



# Data Skills Curricula Framework

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# Background

- Belmont Forum

- Partnership
- Interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary science
- Global environmental change

- e-I&DM

- Data sharing, e-infrastructures
- Action Theme 4
  - Capacity building and human dimensions
  - Digital skills for data intensive global change research
  - [A Place to Stand](#) – guiding document



# e-I&DM Human Dimensions

## 8. RECOMMENDED TRAINING ACTIVITIES

### ONLINE

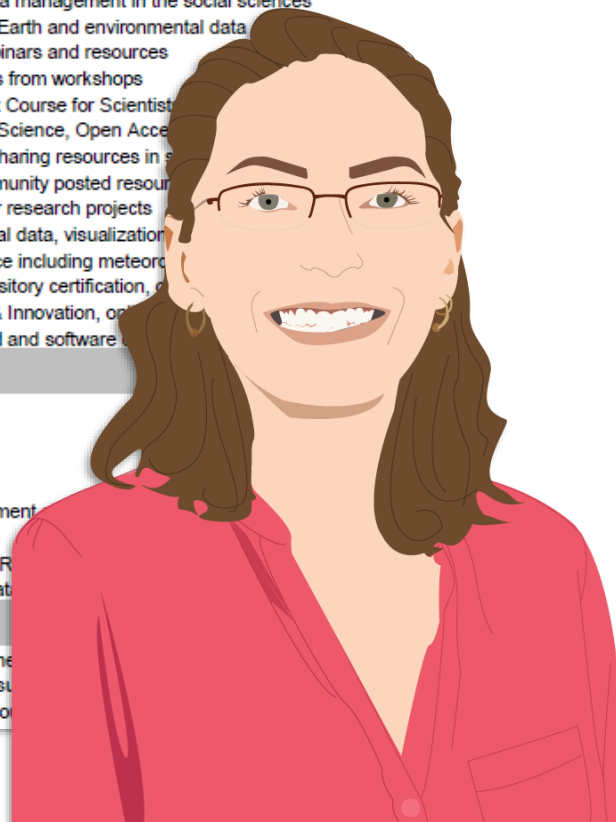
<a href="#">ANDS</a>	23 Research Data Things, resource for managing data
<a href="#">CMMI Institute</a>	Enterprise data management training and certification
<a href="#">CESSDA</a>	Training on research data management in the social sciences
<a href="#">DataONE</a>	Supporting discovery of Earth and environmental data
<a href="#">DPC</a>	Digital preservation, webinars and resources
<a href="#">ESA</a>	Resources and materials from workshops
<a href="#">ESIP</a>	Data Management Short Course for Scientists
<a href="#">FOSTER</a>	Online courses in Open Science, Open Access
<a href="#">IASSIST</a>	Community repository, sharing resources in science
<a href="#">GEOCAB</a>	Earth Observation, community posted resources
<a href="#">MANTRA</a>	Managing digital data for research projects
<a href="#">MELODIES</a>	Linked and environmental data, visualization
<a href="#">MetEd</a>	Resources for geoscience including meteorology
<a href="#">Research Data Alliance</a>	Data management, repository certification, open access
<a href="#">RRI</a>	Responsible Research & Innovation, open access
<a href="#">UK Data Service</a>	Datasets, topics, method and software

### MOOCs

<a href="#">Illinois Urbana-Champaign</a>	Data Mining
<a href="#">Illinois Urbana-Champaign</a>	Data Visualization
<a href="#">Johns Hopkins</a>	Data Science
<a href="#">Johns Hopkins</a>	Statistical Inference
<a href="#">North Carolina Chapel Hill</a>	Research Data Management
<a href="#">Stanford University</a>	Machine Learning
<a href="#">PRACE</a>	Managing Big Data with R
<a href="#">University of Southampton</a>	Introduction to Linked Data

### SUMMER SCHOOLS AND WORKSHOPS

<a href="#">Alpbach (Austria)</a>	Space science and engineering
<a href="#">CODATA-RDA</a>	1st run 2016, Unix, R, visualization
<a href="#">CEDA (UK)</a>	Scientific computing, research data

