



STEAM learning using a web-based workbench of music science interactive activities

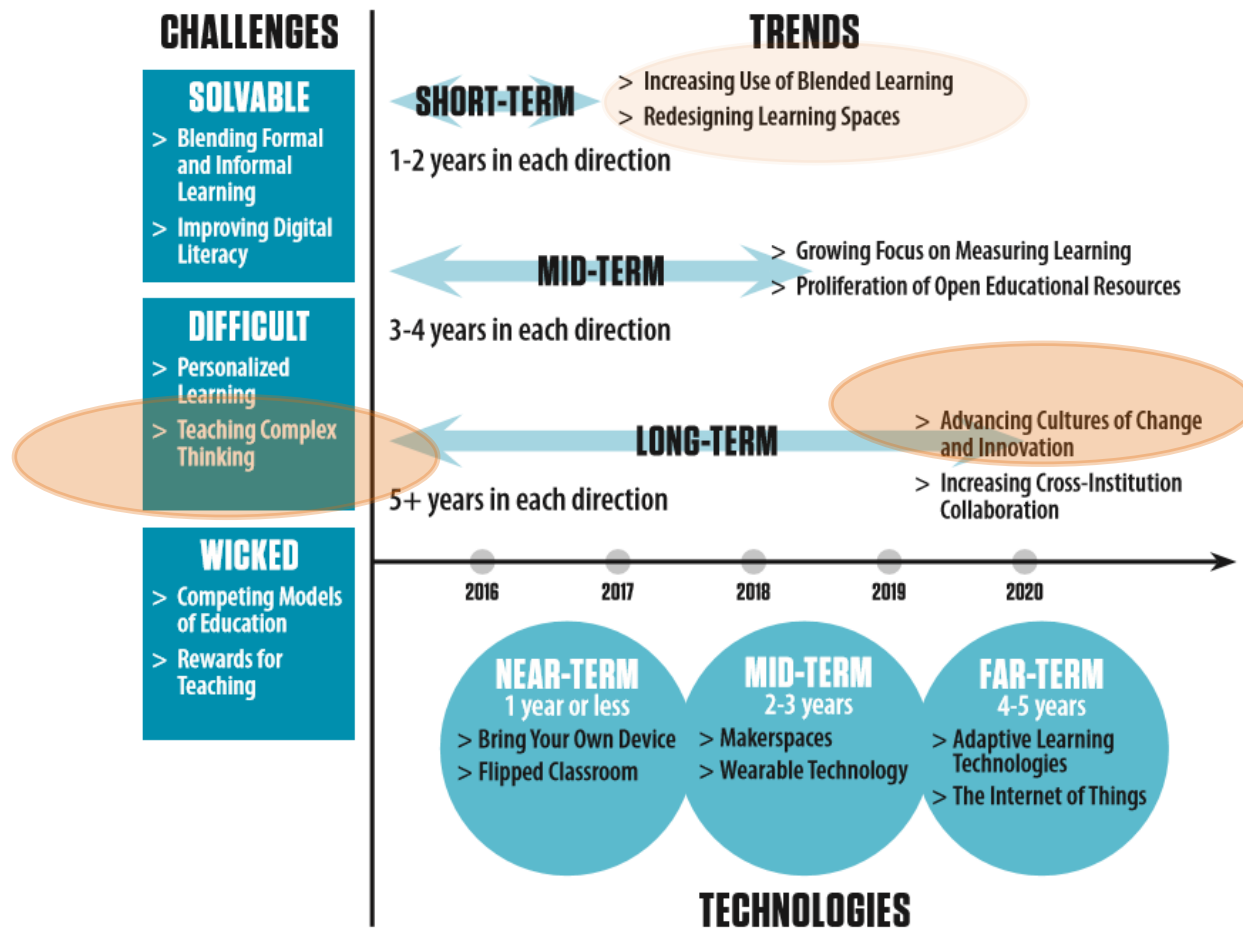
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The educational movement of STEAM

- Cross-disciplinarily connected skills in the educational process to promote **creativity, critical thinking, innovation, risk taking**
- Alongside with knowledge and skills in **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics** (STEM) fields
- Bring **Arts (A)** at the heart of the academic curriculum

