Developing Computing pedagogy post-2014

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How do we know how to teach what we need to teach?

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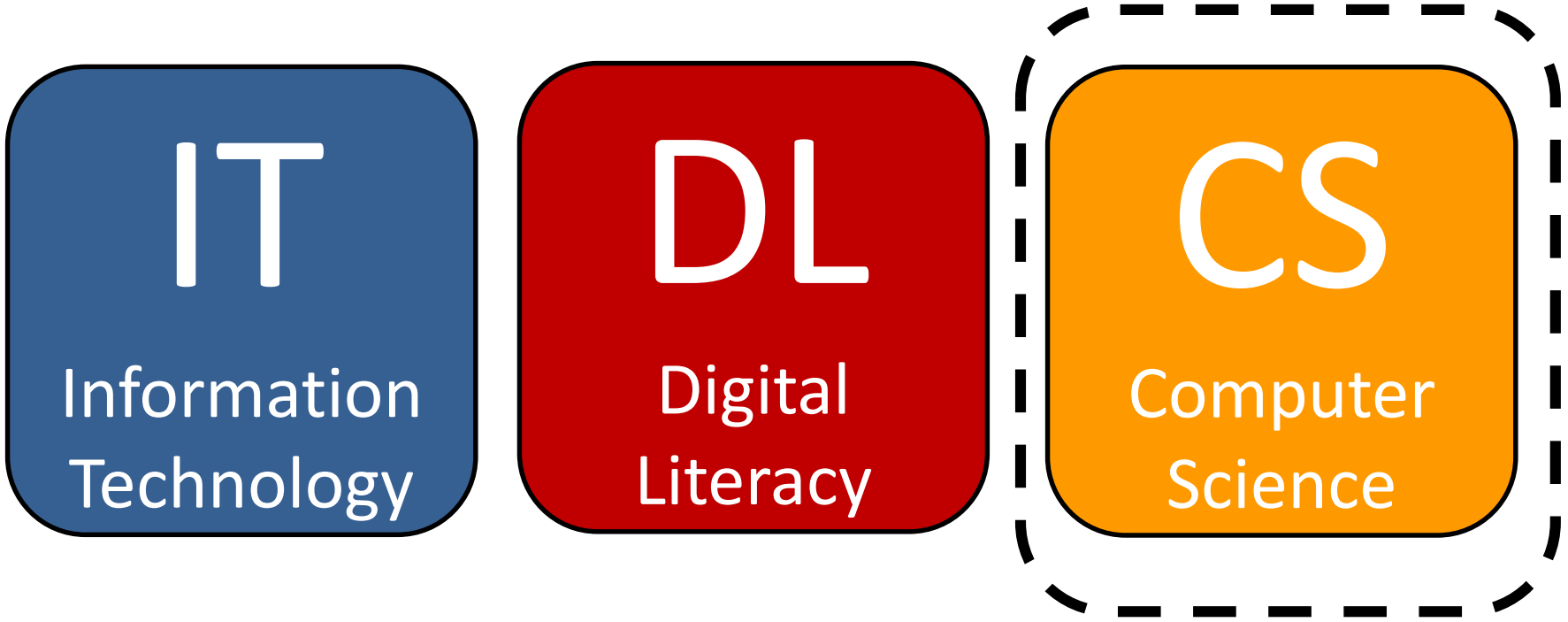
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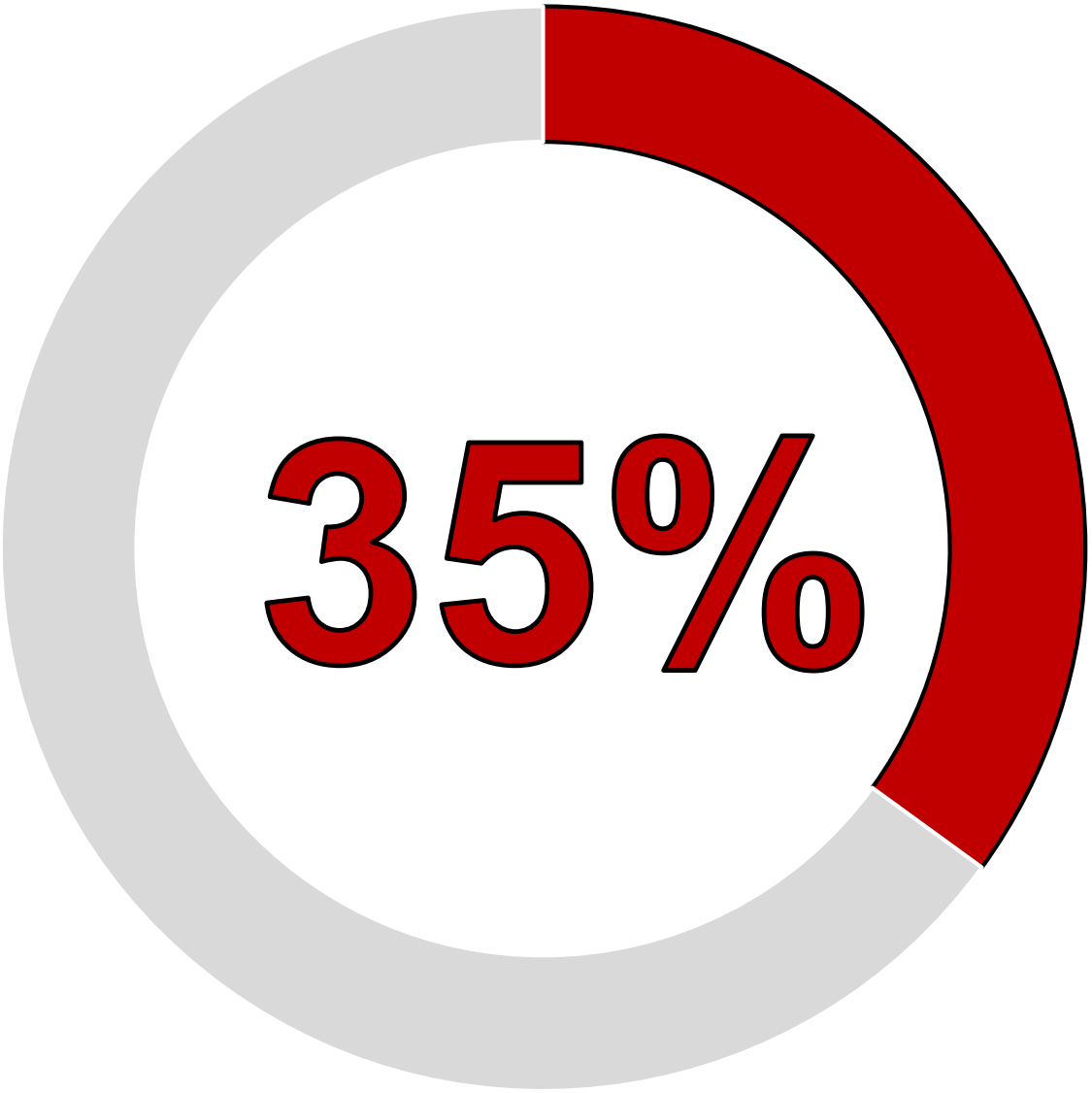

