



**INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGICAL PRACTICES WITHIN THE DIGITAL AGE ON STUDENTS' ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND INTEREST IN SCIENCE LEARNING IN PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS, CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA**

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**Abstract**

This study investigated the influence of innovative pedagogical practices within the digital age on students' academic achievement and interest in science learning in public secondary schools in Cross River State, Nigeria. The population comprised 323 schools, 47 science teachers and 7,072 SSIII students, while a sample of 712 students and 39 teachers from 24 schools was selected using a multistage sampling technique. Data were collected using the Innovative Pedagogical Practices Questionnaire (IPPQ), the Science Academic Achievement Test (SAAT) and the Students' Interest in Science Learning Scale (SISLS). Descriptive and inferential statistics were employed to analyze the data. Results indicated that teachers implement digital-age pedagogical strategies at a high level and these practices significantly predict students' academic achievement ( $R^2 = 0.46$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ) and interest in science learning ( $R^2 = 0.37$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ). The study concludes that the integration of technology with innovative pedagogy enhances both cognitive and affective outcomes in science education. Recommendations emphasize teacher training, provision of digital resources and curriculum reforms to support technology-mediated science instruction.

**Keywords:** Innovative pedagogy, Digital age, Science education, Academic achievement and Students' interest.

**1.0 Introduction**

The rapid advancement of digital technologies has significantly transformed teaching and learning processes across educational systems, particularly in science education. In the digital age, traditional

teacher-centred approaches are increasingly being replaced by innovative pedagogical practices that emphasize learner engagement, interactivity and the meaningful integration of technology into instruction. These innovations, which include blended learning,

simulation-based instruction, inquiry-driven digital environments and collaborative online learning, are designed to address persistent challenges in science education such as abstract concept comprehension, low academic achievement and declining student interest.

### **1.1 Innovative pedagogical practices within the digital age and students' academic achievement in science**

Innovative pedagogical practices within the digital age are increasingly recognized as key drivers of students' academic achievement in science due to their alignment with learner-centred and constructivist learning theories. Digital-age pedagogies such as blended learning, inquiry-based instruction supported by technology, flipped classrooms, and simulation-based learning emphasize active knowledge construction, problem solving, and meaningful engagement with scientific concepts (Hodges, Moore, Lockee, Trust & Bond, 2023; Macalalag, Sullivan & Basti, 2024). These approaches move science instruction away from rote memorization toward deeper conceptual understanding, which is critical for academic success in science disciplines.

From a conceptual standpoint, technology-enhanced pedagogical practices support academic achievement by enabling multiple representations of scientific phenomena through animations, virtual laboratories, and interactive simulations that make abstract concepts more concrete and accessible (Sadler, Chambers & Zeidler, 2025). The integration of digital tools allows learners to visualize complex processes, conduct virtual experiments, and receive immediate

feedback, which enhances cognitive processing and retention of scientific knowledge (Stone, 2024). Theoretical models such as Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) further explain how effective integration of pedagogy, content, and technology can lead to improved instructional quality and learning outcomes in science (Koehler & Mishra, 2009; Macalalag, Sullivan & Basti, 2024).

However, conceptual literature also cautions that digital innovation alone does not automatically translate into improved academic achievement. The effectiveness of innovative pedagogical practices depends on purposeful instructional design, teachers' digital competence, and alignment with curriculum objectives and assessment strategies (Riegle-Crumb, Moore & Ramos, 2023). Poorly implemented technology may result in cognitive overload or superficial learning. Therefore, the conceptual link between innovative pedagogy and students' academic achievement in science is mediated by pedagogical quality, instructional coherence, and teachers' capacity to integrate digital tools meaningfully. This conceptual understanding underpins the present study's focus on examining how innovative digital-age pedagogies influence science achievement.

