

Accessible Computational Thinking in Elementary Science



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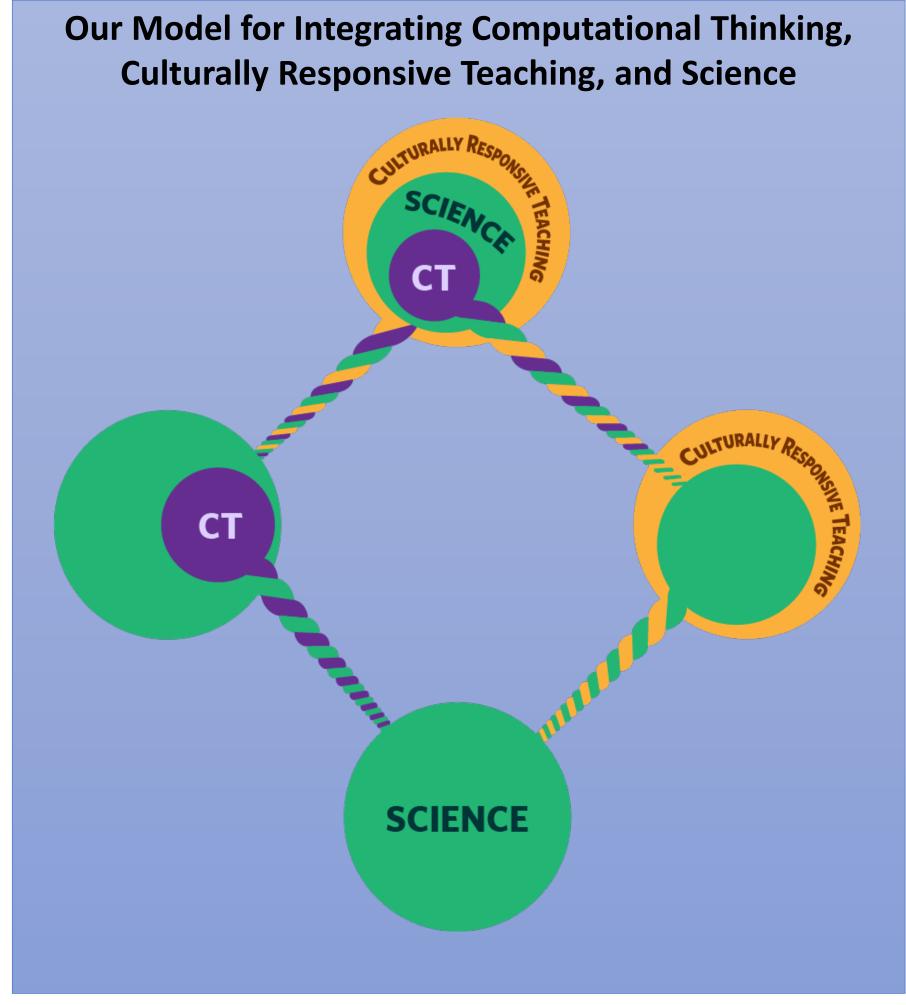
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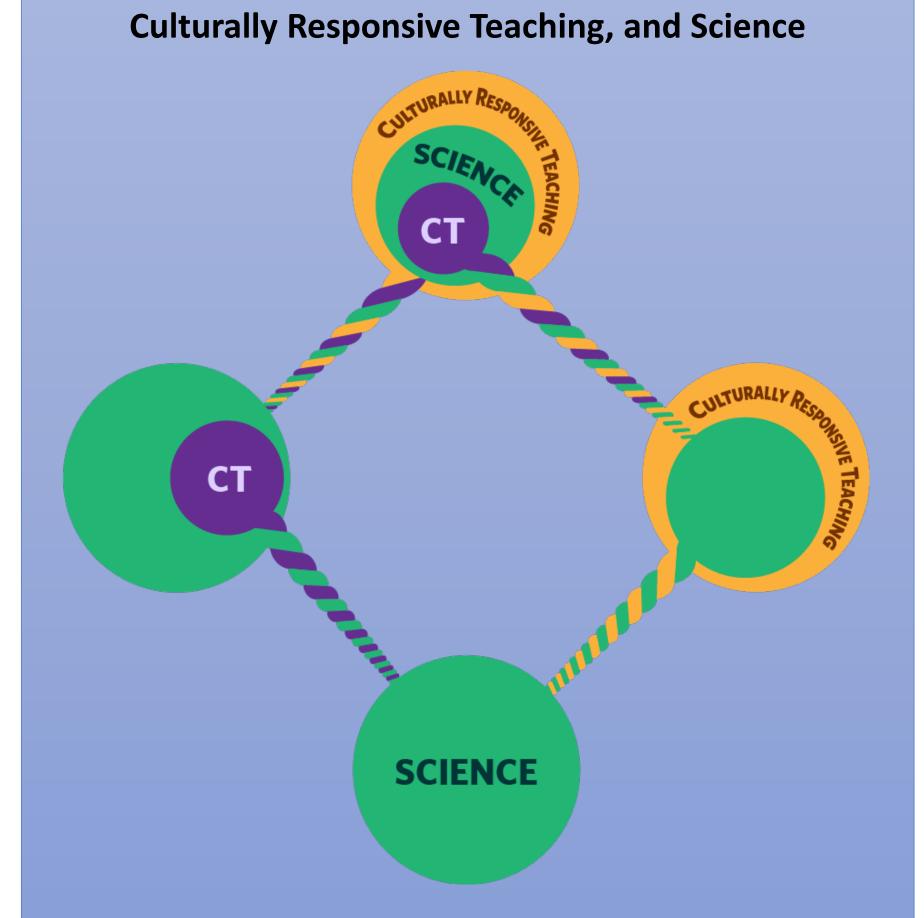
Project Overview

