



# The 'Data' Gold Rush in Science Education

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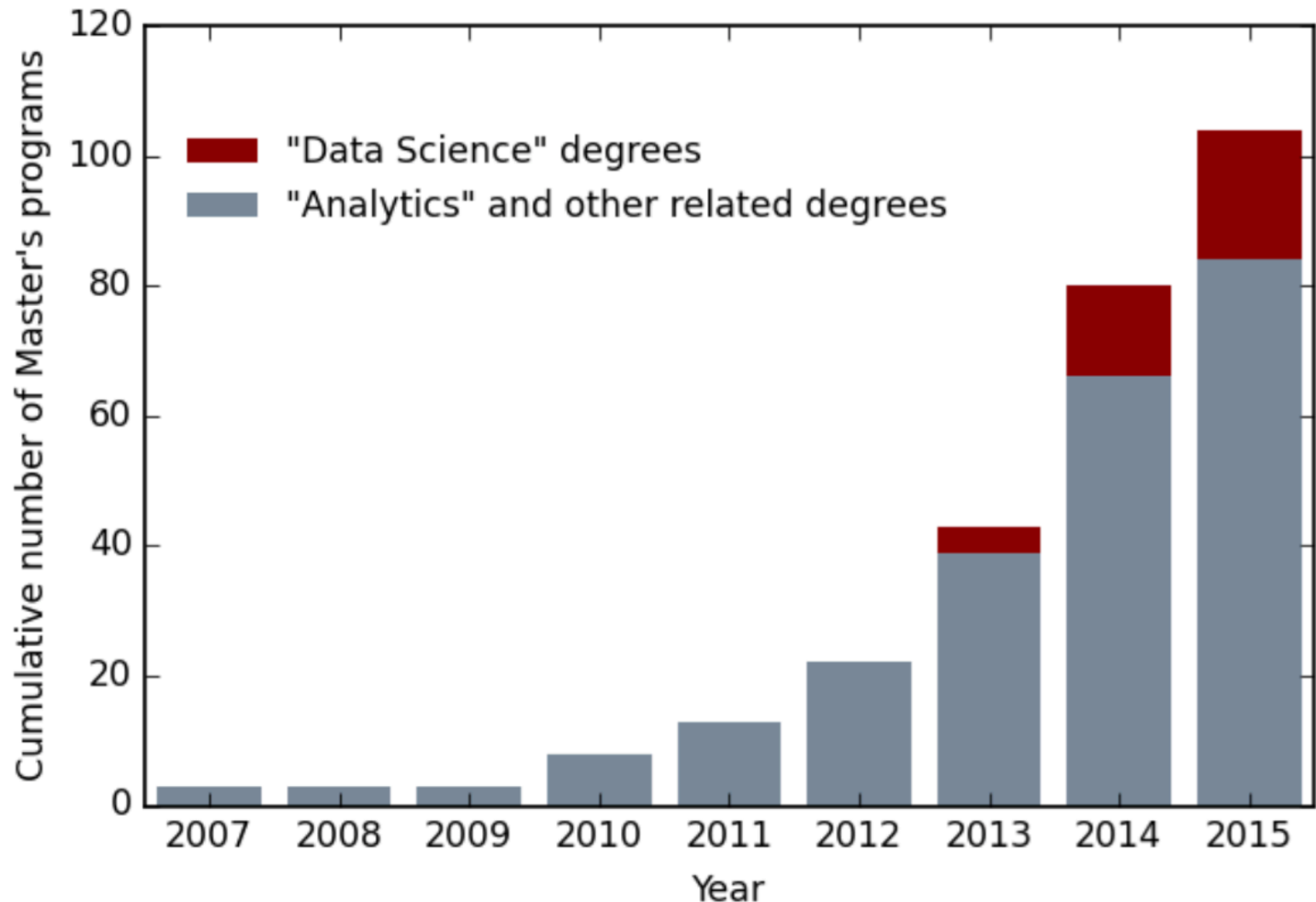
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# Big data: The next frontier for innovation, competition, and productivity

