

A Study on Productive Failure as a
STEM Pedagogy Catering for Diversity
照顧學習差異以建設性挫敗為本的
STEM 教學法

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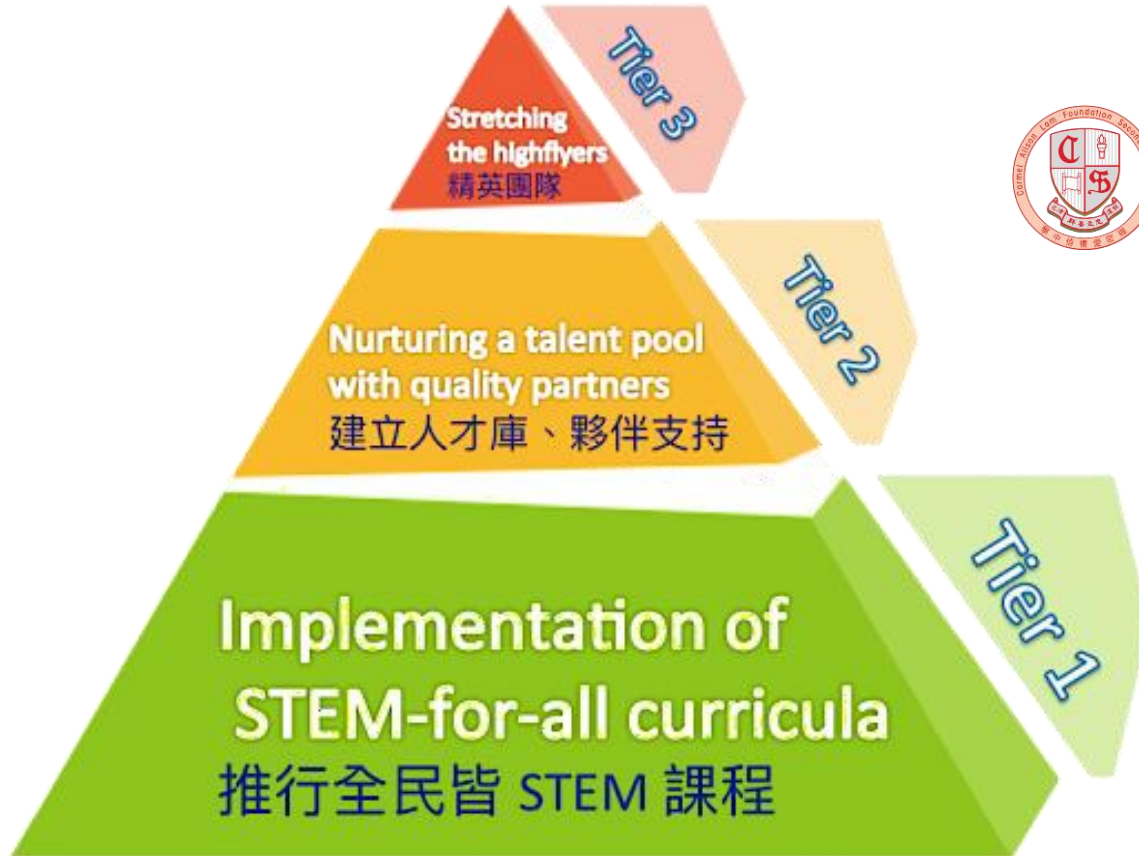
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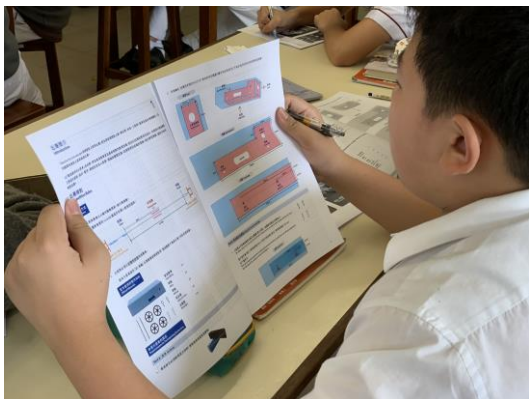




