

Engaging students' STEAM learning through hands-on making contest

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Features of GreenMech

Since 2006 ~ Now

Make and Compete in one day

Based on STEAM



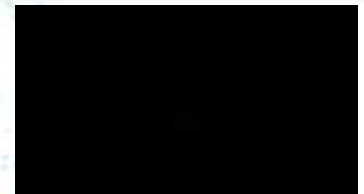


STEAM



Science
Technology
Engineering
Art
Mathematics

- Jurassic Park



STEAM



Art

Enhanced



Engineering

Science

Mathematics

Technology

Apply

Goal





Assessment Criteria

- 1. Scientific and Mathematical Application**
- 2. Scientific Method and Creativity**
- 3. Pathway Diversity**
- 4. Green Energy Resource**
- 5. Green Technology Application**
- 6. Design and Culture Creativity**
- 7. Engineering Reliability**
- 8. Assigned Material Application**

Green Energy



1. Wind Power
2. Hydraulic Power
3. Rechargeable Battery
4. Solar Energy
5. Geothermal Energy
6. Ocean Energy
7. Biomass Energy

Green Energy



Bright Sparks
Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran
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School name :
Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran
Church Primary School
Team name : Bright Sparks

STEAM



Battle of Jimmy & Space Monkey



1. The first off the big bang to use force **WATER RESOURCES**
2. 6 Off absorb the essence of the sun and moon to the use of **solar energy**
3. 4th off, 24 off, 32 off using the **magnetic force**
4. 23 about using the **wind**
5. 2 off , 3 off, turn off the fourth , level 5 , 8 off, 13 off , 18 off, 19 off, 23 off, 27 off, 31 off, 34 off used **rechargeable batteries**



