

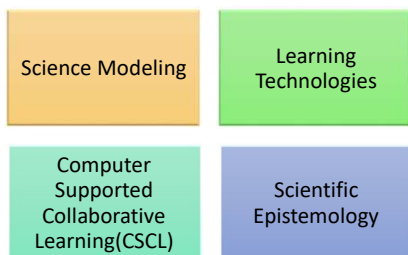
10:30-12:00 諸外国から見た日本の理科授業

Current Status and Research of Science Education in Taiwan

Science Education: Perspectives from a U.S. Researcher



#### Research interests



12-Year  
Basic Education Curricula  
in Taiwan




Directions Governing for the 12-Year Basic Education Curricula are scheduled to be implemented in **August 2018**.

#### Vision

Empowering Each Child: Nurturing individual Potential and Facilitating Lifelong Learning



#### Future Directions

Guided by the Directions and through joint efforts, curriculum reforms are an ongoing process, and are expected to achieve the following:

##### Curricular Refinement

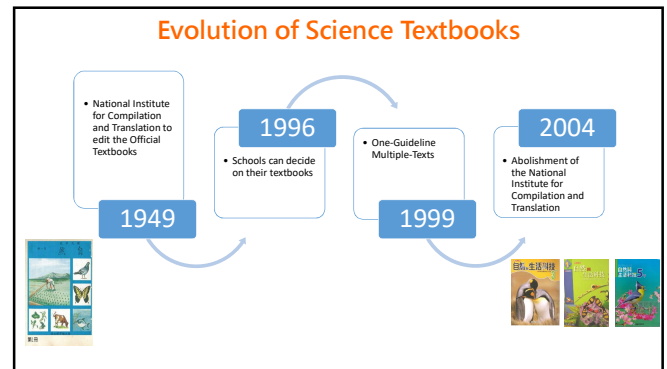
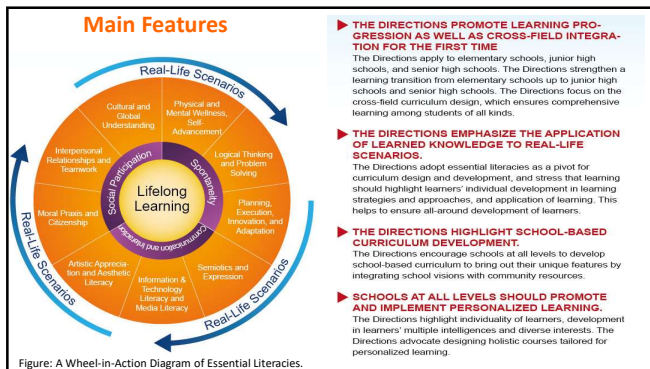
Through discussion with stakeholders, schools may develop an appropriate curriculum plan, establish school-based courses, and continuously refine curricula.

##### Instruction Enrichment

Teachers should conduct co-lesson planning and open-classroom teaching, form professional communities, and employ multiple instruction and assessment strategies rich instruction.

##### Engagement in Learning

Learners are willing and able to learn autonomously. The Directions promote learners' engagement and encourage hands-on practice, project-based exploration, and showcase of learning outcomes.



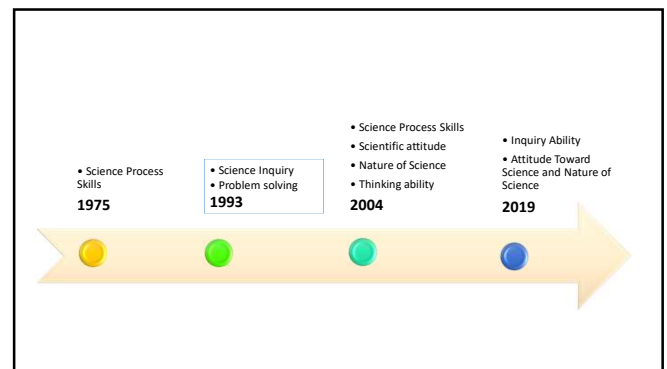
Change in the hours of teaching Science

| Grade 1-9 Curriculum Guidelines |            |                        |            |                        |            |                        |        |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------|--------|
| Science and Technology          |            | Science and Technology |            | Science and Technology |            | Science and Technology |        |
| Biology                         | Technology | Physics and Chemistry  | Technology | Physics and Chemistry  | Technology | Earth Science          |        |
| 7                               | 3/week     | 1/week                 |            |                        |            |                        |        |
| 8                               |            |                        | 3/week     | 1/week                 |            |                        |        |
| 9                               |            |                        |            |                        | 2/week     | 1/week                 | 1/week |

