

Multidisciplinary Simulation Based Learning Enhancement Module

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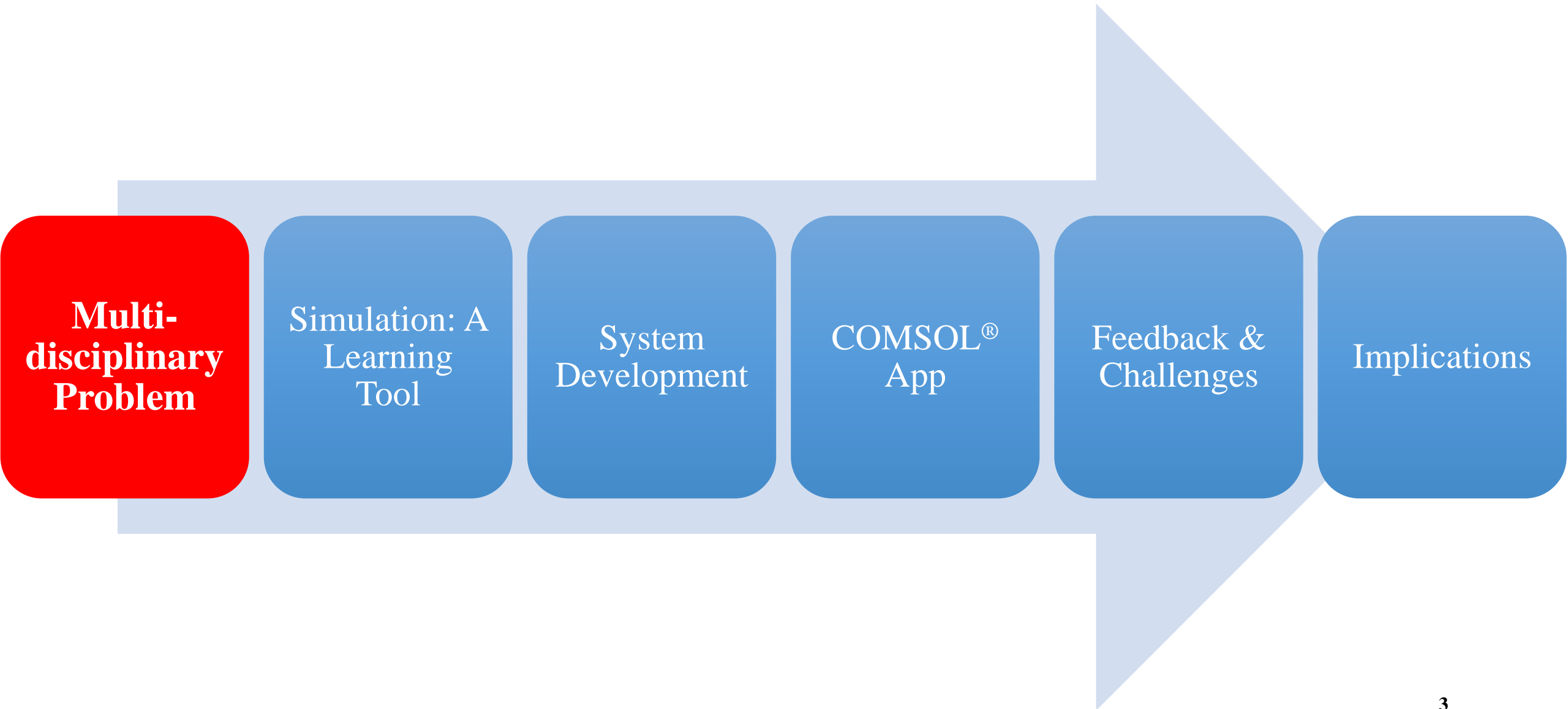
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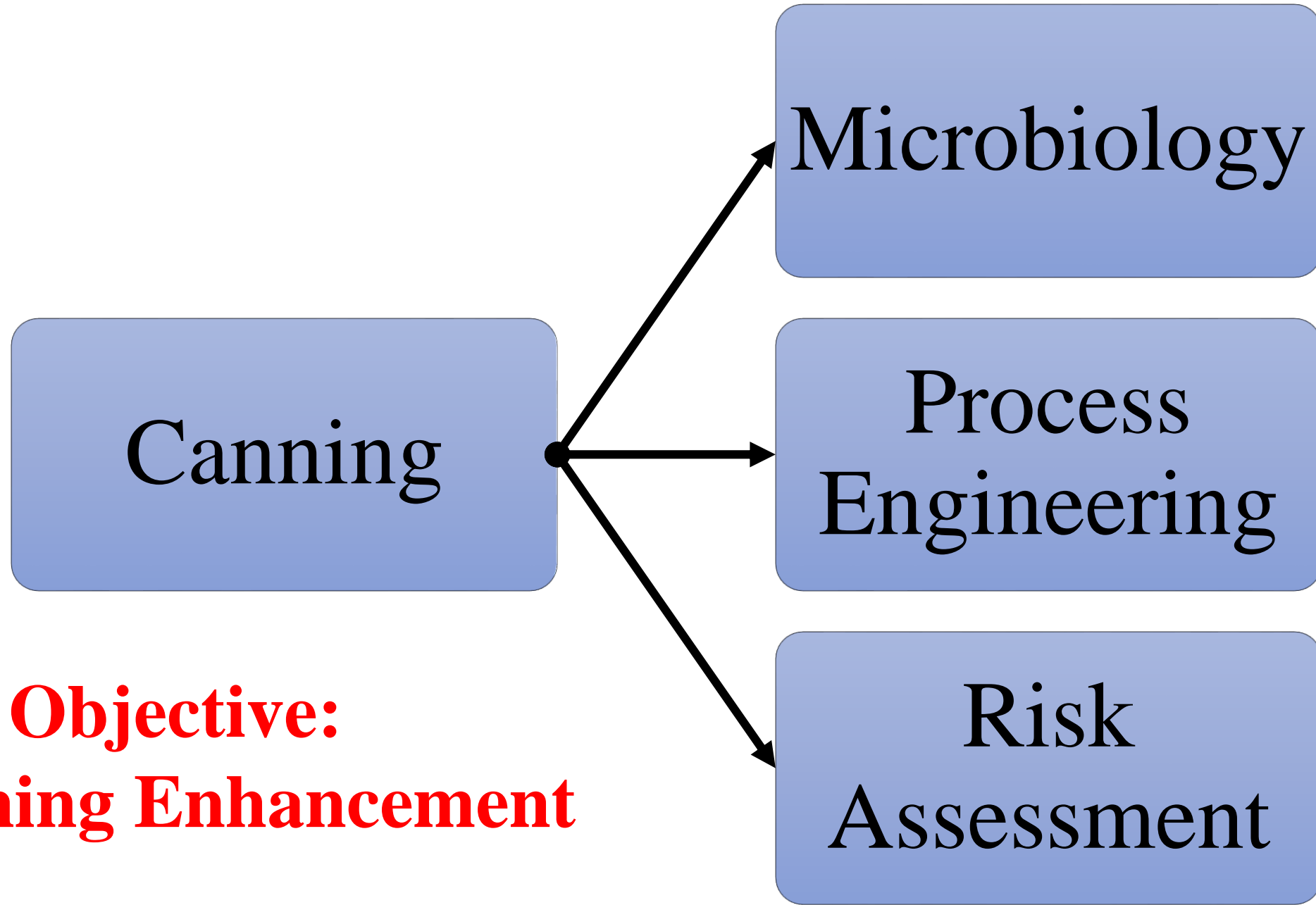


