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Exploring Contemporary Issues in Education **2: Applying critical skills, contributing to knowledge: leading improvement**

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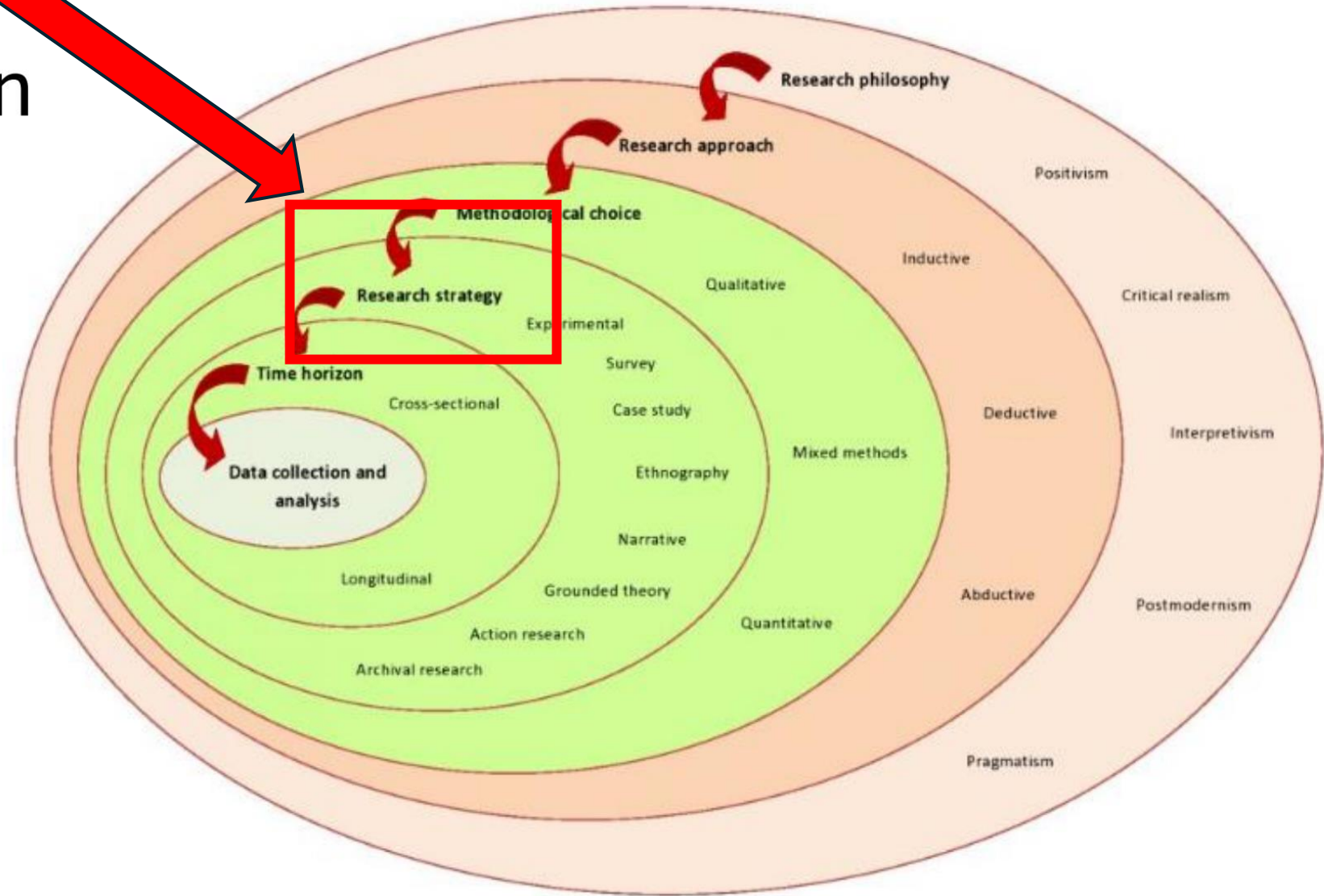
Literature presentation

