

Academic Profile, Network and Collaboration Analysis

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What I am talking about...

- Introduction
- Profiles: What and who is it for?
 - Types and examples
 - Institutional needs
- Research Information Network at Cambridge
- VIVO & Network analysis (internal data provision)
- Research Capability maps (external data provision)



The University of Cambridge

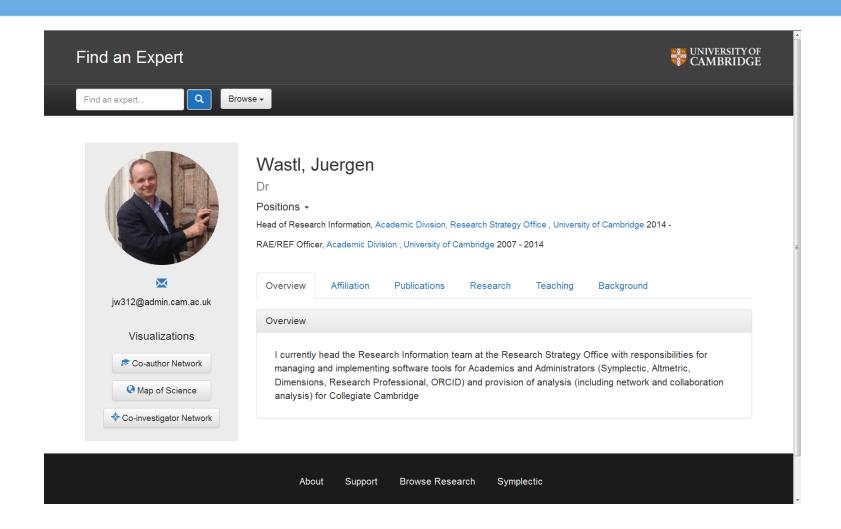
- One of the world's leading academic centres and oldest universities
- Mission: to contribute to society through the pursuit of education, learning and research at the highest international levels of excellence
- UK and Europe's leading research university
- 12,000 undergraduate and 7,000 postgraduate students
- 10,000 staff







Personal profile





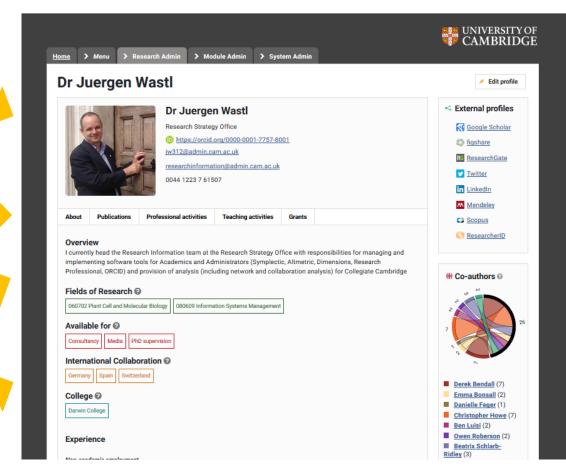
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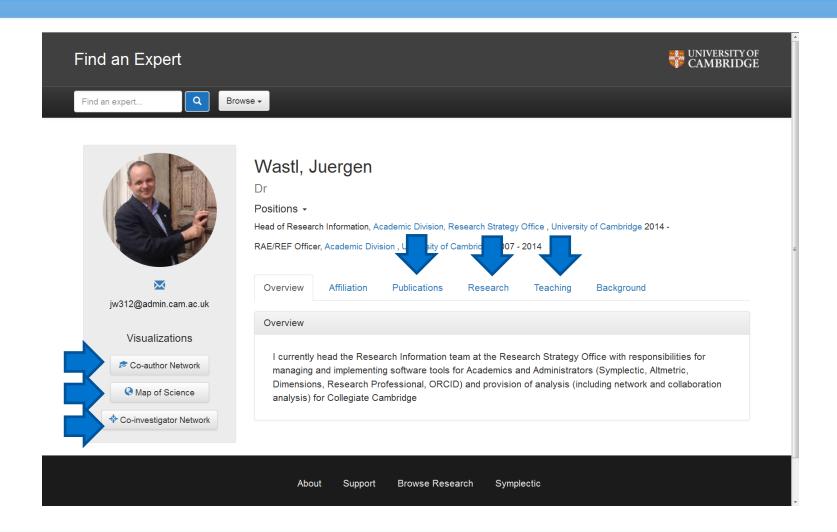






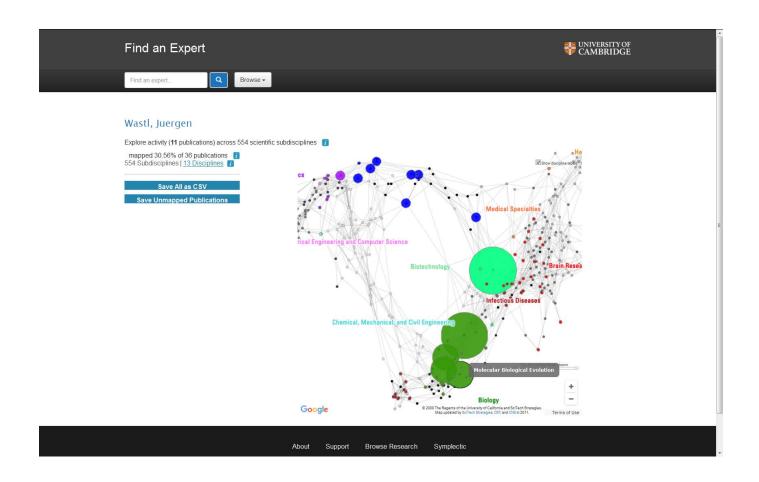


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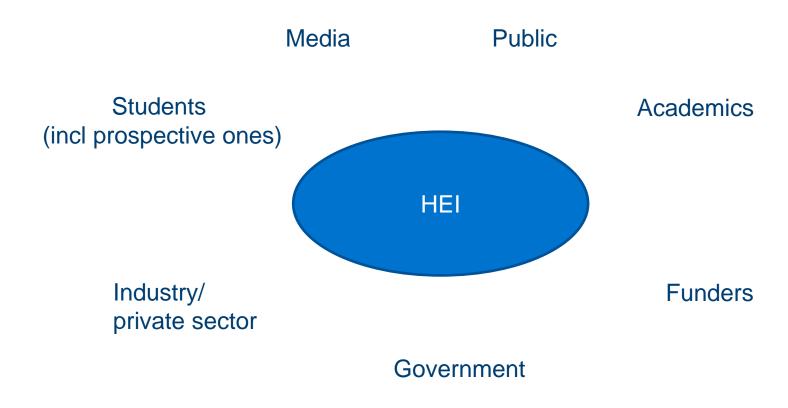


