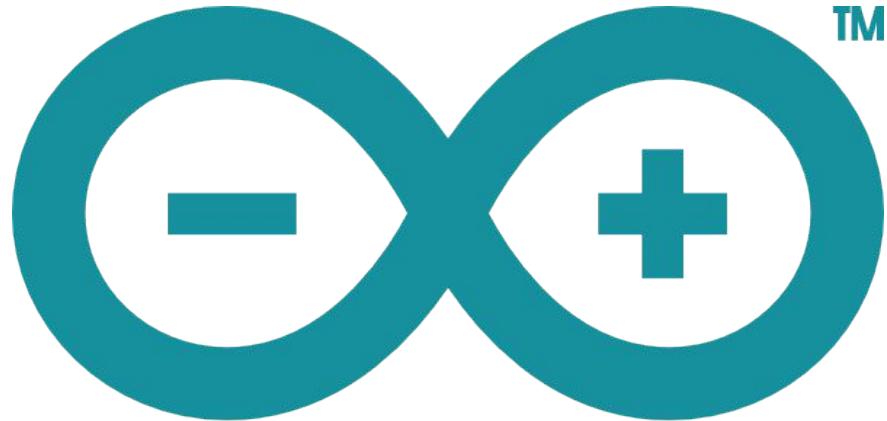


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# Different pedagogical models using tech

Case of STEAM Programs Using Arduino



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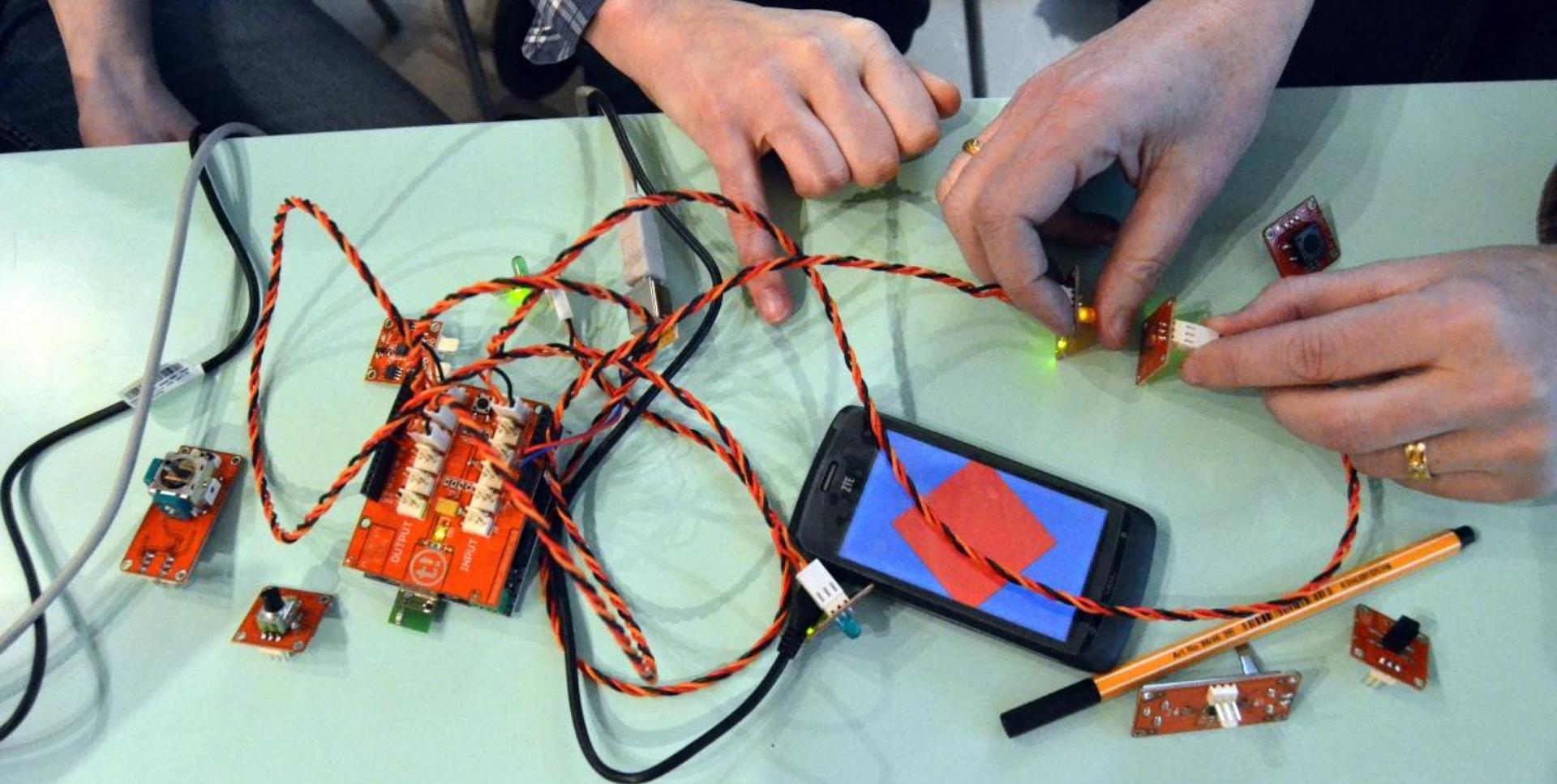
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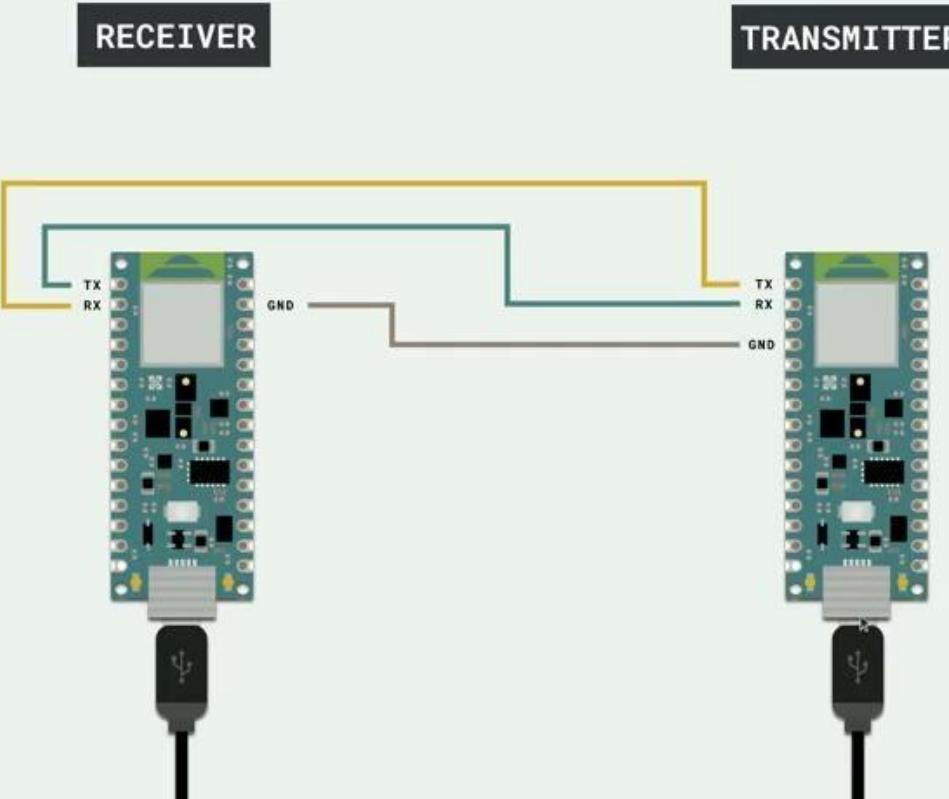


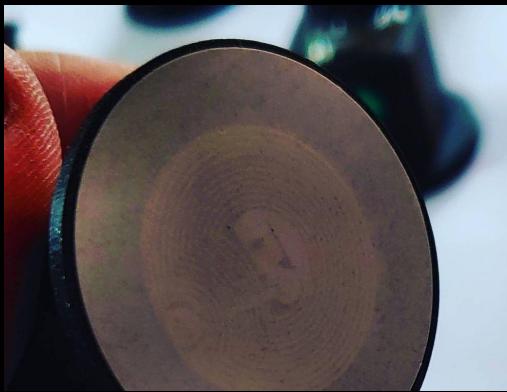
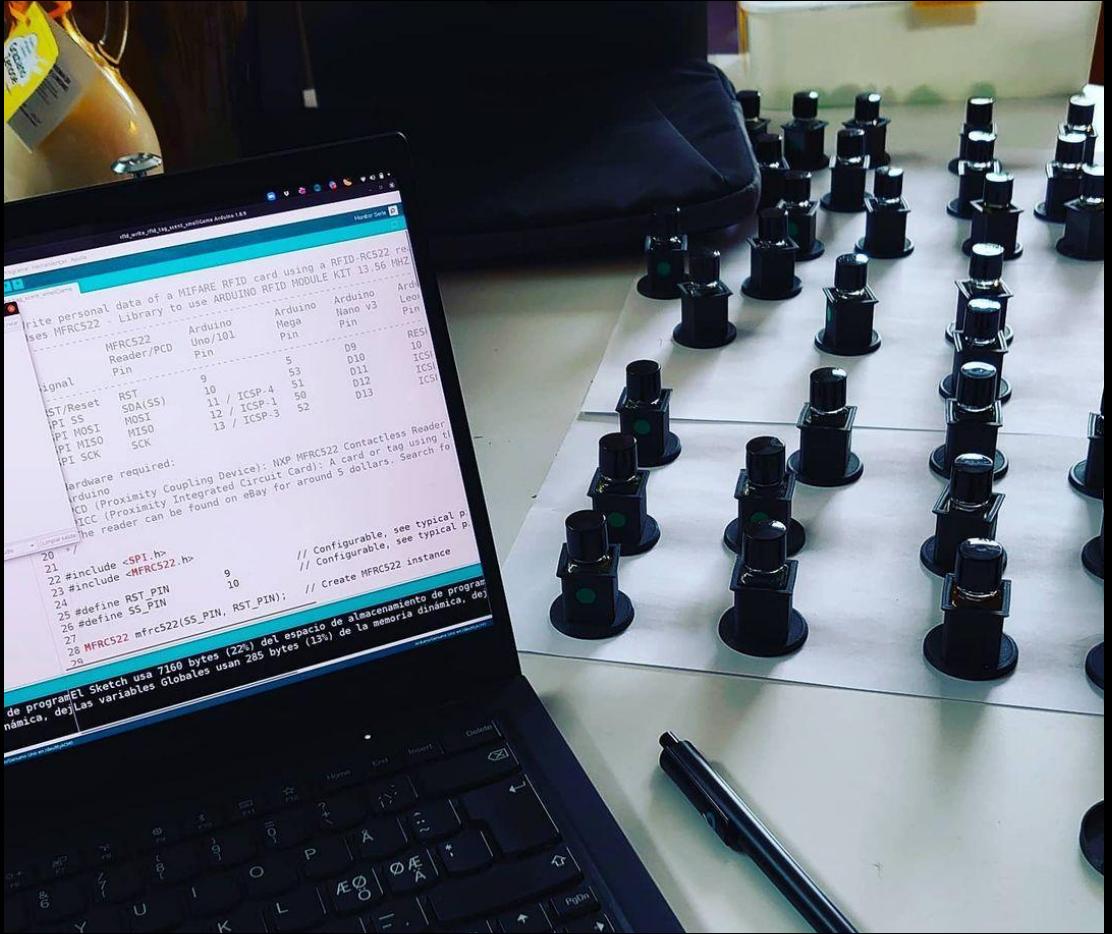
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IxD is a discipline  
looking at the  
interaction between  
[non] humans by means  
of digital artifacts  
[products and services].

# IxD is well-established

- There is both professional and academic development possibilities when taking the IDM.
- All IT companies hire interaction designers.
- More and more product-centric companies incorporate IxD.
- There is plenty of academic literature in the field.
- The discipline is linked to others such as psychology, engineering, sociology, product design, fine arts, etc.

# IxD @MaU

- Programme existing since 1998.
- Exists both at BSc. / MSc. / PhD. levels.
- Alumni at all relevant sectors of the industry, but also within many of the main academic institutions world-wide.





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*In the meantime I got my stainless steel coffee pot. It was truly beautiful, but using it at home revealed new aspects. It turned out not to be "drip free", however more important, the suspended tilting lid which opened and closed by the motion of pouring was smart, but it could not keep the coffee warm for more than an hour. That was a disappointing experience, when expecting to have a hot cup of coffee on an evening working late. The beautiful stainless cylinder together with the tilting lid was also the source of another problem. The relation between the base and the height of the steel cylinder made it rather unstable and easy to tilt, and then the tilting lid opened. With small children around my beautiful coffee pot became a dangerous trap, at least during the first hour when the coffee still was hot. So my beautiful stainless steel cylinder ended up in the closet, and the only time I use it now is when I tell this story to my students. I still, however, find Eric Magnussen's coffee pot beautiful, but now with reservations. I do no longer find the design exemplary, at least I do not find it appropriate in the context of family life with small children or as a container for hot coffee to keep you awake when working late. Appropriateness, I have now learned is a more important aesthetic category than beauty, and a "pretty interface" is only so in an appropriate context.*

Ehn, P. (1997). Quality-in-Use - educating the reflective designer. *Ergonomie'97*.



