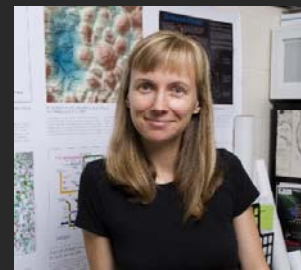


# Computational Scientometrics That Informs Science Policy

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are repeatability, economy, menuration, heuristics, and consilience.”  
*E. O. Wilson in Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge (1998)*

## Introduction to Computational Scientometrics

# General Scientometrics Workflow

| DATA EXTRACTION   | UNIT OF ANALYSIS  | MEASURES  | LAYOUT (often one code does both similarity and ordination steps)  |   | DISPLAY  |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|
|   |   |   | SIMILARITY   | ORDINATION  |  |
| SEARCHES<br>ISI<br>INSPEC<br>Eng Index<br>Medline<br>ResearchIndex<br>Patents<br>etc. | COMMON CHOICES<br>Journal<br>Document<br>Author<br>Term | COUNTS/FREQUENCIES<br>Attributes (e.g. terms)<br>Author citations<br>Co-citations<br>By year<br>THRESHOLDS<br>By counts | SCALAR (unit by unit matrix)<br>Direct citation<br>Co-citation<br>Combined linkage<br>Co-word / co-term<br>Co-classification<br>VECTOR (unit by attribute matrix)<br>Vector space model (words/terms)<br>Latent Semantic Analysis (words/terms)<br>ind. Singular Value Decomp (SVD)<br>CORRELATION (if desired)<br>Pearson's R on any of above | DIMENSIONALITY REDUCTION<br>Eigenvector/ Eigenvalue solutions<br>Factor Analysis (FA) and<br>Principal Components Analysis (PCA)<br>Multi-dimensional scaling (MDS)<br>LSA, <b>Topics</b><br>Pathfinder networks (PFNet)<br>Self-organizing maps (SOM)<br>includes SOM, ET-maps, etc. | INTERACTION<br>Browse<br>Pan<br>Zoom<br>Filter<br>Query<br>Detail on demand<br>ANALYSIS<br>CLUSTER ANALYSIS<br>SCALAR<br>Triangulation<br>Force-directed placement (FDP) |

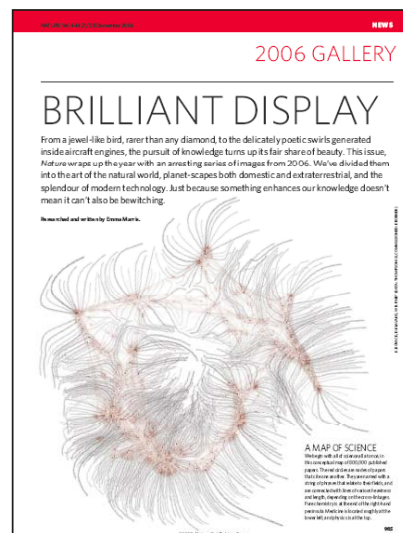
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## Scientometrics Opportunities

### Advantages for Science Policy Makers/Funders

- Supports monitoring of (long-term) money flow and research developments, evaluation of funding strategies for different programs, decisions on project durations, funding patterns.
- Staff resources can be used for scientific program development, to identify areas for future development, and the stimulation of new research areas.

### Advantages for Researchers

- Easy access to research results, relevant funding programs and their success rates, potential collaborators, competitors, related projects/publications (**research push**).
- More time for research and teaching.

### Advantages for Industry

- Fast and easy access to major results, experts, etc.
- Can influence the direction of research by entering information on needed technologies (**industry-pull**).

### Advantages for Publishers

- Unique interface to their data.
- Publicly funded development of databases and their interlinkage.

### For Society

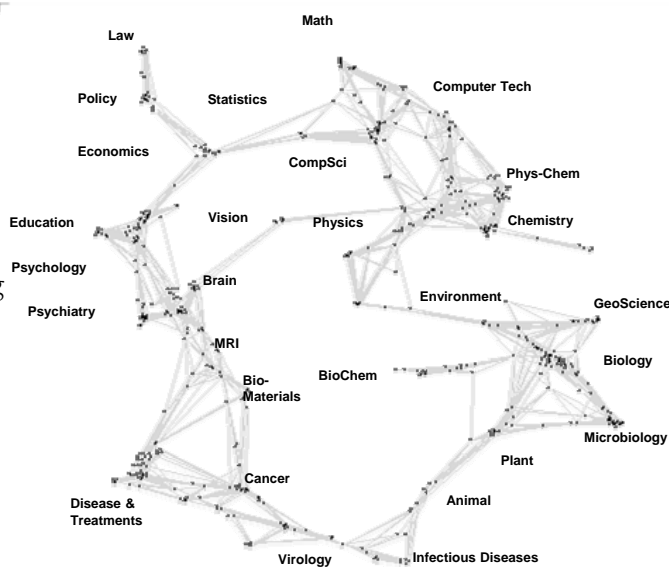
- Dramatically improved access to scientific knowledge and expertise.