Personal Research Profile



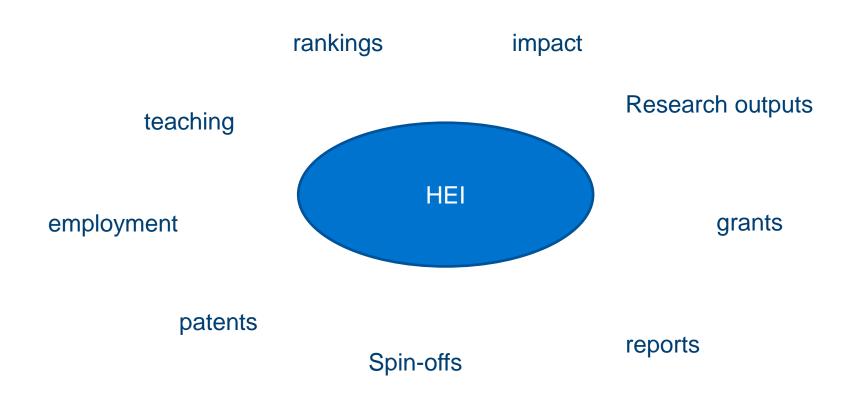


An institutional Profile: Who is interested?

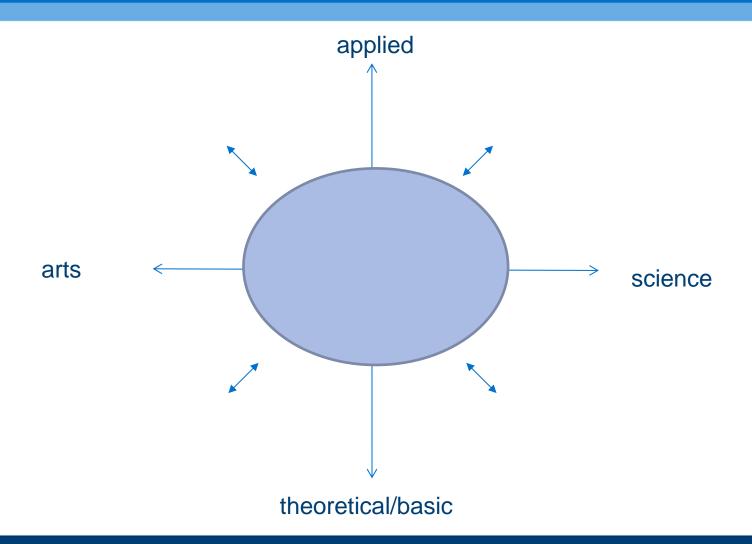


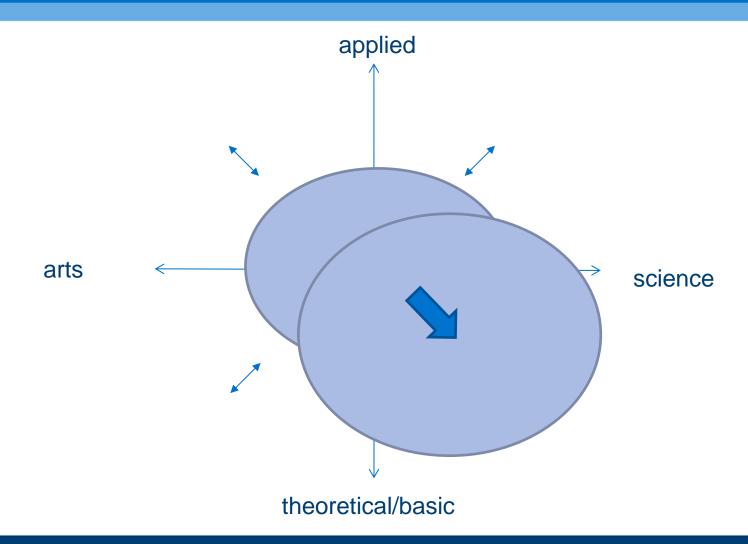


An institutional Profile: Interest in what?