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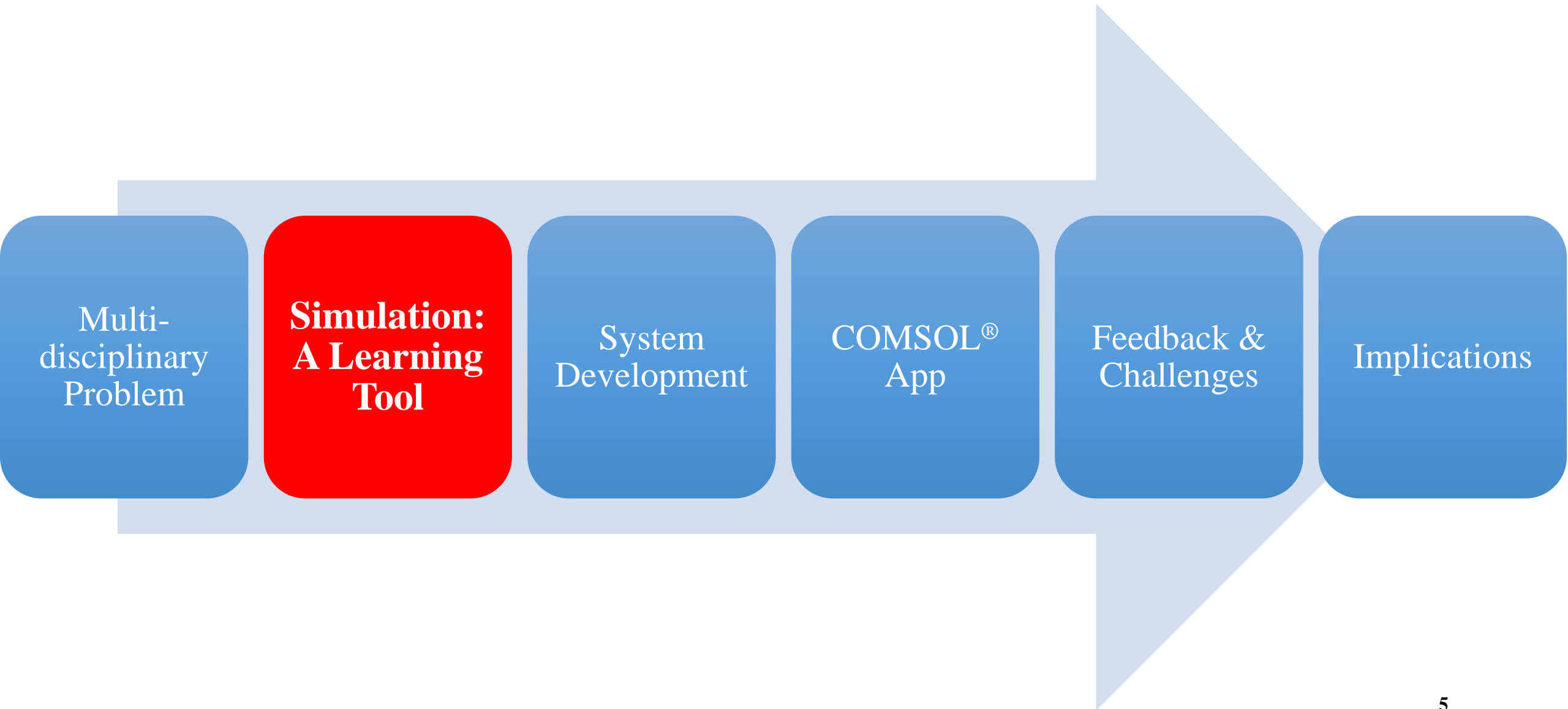