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## 2002 'Base Map' of Science

*Kevin W. Boyack, Katy Börner, & Richard Klavans (2007). Mapping the Structure and Evolution of Chemistry Research. 11th International Conference on Scientometrics and Informetrics. pp. 112-123.*

- Uses combined SCI/SSCI from 2002
  - 1.07M papers, 24.5M references, 7,300 journals
  - Bibliographic coupling of papers, aggregated to journals
- Initial ordination and clustering of journals gave 671 clusters
- Coupling counts were reaggregated at the journal cluster level to calculate the
  - (x,y) positions for each journal cluster
  - by association, (x,y) positions for each journal

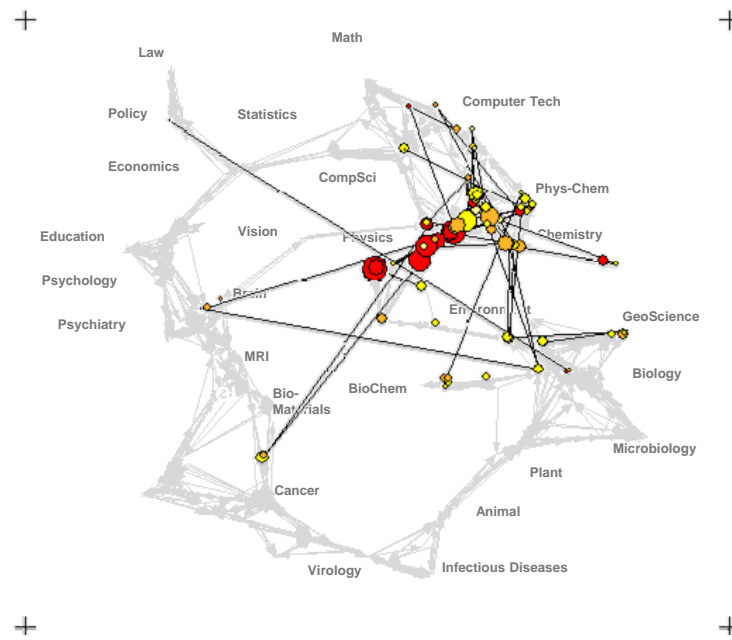


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## Science map applications: Identifying core competency

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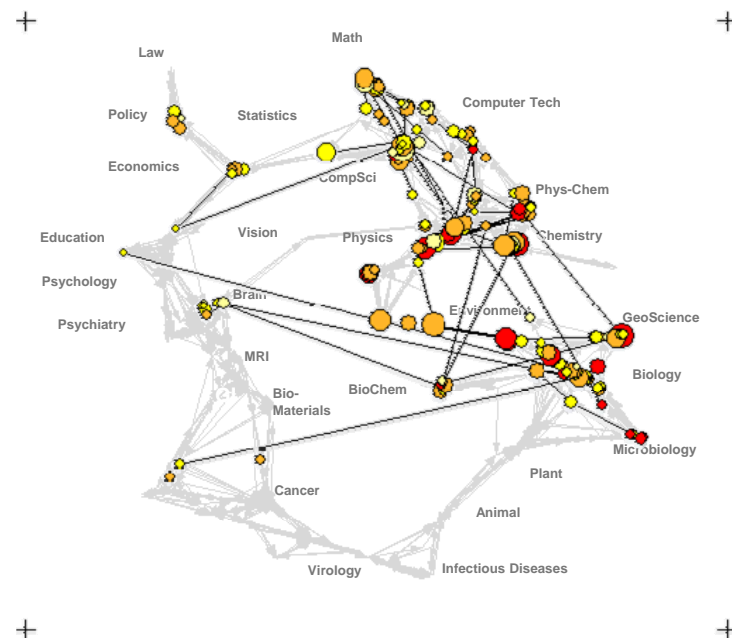
### Funding patterns of the US Department of Energy (DOE)