**C³ = Culture X
Character X
Creativity Development**

E² = Environment & Engineering





SP Chart

TOP 3

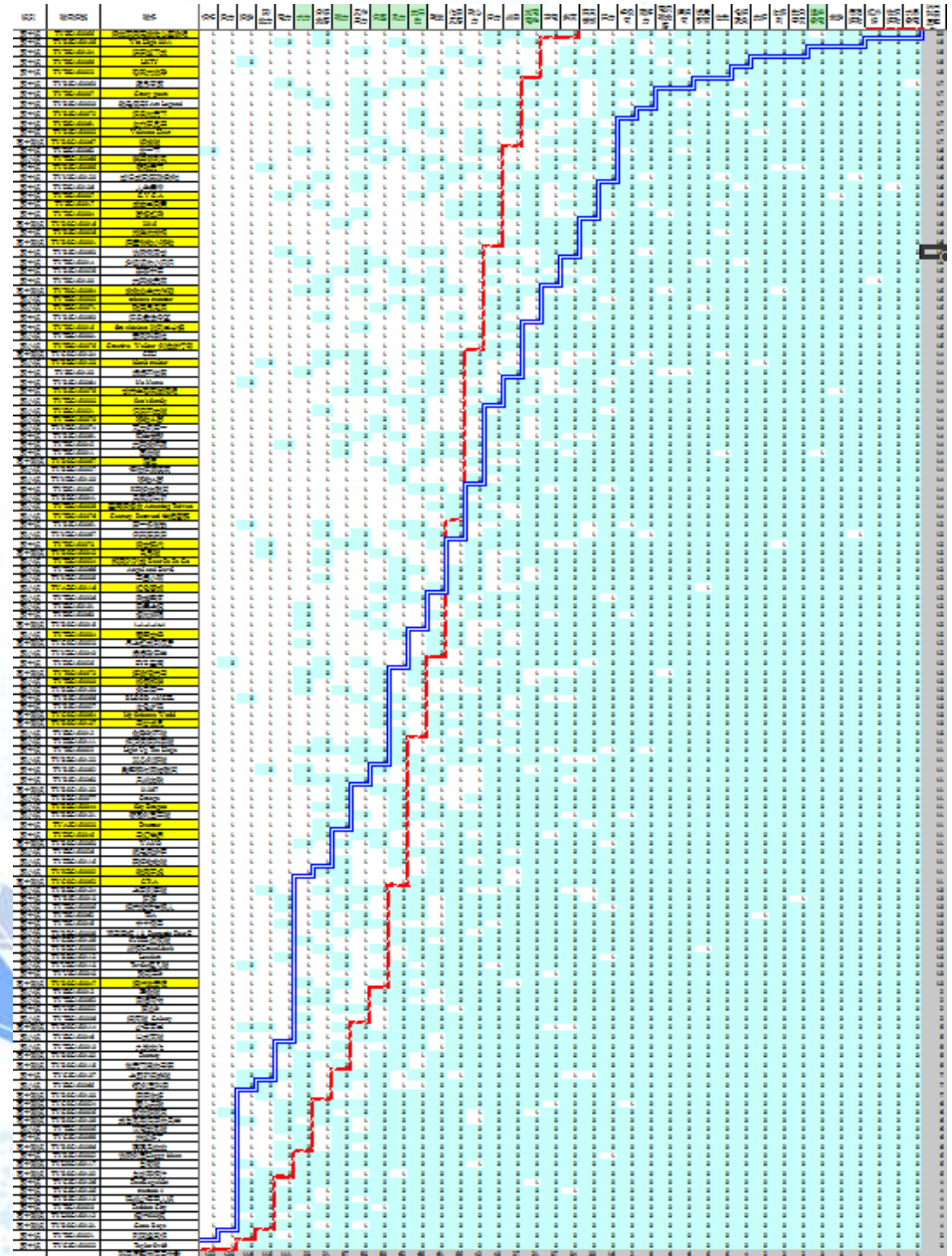
Most Popularly Used

1. lever
2. gravity
3. elasticity

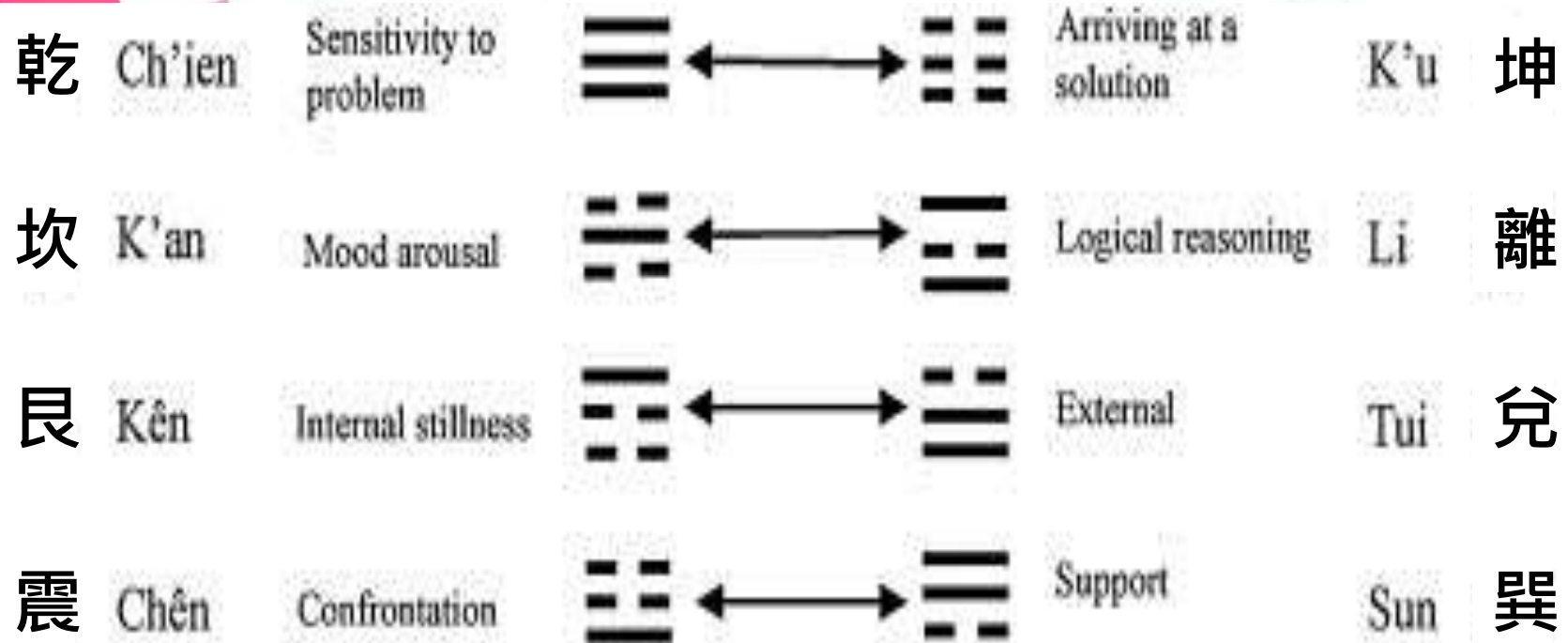
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Most Creatively Used

1. infrared
2. Simple harmonic motion
3. acid base battery (e.g. lemon battery)