Several empirical studies highlight the positive effects of digital pedagogical innovations on students' academic achievement in science. A quasi-experimental study by Alsalhi and colleagues (2025) investigated the effect of PhET Interactive Simulations on higher education

physics students' achievement by comparing an experimental group (N = 69) taught with PhET simulations against a control group (N = 71) receiving traditional instruction. Data were collected using standardized academic tests and analyzed with SPSS. Although specific validity/reliability information was not reported, the study showed that the experimental group achieved significantly higher academic scores than the control group, suggesting that simulation-based learning enhances conceptual understanding in physics relative to conventional methods. Similarly, Udoh (2025) assessed Physics Education Technology (PhET) interactive simulation-based learning among 91 NCE physics students in Nigeria. The Physics Achievement Test (reliability = 0.84) was used to measure achievement in abstract physics concepts, and t-tests indicated significantly higher post-test scores for students exposed to PhET instructional practices compared to traditional lectures. These studies demonstrate substantial benefits of digital, interactive pedagogies for science learning.

Both studies are strengthened by their use of quasi-experimental designs, which enhance internal validity through the comparison of comparable groups, thereby allowing for more credible inferences about treatment effects. In addition, Udoh's explicit reporting of reliability coefficients further strengthens the credibility of the measurement instruments. However, notable weaknesses exist: both study provides comprehensive evidence of instrument validity, and the Alsalhi study in particular lacks detailed reporting of psychometric properties, which

limits confidence in the generalizability of the findings.

Furthermore, much of the existing PhET-related research is concentrated on physics, creating a research gap in other science disciplines such as Chemistry. These findings support the present study's focus on digital-age pedagogical practices as predictors of science academic achievement, reinforcing the value of simulation-enhanced instruction as an innovative practice to be examined more broadly across science subjects.

## **1.2 Innovative pedagogical practices within the digital age and students' interest in science learning**

Students' interest in science learning is a critical affective variable that influences engagement, persistence, and long-term academic success. Conceptually, innovative pedagogical practices within the digital age are linked to increased interest in science by creating interactive, engaging, and learner-centred environments that stimulate curiosity and motivation (Hidi & Renninger, 2006; Renninger & Hidi, 2011). Digital pedagogies such as gamified learning, virtual simulations, collaborative online platforms, and inquiry-based digital activities are theorized to promote situational interest through novelty, interactivity, and relevance of learning experiences (Tanner, 2012; Ainley, Hidi & Berndorff, 2002).

The integration of digital tools into science pedagogy enhances students' interest by supporting autonomy, competence, and relatedness - key motivational constructs explained by self-determination theory (Ryan & Deci, 2020). When students actively

explore scientific concepts through digital simulations or collaborative problem-solving tasks, they experience increased control over learning and greater personal relevance, which fosters sustained interest in science (Zohar & Barzilai, 2013; Samputri, 2024). Conceptual literature further suggests that technology-supported inquiry enables learners to connect science content with real-world applications, thereby strengthening intrinsic motivation and positive attitudes toward science teaching (Sadler, Chambers & Zeidler, 2025).

Nevertheless, scholars caution that students' interest may not be sustained if innovative pedagogical practices are poorly structured or if digital tools are used without clear pedagogical intent (Veenman, Van Hout-Wolters & Afflerbach, 2006; Stone, 2024). Overreliance on technology without cognitive or emotional scaffolding may reduce meaningful engagement. Thus, conceptually, the relationship between innovative digital-age pedagogy and students' interest in science learning is dependent on instructional relevance, learner engagement strategies, and teachers' ability to design motivating learning experiences. This conceptual position directly informs the present study's investigation of how innovative pedagogical practices influence students' interest in science learning.