The Research Onion

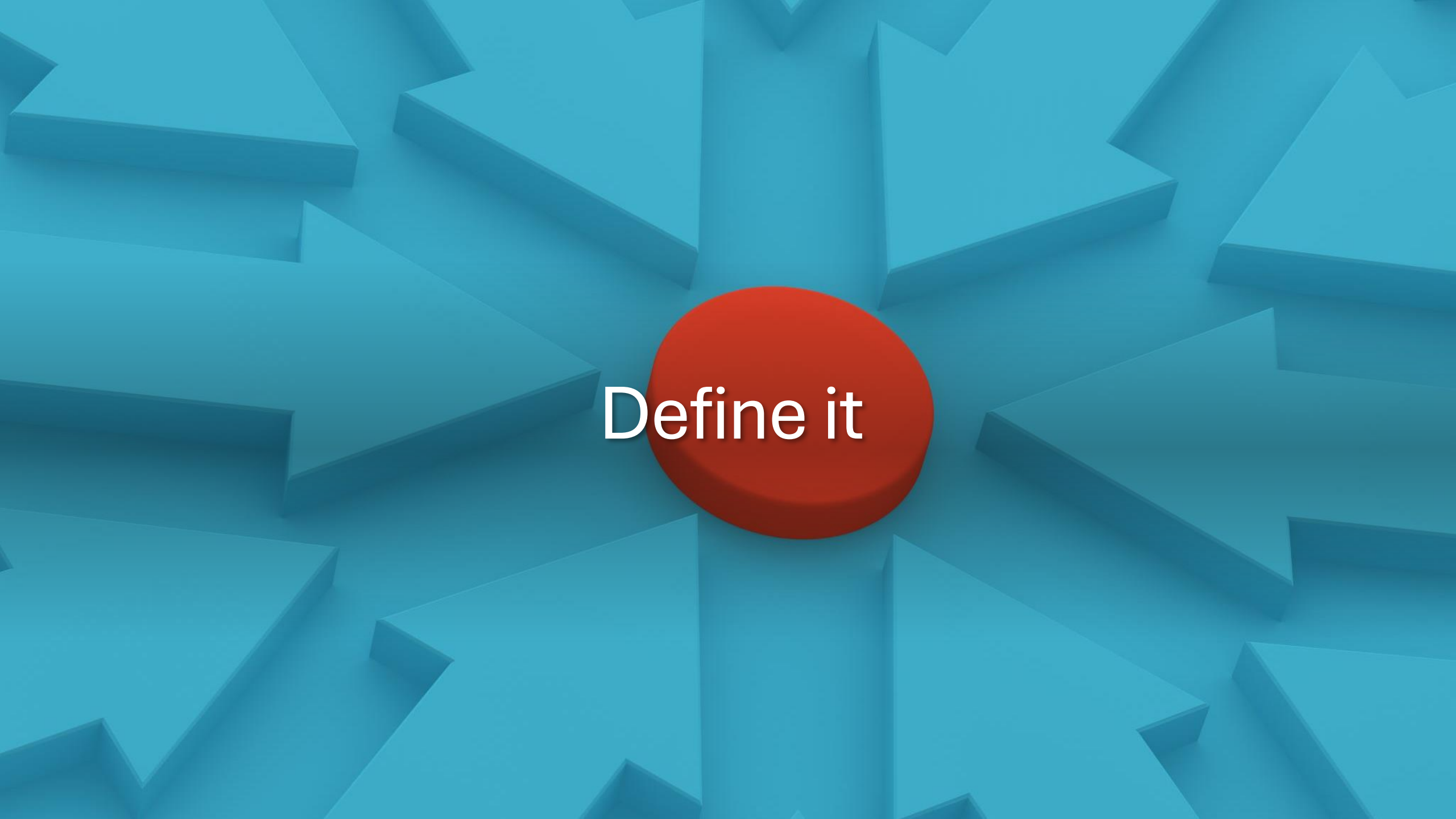
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These layers are broken up into six main areas:

- research philosophy;
- research approach;
- research methodology choices;
- research strategy;
- time horizons;
- data collection techniques and analysis.



