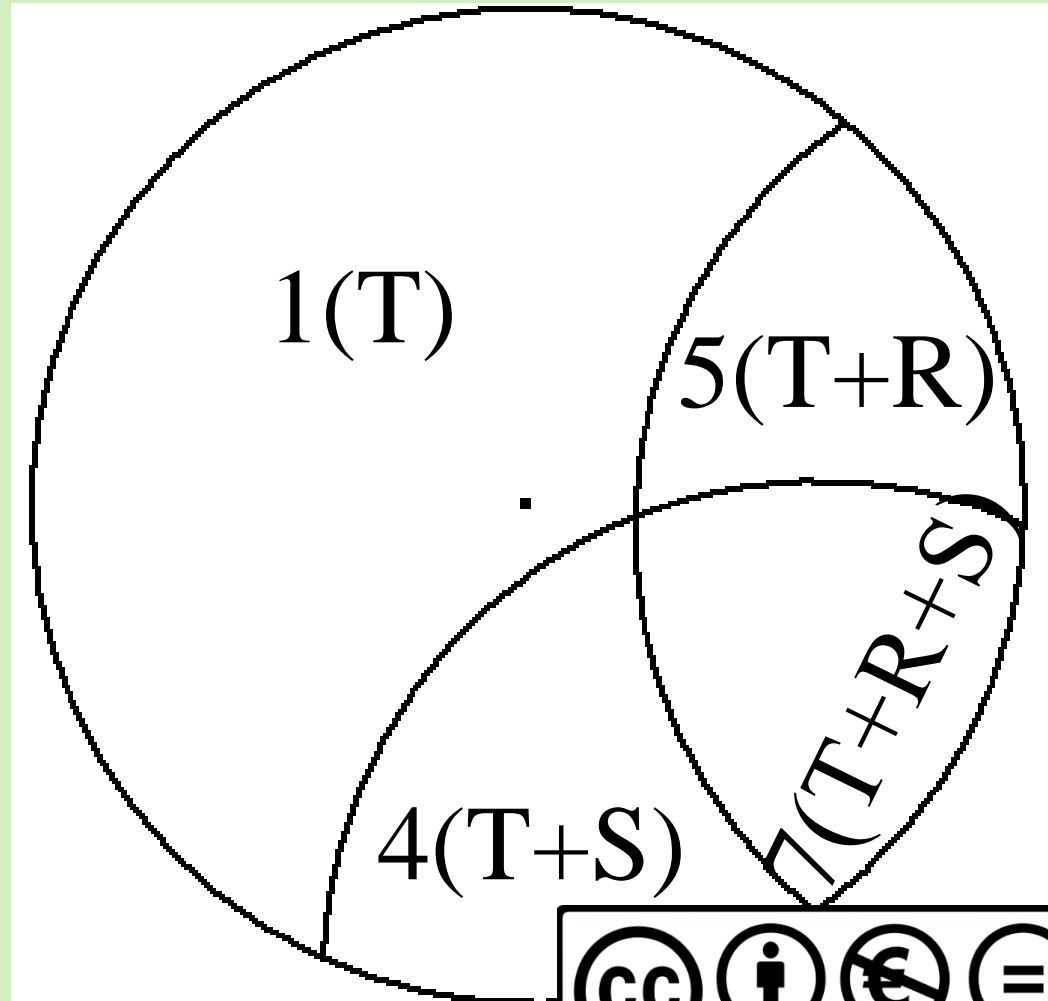


**THE PRACADEMIC FOCUSES HIS/HER TEACHING (T) AND RESEARCH (R) ON SOLVING SOCIETY'S PROBLEMS (S)**

# METHODOLOGY– Transformative Teaching

## Finley (2015)

- Constructivist Learning Experiences
- Arts and Science in teaching
- Symphonic teaching
- Facilitating Productive struggle

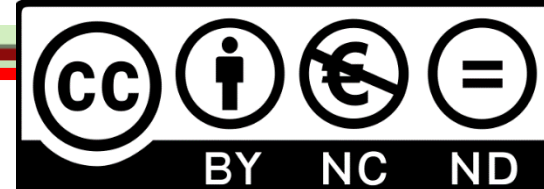
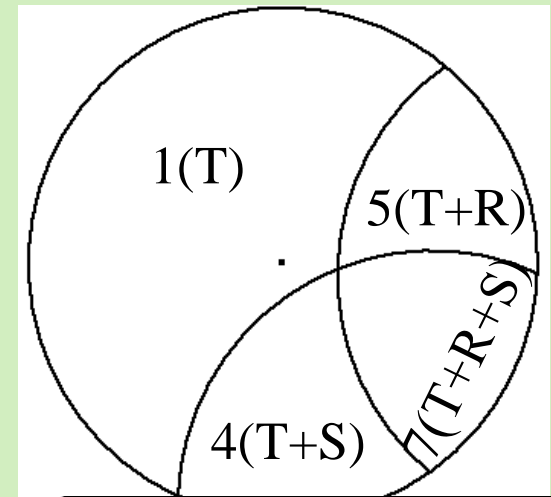