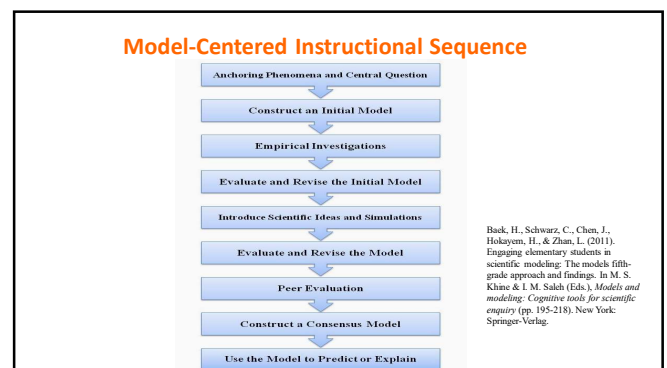
| 12-Year Basic Education Curricula |            |                       |               |             |             |                                   |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Science                           |            |                       |               |             |             |                                   |                                   |
|                                   | Biology    | Physics and Chemistry | Earth Science | Physics     | Chemistry   | Science Inquiry and Practices (1) | Science Inquiry and Practices (2) |
| 7                                 | 3/week     |                       |               |             |             |                                   |                                   |
| 8                                 |            | 3/week                |               |             |             |                                   |                                   |
| 9                                 |            | 2/week                | 1/week        |             |             |                                   |                                   |
| 10-12                             | 2 credit*  |                       | 2 credit*     | 2 credit*   | 2 credit*   | 2 credit*                         | 2 credit*                         |
|                                   | 8 credit** |                       | 4 credit**    | 10 credit** | 10 credit** |                                   |                                   |

\*Compulsory \*\*Elective Subject



## Learning Performance in Science

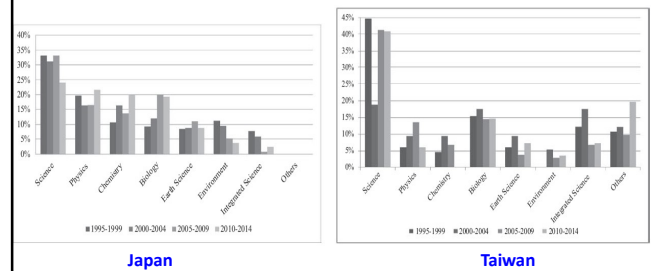
| Area  |  | Sub-area                         |    |
|---|--|----------------------------------|----|
| Inquiry Ability                                   | thinking ability (t)                         | imagination and creativity (i)   | ti |
|   |  | reasoning and argumentation (r)  | tr |
|   |  | critical thinking (c)            | tc |
|   |  | modeling (m)                     | tm |
|   | problem solving (p)                          | observing and identifying (o)    | po |
|   |  | planning and executing (e)       | pe |
|   |  | analyzing and finding (a)        | pa |
|   |  | discussing and communicating (c) | pc |
| Attitude Toward Science and Nature of Science (a) | interest in science (i)                      | ai                               |    |
|   | habit of scientific thinking and inquiry (h) | ah                               |    |
|   | nature of science (n)                        | an                               |    |



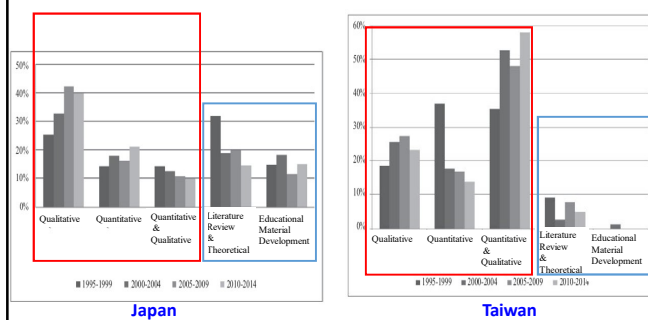
### Major Academic Associations and Research Journals of Science Education in Taiwan