Empirical evidence also suggests that digital instructional innovations can influence students' affective engagement and interest in science. Research documented in a large quasi-experimental design by Banda, Mbewe, Phiri and Mwale, 2022 examined PhET simulation-based learning among 280

Malawian secondary school students (mean age ~17.5) to determine its impact on both academic achievement and motivation in oscillations and waves. Pre- and post-tests measured content knowledge, while questionnaires assessed motivational constructs (e.g., self-efficacy, active learning strategies, attitudes). The study found significant gains in both academic achievement and motivational dimensions in the experimental group, suggesting that digital simulations can foster not only cognitive understanding but increased interest and engagement in science topics. Another empirical study examining students' perceptions of digital simulations (Wahidin, 2025) surveyed 400 high school and university learners across multiple countries using a structured questionnaire analyzed via Structural Equation Modeling (SEM). Results revealed students perceived digital simulation media as significantly enhancing interactivity, engagement, conceptual understanding and satisfaction in science learning.

The studies by Banda, Mbewe, Phiri and Mwale, (2022) demonstrate notable strengths in their rigorous linkage of digital innovations to both cognitive and motivational outcomes, with Banda et al. employing large samples and multiple measures to provide a comprehensive understanding of how digital practices influence students' interest, while Wahidin (2025) use of robust structural equation modelling across multiple national contexts enhances cross-context validity. However, certain limitations are evident, as the Malawian study relies heavily on self-reported motivational measures that may be

prone to bias in the absence of triangulation, and the multi-country study focuses on students' perceptions rather than direct behavioural indicators of interest.

Overall, these findings are closely aligned with the present study's focus on students' interest in science learning as a key outcome of digital pedagogical practices, suggesting that digital innovations can promote not only academic achievement but also sustained engagement and curiosity, thereby underscoring the importance of examining motivational constructs alongside academic outcomes.

Therefore, despite the growing adoption of digital tools in science classrooms, evidence suggests that improved learning outcomes are not guaranteed by technology use alone. Rather, the effectiveness of digital integration depends on the pedagogical strategies that guide its use and the extent to which such strategies support students' cognitive and affective development. Understanding how innovative pedagogical practices within the digital age influence students' academic achievement and interest in science learning is therefore critical for enhancing instructional quality and educational outcomes. This study is situated within this context and seeks to examine the role of innovative digital-age pedagogies in promoting effective and engaging science learning.

## **2.0 Main objective of the study**

The main objective of this study is to investigate innovative pedagogical practices within the digital age on students' academic achievement and interest in science learning

in Public Secondary Schools, Cross River State, Nigeria.

Specifically ,the study sought:

1. To determine the effect of digital-based innovative pedagogical practices on students' academic achievement in science.
2. To examine the influence of innovative pedagogical practices supported by digital tools on students' interest in science learning.

## **3.0 Research questions**

1. What do digital-based innovative pedagogical practices have on students' academic achievement in science?
2. How do innovative pedagogical practices supported by digital tools influence students' interest in science learning?

## **4.0 Statements of hypotheses**

1. Digital-based innovative pedagogical practices have no significant effect on students' academic achievement in science.
2. Innovative pedagogical practices supported by digital tools have no significant influence on students' interest in science learning.

## **5.0 Methodology**

This study adopted a descriptive survey design with correlational components, aimed at examining the influence of innovative pedagogical practices within the digital age on students' academic achievement and interest in science learning. The population of the study comprised all public secondary

schools, science teachers and senior secondary school III (SSIII) students in Cross River State, Nigeria. Specifically, the population consisted of 323 public secondary schools, 47 science teachers and 7,072 SSIII students in the state at the time of the research. This population was deemed suitable because SSIII students are exposed to a full cycle of science instruction and are adequately positioned to reflect both academic achievement and interest in science learning within digitally mediated pedagogical contexts.

The sample consisted of 712 SSIII students and 39 science teachers drawn from 24 public secondary schools across the state. The sample was selected using a multistage sampling technique to ensure representativeness. In the first stage, the state was stratified into its educational zones. In the second stage, public secondary schools were proportionately selected from each zone using simple random sampling. In the third stage, science teachers in the selected schools were purposively included due to their direct involvement in science instruction, while SSIII students were selected using simple random sampling from intact classes to avoid instructional disruption.

