Applications of SoTL: Analyzing Results

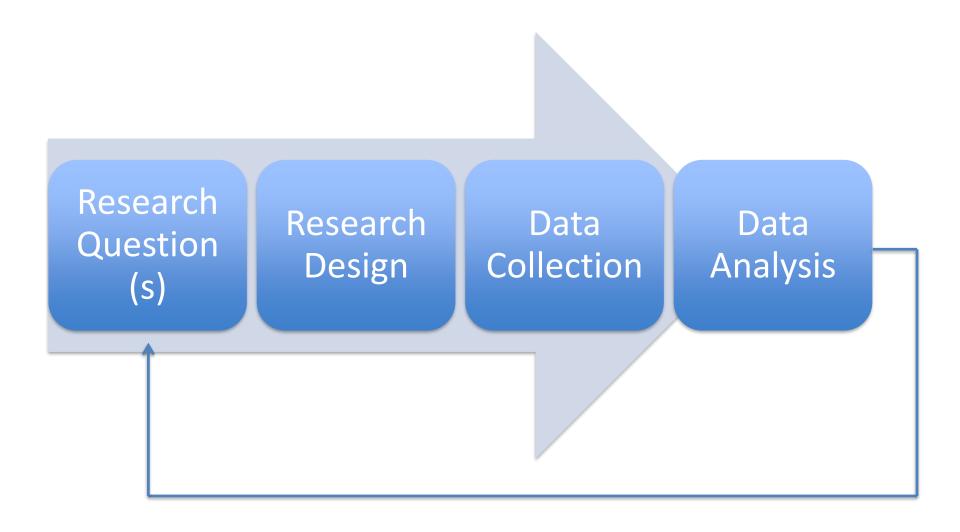
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The Flow of your SoTL Project



Your Study: What Was Collected?

Research Questions

Does this strategy make a difference in student ratings?

What are students experiencing in the classroom?

How should the instruction be changed?

Methods Used to Collect Data

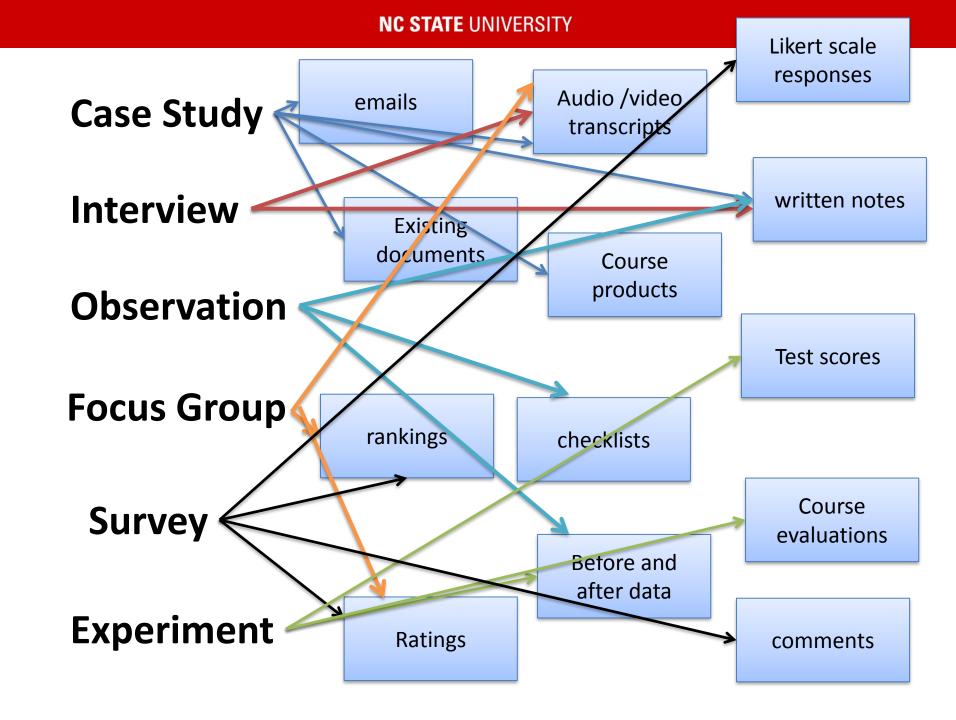
Types of Data Collected

Numerical ratings

Student End of Course Evaluations

Student

comments

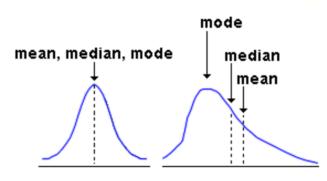


Quantitative Analysis (Numerical data)

- Make sure data is in numerical format (yes/no, ranges, text data)
- Transfer to a data summary table (spreadsheet)
- Remove qualitative comments not under analysis
- "clean" the data (missing responses, ineligible respondent, etc.)