# Data Science Degree Programs in the US



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## Master of Science in Data Science

The new Master of Science in Data Science at the University of Washington gives current and aspiring data science professionals the technical skills to turn large, messy data sets – or big

### IMPORTANT DATES

**February 16**

Applications Open



# 'There's Gold in them thar hills'

College	Degree	Duration 12-36 Mo	Cost (r=resident)
Univ Denver	M.S. in Business Analytics	12 Mo	\$69,500
New York Univ	M.S. in Business Analytics	12 Mo	\$67,500
Carnegie Mellon Univ	M.I.S.M. (Business Intel. track)	16 Mo	\$67,200
Southern Methodist Univ	M.S. in Applied Stats and Data Analytics	18-24 Mo	\$65,600
Carnegie Mellon Univ	M.S. in Computational Data Science	16 Mo	\$65,000
Northwestern Univ	M.S. in Analytics	15 Mo	\$64,800
Univ Rochester	M.S. in Business Analytics	10 Mo	\$62,700
Univ CA, Berkeley	Master of Information and Data Science (MIDS)	12-20 Mo	\$60,000
IL Inst of Technology	M.S. in Marketing Analytics and Commun.	12-24 Mo	\$58,000
Univ Miami	M.S. in Business Analytics	10 Mo	\$57,100

Seattle, WA Area  
National

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n/a

**\$117,500**

Low to High [?]


Not enough employee data

\$93k

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62 Salaries: 1–20 of 46 Job Titles

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Salaries in USD 

Avg. Salary

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**Senior Data Scientist** – Netflix

1 Salary

n/a

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**Data Scientist** – Groupon

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**Data Scientist** – EBH Enterprises

2 Salaries

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**Data Scientist** – Live Nation

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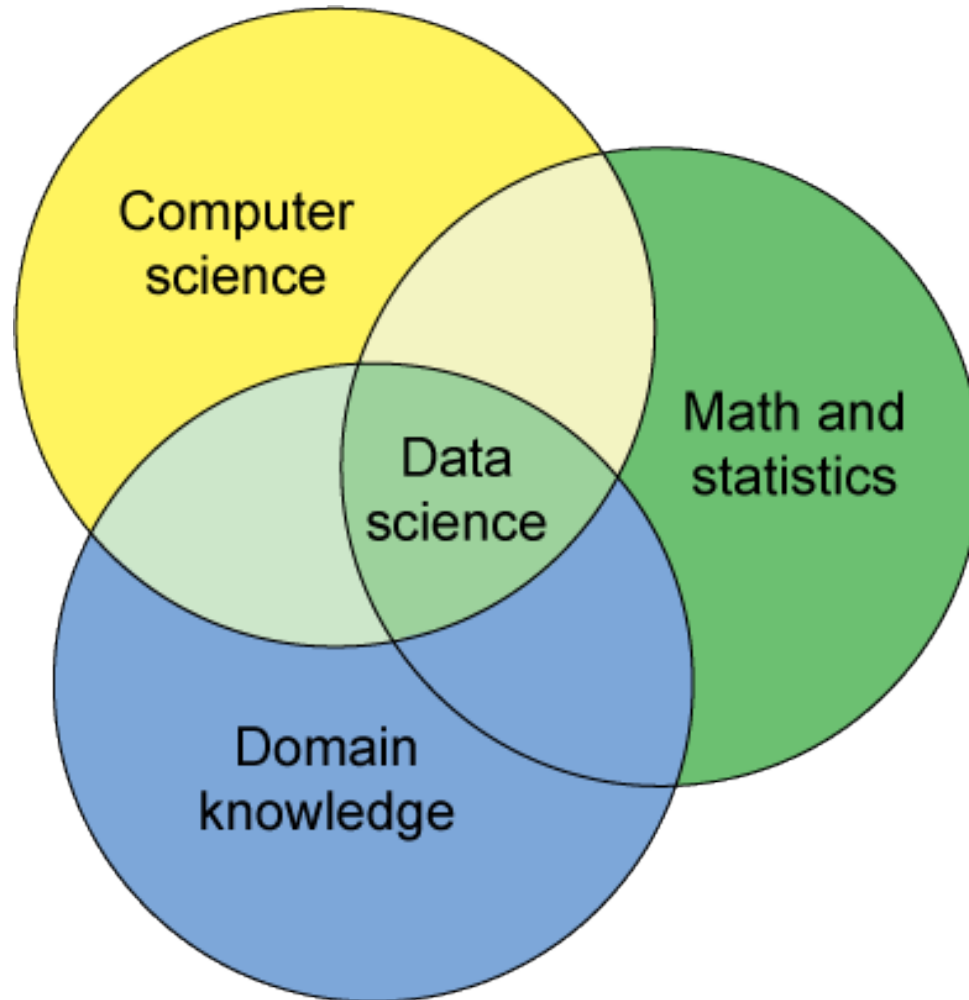
**Data Scientist** – Apollo Group