# **But this talk is about ...**

# **... pedagogical models (and reflections)**

- Different ways of approaching technical materials in class.
- Mixing technology with other materials.
- Maximising outreach.
- Thinking about limitations.

**People put  
platforms to use to  
learn and create  
things.**

**The same way we were  
teaching, other teachers  
decided to use this  
platform for STEAM  
teaching.**

# **STEAM: Science Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math**

# **STEAM has taken off.**

- Many public institutions in the field of education are using the so-called STEAM activities as a way to inspire the younger generations into pursuing science or technical studies.
- STEAM includes arts & crafts, creative technology, robotics, 3D printing, web programming, etc.
- Associated with it, pedagogical approaches such as PBL, constructionism, etc.

# **STEAM's academic references.**

- If you want to know more, you should read about Constructionism by Pappert, Resnick and others.
- You should also look at Freire and his theories around the pedagogy of the oppressed.
- Furthermore, you might want to explore aspects of group work (i.e. Social Constructivism), collaboration vs. cooperation, etc.

# **Case # 1: IBERCIVIS Foundation, Spain**

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IN PEACE  
FOR ALL  
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A recorded history  
of space exploration  
and the triumph  
of the lunar landing









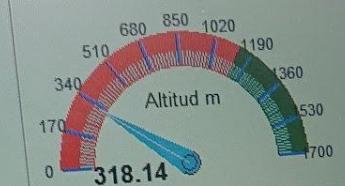
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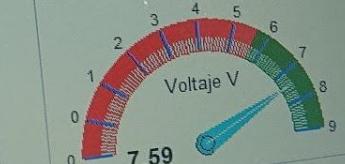
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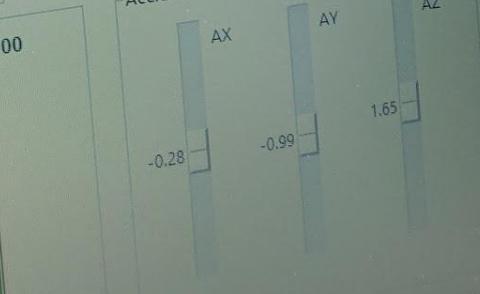
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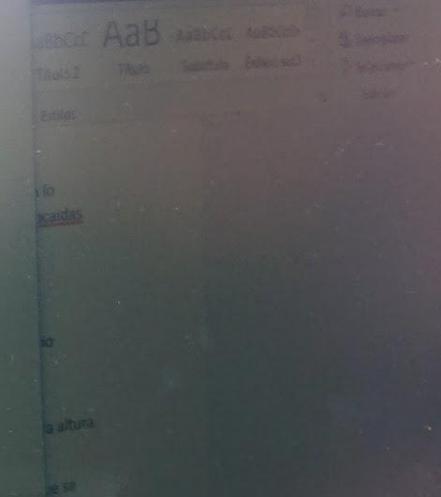
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# Format

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Call for  
applications

Team  
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introduction

Project  
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Launch

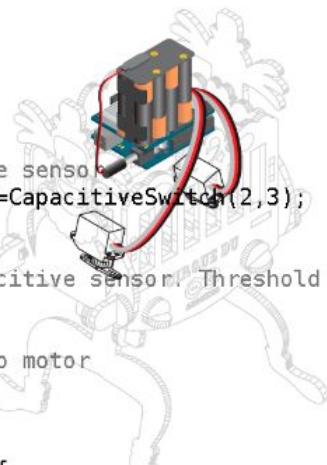
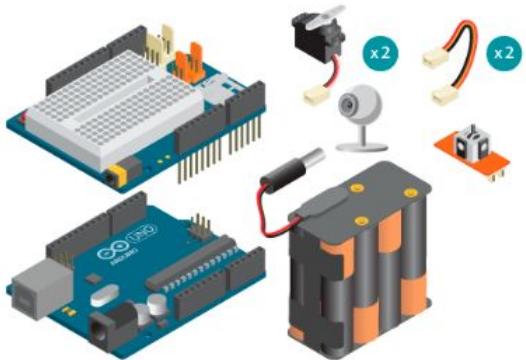
Report

# Main characteristics

- Informal education (some schools manage to bring it in)
- Off-the-shelf components, each team different
- Limited group size
- No theoretical component (there is, but it falls on the schools)
- Project Based Learning
- Complex logistics
- Duration: months, variable

# **Case # 2: Creative Technologies, Spain**



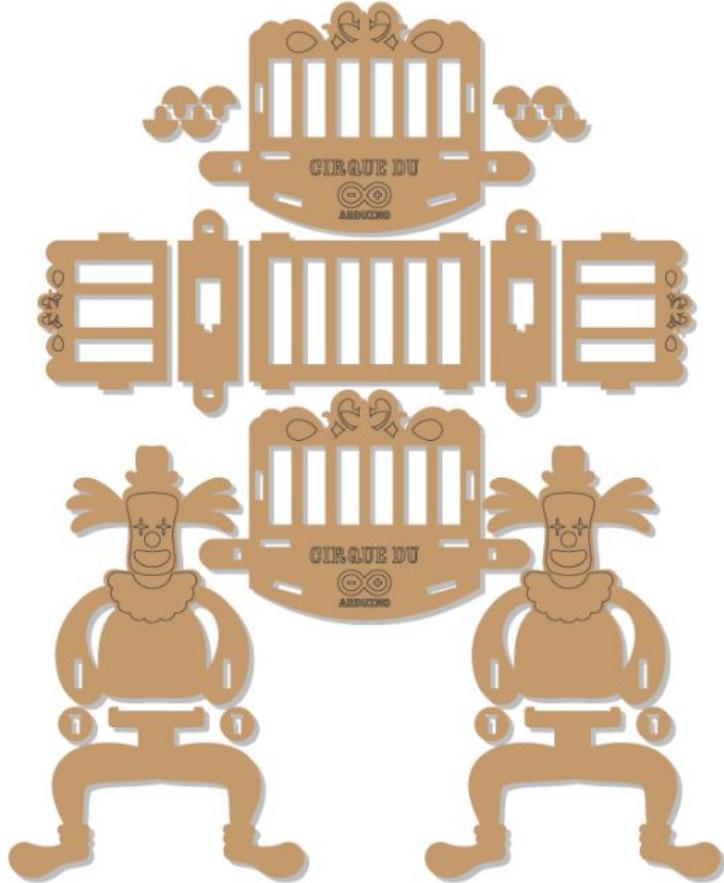


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//Declare the capacitive sensor
CapacitiveSwitch sensor=CapacitiveSwitch(2,3);

void setup(){
    //initialize the capacitive sensor. Threshold is 400
    sensor.config(400);