| Association/Publisher  | Starting Year | Research Journal  | Publishing Year |
|--|---------------|---|-----------------|
| Association of Science Education in Taiwan                             | 1988          | Chinese Journal of Science Education  | 1993-           |
| National Science Council   | 1957          | Proceedings of the National Science Council, R.O.C., Part D: Mathematics, Science and Technology Education  | 1991-2002       |
| Ministry of Science and Technology (Formerly National Science Council) | 2014          | International Journal of Science and Mathematics Education  | 2003-           |
| National Taiwan Normal University                                      | 1967          | Journal of National Taiwan Normal University (Mathematics & Science Education), combined with Education and renamed as Journal of Research in Education Science in 2009 | 1997-2008       |
| The Physics Education Society of the R.O.C.                            | 1975          | Chinese Physics Education   | 1997            |
| Chemical Society Located in Taipei                                     | 1950          | Chemistry Education in Taiwan   | 2014            |
| The Biological Society of China  | 1959          | Chinese Bioscience  | 2003-2012       |
| Chinese Society for Environmental Education                            | 1992          | Journal of Environmental Education Research   | 2003            |

### Longitudinal Changes in “Research Subject Areas”



### Longitudinal Changes in “Research Methods”



### The dimensions of the proposed assessment of Global Competence



<https://www.oecd.org/pisa/aboutpisa/Global-competency-for-an-inclusive-world.pdf>

### Snapshot of performance in science, reading and mathematics

|                | Science                 |                          | Reading                 |                          | Mathematics             |                          | Science, reading and mathematics                               |  |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
|                | Mean score in PISA 2015 | Average three-year trend | Mean score in PISA 2015 | Average three-year trend | Mean score in PISA 2015 | Average three-year trend | Share of top performers in at least one subject (Level 5 or 6) | Share of low achievers in all three subjects (below Level 2) |
|                | Mean                    | Score dif.               | Mean                    | Score dif.               | Mean                    | Score dif.               | %  | %  |
| OECD average   | 493                     | -1                       | 493                     | -1                       | 490                     | -1                       | 15.3   | 13.0   |
| Singapore      | 556                     | 7                        | 535                     | 5                        | 564                     | 1                        | 39.1   | 4.8  |
| Japan          | 538                     | 3                        | 516                     | -2                       | 532                     | 1                        | 25.8   | 5.6  |
| Estonia        | 534                     | 2                        | 519                     | 9                        | 520                     | 2                        | 20.4   | 4.7  |
| Chinese Taipei | 532                     | 0                        | 497                     | 1                        | 542                     | 0                        | 29.9   | 8.3  |
| Finland        | 531                     | -11                      | 526                     | -5                       | 511                     | -10                      | 21.4   | 6.3  |

<https://www.oecd.org/pisa/aboutpisa/Global-competency-for-an-inclusive-world.pdf>

### Snapshot of students' science beliefs, engagement and motivation

|                | Mean science score | Beliefs about the nature and origin of scientific knowledge            |   | Share of students with science-related career expectations |      |       | Motivation for learning science                            |  |   |  |
|----------------|--------------------|--|---|--|------|-------|--|--|---|--|
|                |                    | Index of epistemic beliefs (support for scientific methods of enquiry) | Score-point difference per unit on the index of epistemic beliefs | All students   | Boys | Girls | Increased likelihood of boys expecting a career in science | Index of enjoyment of learning science | Score-point difference per unit on the index of enjoyment of learning science | Gender gap in enjoyment of learning science (Boys - Girls) |
|                | Mean               | Mean index   | Score dif.  | %  | %    | %     | Relative risk  | Mean index                             | Score dif.  | Dif.   |
| OECD average   | 493                | 0.00   | 33  | 24.5   | 25.0 | 23.9  | 1.1  | 0.02                                   | 25  | 0.13   |
| Singapore      | 556                | 0.22   | 34  | 28.0   | 31.8 | 23.9  | 1.3  | 0.59                                   | 35  | 0.17   |
| Japan          | 538                | -0.06  | 34  | 18.0   | 18.5 | 17.5  | 1.1  | -0.33                                  | 27  | 0.52   |
| Estonia        | 534                | 0.01   | 36  | 24.7   | 28.9 | 20.3  | 1.4  | 0.16                                   | 24  | 0.05   |
| Chinese Taipei | 532                | 0.31   | 38  | 20.9   | 25.6 | 16.0  | 1.6  | -0.06                                  | 28  | 0.39   |
| Finland        | 531                | -0.07  | 38  | 17.0   | 15.4 | 18.7  | 0.8  | -0.07                                  | 30  | 0.04   |

<https://www.oecd.org/pisa/aboutpisa/Global-competency-for-an-inclusive-world.pdf>

## Science Education: Perspectives from a U.S. Researcher

Jeanna R. Wieselmann



## My Research in Japan

- National Science Foundation (NSF) Fellowship
- Research in Japan for 3 months through partnership with Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)
  - Shizuoka University
  - Professor Yoshisuke Kumano

## U.S. Education Background

- Public education controlled by individual states
  - Standards
  - Curriculum
  - Courses
  - Teaching methods
  - Textbooks
- Some states give power to local school districts
  - Over 25,000 school districts in the U.S.