3-Tier STEAM Education



STEM-for-all Curriculum for S.2 Students



Science



Design &
Technology



Computing



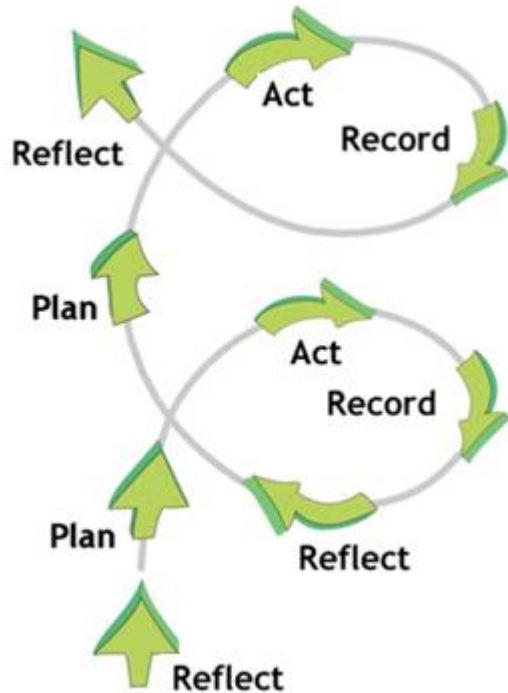
Visual Art



Mathematics



Action Research



Can **Productive Failure** pedagogical design improve the capacity of struggling learners to acquire scientific concepts and to form complex link between them such that knowledge might be applied to solve novel problems as compared with **Direct Instruction** in a STEM curriculum?

Inter-disciplinary Curricular Design

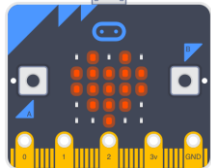
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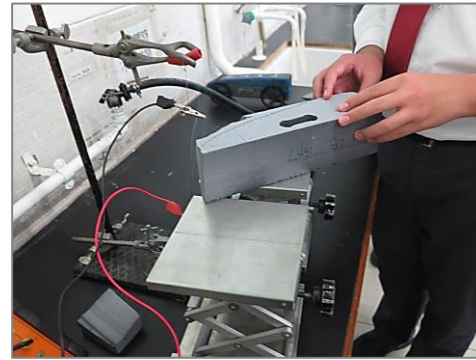
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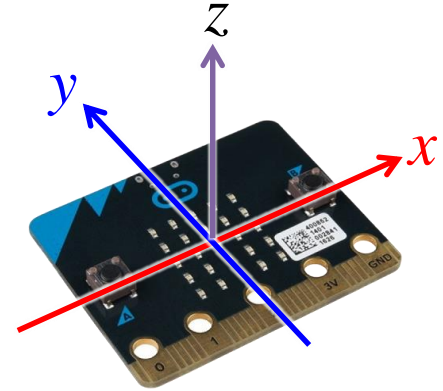
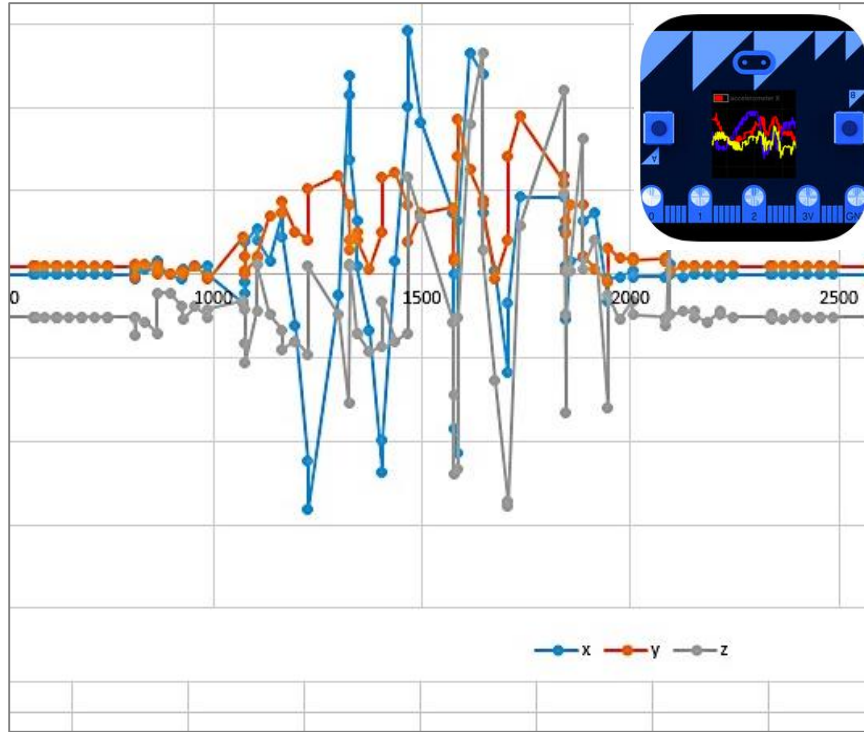
Rate and Ratio