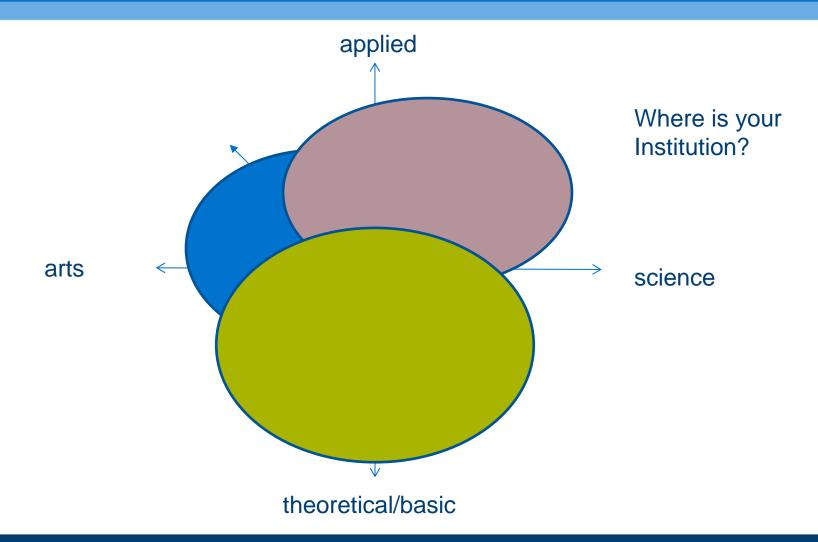




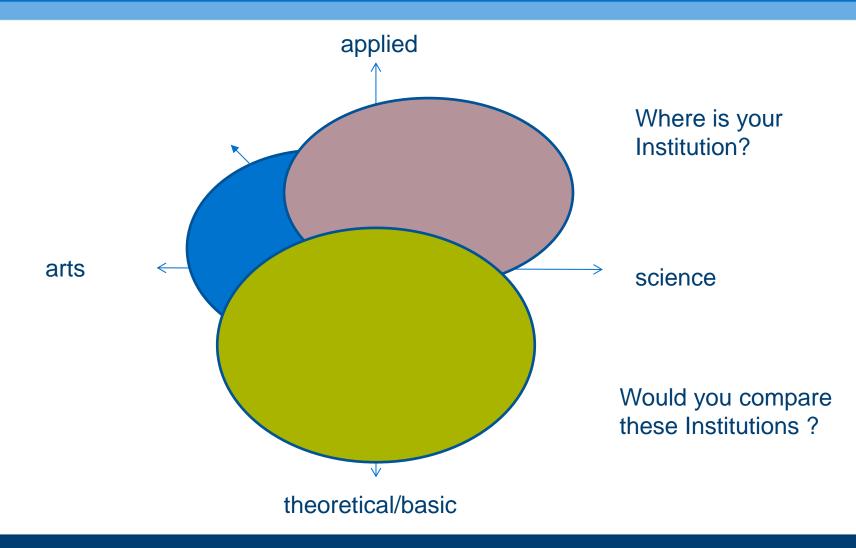










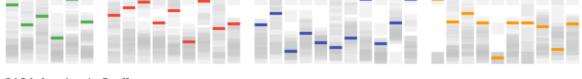




....another way: Fingerprinting (after Research assessment)

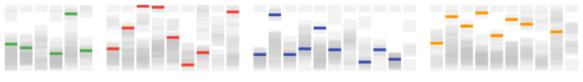
Research Fingerprint





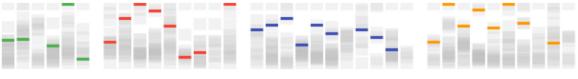
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2196 Academic Staff



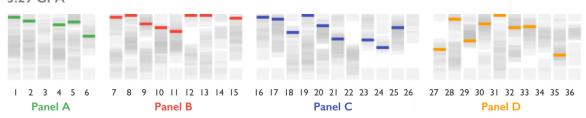
The University of Cambridge has the most staff in Physics and the second most staff in II UoAs among sector I institutions.

5184 PhD's Awarded



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3.29 GPA

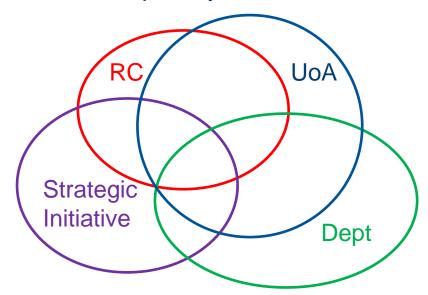


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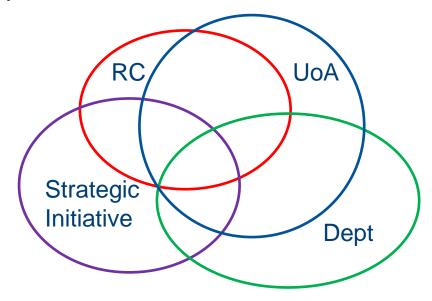
Leading to the following questions:

- Are Departmental boundaries still valid?
- Focus on Individual, Research group, Research Centre, discipline?
- Inter- or multi-disciplinary?



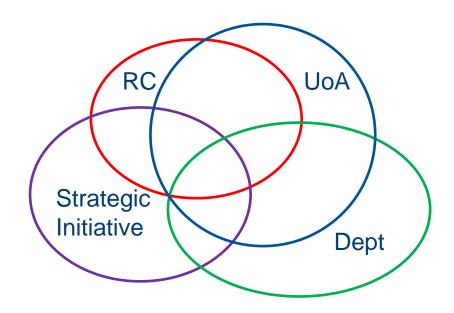
Leading to the following questions:

- What is the base unit of a Research Profile?
- Which categorisation scheme?
- Grant, publication or Research interest?



Leading to the following question:

How to break up boundaries?

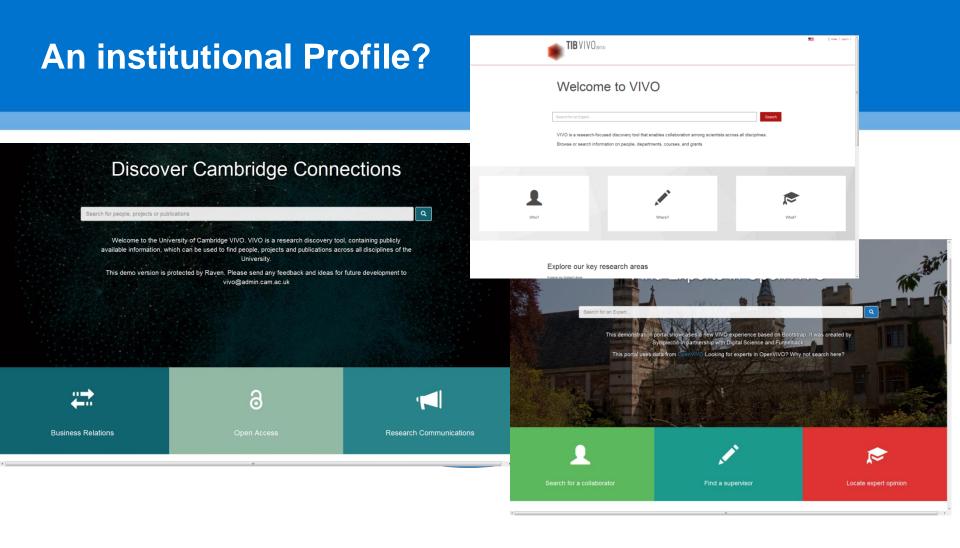


Possible solutions

- Linked Open Data
- Visualisation of knowledge graph

- VIVO
- Research Topics Map (research capability map)





Examples of bootstrap VIVO



VIVO is...

