# Doing Small Scale Research Experience Sharing

Implementation of ICT in chemistry classrooms: A Case Study

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#### **How to Start?**

- Personal belief: using ICT for teaching and learning is educational valuable
- Personal perception: there are many educational policies believed to be sound but do not get implemented
- Personal interest: teaching and learning activities happening in classrooms
- Personal ambition: to acquire some knowledge and skills related to qualitative research methodology



#### **Research Questions**

- How do contextual factors influence chemistry teachers' use of ICT in teaching and learning?
- How do teachers' assumptions and beliefs about chemistry education influence their use of ICT in teaching and learning?
- How does school ICT leadership and support influence chemistry teachers' use of ICT in teaching and learning?



#### Literature Review

- Use of ICT in
  - Education (3T model, CAL, ...)
  - Teaching and learning of science, with due emphasis on studies in Hong Kong
  - 1980 to 2000, Worldwide to Hong Kong, etc.
- Educational Change Models:
  - Fullan's model
  - Hall's CBAM model
- Influence of leadership and support on implementation of ICT



#### **Information Source**

- Library
  - Books and journal (hard copies)
  - Virtual private network online databases
- Internet
  - **■** Reference articles
  - **ERIC, BEI, ... →** Book (Educational Change)
  - SITE
  - EMB
  - HKACE
  - Keyword search on the Internet



#### Fullan's Model (1)

- Characteristics of change
  - Need and Relevance
  - Clarity
  - Complexity
  - Quality and Practicality
- Characteristics at the school district level;
  - The history of innovative attempts
  - The adoption process
  - Central administrative support and involvement
  - Staff development (in-service) and participation
  - Time-line and information system (evaluation)
  - Board and community characteristics



#### Fullan's Model (2)

- Characteristics at the school level;
  - The principal
  - **■** Teacher-teacher relations
  - Teacher characteristics and orientations
- External Factors
  - Government and other agencies
  - External assistance.
- Select some factors from the above list and use them as foci of study



#### **Concerns-based Adoption Model**

- **Innovation Configuration (IC)** 
  - The innovation configuration attempts to describe the innovation itself and the different operational patterns that result from the adaptation of its components by individuals and institutions. A common approach is to use an IC component checklist (simply a table).



#### **Concerns-based Adoption Model**

- Stages of Concern (SoC)
  - 0 Awareness
  - 1 Informational
  - **2** Personal
  - 3 Management
  - 4 Consequence
  - 5 Collaboration
  - 6 Refocusing



#### **Concerns-based Adoption Model**

- Levels of Use (LoC)
  - 0 Nonuse
  - I Orientation
  - II Preparation
  - III Mechanical Use
  - IVa Routine
  - IVb Refinement
  - V Integration
  - VI Renewal
- Not much have been done with LoC.





## Factors that affect the implementation of ICT in schools

- access to computers;
- availability of software;
- self-motivation;
- confidence and skill;
- the amount of time available for software review and teacher preparation;
- priority of computer use in the school;
- availability of hardware;
- attitudes of administrators; and
- teacher education and training (Krysa, 1998)
- **Generate questions for interview / foci of observation.**



#### Methodology

- Carr and Kemmis describe three basic forms of educational research
  - Positivist
  - Interpretative
  - Critical (Merriam, 1998)
- Patton (1990) described a logical dichotomy of two competing research methodologies
  - Logical-positivism
  - Phenomenological inquiry



# Justification for Using Qualitative Inquiry Methodology

Qualitative inquiry, which focuses on meaning in context, requires a research methodology that is sensitive to underlying meaning when gathering and interpreting data. The best research instrument that fits the aforesaid requirements is a well-trained researcher with a very good understanding of the rationale of study, research questions involved and what data to be collected (Merriam, 1998).



### Sampling

- A funnel approach rather than a modified analytic induction approach
- A purposeful sampling strategy → Extreme case (Wiersma, 2000)

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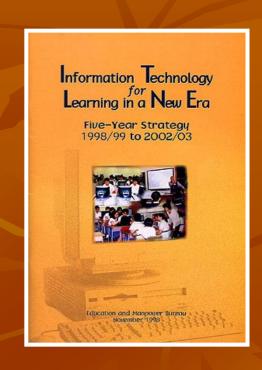
#### Research Tools

- Classroom observations
- Interviews with teachers and the principal
- Scrutinizing formal documents of the school (school plans, web pages, intranet)



#### Qualitative Data Analysis

- The data collected were analyzed using
  - SWOT model
    - Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat
  - Four key elements suggested in the "Five-year IT Strategy"



It is important to structure the data analysis in some way.