# **METHODOLOGY– Transformative Teaching using PrBL**

## **PrBL PEDAGOGY (Baş, 2011, Uziak, 2016 etc)**

- **Most Energy Eng. Work is Project based**
- **Transition from Eng. Sc. to Eng. Design (Savage, 2007)**

**USED IN EACH OF 4 JOB  
ELEMENTS OF TEACHING ‘T’**



# TRANSFORMATIVE TEACHING FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY - EXAMPLE 1: WATER HEATING



**INITIAL DESIGN: 2012; 100 L;  
 $C = \text{ZAR } 1000$ ;  $T_{max} = 40.1^{\circ}\text{C}$**



**MAINTAINED, REDESIGNED 2013-15;  
30 L;  $C = \text{ZAR } 1200\text{-}1700$ ;  $T_{max} = 52\text{-}67^{\circ}\text{C}$**

# **TRANSFORMATIVE TEACHING FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY - EXAMPLE 2: RURAL WATER PURIFICATION**



**MODEL WATER PURIFIER:  
DIPLOMA STUDENTS 2014**



**PROTOTYPE WATER PURIFIER:  
MASTERS STUDENT 2014-15**

# **TRANSFORMATIVE TEACHING FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY - EXAMPLE 3: RURAL CROP DRYING**



**INITIAL CONCEPT  
FROM LECTURER'S  
R&D REJECTED  
COMPONENTS - 2013**



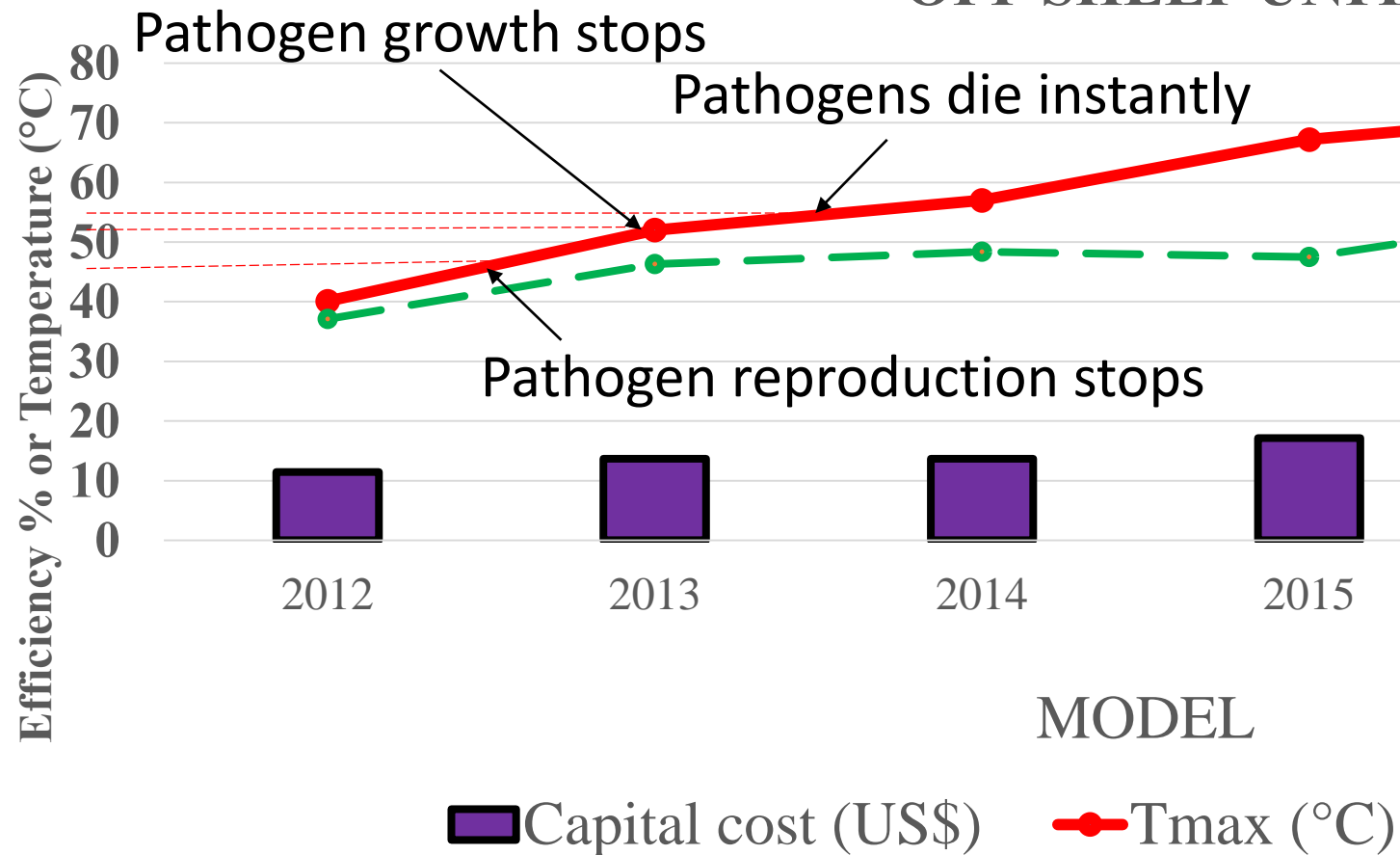
**IMPROVED  
CONCEPT TO  
EXTRACT WATER AS  
WELL – 2014**



