

Dynamic capability: The effect of digital leadership on fostering innovation capability based on market orientation

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Industry 4.0 drives enterprises to transform their capabilities especially in innovation and their capabilities to adapt with dynamic market. The capabilities can be fostered when the leader is oriented towards digital technology and market orientation. The role of digital leadership has gained attention for studies to develop innovation and dynamic capabilities based on market orientation. Studies have been conducted on dynamic capabilities with focus on the strategy, management and economic literature including the understanding of its driving key to success. However, the study on the role of digital leadership on the development of dynamic capability based on innovation capability and market orientation has not been intensively discussed. It is argued that the development of dynamic capability and innovation capability is strongly driven from a combination of digital leadership and market orientation. Data in this study is taken from a survey conducted on 88 Indonesian telecommunication firms as a unit for analyses. The results show that digital leadership had a strong direct and indirect relationship with dynamic capability, however the strong path in developing capability is determined from the development of innovation capability that is driven from digital leadership based on market orientation. The finding reinforces the role of digital leadership as a critical influence on development of dynamic capability. Future studies are suggested to extend the research by exploring the research model to elaborate more on the impact of collaboration, leveraging a larger sample size and better statistical tools. A longitudinal study on the companies that implement the transformation based on dynamic capabilities is also recommended for future studies.

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1. Introduction

Industry 4.0 requires new capabilities for companies to provide new innovation, especially in its business model. Digital technology provides more flexibility for new players to create new products, market and potentially disrupt the existing businesses. Organizations are required to transform their capabilities by leveraging innovation and gain dynamic capabilities that focus on market orientation (Racela, 2014). Market orientation becomes critical in this disruptive era when the market becomes a lot more complex and dynamic (Christensen, 1997). Market turbulence in the digital era is also called VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity), which refers to the transformation of firms that enables the sensing of opportunities, seizing the design to enable and innovate, and transforming the organization to have a new paradigm (Sandberg, 2014; Yeow et al., 2018; Chima & Kasim, 2018).

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For an organization to have dynamic capabilities, the role of leadership takes on an important role (Schoemaker et al., 2018). To navigate change and mitigate risks due to the VUCA impact, the leader would require a long term view and the ability to develop a detailed plan to deal with the complexity. They would also need to be able to learn continuously in practicing proven leadership (Cockburn & Smith, 2016). This paper contributes to the study on the role and influence of digital leadership on the performance of firms' capabilities for innovation and dynamic capability-based market orientation. It also aims to assess the effective paths of the model transformation in the development dynamic capabilities. Dynamic capability focuses on capability as an enhancement of resource-based view concept as the ability of an organization to adapt to the change that is done by reconfiguring the routine activities (Ambrosini & Bowman, 2009; Eisenhardt & Martin, 2000; Teece et al., 1997). However, past studies show no consensus on whether or not the development of dynamic capability has direct or indirect implications on performance. Some studies have found that dynamic capability has an indirect effect on performance through operational performance (Eisenhardt & Martin, 2000; Helfat & Peteraf, 2003; Sapienza et al., 2006), while others suggest that dynamic capabilities have a direct influence performance (Deeds et al., 2000; Lin & Wu, 2014). The development of dynamic capabilities have a broad range of firm operational activities to support business development, innovation and alliance (Schoemaker et al., 2018). Dynamic capability is mostly used for the development of innovation capabilities, especially for business model innovations (Breznik & Hisrich, 2014; Schoemaker et al., 2018; Wasono et al., 2018). However empirical study on the development dynamic capability based on innovation and market orientation has not been conducted. There is also a lack of studies conducted on the topic of the influence of leadership in a digital context. According to the disruption phenomenon, firms that have innovations based on market orientation have a more sustained competitive advantage (Habtay & Holmén, 2014). Therefore, it is argued that the development of dynamic capability and innovation management based on market orientation has improved in performance. This leads to the suggestion that it may be better than building innovations and forming dynamic capabilities without taking the market into the large piece of consideration. It is also put forward that the role of leadership, especially digital leadership, has a significant, direct and indirect effect in building innovations in the development of dynamic capabilities. Therefore, this study aims to assess the influence of digital leadership in 'capability-building' in terms of organization behavior (market orientation, innovation management and dynamic capability). This is done in order to have sustainable capabilities in the long run.