FOOD SAFETY: A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PROBLEM

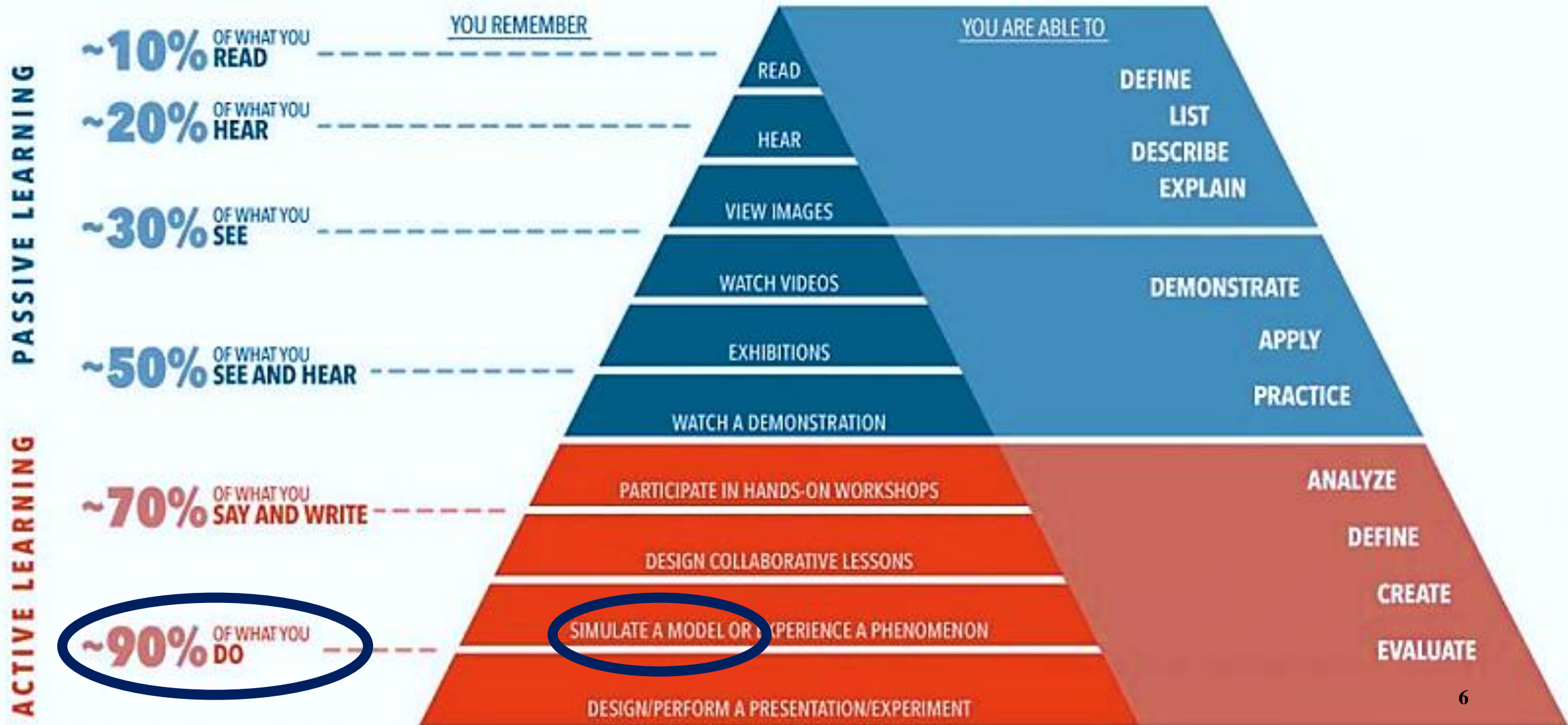


**Main Objective:
Learning Enhancement**

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SIMULATION: NEARLY 90% RETENTION