- An open source Research Discovery tool
- Linked Open Data
- Huge effort when manually maintained
- Adjustable to what we want it to be



VIVO is not:

- replacement for Departmental websites
- 'stand alone' or another individual profile (e.g. academia.edu; Researchgate; Google Scholar or other subject specific profiles)



VIVO can:

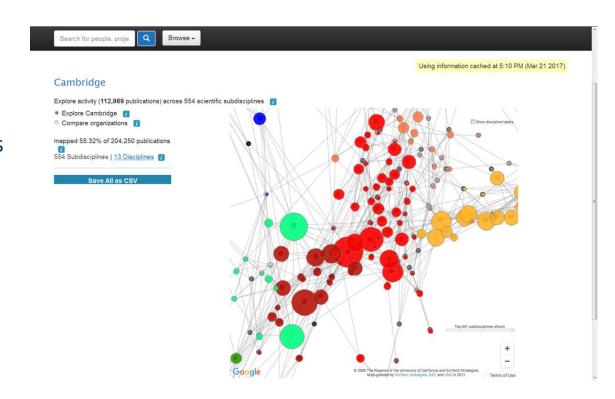
- Increase the visibility of Cambridge Research
- Map and display Cambridge Research (OA, Open Data)
- Drive traffic to Departmental websites
- Assist with linking Institutions and Centres
- Facilitate network analysis within the university and with other HEI



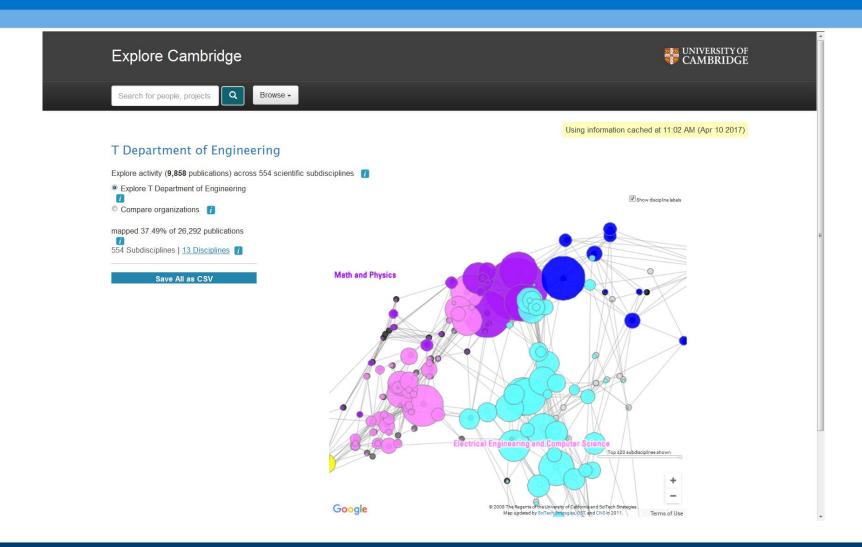
VIVO: Map of Science

Map of Science

- Maps publications against disciplines (13) and sub- disciplines (554)
- Based on individuals, groups departments

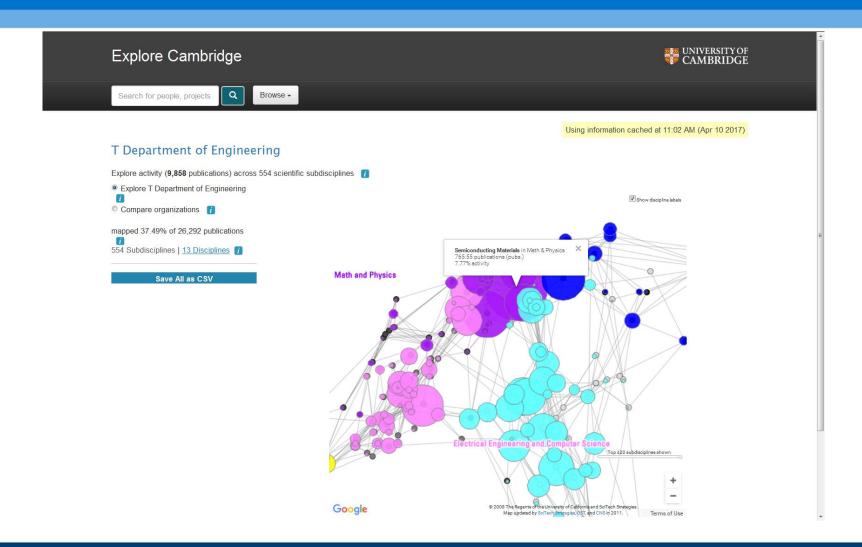


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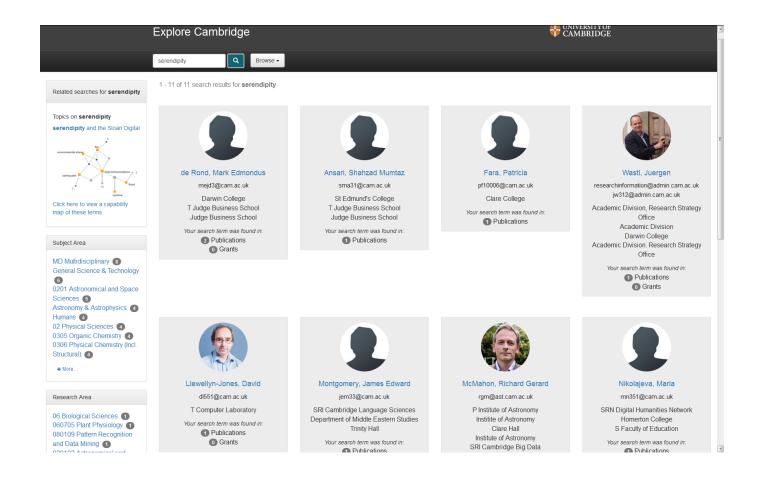


Strengths and weaknesses

- Efficient: re-use of existing data
- Academic buy-in (opt in? or opt-out?)
- Data quality
 - VIVO exposes data gaps
- Data mapping
 - What is it that you want to display?
 - Who is your target audience (general public, prospective PhD students, media, researcher (internal vs external)?



Finding expertise and exploring networks





Cambridge Approach

- Network of Research Information
- Historic: gather publications (2010) for Research Assessment and mandatory reporting
- Move from data and information gathering (and reporting for REF) to research management
- From information ... to intelligence?