2 Literature Review

The concept of dynamic capabilities refers to a previous study conducted by Schoemaker (2018). The novelty of this study emphasizes on dynamic capabilities and innovation, however the new variables of market orientation and digital leadership have also been taken into consideration to ensure the digital transformation. The situational analysis based on VUCA drives the organization behavior have more focus on market orientation. Market innovation is part of the organization behavior to have intelligence capability based on market knowledge. The view on market orientation has helped formulate dynamic capabilities in terms of sensing opportunity, seizing the design for innovation and the ability of the organization to transform in order to develop new capabilities. In order for an organization to implement dynamic capabilities, digital leadership should also be taken into consideration as it plays a significant role to ensure the dynamic capabilities of an organization aligns with the market. This also helps the chase for innovation management to achieve the ultimate goal of transformation. The dynamic capability framework based on innovation is demonstrated in Fig. 1. Innovation management provides a broad range of innovations to drive the strategic implementation that consists of product innovation, process innovation, position innovation and paradigm innovation (Tidd, 2015).

2.1 Market Orientation

Market orientation is the implementation of marketing concepts related to organization behavior and culture to respond to market change. From an organization perspective, this is done to also align with

organization activities, which should be transformed to focus more on the market (Narver & Slater, 1990; Anigbogu & Nduka, 2014; Chang & Liang, 2015; Le et al., 2018). In relation to organization behavior, market orientation focuses on the products and services to improve customer value (Gaur et al., 2011; Martelo et al., 2013; Santhi & Gurunathan, 2014; Anyanwu et al. 2016; Jones Osasuyi & Mwakipsile, 2017; Mosbah et al., 2017; Malarvizhi et al., 2018). Marketing orientation as the organization's cultural approach emphasizes on the belief and value proposition of organizations to take customers as the first priority (Özşahin et al., 2013). The ability to adapt with customer and market changes is called intelligence capability, which includes intelligence dissemination, intelligence generation and intelligence responsiveness (Amfo et al., 2018; Protcko & Dornberger, 2014).

