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Scientific Annotation

Using Graphs to Facilitate Interdisciplinary Science

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The degree of interdisciplinary work is increasing significantly.

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Note: DJ Patil indicated the wealth of data in earth sciences available to data sciences, the challenge is that much of the data requires some level of disciplinary knowledge to analyse.

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Note: Work by Stephen Richard and myself has shown how mapping variable definitions across open-science databases does indicate a level of apparent alignment between data resources (e.g., Temperature to Temperature), but in practice this alignment may be illusory.

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Note: From the perspective of equity in academia, and from a project management standpoint this creates two problems: (1) Interdisciplinary research requires a breadth of expertise that may not

be available at all institutions. If this is the case, the development of new tools, and the capacity to answer new questions using data science tool kits gets concentrated in R1 institutions. Whether or not we operate in a meritocracy, the challenge is that the undergraduates who attend HBCUs, Tribal Colleges or regional, undergraduate domainated universities would never have a chance to "prove themselves", since they simply do not have the depth of experience to work with these data types.

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Note: Within individual projects we also see inequity between early career researchers and established researchers. Because of the structure of the academic reward system, it is the early career researchers who bear the burden of interdisciplinary research, while established researchers gain most of the benefits. Reducing the "time to science" for early career researchers would allow them to gain rewards faster, and compete against researchers working within the more traditional disciplinary silo.

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Note: Ive been intimately involved in interdisciplinary research for most of my academic career. I manage the Neotoma Paleoecology Database, a community curated data repository that manages records of fossils and environmental data covering the last 2.5 mya, developing tools in R to access this resource, writing scripts and helping build the pipeline to other tools, including the FlyoverCountry App, that puts the power of XXX geological data resurces into the hands of users.

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Note: My research has focused on building models that relate climate and forest cover over the last 10,000 years, along with historical survey records, modern remote sensing data, real-time sensor data, data assimilation models and General Circulation models to help improve predictions of future climate using models of past vegetation and climate.

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Note: Through all of this, I have watched students struggle. It's not enough to provide people with data. We need to support people with the kinds of workflows that will help them understand how to use the data.

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Note: Introducing EarthCube & Throughput

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Note: Introducting re3data

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MATCH (:TYPE {type:"schema:DataCatalog"})-[:isType]-(odca:OBJECT) RETURN COUNT(odca
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2301 Unique online data resources with metadata & defined data schema.

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Note: Repositories that are linked. Data cleaning that needs work.

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MATCH (:TYPE {type:"schema:CodeRepository"})-[:isType]-(ocr:OBJECT)

MATCH (:TYPE {type:"schema:DataCatalog"})-[:isType]-(odca:OBJECT) MATCH (:TYPE {type
WITH ocr, odca, odcb

MATCH p = (odca)-[]-(:ANNOTATION)-[]-(ocr)-[]-(:ANNOTATION)-[]-(odcb)
WITH odca, COLLECT(odcb) AS thing
RETURN odca.name, count(thing)
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Note: Which data resources have the most crosspostings?