    //initialize the servo motor
    pull.attach(9);
}

void loop(){
    if(sensor.getState()){
        //If the capacitive sensor is touched, pull the string
        pull.write(0);
    }
}
```



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CTC 101

HOME BLOCK 1 BLOCK 2 BLOCK 3 BLOCK 4 BLOCK 5 REFEREN

BLOCK 1 - PROGRAMMING



Get started and learn the basics of programming. Develop an interactive snake, a video game or a customized clock using the programming environment Processing.

BLOCK 2 - SPORTS



Learn the basics of digital technologies to control digital actuators and read digital sensors. Build and play with small electronic games that simulate sports like basketball, fencing and pong among others.

BLOCK 3 - MAGIC



Learn about the magic of analog signals and the serial port. Build projects that introduce sound and images that highlight analog signals.

BLOCK 4 - ROBOTS



Learn the basics on how to control motors and sensors. Build different robots and add movement to them by using standard and continuous servos.



RAW FOOTAGE



NEW FOOTAGE

# Format

Selection of schools

1 week teacher course

8 weeks / 4 areas of work

10 weeks project building

Exhibition

Report

2 weeks:  
Processing

2 weeks:  
Sensors

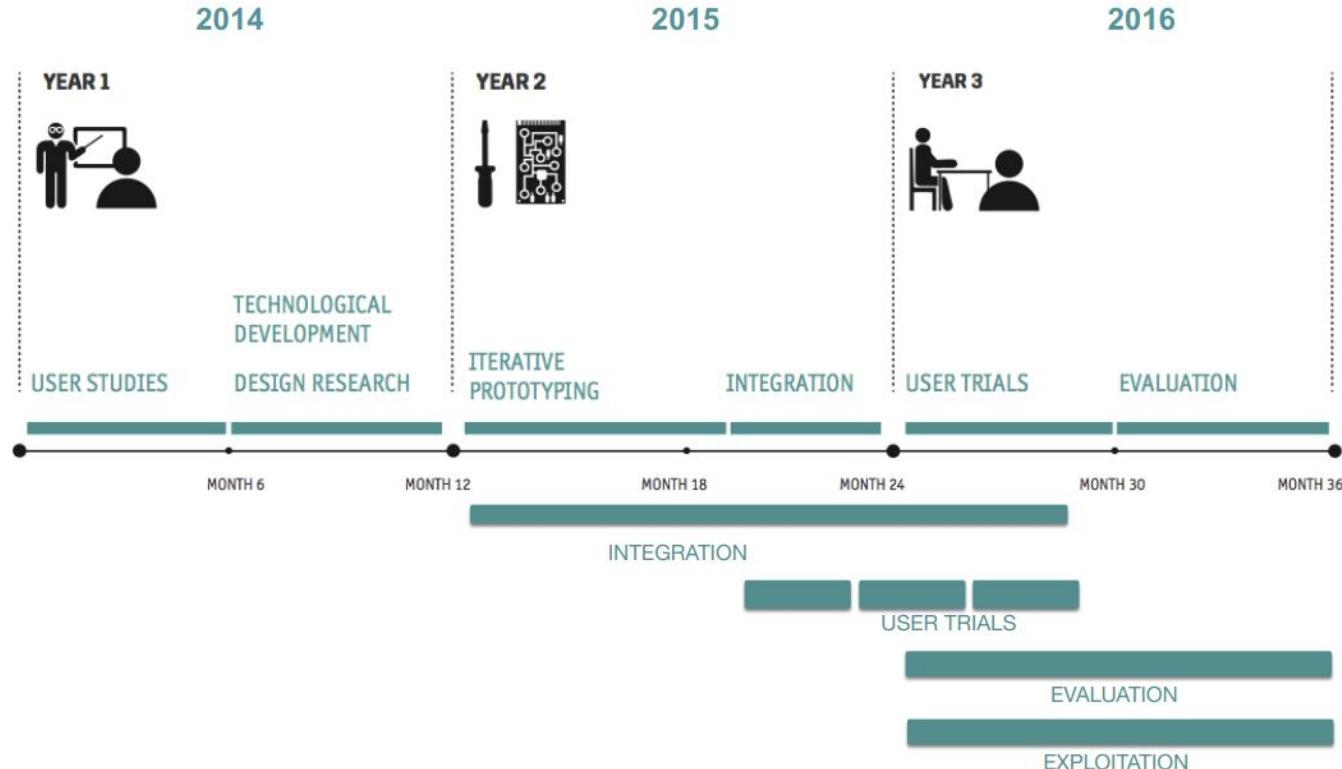
2 weeks:  
Actuators

2 weeks:  
Comms.

# Main characteristics

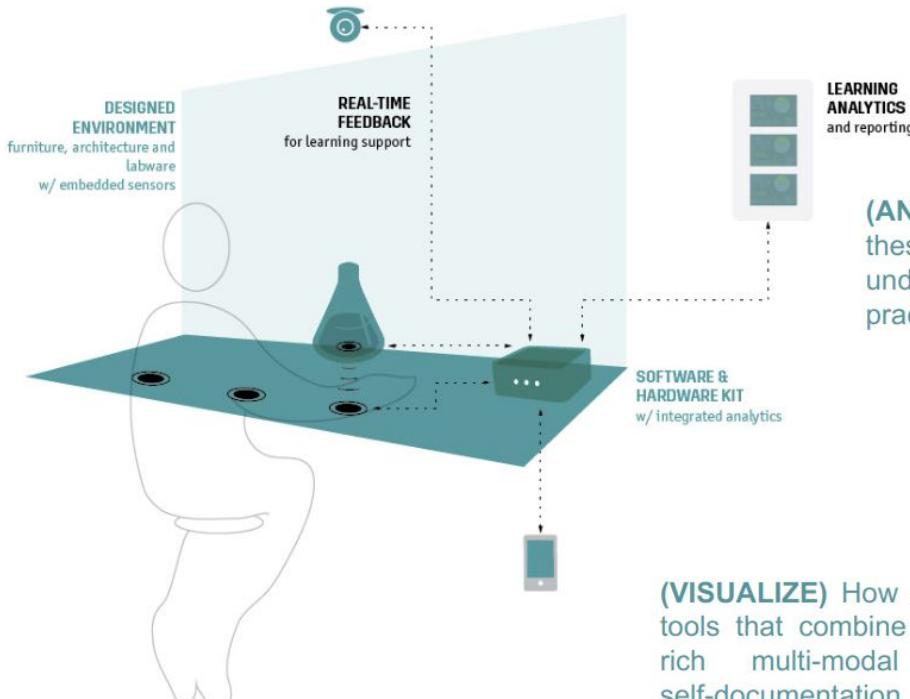
- Co-designed with teachers at regional scale
- Specially designed kit
- Reached out to the whole of Spain after 5 years
- Project Based Learning
- Formal education
- No assessment mechanism provided
- Not every school is ready to replicate this (estimated 60%)
- The final goal has a big effect on the students
- Duration: months, fixed

# **Case # 3: PELARS, EU**





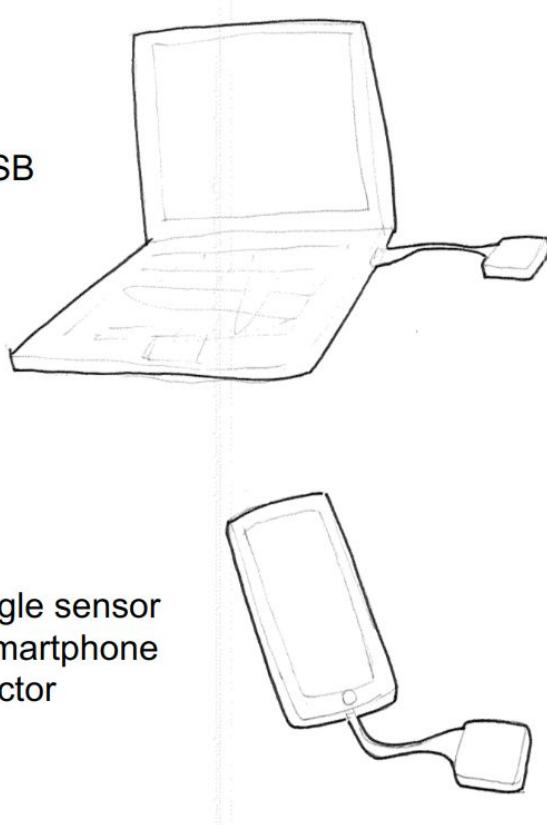
**(CREATE/CAPTURE)** What new data analytics can be derived from the hands-on learning of STEM subjects?



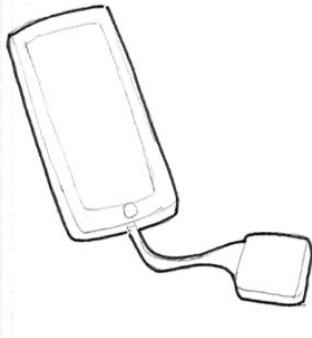
**(ANALYZE/REASON)** How can these data analytics be used to understand and support practice-based learning?

**(VISUALIZE)** How can we develop visualization tools that combine learning analytics data from rich multi-modal sensors and students self-documentation to provide meaningful information?

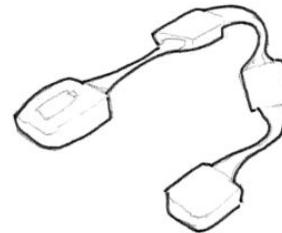
Mode 1: single sensor  
connected to PC via USB



Mode 1 bis: single sensor  
connected to smartphone  
via OTG connector



Mode 4: multiple sensors  
connected to each other via I2C,  
including battery module



Different use cases of Arduino Eslov

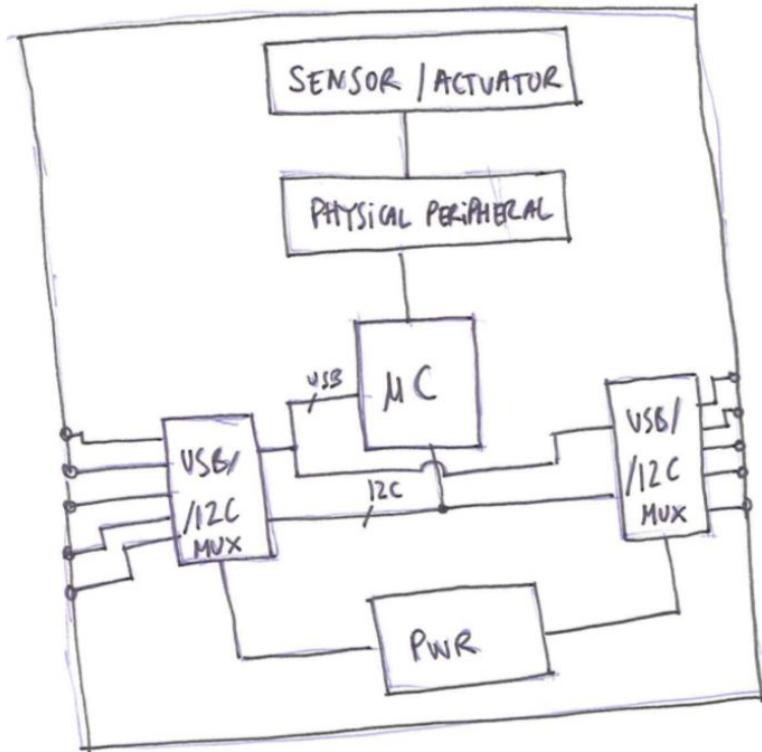
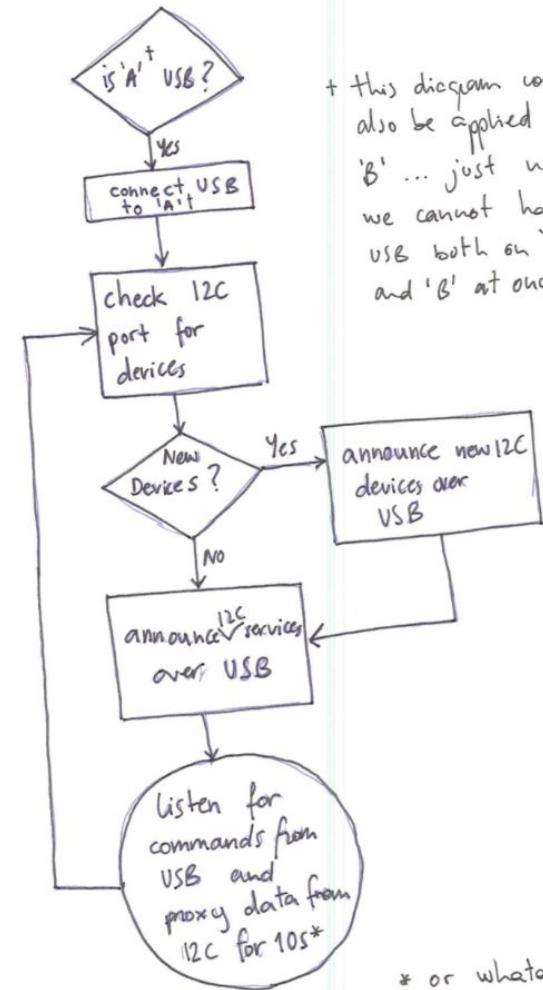
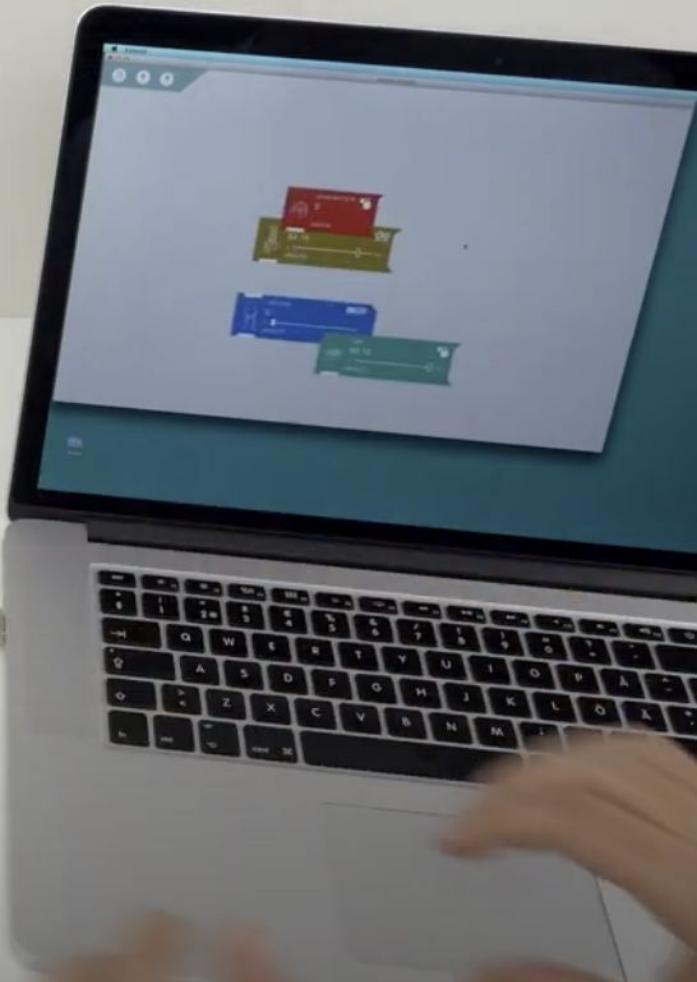
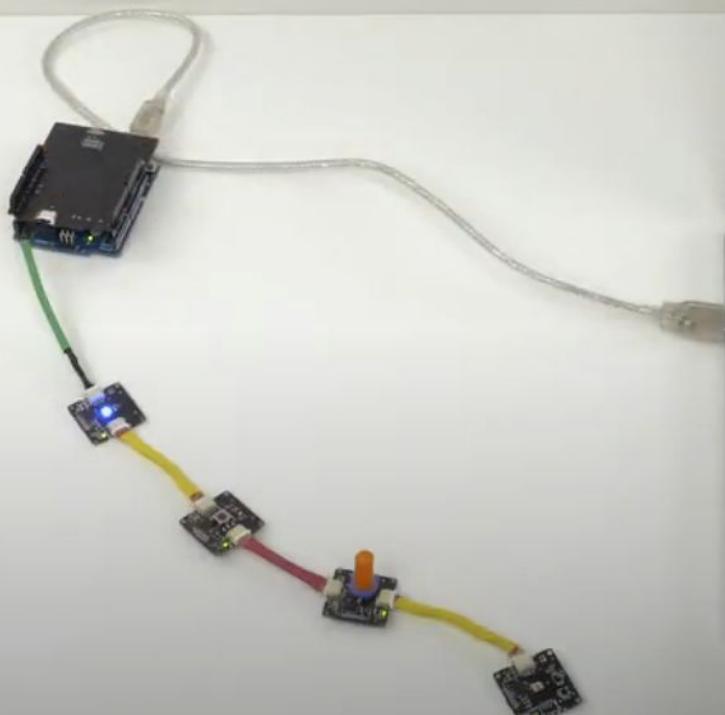