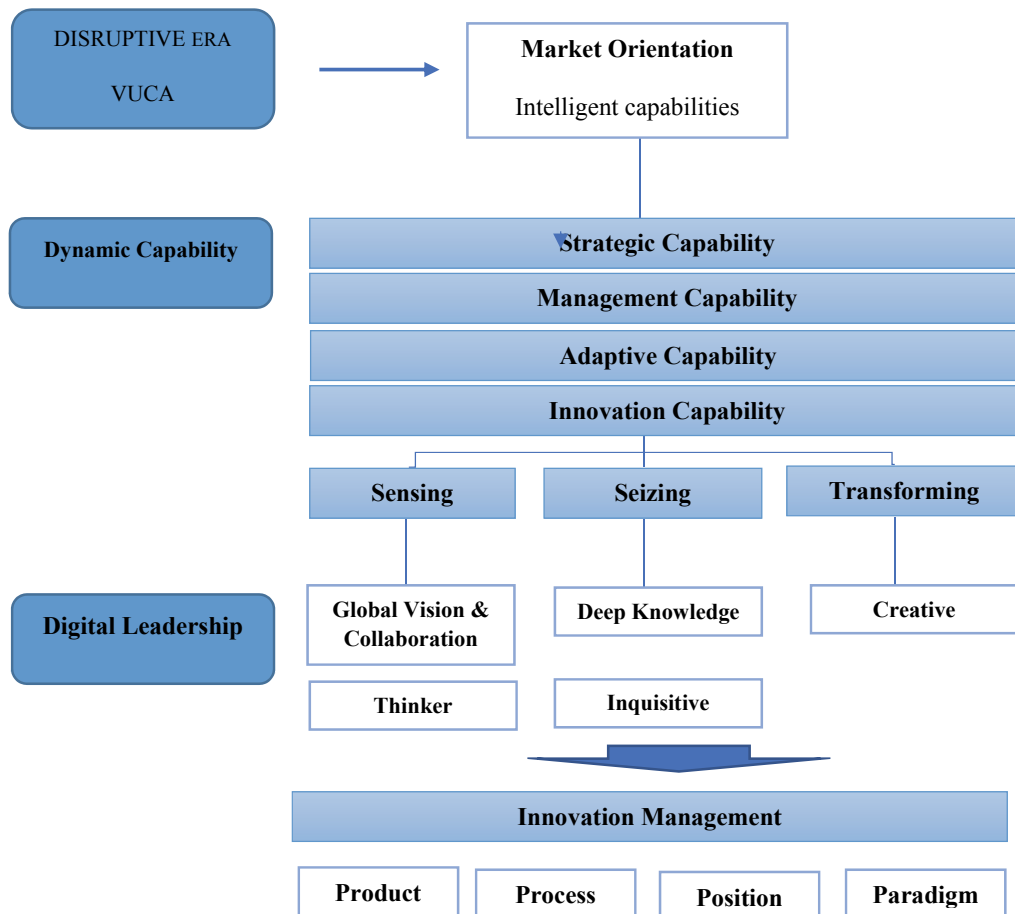


Fig. 1. Dynamic Capability based on Innovation Management

2.2 Dynamic Capability

Another capability that is considered as important in resource-based view is dynamic capability. It is defined as the organization's ability to adapt with internal and external changes by transforming existing routine resources, processes, products and services as a part of the new capability (Pisano, 2015; Schoemaker et al., 2018; Teece, 2014). Dynamic capability emphasizes on the resource capabilities of how an organization can be created, extended and modified to align with the changes, up to creating a new paradigm of transformation (Salunke et al., 2011; Purnama, 2014; Chielotam, 2015; Mowlai, 2017; Albasu & Nyameh, 2017; Maroofi et al., 2017; Kucukkocaoglu & Bozkurt, 2018; Maldonado-Guzman et al., 2018). A transformation can be done by integrating, building and reconfiguring the organization's competence as part of sensing, seizing and transforming (Eisenhardt & Martin, 2000; Teece et al., 1997). The

development of dynamic capabilities consists of adaptive capability, strategic capability, management capability and innovation capability (Mihardjo & Rukmana, 2018; Susanti & Arief, 2015).

2.3 Digital Leadership

The combination of leadership competence and the optimized use of digital technology to support decision making called as digital leadership (Goethals et al., 2002). Digital leadership requires an integration of culture and digital competence to utilize digital technology as part of leadership style to bring value to the firm (Mihardjo & Rukmana, 2018). According to Toduk and Gande (2016), digital leadership has distinctive characteristics, such as (1) creativity, (2) in-depth knowledge (3), strong network and collaboration, (4) and loyal participation via vision. Zhu (2015) also found similar characteristics of digital leadership, suggesting the leadership style to be (1) creative, (2) thinkers, (3) globally visionary and willing to collaborate, are (4) inquisitive leaders and are also (5) profound leaders. Based on these past studies, the digital leadership in this study takes a number of factors into consideration, including creativity, deep knowledge, global vision and collaboration, thinking, inquisition.

2.4 Innovation Capabilities

Innovation management consists of a broad range of innovations within four categories: product, process, position and paradigm innovation (Tidd, 2015). Product innovation is the core of innovation that relies heavily on the core competence of the firm and capabilities in order to develop distinct product capability. The process of innovation or technological innovation is also a key enabler to speed up the process of development and decision making through digitization or any innovation that is in a process to enhance performance. Positioning innovation is the innovation on a company's positioning within the market and to adapt with changes and new demands from the market. This includes situations like shifting from a premium segment into low segment positioning. Paradigm innovation is also a part of the business model innovation as a new paradigm of the company.

2.5 Hypothesis Development

Leadership has influenced market orientation as part of organization behavior in previous studies as part of organization capability (Menguc et al., 2007; Özşahin et al., 2013) as well as the Indonesian market in the digital era (Mihardjo & Rukmana, 2018). The hypothesis then can be formulated as the following:

H₁: Digital leadership has a significant impact on market orientation in the Indonesian telecommunication industry.