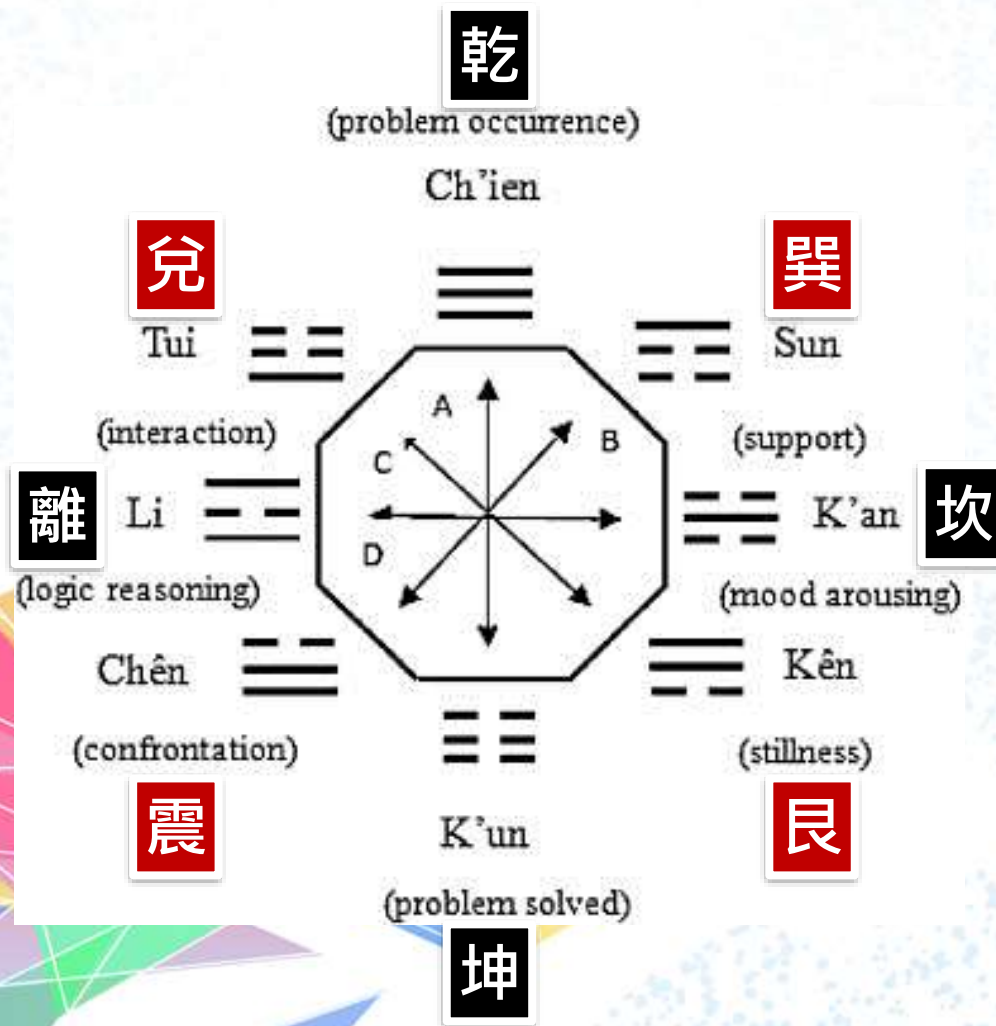


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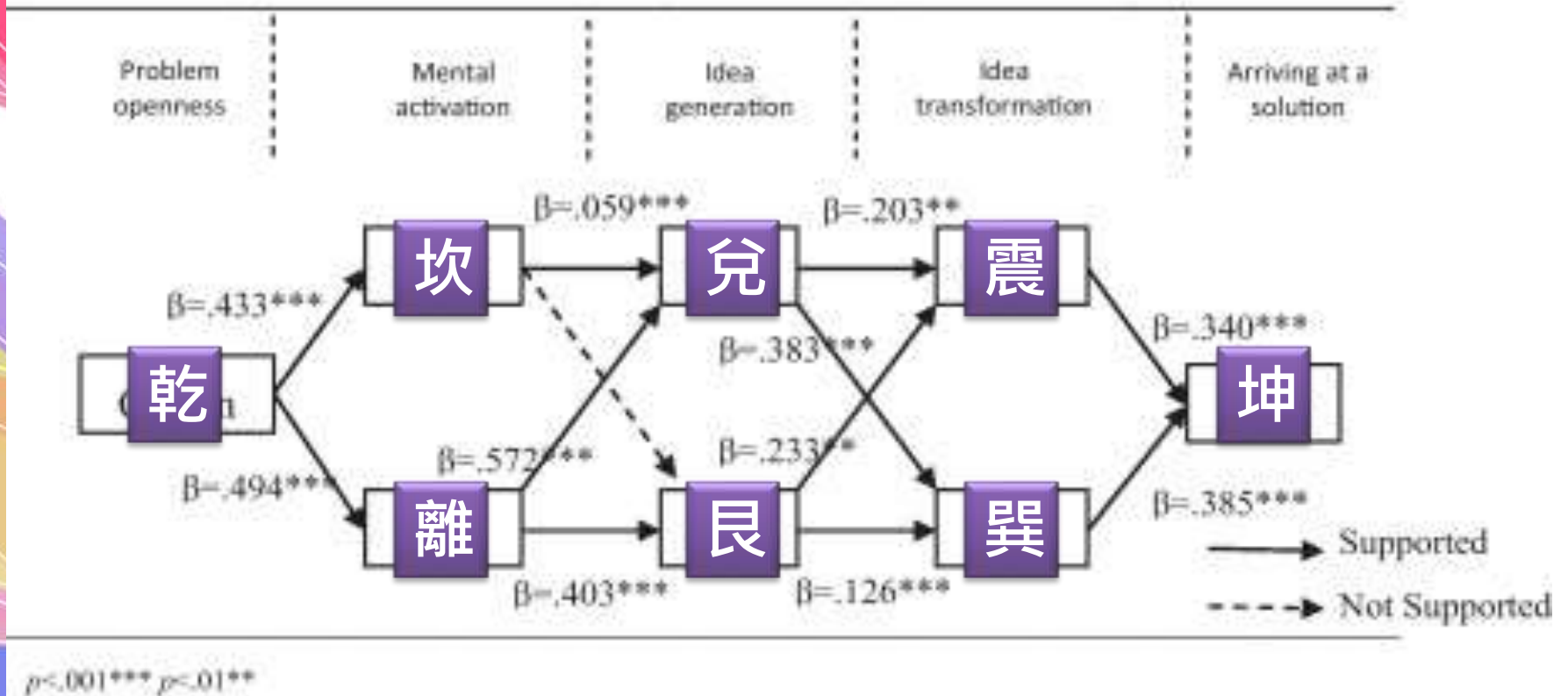
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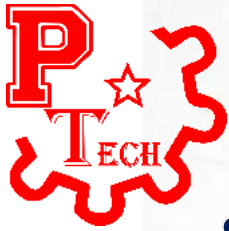