Diagram of a generic Arduino Eslov block

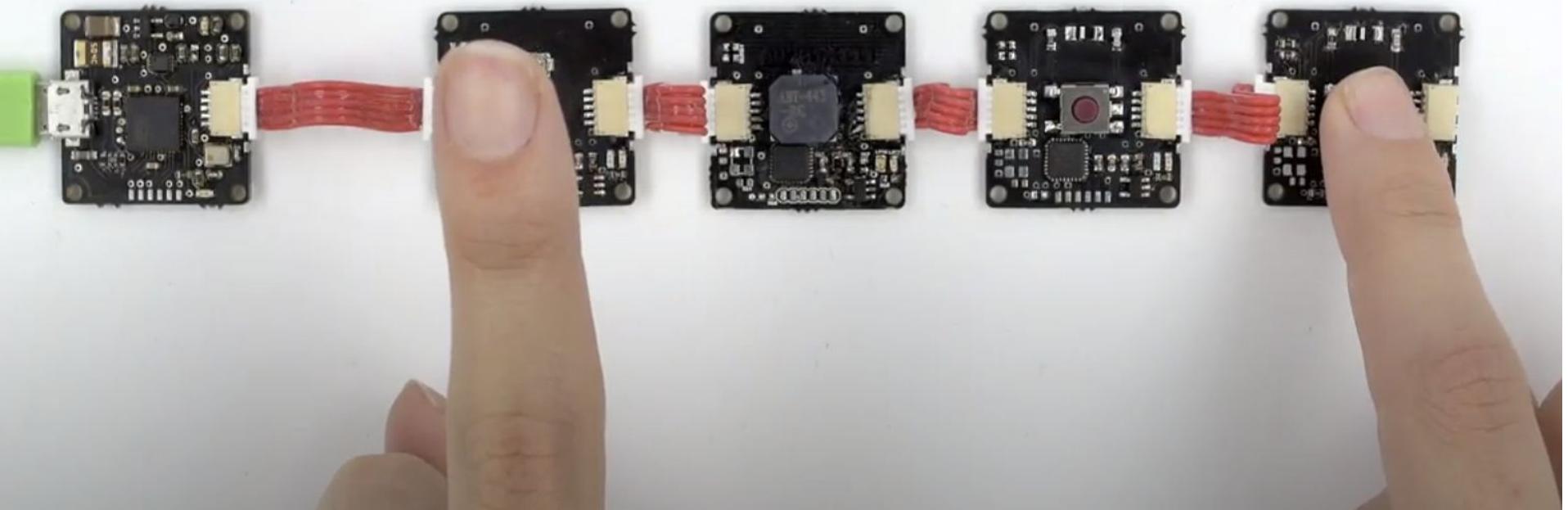


+ this diagram could also be applied to 'B' ... just note, we cannot have USB both on 'A' and 'B' at once !!

\* or whatever time



# LIGHT THEREMIN



# Format

Introduction

Design brief

Project  
building

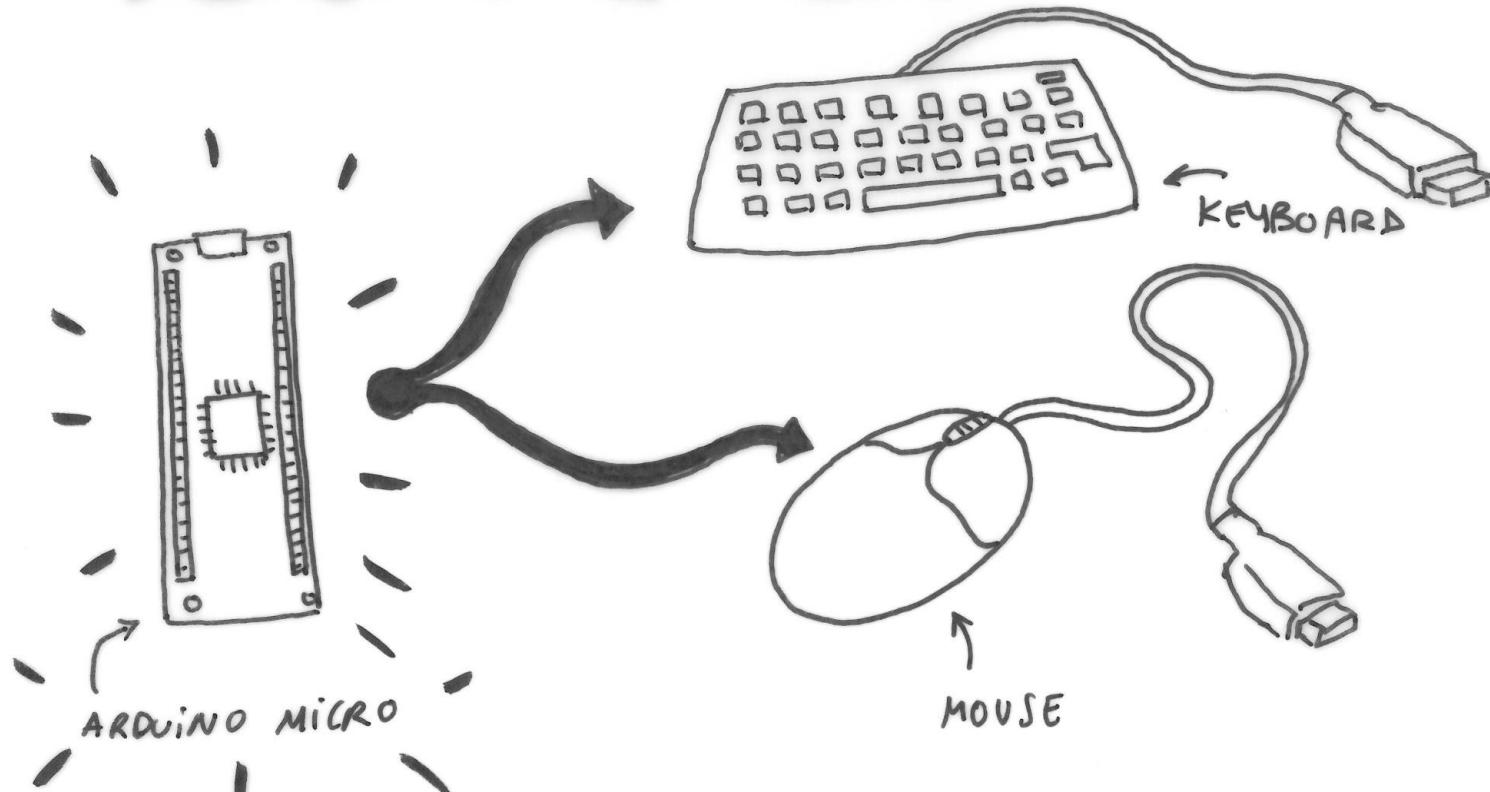
Exhibition

# Main characteristics

- Experimental [research] setup
- Blended electronic materials with crafting ones
- Full classes would come to test
- No theoretical component, and no previous instruction
- Project Based Learning
- Duration: 1 hour to final result

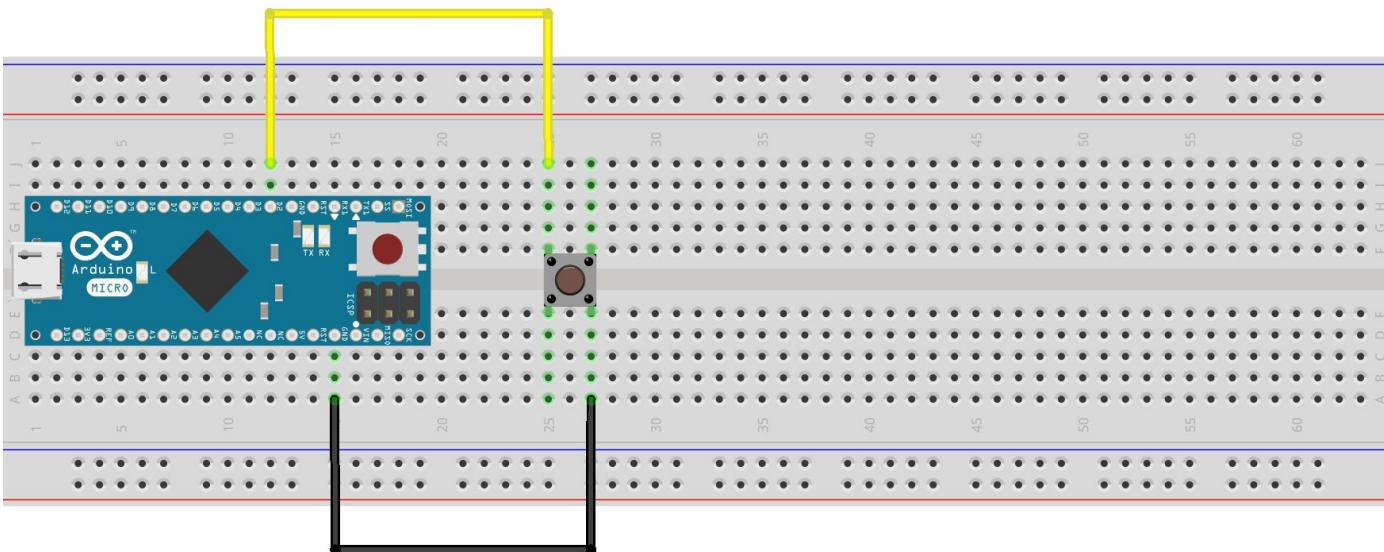
# **Case # 4: Cardboard workshop, Malmö, Sweden**

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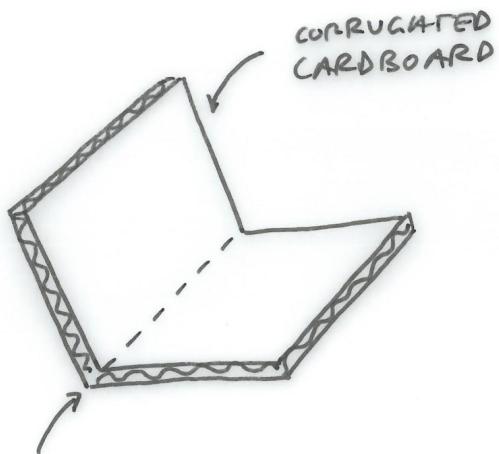


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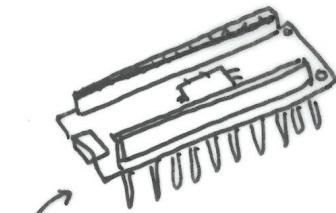
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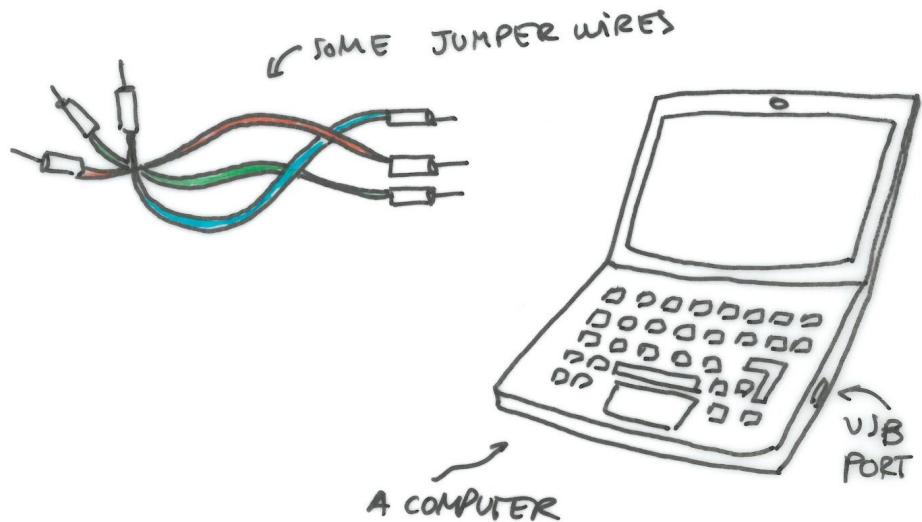
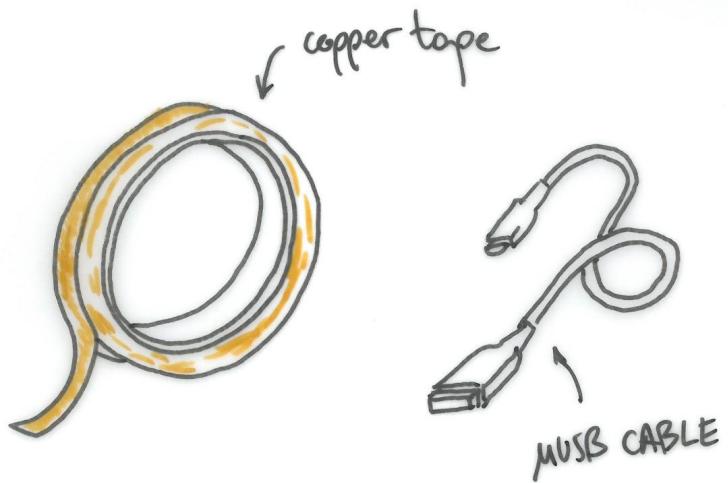
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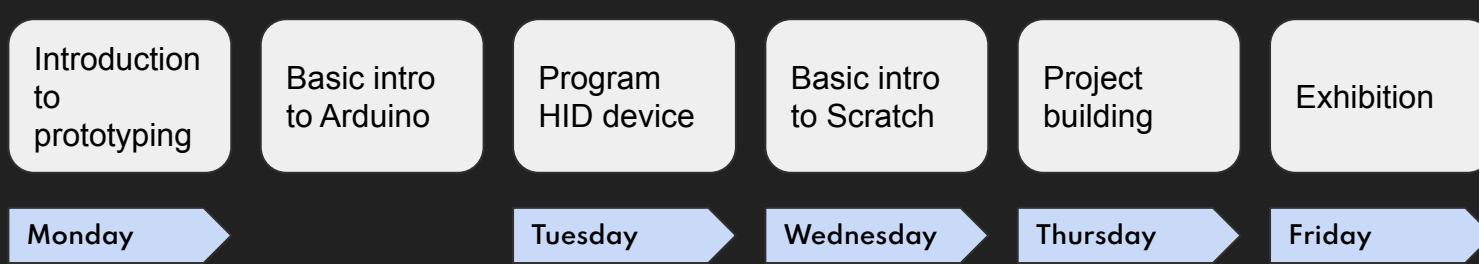


ARDUINO MICRO BOARD





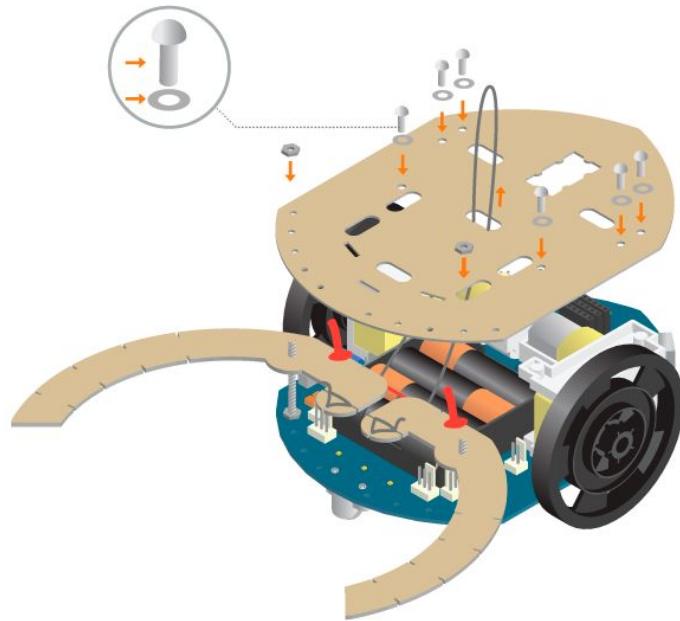
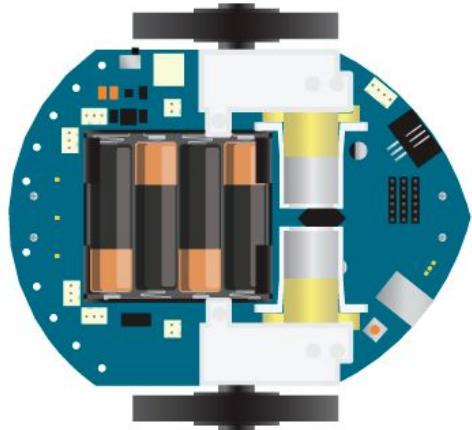
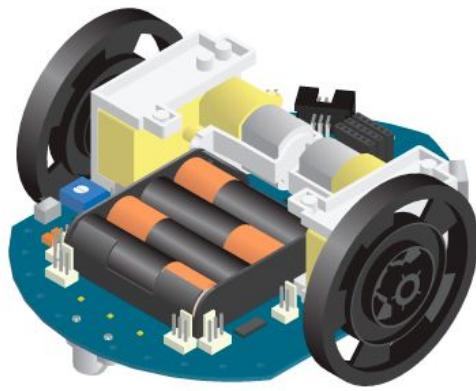
# Format



# Main characteristics

- Blends low cost materials (considered a design quality)
- Off-the-shelf microcontroller boards
- Ran at the beginning of the education programme (thus no experience required)
- Project Based Learning
- Formal education
- Assessment: functioning project, presentation, participation in the module
- Duration: one week, fixed

# **Case # 5: Etopia KIDs, Zaragoza, Spain**





26/06/2014



# Format

Introduction  
to robotics

Basic intro  
to Arduino

Intro to  
sensors

Intro to  
motors

Project  
building

Challenge

Week 1

Week 2

# Main characteristics

- Blends low cost materials (considered a design quality)
- Kit specifically designed for the occasion
- Summercamp
- Project Based Learning
- No assessment
- Duration: two weeks, fixed

Note: the kids kept the robots, since there were over 80 robots distributed, this had the side effect of creating a small community of roboticists that would meet monthly

# **Case # 6: Aguascalientes al Espacio, AGC, Mexico**

# Format

Problem  
definition

Call for  
applications

Team  
selection

Weekly  
courses

~ 8 weeks  
project  
building

Launch

Report

Arduino

Remote lab

# Main characteristics

- Informal education (some schools manage to bring it in)
- Off-the-shelf components, all teams share a lab
- Limited group size
- Theoretical component from an external source
- Project Based Learning
- Complex logistics
- Duration: months, variable