S T E A M



Micro:bit Technology: Data Logging





Understanding of Speed and its Graphs

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Rate and Ratio

Rate is a quotient of two quantities of different kinds.

Speed is the distance travelled by a moving object per unit time.

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{distance travelled}}{\text{time taken}}$$

Common units of speed include km/h and m/s.

e.g. If a car travels 200 km in 5 hours, then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{the speed of the car} &= \frac{200 \text{ km}}{5 \text{ h}} \\ &= 40 \text{ km/h} \end{aligned}$$

11

Force and Motion

B Distance-time graphs

To represent the motion of an object, we can draw a *distance-time graph* for the object. Let us learn how to draw one below.

Activity 11.2

Drawing the distance-time graph for a moving object

Some students were doing a project to study the motion of a bus. They were at different positions between bus stops A and B, and recorded the distances travelled by the bus at different times. They found that:

- At time = 0 s, the bus was at bus stop A and started to move.
- At time = 10 s, the bus had travelled 150 m.
- At time = 20 s, the bus had travelled 300 m.
- At time = 30 s, the bus stopped at bus stop B that is 450 m from bus stop A.
- At time = 40 s, the bus was still at bus stop B.

distance-time graph 距離-時間圖

The **motion** of an object can be represented using a distance-time graph. A **distance-time graph** shows the distance that an object has travelled at different times (from time = 0 s). For example, from the distance-time graph of a car in Fig. 11.3, we can find that the car has travelled 160 m at time = 10 s. Similarly, the distance the car has travelled at 25 s is 400 m.

Fig. 11.3 Distance-time graph of a car

Besides the distance travelled, we can obtain other information from the motion from a distance-time graph. Let us investigate this further in the experiment below.

Experiment video
e-arto.hk/r/leeptu1101.e

1.1 Distance-time graph of an object

apparatus: trolley, stand and clamp, motion sensor, data-logger, computer.

Direct instruction



The use of instruction on the targeted concepts followed by or coupled with the use of well-designed worked examples to illustrate and explain the targeted concepts.

Productive Failure (PF)



A pedagogical design which affords the students the opportunities to generate *suboptimal* or *incorrect solutions* to a novel problem for preparing them to **learn better** from the subsequent instruction that followed.