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PowerTech

Science and Technology Hands-On Creation Contest for Youth

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Science &
Technology Hands-
on Contest for Youth

Mimi-Com
Miniature Competition
Elementary school, Junior high school

Remo-Con
Remote Control Contest
Junior high school, Senior high school



Learning Contents

Mathematics

- Geometric primitives, Counting, Multiplication, Decimals, Fractions and ratios, Recognition of quantities, Graph construction and interpretation, Angles.

Science – Tool usage

- Power, and velocity, Constant speed, acceleration, and deceleration, Work and energy, Force, gravity, and friction, Doppler effect, Fundamentals of electricity, Weight scale and moment computation.

Technology

- Component coordination, Application of physics and math to create functions.

Engineering

- Solve uncertainty problems e.g. controllability, flexibility, reliability, safety, and efficiency during transitions, and dynamic operation.

Art

- Cultivate sense of culture, aesthetic, and humanities .



Features of PowerTech

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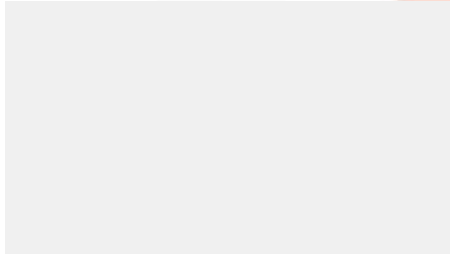
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Basic Tools for General Making Skill

- MOOCs Intro



- Sawing a curve



- Oval-shaped drilling



Battery case



Touch switch



Glue gun



Hand saw / coping saw



Motor



Gear Set



Fiberboard



Hand drill



Popsicle sticks



INTRO & MAKING TIME

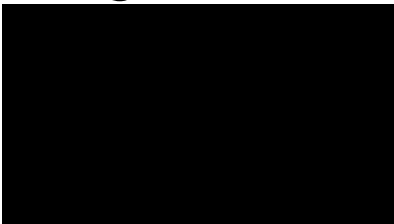




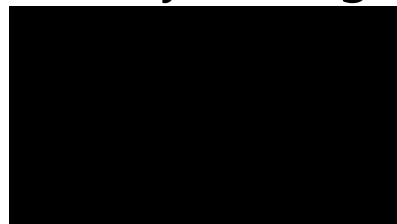
Types of Competition



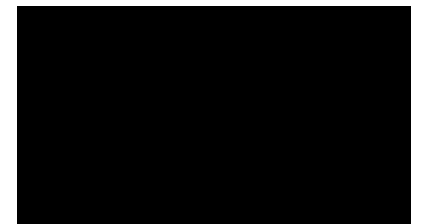
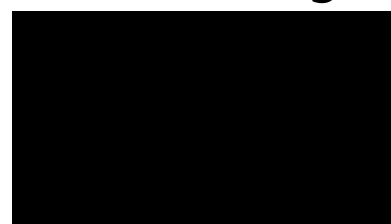
● Tug-of-War



● Relay Racing



● Form design





Form Design Evaluation



Criteria	feature	Index	Description
Aesthetics	aesthetics (visual color appreciation)	symmetry	In harmony with color, colorful
			Adaptable scale of shape, symmetry and harmony
Material Usage	optimum use	Eco-material	Eco-material, cheaper material
		Material property	Amplify the characteristic of materials to multiple use
Simulation	reality	Likeness	Outlook imitation
		Liveliness	The moving could show out the characteristic of designated animal
Performance	work flowing	Manual sophistication	assembly perfectly with manual dexterity
		moving smoothly	moving without bottle-neck
Additional devices	unique	added function	Adding functions e.g. an auto-timer into some base.
		extra function	e.g. sound or light effect