**What is the impact of  
the Arduino platform in  
teaching? Does it help  
students learn about  
embedded technology?**

# We got an opportunity through a third party.

- Electronic Cats is an SME based in Aguas Calientes, MX, dedicated to the design of small electronic products (hardware, firmware)
- Furthermore, EC design and implement experimental education experiences in STEAM for the regional government.



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# **Aguas Calientes al Espacio edition 2022.**

- In this activity, EC created a remote farming laboratory, where the different schools could time-share a robotic farm where to grow vegetables. They simulating a future remote-farming scenario in a different planet.
- For students and teachers to participate in this project they had to be introduced to a series of complex concepts in embedded technology, programming, design, building, etc.



**BANDACATS**

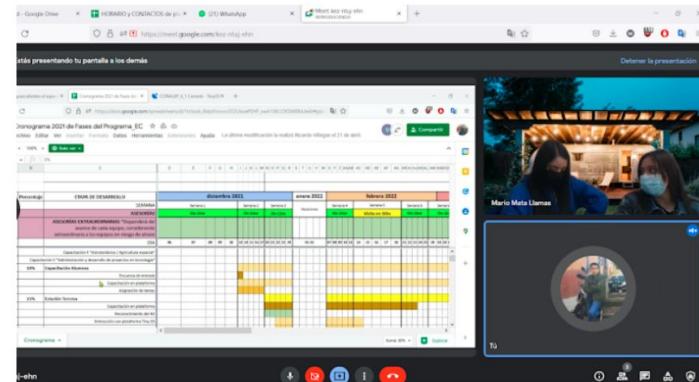


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# **Schools, teachers and students.**

- This project reached out to a group of 14 schools in the region of Aguascalientes, MX.
- Each school joined the initiative with one team of 8 to 11 students.
- Students in the team would join by their own will, no selection mechanism was applied for the students (as a rule).
- It is likely that students adopted roles at the time of working with the project.



## REPORTE SEMANA #19

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*Actividades desarrolladas semanalmente para el proyecto:  
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# The learning process.

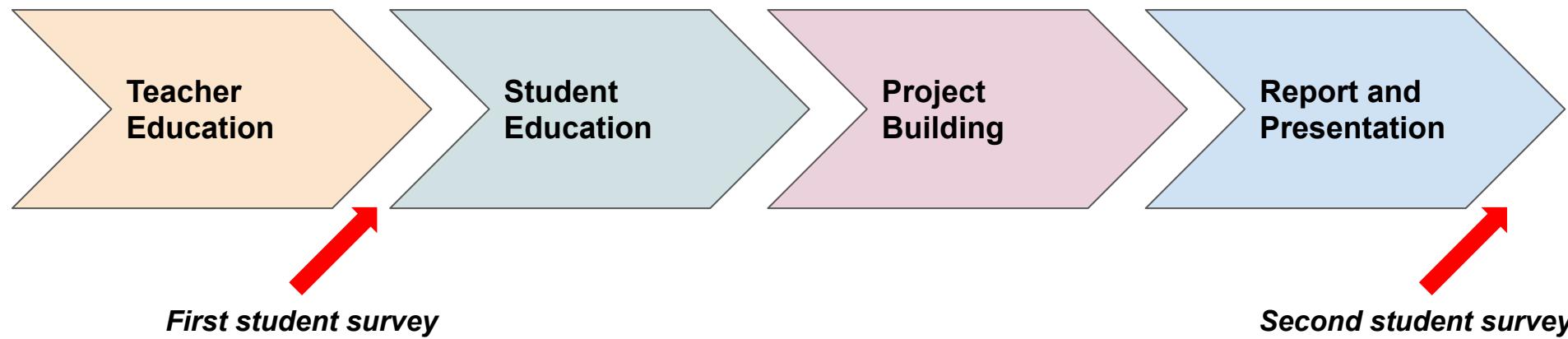
- Participating in the project implied participating in a series of lectures and events to introduce teachers and students to the materials.
- Teams were expected to conduct an experiment (all teams had access to the same tools), document it, and present it.
- The teams' progress was followed using rubrics.

Asignación de porcentaje de Avance.

Porcentaje	ETAPA DE DESARROLLO
5%	<b>School team forming</b>
	Parche de misión
	<b>Lectures with experts</b>
	Capacitación 1 "Diseño Gráfico"
	Capacitación 2 "TinyGS"
	Capacitación 3 "Cubo Satellites"
	Capacitación 4 "Astrobotánica / Agricultura espacial"
	Capacitación 5 "Administración y desarrollo de proyectos en tecnología"
10%	<b>Introduction for students</b>
	Encuesta de entrada
	Capacitación en plataforma
	Asignación de tareas
15%	<b>Land station</b>
	Capacitación en plataforma
	Reconocimiento del Kit
	Interacción con plataforma Tiny GS
	Programación de Kit TTGO
	Construcción de antena
15%	<b>Laboratory on distance</b>
	Capacitación en plataforma
	Asignación de tiempos
	Conociendo mi laboratorio (análisis)
