

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education for Sustainable Energy in Wetland Environment

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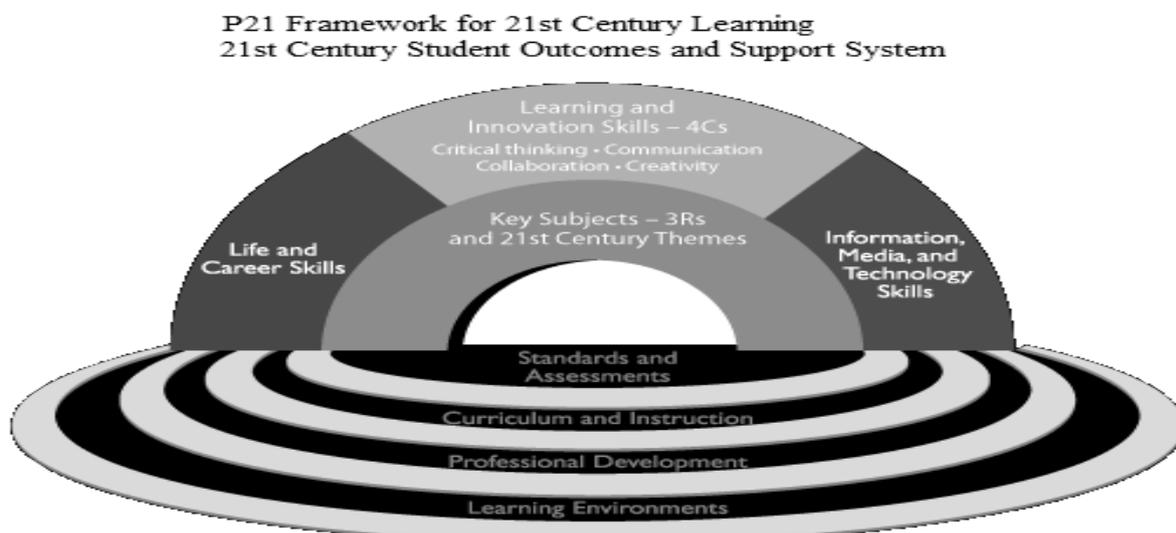
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Abstract—Creativity is a competency that must be mastered by students based on 21st-century learning skill standards in accordance with the development of science and technology. This requires students to become active, creative and innovative human beings in responding to increasingly complex and diverse global challenges. This study aims to determine the level of creativity of students in integrating knowledge of *Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics* (STEM) with the theme of renewable energy. This research was conducted at one of the Teacher Training Institutions in Banjarmasin with a total of 46 students who programmed applied for science courses. This study uses qualitative and quantitative methods by exploring the dimensions of student creativity to enhance student creativity. The results showed that the dimensions of student creativity are influenced by STEM learning which can support student creativity by elaborating knowledge, skills, and abilities in solving problems in daily life.

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I. INTRODUCTION

21st-century frameworks require life and career skills, learning and innovation skills, information skills, technology media with support systems in the form of assessment standards, curriculum, professional development, and learning environments [1]. This can be seen in Figure 1 which encourages students' success in gaining skills and knowledge through lifelong learning. In this 21st century, skills and types of work have shifted, machines replace the work that was originally done by humans, but the need for communication expert thinking is higher [2].



The main competencies needed to face the future are creativity, communication, flexibility, and independence [3 – 4]. Therefore, the education curriculum in Indonesia seeks to produce students who master the competencies needed in the 21st century through the development of creative education in realizing "Creative Indonesia 2045". However, this has not been supported by learning in Indonesia which still relies on memorization with teaching that is still conventional [5]. This causes students' creativity not to develop properly.

The integration of Knowledge *Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics* needs to be used in the learning process [6 – 7]. The teacher designs STEM-based learning to improve the ability to solve problems and make decisions [8]. STEM can develop students' creativity to solve real-life problems. Students can understand and apply STEM more meaningfully.

This study aims to explore the dimensions of student creativity through the integration of STEM knowledge. The model is *Project-Based Learning* used to explore creative products as a result of students working on projects. This study answers research questions consisting of: (1) How is student creativity through the integration of STEM knowledge ?, (2) what is the level of student creativity based on a review of the creativity dimension ?.