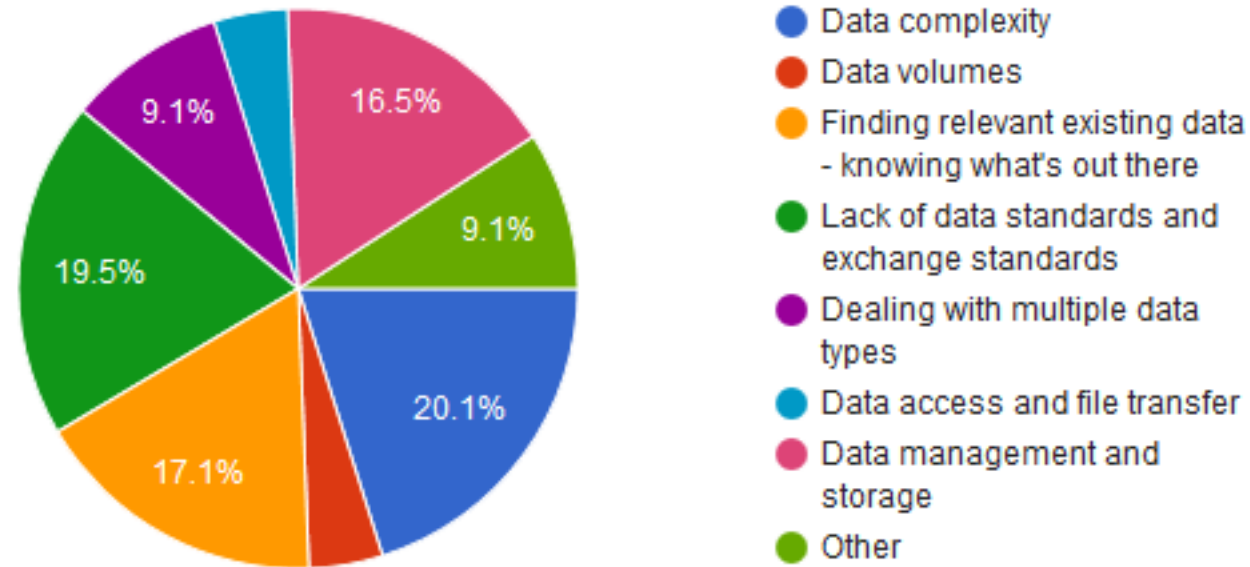


## Digital skills for data intensive global change research (2016-17)

- Skills gap survey
- List: recommended training
- Workshop at EGU 2017
- Curricula
  - Endorsed by Belmont Forum 2017
- Human Dimensions Champion
  - Supported by Rowena, Bob, Tina