2 Salaries

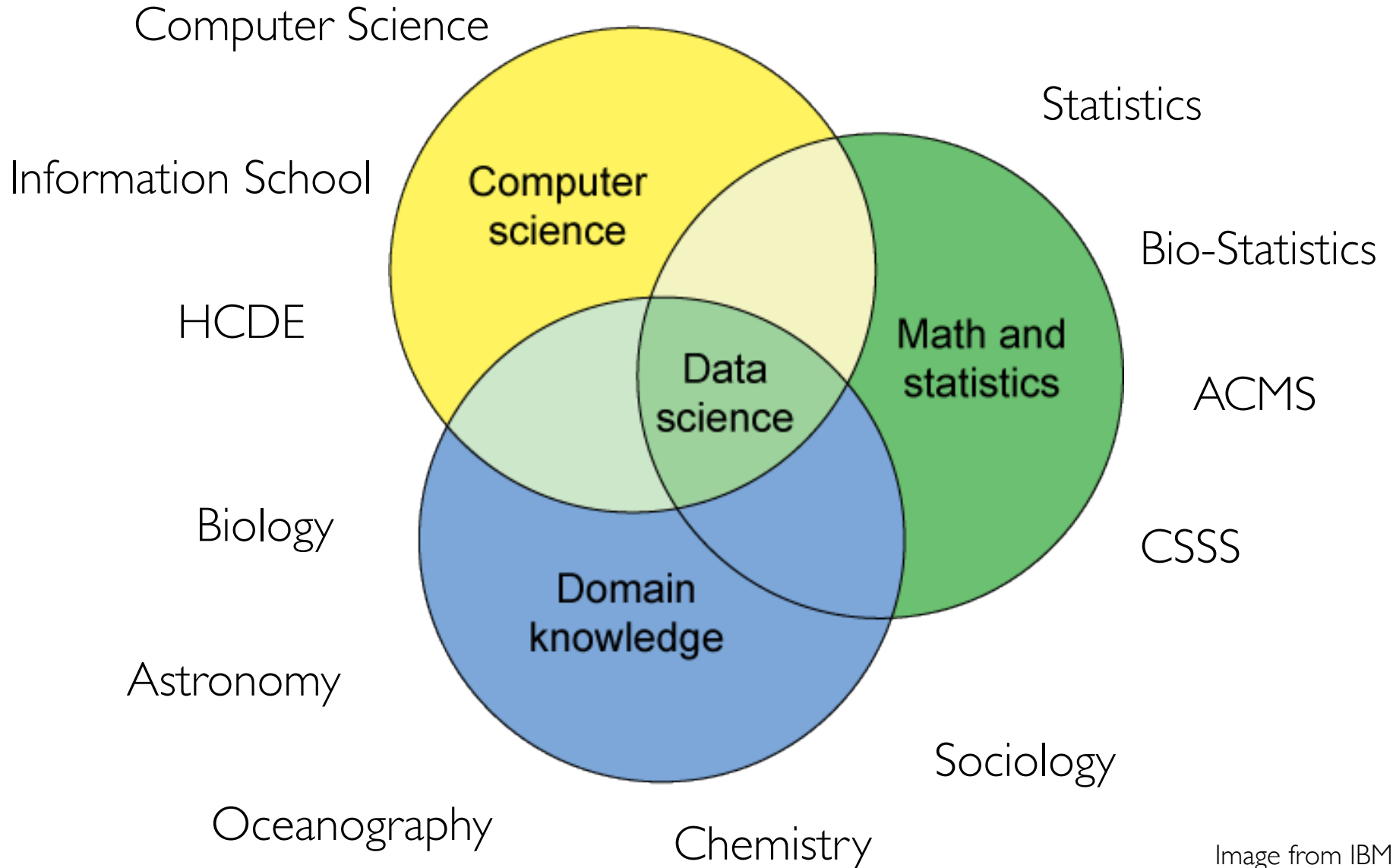
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# An exercise in departmental coordination