OTHER ADVANTAGES

❖ Individual Pace

❖ Distance Learning

❖ Safe place to fail

❖ Complimentary to Lab

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Multi-
disciplinary
Problem

Simulation:
A Learning
Tool

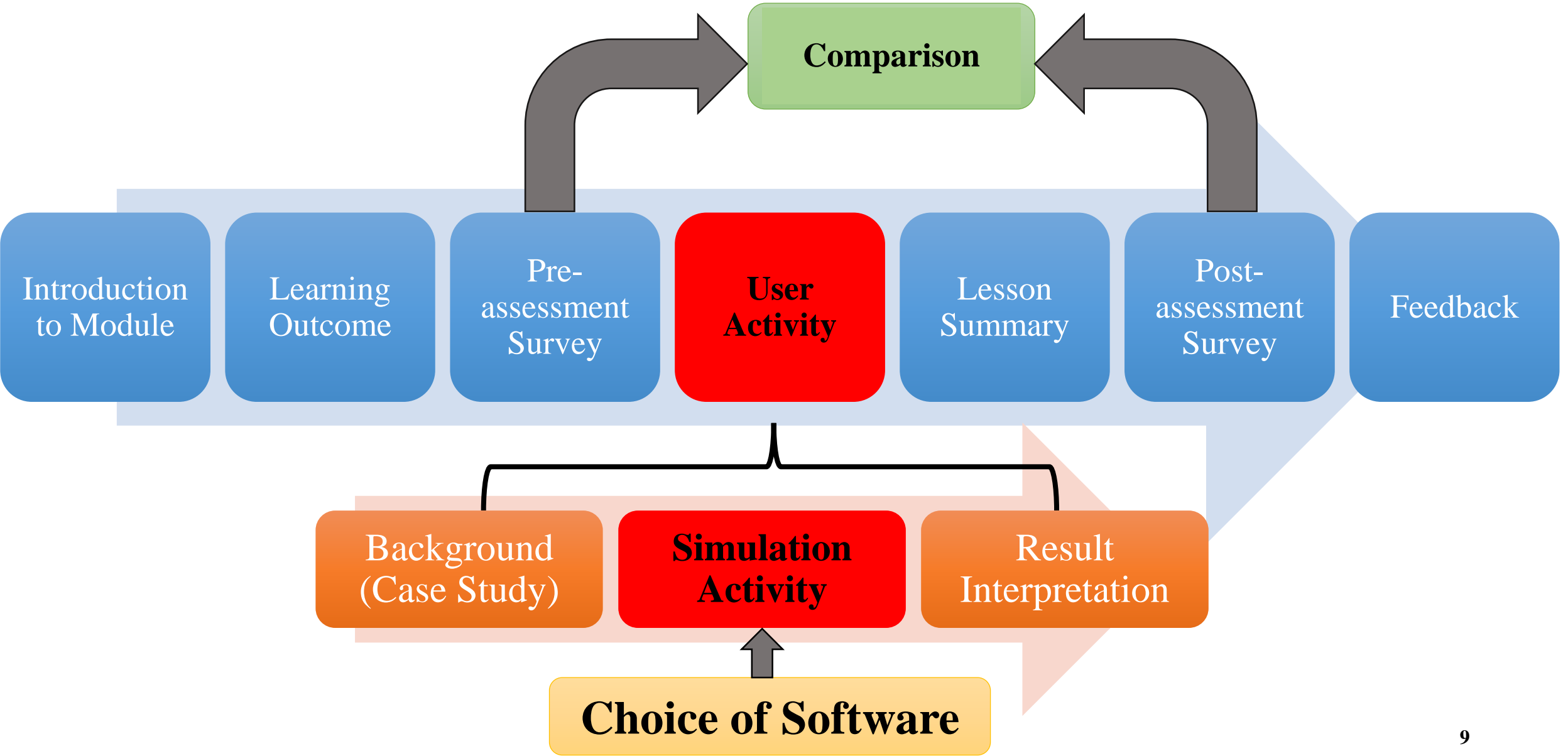
**System
Development**

COMSOL[®]
App

Feedback &
Challenges

Implications

LEARNING MODULE



SIMULATION ACTIVITY: SOFTWARE CHOICE

Capabilities of software

Ease of utilization

Cost of implementation

Ease of development

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• Excel

Process Engineering
• COMSOL Multiphysics®

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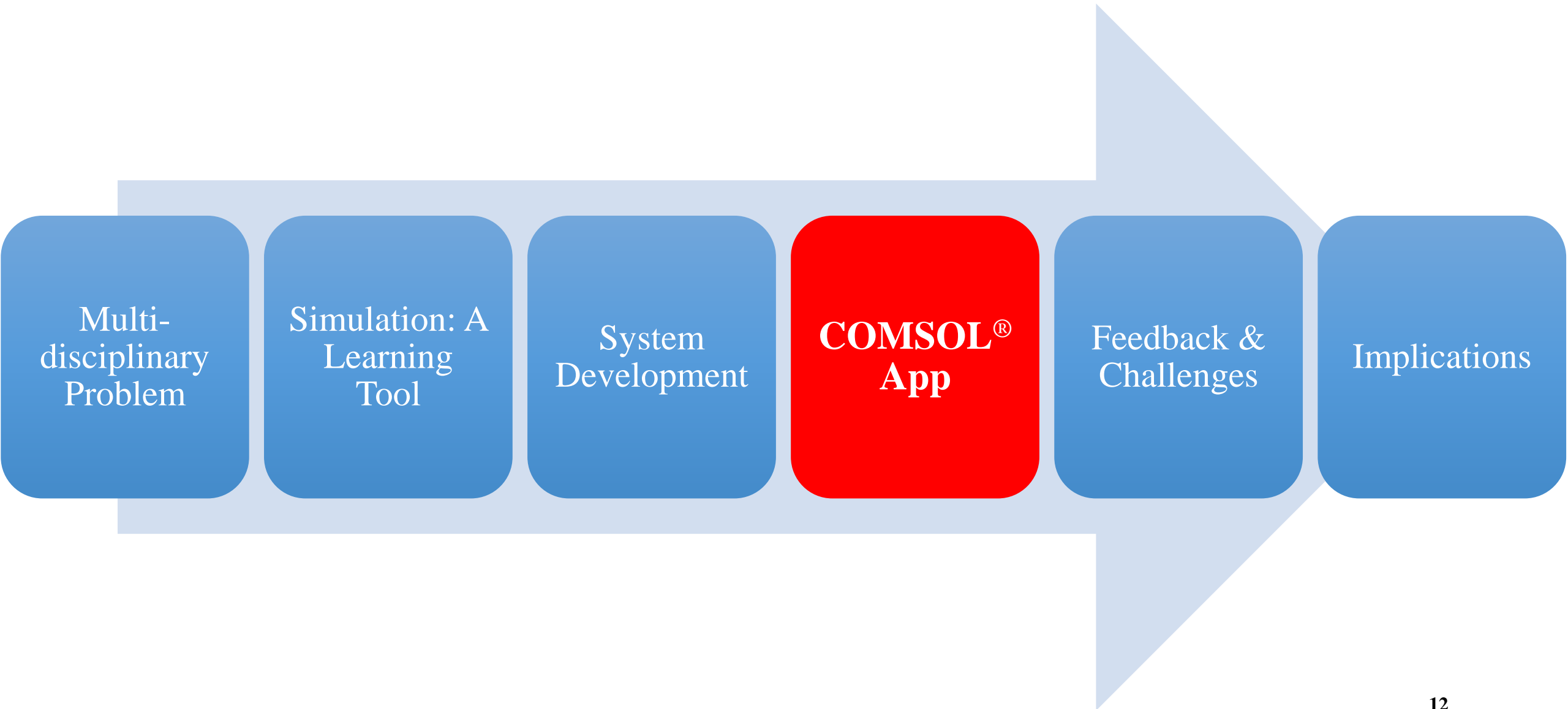
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Risk Assessment
• R, @Risk

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COMSOL[®] APP: CANNING

Heating of a can containing solid food

Can radius: 4cm

Can height: 8cm

Canning time: 80min

Canning temperature: 130°C

2a-Base Model 2b-Effect of Radius-Time 2c-Effect of Height-Temperature 2d-Effect of Kinetics 2e-double the Volume 2f-Time-Temperature Combination 2g-Quality and Safety Discussion Plotting Instructions

2a. Enter base case retort parameters

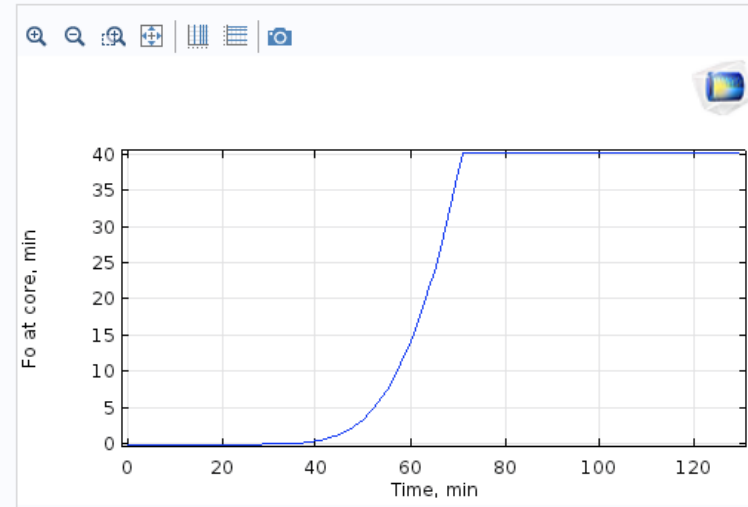
Product Radius, m: 0.04

Product Height, m: 0.08

Total heating time, min: 80

Retort temperature, C: 130

Compute Base Model



How many bacteria died?