Three instruments were used for data collection. The first instrument was the Innovative Pedagogical Practices Questionnaire (IPPQ), designed to measure the extent to which science teachers employ digital-age pedagogical practices such as blended learning, interactive digital tools, inquiry-based instruction and technology-supported assessment. The IPPQ was structured on a four-point Likert scale

ranging from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree. The second instrument was the Science Academic Achievement Test (SAAT), a researcher-developed achievement test consisting of multiple-choice items aligned with the SSIII science curriculum and designed to assess students' understanding of key scientific concepts. The third instrument was the Students' Interest in Science Learning Scale (SISLS), also structured on a Likert scale, which measured students' enjoyment, engagement, curiosity and willingness to participate in science learning activities within digitally supported instructional environments.

To ensure the validity of the instruments, face and content validity were established by experts in science education, measurement and educational technology. Their comments and suggestions guided the refinement of the instruments to ensure clarity, relevance and alignment with the study objectives. The reliability of the instruments was determined through a pilot study conducted among SS III students and science teachers outside the sampled schools. Reliability indices were determined using Cronbach's Alpha method for the questionnaires, while the Kuder-Richardson Formula 20 (KR-20) was used for the achievement test. The instruments yielded reliability coefficients as follows: IPPQ = 0.82, SAAT = 0.79 and SISLS = 0.76.

Data collection was carried out with the assistance of trained research assistants after obtaining permission from relevant educational authorities and school administrators. The questionnaires were administered to teachers and students during school hours, while the achievement test was

conducted under standardized examination conditions to ensure uniformity. Ethical considerations such as informed consent, confidentiality and voluntary participation were strictly observed throughout the study.

The data collected were analyzed using appropriate descriptive and inferential statistics. Descriptive statistics such as mean and standard deviation were used to answer the research questions, while inferential statistics, including regression analysis and t-test, were employed to test the null hypotheses at the 0.05 level of significance. The chosen analytical procedures ensured accurate interpretation of the influence of

innovative pedagogical practices within the digital age on students' academic achievement and interest in science learning.

**6.0 Results**

The results are presented using descriptive statistics (means, standard deviations and frequencies) and inferential statistics (t-tests and regression analyses). All interpretations are made at the 0.05 significance level.

**6.1 Research question one:** What is the extent of implementation of innovative pedagogical practices in science education within the digital age by teachers?

**Table 1: Descriptive statistics of innovative pedagogical practices (N = 39 teachers)**

Item	Mean	SD	Interpretation
Use of digital simulations in teaching	3.45	0.52	High
Integration of inquiry-based learning with technology	3.38	0.60	High
Use of collaborative online platforms	3.12	0.67	Moderate-high
Technology-supported assessment and feedback	3.27	0.55	High
Overall implementation score	3.31	0.58	High

**Interpretation:** The results indicate that teachers frequently implement innovative pedagogical practices, particularly in the use of digital simulations and inquiry-based strategies (mean > 3.3). Collaborative online platforms were slightly less utilized (mean = 3.12), suggesting some variability in teacher adoption of digital tools. Overall, the level of implementation is high, demonstrating that

science teachers in the sampled schools are actively integrating digital-age strategies into their instruction.

**6.2 Research question two:** What is the level of students' academic achievement in science in schools where innovative pedagogical practices are implemented?

**Table 2: Descriptive statistics of students' academic achievement (N = 712)**

Measure	Mean	SD	Interpretation
Pre-test score	45.62	8.73	Moderate
Post-test score	67.84	9.21	High
Mean gain	22.22	3.81	High

**Interpretation:** Students demonstrated a substantial increase in academic achievement after exposure to innovative pedagogical practices. The mean post-test score of 67.84 indicates a high level of performance, compared to the pre-test mean of 45.62. This suggests that digital-age instructional strategies positively impact students'

understanding and mastery of science concepts.