	Control de robot teleoperado
15%	<b>Astro-botanics</b>
	Sembrando (1ra oportunidad)
	Sembrando (2da oportunidad)
	Sembrando (x oportunidad)
	Aplicación de abono
	Mantenimiento a robot (Suspensión)
	Recolección
5%	<b>Data from pico-satellites</b>
	Reporte de misión lectura de datos

5%	Improvements
	Mejora a antena
	Mejora a Astrobot
	Reporte de actualizaciones y gastos
5%	<b>On-capsule recording</b>
5%	<b>Exiting survey</b>
10%	<b>Final report</b>
5%	<b>Presentation</b>
5%	<b>Technical demo</b>

# The survey process.





#### Encuesta de Entrada Profesores

• Encuesta  
• Recomendaciones  
• Consultas en WhatsApp



Encuesta de Entrada Profesores

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# Our experiment.

- Great opportunity for us to measure the learning process by implementing a pre-post measuring point and to compare the knowledge on relevant concepts before and after the activity.
- Our goal is to determine whether this kind of STEAM activity can be considered as a good learning mechanism.
- In particular, whether it affects students' **knowledge and competence in skills** related to STEAM components.

# Research questions

1. Does students' **self-reported knowledge of STEAM tools** change after program implementation?
2. Does students' **actual STEAM competence** change after program implementation?
3. Which STEAM skills improve more after program implementation?

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CHALLENGE



# **Study design: Pre and Post STEAM program survey**

- **Participants:** 47 students (16 females, 31 males)
- **Age:** 17 (16-19)
- **Stage:** Secondary school
- **Schools:** 14 different schools of Aguascalientes (Méjico)
- **Digital accessibility:** 100% reported access to Internet at home or via Smartphones and 92% reported access to a PC at home.

# The STEAM survey: Structure

- Part 1\_Consent form and Demography
- Part 2\_Self-reported STEAM knowledge
- Part 3\_Test of STEAM knowledge

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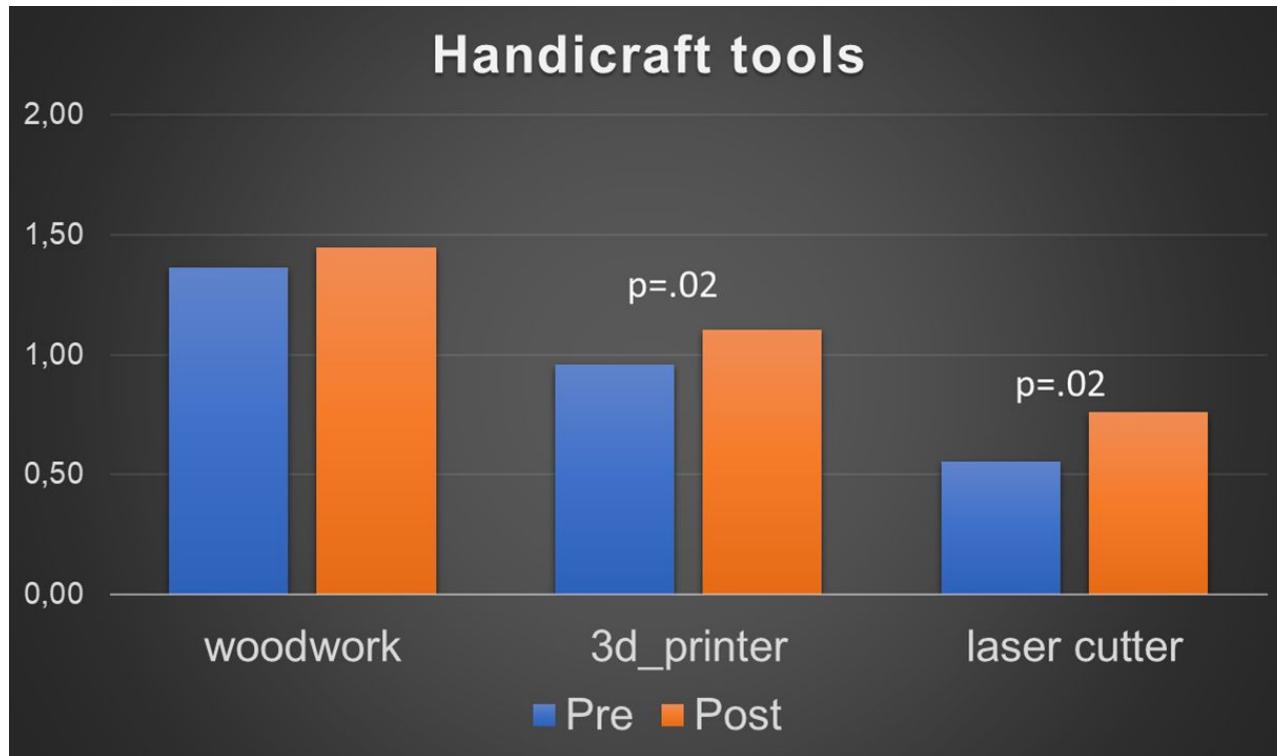
- Two Phases: Pre and post
- Two versions: Students and Teachers

# Self-reported STEAM knowledge

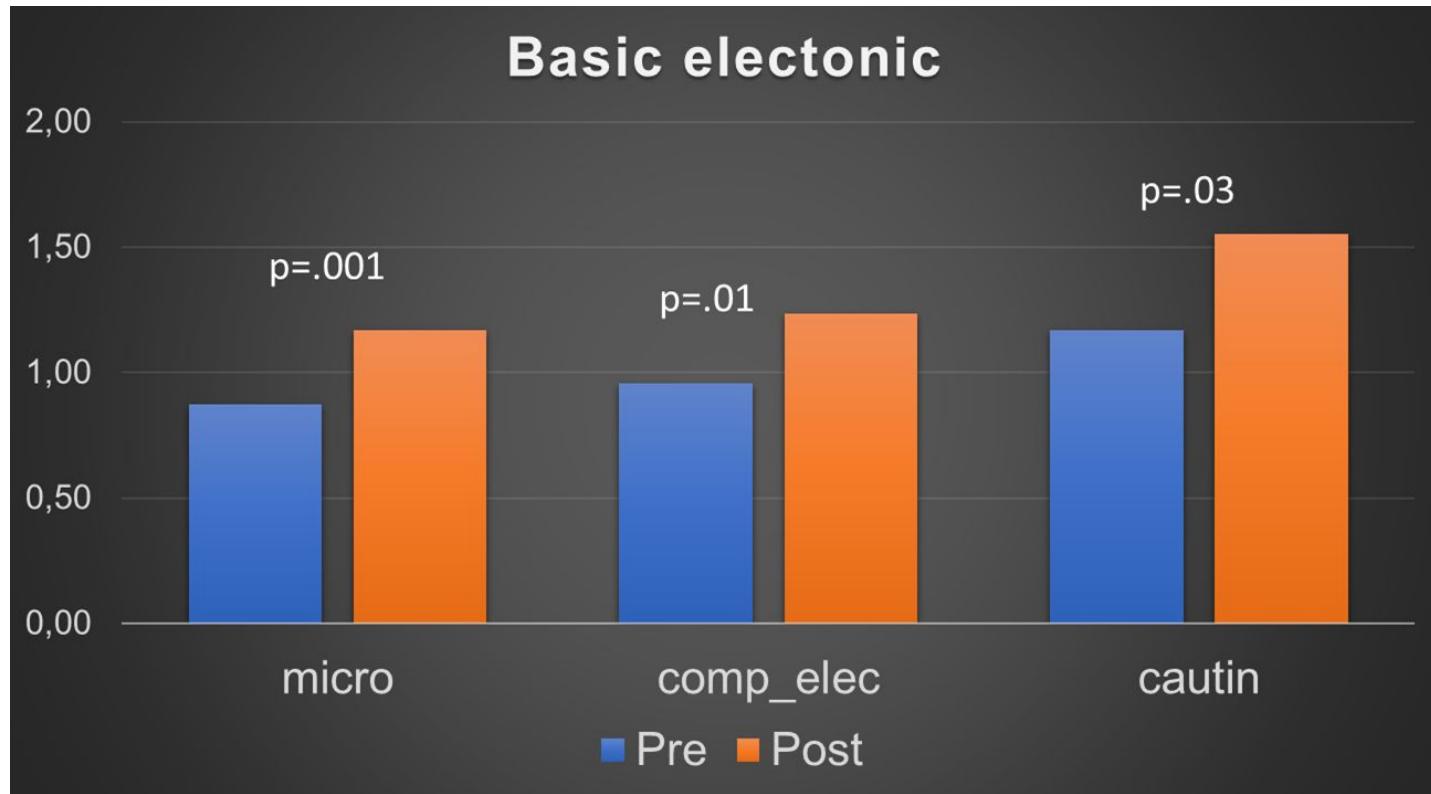
- Students rated their knowledge of 41 tools using a 3 point likert scale:  
**0=“I don't it, 1= I know it”, 2= “I use it”**
- The 41 items were grouped in 9 categories.
- Scale reliability measured with Cronbach's alpha = .93 (p<.001).

Categories	N_Items	STEAM component
1. Handicraft tools	3	Technology, Art
2. Basic electronic	3	STEM
3. Digital literacy	2	Technology
4. Lab tools (9)	9	Technology, Art
5. Software (4)	4	Technology
6. Microcontroler in C (Arduino)	1	STEM
7. Microcontroler in Bloks (Microbit)	1	STEM