Leadership contributes significant influence in maintaining innovation management, just as found in other past studies (Schoemaker et al., 2018; Schweitzer, 2014). This finding is also found relevant in the digital era (Mihardjo & Rukmana, 2018). Based on the findings, the hypothesis is formulated as the following.

H₂: Digital leadership has a significant impact on innovation management in the Indonesian telecommunication industry.

Market orientation has been found as a critical part in enhancing innovation management, especially in business model innovation (Amfo et al., 2018), which is also relevant in the digital era (Mihardjo & Rukmana, 2018). This leads to the third hypothesis, as following

H₃: Market orientation has a significant impact on innovation management in the Indonesian telecommunication industry.

The role of leadership in developing dynamic capability was found to have significant influence (Schoemaker et al., 2018; Schweitzer, 2014), hence the hypothesis formulation can be stated as the following:

H₄: Digital leadership has a significant impact on dynamic capability in the Indonesian telecommunication industry.

Market orientation has been found as part of the dynamic capability within an organization's behavior (Hou, 2008; Mihardjo & Rukmana, 2018), hence it is hypothesized that:

H₅: Market orientation has a significant impact on dynamic capability in the Indonesian telecommunication industry.

Innovation management has also been found to have significant impact on driving dynamic capability (Breznik & Hisrich, 2014; Schoemaker et al., 2018), which leads to the following hypothesis:

H₆: Innovation capabilities have significant impact on dynamic capabilities within the Indonesian telecommunication industry.

Fig. 2 illustrates the research model of this study

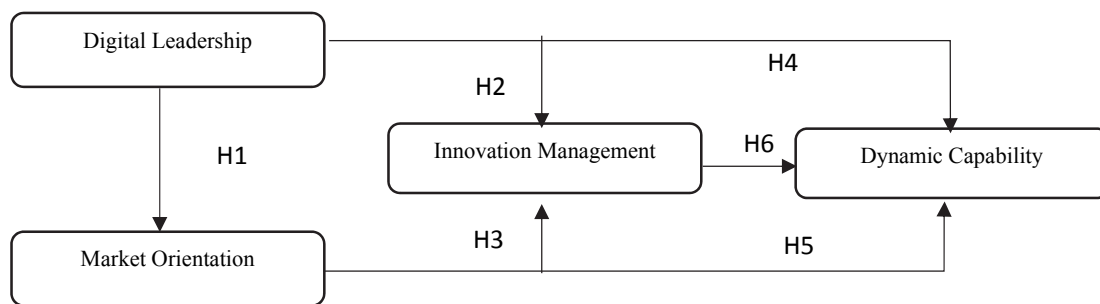


Fig. 2. Research Model

3. Methodology

The study was conducted starting November 2017 until January 2018, which was done by observations, interviews, and survey questionnaires. The unit of analysis included Indonesian conventional telecommunication service firms that include the network and service providers. Purposive sampling was used in this study to collect the sampling pool. The required minimum sampling is 52 respondents, as according to Hair et al. (2014), however this study had a sample of 88 respondents which was above the recommended minimum sample size. 75% of respondents were managers of general manager positions and the rest of 25% were VP and board leaders. 88% were men and 12% were women. 83% respondents were senior managers from network provider, while 17% from service providers. Data were collected via self-assessment through an online questionnaire and distributed through messenger, WhatsApp, Telegram and email. SmartPLS was the statistical tool used for analyses considering the latent variables and small sample size.

4. Results and Findings

The measurement test is being used to measure the relationship between latent variables and their indicators as well as structural tests to test the hypothesis and model.

4.1. Evaluation of Measurement

Validity and reliability are measured based on the following parameters:

- Cronbach alpha to test reliability with minimum threshold of 0.7,
- Composite Reliability with minimum threshold of 0.7,
- Average Variance Extracted (AVE), expected to be more than 0.5.

