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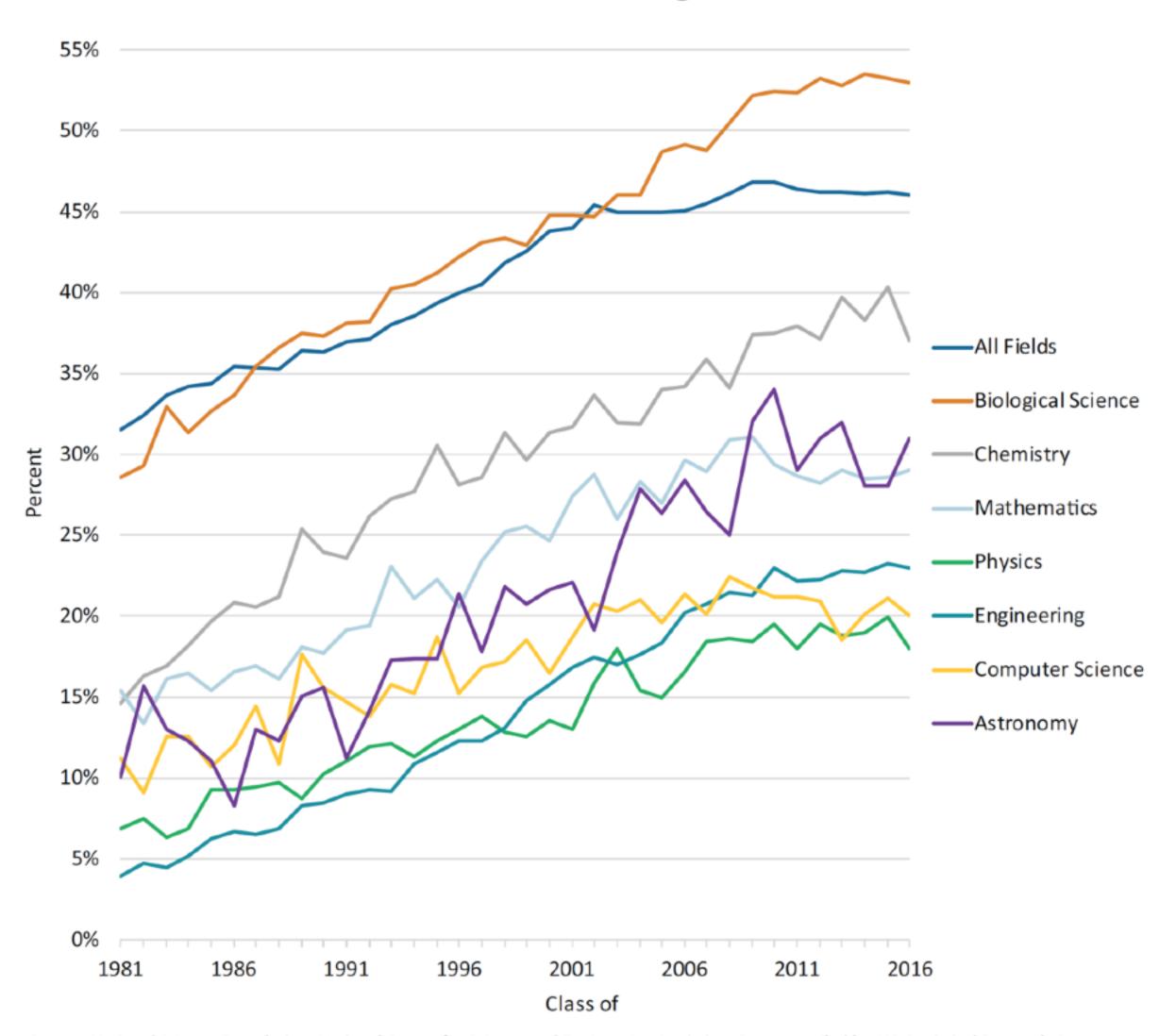
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#### Percent of PhDs Earned by Women in Selected Fields, Classes of 1981 through 2016



Source: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics. Data compiled by AIP Statistical Research Center.



# About 20% of PhDs in physics are granted to women

More women are earning PhDs in physics (and in STEM)