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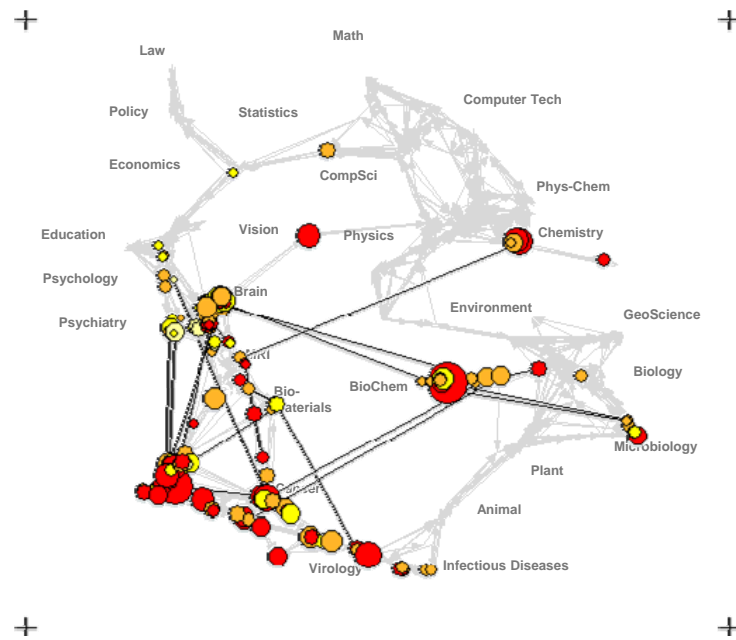
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### Funding Patterns of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)



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**What do Science Policy Makers want?**



## Needs Analysis

Reported are initial results of 34 interviews with science policy makers and researchers at

- Division director level at national, state, and private foundations (10),
- Program officer level (12),
- University campus level (8), and
- Science policy makers from Europe and Asia (4).

conducted between Feb. 8th, 2008 and Oct. 2nd, 2008.

Each interview comprised a 40 min, audio-taped, informal discussion on specific information needs, datasets and tools currently used, and on what a 'dream tool' might look and feel like. A pre-interview questionnaire was used to acquire demographics and a post-interview questionnaire recorded input on priorities.

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## *Currently Used Datasets, Tools, and Hardware*

In the pre-interview questionnaire subjects were asked “What databases do you use?”

- **People databases** such as agency internal PI & reviewer databases, human resources databases
- **Publication databases** such as WoS, Scopus; Dialogue (SCI, SSCI, Philosopher's Jindex), PUBmed/Pubmed Central, SciCit, IND, JStor, PsychInfo, Google scholar, agency/university library journal holdings (online), ISI/OIG databases, RePEc
- **Patent databases** such as PATSTAT, EPO, WPTO, and aggregators such as PatentLens, PatSTAT
- **Intellectual property** Public Intellectual Property Resource by UC Davis, SparcIP
- **Funding databases** such as NIH IMPACT II, SPIRES, QVR-internal NIH; NSF's EIS, Proposal and Awards "PARS" "Electronic Jacket, IES Awards Database, USAspending.gov, Research.gov
- **Federal reports** such as SRS S&E Indicators, OECD data and statistics, Federal Budget databases, National Academies reports, AAAS reports, National Research Council (NRC) reports
- **Survey data** Taulbee Survey of CS salaries, NSF Surveys, EuroStats
- **Internal proprietary databases** at NSF, NIH, DOE
- **Science databases such as** FAO, USDA, GeneBank, TAIR, NCBI Plant genome
- **Web data** typically accessed via Google search
- **News**, e.g., about federal budget decisions, Science Alerts from Science Magazine, Factiva, Technology Review, Science, Nature
- **Expertise** via stakeholder opinions, expert panels
- **Management, trends, insights** – from scientific societies, American Evaluation Association

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## ***Insight Needs***

The pre-interview questionnaire asked “What would you most like to understand about the structure/evolution of science and why?” Responses can be grouped by

### ***Science Structure and Dynamics***

- Growth of interdisciplinary areas around a scientific field. Global growth of a scientific field.
- The development of disciplines and specialties (subdisciplines).
- how science is structured -- performers, funding sources, (international) collaborations.
- Grant size vs. productivity

### ***Impact***

- Criteria for quality. Scientific and public health impacts.
- Conditions for excellent science, use of scientific cooperation.
- Return on investment / impact spread of research discovery / impact of scientists on others.
- Does funding centers create a higher yield of knowledge than individual grants?

### ***Feedback Cycles***

- Linkages between S&E funding, educational and discovery outcomes, invention and technology development, economical and social benefit, at least generally applicable predictable system.
- The way institutional structures (funding/evaluation/career systems/agenda setting) influence the dynamics of science.
- Understanding the innovation cycle. Looking at history and identifying key technologies, surveying best practices for use today. Answer the question--"How best to foster innovation"?

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## ***Insights From Verbal Interviews***

Different policy makers have very different tasks/priorities

### ***Division directors***

Rely mostly on experts, quick data access

Provide input to talks/testimonies, regulatory/legislator proposal reviews, advice/data

Compare US to other countries, identify emerging areas, determine impact of a decision on US innovation capacity, national security, health and longevity

### ***Program officers***

Rely more on data

Report to foundation, state, US tax payers

Identify ‘targets of opportunity’ global), fund/support wisely (local), show impact (local+global)

### ***University officials***

Rely more on (internal) data

Make internal seed funding decisions, pool resources for major grant applications, attract the best students, get private/state support, offer best research climate/education.