## Current Challenges

- Low science scores
  - 50% proficiency in science
- Disparities between groups of students
  - Gender
  - Race/ethnicity
  - Socioeconomic status
  - Language

## Science Reform

- 1950s-1970s: Space Race
  - National security and international competition
- 1983: A Nation at Risk
- 1989: Science for all Americans
- 1993: Benchmarks for Scientific Literacy
- 1996: National Science Education Standards

## NGSS Background

- 2011: A Framework for K-12 Science Education: Practices, Crosscutting Concepts, and Core Ideas
  - National Research Council
  - Built on 1996 National Science Education Standards
  - Includes ideas and practices of engineering
- 2013: Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- December, 2016: 18 states and the District of Columbia had adopted the NGSS

## Practices



### PRACTICES FOR K-12 SCIENCE CLASSROOMS

1. Asking questions (for science) and defining problems (for engineering)
2. Developing and using models
3. Planning and carrying out investigations
4. Analyzing and interpreting data
5. Using mathematics and computational thinking
6. Constructing explanations (for science) and designing solutions (for engineering)
7. Engaging in argument from evidence
8. Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information

## Crosscutting Concepts



- Patterns
- Cause and effect
- Scale, proportion, and quantity
- Systems and system models
- Energy and matter
- Structure and function
- Stability and change

## Disciplinary Core Ideas



- Key ideas in science with broad importance
- Key tool for understanding more complex ideas
- Increasing depth across grade levels
- Example: Matter and Its Interactions

## How NGSS is Different

- Standards expressed as **performance expectations**
  - Combine practices, core ideas, and crosscutting concepts
  - Identify what should be assessed
  - Describe end goals of instruction

## Performance Expectations

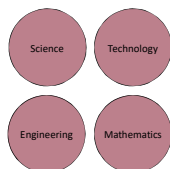
| MS-PS1-2 Matter and its Interactions   |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <p>Students who demonstrate understanding can:</p> <p><b>MS-PS1-2. Analyze and interpret data on the properties of substances before and after the substances interact to determine if a chemical reaction has occurred.</b> (Clarification Statement: Examples of reactions could include burning sugar or steel wool, fat reacting with sodium hydroxide, and mixing zinc with hydrochloric acid.) (Assessment boundary: Assessment is limited to analysis of the following properties: density, melting point, boiling point, solubility, flammability, and odor.)</p> <p>The performance expectation above was developed using the following elements from the NSC document <i>A Framework for K-12 Science Education</i>:</p> |   |  |
| <p><b>Analyzing and Interpreting Data</b></p> <p>Analyzing data in K-5 builds on K-5 and progresses to extending quantitative analysis to investigations, distinguishing between correlation and causation, and basic statistical techniques of data and error analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze and interpret data to determine similarities and differences in findings.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>PS1.A: Structure and Properties of Matter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each pure substance has characteristic physical and chemical properties (for any bulk quantity under given conditions) that can be used to identify it.</li> </ul> <p><b>PS1.B: Chemical Reactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substances react chemically in characteristic ways. In a chemical process, the atoms that make up the original substances are regrouped into different molecules, and these new substances have different properties from those of the reactants.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Patterns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Microscopic patterns are related to the nature of microscopic and atomic-level structure.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Connections to Nature of Science</b></p> <p><b>Scientific Knowledge is Based on Empirical Evidence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science knowledge is based upon logical and conceptual connections between evidence and explanations.</li> </ul>   |   |  |

## NGSS Adoption

- December, 2016: 18 states and the District of Columbia had adopted the NGSS
- Barriers
  - Teacher Training
  - Need for curricular resources
  - Time to revise standardized tests
  - No financial incentives to adopt

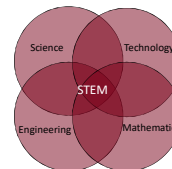
### Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

- Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics as separate subjects



### Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

- STEM subjects are integrated



### 14:30-16:30 諸外国の理科教育研究/ 共同研究の可能性

Experiences of designing and implementing model-based instruction in Taiwan

Gender and STEM: Research Overview

### Models and Modeling in Science Education

- Promoting students' understanding of models and modeling is one of the major goals of science teaching (National Research Council, 1996, 2007, 2012).