STEM + A = STEAM

Inspired by trends, challenges and technologies



Source: New Media Consortium (NMC) Horizon Report 2015

iMuSciCA Vision



John & Beatrice
iMuSciCA students

Interactive Music Science Collaborative Activities



3D printing of the instrument for the concert



Alexandra is teaching geometry and waves



John and Beatrice incorporate new knowledge in their instrument design



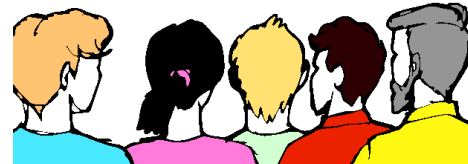
They explain their 3D instrument to their class mates



Co-creative design, visualisation, and testing of 3D instruments that sound



Logo Design & sketches by Andrin Hubacher



At the end of the semester, a concert is taking place where students celebrate their deeper learning



Teachers design iMuSciCA class lessons for STEAM learning



Garry gives individual feedback to Beatrice



Teachers exchange knowledge from different subjects



Alexandra discusses the learning outcomes with John



Garry & Alexandra
iMuSciCA teachers

Team Teaching for STEAM Education



Teachers committee measures the impact of iMuSciCA on deeper learning and refines lesson for next year

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interactive **M**usic **S**cience **C**ollaborative **A**ctivities

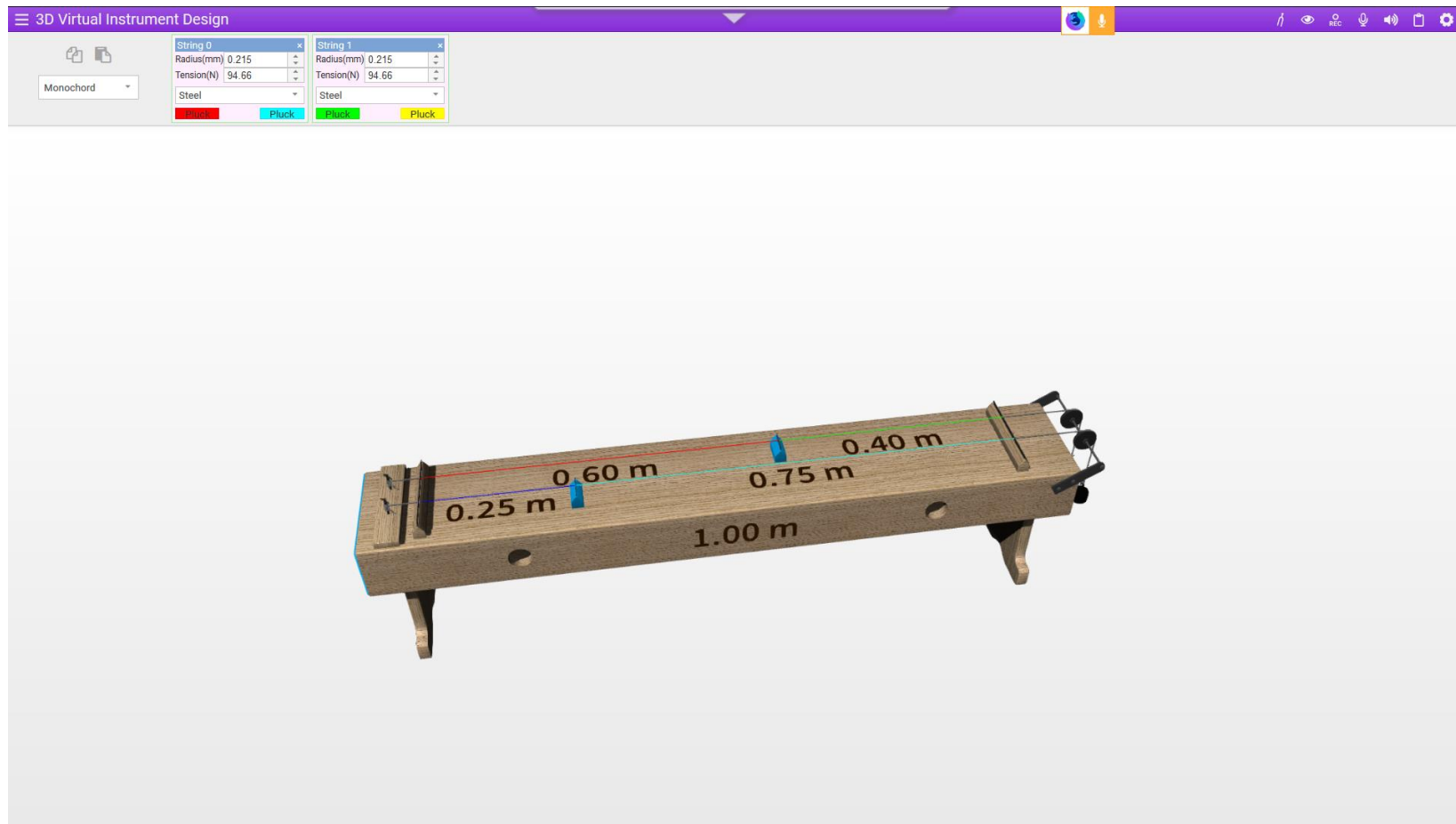
- Design and implement a suite of **software tools and services** on top of **new enabling technologies** integrated on a platform that will deliver **interactive music activities for teaching/learning STEM**
- New pedagogical methodologies and innovative educational technology tools to support **active, discovery-based, personalized, and more engaging learning**
- Provide students and teachers with opportunities for **collaboration, co-creation and collective knowledge building**