8. Graphic Design	7	Technology, Art
9. Presentation tools	11	Technology, Art

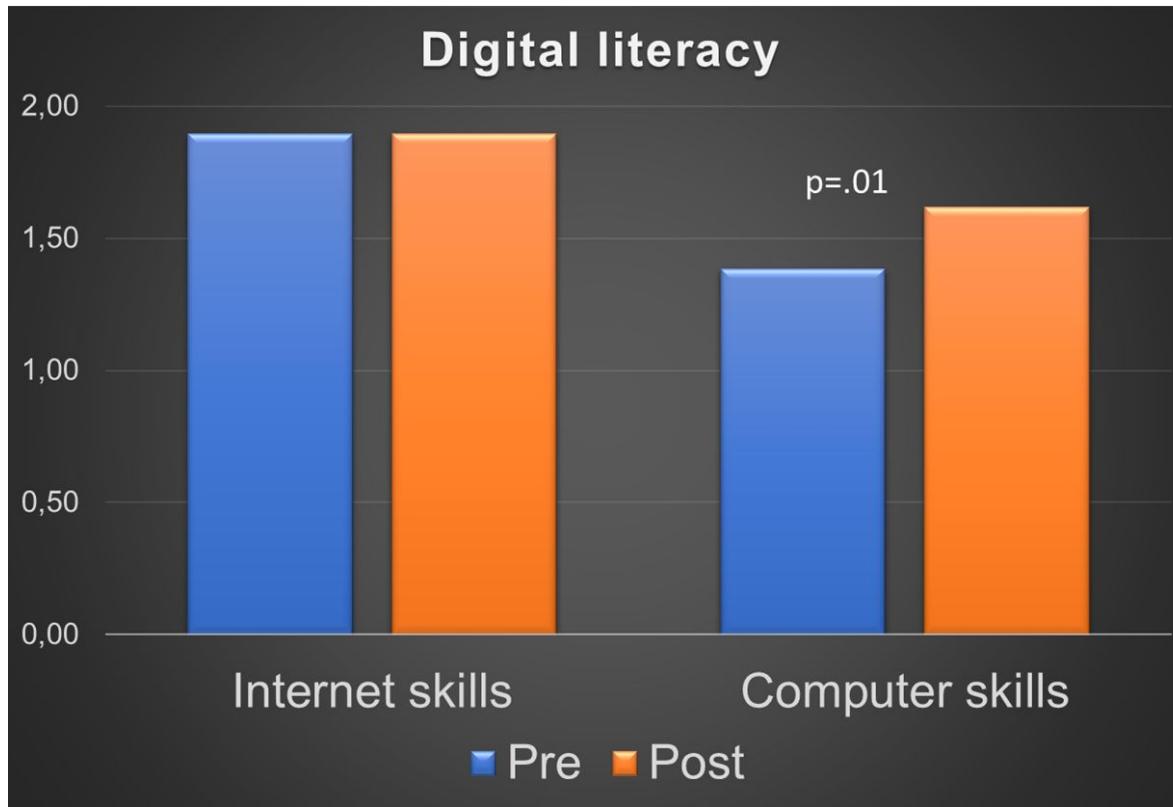
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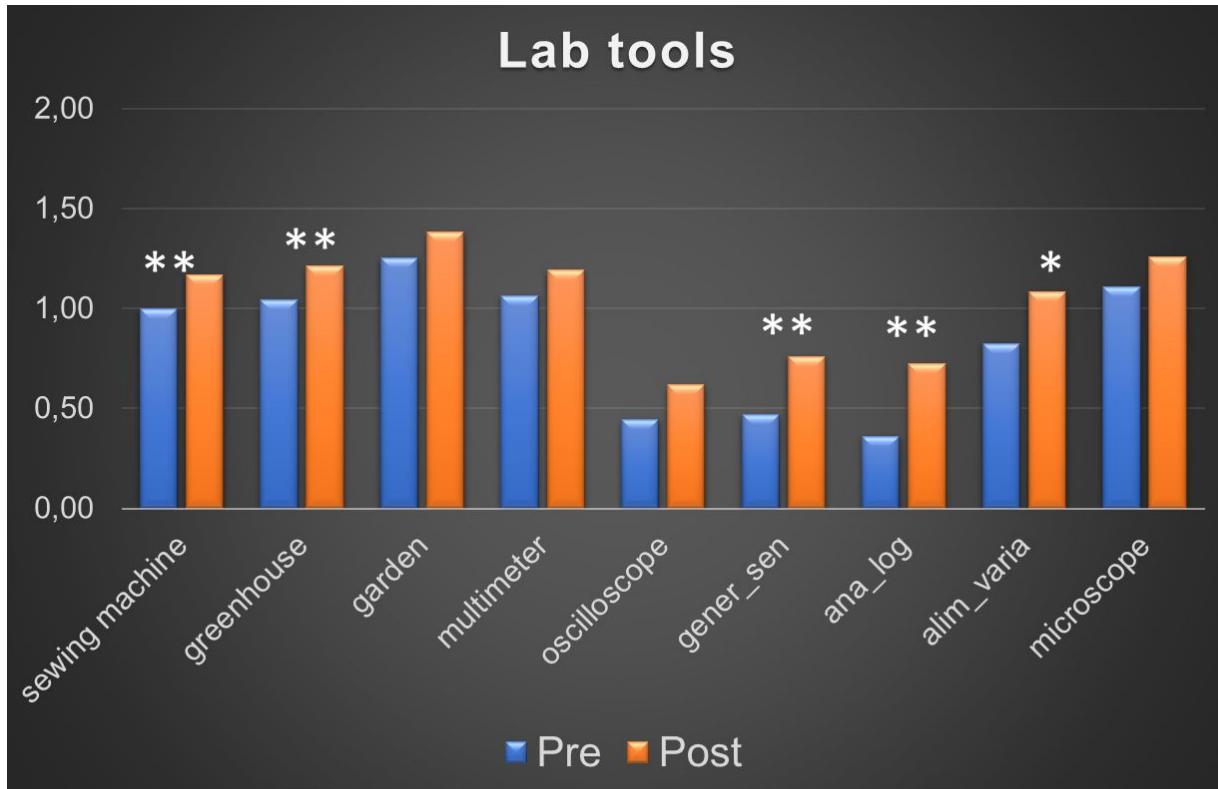
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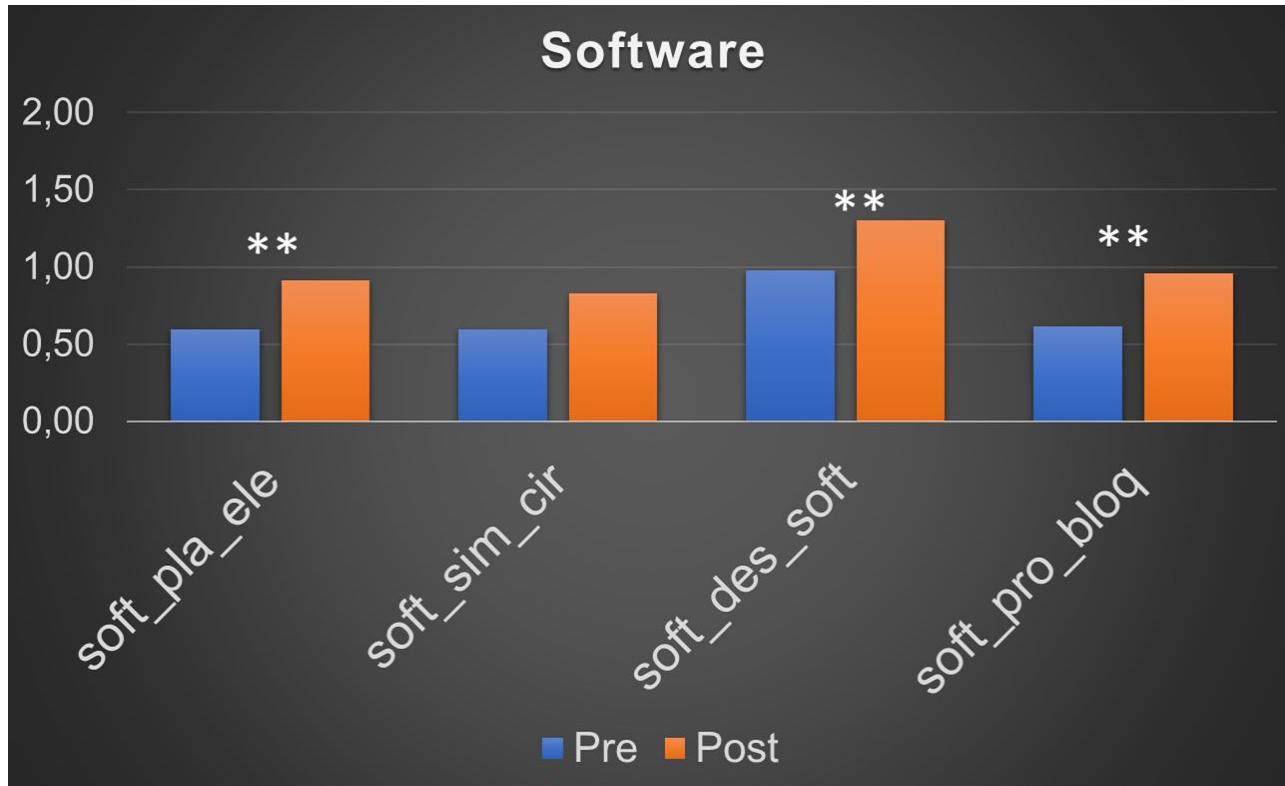


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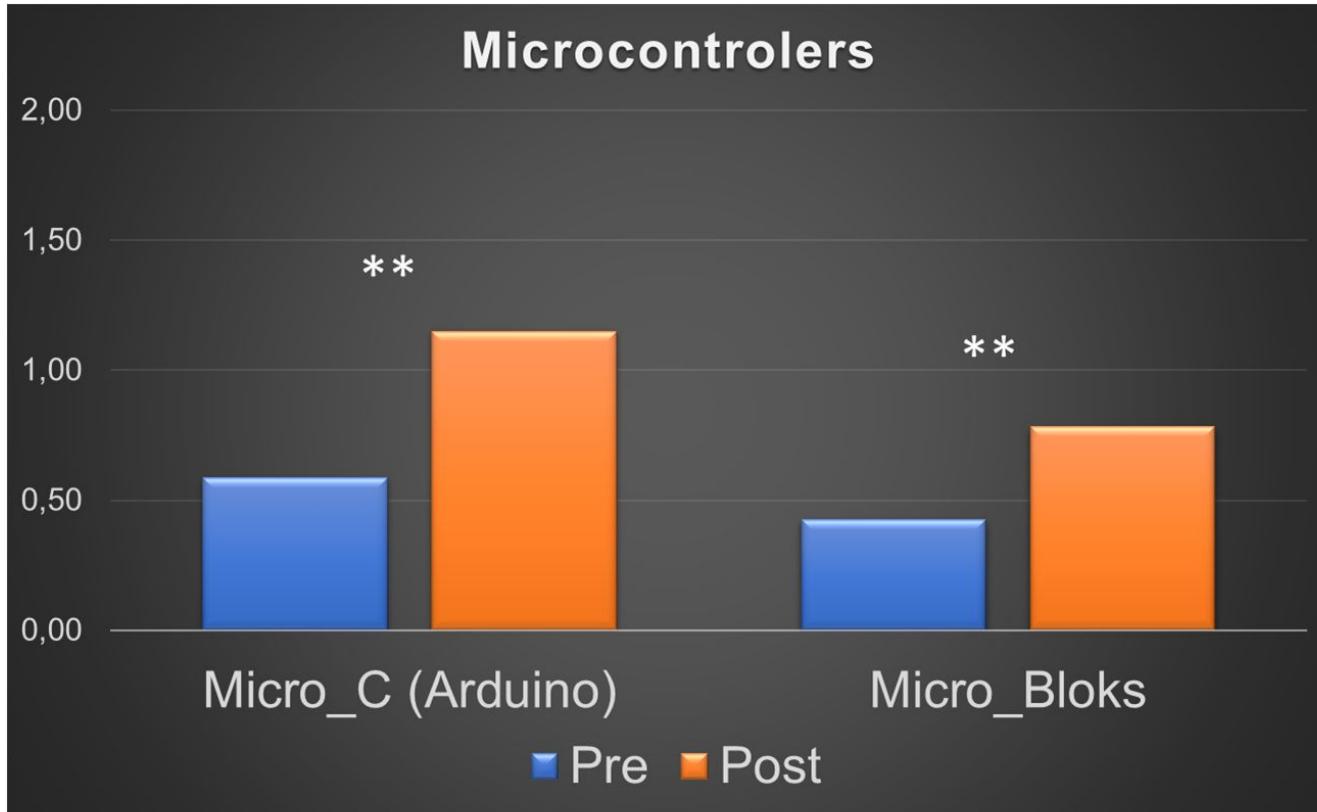
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# Self-reported STEAM knowledge



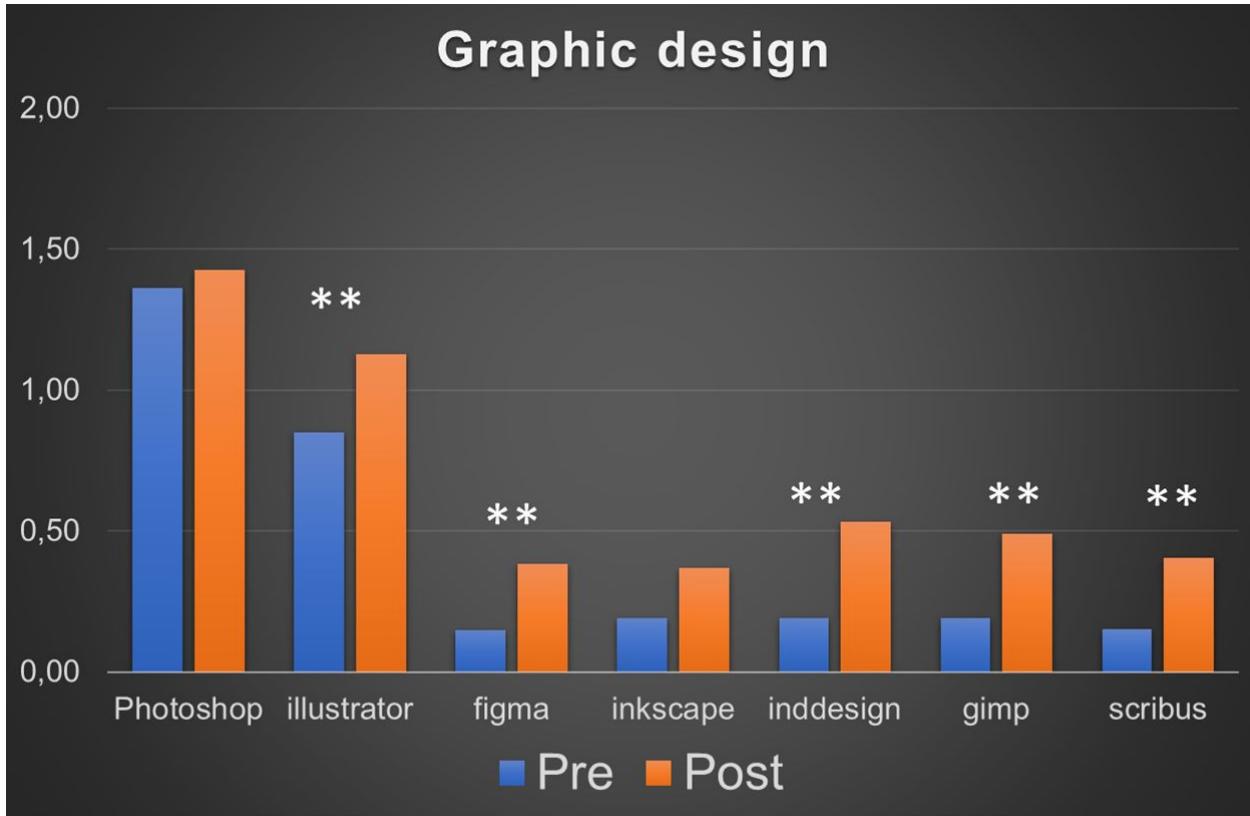
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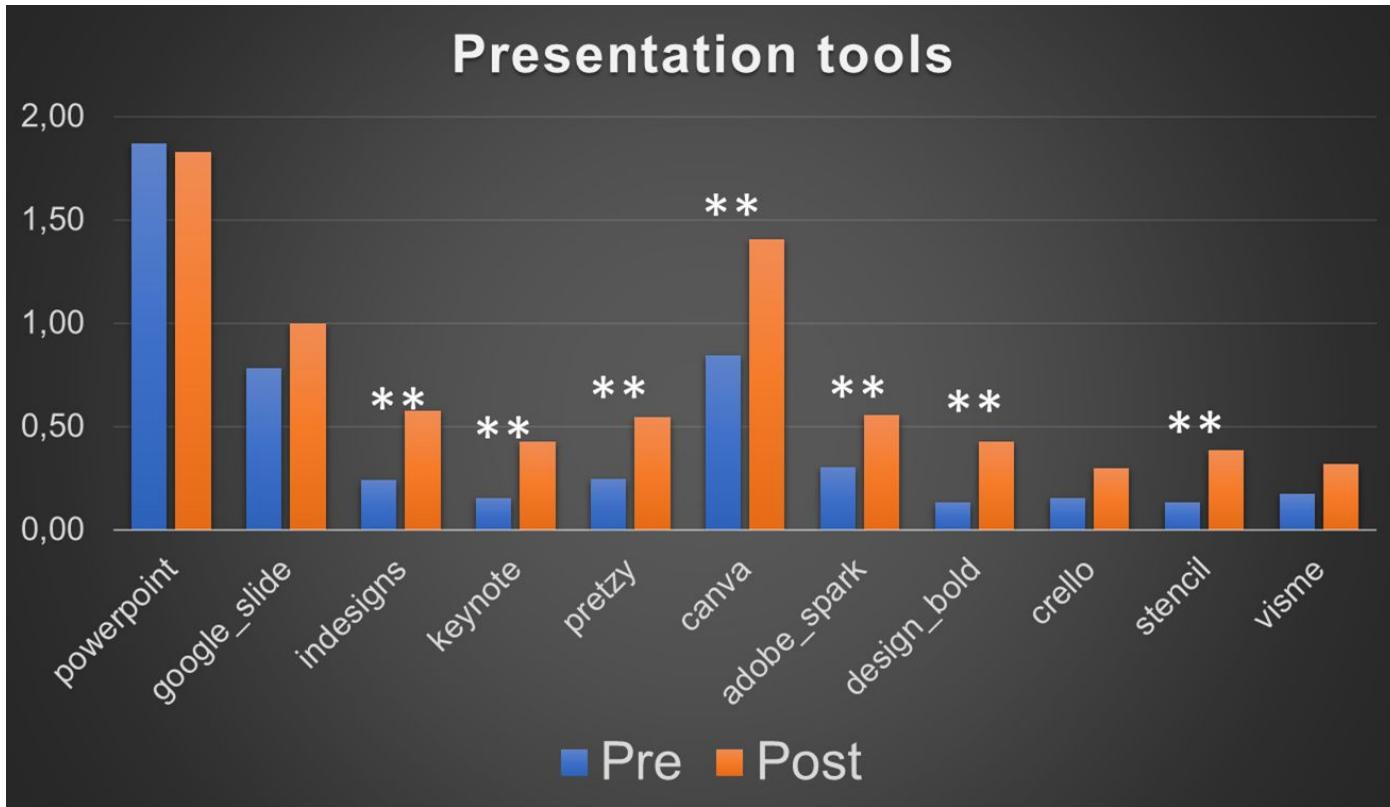
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# Test of STEAM competence

- Participants answered 19 multiple choice questions grouped in 3 categories:
- Measure: Percentage of correct answers per category

Categories	N_Items
1. Electronic	7
2. Robotic	7
3. Communication	5

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Example of “Electronic” question:

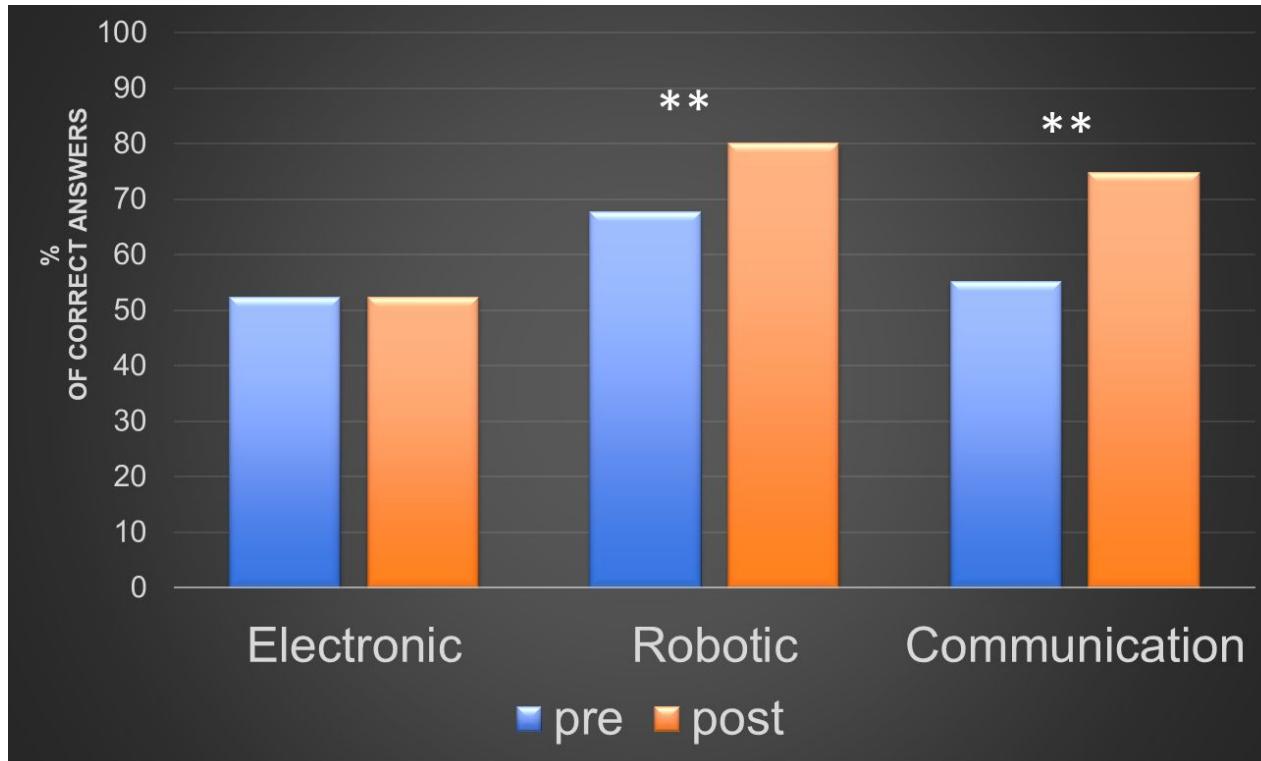
Which electronic component converts electrical energy into heat?

1 = The electrical part

2 = The resistor (correct)

3 = The LED diode

# Test of STEAM competence



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# Conclusions & further work

- Does students' **self-reported knowledge of STEAM tools** change after program implementation?
  - Yes, students self-reported higher knowledge after
- Does students' **actual STEAM competence** change after program implementation?
  - Yes, students showed higher STEAM competence after
- Which STEAM skills improve more after program implementation?
  - Robotic and Communication
  - Is Electronics more difficult?, should the program be improved to strengthen electronic?
  - How can "art" competence be measured?

**Let's wrap this up  
in style.**

# **Findings on Spaces**

# Spanish Maker Timeline

2000

First hackerspaces created  
First hackmeeting in Barcelona  
Medialab Madrid launches

2005

Reprap project launches  
Arduino project launches  
Fab: The Coming Revolution on  
Your Desktop is published  
First Fablab Users Meeting (MIT)

2007

IaaC launches Fablab Barcelona

2009

Interactivos 09, at Medialab-Prado,  
brings together several RepRap  
pioneers  
Kernel Panic hacklab closes

1990

LAN Parties - Campus Party

2001

Institute of Advanced Architecture  
of Catalonia (IaaC) launches

2006

Interhacklab meeting in Madrid  
Hangar launches its medialab in  
Barcelona  
First Maker Faire in Bay Area  
Second Fablab Users Meeting (Norway)

2008

Summer Lab, a meeting on experimental  
digital arts is launched by Laboral  
(Gijón)

2010

Rooted conference on cybersecurity  
launches  
Barcamps emerge as meeting points for  