### Modeling in NGSS

- The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) suggests during middle school
  - Develop a model to describe **unobservable mechanisms**
  - Develop and use a model to describe **phenomena**.
  - Models can be used to **represent systems and their interactions**

### Theoretical perspective

- Understanding of models and modeling is part of the nature of science
- Understanding of models and modeling is a major subscale within modeling competence (Nicolau and Constantinou, 2014)
  - Modeling practices
  - Meta-knowledge

### Model competence framework

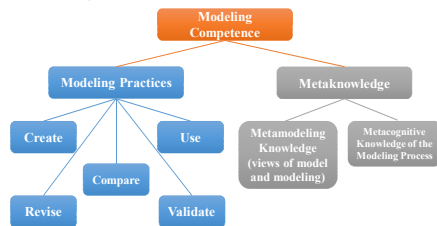


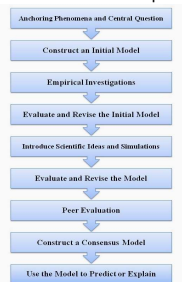
Fig. 1. The modeling competence framework.

Nicolaou, C.T., & Constantinou, C.P. (2014). Assessment of the modeling competence: A systematic review and synthesis of empirical research. *Educational Research Review*, 13, 52-73.

### Sequence of teaching and modeling procedure

- Based on inquiry: questioning, hypothesizing, investigating, analyzing, modeling, and evaluating (Schwarz & White, 2005)
- EIMA: engaging, investigating, modeling, and applying (Schwarz & Gwekwerere, 2007)
- Based on scientific reasoning: analysis, reasoning, explanation, and evaluation (Sins, Savelsbergh and van Joolingen, 2005)

### Model-Centered Instructional Sequence



Back, H., Schwarz, C., Chen, J., Holayem, H., & Zhan, L. (2011). Engaging elementary students in scientific modeling: The models fifth-grade approach and findings. In M. S. Khine & I. M. Saleh (Eds.), *Models and modeling: Cognitive tools for scientific enquiry* (pp. 195-218). New York: Springer-Verlag.

### Study 1: The impact of models-based teaching on the different science competence

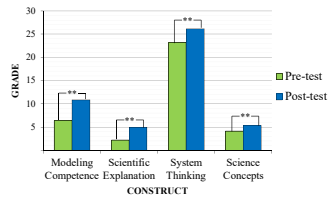
### Goals of the curriculum design

- Modeling practice
- System thinking
- Understanding of models and modeling
- Understanding of science concepts

### Model-based Teaching in Earth Science

- Two classes of ninth grade students
- 10-hours of model-based curriculum based on the MIS model
- Students were engaged in experiments, reading, and discussion
- Students construct drawings of a model the "El Nino"

### Students' growth



### Study 2: The effects of model-based curriculum design on the students' understanding of models and modeling

### Research Inquiry

- Teachers have difficulty to understand and design model-based curriculum.
- Researchers have not linked the design aspects of the curriculum and instruction to the effects students' understanding of models and modeling.

### Importance of students' understanding of models and modeling

- Engaging students in model-based activities can improve their understanding of models and modeling (Schwarz et al., 2009).
- Students' advanced understanding of models and modeling support their use and creation of models for learning science (Gobert et al., 2011; Sins, Savelsbergh, van Joolingen, & van Hout-Wolters, 2009).

### Teachers

- Two middle school teachers participated
  - Teacher A: earth science and biology teacher (5 years of teaching experience)
  - Teacher B: biology teacher (8 years of teaching experience)
- The two teachers involved in curriculum design, teaching, and reflecting upon teaching

### Curriculum design

- The modeling activities were based on the Model-Centered Instructional Sequence (Baek et al., 2011).
- The students were engaged in a series of activities consisting of investigation, reading, discussion, model building and model revision.
- The content area
  - Earth science curriculum: model of El Nino
  - The first and second Fishery: marine ecology and fishery sustainability.