iMuSciCA objectives

- Develop and explore **original and innovative enabling technologies** to facilitate open co-creation tools incorporated in music activities to support STEAM learning
- Develop a **workbench of music activities** to give learners the opportunity to discover phenomena/laws of **physics, geometry, mathematics and technology**
- Encourage students to engage in innovative interactive music activities with **advanced multimodal interfaces** to discover new ways to look at **science and technology** to support **creative and artistic interventions**
- Enable teachers to design engaging **project/problem based STEAM learning activities**

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Virtual 3D environments to design personalized musical instruments using geometric forms and tools



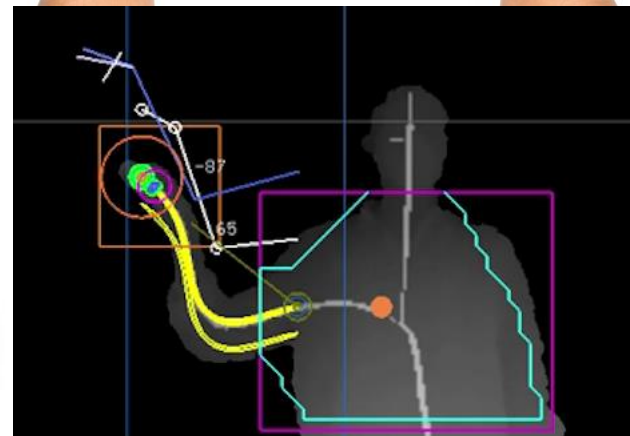
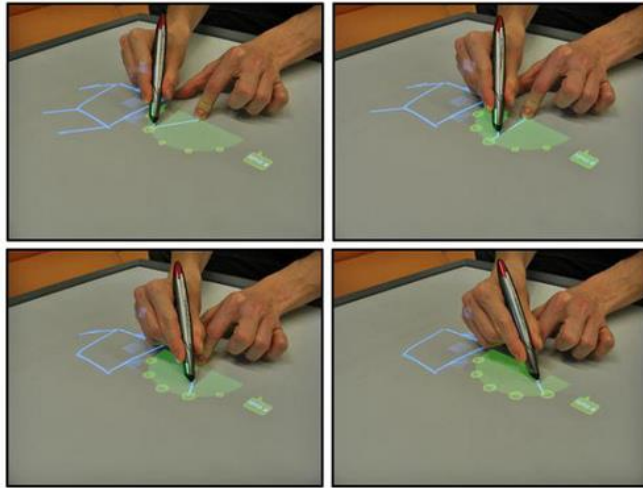
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Computer generated sound produced by varying the design parameters of musical instruments with interpretations of the related physics and mathematics



