

### **Engaging Students in Scientific Practices**

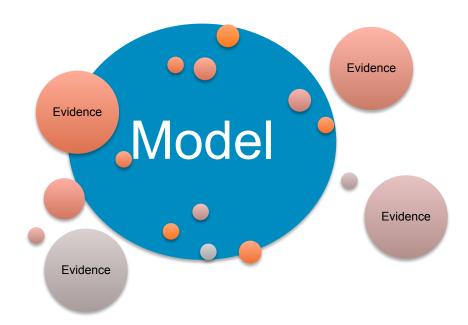
Evaluating Evidence and Explanation in Secondary Earth and Space Science

Day 2: Compare & Contrast MELS & baMELS

### MELs and baMELs: Format Differences

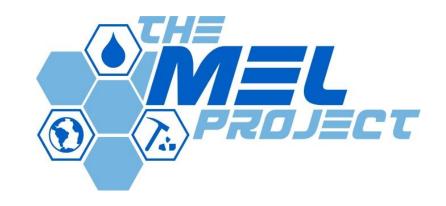
### **MELs**

- Two models
- Four lines of evidence



#### **baMELS**

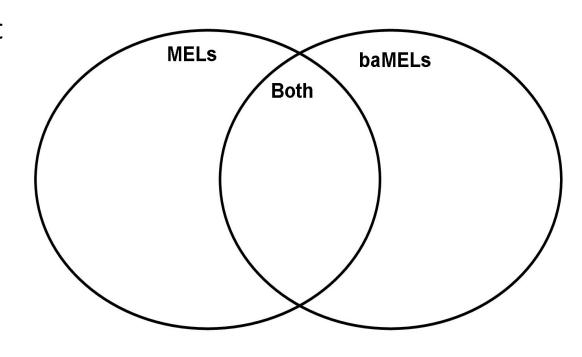
- Three models
- Eight (or more) lines of evidence



# MELs and baMELs: Instructional Differences?

Working in groups, create a Venn Diagram that compares and contrasts MELs and baMELS

- Half of the groups will focus on student perspectives
- Half of the groups will focus on teacher perspectives
- Think in terms of what students and teachers DO and what they GET from each activity

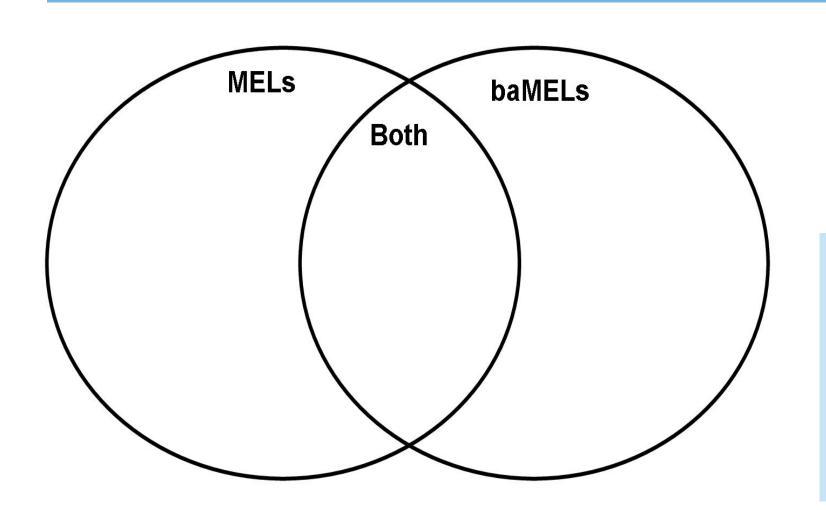


Be prepared to share!

For Students?

For Teachers?

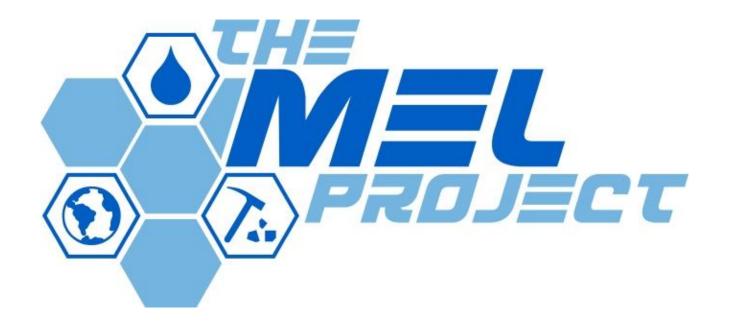
## **Group Discussion: Instructional Differences**



#### For Students?

### For Teachers?

- Is one "better" than the other?
- What are the benefits and challenges of each format?
- What does this comparison suggest for instruction?



## Thanks!