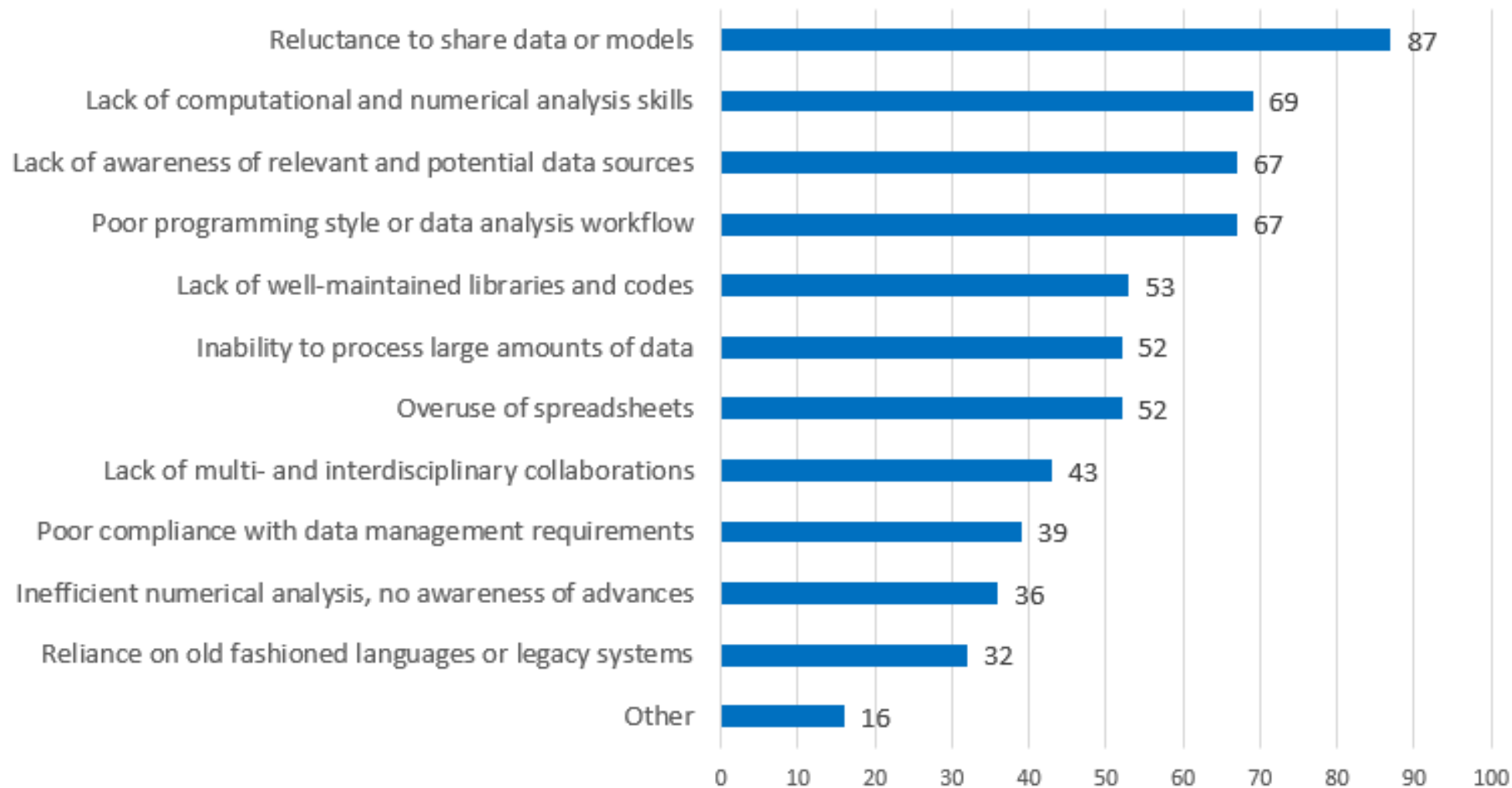
# Skills gap survey

## Largest data use challenge





# Needing most improvement



# Workshop

DATA DISCOVERY

DISCOVERY ACROSS DOMAINS  
NO SPAN

DISCOVERING IS THE FIRST STEP (ACCESSIBLE + REUSE + INTEREST)

INFRASTRUCTURES + TECHNOLOGIES DO EXIST  
(SOME LIMITS BY DOMAIN + LOCATION)

METADATA - BOTH USING TO SEARCH PRE-USE USING BEST (RIGHT DATA) + (NOT USING GOOGLE)  
CREATING ONE'S OWN

PARADATA i.e. INCLUDES HOW IT WAS PRODUCED + PROVENANCE  
(FROM SOCIAL/HUMANITIES)

HYBRID ROLE - SPECTRUM OF SKILLS/FUNCTIONS

AWARENESS - KNOWING WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW

EXPRESSING THE BENEFITS - ESSENTIAL FOR TRAINING  
e.g. COURSEWORK

TAKE METADATA + DISCOVERY TO DOMAIN SCIENCE COURSES  
e.g. SUMMER SCHOOL

TRAINING EXISTS

USER FEEDBACK ON DATA - MISTAKES, YES vs UNCERTAINTY  
- DATA QUALITY  
- WAS IT FIT FOR USE

CAN YOU FIND YOUR OWN DATA?

DOIS (+ PERSISTENT ID) - KNOWN ABOUT  
- ENOUGH INCENTIVE (CITATION) FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT DATA PRODUCER + REPOSITORY

STAPLES

Data protection laws  
- need considering when  
setting out information in US  
how data was produced

CITATION  
PERSISTENT ID  
ETHICS

Data Complexity

\*General Research skills \*Demystifying

Priorities - terminology/vocab/conventions across dis.  
- basic understanding of definitions  
around data-relationships in a database  
- review research skills curriculum +  
see what data related stuff not there  
- reliability + accuracy / pitfalls of data across  
diff fields