The results shown as the following:

Table 1
Construct's Reliability Test

	Cronbach's Alpha	rho_A	Composite Reliability	AVE
Digital leadership	0.972	0.974	0.975	0.675
Deep Knowledge	0.913	0.916	0.939	0.794
Global Vision and Collaboration	0.931	0.933	0.951	0.830
Inquisitive	0.945	0.946	0.960	0.858
Thinker	0.915	0.915	0.946	0.854
Creative	0.872	0.875	0.912	0.723
Market Orientation	0.951	0.956	0.956	0.553
Intelligent Dissemination	0.791	0.821	0.866	0.622
Intelligent Generation	0.876	0.879	0.907	0.619
Responsiveness	0.920	0.927	0.935	0.646
Innovation Management	0.959	0.961	0.966	0.780
Product Innovation	0.837	0.844	0.924	0.859
Process Innovation	0.941	0.941	0.971	0.944
Position Innovation	0.906	0.906	0.955	0.914
Paradigm Innovation	0.855	0.862	0.932	0.873
Dynamic Capabilities	0.959	0.962	0.964	0.657
Adaptive Capabilities	0.917	0.918	0.948	0.858
Innovation Capability	0.817	0.826	0.892	0.734
Management Capabilities	0.915	0.922	0.940	0.797
Strategic Capability	0.851	0.865	0.900	0.694

Table 2
The results of outer loading

	Path	SD	T-value	P Values	Conclusions
AC1 ← Adaptive Capabilities	0.952	0.011	82.891	0.000	Valid
AC2 ← Adaptive Capabilities	0.923	0.019	48.640	0.000	Valid
AC3 ← Adaptive Capabilities	0.903	0.028	32.133	0.000	Valid
IC1 ← Innovation Capability	0.891	0.025	36.029	0.000	Valid
IC2 ← Innovation Capability	0.894	0.022	41.556	0.000	Valid
IC3 ← Innovation Capability	0.780	0.060	12.906	0.000	Valid
ID1 ← Intelligent Dissemination	0.595	0.095	6.295	0.000	Valid
ID2 ← Intelligent Dissemination	0.842	0.041	20.715	0.000	Valid
ID3 ← Intelligent Dissemination	0.887	0.028	31.181	0.000	Valid
ID4 ← Intelligent Dissemination	0.798	0.048	16.561	0.000	Valid
IG1 ← Intelligent Generation	0.771	0.048	16.014	0.000	Valid
IG2 ← Intelligent Generation	0.746	0.058	12.753	0.000	Valid
IG3 ← Intelligent Generation	0.841	0.031	27.055	0.000	Valid
IG4 ← Intelligent Generation	0.757	0.043	17.462	0.000	Valid
IG5 ← Intelligent Generation	0.801	0.053	15.132	0.000	Valid
IG6 ← Intelligent Generation	0.800	0.039	20.293	0.000	Valid
IP1 ← Process Innovation	0.971	0.010	92.826	0.000	Valid
IP2 ← Process Innovation	0.972	0.010	98.294	0.000	Valid
IP3 ← Product Innovation	0.935	0.011	81.542	0.000	Valid
IPAR1 ← Paradigm Innovation	0.942	0.016	59.068	0.000	Valid
IPAR2 ← Paradigm Innovation	0.927	0.028	32.930	0.000	Valid
IPOS1 ← Position Innovation	0.956	0.011	83.780	0.000	Valid
IPOS2 ← Position Innovation	0.956	0.010	92.708	0.000	Valid
IPRO1 ← Product Innovation	0.919	0.022	41.209	0.000	Valid
IT1 ← Inquisitive	0.917	0.020	45.557	0.000	Valid
IT2 ← Inquisitive	0.940	0.019	50.067	0.000	Valid
IT3 ← Inquisitive	0.903	0.021	43.774	0.000	Valid
IT4 ← Inquisitive	0.946	0.016	60.535	0.000	Valid
K1 ← creative	0.756	0.040	18.979	0.000	Valid
K2 ← creative	0.910	0.020	45.002	0.000	Valid
K3 ← creative	0.864	0.043	19.899	0.000	Valid
K4 ← creative	0.865	0.048	17.938	0.000	Valid
MC1 ← Management Capabilities	0.919	0.018	51.498	0.000	Valid
MC2 ← Management Capabilities	0.862	0.033	26.300	0.000	Valid
MC3 ← Management Capabilities	0.881	0.032	27.620	0.000	Valid
MC4 ← Management Capabilities	0.909	0.021	43.944	0.000	Valid
P1 ← Thinker	0.916	0.017	53.401	0.000	Valid
P2 ← Thinker	0.930	0.014	64.285	0.000	Valid
P3 ← Thinker	0.927	0.020	47.344	0.000	Valid