**FURTHER  
IMPROVED TO  
REDUCE DRYING  
TIME – 2015**

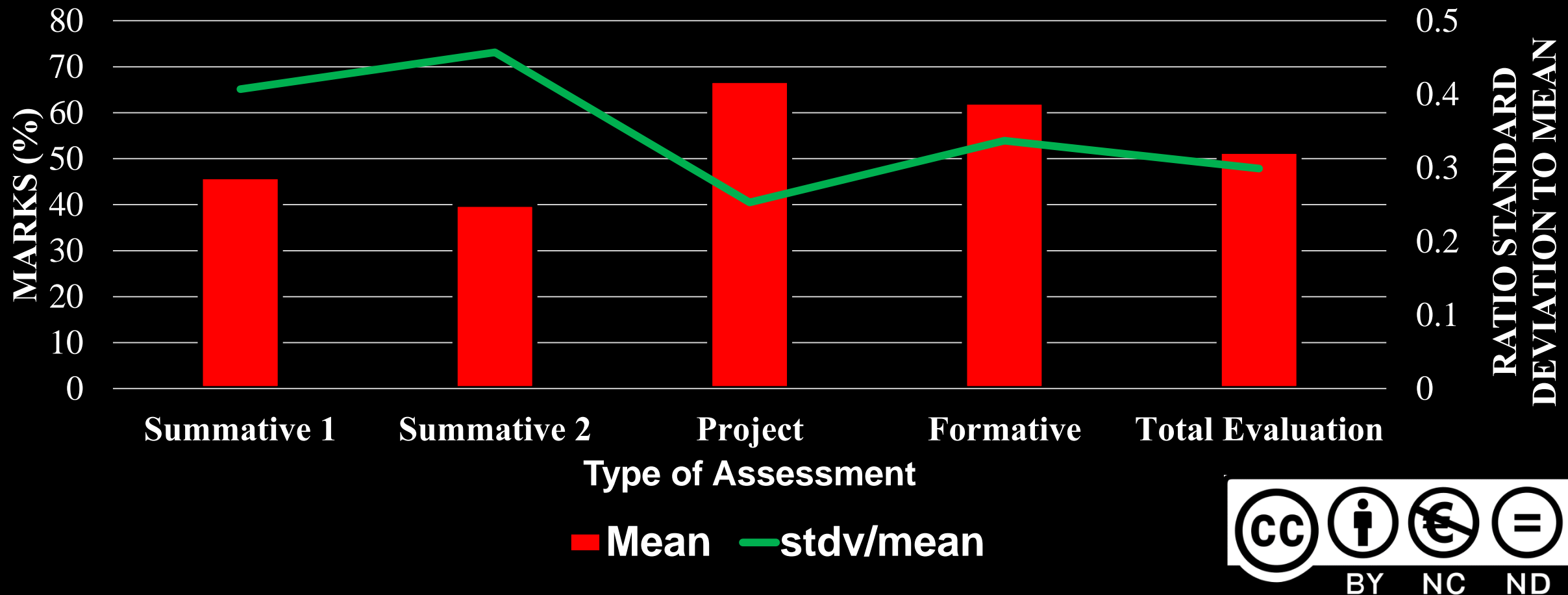
# TRANSFORMATIVE TEACHING FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY – CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT: EVIDENCE

## COSTS & PERFORMANCE OF STUDENT SOLAR SYPHONS AND OFF SHELF UNITS



# TRANSFORMATIVE TEACHING FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY – DID STUDENTS LEARN BETTER? - EVIDENCE

MED 300S: MACHINE DESIGN 3 RESULTS (SEMESTER 2, 2015)



# CONCLUSIONS

- DISTRIBUTED SOLAR ENERGY HARNESSING HAS POTENTIAL TO OVERCOME MANY ENERGY CHALLENGES AT HOME LEVEL IN SSA
- MAKING A START IN HOME SOLAR ENERGY HARNESSING NEEDS NEITHER 'LOTS' OF MONEY NOR IMPORTED TECHNOLOGIES
- PrBL COULD BE USED AS A TRANSFORMATIVE TEACHING TOOL





**If China can, SSA should do it better – but probably through her young generation: This is the beauty of Transformative university teaching in SSA today!!**



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GODE; THANK YOU;**

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