hands-on problem solving

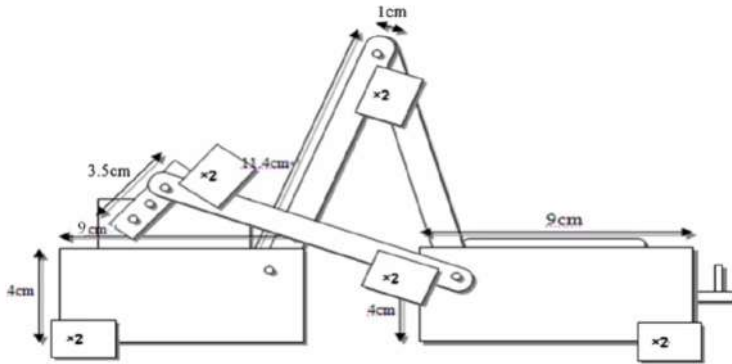
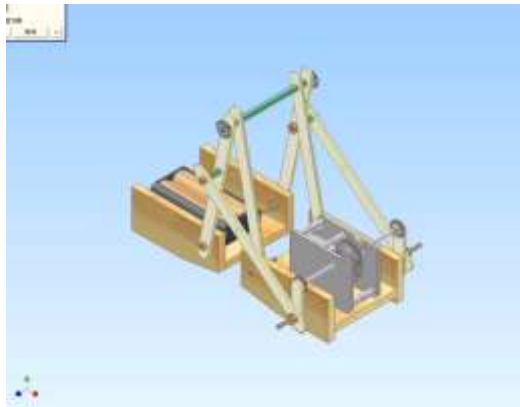
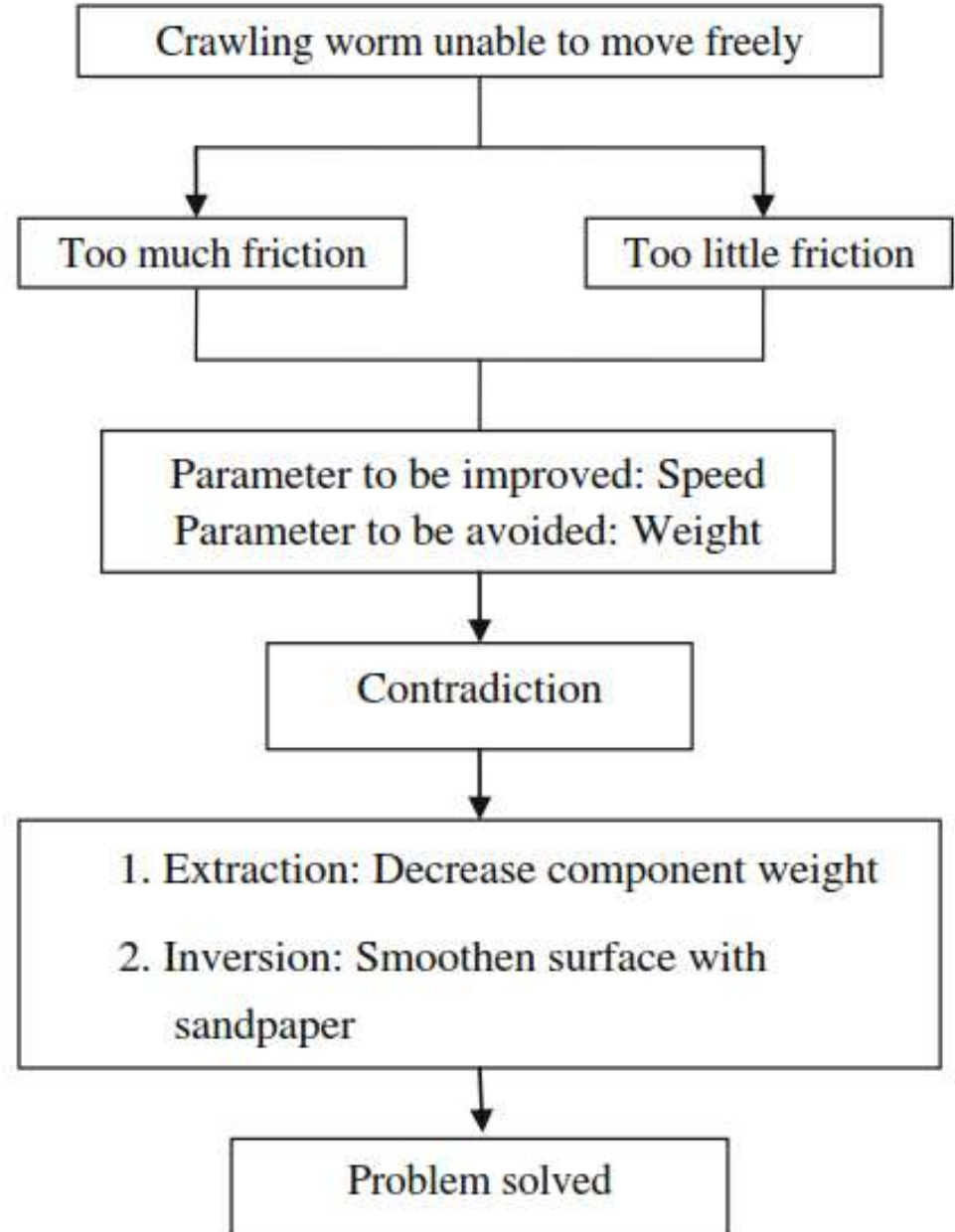


Fig. 4 Mechanism of wooden crawling worm



Developing physics concepts through hands-on problem solving- A perspective on a technological project design



