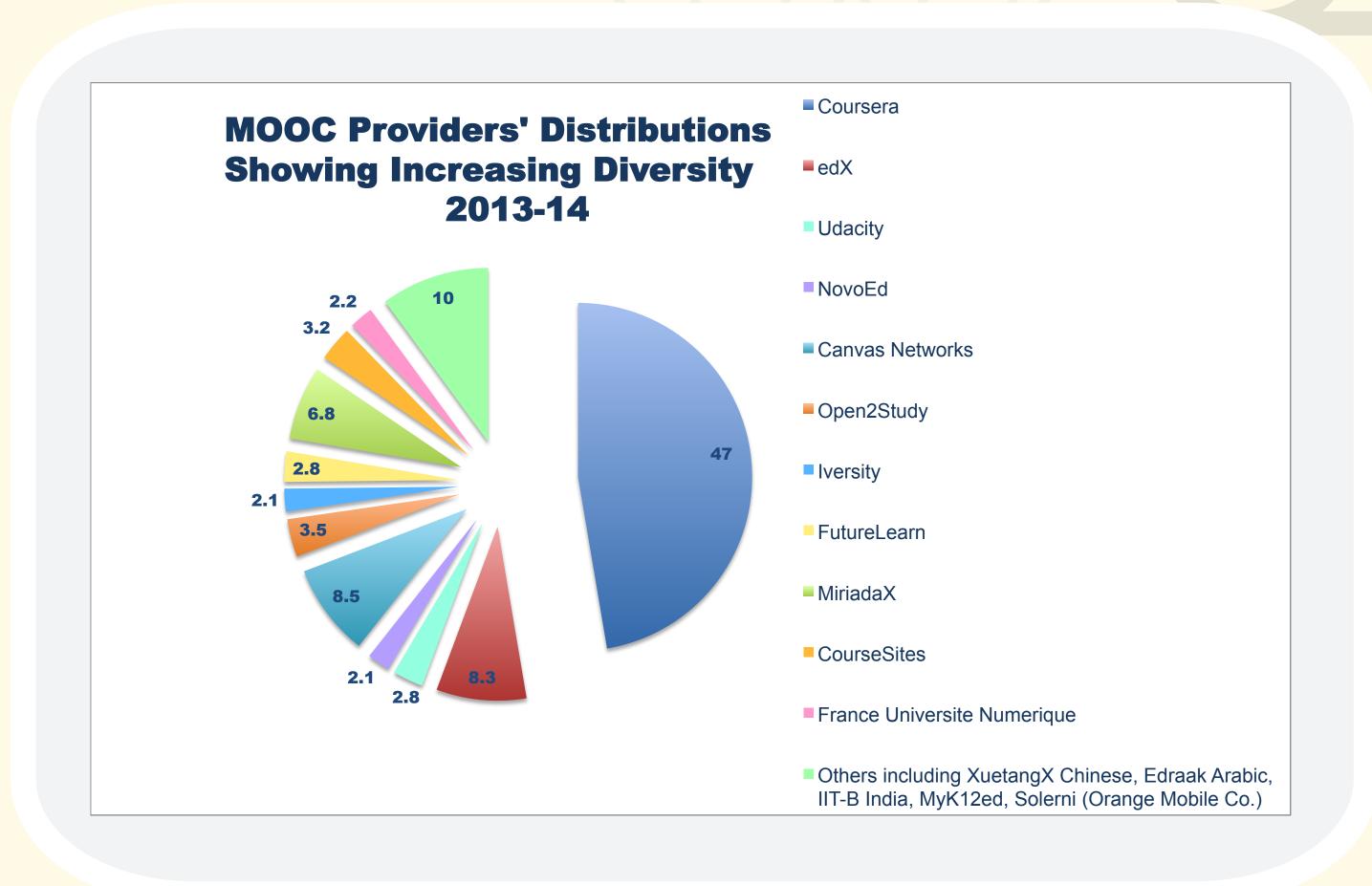
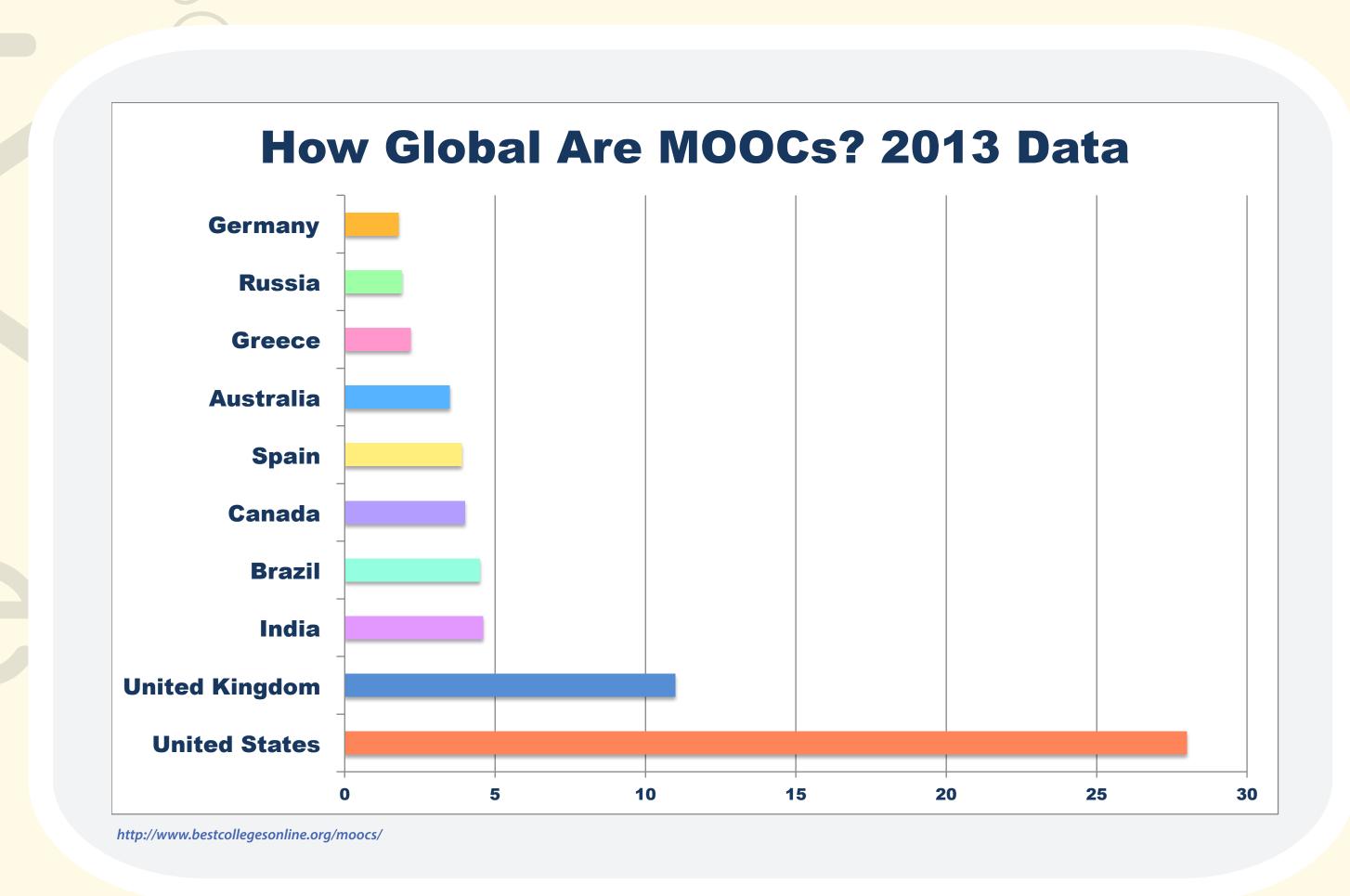
MOOCs why are they important? We University of