All see people and projects as major “unit of analysis”.

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## *Insights From Verbal Interviews*

Major Task Types:

### ***Connect***

IP to companies, proposals to reviewers, experts to workshops, students to programs, researchers to project teams, innovation seekers to solution providers.

### ***Impact and ROI Analysis***

Scientific and public (health) impacts.

### ***Real Time Monitoring***

Funding/results, trajectories of people, bursts.

### ***Longitudinal Studies***

Understand dynamics of and delays in science system.

**Computational Scientometrics**  
**Cyberinfrastructure**



Provided by the [Cyberinfrastructure for Network Science Center](#) at Indiana University.

**Introduction**  
E. O. Wilson writes in *Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge* (1998): "Features that distinguish science from pseudoscience are repeatability, economy, mensuration, heuristics, and consilience." Please see Börner's [recent presentation](#) at the *A Deeper Look at the Visualization of Scientific Discovery* NSF Workshop for a general introduction of the needs and the resources provided here.

**Needs Analysis**  
As part of the "TLS: Towards a [Macroscopic for Science Policy Decision Making](#)" NSF SBE-0738111 award, interviews with science policy makers are conducted to identify what science of science research results and tools might be most desirable and effective. So far, 20 formal, one-hour interviews have been conducted with science policy makers at university campus level, program officer level, and division director level for governmental, state, and private foundations. Data compilation will start in October 2008 and resulting report can be ordered by sending a request to Mark Price ([maaprice@indiana.edu](mailto:maaprice@indiana.edu)).

**Conceptualization of Science**  
A 'science of science' requires a theoretically grounded and practically useful conceptualization of the structure and evolution of science. A special journal issue entitled "[Science of Science: Conceptualizations and Models of Science](#)" edited by [Katy Börner](#), Indiana University & [Andrea Scharnhorst](#), Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences invites contributions on this topic. It will be published in the *Journal of Informetrics* 3(1) in January 2009.

**Scholarly Database**  
The [Scholarly Database \(SDB\)](#) at Indiana University aims to serve researchers and practitioners interested in the analysis, modeling, and visualization of large-scale scholarly datasets. The database currently provides access to over 20 million papers, patents and grants. Resulting datasets can be downloaded in bulk. Register for free access at <https://sdb.slis.indiana.edu/>.

**Cyberinfrastructures**  
The Scientometrics filling of the [Network Workbench \(NWB\) Tool](#) provides a unique distributed, shared resources environment for large-scale network analysis, modeling, and visualization. Thomson Scientific/ISI, Scopus and Google Scholar data, EndNote and Bibtex files, or NSF awards can be read and diverse networks can be extracted and studied. Download [User Manual with focus on Scientometrics](#).

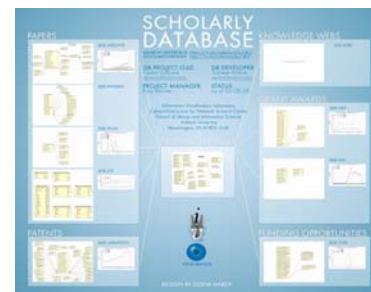
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Scholarly Database of 23 million scholarly records

<http://sdb.slis.indiana.edu>



Information Visualization Cyberinfrastructure

<http://iv.slis.indiana.edu>



Network Workbench Tool and Community Wiki

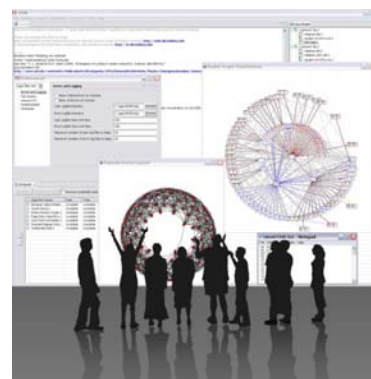
**\*NEW\* Scientometrics plugins**

<http://nwb.slis.indiana.edu>



Epidemics Cyberinfrastructure

<http://epic.slis.indiana.edu/>



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The screenshot displays the Scholarly Database web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Search', 'Edit Profile', 'About', and 'Logout' links. Below this, the 'Search' section includes input fields for 'Creators', 'Title', and 'Abstract', along with a search button. The 'Browse Results' section shows a search for 'artificial intelligence' with 13,225 results. A table lists results with columns for Source, Authors/Creators, Year, and Title. The 'Download Results' section offers options to download data in various formats, including Medline, NIH, and NSF databases.