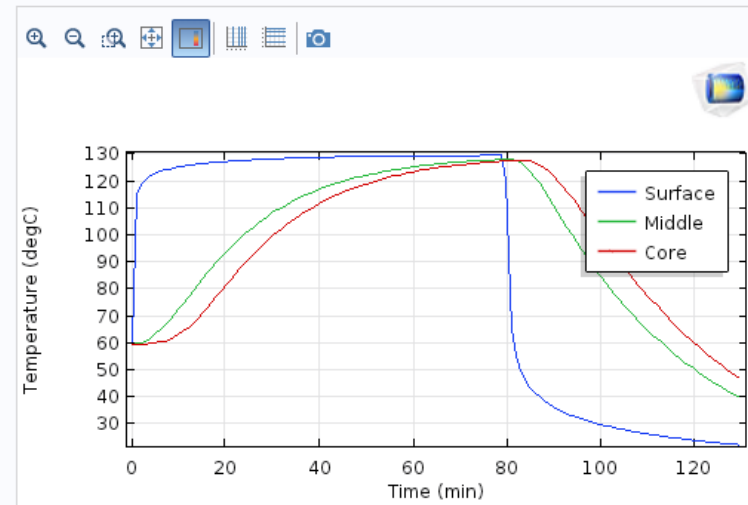
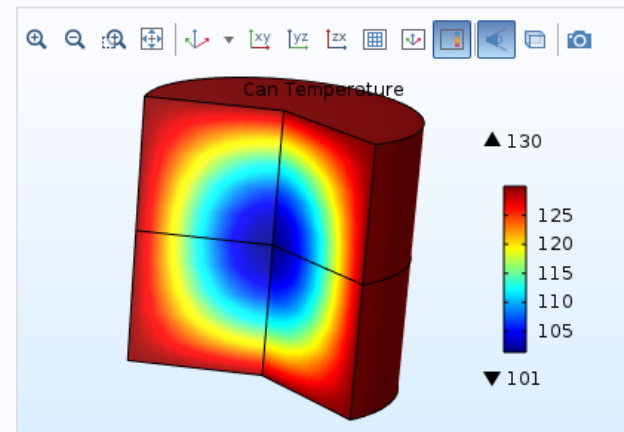
Heat transfer in solids

ODE and DAE interfaces,

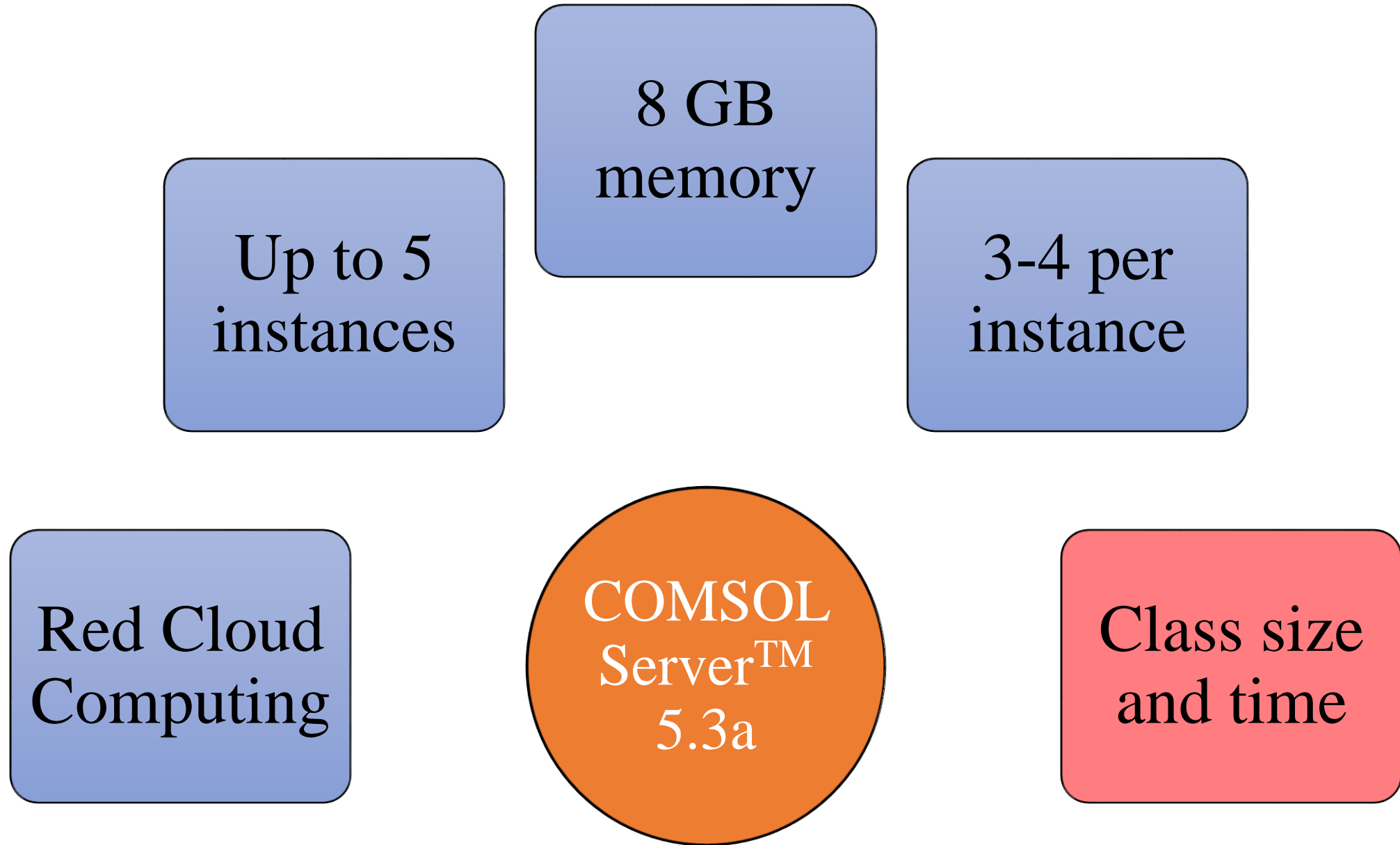
Application builder and

COMSOL Server[™]