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# Curriculum

- Coding and Software Development
- Databases and Cloud Computing
- Statistics and Probability
- Machine Learning
- Information Visualization
- Data Ethics and Privacy
- Domain Applications (Biology, Physics, Astronomy, Oceanography, Sociology)



# INSIGHT DATA SCIENCE FELLOWS PROGRAM

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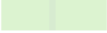



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High commercial demand taking a toll on *Science*

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# THE MODERN MARKETER

PART ARTIST • PART SCIENTIST

Technology is transforming the marketing profession, adding new tools, techniques, and strategies on a daily basis. The modern marketer needs to have two sides: an artist and scientist. Marketers need creativity and imagination to create campaigns that engage consumers, and an analytical side to measure and calibrate marketing strategy. Let's take a look!

## PART ARTIST

### WRITTEN CONTENT



Inbound marketing has become the go-to strategy for modern marketers, putting a premium on writing skill.

### VISUAL ASSETS



Visual content grabs consumers' attention, making it a valuable marketing resource.

### SOCIAL MEDIA



Social media has changed the way marketers interact with consumers, making managing digital relationships an important skill.

### EMAIL MARKETING



Email remains the workhorse of most modern marketing departments. Best practices and design remain essential skills for marketers.



## PART SCIENTIST

### PERFORMANCE TRACKING

Marketing can no longer afford to be a cost center and the modern marketer should track all marketing activities and campaigns.



### OPERATIONS

With more responsibility and fewer resources, marketers must be experts in budgeting and operations.



### ANALYTICS

Marketers need to be data experts, able to see major trends and important takeaways in a mass of data at a glance.



### CAMPAIGN PERFORMANCE

Using tools like Salesforce to understand campaign performance is an essential skill for the modern marketer.



It's no surprise that the modern marketer must be multi-faceted. By developing both an artistic side and a scientific side, marketers are able to quickly adapt and thrive in the rapidly-changing marketing landscape.

# The Modern Brain Drain from Science to Marketing





# The Science 'Ghost Town'







## What We Do



### Overview

Over the course of the last decade many disciplines have evolved from recording observations in laboratory notebooks to the use of instruments capable of digitally recording many gigabytes of data in a day. This abundance of data provides unprecedented opportunities for discovery. Tapping its potential requires the application of sophisticated new computational techniques operating on large scale storage, computational and network resources. Since its creation in 2008, the eScience Institute has worked to create the intellectual and physical infrastructure needed to meet this challenge.

At the core of the eScience Institute are individuals who have proven track records in developing and applying advanced computational methods and tools to real world problems. Their task is to seek out and engage researchers across disciplines where eScience approaches are likely to have the greatest impact. To ensure that researchers have access to the necessary physical infrastructure, the Institute has undertaken coordinated planning and support for advanced local and remote computational platforms. This includes developing relationships with commercial and non-commercial service providers as well as the development of shared facilities on campus. This support extends to assistance in the preparation of select proposals where we are able to focus resources, improving their chances for success.