Anybody can register for free at <https://sdb.slis.indiana.edu> to search the about 23 million records and download results as data dumps.

In May 2009, SDB has over 170 registered users from academia, industry, and government from over 80 institutions and four continents.

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## Network Workbench Tool

An empty shell filled with algorithm plugins will ultimately be 'packaged' as a SciPolio

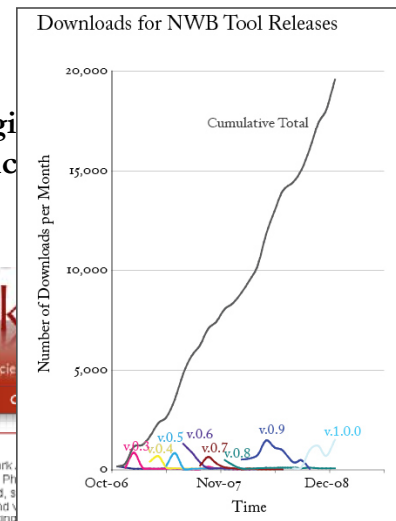
The Network Workbench (NWB) tool supports researchers, educators, and practitioners interested in the study of biomedical, social and behavioral science, physics, and other networks.

In May 2009, the tool provides more than 110 plugins that support the preprocessing, analysis, modeling, and visualization of networks.

**More than 40 of these plugins can be applied or were specifically designed for S&T studies.**

It has been downloaded more than 18,000 times since Dec. 2006.

The screenshot shows the Network Workbench Tool website. The header features the title 'Network Workbench Tool' and a navigation menu with 'Home', 'People', 'Research', and 'Publications'. The main content area includes a 'Summary' section, a 'How to cite this project' section, and a 'News & Updates' section with a list of recent releases and updates.



<http://nwb.slis.indiana.edu/>

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  - [Extract Nodes Above or Below Val](#)
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  - [Delete Random Nodes](#)
  - [Delete Isolates](#)
- Remove Edges**
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  - [Remove Self Loops](#)
  - [Trim By Degree<sup>2</sup>](#)
  - [Pathfinder Network Scaling](#)
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  - [Network Analysis Toolkit<sup>2</sup>](#)
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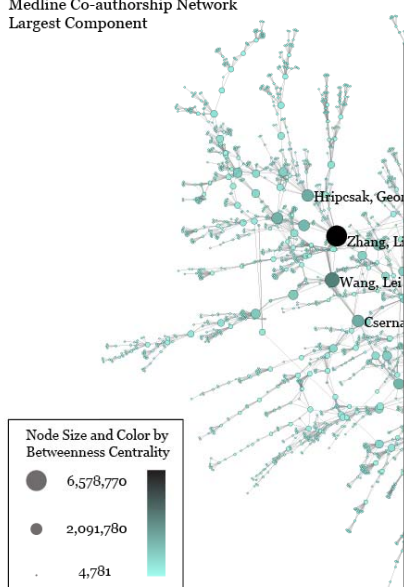
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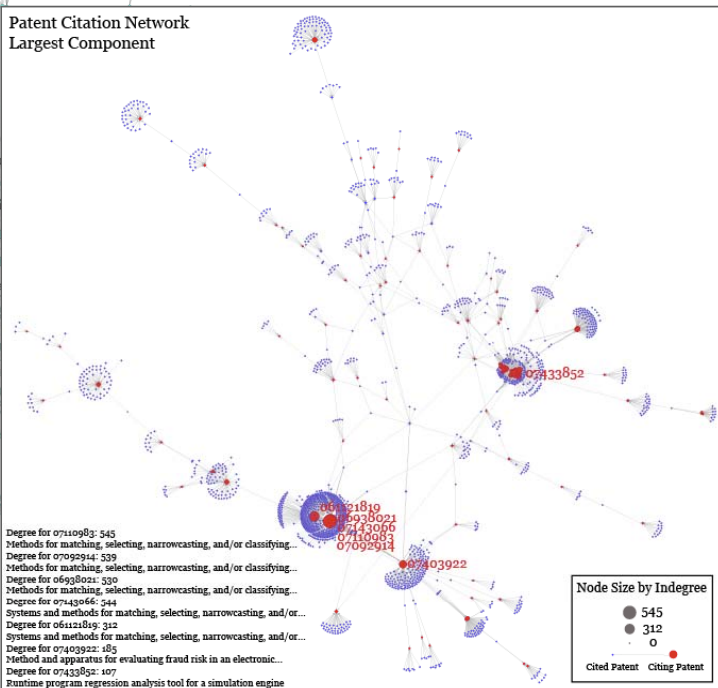
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## SciPolicy Studies - Using Open Data and Open Code