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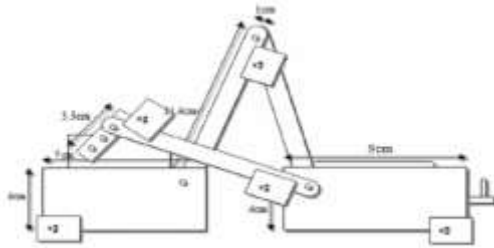
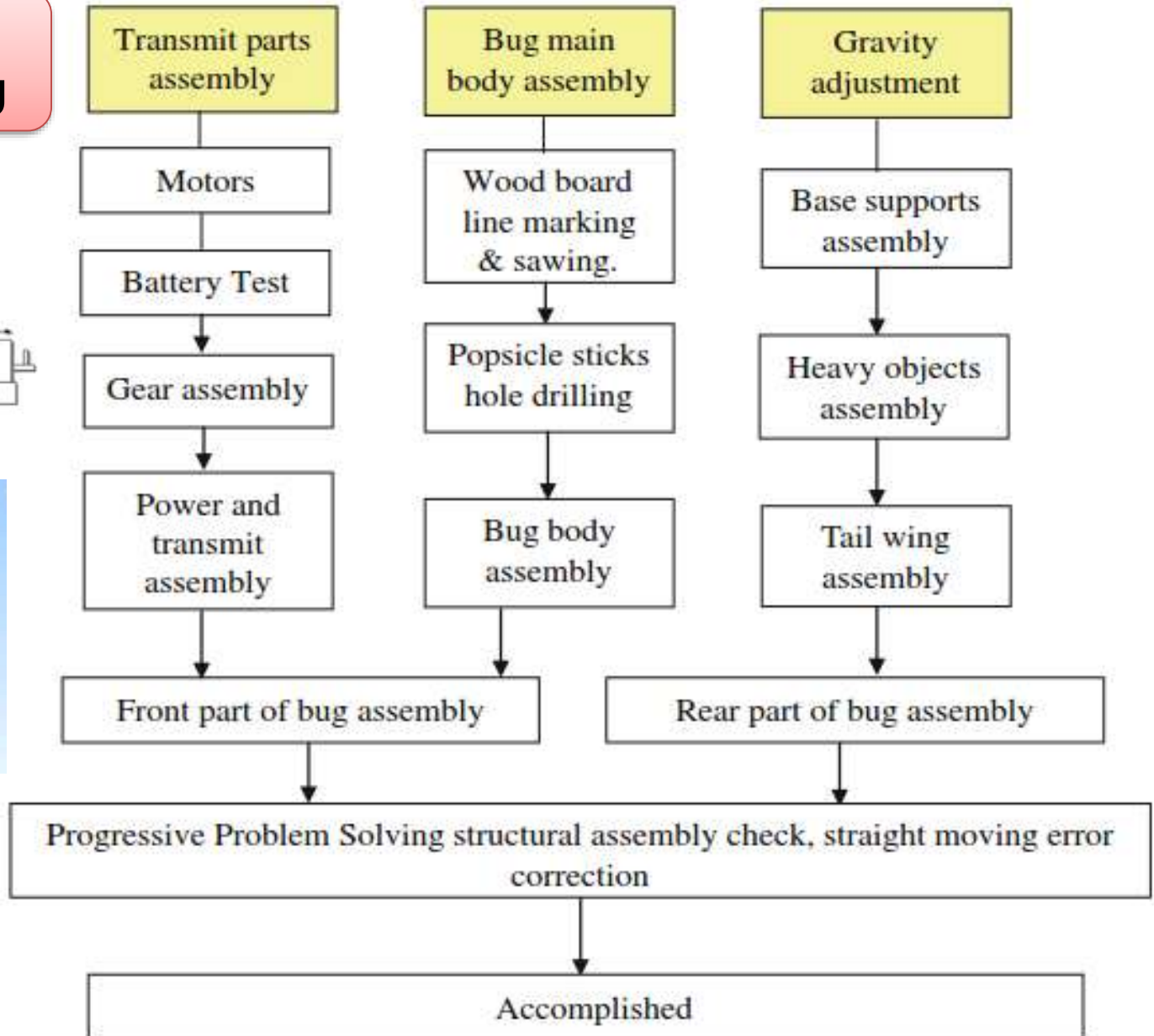
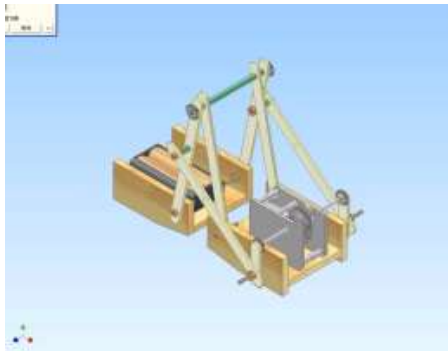


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for Young Inventors





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6 Invention Categories

Disaster
Management



Green
Technology



Education
and
Recreation



Safety
and
Health



Food
and
Agriculture



Technology
for
Special Needs





International Exhibition
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伸縮好睡學童椅



新自拍神器



Inventor(s)

Yi-Wei Chao
Bo-Tung Kao
Huei-Shiang Wang



太陽能WiFi 定位智能垃圾桶



Inventor(s)

Po-Chen Yen
Tai-Hsiang Wang



Inventor(s)

Chia-Hung Lin
Yen-Ting Liu
Jone-Wei Shen











Assessment Criteria



International Exhibition
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- 1. Creativity**
- 2. Appearance**
- 3. Operability**
- 4. Marketability &
Environmental Friendly**
- 5. Presentation**
- 6. Overall**