Select Techniques

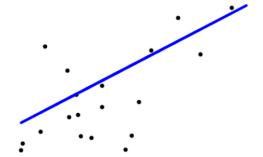
Measures of Central Tendency



☐ Inferential - comparison contrast, prediction (correlation, t-tests, chi square, regression)

□ Variability (range, variance, std. deviation)

	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	Item 4
Item 1	1			
Item 2	.34	1		
Item 3	.24	.24	1	
Item 4	.15	.34	.13	1



Lets Analyze!





Qualitative Analysis

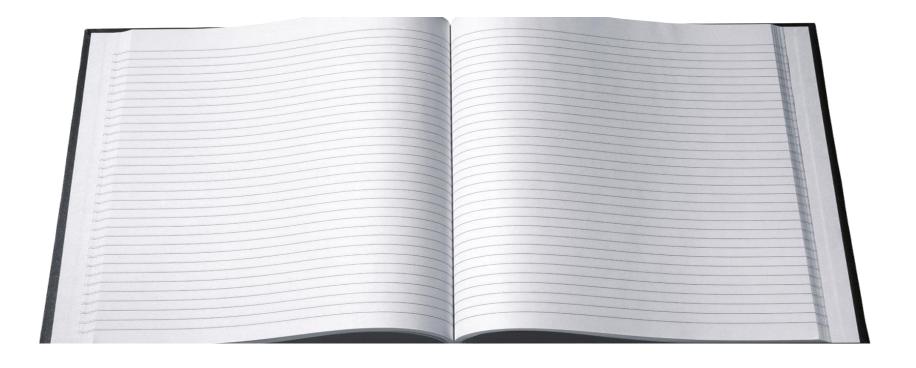
- Text, observations, comments
- Usually answers How and Why questions
- Gives context to quant (tells a story)
- Data is interpreted
- Researcher becomes part of the analysis
- Researcher must state biases

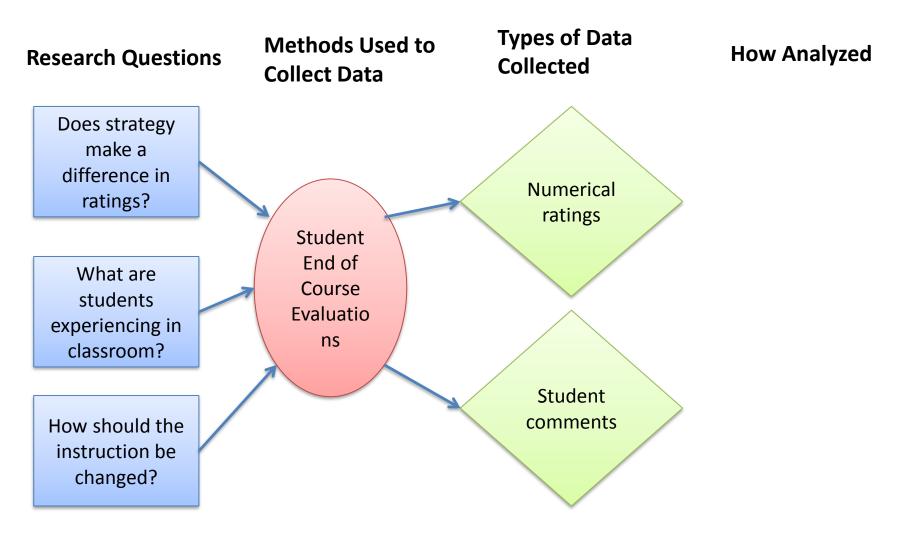
Qualitative Process

- Immerse yourself in the data (read, reflect)
- Research question guides analysis
- Look for themes in the data
- Look for patterns or connections between themes
- Interpret what you found
- Software can help



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Questions, Clarifications and Comments