Medline Co-authorship Network  
Largest Component

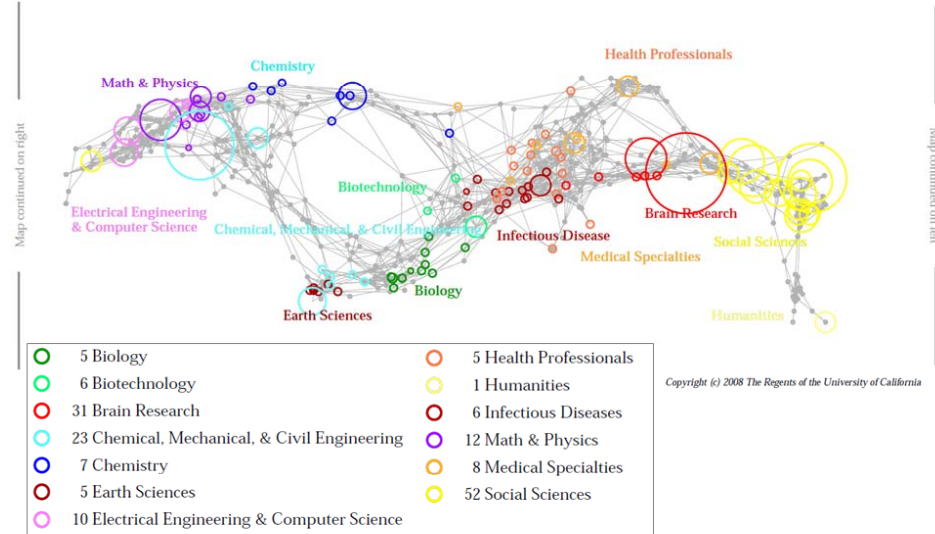


Patent Citation Network  
Largest Component



# SciPolicy Studies - Using Open Data and Open Code

Science map overlays of base knowledge and/or core competencies



Funding portfolios of NSF investigators



## Mapping Science Exhibit

# Mapping Science Exhibit – 10 Iterations in 10 years

<http://scimaps.org/>



## The Power of Maps (2005)



## Science Maps for Economic Decision Makers (2008)



## The Power of Reference Systems (2006)



## Science Maps for Science Policy Makers (2009)

Science Maps for Scholars (2010)

Science Maps as Visual Interfaces to Digital Libraries (2011)

Science Maps for Kids (2012)

Science Forecasts (2013)

## The Power of Forecasts (2007)



## How to Lie with Science Maps (2014)



Exhibit has been shown in 52 venues on four continents. Also at

- NSF, 10th Floor, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.
- Chinese Academy of Sciences, China, May 17-Nov. 15, 2008.
- University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, Nov 10-Jan 31, 2009
- Center of Advanced European Studies and Research, Bonn, Germany, Dec. 11-19, 2008.



Debut of 5<sup>th</sup> Iteration of Mapping Science Exhibit at MEDIA X was on May 18, 2009 at Wallenberg Hall, Stanford University

<http://mediax.stanford.edu>

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# DEATH & TAXES

A VISUAL GUIDE TO WHERE YOUR FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS GO



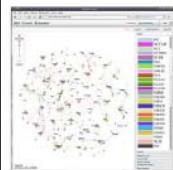
Death and Taxes 2009, by Jess Bachman  
 Courtesy of <http://www.wallstats.com>

# A Topic Map of NIH Grants 2007

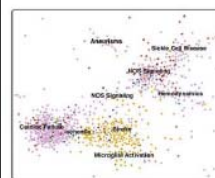
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Bruce W. Herr II (Chalklabs & IU), Gully Burns (IS), David Newman (UCI), Edmund Talley (NIH)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is organized as a multitude of Institutes and Centers whose missions are primarily focused on distinct diseases. However, disease etiologies and therapies blur scientific boundaries, and thus there is tremendous overlap in the kinds of research funded by each institute. This creates a daunting landscape for decisions on research directions, funding allocations, and policy formulations. Shown here is devised an interactive topic map for navigating this landscape, online at [www.nih.gov/td](http://www.nih.gov/td). Institute abbreviations can be found at [www.nih.gov/td](http://www.nih.gov/td).

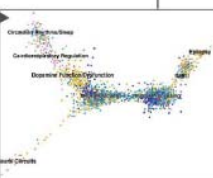


Topic modeling, a statistical technique that automatically learns semantic categories, was applied to assess projects in terms used by researchers to describe their work, without the biases of keywords or subject headings. Grant similarities were derived from their topic mixtures, and grants were then clustered on a two-dimensional map using a force-directed simulated annealing algorithm. This analysis creates an interactive environment for assessing grant relevance to research categories and to NIH institutes in which grants are localized.