Hands-on learning

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- The use of whole-brain magnetic-resonance imaging can visualize changes in the brains of individuals.
- The study results show an increased activation of ventral premotor and inferior parietal elements of the parietofrontal praxis circuits in both the hemispheres and of the right hemisphere homologue of Broca's area. The observed patterns of activation and of overlap with language circuits suggest that **toolmaking and language share a basis in more general human capacities for complex, goal-directed action.**

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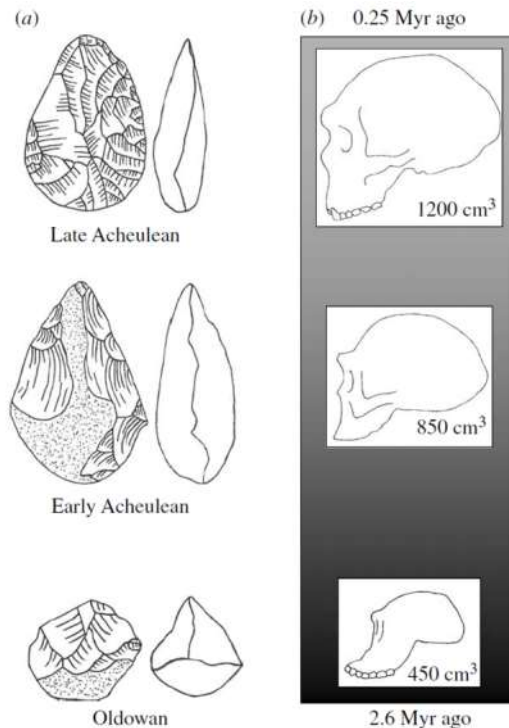


Figure 1. Early Stone Age (a) technological and (b) biological change. Elements drawn after Klein (1999).

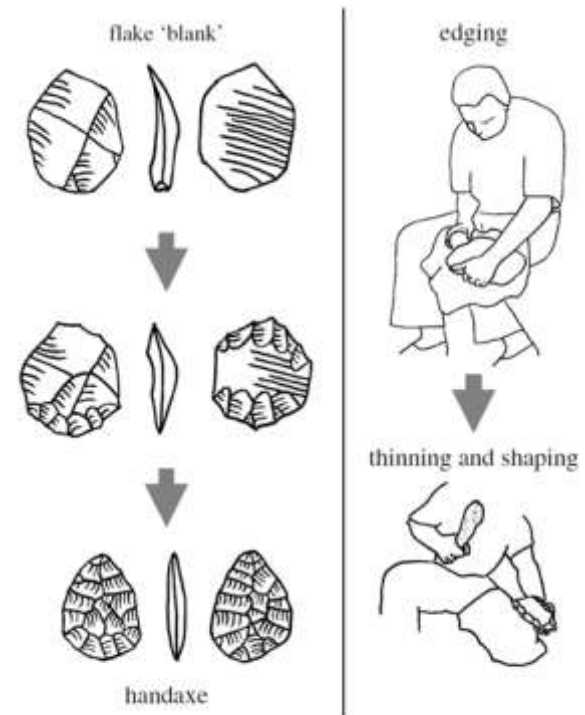


Figure 2. Acheulean toolmaking. Elements drawn after Inizan et al. (1999).

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- From this evolutionary perspective, understanding **the brain bases of complex tool-use and toolmaking emerges as a key issue for cognitive neuroscience.**

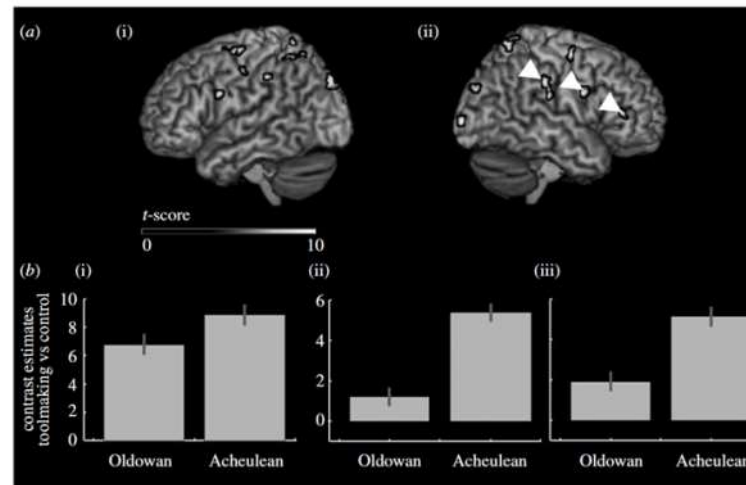


Figure 4. Main effects of expert toolmaking. (a) Lateral renders of brain activation ((i) left and (ii) right) during expert Acheulean toolmaking (see table 2). (b) Estimates for the contrasts Oldowan versus control and Acheulean versus control at the peak of the (i) supramarginal, (ii) ventral precentral, and (iii) inferior frontal clusters in the right hemisphere (white arrows on the right hemisphere render).

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- The study develops empirical methods for assessing the differential cognitive demands of Paleolithic technologies, and expands the scope of evolutionary hypotheses that can be tested using the available archaeological record.