Table 2
The results of outer loading (Continued)

	Path	SD	T-val.	P Values	Conclusions
PM1 ← Deep Knowledge	0.844	0.035	23.957	0.000	Valid
PM2 ← Deep Knowledge	0.901	0.026	34.698	0.000	Valid
PM3 ← Deep Knowledge	0.913	0.018	51.122	0.000	Valid
PM4 ← Deep Knowledge	0.905	0.023	39.757	0.000	Valid
R1 ← Responsiveness	0.768	0.050	15.255	0.000	Valid
R2 ← Responsiveness	0.873	0.037	23.778	0.000	Valid
R3 ← Responsiveness	0.698	0.071	9.844	0.000	Valid
R4 ← Responsiveness	0.899	0.024	37.126	0.000	Valid
R5 ← Responsiveness	0.871	0.034	25.824	0.000	Valid
R6 ← Responsiveness	0.777	0.062	12.600	0.000	Valid
R7 ← Responsiveness	0.830	0.049	16.847	0.000	Valid
R8 ← Responsiveness	0.687	0.093	7.374	0.000	Valid
SC1 ← Strategic Capability	0.879	0.022	40.140	0.000	Valid
SC2 ← Strategic Capability	0.902	0.023	39.611	0.000	Valid
SC3 ← Strategic Capability	0.771	0.050	15.398	0.000	Valid
SC4 ← Strategic Capability	0.771	0.063	12.229	0.000	Valid
VG1 ← Global Vision and Collaboration	0.925	0.021	43.438	0.000	Valid
VG2 ← Global Vision and Collaboration	0.921	0.019	49.004	0.000	Valid
VG3 ← Global Vision and Collaboration	0.879	0.051	17.165	0.000	Valid
VG4 ← Global Vision and Collaboration	0.918	0.017	53.664	0.000	Valid

Table 1 and Table 2 show that all variables and dimensions had a Cronbach-Alpha, Rho A, composite reliability and AVE above the threshold, hence all variables and dimensions are valid and reliable.

4.2. Structural Model (Inner Model)

The blindfolding results show that the Q2 for the innovation management has a score of 0.512 and market orientation with a score of 0.288. This means that the structural model has adequate predictive relevance with the complete figure of the research model that is demonstrated in Fig. 3.

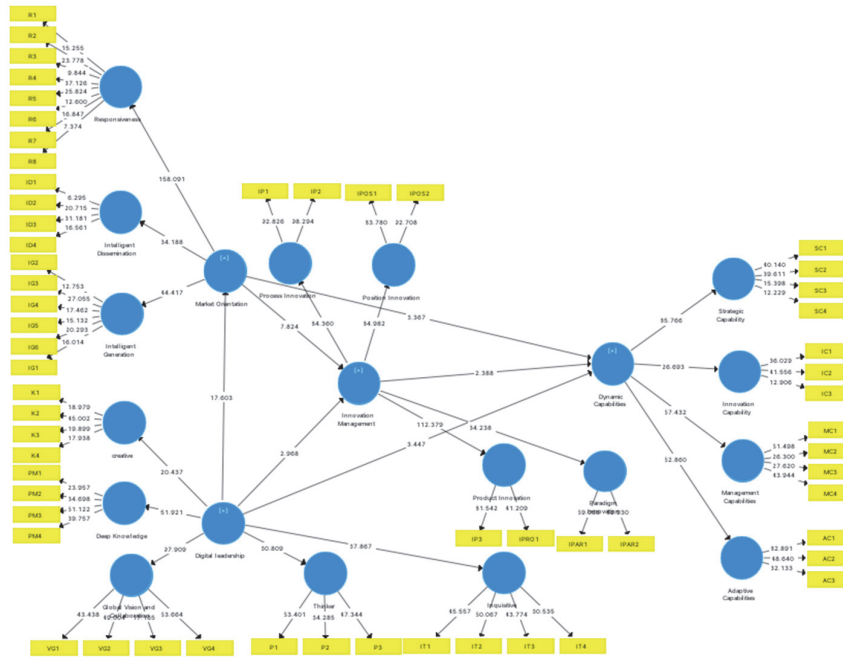


Fig 3. The Complete Research Model

4.3. Hypothesis Testing

Partial hypothesis testing was conducted to measure the significance of the direct relationship between variables. Results of the partial testing is demonstrated in Table 3.