**Cardiac Diseases Research**  
 An area of the map focused on cardiovascular function and dysfunction. Cardiac failures primarily funded by NIGMS is typically clustered next to Stroke (NINDS) since these are the two major vascular emergencies associated with ischemia, which results from unobstructed blood supply. Also localized in this area are grants focused on Nitric Oxide (NO) Signaling, a major biochemical pathway for vasodilation, and grants on hemodynamics, Stroke Cell Disease, and Atherosclerosis.

**Neural Circuits Research**  
 An area of the map focused on neural circuits, which show the diversity of topics and NIH institutes that fund research in this area, such as Cardiovascular Regulation, Neurodegeneration, and Neurobiology. Research primarily funded by NINDS and NIMH, primarily funded by NINDS. For color coding, see legend on the upper left inset.



## National Cancer Institute (NCI)

- TOP 10 TOPICS
1. Oncology Clinical Trials
  2. Cancer Treatment
  3. Cancer Therapy
  4. Carcinogenesis
  5. Risk Factor Analysis
  6. Cancer Chemotherapy
  7. Metastasis
  8. Leukemia
  9. Prostate Cancer
  10. Cancer Chemoprevention

## National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)

- TOP 10 TOPICS
1. Bioactive Organic Synthesis
  2. X-ray Crystallography
  3. Protein-DB
  4. Computational Models
  5. Yeast Biology
  6. Metabolism
  7. Enzymes/Mechanisms
  8. Protein Complexes
  9. Invertebrate/Zebrafish Genetics
  10. Cell Division

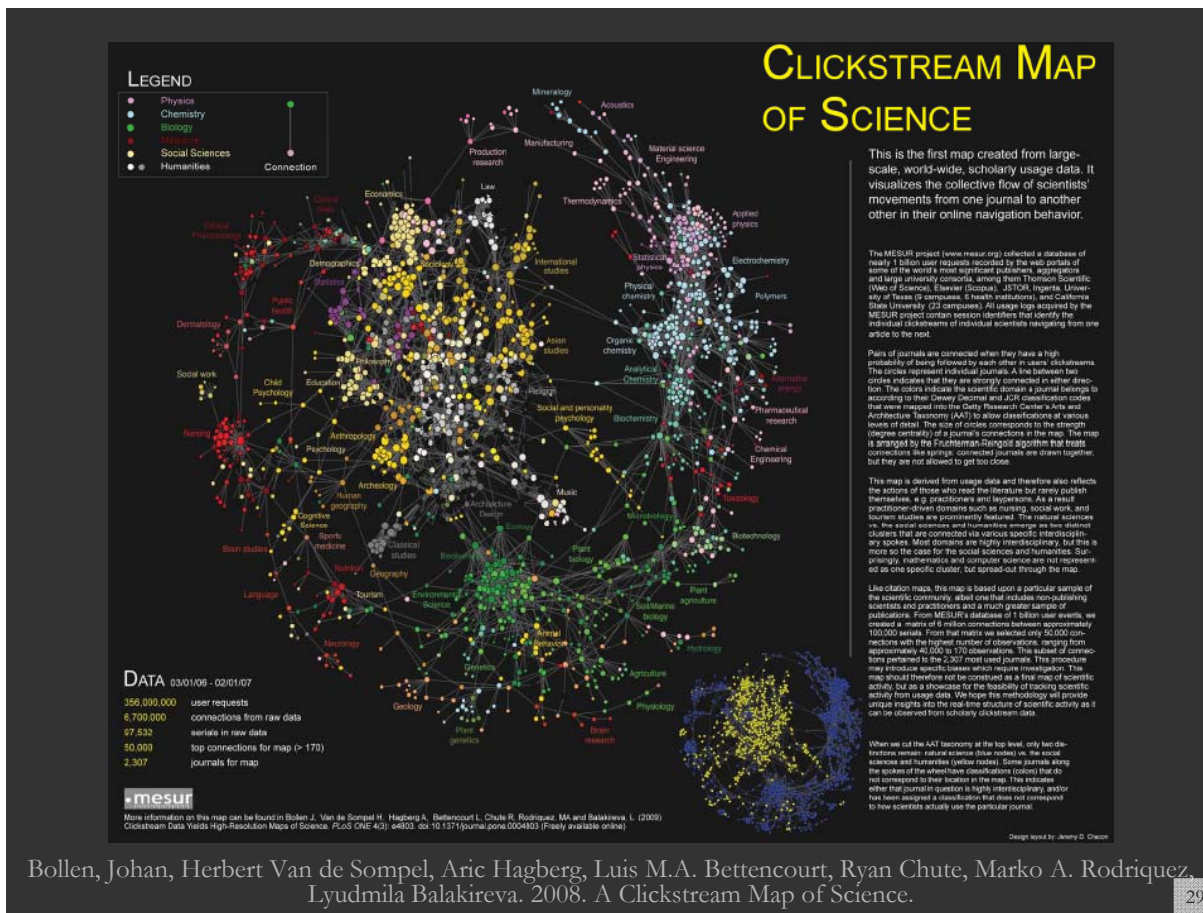
## National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)