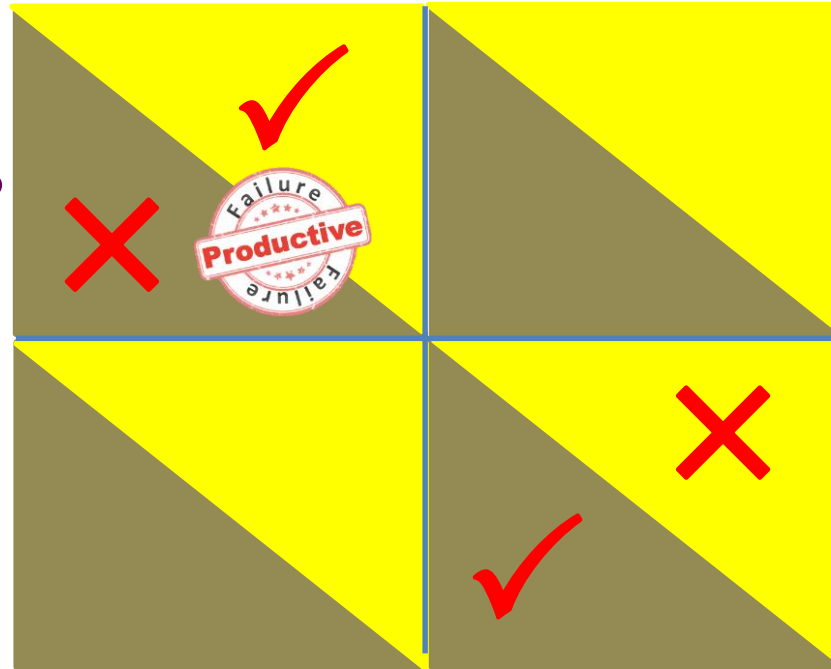
Kapur's Productive Failure



Failure

Success

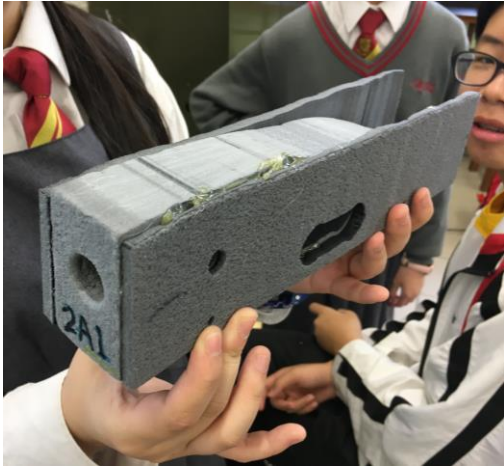
Productive

Unproductive



-  Learning in the long run
-  Performance in the short run

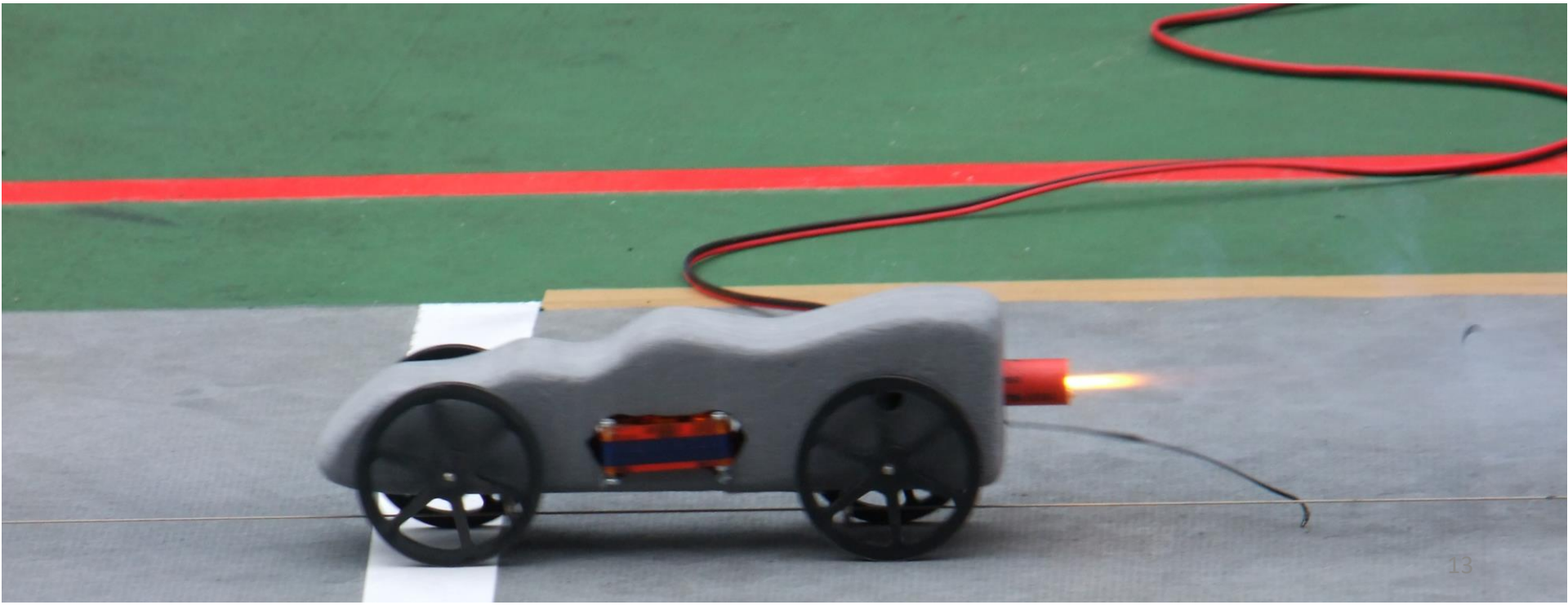
Chances to Failure



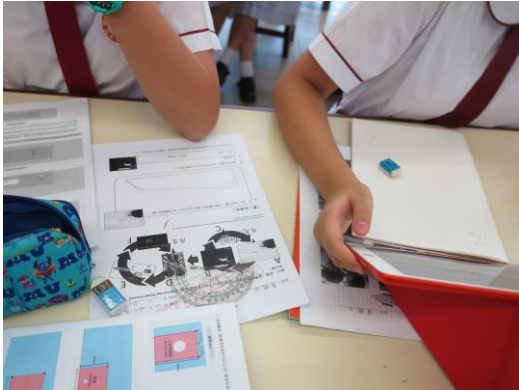
“By failure, I simply mean that students are rarely able to solve the problems and discover the canonical solutions by themselves.” (Kapur, 2013)

A novel problem

Design a *streamline* rocket car for the competition in which the speed is competed.