Table 3
Partial Hypothesis Testing

	Path	Standard Deviation	T Statistics	P Values	Remarks
Innovation Management → Dynamic Capabilities	0.186	0.078	2.388	0.017	Supported
Digital leadership → Innovation Management	0.262	0.088	2.968	0.003	Supported
Digital leadership → Dynamic Capabilities	0.229	0.066	3.447	0.001	Supported
Digital leadership → Market Orientation	0.754	0.043	17.603	0.000	Supported
Market Orientation → Innovation Management	0.627	0.080	7.824	0.000	Supported
Market Orientation → Dynamic Capabilities	0.576	0.090	6.367	0.000	Supported

Table 3 shows that digital leadership has a significant, direct influence on market orientation, innovation management, and dynamic capability. While market orientation has a direct influence on innovation management and dynamic capability, innovation management has significant influence on dynamic capability, indicated by the t-statistic value higher than 1.96 and p-value is less than 0.05. Simultaneous hypothesis testing was conducted to assess the indirect effect of independent variables on dependent variables. The results can be seen in Table 3.

Table 4
Simultaneous Hypothesis Testing Result

	Path	SD	T-Statistics	P-Values	Remarks
Digital leadership → Market Orientation → Innovation Management	0.473	0.062	7.652	0.000	Supported
Digital leadership → Innovation Management → Dynamic Capabilities	0.049	0.026	1.845	0.065	Not Supported
Digital leadership → Market Orientation → Innovation Management → Dynamic Capabilities	0.088	0.041	2.170	0.030	Supported
Digital leadership → Market Orientation → Dynamic Capabilities	0.434	0.072	6.023	0.000	Supported

Table 4 demonstrates that digital leadership has a strong influence on dynamic capability indirectly through market orientation. Even though innovation management has direct influence on dynamic capability, simultaneous testing of the hypothesis shows that the path of digital leadership does not have significant influence on dynamic capabilities through innovation management. This is indicated by the t-statistics value of less than 1.96 and p-value higher than 0.05.

4.3. Discussion and Implications

The current study findings support Loucks et al. (2015) on the agility issue for incumbent firms to align with market orientation due to legacy and risk taking management. It also supports the issues faced by incumbent firms in facing the disruptive era where market orientation plays a significant role in creating dynamic capabilities (Christensen, 1997; Markides, 2006). Simultaneous testing of the hypotheses shows that marketing orientation supports the innovation management more in order to perform dynamic capabilities, compared to digital leadership-innovation management – dynamic capability. This is because in this case, digital leadership does not fully support innovation management to have dynamic capabilities. In the long run, incumbent firms should develop dynamic capabilities based on innovation management-based market orientation. The development of dynamic capabilities is emphasized by strong adaptive capability and management capability decisions. This finding supports the previous study on how dynamic capability could enable an organization innovation to sense market changes in detecting the weak signals, seize opportunities and threats to develop scenarios and mitigate potential risks. It could also transform the new paradigm and reshape the environment to navigate the dynamic capability to be more agile in the turbulence environment (Schoemaker et al., 2018; Teece et al., 1997)