- TOP 10 TOPICS
1. Cardiac Failure
  2. Pulmonary Injury
  3. Genetic Linkage Analysis
  4. Cardiovascular Disease
  5. Atherosclerosis
  6. Hemostasis
  7. Blood Pressure
  8. Arteriosclerosis, Atherosclerosis
  9. Gene Association
  10. Lipoproteins

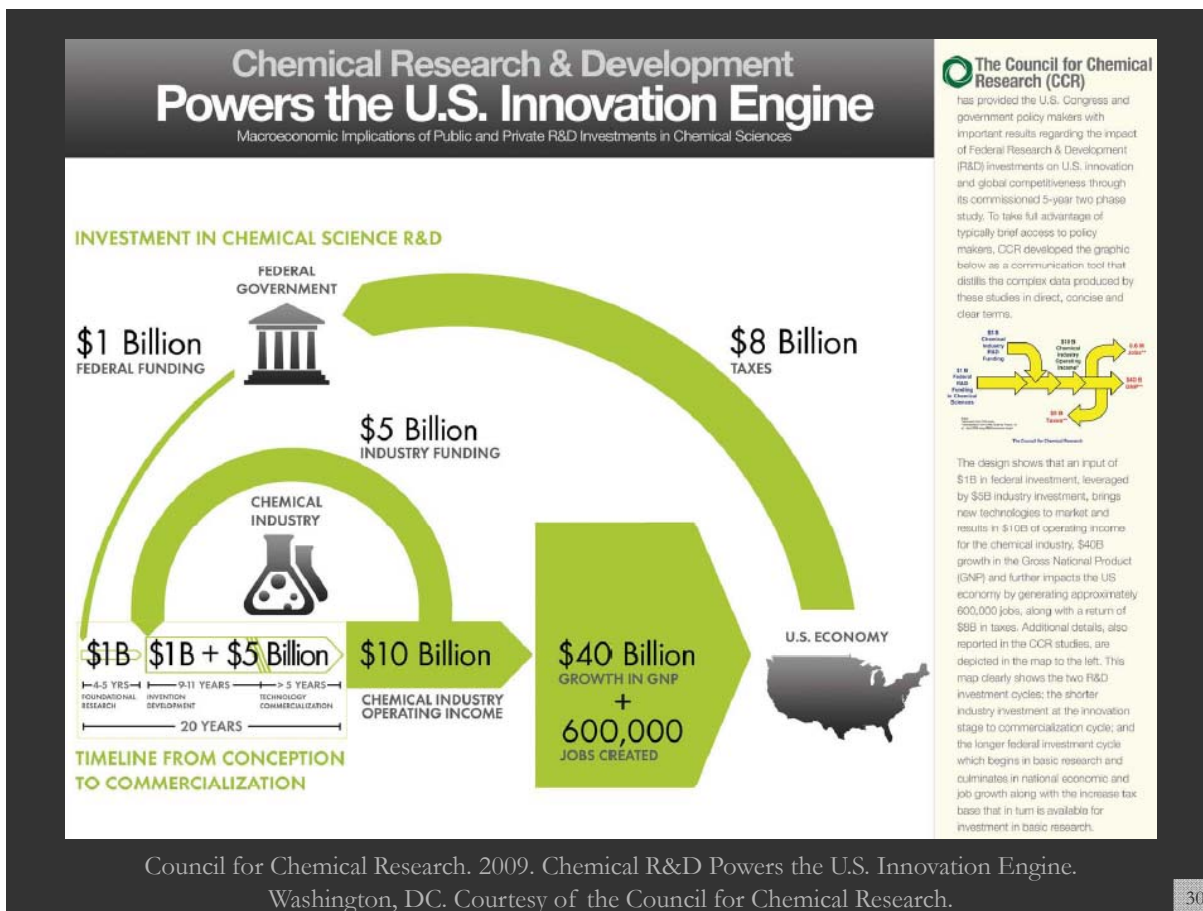
## National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

- TOP 10 TOPICS
1. Mood Disorders
  2. Schizophrenia
  3. Behavioral Intervention Studies
  4. Mental Health
  5. Depression
  6. Cognitive Behavior Therapy
  7. PTSD Prevention
  8. Genetic Linkage Analysis
  9. Adolescence
  10. Childhood

Herr II, Bruce W., Gully Burns, David Newman, Edmund Talley. 2007.  
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