II. METHOD

Creativity is not a talent. Inheritance inherited from parents. Creativity can be trained and developed to explore the potential of students through the learning process [9]. This study involved 46 prospective physics teachers who programed Applied Physics in one of the LPTKs in Banjarmasin. This course is carried out with a weight of 2 credits during 16 meetings through six stages of learning as shown in Table I.

TABLE I. STAGES OF LEARNING ACTIVITY STAGES

Stage	Activity
1	Identifying Problems
2	Exploring Problems
3	Formulating and Analyzing Ideas
4	Designing Project Designs
5	Making and Testing Projects
6	Reporting Project Results

Students are guided to recognize the condition of the energy crisis that occurred in Indonesia in particular to explore the energy problems that occur in their environment and are directed to solve these problems through the empowerment of renewable energy. Through this activity, students participate actively and contribute through the theme of renewable energy by creating creative products through the integration of STEM. Students are divided into 10 groups with different projects. The projects are chosen by each group based on the identification and exploration of problems that occur in the surrounding environment with the theme of renewable energy. The projects undertaken include solar cell energy, wind energy, water energy, and wetland

energy.

The research method used is a mixed-method (qualitative and quantitative [10]. Quantitative data is obtained from tests of creativity, tests of energy concepts, and assessment of creative products. Qualitative data is collected through interviews, questionnaires, responses, and student journals. The validity is calculated using the *Content Validity Ratio* (CVR) [11] Then a paired t-test is performed to determine the effectiveness of the integration of STEM knowledge on the dimensions of student creativity.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of the study are discussed into two sections that answer the research questions. The first part explains how student creativity through STEM knowledge integration and the second part explains how the level of student creativity based on a review of the creativity dimension 1. The creative thinking ability test was carried out before and after learning (initial and final tests) to find out whether the integration of STEM knowledge can increase student creativity. Students' creative thinking abilities consist of four indicators namely fluency, flexibility, originality, and elaboration [12 – 13]. Paired t-test results of the dimensions of student creativity for each indicator consisting of components of fluency, flexibility, originality, and elaboration can be seen in Table II.

TABLE II. T-TEST RESULTS OF THE DIMENSIONS OF STUDENT CREATIVITY

Subject	Pre-test/Post-test	Paired Differences M (SD)	T
Fluency	Pair 1	4.147	7.542***
	Flu-pFlu	(2.985)	
Flexibility	Pair 2	4.611	11.168***
	Fle-pFle	(2.263)	
Originality	Pair 3	3.280	6.773***
	Ori-pOri	(2.636)	
Elaboration	Pair 4	2.825	5.741***
	Ela-pEla	(2.662)	

* $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

Figure 2 shows the average percentage of indicators of students' creative thinking skills during *pre-test* and *post-test* that shows an increase.

Indicators of fluency in creative thinking skills have increased by 18%, flexibility by 20%, originality by 16%, and elaboration by 15%. Based on these results it can be stated that learning through the integration of STEM knowledge can increase the dimensions of student creativity. In the activity of identifying problems, exploring problems, formulating and analyzing ideas, the dimensions of student creativity on flexibility ($t = 11,168$; $p < 0,001$), and fluency ($t = 7,542$; $p < 0,001$) showed a good development. Students are able to identify the problem of energy crisis by offering many creative solutions.