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Gesture and pen-enabled multimodal interaction of the learners with the virtual 3D musical instrument for co-creation and music performance



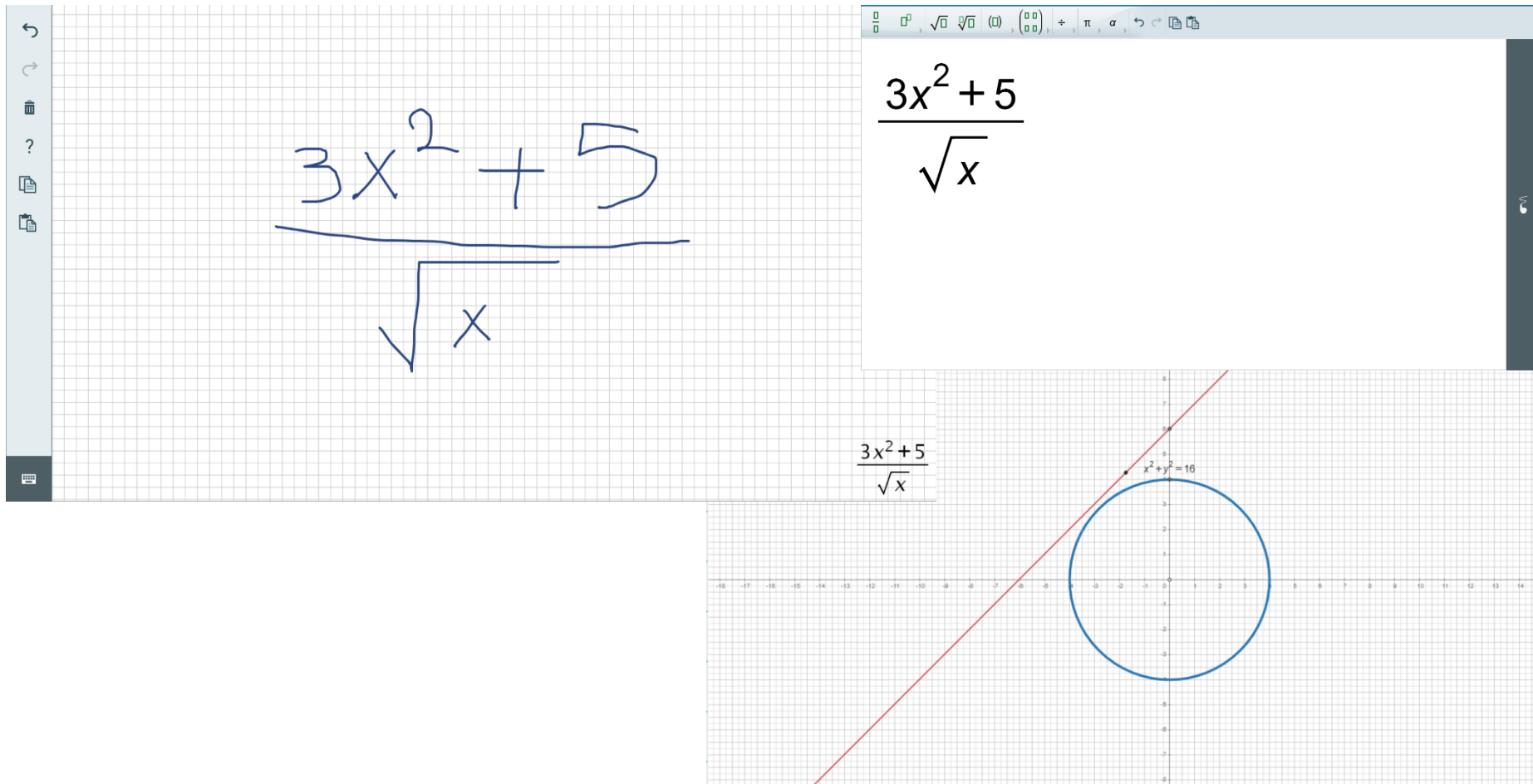
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Interactive STEM authoring and learning environments with advanced tools for the creation and presentation of lesson plans