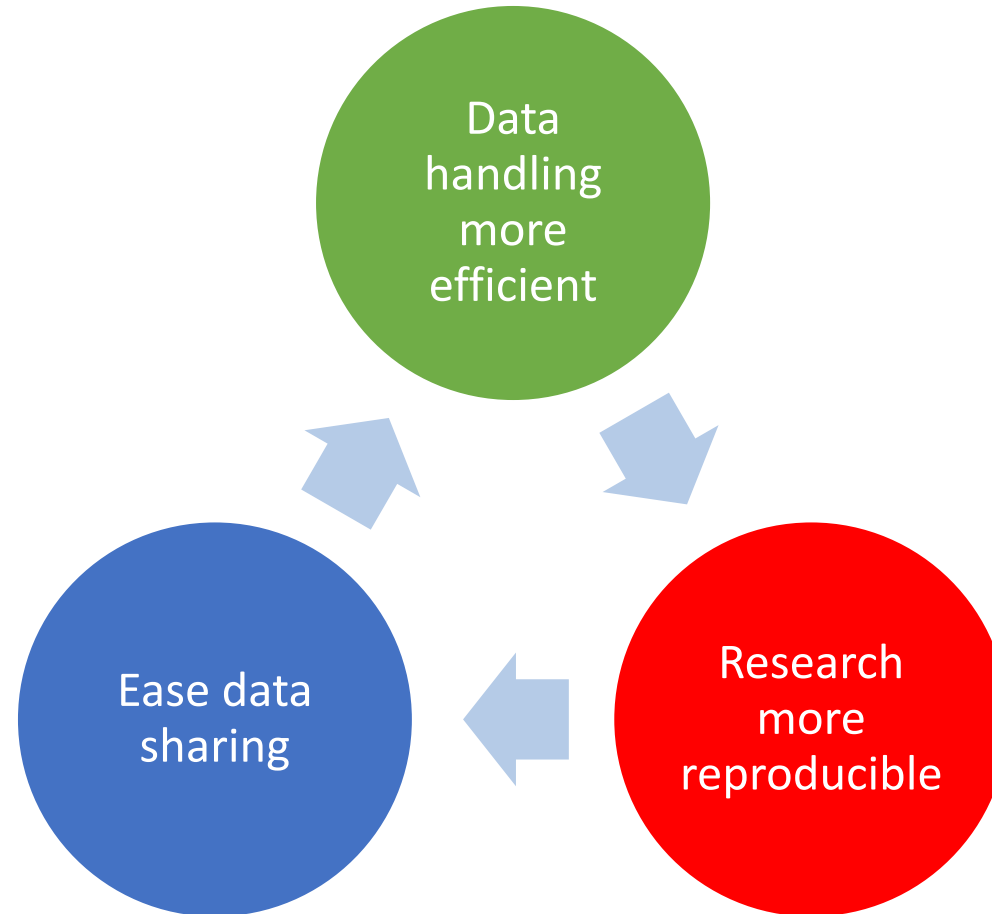
Certification  
Self-assessment - tool -  
Challenge - difficult to self-assess deficiency  
workshops where you bring own problems +  
share in interdis.

delivery - classroom / hands on  
- working across dis on data sets  
\*embedded DATA EXPERTS

Barrier - challenge to communication across fields.