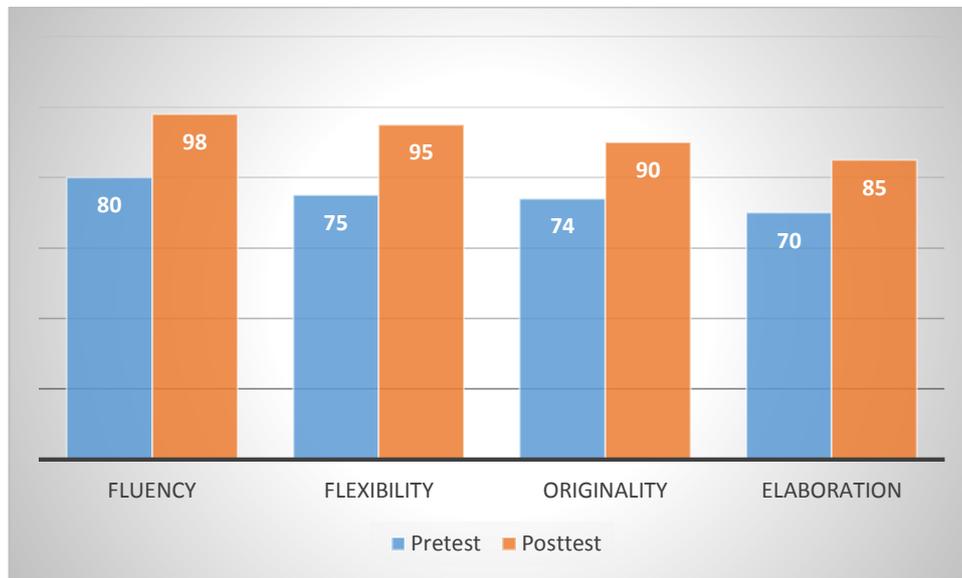
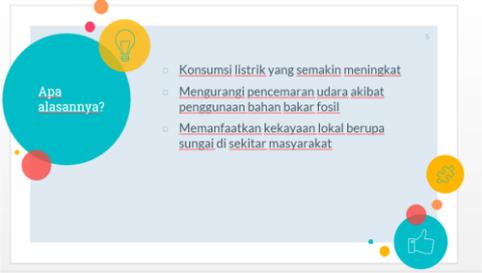


Fig. 2. The average percentage of *pretest* and *posttest* creative thinking abilities

The next step is to design and create a project design to realize the ideas that have been analyzed. Students learn to identify problems, offer alternative solutions, and design projects through the integration of STEM knowledge with a variety of creativity. During the project design activity, the group that designed the hydroelectric power plant revised the design of the project it had designed. At the beginning of making advice *power plant hydro floating*, the turbine used came from zinc, but after testing the zinc material was too heavy to form into a system. Therefore, it is replaced by material *polycarbonate* which is lighter than zinc. Then, the use of *bearings* supported the rotation of the turbine. The wheel system also initially used *gear* for small wheels and plates for large wheels, but due to the availability of size

variations *bearing*, it was changed to use pulleys made of wood that can be formed according to the appropriate size, the use of wood pulleys also tends to be lighter so such system turnover tends to be smoother. If you use *gears* and discs as wheels the ropes are used to interconnect the wheels, namely chains. However, because the wheels use wood pulleys, the ropes used are pulleys which in this tool use long ropes made of rubber. Ropes are made from rubber because the coefficient of friction owned by rubber-type material is large enough so that no slip occurs when the wheels spin. This shows that students have collaborated to solve problems well. This success is a series of activities and experiences done by students learning from failure. Student learning activities through STEM integration can be explained as in Figure 3.

TABLE III. INTEGRATED LEARNING ACTIVITIES STEM KNOWLEDGE

Activity	STEM knowledge integration activities
<p>1. Identifying Problems</p> 	<p><i>Science</i> In terms of science namely energy used in this tool is the kinetic energy of running water. Due to the effects of high and low tides, river water can flow. Unlike the water flowing in mountainous areas whose flow from upstream to downstream. However, this flow is due to high tides and tides. Then, the kinetic energy of this river flow is used to produce electricity.</p> <p><i>Technology</i></p>