The screenshot displays the iMuSciCA software interface. On the left is a vertical toolbar with various icons for navigation and editing. The main workspace shows a 3D orange cube with the volume $45,329 \text{ cm}^3$ displayed above it. To the right of the cube is its corresponding net, a 2D layout of red and cyan rectangles. On the right side of the interface, there is a calculator widget. The calculator shows the expression $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{7}{12}$. Below the expression is a grid of mathematical symbols and functions, including $\sqrt{?}$, $a^?$, $10^?$, e , \sin , \cos , \tan , and basic arithmetic operators.

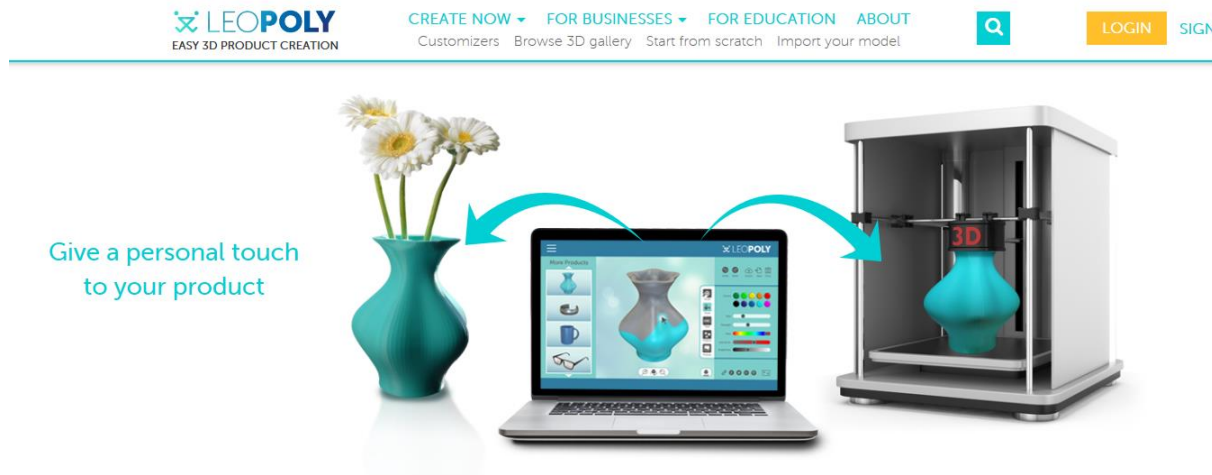
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Pen enabled environments with handwriting recognition technology for mathematical expressions and geometric shapes



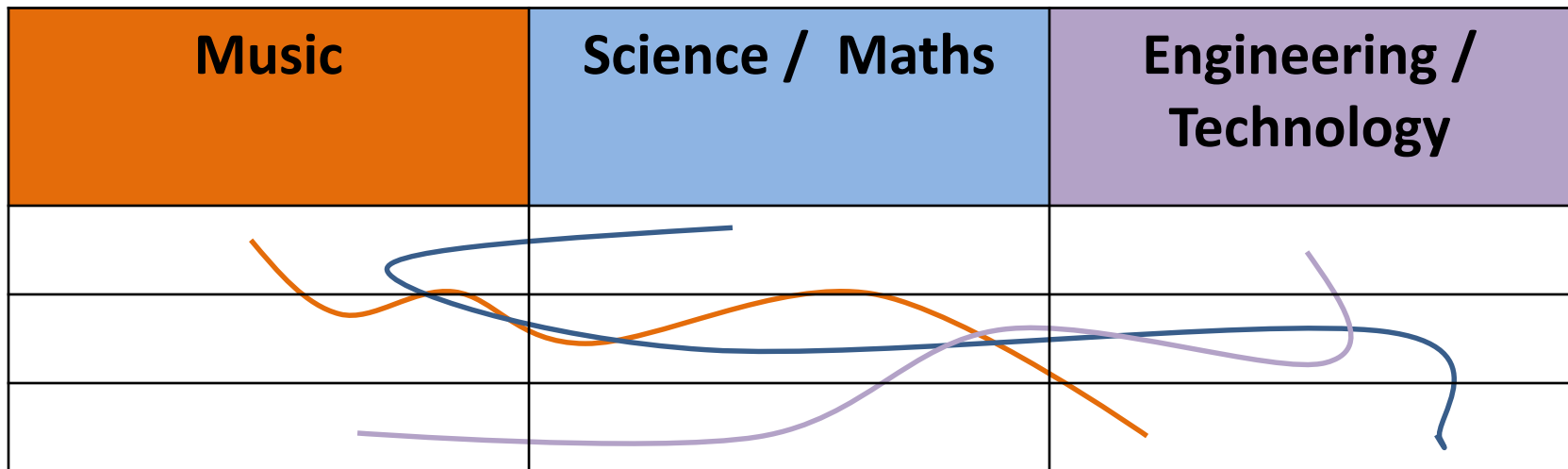
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Deployment of **3D printing technology** for realizing the physical musical instrument as a tangible physical object