#### Findings #1

- Putting more exercises on-line in the summer for students
- More Q&A with students through e-mails
- Putting digital photos of students' behavior at practical session on LCD projector for students to discuss/reflect
- Using network for posting pre-lesson notice and post-lesson summaries/notes



#### Findings #2

- 1. There is a need to have a good ICT infrastructure to support the use of ICT in teaching and learning processes. (+)
- 2. The use of intranet and internet technology as a communication tool to promote quality of teaching and learning is perceived to be a good way to use ICT. (+)
- 3. Teachers' beliefs and perceptions about the use of ICT have significant impact of their ICT use. (+)
- 4. The use of ICT in teaching and learning processes needs systematic planning. (+)
- 5. The involvement of students to provide ICT support to teachers and to deliver training courses to fellow students is a good idea. (+)
- 6. The use of ICT in laboratory practical work, a worthwhile teaching and learning strategy, is not explored in the school. (-)



### **Contextual Factors**

Leadership

**Implementation** 

Teachers' Beliefs,
Assumpt
ions and
Knowledge



### My Strategies

- Control yourself discipline
- Develop and follow a "good" plan
- Prioritize your work ABC List
- Use mind maps to focus your work Use some thinking strategy you like

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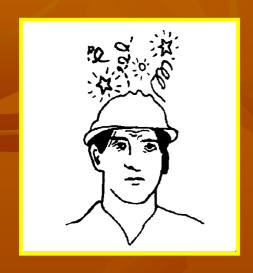
Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is perilous (Confucius)

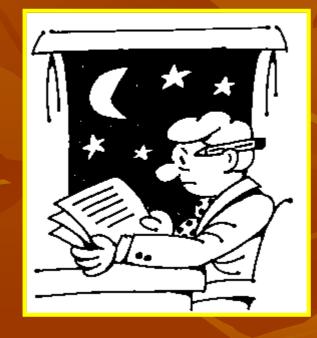


#### **ABC** lists

- The A list includes things that must get done today.
- The B list consists of things that should only be done if everything on the A list gets done.
- The C list consists of things that should only be considered after everything on the A and B list has been accomplished.
- Trap: The most important tasks, which often are not the fun ones, are kept getting put off.















# Prior Planning Prevents Pretty Poor Performance

- Setting up a work schedule on your calendar.
- Allow time for a well rounded life, but be sure to keep academics first.



#### **5W 1H or 9W**

Behavior- Pattern	Plan	Want	Action	
Communication				
Subject	WHY?	who?	(W)HOW?	
Time & Space	WHEN?	WHAT?	WHERE?	
Object	WHICH?	WHOSE?	wном?	





### Thank You

**Comments! Suggestion!** 

### Case Study Report

■ Notice board 佈告板 – Many to Many







#### ICT - Notice Board

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楊先碧 疲勞的金屬 p.15





#### ICT – Discussion Forum

■ Discussion Forum 討論區 – Many to Many

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#### ICT - Discussion Forum

#### Threaded discussion

Ammonium ion	2002-04-27 11:37:15	譚柏然
Re: Ammonium ion	2002-04-27 18:12:10	潘廣祥
Re: Ammonium ion	2002-04-29 16:14:36	譚柏然
Re: Ammonium ion	2002-04-30 10:58:53	潘廣祥
Re: Ammonium ion	2002-04-30 12:42:35	譚柏然
*Conductivity	2002-04-26 23:03:00	郭婉婷
Re: Conductivity	2002-06-07 22:09:54	潘元文
Conc. HNO3	2002-04-26 23:01:19	郭婉婷
Re: Conc. HNO3	2002-04-26 23:34:11	胡愷恩

主題: Re: Ammonium ion

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作者: 譚柏然

内容: O thanks.

That means NH4+ is a stronger oxidizing agent than H+.. well, by

the way, what's the position of NH4+ in the electrochemical

carias? To it want atrans?