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# Lessons Learned

- Space and water coolers still matter
- The need for  $\pi$ -shaped students
- Project-driven learning facilitates interdisciplinarity (capstones, hackathons, data for social good)
- Leverage alternative forms of education (MOOCs, bootcamps)
- The need to create career paths for data scientists that build tools (databases, software) that facilitate science
- Experiment with university programs



# Space Matters



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# Project-based learning

Data Science for Social Good



**DUBHACKS**

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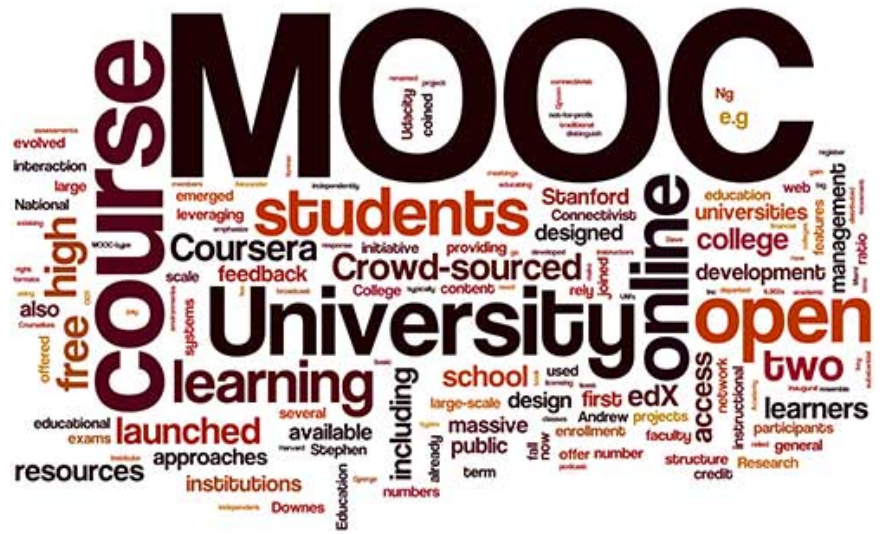


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# Alternative Education Forums



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# University career paths for data scientists





# Interdisciplinary Experimentation

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## CAPSTONE PROJECTS ARE A KEY COMPONENT OF EVERY DEGREE

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### Academic Programs

#### Bachelor of Science in Informatics

Informatics majors have a passion for making a difference through information and technology. They design, build, manage and secure systems to meet the needs of people, organizations, and society.

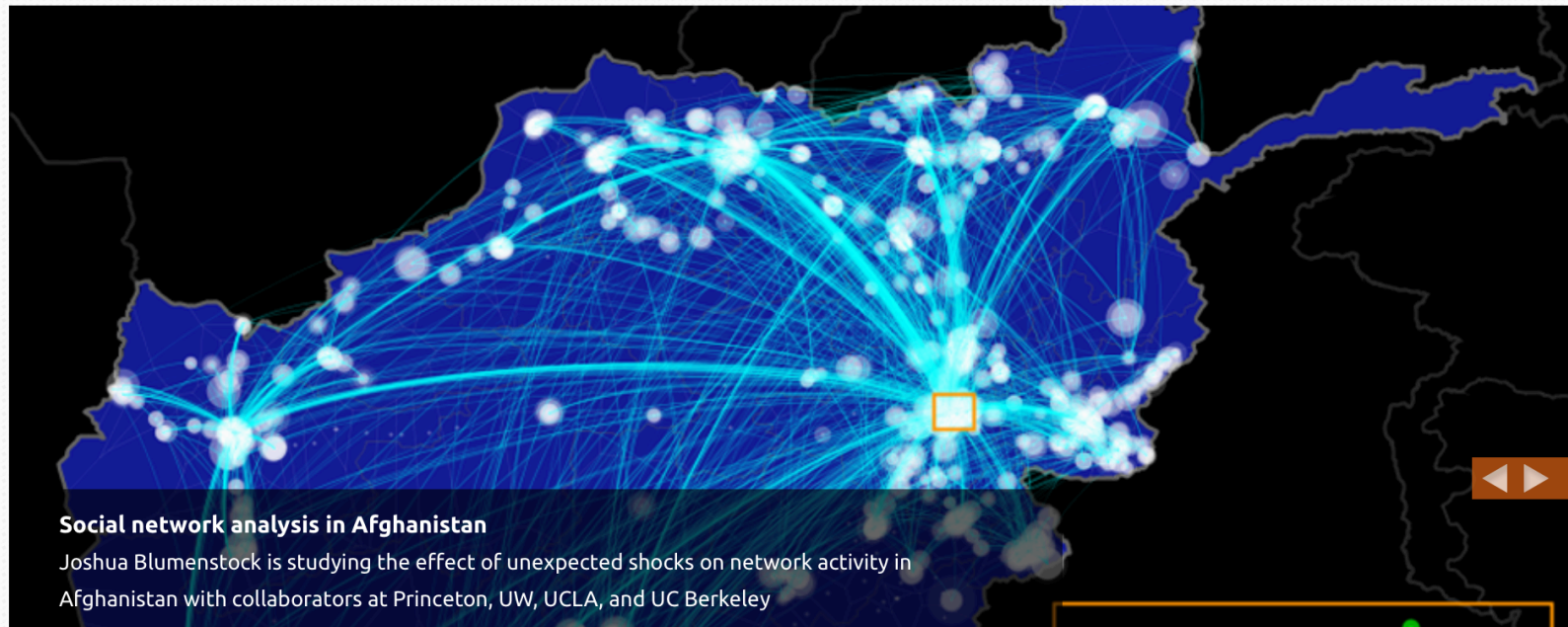
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#### Who are we?