### Goals of the curriculum design

- Modeling practice
- Understanding of models and modeling
- Understanding of science concepts

### Instrument

- Students' Understanding of Models in Science (SUMS) Survey (Treagust, Chittleborough, & Mamiala (2002).
  - 27 items
  - five constructs
  - five-point Likert scale

### Constructs in SUMS

- models as explanatory tools (ET)
- models as exact replicas (ER)
- multiple representations (MR)
- the changing nature of scientific models (CNM)
- how scientific models are used (USM)

### Sample questions

- Models are used to show an idea. (ET)
- A model needs to be close to the real thing. (ER) **(reversed)**
- Many models show different parts of an object or show the objects differently. (MR)
- A model can change if new theories or evidence prove otherwise. (CNM)
- Models are used to make and test predictions about a scientific event. (USM)

### Data analyses

- **Confirmatory factor analysis (CFA)** was performed to confirm the reliability and validity of the questionnaire.
- **T-tests** were performed to understand the differences between the posttest and pretests results.
- **ANCOVA tests** were performed to investigate the extent to which the results in the three curricula differ.

### Evolution of the curriculum design

|               | Duration of the curriculum | Nature of Model | Constructed Model     | Modeling Cycle                |
|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Earth Science | 12 hrs                     | implicit        | drawings              | one model (three times)       |
| 1st Fishery   | 9 hrs                      | explicit        | concept map           | one model (three times)       |
| 2nd Fishery   | 14 hrs                     | explicit        | concept map; food web | two models (three times each) |

### Changes in teaching practices

- During the earth science curriculum
  - Teacher A thought it was not necessary to use the reading material for the Nature of Models and Modeling even though the material was available at that time
  - Teacher A explained briefly and verbally “what is a model” and the process of modeling
  - Teacher A was not fully comfortable with using the wording of models and modelling and discussions about models were limited

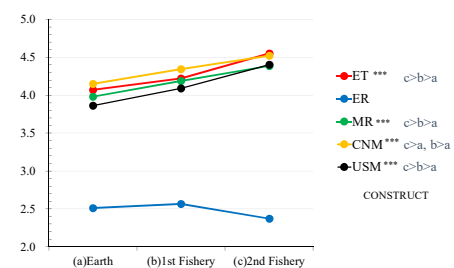
### Changes in teaching practices

- During the 1st Fishery curriculum
  - Enhanced the teacher professional development
  - Both Teacher A and Teacher B used the reading material for the Nature of Model and Modeling
  - Instruction regarding the nature of model and modeling followed by a whole class discussion
  - But both teachers rarely mentioned models or modeling during the rest of the curriculum.

### Changes in teaching practices

- During the 2nd Fishery curriculum
  - Teacher B used the reading material for the Nature of Model and Modeling
  - Whole class discussion regarding the nature of model and modeling
  - Teacher B emphasized the epistemic goals of building models when the students were revising the models

### Comparison between the three curricula



### Conclusions

- ET and USM improved in all three curricula.
- The students showed no improvements in the understanding of ER construct.
- As the instruction and curriculum design improved, students' understanding of models and modeling seemed to progress further.

### Gender and STEM: Research Overview

Jeanna R. Wieselmann



## Statement of the Problem

### Increase in STEM jobs (Vilorio, 2014)

Underrepresentation of females in STEM fields (NSF, 2015)

Decreasing STEM interest after elementary school (Turner et al., 2008)

Reduced time for science in formal school settings (CEP, 2007)

## Theoretical Framework

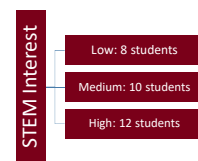
- Social Cognitive Career Theory (Lent et al., 1994)
  - Career interests influenced by individuals' self-efficacy and perceived likelihood of positive outcomes
  - Gender differences in self-efficacy as early as first grade (Eccles, Wigfield, Harold, & Blumenfeld, 1993)
- Mindset (Dweck, 2000)
  - Growth mindset: belief that effort can make people smarter
  - Fixed mindset: belief that intelligence is innate

## Research Questions

- How do elementary girls perceive STEM following their experience at STARBASE Minnesota?
- How do elementary girls perceive themselves and other females in STEM?
- What do elementary girls view as indicators of success in STEM?

## Participants

- 30 participants (girls in grades 4-5)
- Eight schools from six school districts
- Stratified sampling



## Research Design

- Single embedded case study (Yin, 2014)
  - Contextualized in STARBASE experience
  - Multiple units of analysis
- Pre- and post-STARBASE interviews
- Interviews conducted with pairs of students
- Semi-structured interview protocol
- Data collected in February-June 2016

## Data Analysis

- Multiple coding cycles
- Constant comparative analysis



(Miles, Huberman, & Saldaña, 2014)

### Discussion and Implications

- Consider rigor and pedagogy in STEM teaching
- Growth mindset – value effort
- Focus on critical thinking
- Need for future research on informal STEM and gender equitable practices