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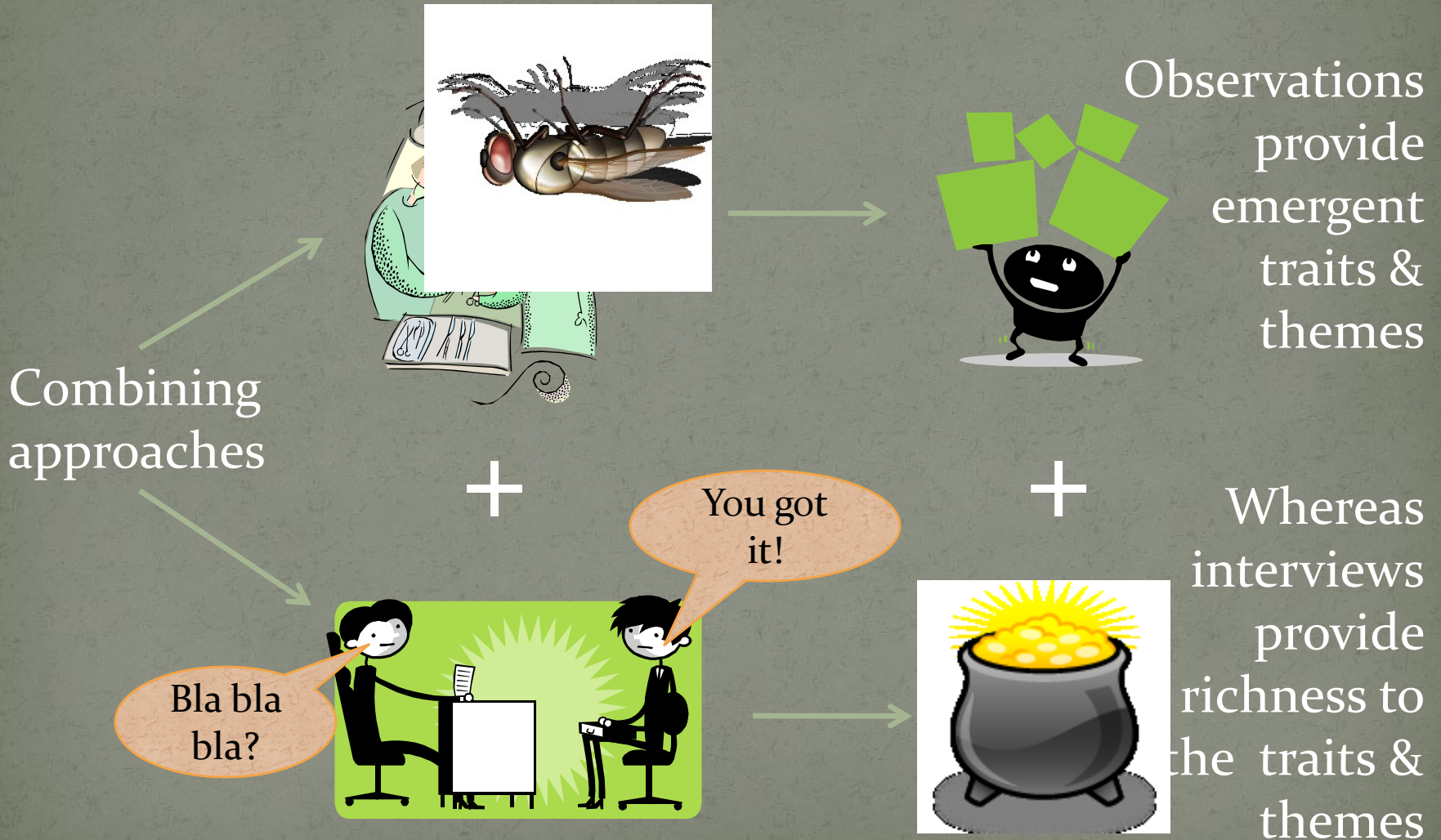
“Exploring the knowledge and system that frames safe work practices – An ethnographic case study approach within multidisciplinary healthcare teams”

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Research Goal

- The PhD-project explores the characteristics of individuals and work place that enables multidisciplinary surgical teams to **create and maintain safe work practices**
- These characteristics include the knowledge individuals hold (explicit & tacit) and the system surrounding the particular work place (local and organizational)
- What methodology can support this exploration?
- I believe the answer lies in combining complementary approaches – that is approaches that strengthen each other throughout the entire research process – from the field to the representation of results

Research Approach



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→ Richness facilitates in-depth textual representations



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→ Emergent themes facilitates structural representations



Combining the two approaches result in both an overview (themes) and insight (richness) into **safe work practices**

Ideal Research Outcomes

- New understanding on knowledge characteristics, such as the role of tacit skills and improvisation in individuals, as well as team skills (communication, leadership etc)
- New understanding on system characteristics, such as the local surroundings (staff, supply, equipment, patient anatomy) and the outer structures (OR-schedule & -size, high workloads, conflicting hospital demands, etc)
- To achieve a continuation of existing research efforts, by contrasting findings in this PhD-project to existing findings in health care safety literature

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- Thank you for your kind attention!