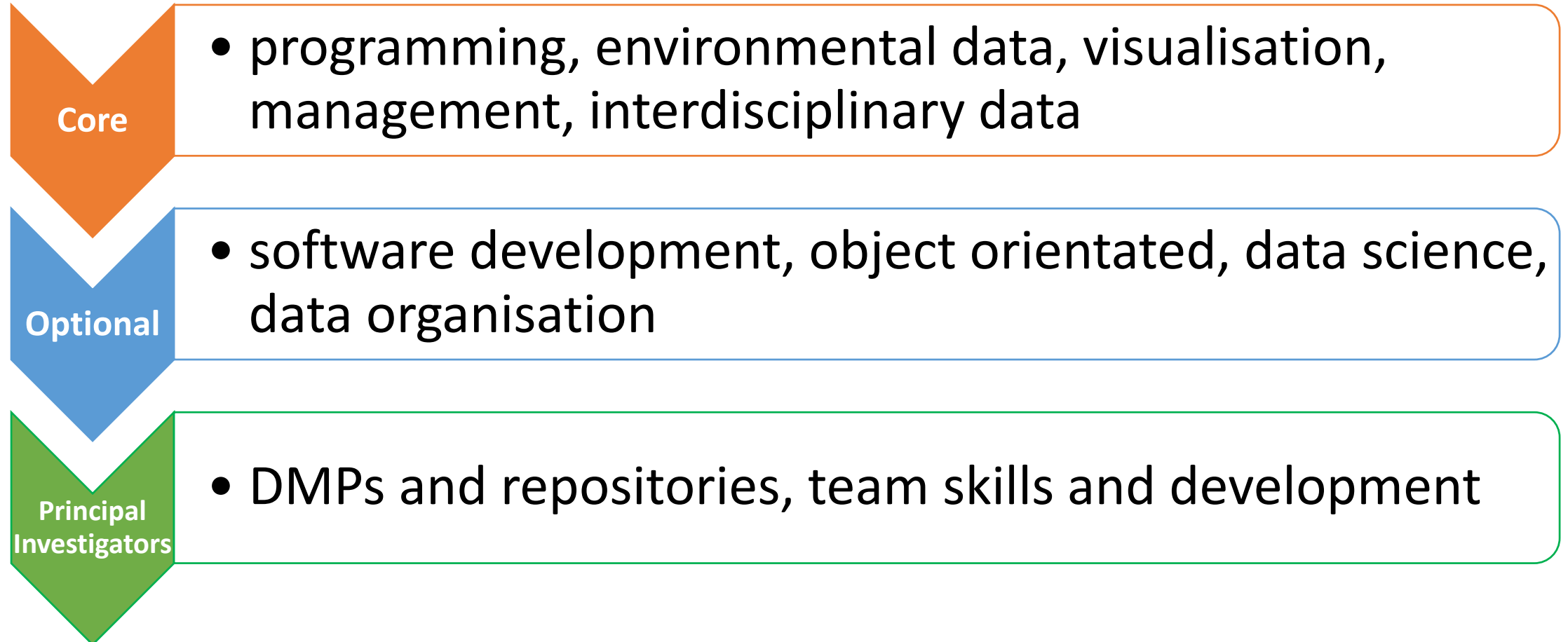
\*Fundars need to fund this

# Curricula Goals





# Curricula overview



# Core Modules

- i. Programming for data intensive research
- ii. Environmental data: expectations and limitations
- iii. Visualising environmental data
- iv. Data management
- v. Interdisciplinary data exchange



Jon Blower – CTO & data visualisation expert at the IEA

# Optional Modules



- Software development
- Object-orientated programming
- Data science topics
  - Databases
  - Machine Learning
- Data organisation
  - Workflow
  - Code sharing facilities

# Principal Investigators

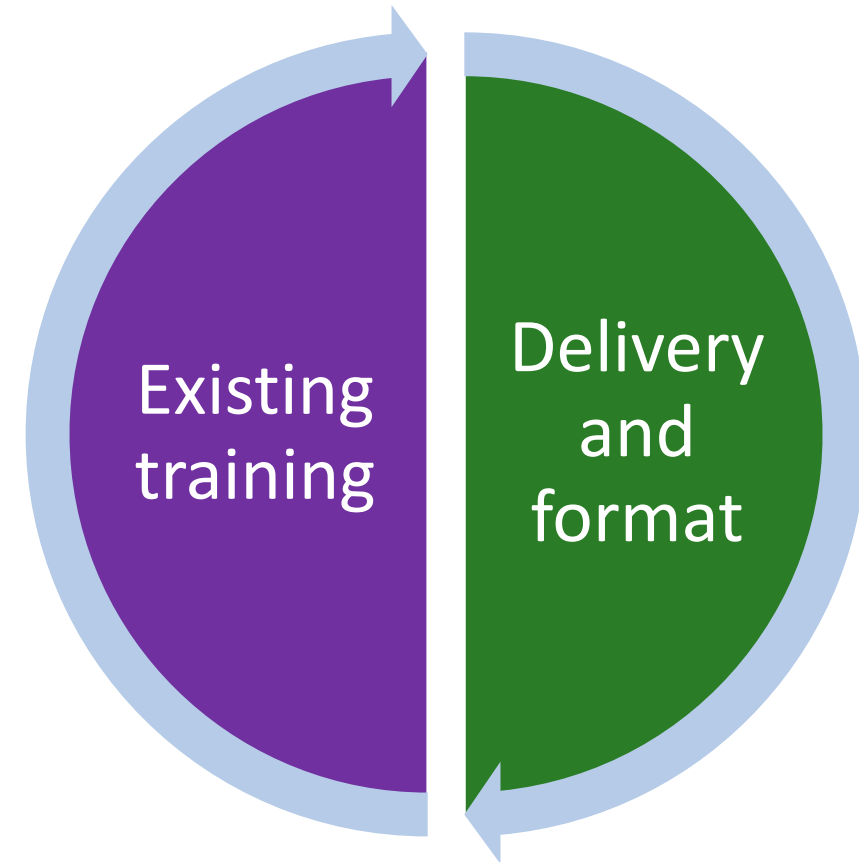
DMPs and  
data  
repositories

Skills for data  
intensive  
research

- Prioritising data management
  - Funder requirements
  - DMPs as living documents
  - Resourcing
- Team roles
  - Software engineering is a specialism
  - How to recognise contributions of 'non-publishers'