Reactive approach



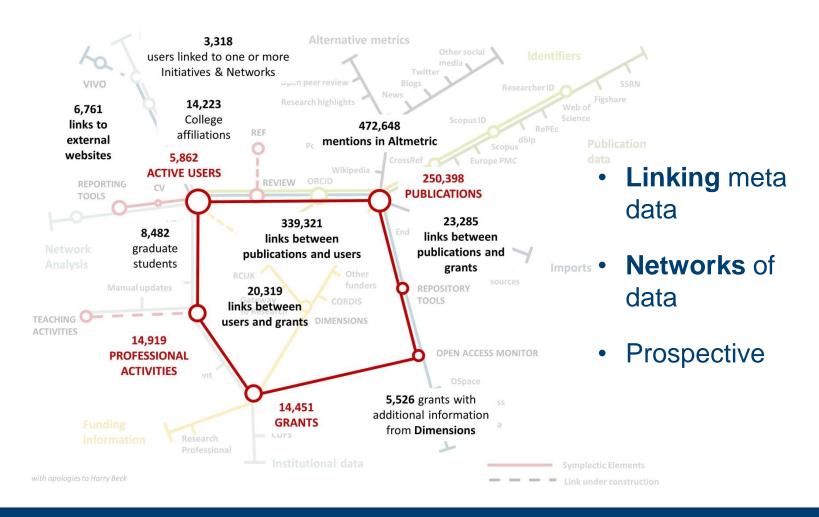


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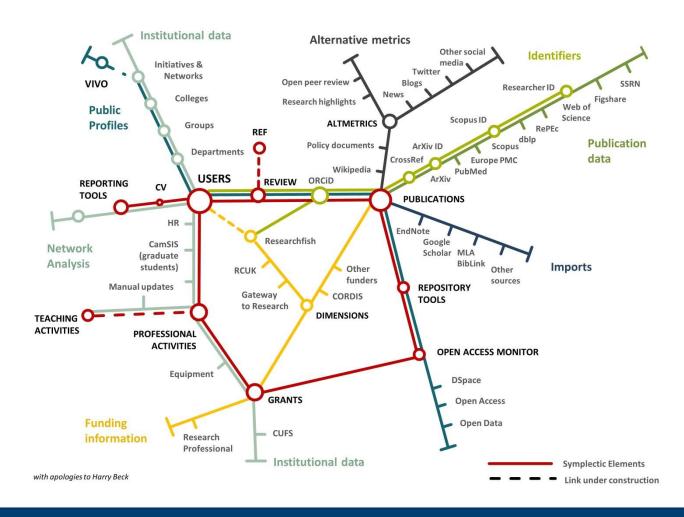
- Driven by reporting requirements
- Collection of meta data
- Retrospective

Linked data in Elements (January 2017)





From integration to innovation or: from reactive to proactive





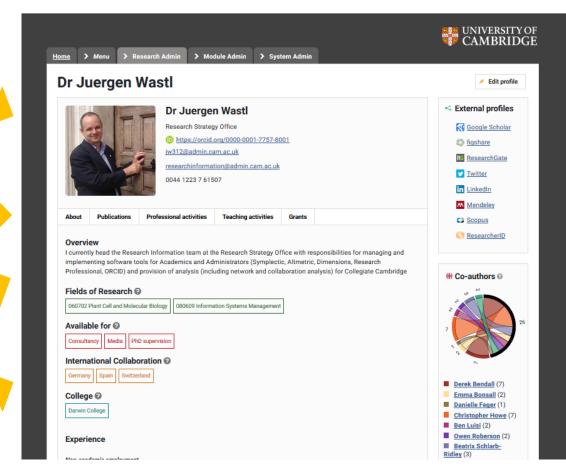
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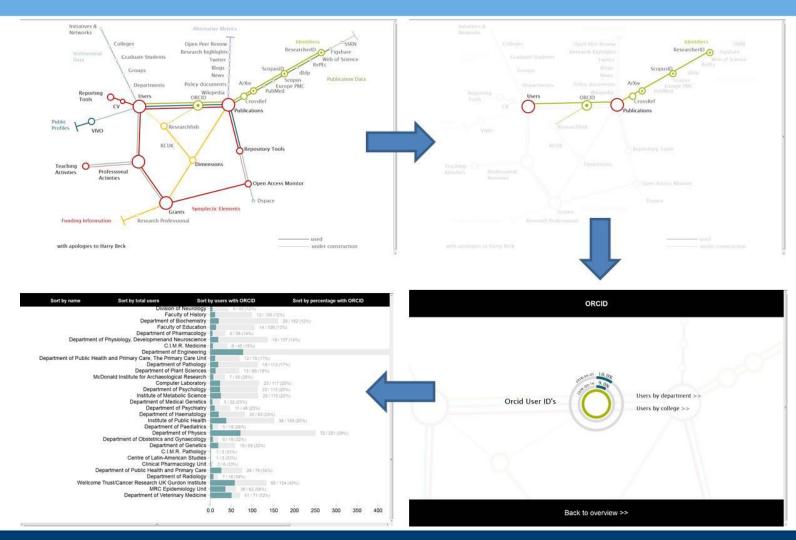
Network and collaboration analysis within the Institution,

Analyse links with external institutions

Visualisations



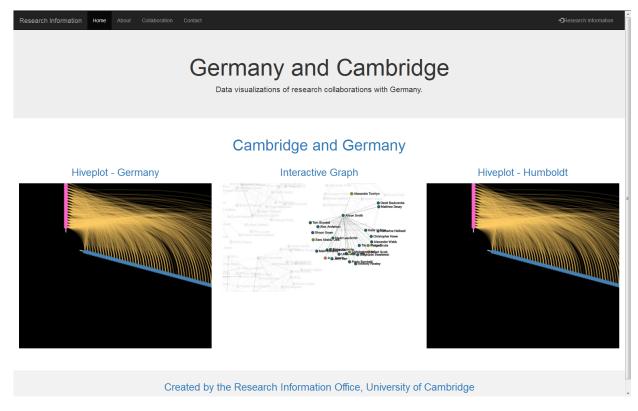
Visualisations: ORCID



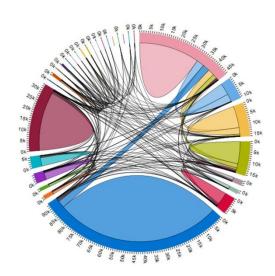


More visualisations of networks and collaborations





Intradisciplinary Research Networks & REF



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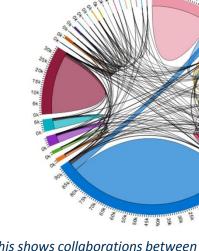
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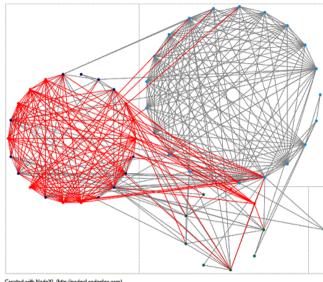
Innovation: finding connections

Colours indicate University departments. Points or nodes represent researchers. Connections or edges represent an instance of co-authorship.