Learning Phases



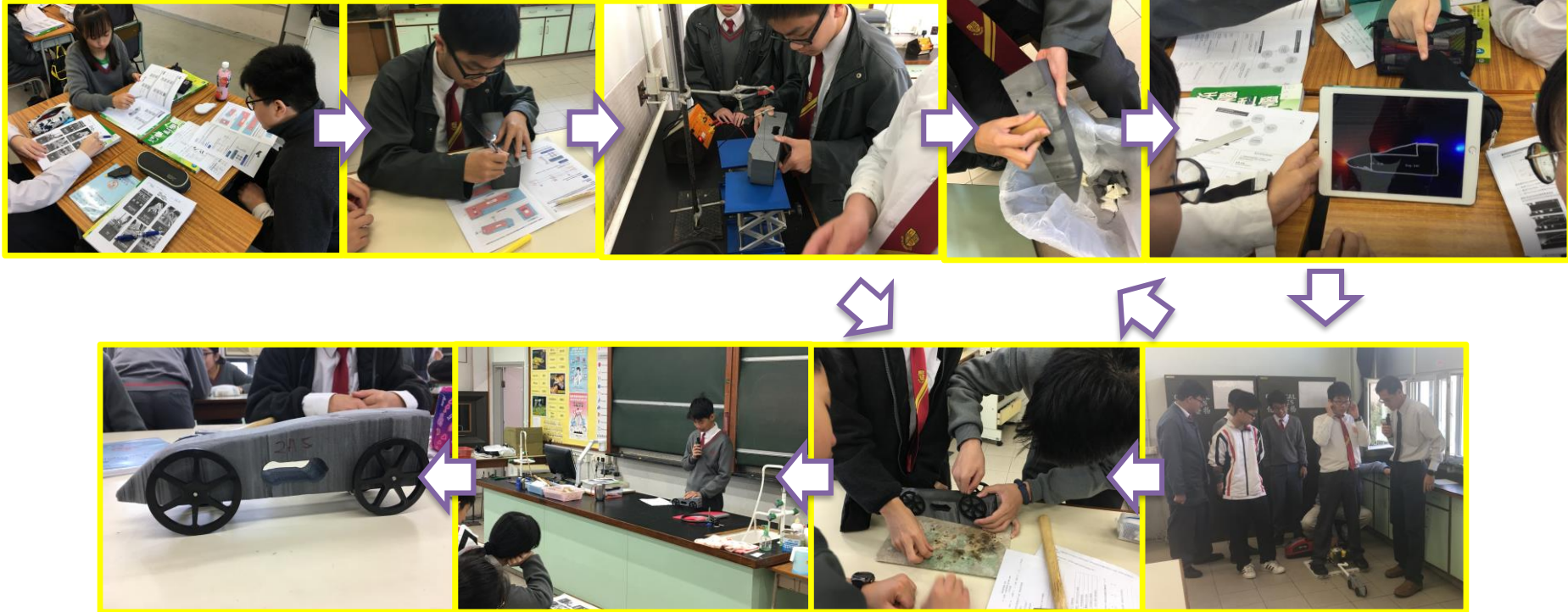
Phase 2: Instruction
Consolidation and
knowledge assembly

Phase 1: Problem-solving
Generate and explore
representations and
solution methods

Lessons design

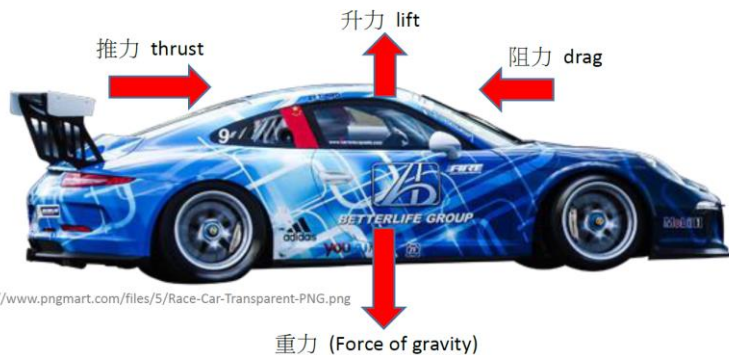
Class / Lesson	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Treatment Class	Pre-test					Consolidation and refinement	Post-test
Comparison Class							

Engineering design process



Pre-post Test

1. 以下哪一對力作用在跑車上所產生的不平衡力 (unbalanced forces)，可令跑車行駛？



<http://www.pngmart.com/files/5/Race-Car-Transparent-PNG.png>

- A. 升力及阻力
- B. 推力及升力
- C. 推力及阻力
- D. 重力及推力

5. 以下哪種汽車設計的空氣阻力最少？

A.



B.



C.



D.