iMuSciCA STEAM pedagogy reflects real world

- Interdisciplinary
- Inquiry across STEAM fields
- Different inquiry paths
- Collaborative and co-creative learning across fields
- 21st Century Skills across STEAM fields



Inquiry Based

Music / Science-Mathematics/ Technology-Engineering

1. Engage

Wonder, ask questions, explore, observe – Identify problems, questions and chances – Relate to background knowledge

2. Imagine

Identify relevant variables to investigate – Identify Relevant Solutions to use - Use imagination and make hypothesis – Choose potential solution

3. Create – Investigate/Design

Plan the Investigation – Design the Prototype – Carry out Investigation – Build the Prototype

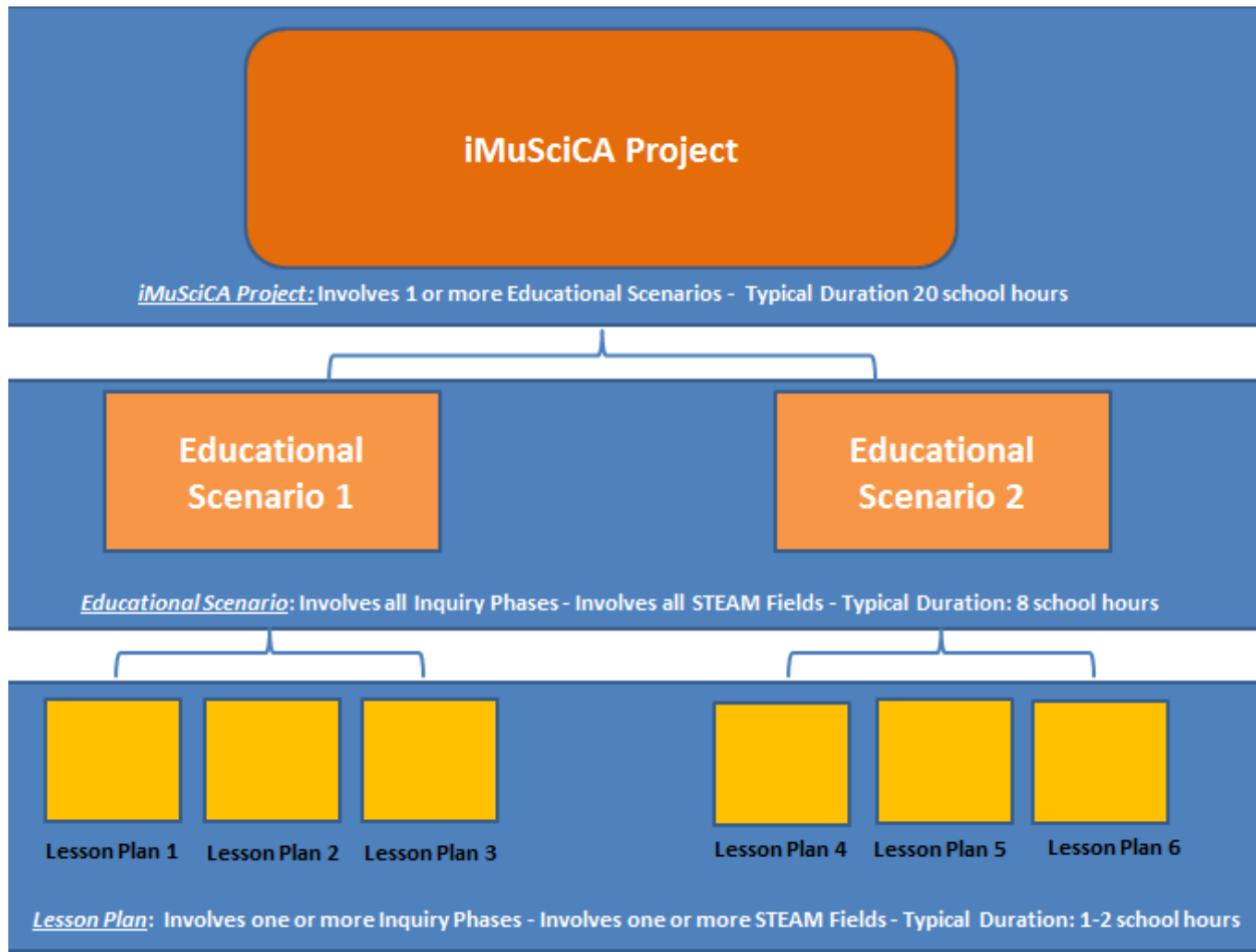
4. Analyse

Analyse Data from Investigations and Draw Conclusions – Evaluate the Prototype – Explain by Relating to Background Knowledge – Optimise the prototype – Describe and explain the results in the different STEAM-fields and the connections between them

5. Communicate and Reflect

Communicate results and conclusions – Communicate the product – Perform – Reflect on Feedback and incorporate in further processes

Educational scenarios and lesson plans



A Generic Educational Scenario across STEAM Fields and IBSE Phases

	Music	Science/ Mathematics	Engineering/ Technology
Engage	Lesson Plan 1		