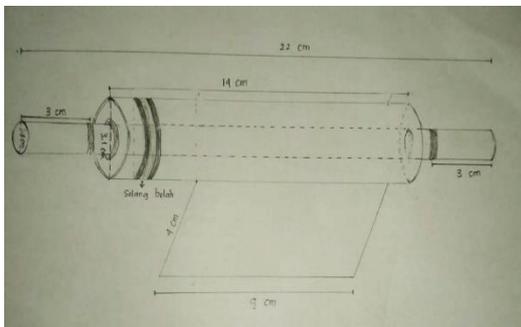
2. Exploring Problems



3. Formulating and Analyzing Ideas



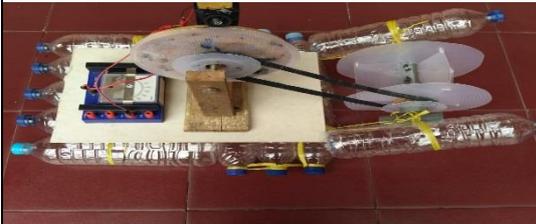
4. Designing project designs



5 Creating and testing projects



6. Reporting the results of the project



The technology contained in *hydro floating* is the manufacture of hydroelectric power generation devices using the principle of *hydro floating*. In hydropower plants, the equipment used does not move because the driving source is usually from a waterfall or from a dam. In this tool, using a float so that the tool is more dynamic when placed on the surface of the water and in high tide and tidal conditions.

Engineering

Kinetic energy contained in flowing water will rotate the turbine and produce mechanical energy. The mechanical energy generated is what can turn a generator or dynamo so that electrical energy occurs. Turbines that rotate due to kinetic energy of water flow is connected to the wheels and then connected to the dynamo. The rotation of the dynamo will produce electrical energy due to changes in the magnetic field in the rotating dynamo.

Mathematics

Mathematical calculations on *hydro floating* use the concept of the wheel-wheel relationship. The of electrical energy obtained in the *enlargement hydro floating power plant* uses the principle of the relationship of the wheels and Faraday-Lenz's law which can be mathematically written as follows:

1. Centralized wheel relations
 $\omega_A = \omega_B$
2. Chain wheel relations
 $V_A = V_B$
 $\omega_A R_A = \omega_B R_B$
3. Intersect wheel relations
 $V_A = V_B$
 $\omega_A R_A = \omega_B R_B$
4. Faraday Lenz Law

$$E = -N \frac{\Delta\Phi}{\Delta t}$$

Table III explains that the dimensions of student creativity is developed well through the integration of STEM knowledge. The increase of student creativity is a learning process activity to jointly solve problems that are in accordance with the four pillars of education, namely *learning to know, learning to do, learning to be, and learning to live together* [14]. The level of student creativity based on

the dimensions of creativity are grouped into four elements which are often called the 4P component consisting of Person, Process, Product, and Press [15 – 16, 13]. Human characteristics as individuals must have a sense, work, creativity that involves personality, motivation, intelligence, thinking style, emotional intelligence, and knowledge [17].

TABLE IV. T-TEST RESULTS OF 4P STUDENT CREATIVITY DIMENSION

Subject	Pre-test/Pos-test	Paired Differences M (SD)	t
Person	Pair 1	8.25	6.05***
	Per-pPer	(7.36)	
Process	Pair 2	14.54	10.15***
	Pro-pPro	(7.71)	
Product	Pair 3	18.22	23.51***
	Prd-pPrd	(4.10)	
Press	Pair 4	11.25	7.11***
	Pre-pPre	(9.53)	

* $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

The data shows that the students experienced a significant change in all components of the 4P creativity dimension as seen in Table IV. The component *Product* ($t = 23.51$, $p < 0.001$) experienced the biggest change, then the component *Process* ($t = 10.15$, $p < 0.001$), the *Press* component ($t = 7.11$; $p < 0.001$), and the smallest change lies in the *Person* component ($t = 6.05$; $p < 0.001$).

Based on these results, it can be stated that the learning process through the integration of STEM knowledge can increase the dimensions of student creativity effectively. In addition, the learning process through STEM integration is able to create a learning environment that encourages students to explore the dimensions of creativity to the fullest.

IV. CONCLUSION

Creativity competence is one of the competencies students must master in 21st-century learning. This study aims to explore the dimensions of student creativity through the integration of STEM knowledge. Based on the results and discussion above, it can be concluded: (a) The learning process through the integration of STEM knowledge can improve student creativity in terms of creative thinking abilities consisting of fluency, flexibility, originality, and elaboration; and (b) The learning process through the integration of STEM knowledge can increase the dimensions of student creativity components of the dimensions of creativity consisting of *Person, Process, Product, and Press*.

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