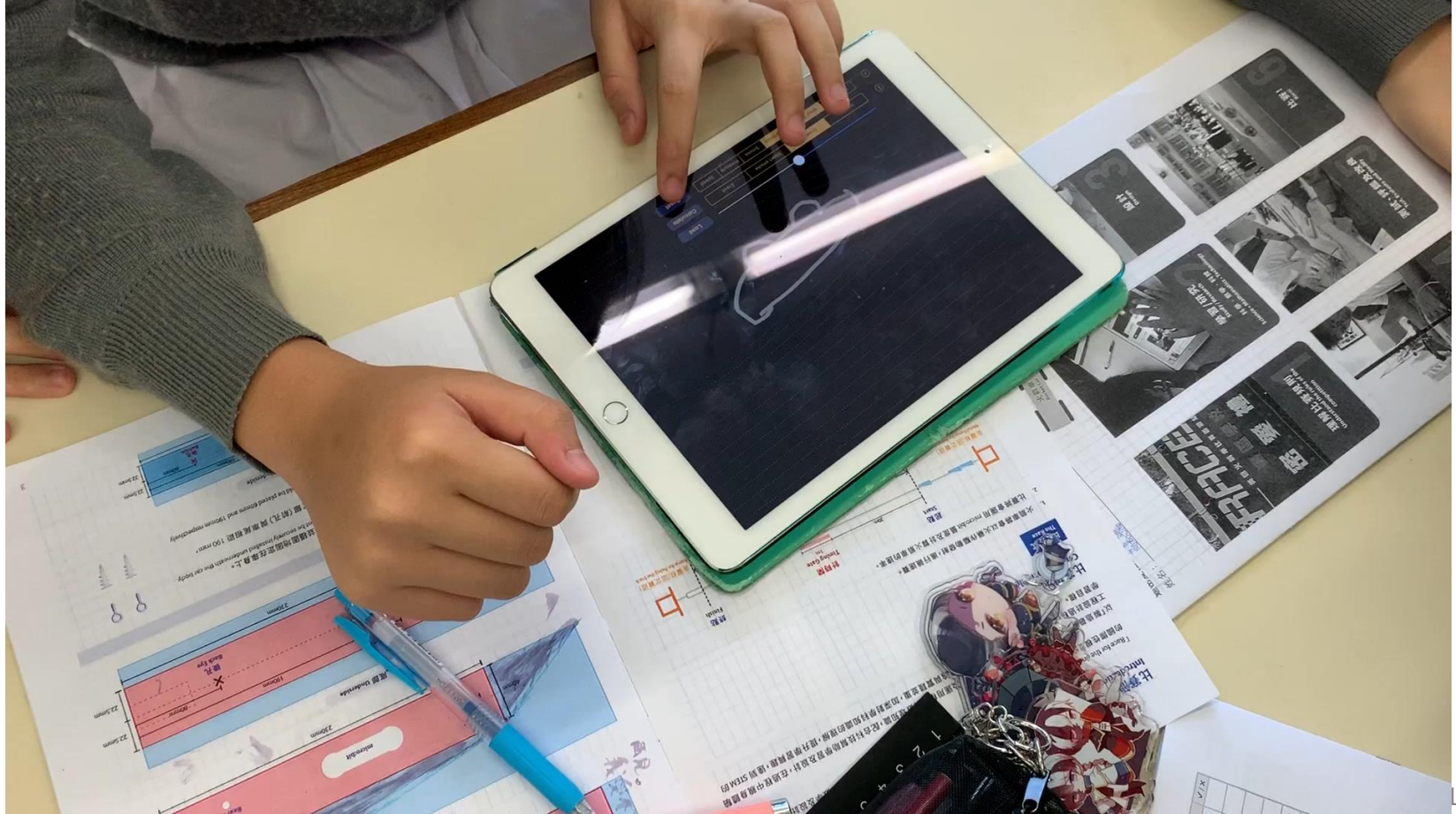


Pre-post analysis

Post – Pre	<i>t</i>	df	<i>p</i>
Treatment	4.442	31	< .001
Comparison	2.778	32	.009