Imagine		Lesson Plan 1	
Create Investigate/Design	Lesson Plan 4	Lesson Plan 2	Lesson Plan 2
Analyze		Lesson Plan 3	
Communicate & Reflect	Lesson Plan 4	Lesson Plan 3	

iMuSciCA main outcomes

- **Workbench of Music Activities** containing methodological and advocacy tools of advanced enabling technologies to assist learners in developing co-creative processes for STEAM learning
- **Cross-disciplinary lesson plans** for secondary education to teach physics, geometry, mathematics and technology **combined with creative music activities**
- Professional development **material for teachers and educators** for adopting innovative STEAM teaching methodology

Evaluation of deeper learning with iMuSciCA

- Formative evaluation
 - Pilots in Greece, Belgium and France (~30 students and ~6 teachers)
- Summative evaluation
 - Pilots in Greece, Belgium and France (~300 students and ~50 teachers)
- Qualitative and Quantitative methods and instruments
 - Surveys, questionnaires (teachers and learners)
 - Pre & post tests (learners)
 - Tracking learner's activity (mouse clicks, response times, frequency of hints, etc.)
 - Tracking learner's behaviour

Advanced monitoring tools for tracking learner's behaviour

- Eye tracking
- Facial expressions analysis
- Galvanic Skin Response (GSR) sensors
- Electroencephalography (EEG)