Arduino enthusiasts

2011

New institutional fablabs in  
Sevilla, Leon, Valencia, Asturias  
Absolut lab launches and collapses  
in Madrid  
Open Source Hardware Conference  
launches  
Calafou, a self defined post-  
capitalist ecoindustrial colony, was  
born

2012

DARPA funds Maker Media to expand  
maker outreach

2013

First independent makerspaces  
launch in Madrid; Tenerife and  
Barcelona.  
First mini maker faires appear in  
Bilbao and Barcelona

2014

New programs emerge to bring  
Technology, Programming and Robotics  
into the regular curriculum  
Fab10, international fablab conference, is  
celebrated in Barcelona  
HP launches 3D Printing factory in Sant  
Cugat (Barcelona)

2015

First regional fablab / makerspace  
events in Gijon and Ourense  
New independent fablabs and  
institutional makerspace appear  
NMC Horizon report includes  
makerspaces as a tool for schools in  
a 1-2 year timeframe

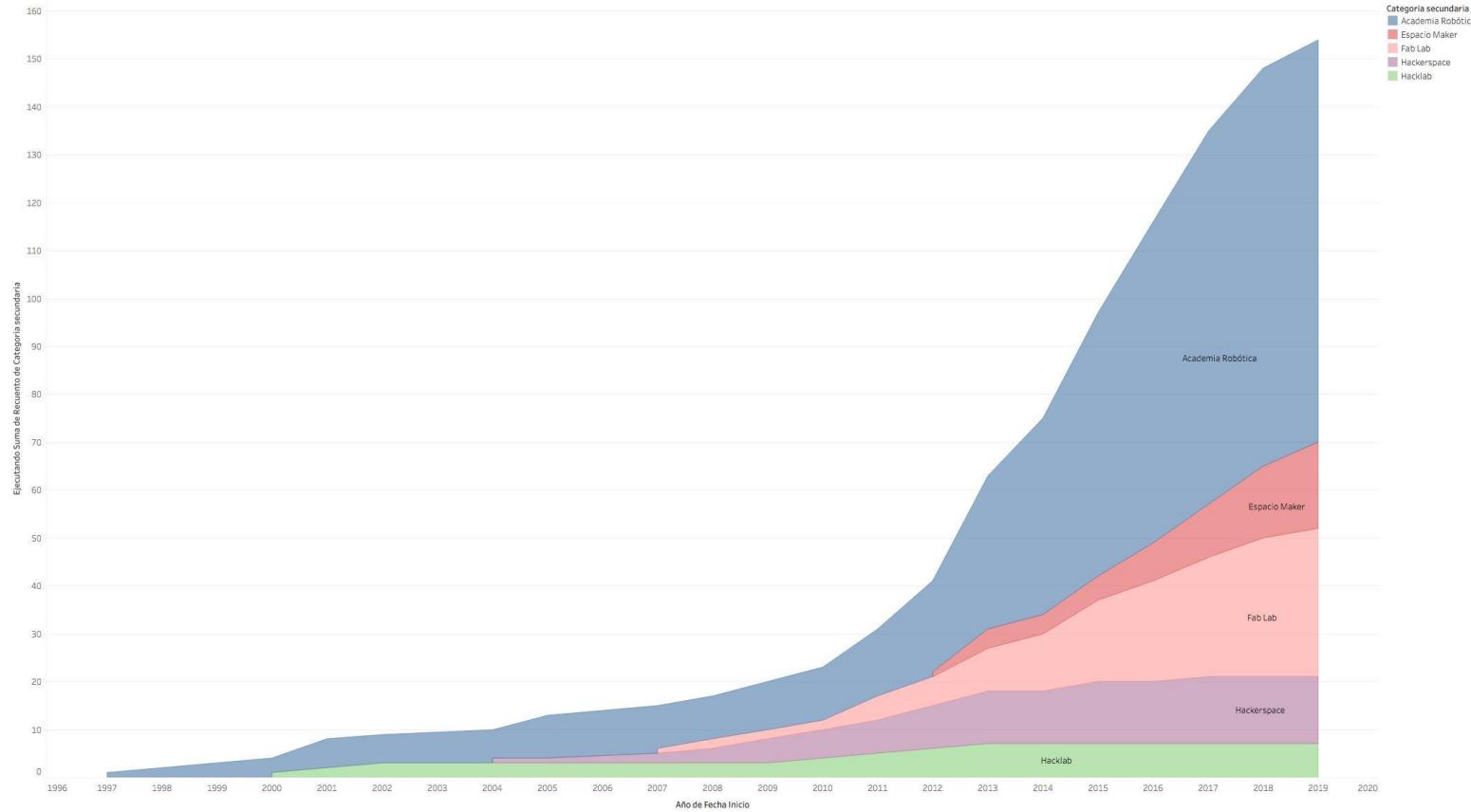
2017

US Embassy and Ministry of Education  
host a conference at Medialab'Prado  
about Makerspaces in Libraries  
Tradeshows open maker areas or corners  
to promote STEM education

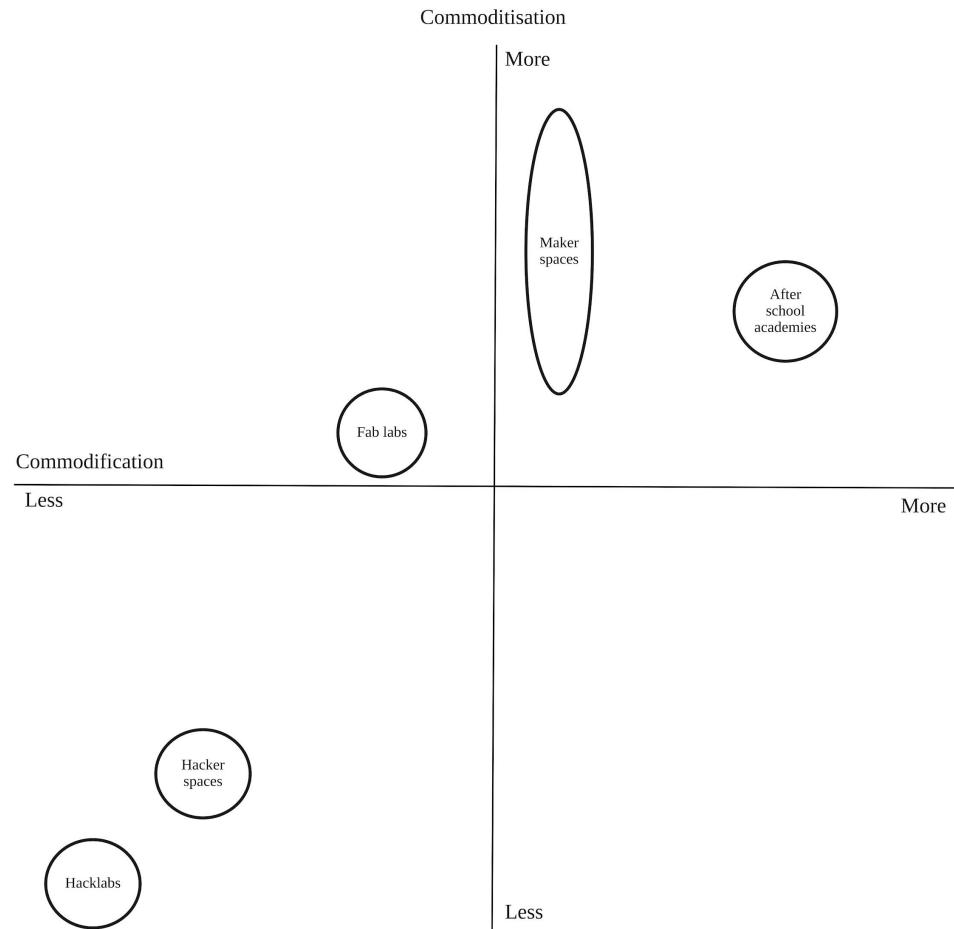
2018

City councils promote makerspaces  
and maker programs in libraries,  
education, etc.

Aggregated new spaces per year



The plot of Running Sum of Count of Categoría secundaria for Fecha Inicio Year. Color shows details about Categoría secundaria. The marks are labeled by Categoría secundaria. The data is filtered on Fecha Inicio Year and Categoría Principal. The Fecha Inicio Year filter keeps 24 members. The Categoría Principal filter keeps Apertura. The view is filtered on Categoría secundaria, which excludes 11 members.



# **Findings on Spaces**

# List of open questions to consider

- How do you deal with classes operating at multiple speeds?
- In the EU we follow an educational standard based on the Bloom's taxonomy (LOs), assessments, and class activities ... how about the rest of the world?
- Which are your expectations and how do those align with the ones from the students?
- Affordances ⇔ limitations, which are the ones you have detected?
- Repetition: is it acceptable to you? What about the innovation aspects?
- Online vs. Offline

# List of open questions to consider

- Languages (not programming, but the other ones)
- Labs vs. personal kits: when and where?
- Kits vs. toolboxes: what is best?
- AI specific: dependency layers (C-NN-platforms)
- Guided vs. exploratory courses
- What is left when novelty has wear off?

There will always be  
people looking into  
creative uses of  
technology.



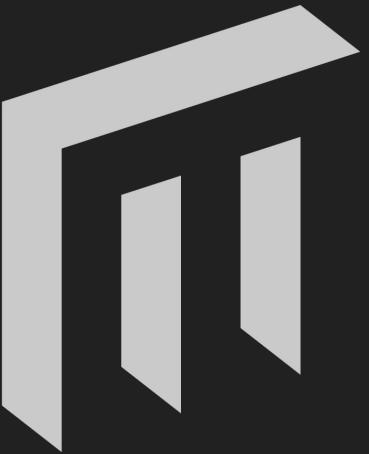
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