

# Investigating Civil and Environmental Engineering Research Practices: a Grounded Theory Approach

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## Introduction

- This research is part of a larger project conducted across several institutions by Ithaka S+R.
- This study focuses on understanding the research practices of faculty in the Civil and Environmental Engineering field.
- A series of semi-structured interviews were conducted with faculty researchers.
- Qualitative research methods (Grounded Theory approach) were used to analyze results from the interviews.

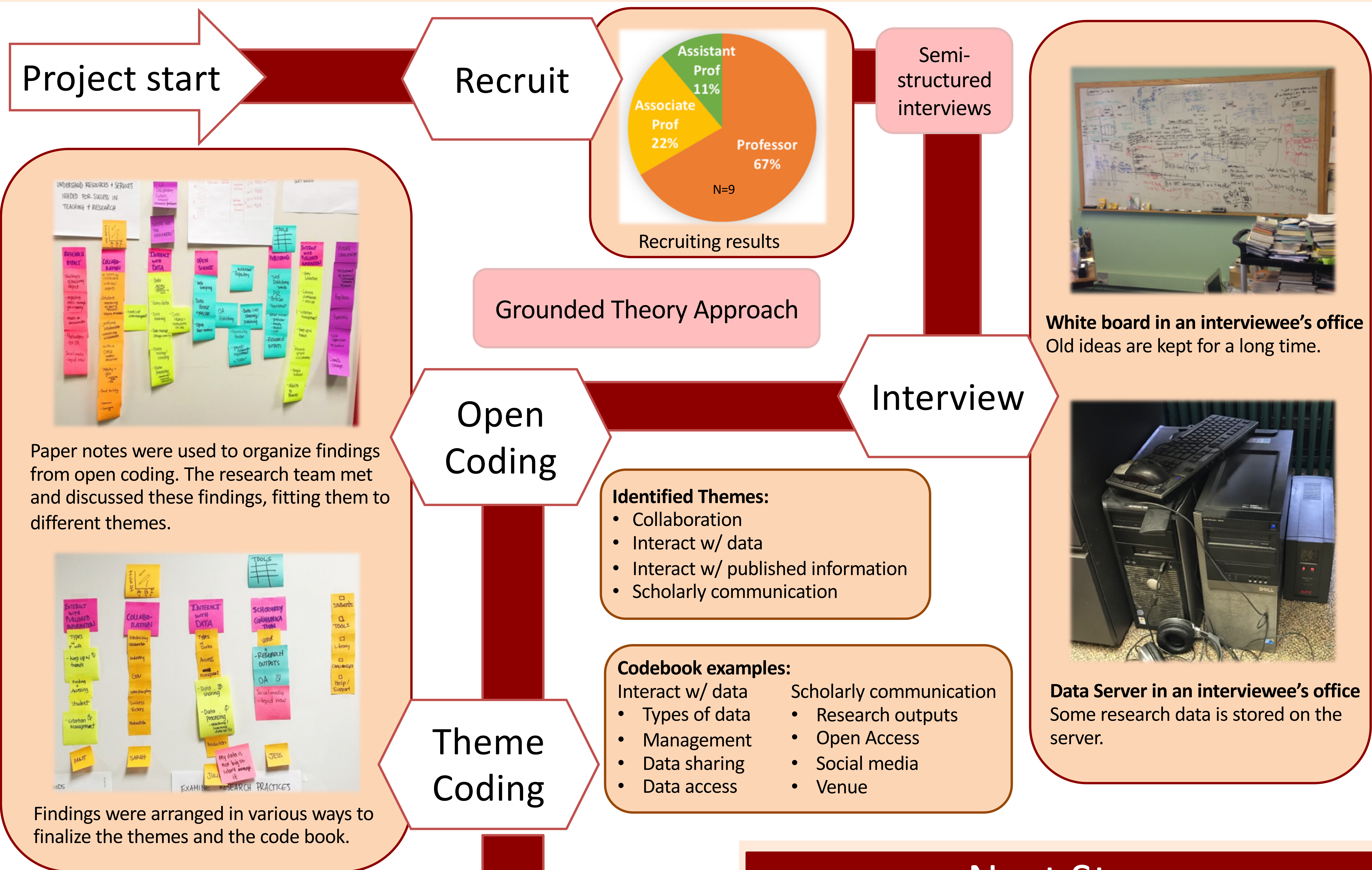
## CEE at CMU

- Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) is a private institution that is known for its programs in science and technology.
- The CEE department offers Bachelor of Science (BS), Master of Science (MS), and PhD degrees.
- The department is known for:
  - intelligent infrastructure systems
  - water and air quality science and engineering
  - resilient engineering materials
  - sustainable engineering practices
- U.S. News and World Report ranks CEE:

Environmental Engineering program 8<sup>th</sup>

Civil Engineering 10<sup>th</sup>

## Research Process and Key Findings



## Next Steps

- Write a local report as part of the broader Ithaka S+R project.
- Draft an independent journal article with our research findings.
- Use the same approach to conduct similar research in other science and engineering fields.
- Write a book chapter on the collaboration process