The TMT report 2014 predicts a "perfect storm" of conditions that could make (MOOCs) a major factor by 2020, representing over 10 percent of all courses taken in tertiary and enterprise continuing education. New technology, alternative modes of teaching and a need to continuously update quickly obsolete skills are driving the trend, suggesting MOOCs will grow enormously.¹





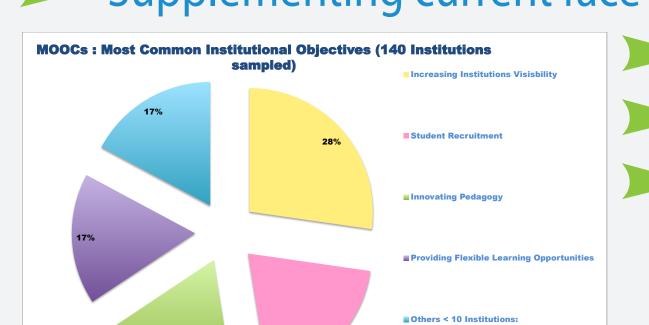
Hollands & Tirthali May 2014

Interviewees mentioned several ways in which MOOCs may lead, directly or indirectly, to improvement in educational outcomes:

- Motivating instructors to rethink pedagogy
- Course re-design
- "Chunking" lectures and interspersing questions
- Fine-tuning instructional materials
- Providing instant feedback
- Gamification and badging to increase motivation
- Outreach to participants to encourage persistence
- Adaptive learning/personalization/mastery-based learning
- Using MOOCs in FE to prepare students for college/university

Institutional goals in MOOC initiatives

- Extending reach of & access for student recruitment
- Building & maintaining brand > visibility
- Promoting research impact
- Providing flexible learning opportunities
- Conducting research on teaching & learning
- Supplementing current face to face course studies



- Innovating pedagogy Improving educational outcomes
- Learning about scaling up

(Data from interviews involving 62 US HEIs)

- **Subject Distribution 2013**
- Humanities: 20%
- Computer Sciences: 16%
- Business & Management: 15% Sciences: 11 %
- ► Health & Medical: 11% Education & Teaching: 8.6%
- Maths & Statistics: 6.6% Social Sciences: 5.7%
- Engineering: 5.1%
- **Challenges Accreditation / Certification** Adaptive / Personalised Learning
- Mongolian Student Battushig Myanganbayar teaches MIT edX how to improve design of MOOC for improved outcomes

In Development

http://contactnorth.ca/sites/default/files/moocs_moocs_expectations_and_reality.pdf

- MOOC.org Partnership between Open EdX and Google to create a MOOC authorship platform
- Solerni New MOOC platform & MOOC course provider from Orange **Mobile Company**

MOOC Participation Motivations for Learners Bioelectricity: A Quantitative Approach Duke University's First MOOC Belanger, Yvonne; Thornton, Jessica 2013-02-05 **General interest in the topic Extending current knowledge of the topic Supplement other college/university class** To help decide if I want to take college/university classes **Professional development** Interest in how these courses are taught **Cost of formal education too high Geographically isolated from educational institutions** Other, please specify

Re-evaluating course statistics

Coursera -

'drop-out and completion statistics have been incorrectly assessed in the past.' 2

By focusing instead on learner intentionality (as derived from entry surveys about completion) Coursera was able to show that there is a high level of completion among students that self-identified as intending to complete the course at the outset:

approximately 85% completion rates.

'if you're assessing the viability of MOOCs, this is the variable that matters: number of students still participating at the end, not what percentage of those who enrolled are participating at the end.' Robert Wright, Princeton.

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