- Computational Thinking (CT) is ubiquitous in science⁵
- Yet opportunities to learn about CT are rare, often offered only at the high school level & to select students^{1, 7}
- This is especially a concern for groups underrepresented in STEM – women and Black, Hispanic/Latino/a/x, and Indigenous / Native American (BLNA)
- Our project: We are working with elementary science teachers to integrate culturally responsive teaching (CRT) and computational thinking into elementary science lessons.

Developing Models

- To implement our PD successfully, we wanted to have coherent models for CT, CRT, and integration of CT and CRT into Science to guide our work with the teachers
- For CT, we used a model³ previously developed by in a prior grant with some of the same team members
- For CRT, we drew on several sources^{2, 4, 6} to operationalize
- For integration, we developed a model by starting with individual models for each team member, sorting them into different categories of models, and collectively pulling the shared key element together into a consensus model



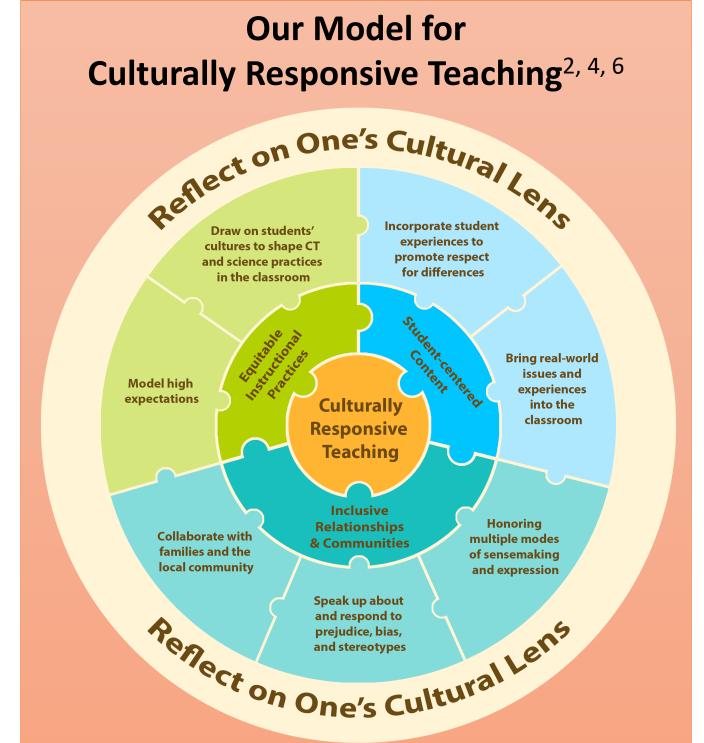


Using Data Programming Systems Thinking from **Computational Simulations** a CT Perspective

Our Model for Computational Thinking³

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Project To Date Summer 2023 Summer 2022 Spring 2023 Fall 2022 Fall 2021 Spring 2022 Developing - Teachers - Initial team Teachers Implementing - Implementing model of CT, CRT, organization implement implement Round 1 PD with Round 2 PD with Sci integration - Learning about lessons lessons teachers in teachers in Designing year CT, CRT, Science Classroom Classroom Southwest and Southwest and one PD - Outlining PD & observations observations Northeast school Northeast school data collection - Ongoing support -Ongoing support districts districts plans Designing Round 2 PD

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