iMuSciCA workbench

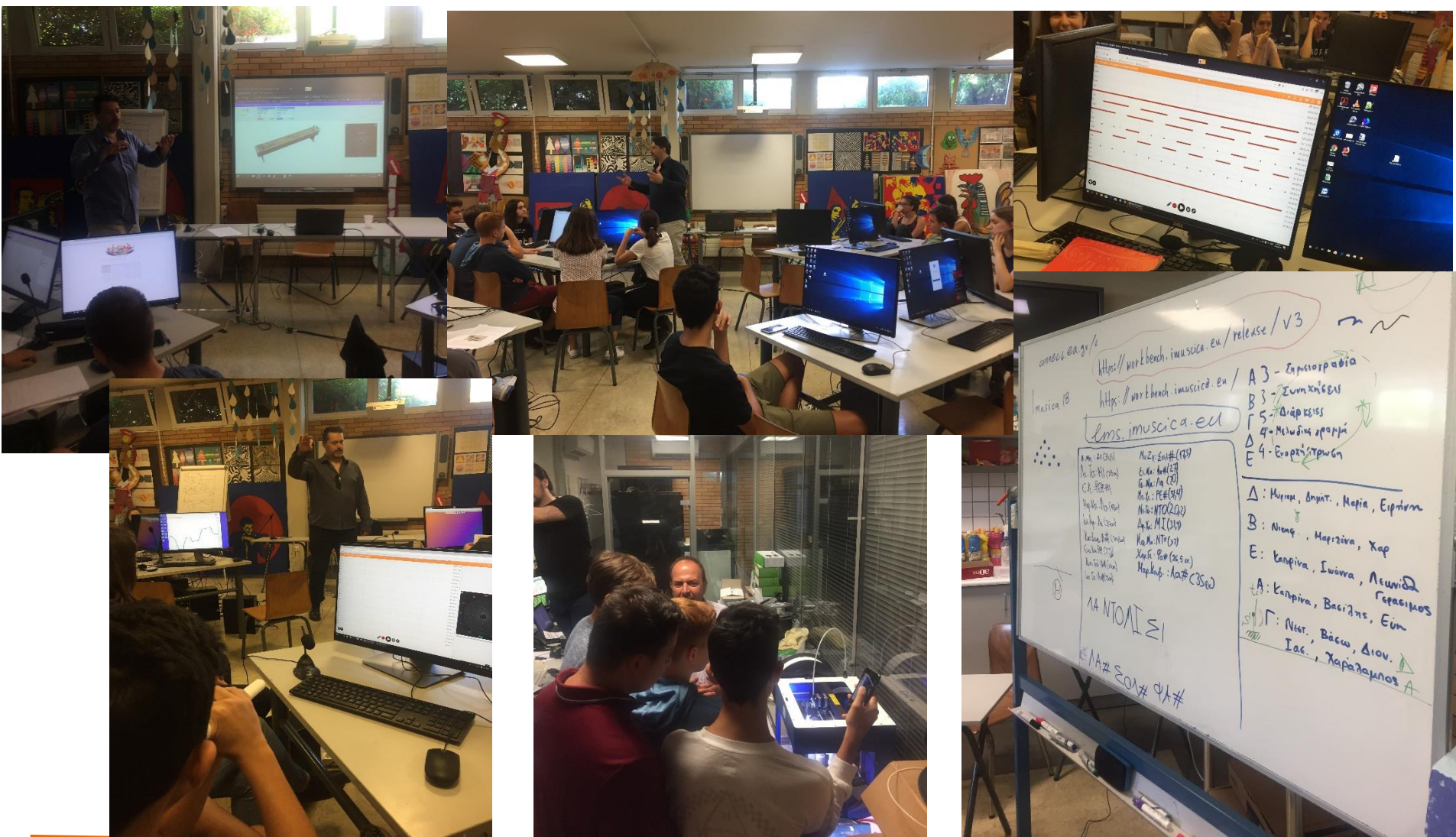
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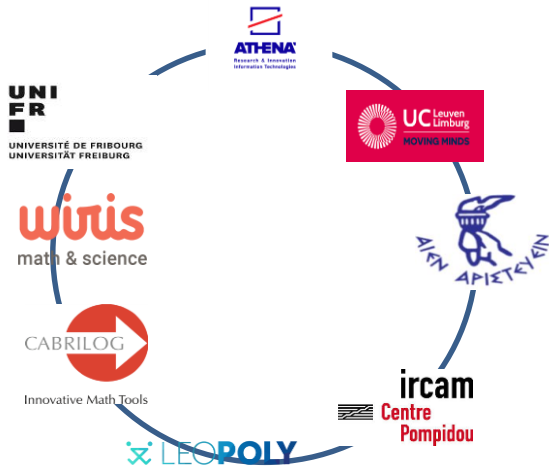


3D Virtual Instrument Design

<https://workbench.imuscica.eu>

iMuSciCA vision becoming alive





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