Snapshot

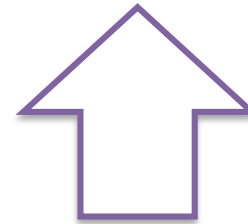


Knowledge Integration Categories

<i>Knowledge Integration Categories</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Response Characteristics</i>
Systemic link Students have a systemic understanding of science concepts.	Not applied	Compare similarities and differences between contexts, and apply concepts relevant to each context.
Complex link Students understand how more than two science concepts interact in a given context.	5	Elaborate two or more scientifically valid links among ideas relevant to a given context.
Full link Students understand how two scientific concepts interact in a given context.	4	Elaborate a scientifically valid link between two ideas relevant to a given context.
Partial link Students recognize potential connections between concepts but cannot elaborate the nature of the connections specific to a given context.	3	Indicate a link between relevant ideas but do not fully elaborate the link in a given context.
No link Students have non-normative ideas and/or make scientifically invalid links in a given context.	2	Make links between relevant and irrelevant ideas. Have non-normative ideas.
Off task Students make statements about non-scientific situations.	1	
No answer	0	Blank



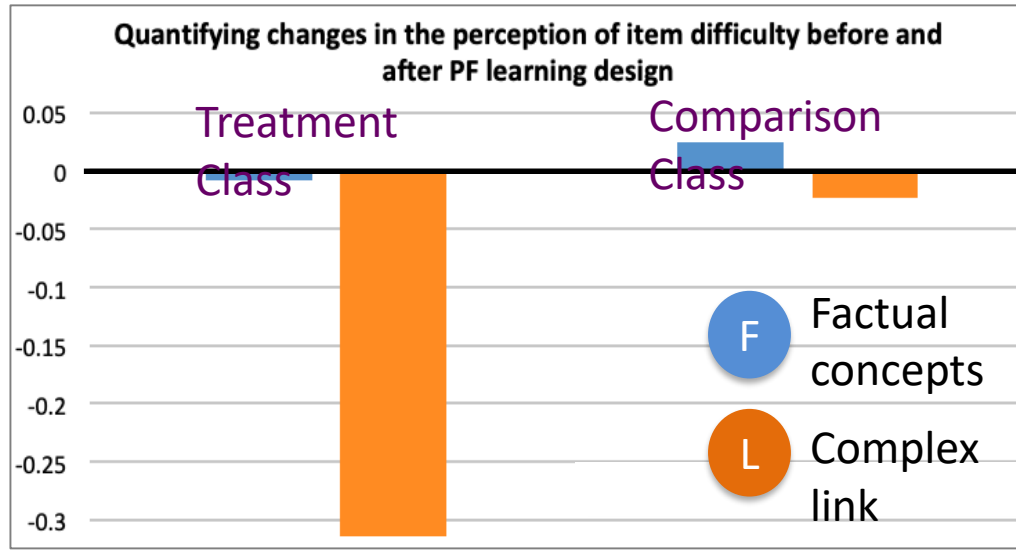
Complex link



Factual concepts
(No link)

IRT analysis

Item Response Theory (IRT) is applied to test whether PF learning design might change students' perception in item difficulty in Science subject.

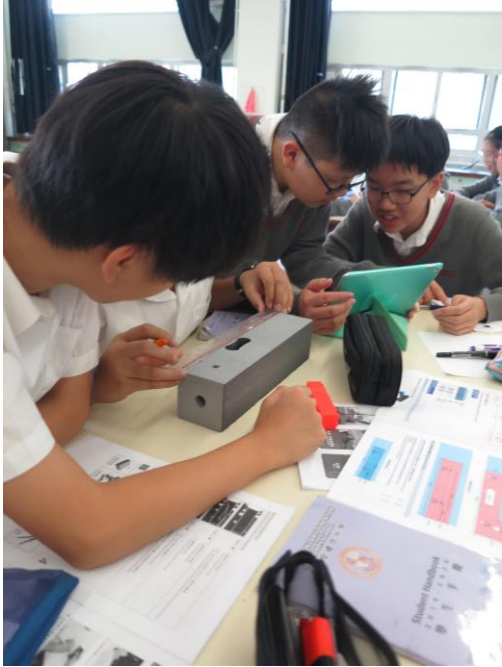


Conclusion

PF pedagogical design can help the struggling learners to acquire scientific concepts and to form complex link between them.



Further Discussion



How are basic facts retrieved for further integration to form complex links?

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