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It is possible to explore the connections between members of a defined group and consider not only the direct connections between them (through collaboration or publication), but who their collaborators collaborate with, and what other connections they may have made.



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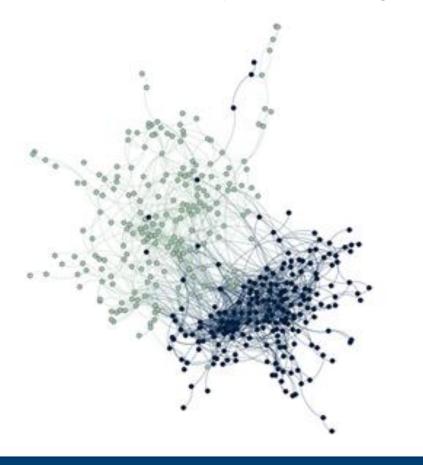
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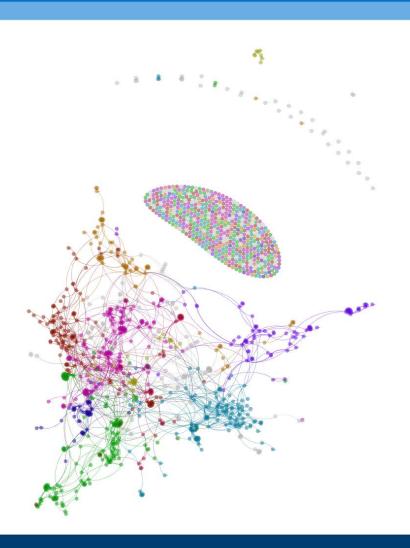
Collaboration Analysis between HEIs

Cancer Research collaboration analysis Cambridge and Oxford





Use cases: pretty



Helps researchers and departments by making "shiny things".

Hard Benefits:

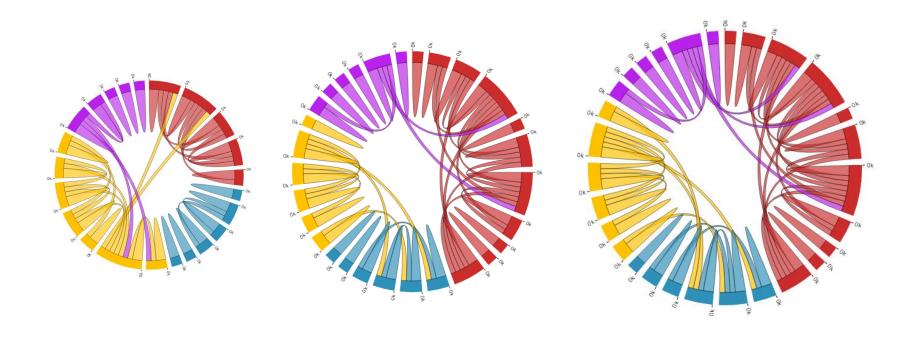
- · Promotional materials
- Agnostic of prior knowledge

Soft Benefits:

- Academic buy-in
- Allows exploratory conversations



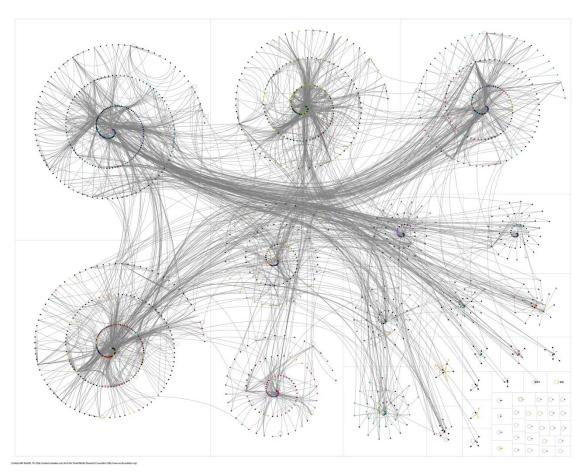
Use cases: persuasive



Where work is interdisciplinary, considering connections can be an indicator of a successful initiative...



Use cases: Departmental boundaries



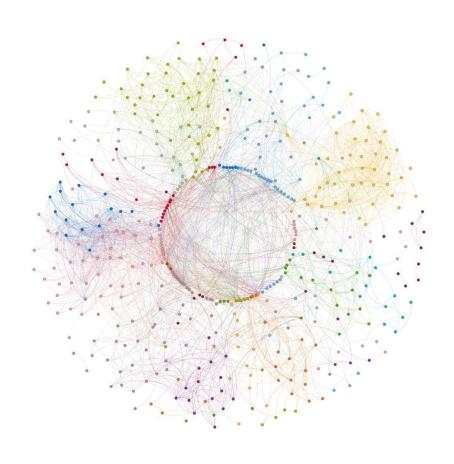
Gives a mechanism to structure a conversation:

"Are Victorian departmental structures still relevant/useful/viable?"

Modularity offers one way of talking about common characteristics

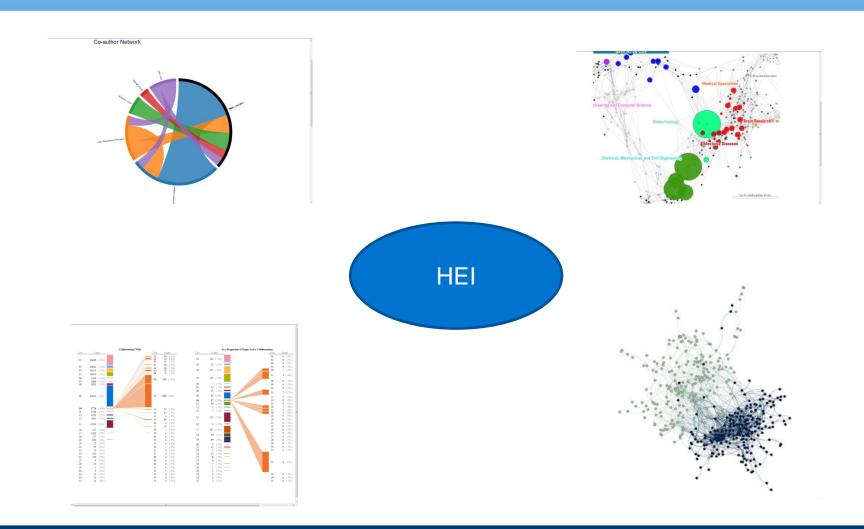
Meta-interdisciplinarity: putting it all together

- Mediated matchmaking?
- Mentoring partnerships?
- Clear the blockage?
- Spread the skillset?
- Academic families?
- Combining with unstructured data techniques?