Source: Royal Society 2012, p. 71-72

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Shulman (1986, 1987)

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Theoretical frameworks

1. Pedagogical reasoning
2. Pedagogical content knowledge
3. Teacher beliefs and values

content

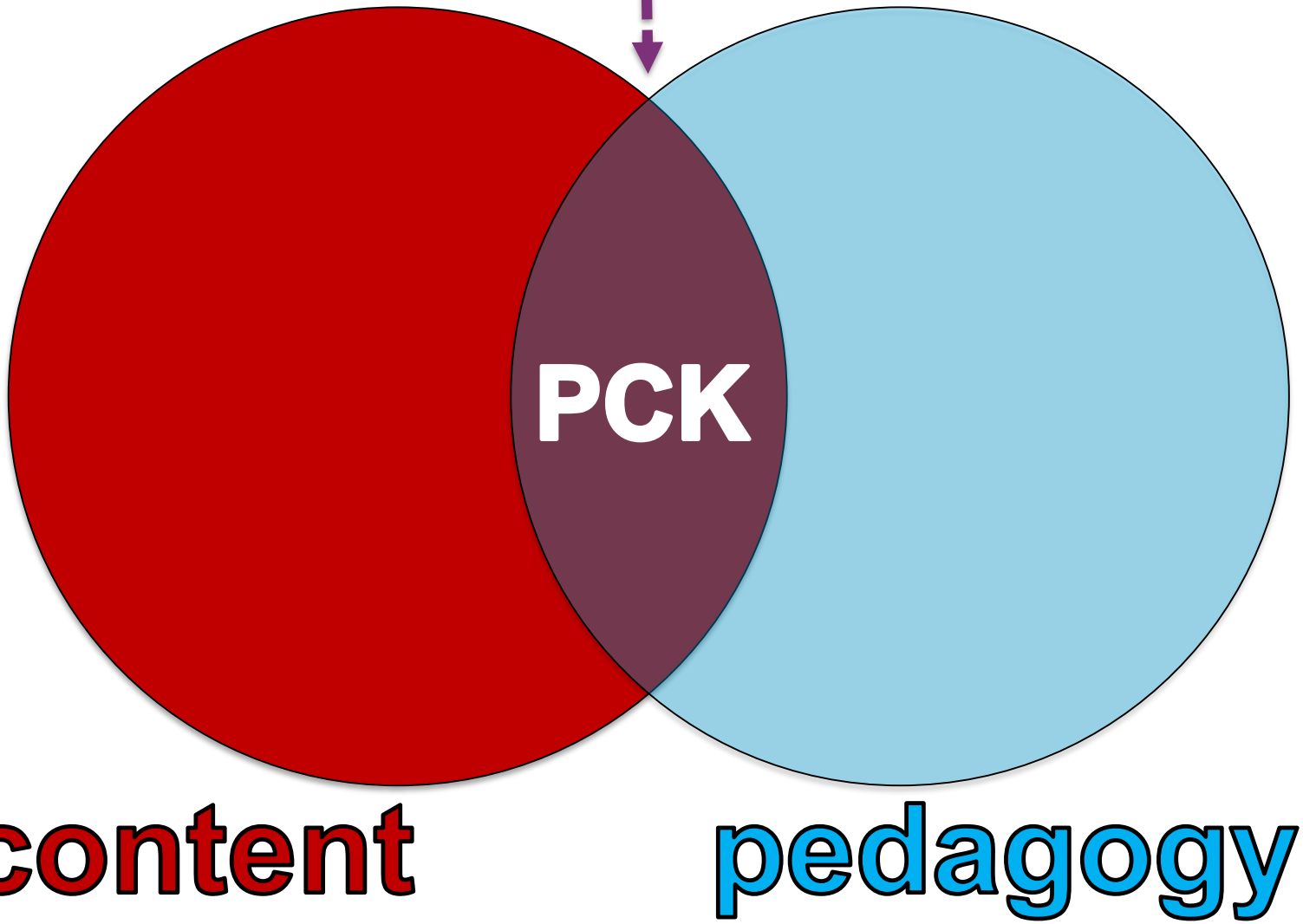
curriculum

assessment

knowledge of students

pedagogy

pedagogical content knowledge



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Research Questions

- How do teachers plan Computing lessons?
  - How is PCK enacted through pedagogical reasoning?
  - How is subject knowledge addressed?
  - How were resources used?

Methods and analysis

- Nine teachers – primary x2, secondary x6, FE x1
- Captured lesson planning on video or through Skype
- Thematic analysis using frameworks as a starting point
- Triangulated against schemes of work, other documentation

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Findings

- Transitional pedagogical reasoning
- External knowledge validation – resources and support
- PCK by proxy – the educative role of resources

Conclusions – raising aspirations needs secure foundations

- The importance of time for professional development
- The value of frameworks for understanding teachers' knowledge and skills
- Recognising the educative role of resources – capturing and sharing pedagogical meta-data

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