In the digital era, navigating in a dynamic and VUCA environment requires special leadership that combines leadership capabilities and optimizes the use of digital technology as a part of the opportunity to enhance the top line and mitigate threats. Leaders must develop the individual capacity and competence to better manage uncertainties and lead organizations to adapt with strong dynamic capabilities. Leaders have to define the vision and growth lead towards the vision in the future. Findings of the study align with the phenomenon where the most important factor in digital leadership is global vision and collaboration followed by thinking and deep knowledge. This finding also supports Schoemaker et al. (2018) and Zhu (2015). Thinking and inquisition are related to the challenges and interpretations of the leaders to be able to sense market change and support the seizing of opportunities, as well as mitigating potential threats out of curiosity. The next capability that is required from digital leadership is deep knowledge, which is related to decision making based on the knowledge to provide digital technology support. In-depth knowledge is also demonstrated the leaders' continuous learning. The last capability is creativity, which is a very important capability in order to be able to unleash numerous business model innovations, especially in the digital era. The emergence of Internet of things (IoT) has enabled the connection of all industry parties. The combination of collaboration and virtual connectivity could effectively mutate a new paradigm and form a remarkable innovation. For incumbent telecommunication firms in Indonesia, digital leadership is central to dynamic capabilities in the development of innovation. Innovation design and implementation should align with the market while also contributing transactions to the firm. The transactional trigger in relation to the experience for customers to transform new capabilities for incumbent firms are demonstrated in Fig. 4 (Kapmeier & Struben, 2017).

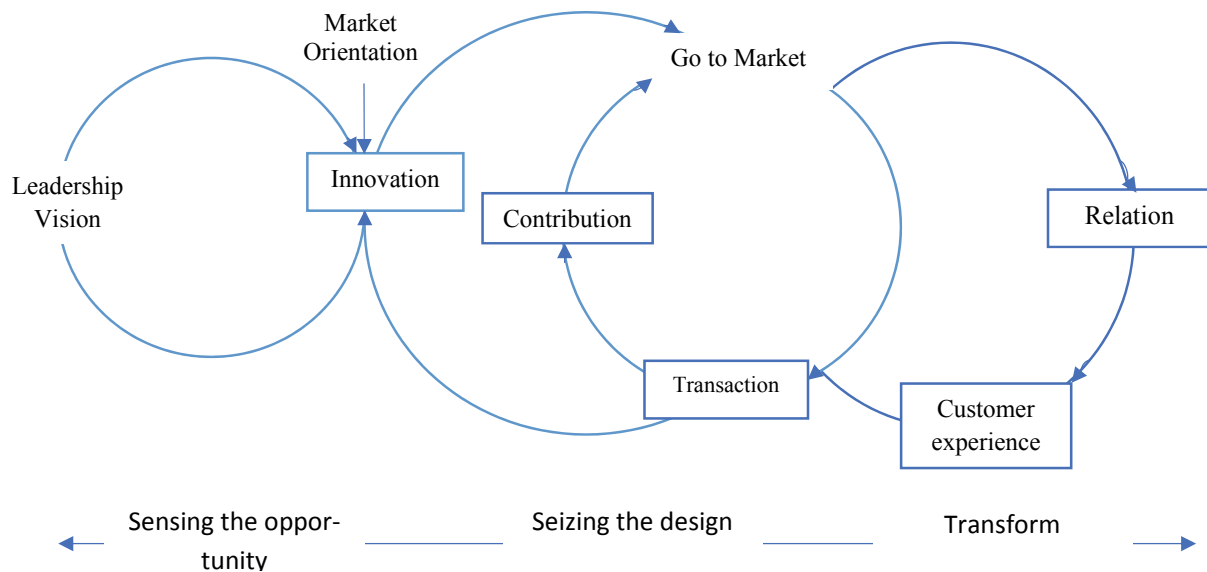


Fig. 4. Dynamic Capability on Innovation
(Kapmeier & Struben, 2017)

5. Conclusion

Digital leadership has a significant influence in driving market orientation, innovation management, and dynamic capabilities. However, the most important factor in developing innovation management should rely heavily on the market to support a form of dynamic capability. This study has limitations in terms of the sample size, methodology, length, and research model, therefore future studies are suggested to expand the study by taking samples from countries other than Indonesia and in industries other than ICT, since the research model can be applicable across different countries and industries. It is also recommended for future studies to use a larger sample size and more advanced statistical tool for analyses. Other than that, a longitudinal study design should also be conducted to be able to have a better examination on the long-term effects of digital leadership.

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