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### Social network analysis in Afghanistan

Joshua Blumenstock is studying the effect of unexpected shocks on network activity in Afghanistan with collaborators at Princeton, UW, UCLA, and UC Berkeley

### Research Focus Areas



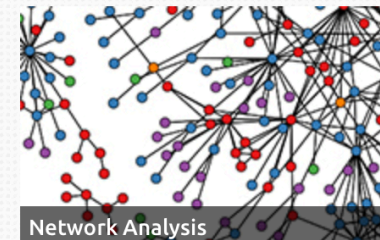
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Social Behavior



Poverty and social change



Network Analysis

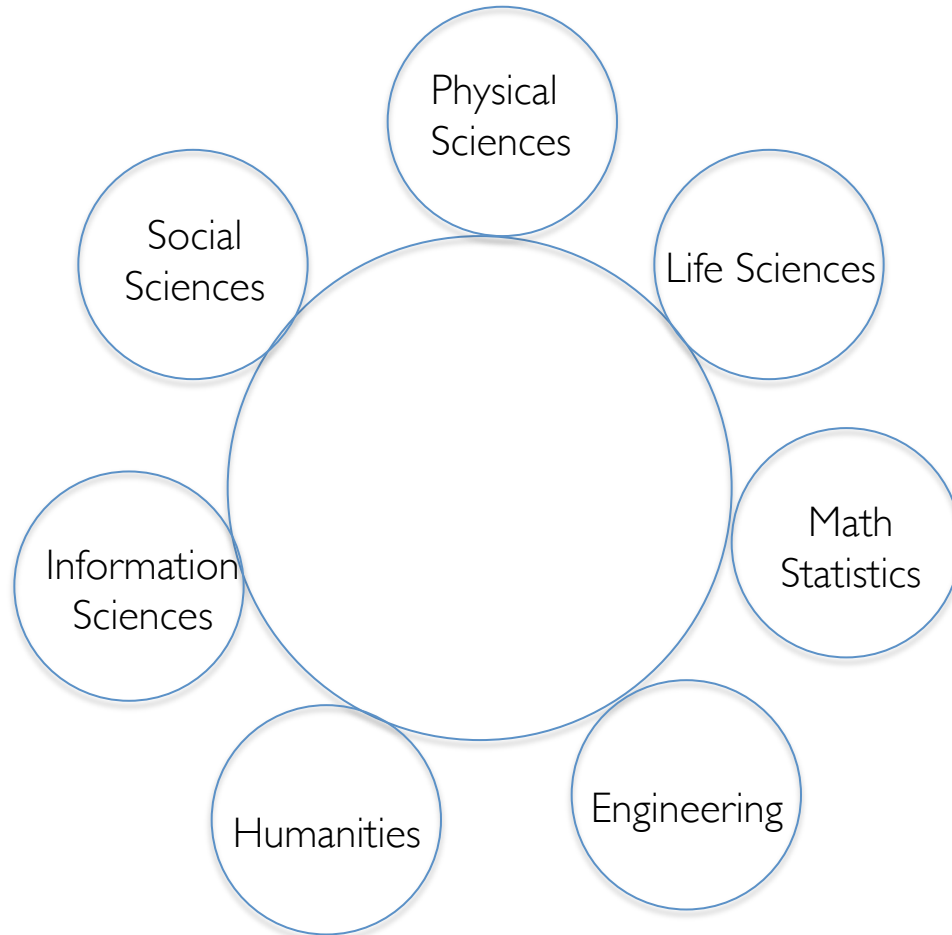
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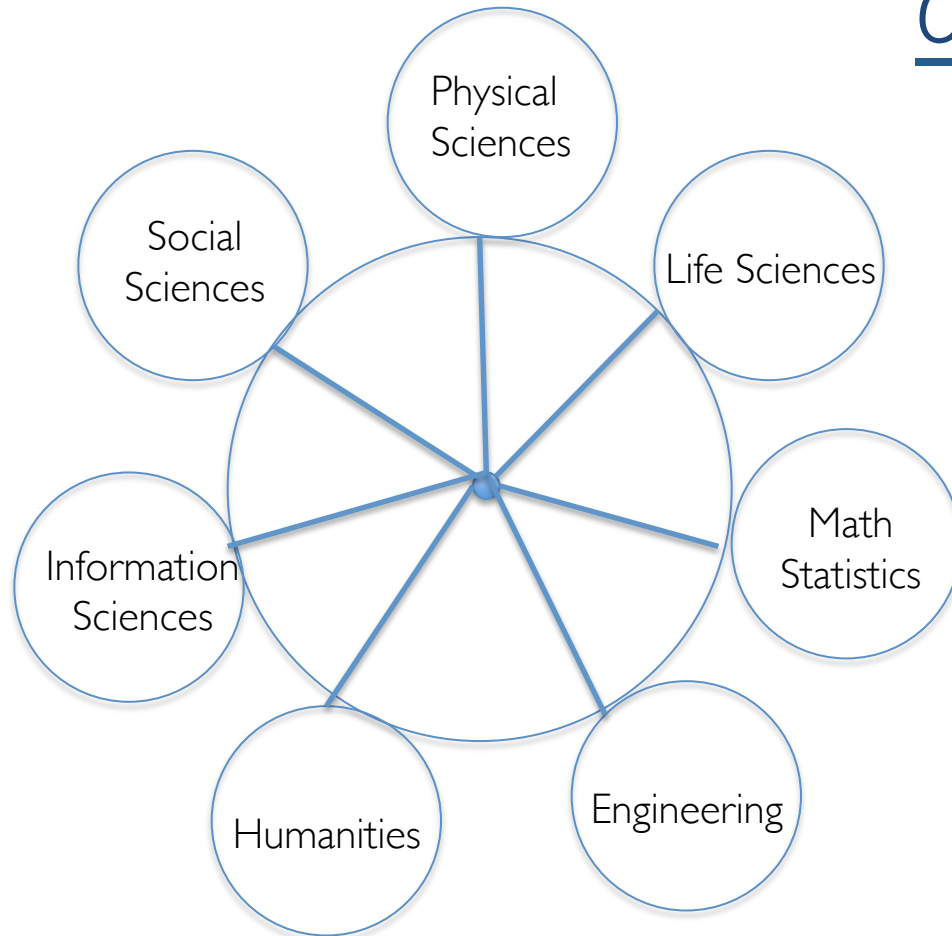
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# Science Education



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