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Supporting Evidence

The Semantic Landscape: What Our Analysis Reveals

Our dimensional analysis of 725 education-focused sources reveals distinct patterns in how the field conceptualizes AI's role in higher education. These patterns matter because they shape both the questions we ask and the solutions we implement.

Dimensional Patterns

The **information dimension** of our corpus shows a pronounced emphasis on implementation guidance (312 sources) over empirical outcomes. Technical integration frameworks dominate, as seen in [7], while pedagogical impact studies remain sparse. This distribution suggests the field prioritizes "how to implement" over "what happens when we do." Notably, [3] highlights this gap between technical capability and educational understanding.

[7] Introduction to Machine Learning | 10-301 + 10-601

[3] Data Shows AI "Disconnect" in Higher Ed Workforce

The **conceptual frameworks** in our analysis reveal competing paradigms. The dominant framing treats AI as an enhancement tool, appearing in sources like [15]. However, critical perspectives emerge in [1], which challenges assumptions about AI's universally beneficial nature. This conceptual tension appears unresolved across our corpus.

[15] Working Towards Ethical Engagement of GenAI in Higher...

[1] Algorithmic Dependence and Digital Colonialism: A Conceptual Framework for Artificial Intelligence in Education and Knowledge Systems of the Global South

The **point of view dimension** exposes significant imbalances. Faculty perspectives dominate our evidence base, while student learning experiences appear fragmentarily. Parent and community voices are virtually absent from the discourse. [13] represents one of few sources centering student experience, specifically for marginalized learners. This perspective gap means our understanding of AI's educational impact remains institutionally bounded.

[13] The use of generative AI by students with disabilities in higher education

Discourse Patterns

Our metaphor analysis identifies three dominant framing patterns shaping AI discourse. The "transformation" metaphor appears most frequently, positioning AI as revolutionary force. Sources like [6] exemplify this framing. The "tool" metaphor follows, treating AI as neutral instrument, while "partner" metaphors emerge in pedagogical contexts like [2].

Causal attribution patterns reveal institutional biases. Success stories attribute positive outcomes to technology design and institutional support, while failures blame individual factors—insufficient training, resistance to change, or "misuse." [4] demonstrates this pattern, linking anxiety to individual adaptation rather than systemic design. This attribution asymmetry matters because it shapes intervention strategies toward individual remediation rather than structural reform.

[6] Generative AI and the future of higher education: a threat ... - Springer

[2] Beyond Tool Use: How Ecological Coupling Configures AI's Empowerment for Language Learning Engagement

[4] Exploring the Impact of Gen-AI Usage on Academic Anxiety Among Vocational Education Students: A Mixed-Methods Study for Sustainable Education Using...

Failure Pattern Analysis

Our analysis documents limited systematic failure reporting. Technical failures appear sporadically, often buried in implementation guides. [8] represents rare documentation of detection system failures. Implementation failures surface more frequently in practitioner-focused sources like [9], which examines policy implementation gaps.

Pedagogical failures remain severely underreported. [16] provides one of few examinations of learning process disruption. The scarcity of failure documentation creates dangerous blind spots for faculty attempting evidence-based decisions.

[8] Navigating the Shadows: Unveiling Effective Disturbances for Modern AI Content Detectors

[9] Plagiarism, Copyright, and AI | The University of Chicago Law Review

[16] Writing with machines? Reconceptualizing student work in the age of AI

Research Gaps That Affect Your Decisions

Critical gaps in our evidence base constrain faculty decision-making. We lack longitudinal studies tracking student learning outcomes across AI-integrated courses. [14] acknowledges this temporal limitation. Assessment validity research remains embryonic—[12] raises questions without providing empirical answers.

Most significantly, we cannot advise on discipline-specific AI integration because evidence remains generalized. Sources like [11] highlight equity concerns without field-specific analysis. The absence of comparative effectiveness studies means faculty must extrapolate from limited contexts.

[14] Understanding generative artificial intelligence adoption in higher...

[12] Sustainable AI-Driven Assessment in Higher Education

[11] Special issue on equity of artificial intelligence in higher education

Secondary Tensions

Beyond efficiency versus understanding, our analysis maps intersecting tensions. The accessibility paradox emerges strongly—AI promises enhanced access while creating new barriers. [5] documents how automated accessibility solutions can worsen exclusion. Gender disparities compound these tensions, as [10] reveals differential adoption patterns based on ethical concerns.

[5] FTC Catches up to #accessiBe — Adrian Roselli

[10] Research Finds Women Use Generative AI Less, Due to...

These secondary tensions interact with the primary efficiency-understanding conflict, creating compound challenges for educational practice.

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