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### **The physical embedding of ideas in science**

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Which came first, the disciplines or the departments?  
Science is a dynamic, organized, and massively parallel human endeavor to discover, explain, and predict the nature of the physical world. In science, researchers build new ideas upon old ideas as ideas flow from researcher to researcher. Since the pattern of interactions between scientists affects this flow, networks affect the constant change scientific research undergoes as fields grow and shrink, merge and split, and ultimately change the architecture of universities. Or is it the other way around?

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