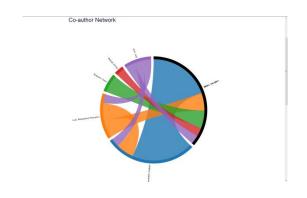


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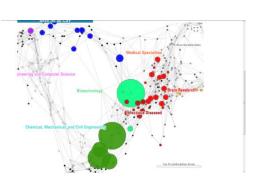




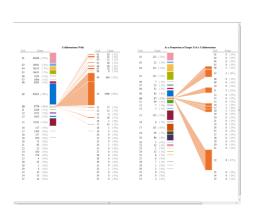
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Research domain expertise



Co-authorship analysis



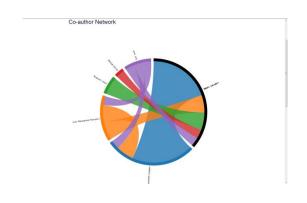
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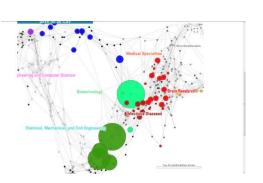




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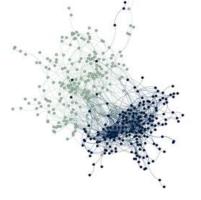
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INTERNAL CURATED DATA

Collaboration

Disciplinary analysis





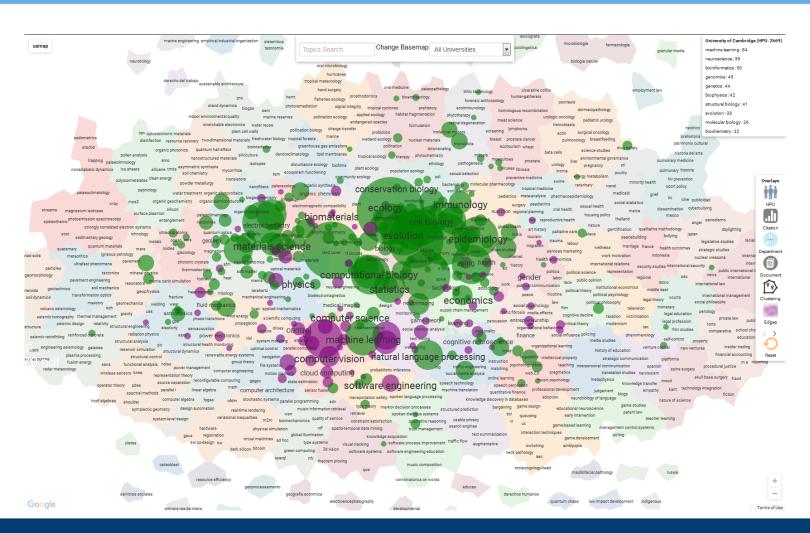
Research Capability maps

- Increased need for comparison with other HEI
- Benchmarking
- Assessment

- External data?
 - Curation? (staff, awards in particular)