(Saunders et al., 2007)



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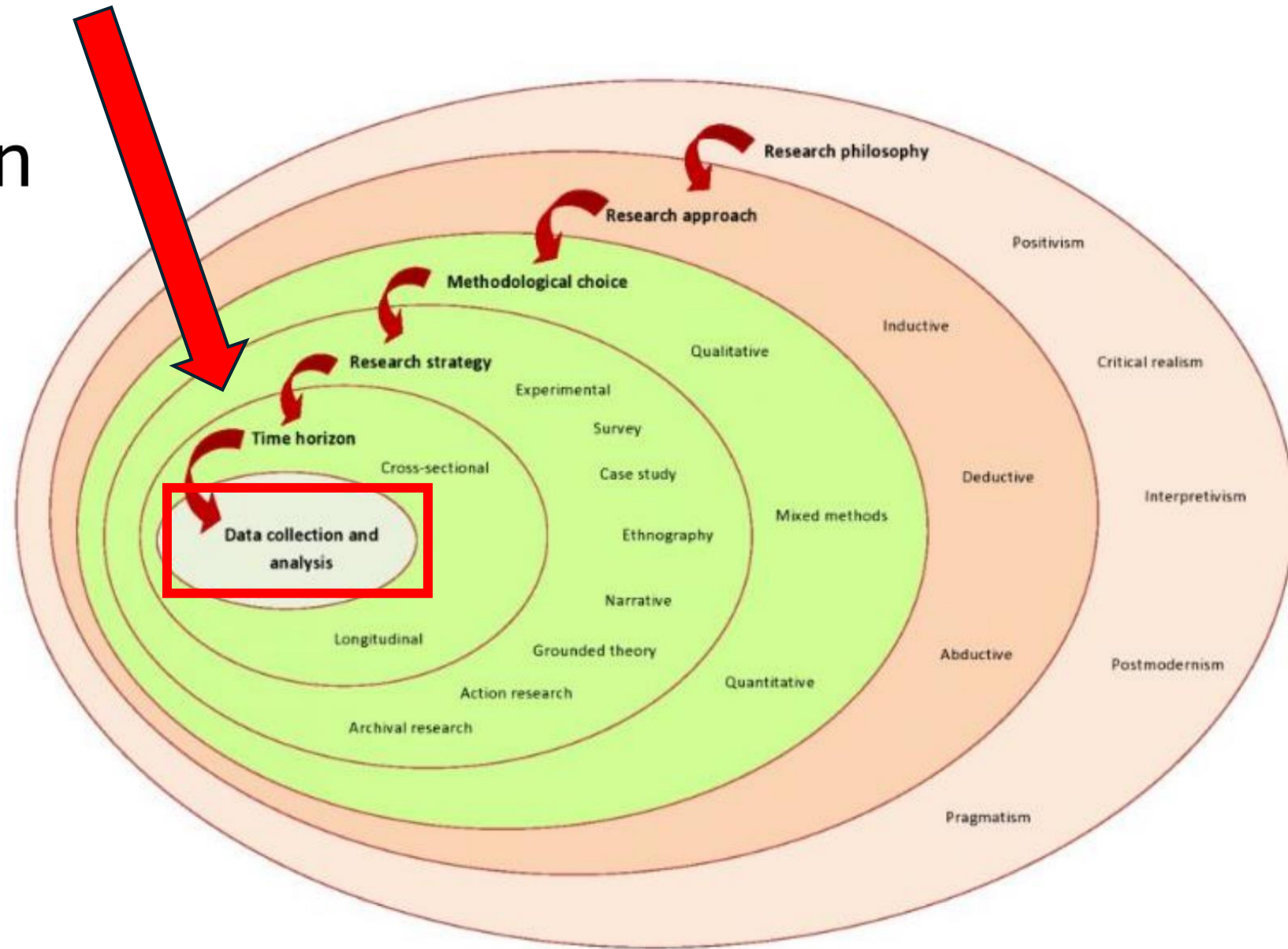
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Fact finding mission:

Groups:

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1. Semi-structured interview/Structured interview
 2. Unstructured interview/Questionnaire/survey
 3. Participant observation/ Non-participant observation
 4. Focus group interview/Group interview

Presentations:

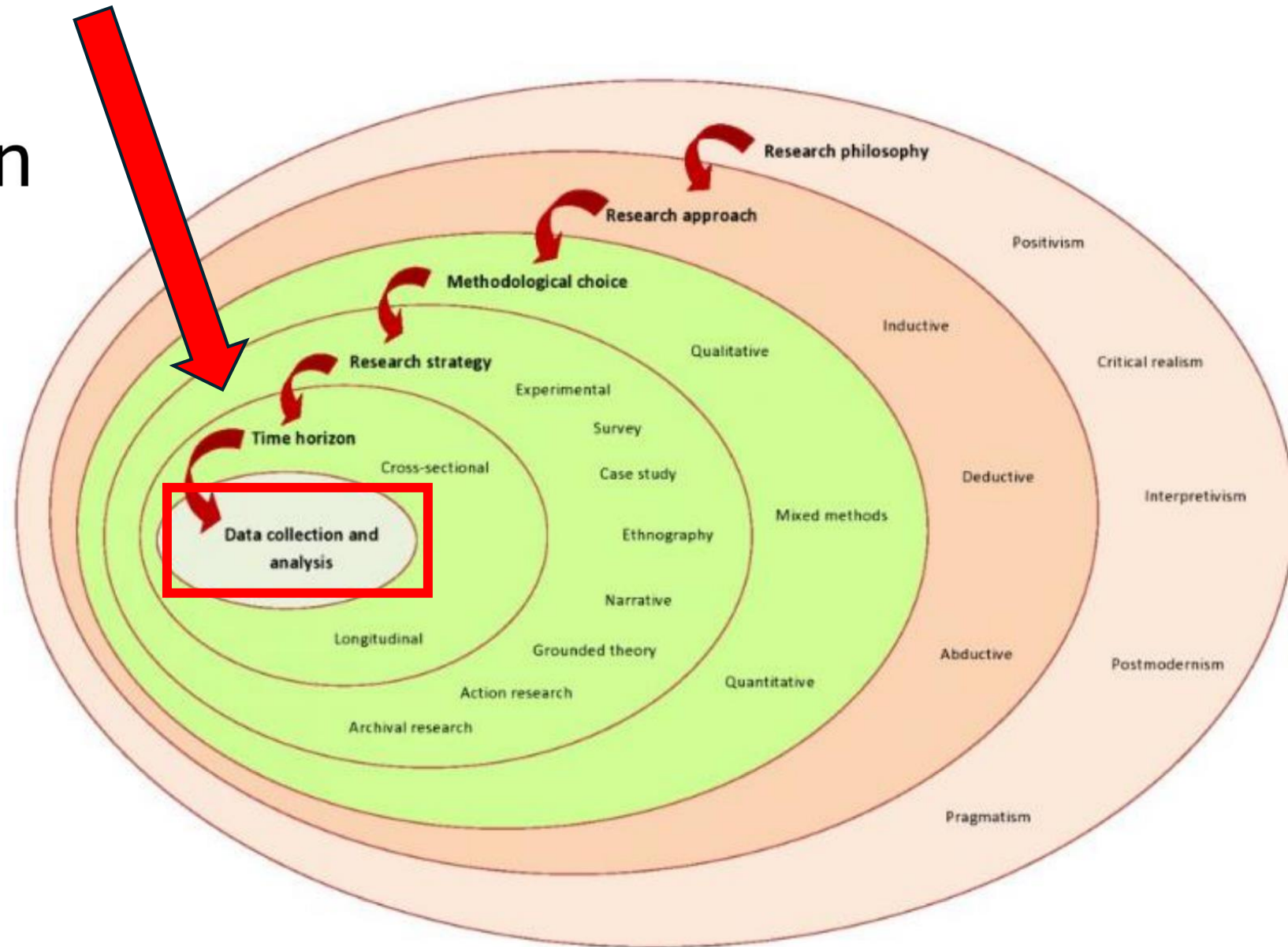