Click to Play Temperature



COMSOL SERVER™

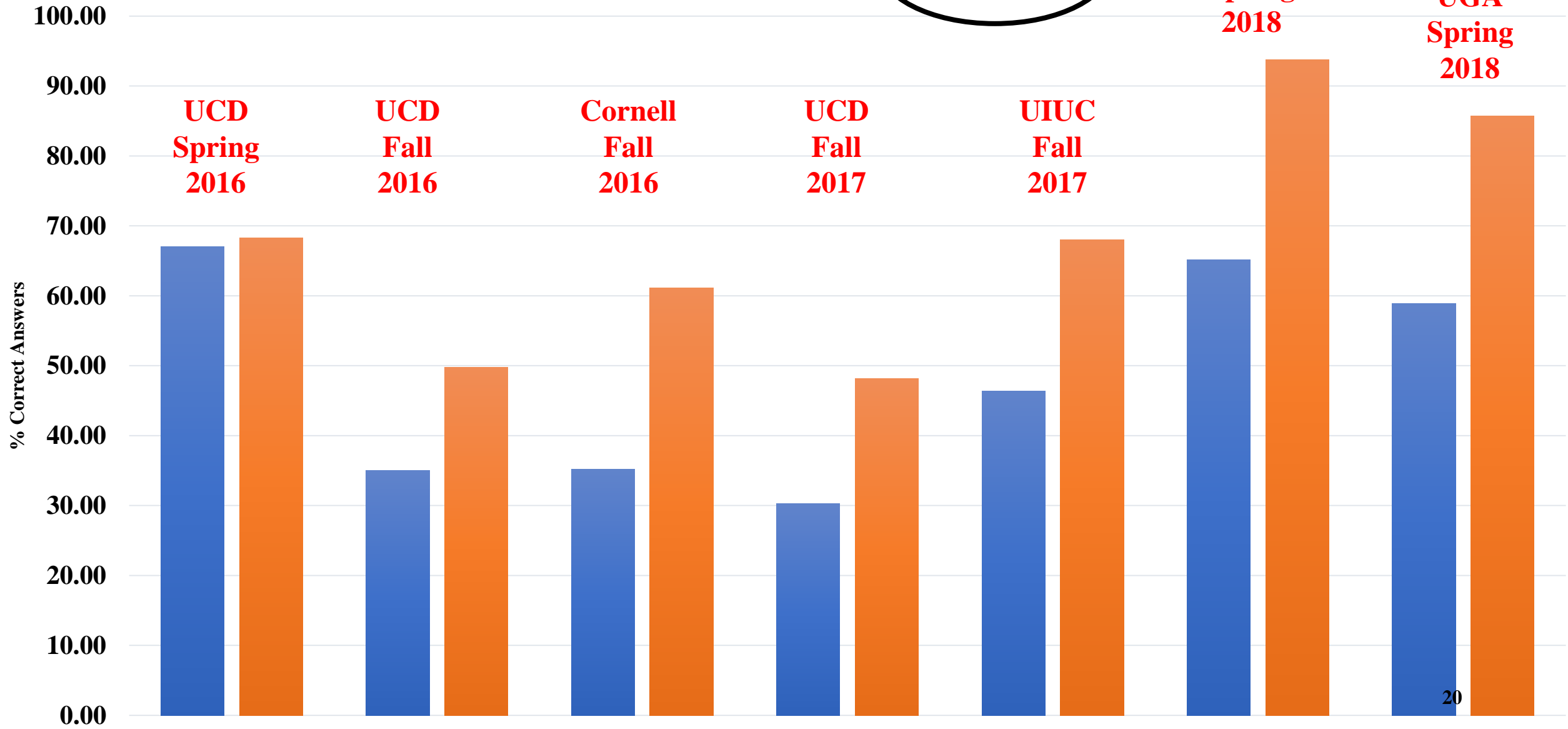


Pre-assessment

Post-assessment

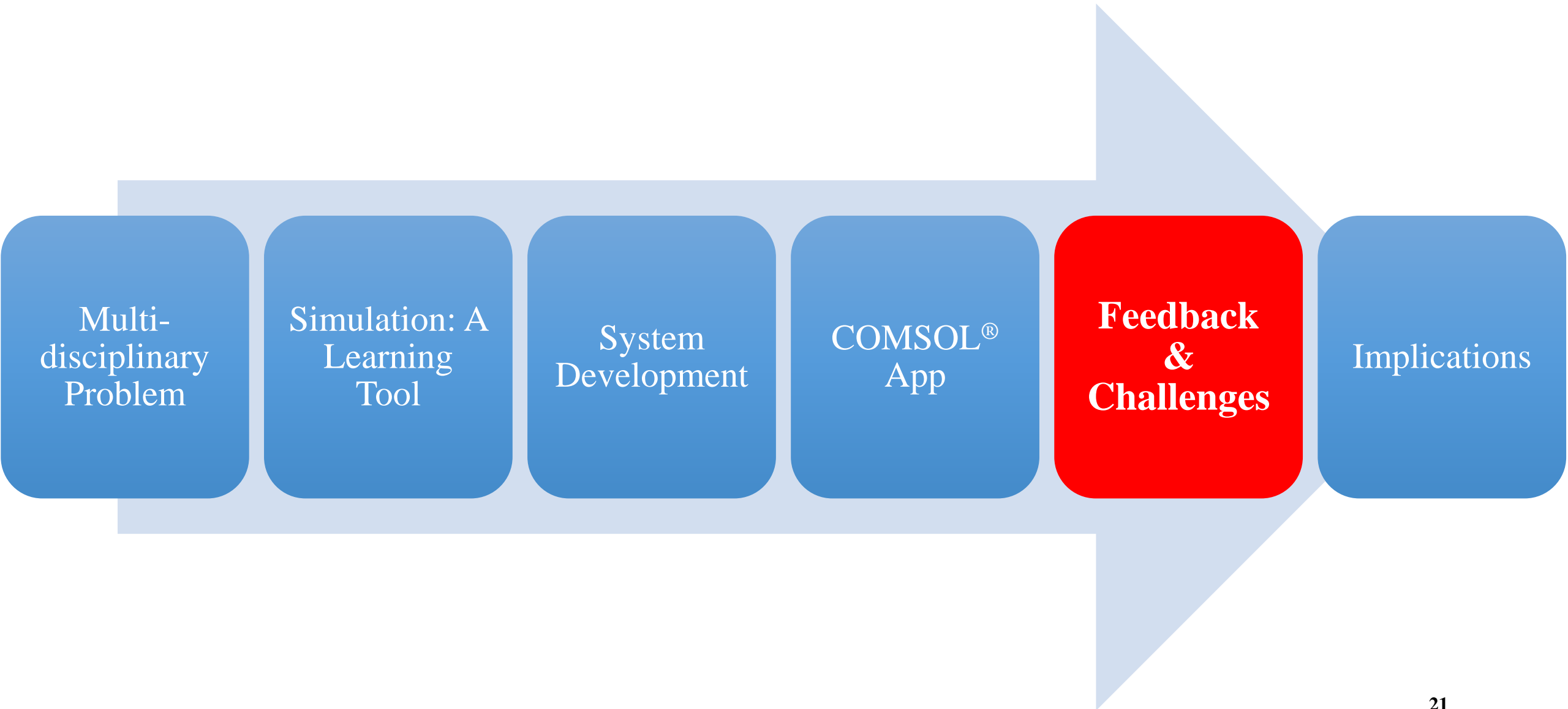
RESULTS % INCREASE

19 %



20

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|STUDENTS' FEEDBACK