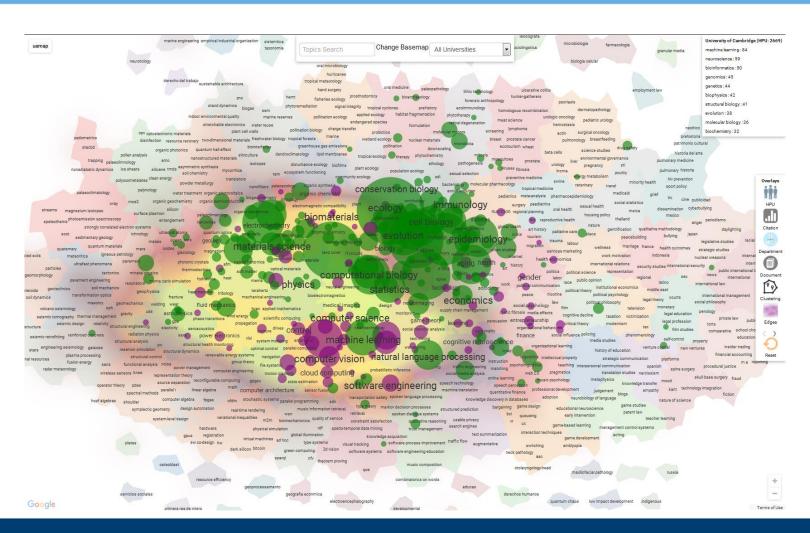


Cambridge Research Capability map



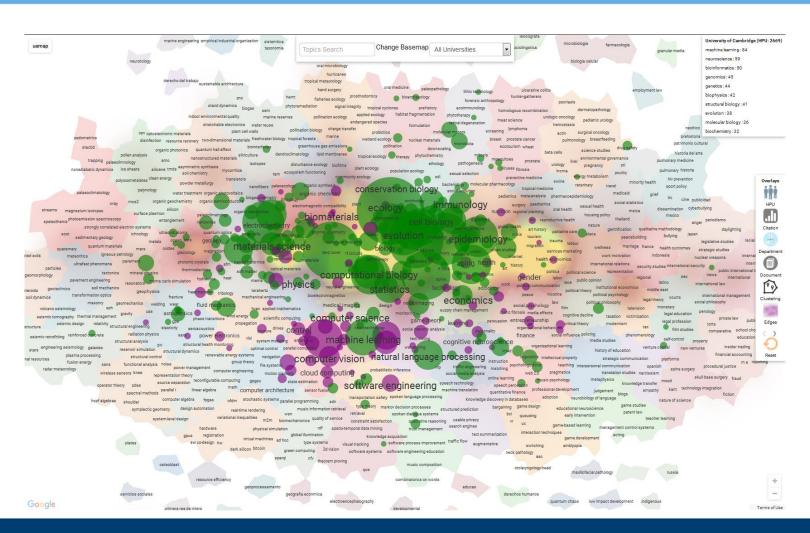


Overlay with Dept of Engineering



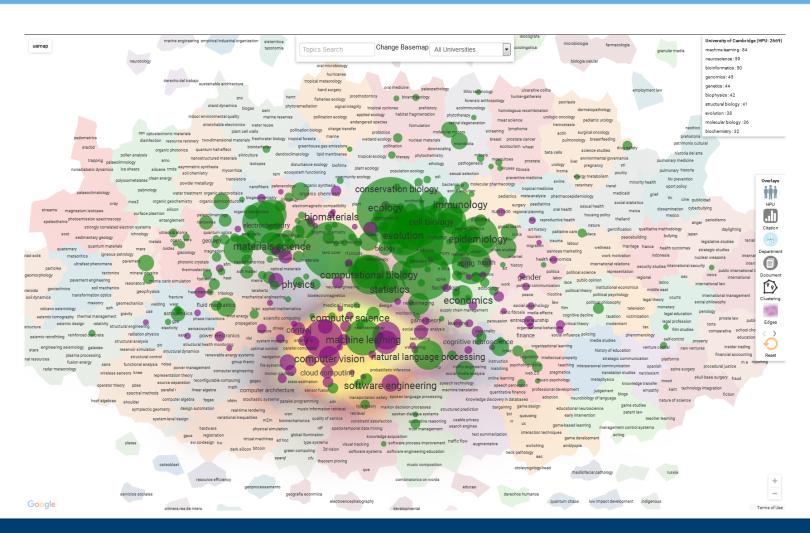


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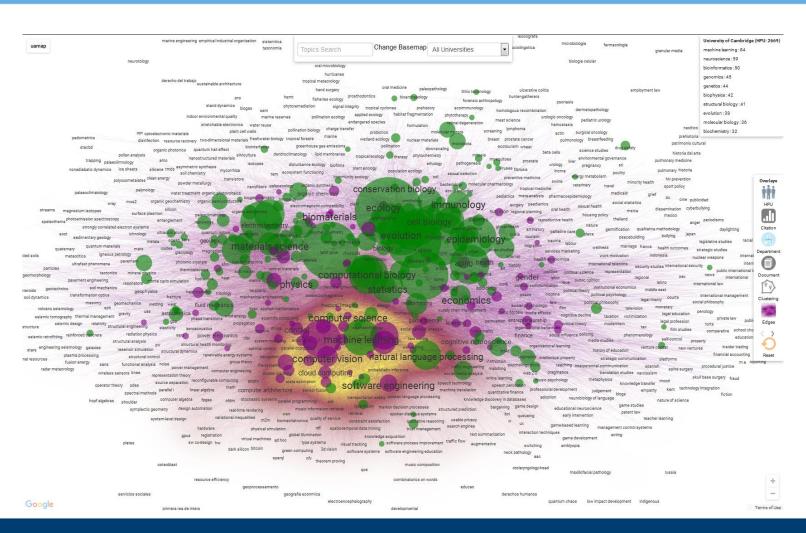


Computer Lab



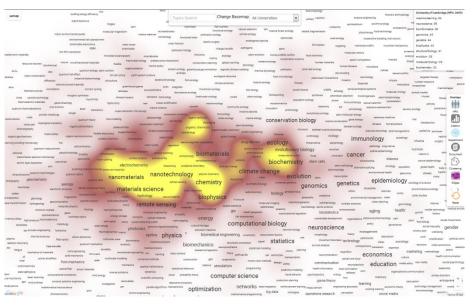


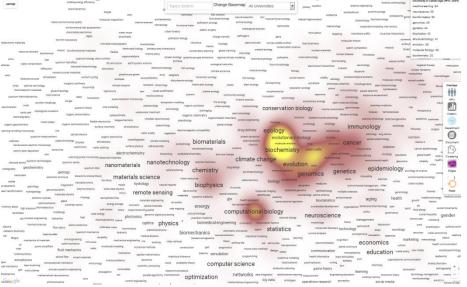
Computer Lab - connections





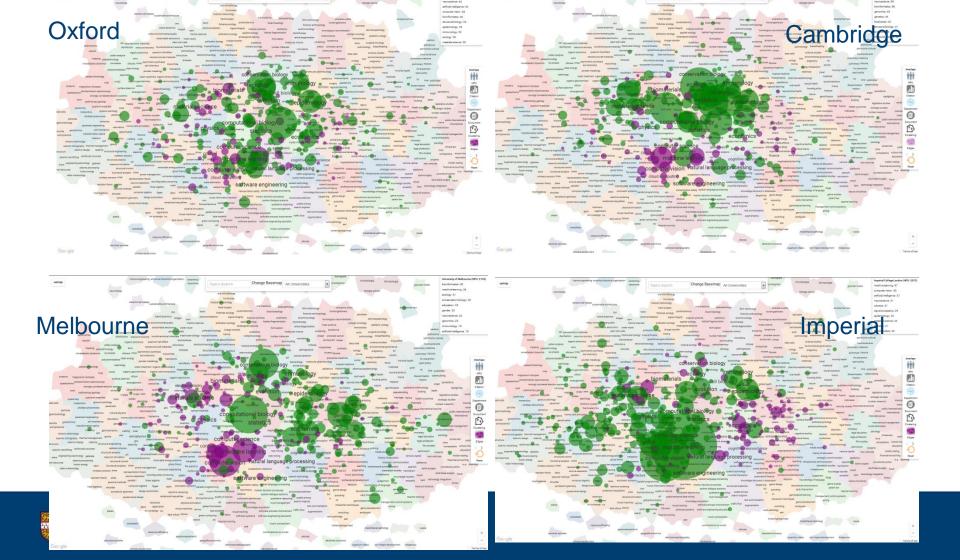
Dept Chemistry vs Dept of Biochemistry







Institutional Comparisons?



Summary

- No single way of a Research profile for an Institution
- Driven by internal and external factors
- 'Profiling' is a hot topic with clear alternatives based on strategy and development effort
- VIVO: linked open data research discovery tool
- Capability maps
- Pressing need for visualisations of institutional knowledge graphs



Thank you very much for your attention.

Questions?

