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Abstract: LED08 is concerned with the role of diagrams in communication between engineers. Evaluation is at the heart of an engineering approach to designing and/or selecting diagrams that are well-suited to a particular task. In this talk I will survey several methods for conducting empirical studies of such diagrams, discuss approaches to analysis, review several studies that we have conducted, and summarize the lessons learned in the process.

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