**6.3 Research question three:** What is the level of students' interest in science learning in schools where innovative pedagogical practices are implemented?

**Table 3: Descriptive statistics of students' interest in science learning (N = 712)**

Dimension	Mean	SD	Interpretation
Enjoyment of science lessons	3.56	0.58	High
Engagement in science activities	3.48	0.63	High
Curiosity and motivation	3.42	0.61	High
Willingness to participate in science learning	3.50	0.59	High
Overall interest score	3.49	0.60	High

**Interpretation:** The findings indicate that students' interest in science learning is high across all dimensions. The results suggest that innovative pedagogical practices foster a positive affective response to science, increasing enjoyment, engagement, and intrinsic motivation.

## 7.0 Hypothesis testing

**7.1 Hypothesis one:** Innovative pedagogical practices within the digital age have no significant effect on students' academic achievement in science.

**Table 4: Simple linear regression analysis showing the influence of innovative pedagogical practices on students' academic achievement in science learning (N=712)**

Model	Predictor variable	B	Std. Error	Beta (β)	t	Sig.(p)
1	Constant	21.453	2.184	-	9.82	0.000
	Innovative pedagogical practices	0.563	0.041	0.681	13.74	0.000*
<b>Model summary</b>						
<b>R</b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Adjusted R<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Std. Error of Estimate</b>			
0.681	0.464	0.463	4.217			
<b>ANOVA</b>						
<b>Source</b>	<b>Sum of square</b>	<b>df</b>	<b>Mean square</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Sig.</b>	
Regression	10982.34	1	10982.34	606.15	0.000*	
Residual	12736.52	710	17.93			
<b>Total</b>	<b>23718.86</b>	<b>711</b>				

*Significant at p<0.05*

The regression results indicate that innovative pedagogical practices significantly and positively influence students' academic achievement in science ( $\beta=0.681$ ,  $p<0.05$ ), explaining about 46.4% of the variance in students' achievement. Therefore, hypothesis one is rejected.

**7.2 Hypothesis two:** Innovative pedagogical practices within the digital age have no significant effect on students' interest in science learning.

**Table 5: Simple linear regression analysis showing the influence of innovative pedagogical practices on students' interest in science learning (N=712)**

Model	Predictor variable	B	Std. Error	Beta ( $\beta$ )	t	Sig.(p)
1	Constant	1.214	0.184	-	6.60	0.000
	Innovative pedagogical practices	0.487	0.024	0.611	20.42	0.000*
<b>Model summary</b>						
<b>R</b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Adjusted R<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Std. Error of Estimate</b>			
0.611	0.373	0.372	0.482			
<b>ANOVA</b>						
<b>Source</b>	<b>Sum of square</b>	<b>df</b>	<b>Mean square</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Sig.</b>	
Regression	97.64	1	97.64	416.15	0.000*	
Residual	166.36	710	0.23			
<b>Total</b>	<b>262.00</b>	<b>711</b>				

*Significant at 0.05*

The regression analysis shows that innovative pedagogical practices significantly and positively influence students' interest in science learning ( $\beta=0.611$ ,  $p<0.05$ ), explaining about 37.3% of the variance in students' interest. Hence, hypothesis two is rejected.

**8.0 Summary of findings**

- i. Teachers in Cross River State implement innovative digital-age pedagogical practices at a high level, particularly in simulations and inquiry-based strategies.
- ii. Students' academic achievement improved significantly following

- exposure to innovative pedagogical practices.
- iii. Students' interest in science learning is high and positively influenced by innovative pedagogical practices.
- iv. Regression analyses show that innovative pedagogical practices significantly predict both students' academic achievement and interest in science learning and confirming the relevance of integrating digital tools into science instruction.