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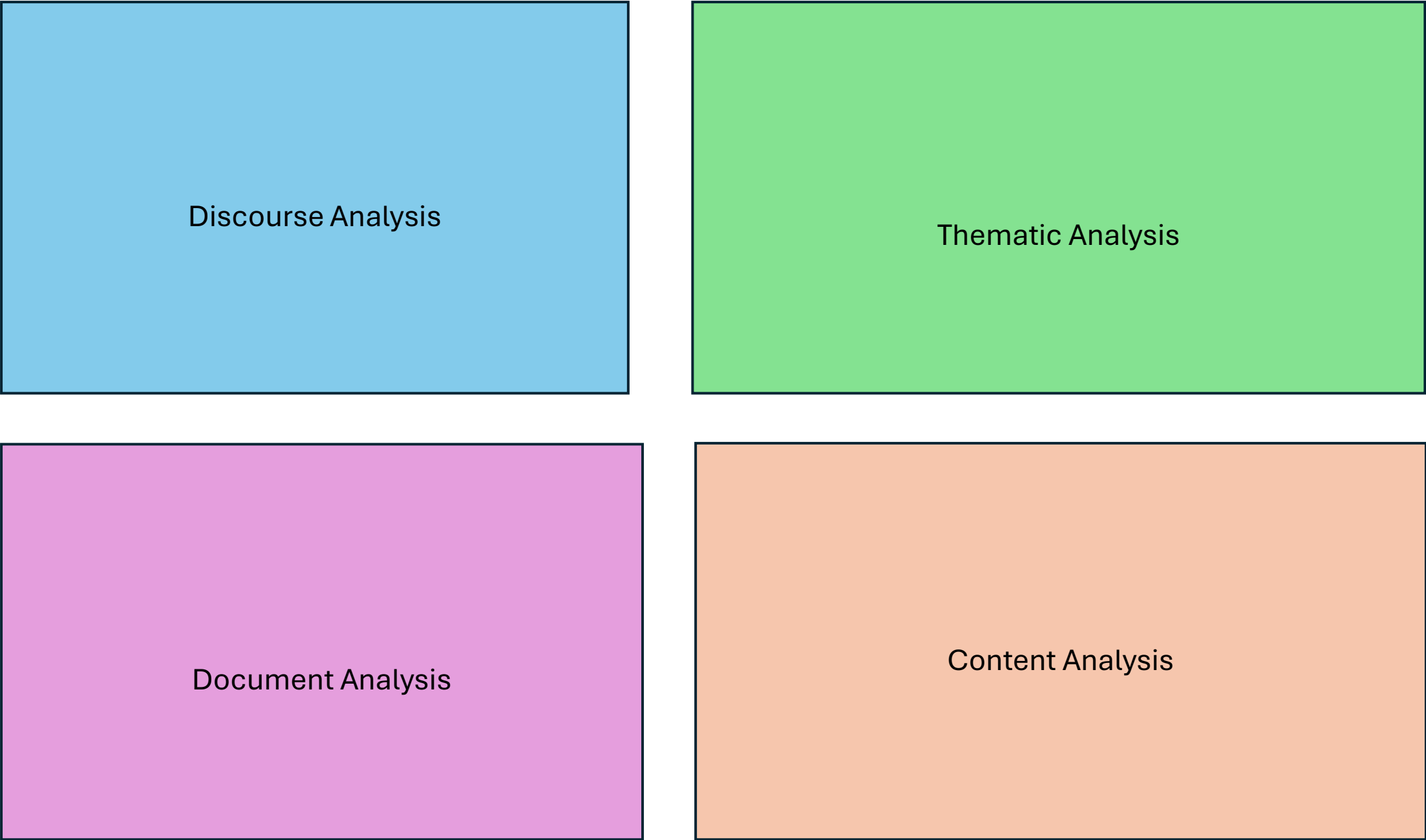
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Task in preparation for next time:

Fact finding mission:





Discourse Analysis

Thematic Analysis

Document Analysis

Content Analysis



Any questions?