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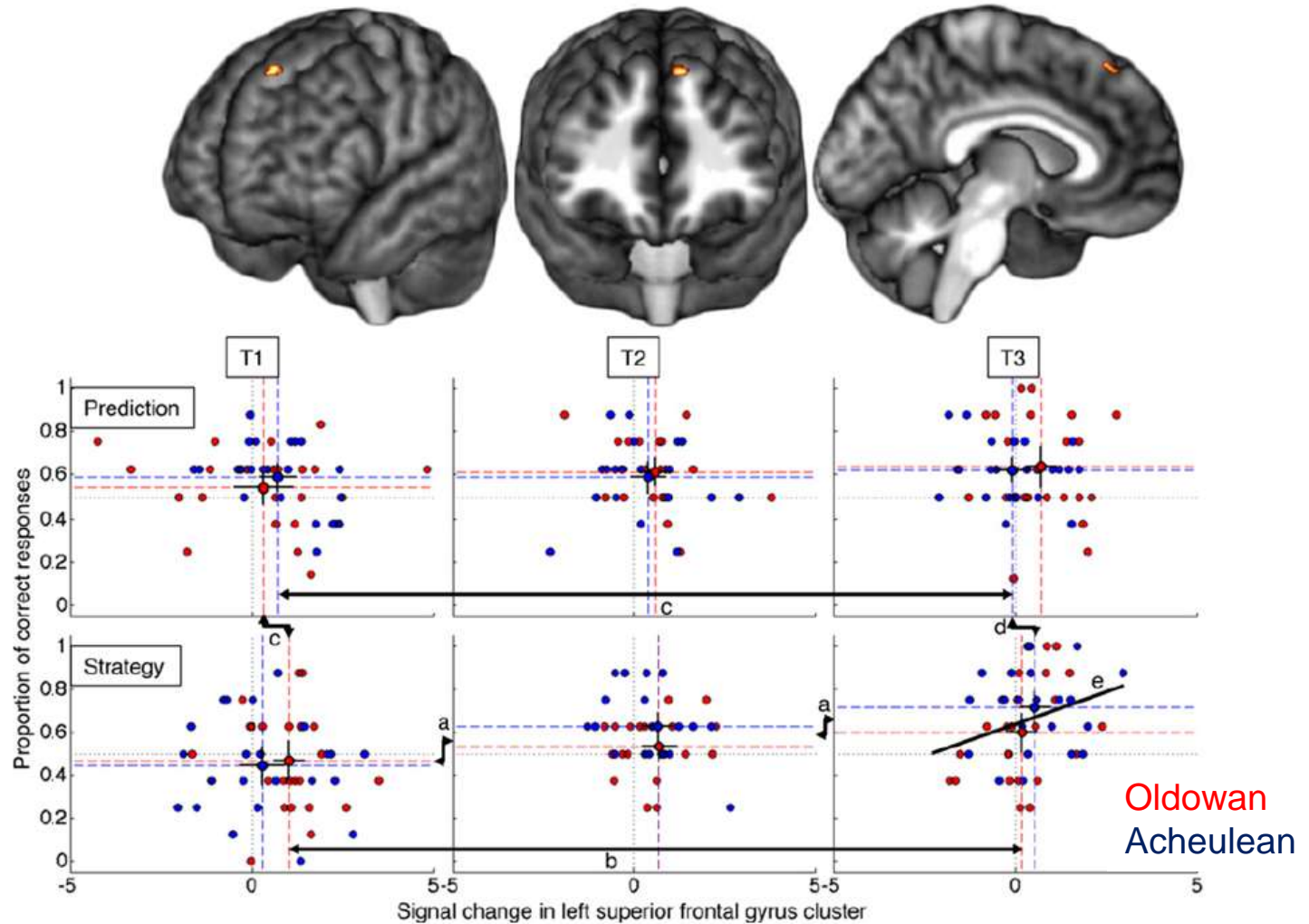


Fig 2. Location of the significant 3-way interaction in left SFG (top) and the relation of fMRI signal change to task performance (bottom). Arrows a–d indicate significant pairwise differences across time and tasks. e is a regression line ($r = 0.294$).

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Promoting students' Engagement in HSTC

- 1. Promote student engagement**
- 2. Change parents' attitudes**
- 3. Promote peer collaboration**
- 4. Enhance expansive learning and creativity**


General Technology Skills

1. Material processing

- ◆ Hand tools
- ◆ Electric power tools
- ◆ E-control tools

2. Parts assembling

- ◆ Gear sets
- ◆ Lever
- ◆ Motors

A hand is shown holding a small, intricate mechanical assembly. The assembly consists of a battery, a motor, and a gear set connected to a four-bar linkage. A large white arrow points from the assembly towards the left, towards a light blue box labeled 'Declarative Knowledge'. Another large white arrow points from the assembly towards the right, towards a purple box labeled 'Procedural Knowledge'. The background is a colorful, abstract pattern of overlapping triangles in shades of pink, purple, blue, and yellow.

Declarative Knowledge

EX: Transmission Design

- Attributes of adhesive
- Power transmission and function of four bar linkage

Procedural Knowledge

- Assembly the gear set
- Make and glue the transmission crank

Three Stages of Maker



knowing what

Eyes-on

knowing why

Minds-on

knowing how

Hands-on



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