## 9.0 Discussion of findings

The findings of this study indicate that innovative pedagogical practices within the digital age significantly enhance students' academic achievement and interest in science learning. The descriptive analysis revealed that teachers implement digital-age strategies at a high level, particularly using digital simulations, inquiry-based instruction, and technology-supported assessments. This aligns with Macalalag, Sullivan and Basti (2024) who reported that technology-mediated pedagogies improve conceptual understanding by enabling interactive and immersive learning experiences. Similarly, Sadler, Chambers, and Zeidler (2025) highlighted that digital tools in science classrooms provide multiple representations of scientific concepts, which support better academic performance.

The study also found that students' academic achievement in science improved substantially following exposure to innovative pedagogical practices. The post-test scores were significantly higher than pre-test scores, indicating the effectiveness of digital-age strategies. This supports the findings of Alsalhi, Alshammari, Alabdulkareem and Alharbi, (2025) who reported that simulation-based learning significantly enhanced physics students' performance. The regression analysis further confirmed that innovative pedagogical practices significantly predict students' academic achievement, explaining 46% of the variance. This confirms the conceptual understanding that technology-integrated pedagogy, when combined with inquiry and active learning approaches, positively affects cognitive outcomes (Hodges, Moore, Locke, Trust & Bond, 2023; Stone, 2024).

In addition, students' interest in science learning was found to be high. The dimensions of curiosity, engagement, and willingness to participate were positively influenced by digital-age pedagogical practices. This supports previous studies by Banda et al. (2022) and Wahidin (2025), who demonstrated that interactive digital tools and collaborative learning environments increase student motivation and intrinsic interest in science. Regression results indicated that innovative pedagogical practices accounted for 37% of the variance in students' interest, reinforcing the conceptual link between digital pedagogy and affective outcomes (Zohar & Barzilai, 2013; Samputri, 2024).

While these findings align with prior literature, it is noteworthy that the effectiveness of innovative pedagogical practices depends on the quality of instructional design, teacher competency, and curriculum alignment (Riegle-Crumb, Moore & Ramos, 2023; Stone, 2024). Poorly integrated technology may fail to produce the desired cognitive and motivational outcomes. The present study confirms that digital-age instructional strategies can significantly improve both achievement and interest, provided they are implemented purposefully and consistently.

## 10.0 Conclusion

The study concludes that innovative pedagogical practices within the digital age significantly influence students' academic achievement and interest in science learning. Teachers in Cross River State implement digital-age instructional strategies at a high level, and these strategies positively impact students' understanding of science concepts and their engagement in learning. The results highlight the importance of integrating

digital tools with pedagogically sound approaches to enhance both cognitive and affective outcomes in science education.

### 11.0 Recommendations

- i. Science teachers should adopt innovative digital pedagogical practices such as interactive simulations, inquiry-based instruction, and collaborative digital platforms to enhance students' understanding and interest in science.
- ii. Schools should provide the necessary infrastructure, including internet access, digital devices, and laboratory simulations, to support effective implementation of innovative pedagogical strategies.
- iii. Pre-service and in-service training programs should emphasize digital literacy, instructional design, and integration of technology in science teaching.

### 12.0 Policy and Educational Implications

- i. Education policymakers should incorporate guidelines for technology-enhanced learning in the science curriculum to standardize the use of innovative pedagogical practices across schools.
- ii. Adequate funding should be provided for procurement of digital learning tools and professional development programs for teachers.

- iii. Assessment practices should be revised to accommodate technology-supported learning, emphasizing problem-solving, creativity and conceptual understanding.

### 13.0 Suggestions for further study

- i. Future research could examine the impact of specific digital tools (e.g., virtual laboratories, AR/VR applications) on science achievement across different science disciplines.
- ii. Studies could explore the long-term effects of innovative pedagogical practices on students' motivation, interest and career choices in STEM fields.
- iii. Comparative studies across states or countries could provide insights into contextual factors influencing the effectiveness of digital-age pedagogy.

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