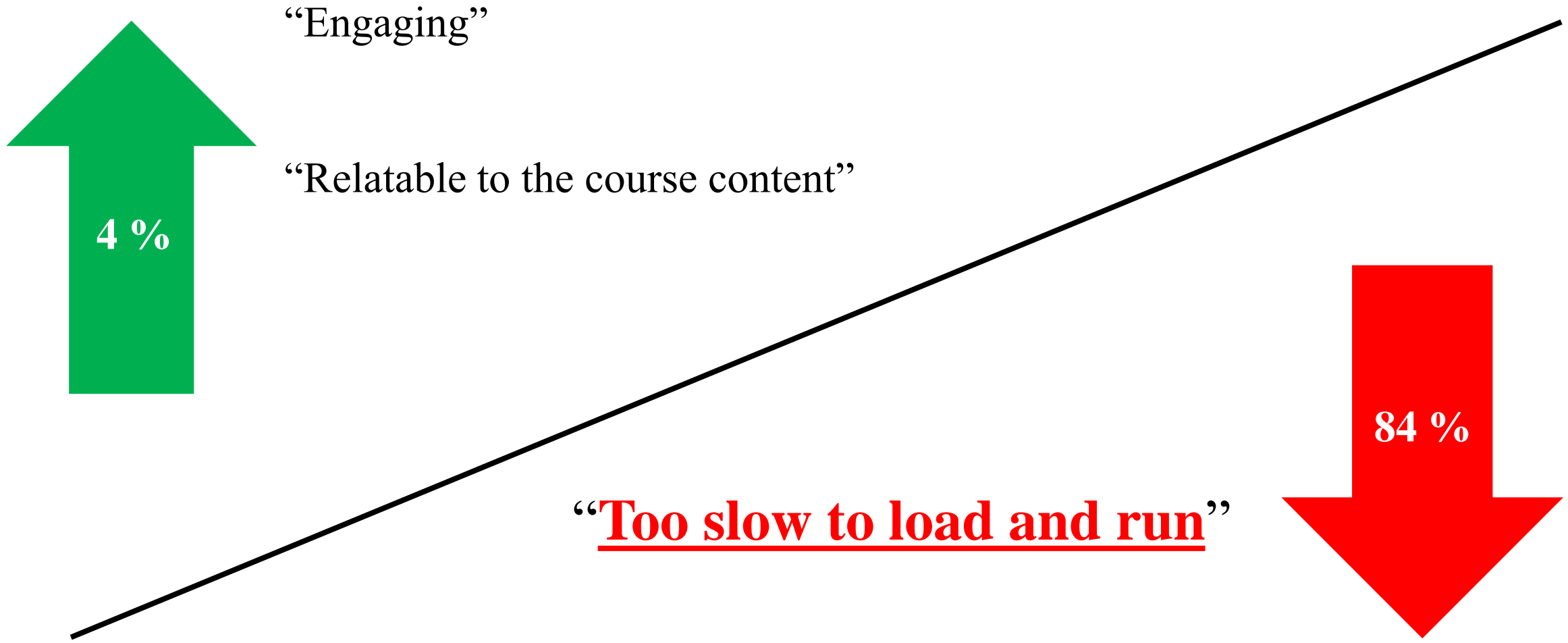
80 %

Very or Somewhat useful

20 %

Not at all useful

RELATED TO THE COMSOL[®] APP



“Engaging”

“Relatable to the course content”

“Too slow to load and run”