# Curricula context

- Delivery
  - Conference training slots
  - Messaging that skills are valued
  - Emphasis on benefits
  - Real-life datasets
  - Online is convenient
  - Face-to-face for interdisciplinary
- Existing training
  - Much on data management
    - Application to be encouraged
  - Less on PI, interdisciplinary data and environmental data





# Example course

- Open online course, launch June 2018
- 20 hours of content
- Science PhD students and early career researchers
- Face-to-face promotional workshops June/July
- NERC funded



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## Data Management

1. CONTEXT
2. PRACTICALITIES
3. NERC SPECIFICS

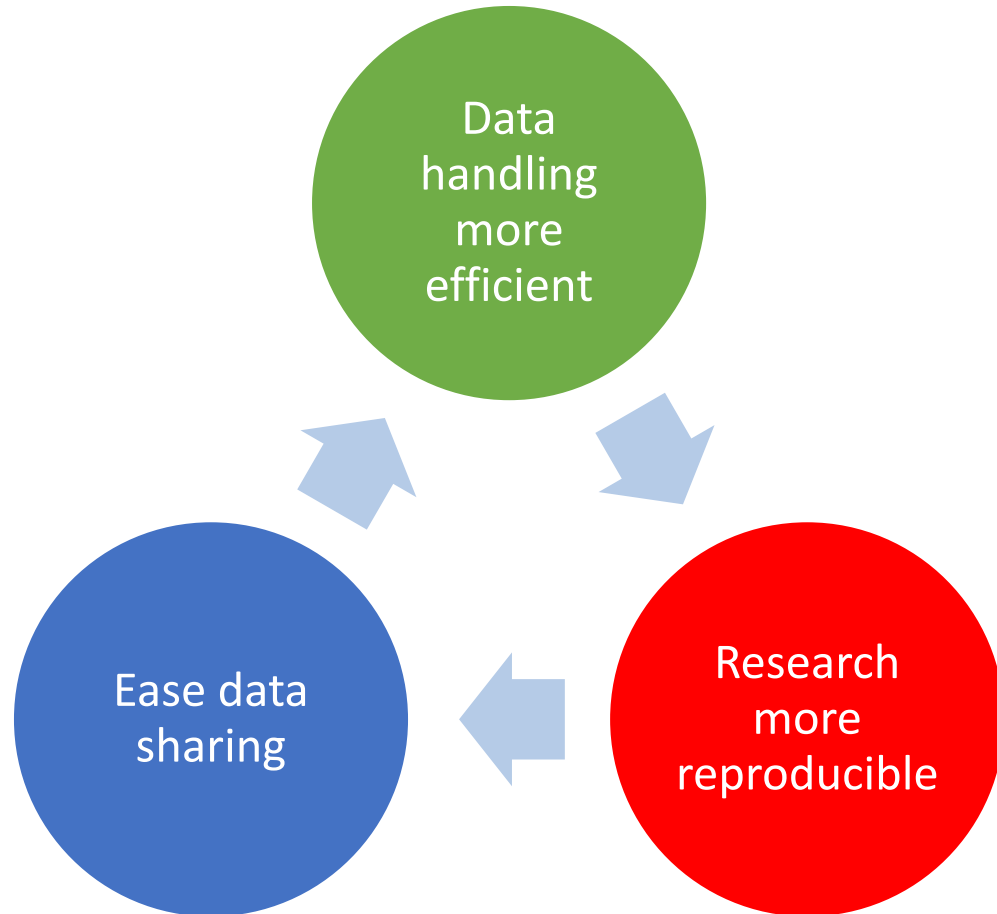
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4. VARIABILITY
5. VISUALISATION

## End-Users

6. POLICY
7. BUSINESS
8. MEDIA & PUBLIC

# Any questions?



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