DEVELOPER'S CHALLENGES

❖ App development cost

- COMSOL Multi-physics[®] product
- COMSOL Server[™] License cost
- Update

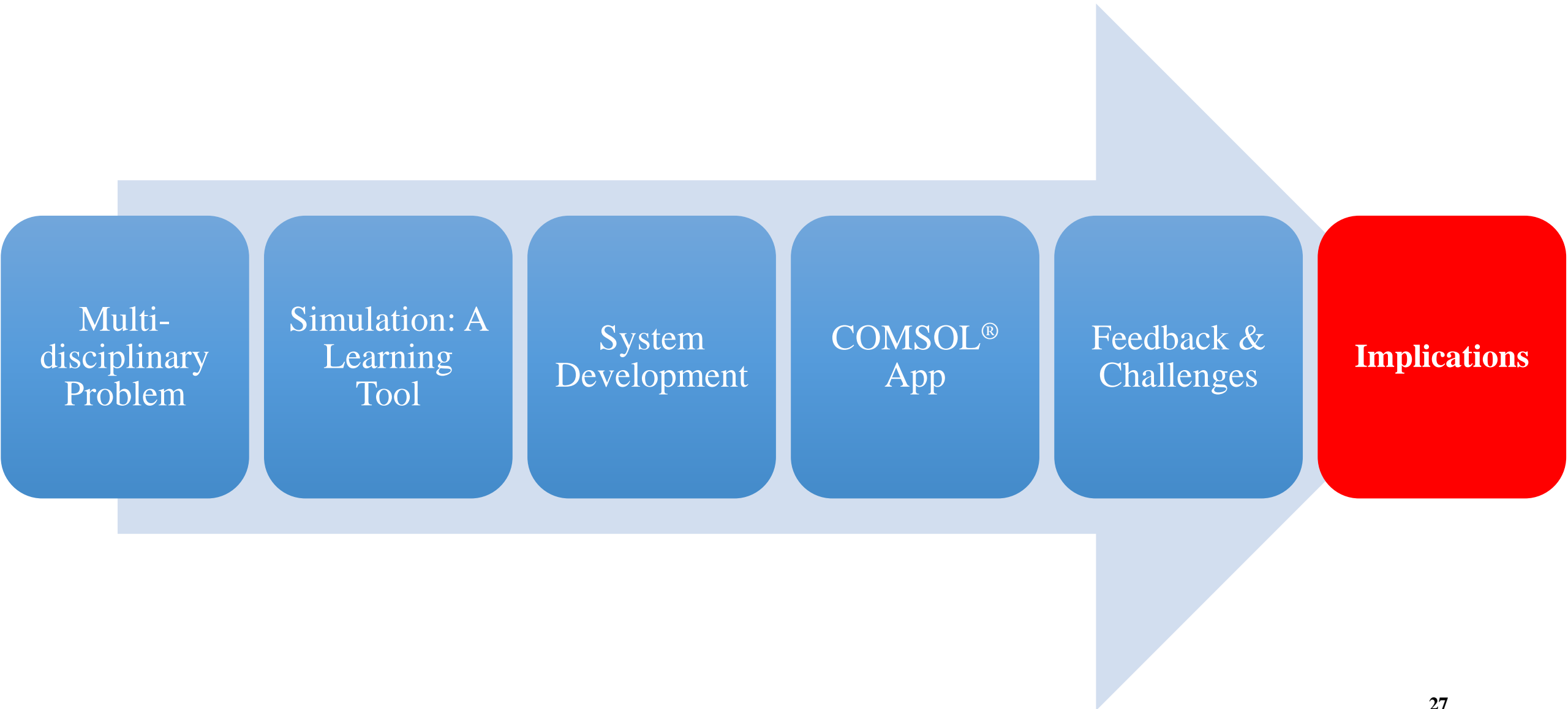
❖ Running cost

- Bigger instance : double cost
- \$ 0.05 per hour
- Large class, 1 week, \$50

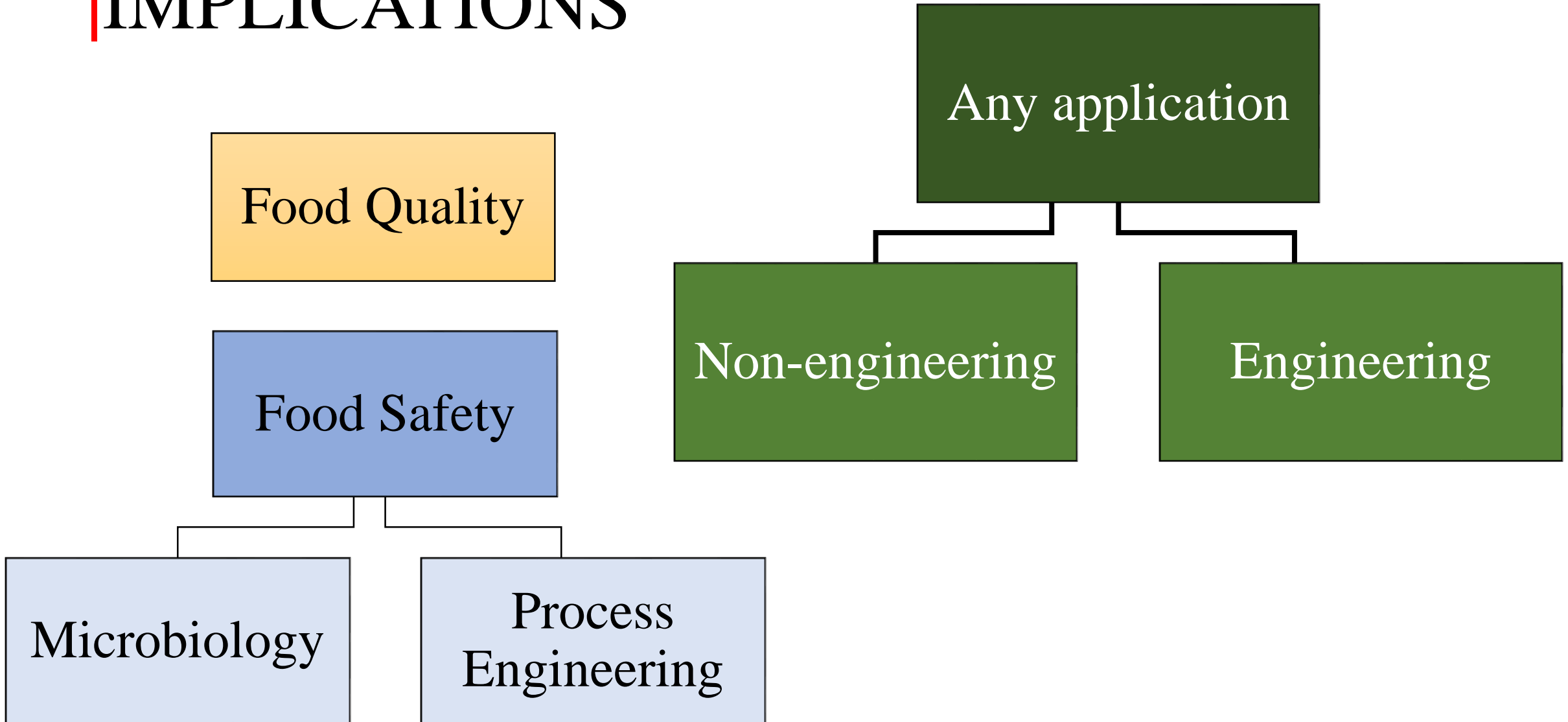
No direct financial output from educational use!

Complementary COMSOL Server[™] for classroom use?

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IMPLICATIONS



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